Agile Patency Exam Instructions (with instruction sheet)

CPT Code 74018

Same as ABD 1V for Billing

*If the patient comes in with these Instructions

Otherwise, the orders may just ask for a KUB only-if so just take a KUB and let the patient leave.

* If the patient brings in the attached instruction sheet, make these instructions available to the radiologist
* The Routine tech should take a KUB image. (Any ARA site)
* Have the Radiologist review the image.

* If the Radiologist confirms the location of the capsule: that the capsule is in the small bowel, or is in the colon or that the capsule is not visible, then the patient may leave the facility.

* If the Radiologist can visualize the capsule but cannot determine whether it is in the small bowel or if it is in the colon, (if not already at a Fluoro site) have the patient drive to one of the Fluoro sites to ingest some thin barium. Call the site to inform the Fluoro tech: the name of the Radiologist that viewed the initial KUB and that the patient is coming to that site for this part of the exam.

* The patient should drink 240mL or 8oz of thin upper G.I. barium.
* Take another KUB approximately 1 hour after drinking the barium.
* Be sure to increase the KVP to 120 when you are imaging the abdomen with Barium.
* Have the same Radiologist review this image.
* At the radiologist’s discretion, the patient may need to wait another 30 minutes and repeat the KUB.

* Be sure to document the barium given in the completion screen in M.I. When completing, select contrast, scroll to the mL of barium that the patient drank, select the number of mL, select “barium” on the next section, select “oral” in the next section and then the blue “+”. This will add the barium to the dictated report.
* If you have questions about this exam, you may contact any Fluoro tech or Claire Kulczyk.
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TO THE RADIOLOGIST

Exam requested: KUB with possible contrasted KUB

This patient has ingested an Agile Patency Capsule. It is a dissolvable tablet that is about the size of a big Tylenol tab that has a 20mm metal band inside. About 30 hours after ingestion it begins to dissolve, and is passed naturally. It is designed to determine if the small bowel is patent enough to pass a Pill Cam at a later date. It looks like one of these images below, depending on how much it has started to dissolve:

The patient swallowed this about 26-30 hours ago. I am sending them to you to obtain an x-ray to see where it is located. If, on the x-ray, you can tell for sure if it's still in the small bowel or has passed into the colon then that is the information that I need. If you cannot tell for sure on plain x-ray please have the patient ingest some contrast and repeat in 30-60 minutes.
The information I need to know is if this Agile patency capsule is located in small bowel, or colon, or not present at all.
Thank you and if there are any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Thank You,
(Referring GI physician for patient with contact info)