

LOOPOGRAM

What is a loopogram?

This is a test to show the loop of bowel that has been used as a substitute for your urinary bladder.

Are there any risks in having a loopogram?

There are the usual slight risks associated with X radiation.

Female patients of child bearing age will be asked about their period dates to ensure they are not pregnant.

All X-ray procedures involve exposure to radiation in varying amounts. We are all exposed to small amounts of radiation from the atmosphere throughout our lives. Any amount of diagnostic radiation can add slightly to the normal risk of developing cancer. In all X-ray examinations, the amount of radiation is kept to the minimum necessary. Unfortunately, one in three of us are liable to develop a cancer at some stage during our lives, so the added risk from this test is very small indeed. This risk has to be balanced against the benefits you may achieve by having the procedure.

How long will I be in hospital for?

You will come to the x-ray department and should be prepared to be in the department at least an hour although the actual examination usually takes about 30 minutes.

Before the examination.

You may eat and drink normally.



On the day of the examination.

Please bring a fresh stoma bag and any dressings you may require as the bag you will have on will be taken off in order to do the examination.

What happens when I arrive in the department?

A member of staff will check your details and if necessary amend them. You will be asked to change into a cotton gown and wait in a cubicle until the x-ray room is ready for you.

No special preparation is needed.

What happens during the examination?

This examination will be performed by a radiologist (a doctor specialising in diagnosis using x-rays) or an advanced practitioner radiographer with the help of a radiographer and a nurse.

The procedure involves the insertion of a small catheter, (soft fine tube), into the stoma and inflating a small balloon on the end of the catheter to keep the catheter in place. An X-ray dye (contrast agent) is injected through the catheter to show the loops of your bowel which are joined to your stoma and x-ray pictures will be taken.

You will be lying on an X-ray bed and you may be asked to move into various positions to have X-rays taken.

What happens after the examination?

A fresh stoma bag will be put on and you may resume normal activity.

Please bring a new stoma bag with you.

How will I get my results?

The results will be sent to the doctor who sent you for this examination and you can discuss the report with them when you next visit. An appointment will be sent to you if you came as out-patient.

Choice

Your doctor has decided that this is the appropriate examination/ procedure for your condition. Any alternatives should have already been discussed with you.



Source

In compiling this information leaflet, a number of recognised professional bodies and accredited good practice guidelines have been used.

Should you have a visual impairment, this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options, please ring 0161 922 6426/7

If you have any questions that you would like to ask the Radiology Department Staff when you attend for your examination/procedure, please write them down here and bring this paper with you to aid your memory:



Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service (LIPS):

If you require an interpreter to assist your appointment, please ask an appropriate family member to contact our central booking office between **Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991** to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS)

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 **0161 922 6991** 聯絡本中央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

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