

After your examination

If you require any specific aftercare instructions, these will be discussed with you at the time of your appointment.

Results

The results of your examination will be sent to the referrer, who requested your examination within 28 days.

If you have not received your results within this time, you should contact the person/clinic that sent you for your examination.

Friends & Family

If you feel more comfortable, one person may accompany you to your appointment.

In certain cases this person may be permitted into the examination room, but only if essential.

X-Ray staff are unable to look after your child/children whilst you have your examination. Please make alternative arrangements or have another adult accompany you during your visits.

For further information go to:

<https://setrust.hscni.net/>

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X-Ray

A guide to your visit



Patient Information

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What is X-ray?

X-rays are used to gain a diagnostic image of bones and certain parts of the body. The X-ray beam is passed through the body part being examined and is read by a detector which sends the image to a computer.

Is it Safe?

Radiography use X-ray radiation. The radiation dose that you get from a radiograph is very small and the associated risks are minimal or negligible. Clinical staff consider both the risks and benefits when deciding what examination is appropriate for you.

The benefits of having the radiograph outweigh any risk. Clinical staff are responsible for making sure that the dose that you receive is kept as low as necessary to aid your diagnosis or treatment.

Contact us

If you have any concerns please speak to your referring clinician, or contact the Department of Radiology using the contact details provided on the back page.

Do I need an injection?

No, you will not require an injection for a plain X-ray.

Can I eat and drink normally after the examination?

Yes, there is no preparation needed and you can continue eating and drinking as normal after your appointment.

Can I drive after the examination?

Yes.

Before your examination

Read your letter and contact us if there is any possibility you may be pregnant

Ensure you have not had the X-ray recently (within the last 2 weeks), contact us if you have any queries.

Cannot attend

If you cannot attend your appointment, please contact us and let us know.

Help us to ensure everyone gets the quickest appointment possible. Missed appointments lead to delays for everyone and can cost the Trust hundreds of pounds each.

On the day of your examination

- Attend the Radiology Department reception and check in, as indicated on your appointment letter
- A radiographer will call you into the X-ray room
- The examination will be explained to you and you will be given the opportunity to ask any relevant questions
- We may ask you to change into a gown and remove any jewellery, for this reason we ask you bring only what is essential with you
- If you are between 11 and 55, we may need to complete a pregnancy form depending on your examination
- You may be asked to stand or lie down for your examination; we will try to make you as comfortable as possible
- You may be asked to turn into different positions; a member of the team will be with you offering support and guidance
- We will be able to talk to you throughout your examination
- After care advice will be given to you at the end of your examination.