

# X-ray

## A guide to your scan



### When will I get the results?

- After your X-ray is complete, your images will be checked by a radiologist who will send a report to your doctor or consultant. At the time of your appointment you will be told how long this should take.
- If a follow up appointment is not already arranged, you will need to contact your doctor or consultant to make an appointment to get your results.

### Can I bring a relative or friend with me?

- Yes, but they will only be allowed into the examination room in special circumstances (for safety reasons).
- Children will not be allowed into the room while you are having the X-ray, so you need to make arrangements for them before your appointment.



### Contacting us

It is very important to us that you have been given all the necessary information so that your scan is carried out successfully. Please contact us on the number given in your appointment letter if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

### How to find us:

Clock House Alliance Imaging Centre  
Alliance Medical House, 4b Dorking Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 7LX

**Public Transport:**  
The nearest rail station is Epsom, 3 minutes by car, approximate distance 0.5 miles.

**By Road:**  
The Clock House is located on the A24 Dorking Road between Ashted Village and Epsom Town Centre opposite to the main entrance to Epsom General hospital

**Parking:**  
The Clock House has its own car park for patients use. Disabled parking spaces can be found directly in front of the building.



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## What is an X-ray?

An X-ray is a test which is used to produce images of your tissues, bones and organs.

## Who will I see?

A small team of radiography staff will look after you during your visit and one of the radiographers will carry out the X-ray.

## Is it safe?

- There are risks involved with X-rays, but a standard X-ray uses such a small amount of radiation that this risk is very small.
- If you are or you think you may be pregnant, you should tell us before your X-ray.
- Please let us know if you have had a similar X-ray within the last six months.

## Do I need an injection?

No you will not need an injection.



## Before the X-ray

You should let us know about any special needs you have (for example if you need wheelchair access, you are hard of hearing, or you have poor eyesight).



## What happens during my appointment?

- When you arrive you should go to the reception desk (please bring your appointment letter which may have details of who to ask for).
- The radiographer or another member of staff will explain the procedure to you.
- We may ask you to put on a gown.
- We will put your clothes and any personal items, such as jewellery, in a locker or a tray that you can keep with you.
- We will give you the chance to ask any questions.
- We may ask you to stand against an X-ray frame or to lie on an X-ray bed. This will depend on the part of your body that is being X-rayed.
- The radiographer will be able to see and hear you at all times.
- We will ask you to stay very still and we may ask you to take a deep breath and hold it for a few seconds.



## Will it be uncomfortable?

You will not feel any pain and, apart from having to stay still for a short while, you will not experience any discomfort.

## How long will it take?

The X-ray will only last a few minutes, though the radiographer may need to take more X-rays in different positions. Your appointment should take no longer than an hour.

## After the X-ray

- You can eat and drink normally after your X-ray.
- You can drive home afterwards and return to work if you need to.

## Are there any side effects?

There are no known side effects from having an X-ray.