

Imaging test to be performed:

T-Tube Cholangiogram



Patient's name: _____

Test date: _____

Test time: _____

See other side for test location and registration instructions

What You Need To Know

How to prepare for your test:

Please don't eat or drink for 4 hours prior to the test.

Tell the technologist if you have any allergies (especially to iodine or seafood).

How long will the test take?

About 30 minutes.

What is the purpose of the test?

To show the bile ducts, which connect the liver and the gallbladder. This test is done several days after gallbladder surgery or common bile duct surgery in which a "T-Tube" has been left in the ducts to promote drainage.

How is the test performed?

While you lie on an x-ray table, a radiologist will inject x-ray contrast dye into the T-Tube. You will be asked to hold your breath as the x-rays are taken. The x-rays will show the radiologist your bile ducts and branches, indicating whether you have any gallstones still present in your duct system. The dye will drain into the drainage bag once the test is completed.

Required before test:

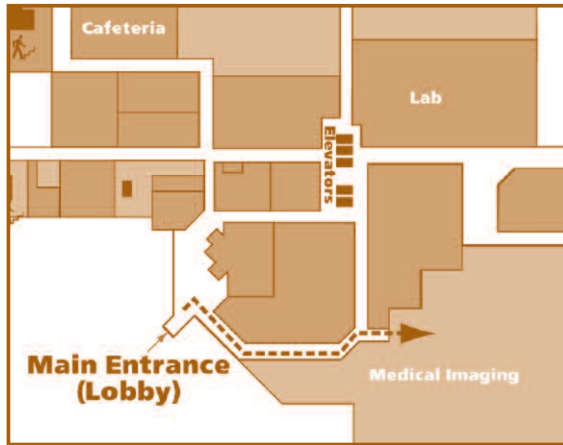
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

Your test will be conducted at:

EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department
3100 Channing Way
Idaho Falls
208-227-2600



What is an x-ray?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an x-ray. X-rays are a form of electromagnetic radiation, just like visible light. In a healthcare setting, x-rays are emitted by a machine as individual "particles" (photons) that pass through the body and then get detected by a sensitive film. Structures that are dense, such as bone, will block most of the photons and will appear white on developed film. Structures containing air will be black on film, and muscle, fat, and fluid will appear as shades of gray. Metal and contrast media block almost all the photons and will appear bright white. X-rays are also known as radiographs.

How to register:

Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes (unless otherwise instructed) before your test, which includes time for you to register. See the following schedule for guidance on where to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)