



Diagnostic Imaging

Information for Patients having a Sialogram

What is a Sialogram?

This is an examination of the salivary ducts and glands in your mouth, using x-rays and x-ray dye.

How is this examination done?

You will be expected to lie on your back with your head on a foam pad for this procedure. A very small tube is put into the salivary duct. X-ray dye is then injected via the tube into the duct and will normally travel to the gland. X-ray pictures are then taken with your head rotated to the side. The pictures are then checked before the tube is removed. It may be necessary for the Consultant Radiologist to squeeze some lemon juice into your mouth to help locate the duct. Another x-ray will then be taken to check if your gland and ducts have emptied.

After your examination?

Your gland may temporarily feel full, and the area around the entrance to the duct may feel sore. You may eat and drink normally.

Contact Numbers

We hope that you have found this information useful. If you have any questions or are worried about anything, please speak to the following Dorset County Hospital Staff:

Appointments Team: 01305 254428

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