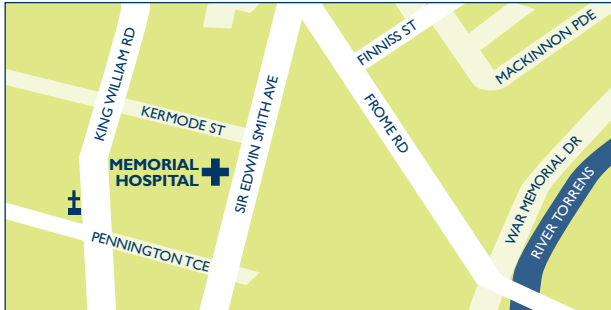
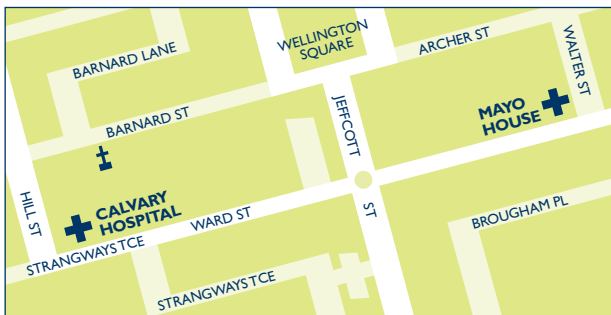


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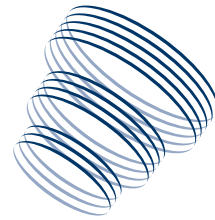
The Memorial Hospital rooms (Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, North Adelaide, **(08) 8402 0282**) are open from 8.00am to 8.00pm on weekdays. Ticket parking is available on-street on Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, as well as on Pennington Terrace. There is a parking station off Kermode Street.



The Calvary Hospital rooms (Strangways Terrace, North Adelaide, **(08) 8402 0262**) are open from 8.00am to 5.00pm on weekdays.

Free on-street parking is available.

Please bring all your previous X-rays and scans with you to your appointment.



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Patient Information Handout

Barium Enema



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What is a barium enema?

This is an X-ray test which shows the large bowel (colon) by coating it with barium and inflating the bowel with air. The barium and air are introduced by a tube which is inserted into the rectum. The images taken can show tumours, inflammation and structural changes in the colon.

What preparation is needed?

The bowel must be as empty as possible. To do this you will need to obtain a bowel cleansing kit from your doctor or from our rooms. It is important to follow the instructions closely for the best results. Please inform our booking staff if you are a diabetic.

How is the test performed?

You will need to change into a gown. You will then be asked to lie on your side on the xray table. A thin plastic tube will then be placed into your rectum. This can be uncomfortable but should be not be painful. The barium fluid will then pass via the tube into your large bowel. You may need to be moved into different positions to coat the bowel. Once enough barium is in the bowel this will be drained out via the same tube and then air introduced. This will be seen on a TV monitor, and X-ray images will also be taken at this time. Once all the X-rays have been taken you will be able to go to the toilet. If at any time you experience discomfort please let the doctor know. You may also be given an injection to relax your bowel during the test to make it more comfortable.

What will happen after the test?

You will pass white bowel motions after the test. You may also have cramping for a short time afterwards. Drink fluids after the examination to avoid constipation.

How do I get the results?

The Radiologist (a doctor) will study the images and provide a report for your doctor. This can be delivered to your doctor and should be available by the next day. If you need your results urgently they should be available within 60 minutes.