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**Re: Barium Enemas**

Effective immediately, we will no longer be offering Barium Enemas at any of our clinics. Recent large trials, for example the SIGGAR trial (published in the Lancet) in Europe, has shown that CT Colonography is significantly more sensitive than barium enemas in the detection of polyps. CT Colonography is also much less physically demanding for the patient. This is especially important in the older age group.

The preparation for CT Colonography is the same as for barium enemas but the actual study takes much less time and is more comfortable for the patient. In surveys of patients who have had both studies done, CT Colonography was the preferred examination. Therefore, we recommend referring patients who need lower GI examination for CT Colonography.

We are no longer providing Fluoroscopy services at our 132 Parkdale Avenue South, Hamilton location. Although we are no longer providing fluoroscopy at this location, we do have two other clinics that still provide Fluoroscopy and we are focused on ensuring your patients receive their important imaging services in a timely manner. For your convenience, below is a list of our clinics that provide Barium studies:

- 1 Young Street, Suite 105, Hamilton ON, Phone 905.522.2344
- 2951 Walker's Line, Burlington ON, Phone 905.336.2202

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard, please contact Vincent Attard, Senior Gastric Technologist at (905)522-2344.

Yours truly,

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