

Inpatient Swallow Study

I am staying at the hospital and my doctor wants me to have a swallow study.



A swallow study is a way to take pictures of the inside of my body when I swallow.

Nothing will hurt during my swallow study.

When it is time for my swallow study, my nurse and grown up will go with me to the swallow study room.

I will meet the speech language pathologist and Xray technologist.



This is the camera that will take my pictures.

I will sit in the blue chair while my pictures are being taken.

The camera will be right next to my head but will not touch me.



The camera makes loud noises when it moves and take pictures.



The black strap and buckle keep me safe in the chair while I am having my pictures taken.

My job is to keep my head still during the pictures.



I will need to take sips of drinks that may taste and feel different in my mouth than I am used to.

I will also need to eat a few bites of food with a special white icing on it .

I can bring my own cup and choose a flavor if I'd like.



I did it!

After all of my pictures are done, my grown up and the speech language pathologist will talk for a few minutes.

Once we are all done, I will be taken back up to my room.

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