



Patient Information

General X-ray

What is an X-ray?

An x-ray (radiograph) is a special image that uses radiation to create pictures of bones and other internal tissues such as your lungs and bowel. Qscan uses state of the art digital x-ray equipment, resulting in a reduced amount of radiation for excellent image quality.

What preparation is required?

A basic x-ray does not require any special preparation. Metal objects such as watches, keys, coins and jewellery will show up on the x-ray, affecting the images and therefore will need to be removed. You may be provided with a gown to wear instead of your own clothes, as some materials and prints will show up on the x-ray.

What happens during your X-ray?

You will be asked to stand or lie down in different positions that allow the best digital image of the body part of interest. During the x-ray, you will be asked to remain as still as possible or hold your breath in order to improve the quality of the images. As is the case with a regular photograph, any movement will appear blurry and may require the x-ray to be repeated. There are no after effects from a general x-ray. You will be able to go about your normal activities immediately following your x-ray.

How long will the X-ray take?

An x-ray will only take a few minutes for each body part. When the test is over, it may be necessary for you to wait while the images are reviewed by the Qscan Radiologist, to see if any further images are required.

What is the radiation dose?

Having an x-ray will expose your body to a very low level of radiation. Health experts feel that the risk to your health from this is very small and the low risk is outweighed by the benefits of your test. No radiation remains in your body after the test. *If you are pregnant or think that you may be pregnant, tell your doctor and Qscan staff, as x-rays can potentially affect an unborn baby.

How much will the X-ray cost?

All x-rays are bulk billed (no out of pocket expense to the patient) to Medicare, provided that all Medicare eligibility requirements have been met. Our Customer Service Team will be able to advise you of all costs involved with your x-ray including any out of pocket cost (if relevant).

When can I get my results?

Images obtained from your scan are digitally recorded. At Qscan, a subspecialty trained Radiologist interprets the images obtained and provides a report for your doctor within 24 hours. Reports and images will be available electronically via the patient app and web portal after your examination. If required, films are available for collection or delivery to your referring practitioner. You will need an appointment with your doctor to discuss these results.

Where can I go for an X-ray?

Qscan Radiology Clinics have a range of convenient clinics located throughout South-East Queensland including: Annerley, Aspley, Burleigh Waters, Carindale, Cleveland, Everton Park, Mater Private Clinic, Mermaid Waters, Nerang, Redcliffe, Robina Town Shopping Centre, Southport, Toowong, Victoria Point, and Windsor.

For further details please call one of our friendly Qscan staff on **1300 177 226** or visit us at: qscan.com.au