

### **What is a Digital X-Ray?**

X-ray uses radiation to make images of bones, teeth and internal organs. X-rays allow our Radiologists to take pictures of the inside of your body. One of the first forms of medical imaging, x-ray is a simple, painless medical test that can help your doctor provide you with appropriate treatment. It's a fast, easy and safe way for your doctor to view and assess conditions ranging from detecting fractures and other bone abnormalities.

### **How long does a Digital X-Ray take?**

Once you are in the room the examination will take approximately 10 minutes, sometimes longer depending on the area that needs to be examined.

### **Is there any preparation?**

There is no special preparation required for most x-rays. Upon arrival you may be asked by the radiographer to change into a gown before your examination. You may also be asked to remove jewellery, eyeglasses, or any metal objects that may obscure the images.

### **Who conducts my X-Ray?**

A trained radiographer who is accredited with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRBPA) will conduct your scan.

### **What if I'm on medication?**

X-Rays do not affect any medication, so please continue to use any medication prescribed for you.

### **What if I'm pregnant?**

If you are pregnant, or it is possible that you may be pregnant, then an X-Ray is usually not performed unless it is an absolute medical necessity to do so. It is possible that an ultrasound or MRI scan may provide similar information and therefore be used as a substitute. Please inform our clinic if this situation applies to you.

Breast feeding mothers are advised to stop breast feeding for 24hrs if contrast is used.

### **Is radiation safe?**

You will be exposed to a very small amount of radiation when you receive an x-ray. At Medical Imaging Bankstown, we use advanced digital x-ray equipment to ensure you are exposed to the minimum amount of radiation needed to obtain adequate images.

### **When do I get the results?**

The results of your X-Ray scan can take up to 1 day to be finalised. You will be advised when to pick up your images and report for your follow up with your doctor.

### **What documents do I need?**

Please bring your referral letter and also any prior scans and reports as this will assist the radiologist in assessing your condition.

### **How do I make an appointment?**

No appointment is required and walk-ins are attended to, however you can call our clinic directly on 02 4363 9300 to book an appointment.



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