



Fluoroscopic Radiology Procedures

I@OP is proud to be using the latest Philips MD4 "C" arm Fluoroscopy unit for all its interventional Fluoroscopy procedures. An appointment is required for all Fluoroscopic Imaging, so patients will need to contact our reception staff on 94201700 to arrange a time that is suitable.

Some examinations will require the patient to be admitted to our Day procedure unit prior to their examination and this will be discussed with you when your appointment is made. Patients are requested to bring their signed referral form with them and hand it to reception staff before their examination can begin.

Preparation

For Fluoroscopic Imaging procedures we request that all patients have a light breakfast or lunch prior to their appointment time.

Patients who are on blood thinning medication need to indicate this at the time of making their appointment to determine if this should be ceased prior to their procedure.

Patients should bring a driver with them as they may be prevented from driving home following the procedure.

Please bring all relevant cards with you ie, pension, medicare, private health insurance details and work cover or TAC details.

Pregnancy

Female patients who are or think they may be pregnant must inform the Radiographer of this before their examination begins.

X-rays during pregnancy should be avoided due to the possible risk to the unborn child.

An alternative test may be performed as a substitute, or the procedure cancelled until further discussion with your referring clinician as to the benefits gained by performing the examination

Procedure

The protocol followed by the Radiologist will depend on which examination has been requested by your referring clinician.

Your procedure is performed by a qualified Radiologist, with a Registered Nurse and Medical Imaging Technologist present in the Fluoroscopy room.

When the examination is completed you may need to rest in the Day procedure recovery area before you are discharged from the department.

On discharge you will be given your x-rays to take with you or if requested by your clinician we can forward the digital images to their practice.

For hard copy X-rays we ask that you keep them at home for future reference and make sure they are stored flat.

Results

Your X-rays when completed will be reviewed by a qualified Radiologist and a report generated and forwarded to your referring clinician.

Make sure you arrange a follow up appointment with your referring clinician to discuss results and ensure correct treatment is obtained.