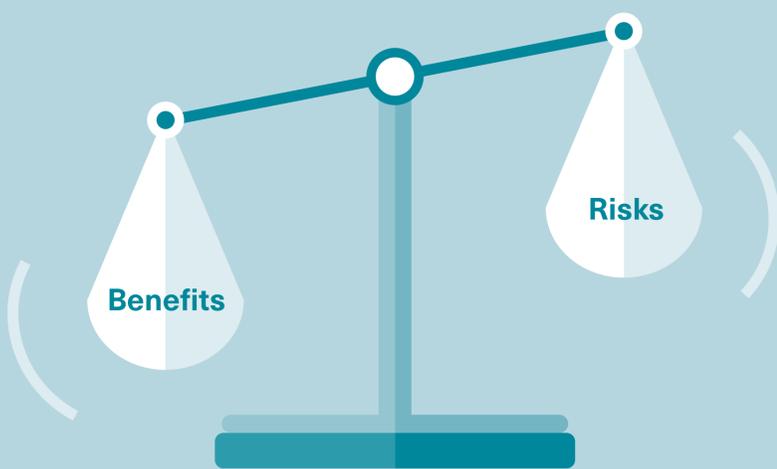


Your X-ray test

Your health

- An X-ray is a quick and painless way of taking images of your body to help us make a diagnosis so you can get the right treatment.
- X-rays are very good at demonstrating broken bones and other conditions in the body.
- You will be looked after by a trained specialist, usually a radiographer, to make sure you are safe.



Radiation

- X-ray images are produced using ionising radiation.
- Everyone receives ionising radiation every day from radioactivity in the air, food that we eat and even from space.
- The amount of radiation associated with your X-ray is small and the associated risk of harm is very low.
- A specialist has agreed that an X-ray is the best examination for you compared to other tests and the benefit of having it 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.
- Equipment is regularly checked to make sure the test is safe and effective.
- Our trained staff are able to explain the benefits and risks of your X-ray.



Your test

- Please tell us BEFORE your test if there is any chance you may be pregnant.
- Our staff will tell you when and how you will receive the results of your X-ray.
- You will not have any radiation in your body after the X-ray.

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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