



Having an X-ray

What will happen?



Easy Read Booklet



An x-ray lets us take pictures of the inside of your body and bones.

If you are hurt, your doctor may want you to have an X-Ray.



Sometimes, if you are very ill or hurt, you may need to go to the Accident and Emergency department and they might send you for an X-ray.



When you arrive at the X-ray department, the receptionist will ask for your name and address. They will ask you to wait in a special area.

When the radiographer is ready for you, they will call your name.



For some x-rays you may need to put on a hospital gown.

You will go from the changing room to the x-ray room.



The radiographer may also ask you to take off your jewellery or watch, if it is near where you are hurt. Give them to your carer to look after. You can put them back on after the X-ray.



- You may have to stand up



- You may have to lie down on a bed under the X-ray machine.

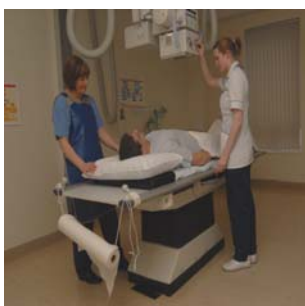
The radiographer will tell you what they are doing.



They will line up the x-ray machine to the part of your body they want to take a picture of.



The radiographer will ask you to stay very still and will then go behind a screen to press a button. This will beep while the X-ray is being taken.

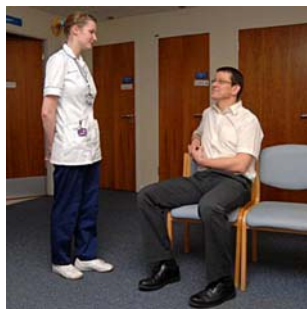


Your carer can stay in the room with you but may be asked to stand away from the machine and wear a protective apron.

The x-ray will only take a few seconds and will not hurt.



The radiographer will then check the X-ray to make sure the right area has been taken.



You can then go and get dressed

They will tell you what to do after having your x-ray.



The results of the x-ray will be looked at by your doctor who will decide what treatment you need, if any.



You can then leave the hospital.



If you or your carer needs help while you are in the hospital, ask one of the nurses.

If you are an adult with learning disabilities, the Acute Learning Disabilities Liaison Nurses can talk to you if you need any help. They can also talk to your carers if they have any questions.

You can telephone Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm



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