

After your examination

Your after care is specific to the examination you are having.

Specific after care will be discussed with you at the time of your appointment or after your examination.

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.

This person will not be permitted into the examination room.

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. If this is difficult, please contact us so that we can offer you a more convenient appointment.

Find us at

Ulster Hospital

Upper Newtownards Road
Dundonald
BT16 1RH

- Attend hospital 'Main Entrance'
- Follow signs to 'Radiology'
- Please allow enough time for parking at peak times.

Contact us

 (028) 9055 0411

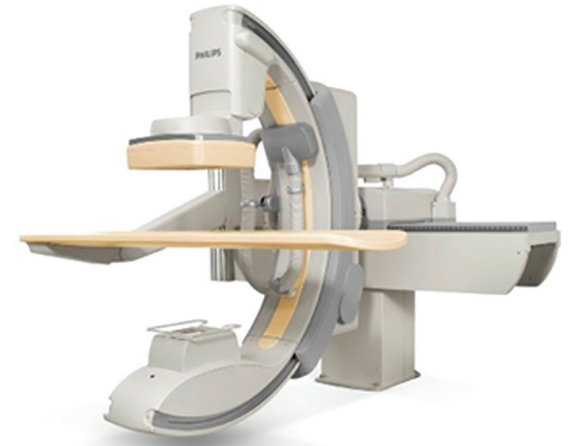
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Fluoroscopy



Patient Information

What is Fluoroscopy?

Fluoroscopy is a study of moving body structures - similar to an x-ray 'movie'.

The x-ray beam is passed through the body part being examined and is transmitted to a TV-like monitor, so that the body part and its movement can be visualised in 'real time'.

Is it Safe?

Fluoroscopy uses x-ray radiation. The dose that you get from a fluoroscopy examination is small and the associated risks are low. The benefits of having the examination 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.

Your safety is very important and on the day of your appointment we will ask you some questions about your medical history, to ensure you are as safe as possible.

You should contact us in advance if you answer **Yes** to **any of the following**:

- You are/or may be **pregnant**
- You have had a **reaction to contrast** or 'x-ray dye' before
- You are a **diabetic**.

Contact us

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

Do I need an injection?

The majority of examinations in fluoroscopy are of the digestive tract, and do not require an injection.

A small number of examinations require an injection; this should be indicated on your appointment letter, should you have any concerns please contact us.

Barium/contrast studies:

For a number of examinations you will be required to drink or eat a substance called contrast. This is usually Barium, which is a white liquid that helps us identify passages and structures inside your body.

Can I eat and drink normally after the examination?

Yes, following most examinations normal eating can be resumed, however, following a Barium test we encourage drinking more fluids for a couple of days.

Can I drive after the examination?

For the majority of examinations you will be able to drive after the examination. However, on a rare occasion you may be told not to drive, as some medications we give during your examinations advise against driving.

Before your examination

- You may need to follow some special preparation which will be included on your appointment letter
- Unless instructed, you may eat, drink and take prescribed medication as normal.

On the day of your examination

- Attend the Radiology Department reception and check in, as indicated on your appointment letter
- A member of the fluoroscopy team will then meet you and bring you for your examination
- 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, 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 questionnaire depending on your examination
- You may be asked to stand or lay 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.