

X-ray

What is an X-ray examination?

Using x-rays, we can take images of different body areas. Plain x-ray examination is excellent for 'seeing' bone and lungs.

How do I prepare for my X-ray?

- If you have been referred by your doctor for an X-ray and would like to make a booking, please contact the bookings on 03 6348 7085.
- At LGH, bookings for a plain x-ray are not required.
- Business hours are 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.
- You must have a referral form from a medical practitioner.
- If you wear light comfortable clothing without buttons, metal zips, buckles or hooks around the area being x-rayed, you may not need to change into a hospital gown.
- There is no other preparation required for a plain x-ray examination.
- Please inform the booking clerk if you weigh more than 150 kgs.

Just prior to the X-ray

- You will be asked to remove jewellery and other metal from the body part we are examining.
- Patients are not always x-rayed in order of arriving in the x-ray department.
- Patients in the waiting area may be having other examinations such as ultrasound scans and are not waiting for plain x-rays.

During the X-ray examination

- All x-ray examinations will be performed by an experienced radiographer.
- A single examination will take an average of 10 minutes, but may take up to one hour for stretcher patients in need of x-raying multiple body areas.
- You will be asked to lie or stand in different positions while the images are acquired.

What do I do after the examination has finished?

- All plain x-ray examinations are digital radiographs, and images are available for immediate viewing on computers throughout the LGH.
- The radiologist's report will be automatically forwarded to your doctor. If you are referred from outside the LGH you will be given a CD of your images to take to the doctor.

Return to your doctor to discuss your examination results.

Further Information

The following web link provides additional information for patients:

Inside Radiology: www.insideradiology.com.au

This has been written specifically to help you understand more about any radiological tests and procedures that you or a family member may require. It has information about the roles and training of different health professionals you may encounter at a radiology practice or in a hospital radiology department such as at LGH.

It has been written by health professionals and is part of the Consumer Information Project of the QUDI Program (Quality use of Diagnostic Imaging) of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.

To find our more about the QUDI program, click here:

http://www.insideradiology.com.au/pages/qudi_about.php

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