

Information for patients undergoing a Sialogram

Radiology

The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water and dry thoroughly. Use hand gel, if provided, in care facilities.
- If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and vomiting stay at home and do not visit relatives that are vulnerable in hospital or in residential care. You will spread the illness.
- Keep the environment clean and safe. Let's work together to keep it that way. Prevention is better than cure.

The aim of this leaflet:

It is not meant to replace informed discussion between you and your doctor, it is to explain what is involved and what will happen to you and to explain the possible risks of this procedure.

What is a Sialogram?

It is an X-ray examination used to show a salivary gland, (this is a gland that secretes saliva into the mouth).

What happens during a Sialogram?

A fine catheter (small tube) is inserted into the opening of the parotid or sub mandibular duct (which are situated in your mouth) this should not be painful. The contrast (colourless dye) is then injected into the tube and X-ray pictures are taken. After the examination the tube is removed. You may be given a lemon liquid which causes you to salivate and empty the contrast from the gland. After the examination you may eat and drink normally.

How long will it take?

The examination usually takes between 20-30 minutes. You are advised to allow up to 1 hour in the Radiology department.

Is there any preparation?

No, you can eat and drink normally.

Do I need to bring anything / anyone with me?

No. Do not bring unnecessary amounts of money or valuables.

What if I am diabetic?

No Special Requirements.

Are you pregnant?

Please contact the X-ray department as soon as you receive this appointment if you think you may be pregnant.

Are there any risks or side effects?

Radiation:

There are some risks involved with the use of X-rays.

The overriding concern of your Doctor and Radiology is to ensure that when radiation is used the benefits from making the right diagnosis outweigh any small risk involved.

Radiologists / Radiographers who perform the examination are trained to ensure that the radiation dose associated with the examination is always kept to a minimum.

When will I get the results?

The X-rays need to be studied and a report issued, so we will not be able to give you your results straight away. The Radiographer will advise you where and when to get your results.

Student training

A student Radiographer may be present during the examination. If you would prefer them not to be present, please let the Radiographer know at the time.

Special needs

If you have any special needs, which are likely to affect your examination, please contact the Radiology department.

How to contact us

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything about your examination, before you attend, please contact the Radiology department on 01902 694062 available between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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Car Parking

Please leave plenty of time to find a parking space as parking is limited. The nearest car park to the Radiology Department is P6 situated on the south side of the hospital (charges are applicable).

English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

Lithuanian

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Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowałiby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

Punjabi

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Romanian

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Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。