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An information guide



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What is a sinogram/fistulogram/conduitogram?

This is an x-ray examination of your wound.

Who performs the 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.

What does the investigation involve?

Once in the x-ray department you will be asked to change into a hospital gown. You will then be taken into the x-ray room and asked to lie on the x-ray bed. The radiologist will insert a small plastic tube into the opening in your wound and x-ray dye will be passed through the tube. This enables your wound to be seen on the x-ray pictures.

A number of x-ray pictures will then be taken of the area and you will be asked to lie in different positions whilst the pictures are being taken. At the end of the investigation the plastic tube will be removed and a small dressing applied. If you would normally have a drainage bag over your wound it would be advisable to bring a spare one with you.

How long does the investigation take and is it painful?

The investigation will take about 20 minutes. It is not a painful procedure though you may experience some slight discomfort around the opening on the skin when the dye is injected through the tube.

Are there any side effects/after effects?

There are no side/after effects from this investigation.

How do you get the results of your investigation?

The results of your investigation will be sent to the consultant who referred you for the investigation.

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 start your period as day 1. If this appointment does not fall within these 28 days or if you are at all uncertain, please contact 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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