

How to Prepare for Your **Digital X-ray (Small Bowel/Small Intestine Series)**

Exam Overview

What is Digital X-ray?

Digital X-ray has been called one of the most significant advances in medical history. It is used in many different ways in medical diagnosis. Routine X-rays involve exposing a body part to a small dose of radiation to produce an image of an internal organ. A Digital X-ray image is produced when a small amount of radiation passes through the body and strikes a flat panel sensor, which sends a digital picture of the body area being studied to the computer to be interpreted by a radiologist and then stored.

A small bowel or small intestine series is a series of X-rays of the part of the digestive tract that extends from the stomach to the large intestine.

Small Bowel/ Small Intestine Series Exam Prep Checklist

- Do not eat or drink after midnight on the morning of the exam.
- Do not chew gum or smoke after midnight, as these activities can cause stomach secretions, which may degrade the quality of the images.

