Pregnancy and an x-ray

There is a risk to a developing baby, as each x-ray does involve a small dose of radiation. Every girl over the age of 12 years will be asked about their menstrual cycle before they have their x-ray. Please do not take offence, as this is Trust policy.

If you are accompanying a child for an x-ray and are pregnant yourself you will be asked to leave the room during the exposure. You may wish to consider bringing a relative or friend to stay with your child during the x-ray.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us on: 0151 228 4811 x 4197.

This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual examinations of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child’s examinations.

This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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Welcome to X-ray

Your doctor has referred you to radiology for an x-ray to see how your body works.

We perform lots of different x-rays on different parts of the body.

When you arrive at X-ray, a member of staff will greet you and explain what your x-ray involves.

To get the pictures for your test, you will need to stand, sit or lie down for a few minutes while we use an x-ray camera to take the ‘picture’.

You will not feel anything, just like having a normal picture taken. We just shine a light on the part of your body we need to see.

The most important thing is to keep still.