

Fact Sheet

X-RAY

What is an X-ray?

An x-ray is a fast, painless test that uses radiation to take pictures inside the body. .

What is involved?

Before the test, tell your **doctor** and the **imaging staff** if you are **pregnant** or think you **might be pregnant**.

The X-ray staff will ask you to stand, sit or lie down depending on which part of the body is being X-rayed.

Once you are ready, the x-ray staff will go behind a screen to start the X-ray machine.

The whole test usually takes 15 minutes.

What happens after the test?

A radiologist (a specialist doctor) looks the images and sends the results to your referring doctor.

Are there any risks?

The X-ray uses a small amount of radiation.

Radiation used at very low levels creates the X-ray images.

Radiation exposure at high levels has a small risk of causing cancer.

Your risk of getting cancer while having an X-ray is very low or non-existent.

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