



Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Department.

You have been scheduled to have a **Sialogram**. This is a diagnostic procedure using fluoroscopy (a form of x-ray). This test is used to look at the salivary gland and ducts in your mouth.

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled.

Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

When to come:

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

What to Bring with You:

You may have had x-rays done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Please bring copies of the pictures with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the pictures or results to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center before your test.

Preparation:

You cannot eat or drink anything after 10 p.m. the day before your test.

Jewelry:

Please remove all jewelry from your head, mouth, and neck before your test.

Family:

Family or friends are asked to stay in the waiting area during the test

Pregnancy Testing:

Pregnancy testing will now be performed on females receiving diagnostics between the ages of 10 and 55 years old if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

Medications:

You may take medication as prescribed with 2 to 3 sips of water.

Allergies:

You will receive contrast (iodine/X-ray dye) as part of the test. Contrast is something given in order for the body part to be seen on an X-ray. If you have any known allergies to iodine or X-ray contrast, please contact your ordering doctor. You may need to take special medications before having this test.

Test Instructions:

You may be asked to wear a hospital gown for the test. The test will be explained to you by a registered x-ray technologist and you will be asked to sign a consent form before the test starts. A registered x-ray technologist will help the radiologist (a doctor specializing in reading X-rays) with your test. The test will take about 60 minutes. You will lie or sit on an x-ray table.

A radiologist will put a tiny tube into different salivary ducts in your mouth and inject contrast. Contrast allows your salivary ducts and the surrounding areas to be seen on x-ray. The radiologist and x-ray technologist may take pictures. You will then be taken immediately to the CT department to have pictures of your salivary ducts. The technologist will gently slide the tiny tube out of your mouth.

After Test Instructions:

You may resume your normal activity following this test.

Test Results:

Your test will be read by a radiologist who will complete a report that will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor to receive your test results.