

## General Radiography:

### X-Rays





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X-rays have been around for many years. It was the original method discovered to image internal structures for diagnostic purposes.

### **How to Prepare**

To prepare for an x-ray:

Dress comfortably

- Usually a two piece outfit is best.
- You may be asked to undress and wear a gown
  - based on the body part being examined.

If you are pregnant, depending on the context of your illness, your x-ray may be postponed or another imaging modality may be used.

### **What to Expect During the Procedure**

The entire examination will take minutes to up to approximately an hour based on what is being imaged.

The technologist will explain to you what you are to do for your x-ray.

You might be asked to hold your breath to avoid any movement during the exam.

### **After the Exam**

The images are reviewed and interpreted by a physician called a radiologist. A report will be sent to your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider will review your results with you.