

**DEPARTMENT OF  
RADIOLOGY**

## 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.
- There is limited seating in the waiting area – please could relatives wait in communal areas.
- 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 being 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.

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

The Radiographer who takes your X-ray will not be able to inform you when the report will be received by your doctor. Your doctor should contact you once they are in receipt of the results.

### **Access to**

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