

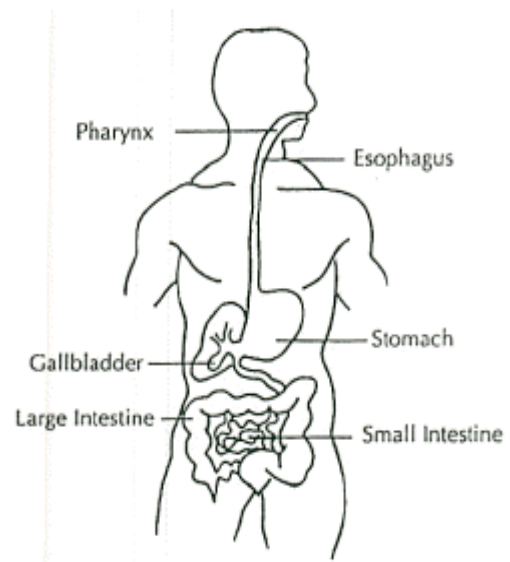
# Your Oral Cholecystogram (OCG)

## WHAT IS AN ORAL CHOLECYSTOGRAM (OCG) AND WHAT DOES IT SHOW?

An oral cholecystogram (OCG) is an x-ray examination of your gallbladder. The gallbladder helps release bile into the small intestine for the purpose of digesting fats. The gallbladder is not seen well on regular x-ray pictures unless you take special tablets by mouth.

## WHY AM I HAVING AN OCG?

Your doctor has scheduled you for an oral cholecystogram because you have some symptoms that he feels may be related to your gallbladder or to gallstones. This might be abdominal pain, weight loss, nausea and vomiting or jaundice. This x-ray exam gives your doctor important information that may help in your diagnosis and treatment.



## HOW DO I GET READY FOR MY OCG?

Your referring doctor will give you a prescription for twelve Telepaque tablets. You should take one tablet each hour starting at 9 a.m. the day before your x-ray. Drink a half glass of water with each tablet. Eat your normal diet all day. \*Note: The Telepaque tablets may cause mild diarrhea. This is not considered an abnormal side effect.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE X-RAY ROOM?

You will be assisted onto a special x-ray table. The x-ray technologist and doctor will explain more about your OCG. They can answer any questions you have.

You will be asked to move in different positions. Sometimes part of the x-ray machine may press on your abdomen in order to obtain better pictures. Tell someone if this is uncomfortable. We want to make you as comfortable as possible.

When each x-ray is taken you will be asked to hold your breath and remain as still as possible.

## WHAT DO I DO AFTER MY OCG?

You may return to your normal activities after the x-ray is completed.

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Including waiting time, your x-ray visit for an OCG will take approximately 30 minutes. Please understand that you will have to wait a few minutes during your x-ray while the films are being examined. It is important that the films contain all the necessary information.

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