PATENCY CAPSULE INSTRUCTIONS

You have been asked to swallow a patency capsule before your capsule endoscopy. The reason for this is to make sure that the real capsule is not retained in your small bowel when you have your capsule endoscopy. If retention of the patency capsule does occur, the patency capsule will dissolve after a certain time. However this will also mean that your capsule endoscopy cannot be performed and an alternative test will need to be arranged.

On the [ ] of [month]:

1. Please swallow the patency capsule with some water at 6am
2. Have breakfast and a light lunch at 12 noon
3. Do not eat any more food until your capsule endoscopy but you can drink clear fluids until 10pm at night

On the [ ] of [month]:

1. Come to the Endoscopy Unit at 9am
2. An abdominal x-ray (AXR) or limited CT scan will be taken to see if the patency capsule has passed
3. If the patency capsule is seen on the AXR, a CT scan may then be performed to check its position
4. If the patency capsule has passed, your capsule endoscopy will then be carried out