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Having colonic manometry (Easy Read)



Your digestive (said: dy-jess-tiv) system is a long tube that goes from the back of your mouth all the way to your bottom. When you eat or drink something, it travels through this tube and all the goodness is taken out so your body can use it. Anything left over comes out of your bottom as poo.



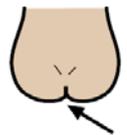
Muscles and nerves squeeze the food downwards. If the muscles and nerves do not work well, food cannot travel downwards as it should.



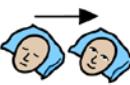
You will need some medicine to make you poo before the test.



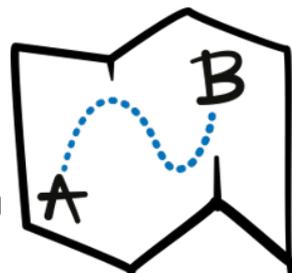
You will have an anaesthetic (said an-ess-thet-ick). You will not be able to feel anything or know what is happening.



The doctor or nurse will put a bendy tube into your bottom. The tube has lots of sensors in it to check your muscles and nerves.



The test starts when you are awake after the anaesthetic. You will stay on the ward for several hours.

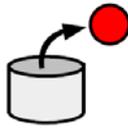




The bendy tube is joined to a computer. The sensors measure how well your muscles and nerves are working.



The doctors will put some medicine in the bendy tube to make your muscles and nerves squeeze.



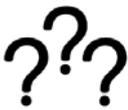
When the doctors have checked the computer, they will remove the bendy tube.



The nurses will check you regularly to make sure you are getting better. You can then go home.



The doctors will write a report about the test and results.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

