

Pegogram

An information guide



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What is a pegogram?

You will previously have had a tube inserted into your stomach to aid your feeding; this test checks that the tube is working and is in the correct place.

Who performs your investigation?

A radiologist will carry out this investigation assisted by a radiographer. Radiologists are specially trained to interpret the images and carry out more complex examinations. They are supported by radiographers who are highly trained to carry out x-rays and other imaging procedures.

Before the investigation

There isn't any special preparation needed for this procedure. You can continue to take your normal medication. Please tell the radiologist about any allergies you may have including allergies to the dye used for x-ray and CT scanning.

What does the investigation involve?

The radiologist or radiographer will explain the investigation to you and then take you in to the x-ray room where you will be asked to lie on your back on the x-ray bed. The radiologist will clean around your feeding tube on your stomach and will then connect a syringe filled with a colourless dye (contrast) that will be seen on the x-ray pictures. As the liquid dye is slowly injected into your feeding tube the radiographer will take pictures.

Is it a safe investigation?

All procedures carry some risk. The investigation is carried out using an aseptic (clean) technique to reduce the risk of cross infection.

You should not experience any pain during the investigation.

There may be some leakage of the liquid dye into the abdomen. As the dye is water soluble it is easily absorbed by the body.

How long will the investigation take?

The investigation will take around 30 minutes.

When will I get the results?

The radiologist will usually discuss the findings with you informally at the end of the investigation. He/she will advise you whether it is safe to use the feeding tube. A formal report will be issued later for your consultant.

Important - Could you be pregnant?

This examination does involve using a small amount of radiation. This dose is kept to a minimum to reduce the risks to yourself.

This appointment for x-ray must fall within the first 28 days of your menstrual cycle, counting the day you started your period as day 1. If this appointment does not fall within these 28 days or if you are uncertain, please contact the radiology appointments on 0161 778 2233. **It is important that this rule is adhered to.**

If you have any questions or concerns prior to the investigation you may contact the radiology booking team on 0161 778 2233.

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