

# Having an X-Ray

An x-ray takes pictures of the inside of your body so that your doctor can check bones or organs for problems. The test is safe, quick and painless. The type of x-ray you have will depend upon the area being looked at and why.

**If you are pregnant, or think you might be, tell the staff before the test.**

## To Prepare

You may need to remove clothing with metal parts, snaps or zippers. You may also need to remove jewelry or eyeglasses. You may be asked to wear a hospital gown.

## During the Test

You may be given a heavy apron to protect other parts of your body from exposure to the x-rays.

Staff will help position you for the test, then move behind a wall. You may be told to hold your breath or to not move for a short time. Movement can cause the pictures to be blurry.

Most x-rays only take a few minutes.

## After the Test

Test results will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you.

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