

UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY

What is the Purpose of an Upper GI Endoscopy?

An upper GI endoscopy gives your doctor a picture of your digestive system that cannot be seen through normal X-rays.

Your gastroenterologist will use the upper GI endoscopy to look for health issues and take tissues samples **to find health problems**, such as:

- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).
- Ulcers.
- Cancer or a tumor.
- Swelling.
- Celiac disease.
- Low iron.
- Nutritional deficiencies.

An upper GI endoscopy can also be used to **figure out why you are having certain symptoms**, such as:

- Heartburn that won't go away.
- Bleeding.
- Throwing up.
- Upset stomach that won't go away.
- Pain.
- Losing weight (when you aren't trying to).
- Problems swallowing.

An upper GI endoscopy **can also be used to treat certain health issues**, such as:

- Bleeding ulcers and blood vessels.
- Strictures (narrowing).
- Objects or foods that are stuck.

