

IRRIGOSCOPY Patient Information and Consent Form

Patient's Name: _____ **Date:** ____
(Please fill out)

IRRIGOSCOPY
X-ray Examination of the Large Intestine

An irrigoscopy is performed to examine the large intestine in patients with constipation, diarrhea, irregular stools, inflammation, and diverticulae, for postoperative checkups and for other indications.

The Examination:

An irrigoscopy takes 20 minutes in normal cases and is not painful. Patients are given a contrast material enema through a rectal tube which is introduced just a few centimeters into their intestine. The contrast material (CM) is pre-heated so you will not perceive its inflow (apart from a mild urge to defecate). Once the intestine has been adequately visualized, the CM is permitted to flow out – which you will also not perceive. In order to assess the large intestine optimally, a small quantity of air is introduced into the bowel through a small balloon. This causes a sensation of flatulence. The doctor will take X-rays of the large intestine. The rectal tube is then removed and you can go to the toilet.

The contrast material causes no side effects and afterwards you can eat and drink as usual. Your stool will be whitish for a few days. This is the residual CM which is then excreted.

Could you be pregnant?

YES NO

Patient's Signature

Doctor's Name and Signature

Guardian's Signature
(For patients below 18 years of age)

Name and Signature of the
Radiologic Technologist

Date/Time

Thank you for your cooperation.
Your DZU Team