



**SAINT ANTHONY
MEDICAL CENTER**

Diagnostic Radiology (X-Ray) Department

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Test Name:

T-Tube Cholangiogram

Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Department.

You have been scheduled to have a **T-Tube Cholangiogram**. This is a diagnostic procedure using fluoroscopy (a form of x-ray).

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled.

Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

When to come:

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

What to Bring with You:

You may have had x-rays done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Please bring copies of the pictures with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the pictures or results to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center before your test.

Preparation:

Please do not schedule this test for at least 3 days after any other barium tests.

Jewelry:

Please remove all jewelry from your belly before your test.

Family:

Family or friends may be asked to stay in the waiting area during the test

Pregnancy Testing:

Pregnancy testing will now be performed on females receiving diagnostics between the ages of 10 and 55 years old if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

Medications:

You may take medications as prescribed.

Allergies:

You will receive contrast (iodine/X-ray dye) as part of the test. Contrast is something given in order for

the body part to be seen on an X-ray. If you have any known allergies to iodine or X-ray contrast, please contact your ordering doctor. You may need to take special medications before having this test

Test Instructions:

You will be asked to wear a hospital gown during the test. A registered x-ray technologist will help the radiologist (a doctor specializing in reading X-rays) with your test. The test will take about 30 minutes. You will lie on an x-ray table.

The radiologist will begin the test by cleaning the area with alcohol wipes and inserting a needle into the tube. The tube will be clamped off just below the needle.

The radiologist will inject contrast through the tube. Contrast allows the biliary system to be seen on x-ray.

The radiologist and x-ray technologist will take pictures at different times as the contrast moves through the biliary system. Once there are enough pictures, the needle and the clamp will be removed from the tube. The tube will be taped with a small piece of tape where the needle has been removed.

After Test Instructions:

You may resume your normal activity following this test.

Test Results:

Your test will be read by a radiologist who will complete a report that will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor to receive your test results.