

Having an x-ray

An easy read leaflet explaining what happens when you have an x-ray at Salisbury District Hospital



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Taking pictures of the inside of your body gives doctors a lot of information.

If **you are not well**, your doctor may ask you to have an x-ray.

A letter will be sent to you before the appointment **to explain what will happen. It will suggest what clothes you should wear** to make things quicker and easier while you are being x-rayed.

When you are in the x-ray department **the staff will explain what they are going to do.**

They **will help you** if you need to change into a hospital gown.

All the **rooms are dark** so that lights can be used to help take the right picture.

A picture can be taken of **any part of the body.**

Different machines are used.

Some of the machines make a **loud noise while working.**



Some machines **need to be close to you** to do their job.

Some pictures are quick and some pictures take more time. If it takes a long time you can listen to music.



The staff will usually be in another room or section of the room while the machine is working. **Sometimes someone can stay with you** while the picture is taken.

Most results will be sent to your doctor within 2 weeks or earlier if it is urgent.



You **can phone your doctor** or **make an appointment** to see your doctor.

Once your doctor has the results **you can talk about any treatment** you may need.