

# Chest X-Ray

## What is a chest X-ray?

It is an image (or picture), which shows your lungs, heart and ribs. The image is displayed on a computer monitor.

## Why do I need an X-ray?

The information acquired from the image may help with the diagnosis of your symptoms. This will help your doctor to decide on your treatment.

## What will happen?

- You will be seen as soon as possible, although if the department is busy you may have to wait a short while.
- It will be necessary for you to remove clothing down to your waist and for you to wear a hospital gown.
- All necklaces and chest jewellery should be removed.
- Your examination may involve one or more x-rays to be taken.
- The Radiographer or Assistant will let you know when you can leave.
- A Radiologist (a doctor specialising in X-rays) will look at the image and write a report which is sent to your doctor. The Radiographer who takes your X-ray will let you know how long it will take for the report to get to your doctor.
- There is limited seating in the waiting area – please could relatives wait in communal areas.

## When will I know the result of the X-ray?

The Radiographer who takes your X-ray will inform you when the report will be received by your doctor.

**This chest X-ray request is valid for 5 weeks from the date your doctor referred you.** If you decide you do not want a chest X-ray please let us know as soon as possible. If you do not come to Radiology for your X-ray within 5 weeks of the request date, we will cancel the request and you must ask your GP to re-request the examination if still needed.

Please note this is a walk-in service for chest X-rays only – if your Doctor has referred you for any other X-ray, you will receive an appointment in the post.

## Access to Radiology

How to find us:	<b>Norfolk &amp; Norwich University Hospital:</b> East Outpatients entrance and follow the signs to Level 3 Radiology. <b>Cromer Hospital:</b> through Minor Injuries/Radiology entrance. There is limited parking at Cromer Hospital. You can find more information at: <a href="http://www.nnuh.nhs.uk">www.nnuh.nhs.uk</a>
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