

Fluoroscopy Department

Paediatric Barium Swallow Information Sheet

Your doctor has asked us to take some pictures of what happens to your food and drink when you swallow it. To do this they need to use x-rays. X-rays are made in a special camera. You cannot see or feel x-rays, but they let the camera take special pictures of the inside of your body.



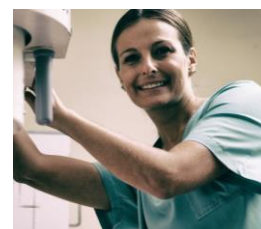
To get these special pictures you may need to get changed into a hospital gown.



One person who brought you to the hospital can come into the room with you. They will need to wear a special apron.



There will be a doctor and a radiographer in the room. They will help to look after you and take the pictures.



This is the special camera that takes pictures of your tummy. Below the camera is the bed you lay on to have the pictures taken.

The camera moves over your tummy but does not touch you. The camera sometimes makes a quiet clicking sound when it takes a picture.



You will be asked by the doctor to drink a special milkshake type drink that will help them see what is going on inside your body.



You may be asked to roll around to help move the milkshake drink around your tummy. The person who came with you or the doctor can help you with this.



Your visit to the hospital does not take very long, usually less than 20 minutes.



After the pictures are taken, you can get dressed and have your usual food and drink.

It is important to drink lots after having these special pictures taken.



You will get your results from the doctor that asked for your pictures.



If you feel scared or have any questions, you can ask someone to call the friendly radiographers at the hospital. They will be able to talk to you or answer questions at any time. The hospital phone number is 01603 286 286 (extension 4487).

