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General X Rays Patient Information

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An xray using ionizing radiation to produce an image of your anatomy. Xrays are consider not to be harmful in small doses that are used for medical purposes. Here at Sound Diagnostic Radiology we use the latest digital xray machines, that assist in producing high quality images whilst keeping radiation doses at a minimum.

Preparation

Plain film xrays don't require any preparation unless specified at the time of the booking. **Please notify your doctor and the staff at Sound Diagnostic Radiology if you are pregnant or you think you could be pregnant.**

What to expect

The area that is to be imaged does need to be free of any metal or bulky clothing. A chest, abdomen or spine xray will require you to change into a gown so that no zips, bra wires or seams on clothes will show up on your xray. Jewellery will need to be removed from areas that require xrays such as on hands and wrists.

Usually there is a minimum of 2 images taken of any given body area. This is so the doctor can have a look at your anatomy in at least 2 different planes. Sometimes one area can require multiple images in different views.

An xray only takes a second or two, but time is taken to position you correctly to achieve the best xray views, much like having a photo taken of yourself. Once the xray is taken the image needs to be viewed to ensure that all the correct information is presented. This can take 5 – 10 minutes to process and analyse the images. Depending on what the initial images show, extra views may need to be taken.

Most plain xray examinations require only 10–30 minutes of your time. For a more accurate time assessment, please ask our staff at the time of making your booking.

Dental Xrays or OPG (orthopantomogram) require you to stand in a machine and bite on a plate. The xrays are taken by rotating around your head to get a full view of your dentition, much like a panoramic view of the jaw. Depending on your dental anatomy, an extra picture may need to be taken. As our staff have paediatric experience, children tolerate this experience extremely well.

What to bring

You must always bring your request form from your doctor. Please note that we accept all radiology request forms. If you have any previous xrays at home that may be relevant to your examination, please bring these with you, they can sometimes help to give a more accurate assessment of your presenting condition. Always bring your Medicare card and any other concession cards.

Who does my xray?

A university trained Radiographer performs your xray. They are highly trained professionals that know how to achieve the best quality images to assess your area of concern. A Radiologist (a doctor who is a specialist at interpreting the images) looks at all the images taken with your medical history to produce a diagnostic report.

When will I get the report?

Your report will be delivered to your referring practitioner and will be there by lunch on the following business day. If you require your results any earlier, please advise our reception staff and we will ensure they are ready for you.