



X-Ray

Radiology Department

Great Western Hospital

If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns please contact the department on

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Opening Hours

Monday- Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm



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What is an X-ray?

A machine directs a beam of X-rays through the part of your body that is being examined.

Digital images are produced and stored with your hospital records.

Are there any risks involved?

During your procedure you will receive a dose of ionising radiation to help us form images of your body and this will provide your doctor with detailed information. The radiation dose is always kept as low as possible.

The actual dose you receive will vary depending on the type of procedure you are having, but your doctor has considered this and feels that this is the best procedure for you to have to help diagnose or treat your condition.

We are all at risk of developing cancer in our lifetime and the added risk from undergoing your procedure is small and is outweighed because of the benefits it provides and every procedure that you have in Radiology has been assessed to ensure that the benefit outweighs the risk. For more information see the displays within the department or ask a member of staff.

Do I have to have this examination?

Your doctor has requested this X-ray as it is considered the most effective way of helping with diagnosis.



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Before:

Is there anything I should do?

There is no preparation required.

However, if you a female of childbearing age

You must ring for further advice if you are breast feeding, or you think you might be pregnant.

During:

You will be asked to remove clothing and jewellery covering the affected area.

If you are having a leg or arm X-rayed, it may be possible to roll up your clothing providing it is not too tight.

Should you need to undress, you will be offered a gown.

After:

There are no after effects from plain X-ray

The Radiologist will examine your images and send a report to the doctor who requested them.



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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds

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