

SIALOGRAM

Your Doctor has decided that this is the appropriate examination to investigate your condition. Any alternatives should have already been discussed with you.

What is a sialogram?

This is a special x-ray examination of the salivary glands using a liquid (contrast) which shows up on x-rays to help diagnose various diseases.

What are the benefits of having a sialogram?

Your problems can be diagnosed quickly and accurately.

Are there any risks in having a sialogram?

There are the usual slight risks associated with being x-rayed.

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 usually to the x-ray department as an out-patient and the length of the examination varies between patients. You should allow up to 1 hour for your stay in the department.

What happens when I arrive in the department?

A member of staff will check your details and if necessary amend them.



What happens during the examination?

The examination will be performed by a radiologist (a doctor specialising in x-rays) with the help of a radiographer. You will lie flat for the examination. A drop of lemon juice will be put on your tongue to stimulate the production of saliva so that the radiologist can see the opening of the gland. A thin flexible tube will then be placed into the appropriate opening. The contrast is gently injected through the tube to fill the gland. You will be asked to indicate that it feels full by raising your hand. X-rays will then be taken and the contrast will show any narrowing or obstructions. You will not be sedated at all

What happens after the examination?

There are usually no side effects after this examination.

Going home

You can use your usual form of transport.

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. If your GP sent you, you need to make an appointment to see them about two weeks after the examination.

Who should I contact if there is a problem following my examination?

For advice, telephone X Ray 2 on 0161 922 6426/7 during the hours of 9.00am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Out of hours, telephone your GP.

If you have any questions:

If you have any questions about the examination, please ring the department on 0161 922 6426 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or write in the box provided and bring this leaflet with you.

Source

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

If 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.

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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Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (*Central Booking Office*), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od **08:00 - 17:00** pod numerem **0161 922 6991**.

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