

Diagnostic X-Ray Arthrogram

<p>APPOINTMENT</p>	<p>- DATE: _____ TIME: _____</p> <p>Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time and check in at the registration desk.</p>
<p>HOW LONG THE EXAM WILL TAKE</p>	<p>- The exam will take approximately 30 minutes and will be followed by an MRI that may take up to 1 hour.</p>
<p>HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear comfortable clothing free of metal (zippers, buttons, etc) - Please do not wear any metal objects. (jewelry, rings, etc)
<p>PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you think you may be pregnant or if you are breast feeding, please notify your physician or the technologist prior to your exam. - If you have an iodine or gadolinium allergy please inform your technologist.
<p>WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This exam has two parts. X-Ray and MRI. - <u>X-Ray</u>- For this exam you may be asked to change into a gown. - You will receive an injection that numbs the skin, followed by a few additional injections that numbs your joint and allows us to take images of your joint. - You might feel pressure in your joint during the injection and experience stiffness following the injection. - After the injection, you will be taken to MRI for further images. - <u>MRI</u>- You will be lying in a single position for most of the exam. - While in the scanner, you will hear loud noises, but you will be offered either earplugs or headphones with music to make your exam more comfortable. If you wish, you may bring your own CD's to listen to. - While in the scanner, you will be asked to remain very still. - Please feel free to ask the technologist any questions before you begin your exam.
<p>HOW DO YOU GET TEST RESULTS?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Radiologist will study the images and a report will be sent to your physician, after which they will discuss the results with you. Should you not hear from your physician within 2 business days, please give them a call to schedule a follow up appointment.
<p>QUESTIONS?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If you have any questions or concerns about your appointment, please call Radiology at (660) 831-3286.

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