





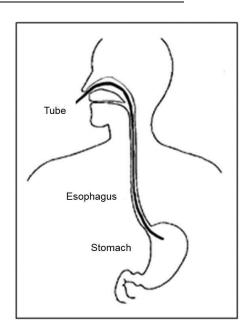
# **Esophageal Motility Study**

# Why am I having this procedure?

This procedure will help your doctor determine the reasons for your problems with food sticking, or to assess whether you should have surgery for Acid Reflux disease.

# What will happen during the procedure?

- You will **not** be sedated for this procedure.
- A soft, flexible tube will be inserted through your nose and passed down your esophagus into your stomach.
- You will take small sips of water to help the tube go down.
- We will measure the action of muscles in your esophagus when you swallow.



#### Instructions

- Do not have anything to eat or drink for 6 hours before your appointment.
- If you normally take prescription medications you can take these on the morning of your appointment, with a small sip of water.

### Instructions for other medications:

| Medication | When to stop               |
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|            | days before the procedure  |
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## **Possible Side Effects**

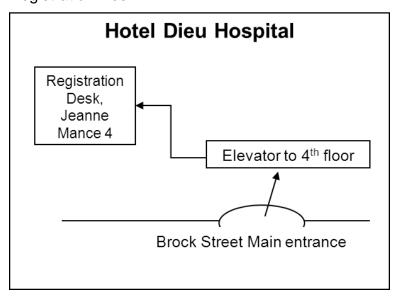
- There is a small possibility that the tube could cause a tear or perforation of your esophagus, however this is very rare. If these were to occur, you might need surgery.
- It is possible that the tube could trigger a nose bleed.
- Passage of the tube may irritate your nose and throat and may cause gagging.

#### **After the Procedure**

You should contact your doctor's office and book a follow-up appointment.

# Where do I go for the procedure?

This procedure is performed in the Gastroenterology (GI) Function Testing Unit, 4th Floor, Room 473, Hotel Dieu Hospital. Please report to the Jeanne Mance 4 Registration Desk.



If you have any problems or questions, phone the GI Function Testing Unit at 613-544-3400 ext 2417:

- Monday & Friday 8:00am to 12:00pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am to 2:00pm

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