

Care Gram

Hysterosalpingogram

Your doctor has ordered a hysterosalpingogram. This test is done in the Radiology Department by a radiologist. A radiologist is a medical doctor specializing in diagnosis by X-ray. A radiology technician will be assisting the doctor.

A hysterosalpingogram is an X-ray to visualize the uterine cavity and fallopian tubes. This test is usually ordered to see if there may be an obstruction of the fallopian tubes caused by infection, tumor, internal scarring, or kinking of the tube.

Allowing Time

The test can take up to one hour. Please report directly to the Radiology Department front desk for registration 20 minutes before the test is scheduled.

Before the Test

Tell your doctor if you have an allergy to X-ray dye. Schedule this test 7 to 10 days after the start of your menstrual period. Your period must be completed with no spotting. There are no dietary restrictions before this test.

During the Test

- You will be asked to change into a hospital gown
- You will be asked to go to the bathroom to empty your bladder
- The doctor will explain the procedure to you and have you sign a consent
- You will need to lie on a hard X-ray table in a position similar to that of a pelvic exam
- The vaginal area will be cleansed with betadine
- A vaginal speculum (the same as what is used for a pap test) will be inserted into the vagina
- The radiologist will visualize the cervix, insert a small catheter into the cervix and inject X-ray dye
- X-ray pictures will be taken throughout this procedure
- You may experience mild to moderate discomfort or cramps similar to menstrual cramps during the test

After the Test

- You may resume normal activities after this test
- A vaginal discharge (may include blood) may be present 1 to 2 days after the test - use a pad, no tampons
- Many times cramping similar to menstrual cramps may occur after the test
- Dizziness may occur
- Call your doctor for increased pain, vaginal discharge for more than 3 days or if you develop a fever

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