

X-ray

An X-ray is a type of procedure to create detailed images of the inside of your body, to assist in detecting, confirming or ruling out a diagnosis. They are most often used to examine bones and joints but can also be used to scan your organs. Your Doctor or Consultant may recommend a medical X-ray to determine a potential break or damage to your joints and bones, any issues with your lungs or heart, or if you have been having trouble swallowing.

Helping you on your way to treatment and recovery

X-rays are a type of low-exposure radiation that is passed through the body to create an image of different parts of your body. The procedure is very quick and carried out within minutes, although you will need to remain still for the imaging.

Following the x-ray, you will need to arrange an appointment to discuss your results, diagnosis and next steps for treatment with your Doctor or Consultant.

Prices & payment

We offer a guide price of:

X-ray
£120

X-ray (bilateral)
£170

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

FAQs

What does X-ray imaging involve?

Depending on the area of your body being examined, you will usually be asked to lie on a table or stand against a surface so that your Radiographer can ensure you are positioned in the right place. They will then position the X-ray tube and light over the part of your body and operate the machine. You will not be able to feel the X-ray and the procedure will be over within minutes.

What should I wear for my X-ray?

Before your X-ray, you may be asked to remove your clothing and wear a gown, although this will depend on the area being examined. It is a good idea to wear loose, comfortable clothing in case you are able to wear your clothes. You will be asked to remove any jewellery so that metal does not interfere with the equipment; this may also apply to dentures and hearing aids.

When will I receive my X-ray results?

The results of your X-ray will not be available immediately, as they will be reviewed and analysed by a Radiologist before being sent to your Doctor. You can then discuss the results at your next appointment.

Are X-rays harmful?

X-rays are a form of radiation but, whilst needless exposure to radiation should always be avoided, if you have been referred for an X-ray, it is because your Doctor or Consultant feels that the benefits will outweigh the potential negative effects of radiation. At KIMS Hospital, we use the latest equipment to ensure the dose of radiation is minimised and all of our imaging requests are justified by our expert radiographers to ensure the procedure is in your best interests.