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SMALL BOWEL FOLLOW THROUGH - After hours

Clinical Indications	Suspected obstruction, GI bleed
SCOUT	KUB scout required and must be reviewed by Radiologist PRIOR to starting the exam
Step 1:	Have patient drink contrast as directed by Radiologist. Note time at first drink
Step 2:	KUB every 15 minutes for the first hour. LABEL each image with correct time (15 minute, 30 minute, 45 minute, 60 minute)
Step 3:	If contrast has not reached the ascending colon, proceed to step 4. If contrast is present in ascending colon, proceed to step 5.
Step 4:	KUB every 30 minutes for the second hour. LABEL each image with correct time (90 minute, 120 minute)
Step 5:	The terminal ileum is a common location of small bowel pathology, perform bilateral PA obliques once contrast reaches the ascending colon. LABEL images PA oblique RIGHT and LEFT
Step 6:	Contact Radiologist to review all images and follow up instructions as needed.
Note #1	If contrast still has not reached the colon after 2nd hour, contact Radiologist for further instructions
Note # 2	If the patient is mobile, encourage the patient to walk around in between images.

Ascending colon - MAY STOP

Ileocecal valve

Terminal ileum

