Locations and opening hours

North Eastern Community Hospital  (08) 8402 0212
(Heading Avenue, Campbelltown)
8.30am to 5.00pm weekdays

The Calvary Hospital  (08) 8402 0262
(Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide)
8.00am to 5.00pm weekdays
Free on-street parking is available.

The Memorial Hospital  (08) 8402 0282
(Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, North Adelaide)
8.00am to 8.00pm weekdays
Ticket parking is available on-street on Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, as well as on Pennington Terrace. There is a parking station off Kermode Street.

Calvary Central Districts Hospital  (08) 8402 0202
(25-37 Jarvis Road, Elizabeth Vale)

Please bring all your previous X-rays and scans with you to your appointment.
**What is a gastrografin?**
This is a water soluble clear fluid that shows on X-ray images.

**What is a gastrografin enema?**
This is an X-ray test which shows the large bowel (colon) by filling it with gastrografin. The gastrografin is introduced by a tube which is inserted into the rectum. The test is usually to assess if there is a leakage outside the bowel.

**What preparation is needed?**
No bowel preparation is needed if you have a colostomy and the test is being performed to see whether the anastomosis is intact. If your doctor requests this test for another reason you may require a bowel cleansing kit. Your doctor and the Radiologist will decide. The bowel cleansing kit will be arranged at the time of booking and can be picked up from our rooms.

**How is the test performed?**
You will need to change into a gown. You will then be asked to lie on your side on the X-ray table. A thin plastic tube will then be placed into your rectum. This can be mildly uncomfortable but should not be painful. The gastrografin fluid will then pass via the tube into your large bowel. You may need to be moved into different positions to coat the bowel. This will be seen on a TV monitor, and X-ray images will also be taken at this time. Once all the X-rays have been taken the gastrografin will be drained out via the same tube and you can then go to the toilet.

**What will happen after the test?**
You may inadvertently pass some liquid motion after the test. Bring a change of underwear as a precaution.

**How do I get the results?**
The Radiologist (a doctor) will study the images and provide a report for your doctor. This can be delivered to your doctor and should be available by the next day. If you need your results urgently they should be available within 60 minutes.

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