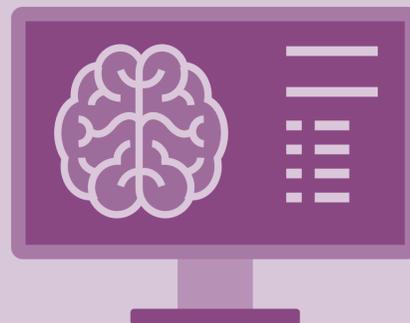


# Tests and treatments using fluoroscopy

## Your health

- Fluoroscopy uses ionising radiation (X-rays) to produce moving images of your body, much like a video.
- It helps with making diagnoses, monitoring treatment and guiding clinicians during certain procedures to help treat you in a safer, more accurate way.
- Sometimes fluoroscopy is used as part of another test or treatment. You may have been given information about this when your test was booked.



## Radiation

- Everyone receives ionising radiation every day from radioactivity in the air, food that we eat and even from space.
- The amount of radiation you receive from a fluoroscopy test will vary depending on the reason for your test or treatment.
- The main benefit of a fluoroscopy test is making the correct diagnosis, so you can get the treatment that's right for you. A specialist has agreed that this benefit outweighs the risk from the radiation.

## Our staff and equipment

- Staff are trained to take the best possible images using the lowest amount of radiation.
- Staff will explain your specific test or treatment and you will have chance to ask questions.
- Equipment is regularly checked to make sure the test is safe and effective.



## Your test

- Please tell us **BEFORE** your fluoroscopy test if:
  - There is any chance you may be pregnant
  - You have had any previous reactions to X-ray contrast injections or you know that you have poor kidney function.
- You will not have any radiation in your body after the test.

**We are here to make sure your test is right for you, so let's talk!**

If you have any questions, or if you would like us to use specific language to describe your sex, gender, identity or anatomy, please speak to a member of staff in confidence.

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