

Read all the information below, follow the directions carefully, and put this document in a visible place for reference while preparing for your procedure, so you have the best possible examination. Questions? Chat with the virtual assistant on our website at ohiogastro.com or for more support call us at 614-754-5495.

About an Agile Patency Capsule Test

You are having this test to evaluate your symptoms that may be related to disease involving your small intestine. This test is done before proceeding with the Wireless Capsule Endoscopy to greatly reduce a small risk that the camera capsule could get stuck in your small intestine.

Most health insurance companies insist that you either have radiologic test of the small intestine (CT scan, barium x-ray, or MRI) for this procedure or that you have an Agile Patency Capsule Test. The advantages of the Agile Patency Capsule test over these other tests are:

1. Confirmation that the camera capsule is not likely to get stuck in the small intestine (this is called "confirming intestinal patency")
2. Radiographic studies may not provide this same assurance
3. Less expensive
4. Less paperwork or having to call the insurance company for authorization

The Agile Patency Capsule is identical in size to the wireless video capsule and shows up on a simple plain x-ray of the abdomen. Unlike the wireless video capsule, it will begin to dissolve 30 hours after you ingest it.

Instructions for the Procedure

**If you are on a GLP-1 medication such as Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, or like medications, DO NOT take your medication 7 days before the appointment. Call our office if the appointment is before to the 7 days.*

Preparing for the Endoscopy

- Plan to be at the facility for half an hour and to bring \$35 payment to the appointment. You can drive after the procedure and will not need a driver to accompany you.
- Day before procedure** - Maintain a normal diet throughout the day.
- After midnight the night before the procedure** - DO NOT eat or drink anything.

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Day of Procedure

- DO NOT eat or take medications the morning of your procedure.**
- Arrive at your appointment on-time and bring \$35 payment** with you for your procedure.
- During your appointment** - You will ingest the Agile Patency Capsule with water.
- 1 hour after ingesting the Capsule** - You can take your normal medications, eat breakfast, and resume your regular diet.

Day After Procedure

- Before 8:00am** - You may eat breakfast. Then **after 8:00am DO NOT eat or drink anything**
- At 1:00pm** - Report to the Radiology Department at Riverside, St. Ann's, Mount Carmel East, or Dublin Methodist Hospital with your KUB order to have an abdominal x-ray. Due to testing protocol and capacity, other facilities and satellite locations cannot be used. **You must do this to satisfy insurance requirements even if you are certain the capsule passed through your stool.**
- After we receive the results of your x-ray, we will notify you of the next steps for Capsule Endoscopy.

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