



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

You have been scheduled to have a **Fistulagram** which is a Sinus Tract Injection. This is a diagnostic procedure using fluoroscopy (a form of x-ray).

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:**

Please do not schedule this test for at least 3 days after any other barium tests.

**Family:**

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

**Jewelry:**

Please remove all jewelry from your neck, chest, and belly before your 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 medications as prescribed.

**Allergies:**

You will receive contrast 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 will be asked to wear a hospital gown during the test. A registered X-ray technologist will help the radiologist (a doctor specializing in reading X-rays) with your test. Your test will take about 30-60 minutes. You will lie on an x-ray table.

A radiologist will begin the test by cleaning the area with a red soap. Then the radiologist will place a small tube and inject contrast (iodine/X-ray dye). Contrast allows the area to be seen on x-ray.

The radiologist and x-ray technologist will take pictures as the contrast enters the area. After looking at these pictures, more pictures may need to be taken by the x-ray technologist. After the pictures have been looked at by the radiologist, the small tube will be removed.

**After Test Instructions:**

None.

**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 on how to receive your test results.