

# Your Chest x-ray

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#### Introduction

This leaflet explains to you about having a chest x-ray.

It explains why the test is needed and what to expect.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a doctor or radiographer.



# What is an X-Ray?

An x-ray is a widely used diagnostic test, to examine the inside of the body by creating an image much like a photograph.

## Why am I having a Chest X-Ray?

Your GP has referred you to the Radiology Department for a chest x-ray.

This is usually the first imaging test to be done to help identify the cause of many chest/breathing symptoms.

## What happens next?

If the x-ray does not provide enough information about why you are having these symptoms, you may need a Computed Tomography (CT) scan whilst in the department, if possible.

Alternatively, you may be called back for one.

In order to be able to contact you urgently, please make sure the contact details we have for you are correct, including a mobile phone number and email address if you agree to be contacted by text or email.

If you do not need a CT scan, the results of your chest x-ray will be back with your GP within a week.