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The PillCam™ Genius SB system a simple way to evaluate the small bowel

See the big picture of your GI health





Patient-friendly small bowel visualization

If you or a loved one suffers from gastrointestinal (GI) bleeding, Crohn's disease, or iron deficiency anemia, your doctor may need to see inside your small bowel to evaluate your condition.¹

With the PillCam™ Genius SB system, this is done with an ingestible capsule the size of a vitamin. This brochure explains what happens during the procedure, how to prepare for it, and what to expect afterwards.†



Follow this QR link for a brief overview of the PillCam™ Genius SB system endoscopy procedure.

PillCam[™] Genius SB system

The small intestine (or small bowel) connects the stomach to the large intestine, and aids in the digestion process. The PillCam™ Genius SB system is an ingestible capsule that lets your doctor visualize your entire small bowel.



How PillCam[™] Genius SB system works

PillCam™ Genius SB system contains a tiny camera and light source that takes pictures of your small intestine as it travels naturally through your digestive tract.

The images are then transmitted to a small, wearable recorder that is placed onto your abdomen; the link device. This device will receive images taken by the capsule and save them for interpretation by your provider.



Frequently asked questions

How long does the procedure take?

You will typically spend approximately 30 minutes at your doctor's office to start the procedure.

Alternatively, your provider may elect to schedule you for an ingestion during a telehealth appointment. Once the link device has been placed on your abdomen and you ingest the capsule, you can leave. The test can last up to 12 hours

What happens after I return the PillCam™ link device to my doctor?

Your doctor may have you return the link device back to their practice in-person or by mail. Images captured in the recorder during your procedure will be downloaded from the link device to a computer and your doctor will view them in a color video. Afterwards, you will be contacted with the results.

Will I feel any pain or discomfort from the capsule?

No. You should not feel any discomfort when swallowing the PillCam™ Genius SB system or while it moves through your GI tract. The capsule is disposable and passes naturally with your bowel movement. However, should you experience pain or other concerning symptoms, contact your doctor immediately.

What are the risks of the procedure?

The risks of the PillCam[™] capsule endoscopy include retention, aspiration, obstruction, perforation, and mucosal injury or bleeding. Medical, endoscopic, or surgical intervention may be necessary to address any of these complications, should they occur. Please refer to the product user manual or medtronic.com/gi for detailed information.

Preparing for your PillCam™ Genius SB system procedure

Food and drink

An empty stomach is optimal for viewing. You may be asked to follow a clear liquid diet after lunch the day prior to the procedure. You may also begin at 10pm the day before the procedure. Your doctor will provide you with specific instructions.

Medications

Tell your doctor in advance about any medications you regularly take. You might need to adjust your usual dose for the procedure. However, you should speak with your doctor before making any changes to your medications.

Medical history

Inform your doctor of your medical history, including:

- A pacemaker or other electro-medical devices
- Any previous abdominal surgery
- Difficulty swallowing
- A history of obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract
- PillCam™ Genius SB system is contraindicated for patients with suspected, or known, strictures or fistulas

There may be additional considerations for determining whether an ingestion during a telehealth visit is appropriate.

After your procedure

Since there is no need for sedation, once you swallow the PillCam™ Genius SB system you can leave the doctor's office and go about your normal activities (some sports, bathing or other activities may need to be avoided).

You will also be able to eat four hours after capsule ingestion, unless your doctor instructs you otherwise.

At the end of the procedure, link device will be removed and returned to your doctor.

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†This brochure is intended to supplement the direction and explanations from your doctor regarding the ingestion of a PillCam™ Genius SB system. It does not replace your doctor's care, advice, and specific instructions regarding the preparation for your procedure.

Reference:

1 Gerson LB, Fidler JL, Cave DR, Leighton JA. ACG clinical guideline: diagnosis and management of small bowel bleeding. *Am J Gastroentrol*. 2015:110(9):1265-87.

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