



What is a Diagnostic X-Ray?

Diagnostic X-ray is a test that will identify boney or tissue abnormalities inside the body. Diagnostic X-Ray can also be used is screen patients for Tuberculosis after a positive skin test or screen patients for asbestos exposure.

Why is an X-Ray Performed?

- Determine if a bone is fractured or a joint is dislocated
- Ensure that a fracture has been properly aligned and stabilized
- Determine the presence of a fluid build up in a joint or around bone
- Evaluate injury or damage from infection, disease, bone changes or locate to foreign objects
- Find cause of pain, numbness or weakness

How is an X-Ray Performed?

A small amount of radiation is utilized to image a bone or an internal structure. The image is digital so if additional views are required, the patient can be repositioned for the additional images.

Common Sites

1. Any extremity
2. Back or neck
3. Chest
4. Abdominal area

If you have questions/concerns, please call PENRAD Imaging at 785-9001



Notes

- You must inform the technologist if you think you might be, or are pregnant
- There is no preparation for this exam
- Jewelry must be removed prior to the X-Ray.

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