

Small Intestinal Bacterial Overgrowth (SIBO) Breath Test

*Please inform the medical staff if you have had recent antibiotic therapy - no antibiotics for at least 4 weeks prior to the breath test

You will need to fill your prescription of Lactulose at your pharmacy prior to the test.

Please purchase an 8oz. bottle of water for your test day. Avoid prokinetic medications (i.e., metoclopramide, prucalopride) and laxatives for 1 week prior to the test.

Day Before the Test:

- Do NOT eat any slowly digesting foods including, but not limited to:
 - Beans
 - Bran/high fiber cereal (shredded wheat, great grains, etc)
 - Old fashioned or steel cut oatmeal (instant is ok)
 - Leafy green vegetables
- Please fast for 12 hours prior to the test
 - No food consumption, only water- starting at _____ p.m. on _____ (date)

Day of the Test:

- Your test is scheduled for _____ a.m. on _____ (date)
- Bring the Lactulose and 8oz. bottle of water with you to your appointment. After the first test, you will be instructed to drink Lactulose 10gm/15ml followed by 8oz of water.
 - This medication may cause a laxative effect
 - You will then be blowing into a machine every 15 minutes for the next 1-2 hours to complete the breath test
- Please plan to arrive on time for your scheduled appointment
- Plan on staying in the office for maximum of 2 hours
- Please do not smoke, sleep, or exercise vigorously 30 minutes prior to the test or during the test
- Feel free to bring entertainment, such as magazines, books, tablet, laptop, etc
 - Please note that our office does not have WiFi available to our patients
- Please note, this is a test and you will not be seeing a provider (nurse practitioner or physician)
 - If further follow up needed, please make an office visit