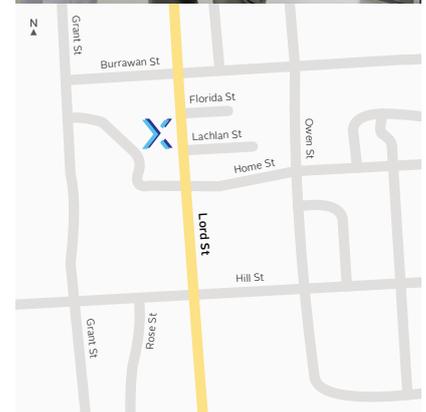
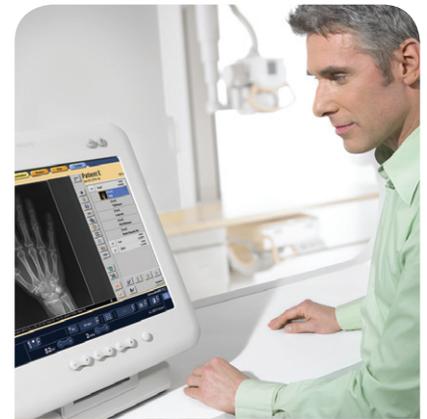


Digital X-Ray

Port Macquarie X-Ray uses the latest in state-of-the-art digital imaging technology to capture your X-Ray images. Digital imaging allows the operators to adjust and enhance the images on a computer using significantly less radiation than conventional X-Ray systems for better image quality and diagnostic accuracy. Other advantages of digital imaging include permanent archived storage and the ease and speed of distribution to your doctor or specialist via the internet. Patients and their Doctors no longer have to worry about the safe storage of printed film copies of their images.



WHAT IS A DIGITAL X-RAY?

An X-Ray is a quick procedure that is commonly used as a means of looking at the human body. Some X-Rays are performed in the standing position and others are taken lying down. Whilst X-Rays themselves are painless, in some instances, you may experience slight discomfort caused by the position you are required to be placed in during the examination.

HOW DOES X-RAY WORK?

X-Rays are a type of invisible electromagnetic radiation or light. To produce an X-Ray of the human body, the patient is placed between the X-Ray and the X-Ray detector. The Radiographer then exposes the X-Ray detector by turning on X-Rays for a tiny fraction of a second.

WHO DOES MY X-RAY AND REPORT?

The person who operates the equipment is a Radiographer. They are university trained and accredited with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The person who views and interprets the films is a doctor specialising in Radiology, known as a Radiologist. The Radiologist prepares a report for your Doctor.

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HOW DO I PREPARE FOR MY X-RAY?

You are not required to undertake any advance preparation for an X-Ray. At the clinic, you may be taken to a change room where you will be requested to remove relevant clothing and jewellery and to wear an examination gown. All metal objects such as keys, clips, buttons, coins and mobile phones etc must be removed from the path of the X-Ray beam. Some body parts which are sensitive to radiation may be protected with a lead shield.

ARE THERE ANY RISKS OR SIDE EFFECTS FROM HAVING MY X-RAY?

Female patients who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, must advise the Radiographer before the examination. If there is any doubt, a different test that doesn't use X-Rays may be performed. The risk of harm from a diagnostic X-Ray in an adult is very small and is balanced against the risk to your health by not investigating your symptoms in a clinically appropriate manner. The information gained from an X-Ray, such as early diagnosis and treatment may have significant health benefits. Current cutting-edge technology, equipment design and the skill of our operators ensure that you receive the lowest radiation dose possible.

WHAT IS THE COST OF AN X-RAY?

Most X-Rays are eligible for a Medicare rebate. Depending on your personal circumstances, the Medicare rebate may not cover the entire cost of the scan, however, please discuss costs with our reception staff at the time of booking your appointment.

THINGS TO BRING ALONG TO MY APPOINTMENT:

- › Previous films for area of clinical interest
- › Medicare or Department of Veteran Affairs card
- › Referral from your Doctor (this is a legal requirement)
- › Workcover details and claim number (if this is a Workcover claim).