

Getting an X-ray

Photo Preparation Book



This is the Radiology Waiting Room.
There are a lot of fun things to do in this
room while you wait!

The people in this room are waiting for
pictures called MRI's, Ultrasounds, CT
scans, or X-Ray's (just like you!)



Next, you will go to one of the registration desks. The patient services representative will let the technologists know that you are here.



You will also get a special bracelet that tells everyone who you are. Then you will go back to the waiting room.



An “X-RAY” is a special picture of the bones on the inside of your body.

Can you tell what each of these body parts are?



When it is time for your X-Ray,
A technologist will call your name and
walk you to the room where you will get
your pictures taken.

An x-ray technologist is the person who
will be taking your pictures!



The technologist will give you special hospital pajamas to wear while you get your picture taken.



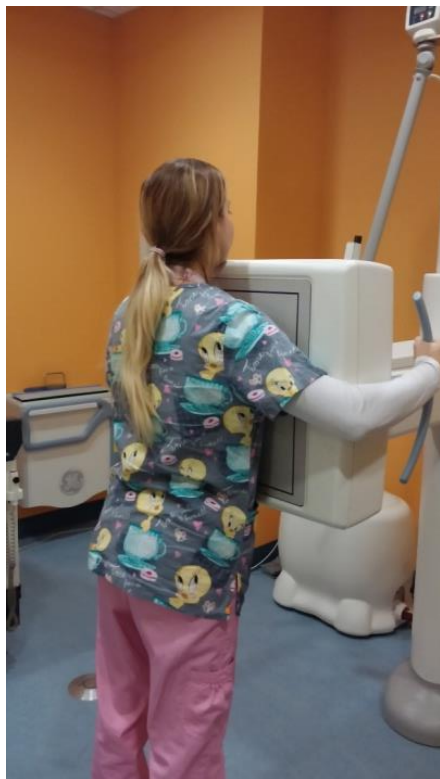
The technologist will give the grown-ups you brought with you a special outfit to wear.

Depending on which part of your body we are taking pictures of, you will need to:

Lay on a table



Stand against the board



Sit in a chair





The technologist might give you a small blanket to wear on your body or around your waist.

(Just like the one the grown-ups will wear!)

This special blanket covers the parts of your body we aren't taking pictures of!

Some kids say this blanket is a little heavy!



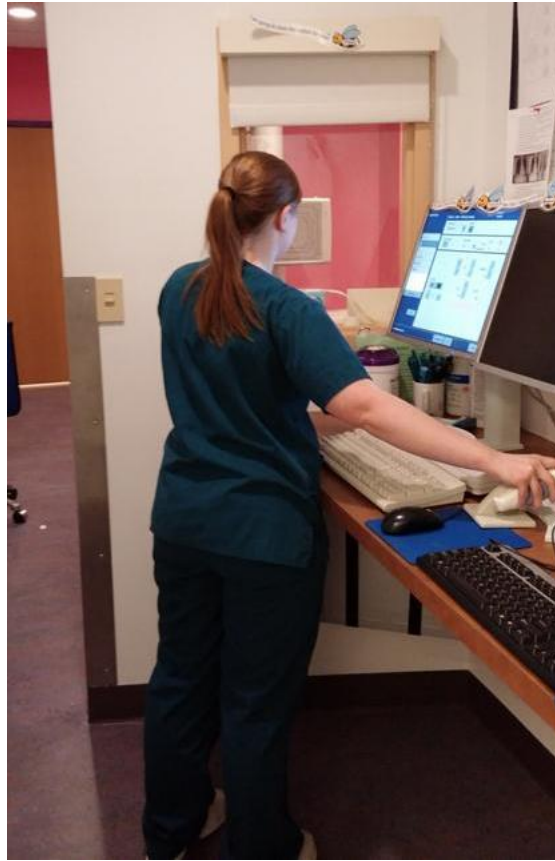
The technologist will move the camera over the body part that we need pictures of today.

The camera will shine a flashlight to make sure it is taking a picture of the right part of your body. The flashlight will be white and red.

Remember: The camera will never touch you!



Your Most Important Job while you are getting your pictures is to...**STAY REALLY, REALLY STILL!!**



Once the camera is in the perfect spot, the technologist will leave the room and stand behind a small window to take the picture.

When the camera takes your picture it makes a “clicking” noise. Just like a regular camera!

The technologist will let you know when you are done!

Additional Support

If your child has any special needs or health issues you feel the doctor needs to know about, please call the Department of Pediatric Radiology at Children's to speak with a technologist or Child Life Specialist before the test. (412) 692-5512.

It is important to notify us in advance about any special needs.

Preparing your child beforehand, as well as comforting your child during the test, will help your child have a more positive experience.

Sometimes it is difficult to know how to explain tests to children. These preparation books have been created to help you and your child feel as prepared as possible.

If you feel that your child will have difficulty during the test or needs a more developmentally appropriate explanation prior to their visit please call the Department of Pediatric Radiology's Child Life Specialist (412) 692-9532.