

## What is an x-ray examination?

An x-ray is a special type of radiation that is produced by an x-ray machine that passes through the body. These examinations can demonstrate chest infections, foreign bodies, fractures, osteoarthritis, bowel pathologies etc.

Bookings are not essential for x-ray examinations although they are preferable. The Medical Imaging Department accepts all radiology provider referrals, so even if you have another form we will happily perform your test.

## How long will the examination take?

The x-rays will usually take 5-10 minutes, depending on how many different views / images your doctor has requested, therefore this may take longer.

You may be asked to remove any jewellery or metallic items from your body as they may interfere with the x-ray image. In some circumstances you may be asked to change into a gown.

## Are there any risks?

When having an x-ray you will receive a small dose of x-ray radiation. There is a small risk that is associated with undergoing an x-ray examination, but the benefits have been deemed greater than the risks by your referrer. This is also justified by the Radiographer performing your examination. The potential benefits of diagnosing a medical condition are believed to be greater than the risks from receiving a small dose of x-ray radiation.

**Before your x-ray please let the Radiographer know if you are, or think you may be pregnant.**

## What happens after the examination?

After the examination is complete a Radiologist (Doctor of Radiology) will review the images taken and produce a report. This report and an electronic copy of the images taken will then be forwarded to the doctor who referred you for the examination. Other medical professions can access this information at your request.

## Who can I contact if I am not sure about something?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Medical Imaging Reception on (03) 5352 9325 during business hours (8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday).

They will assist with your questions, or direct you to the most appropriate staff member to assist you.



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