

## X-Ray Exam

### What is an X-Ray?

At Allegheny Imaging of McCandless, routine X-Rays or Radiographs are performed on the newest type of equipment called Digital Radiography. The body part in question is positioned and X-Rays are then passed through this body part. Your body is made up of different tissues. All of which have different thicknesses and allow different amounts of X-Ray to pass through them. For example: Bones are thick, so they appear white on the film where as air is thin, so it appears black on the film. These unique differences create the image.

### How do I schedule an X-Ray?

1. Make sure you have a prescription form your doctor.
2. Make sure that you have your insurance Pre-authorization. Check with your doctor's office to see if one is required.
3. Please call Allegheny Imaging of McCandless at 412-367-7226(SCAN)
4. Please tell the scheduling person that you would like to make an appointment for X-Ray.
5. For most X-Rays, you will not to make an appointment, but the scheduler will help you to determine whether an appointment is necessary.
6. You will be asked if you have ever had a X-Ray before.
7. Please read the information exactly as it is written on your prescription to the scheduler.
8. Please provide the scheduler with the authorization number.
9. Place your prescription in a safe place to bring with you to your scheduled exam.
10. Make sure you have your insurance card to bring with as well.
11. Pay attention to the preparation requirements for the exam.

### How do I prepare for an X-Ray?

For most X-Rays, there is not a preparation. If one is required the scheduler will assist you with the special instructions.

Our staff will assist you with any questions or concerns.

### What should I expect during the X-Ray?

Typically you will be asked a series of questions prior to the examination. Depending on the area of your body to be examined, you may be asked to change into a patient gown. We will position your body in certain positions while taking the X-Rays. Typically X-Ray exams take 15 minutes or less.

### What should I expect after the X-Ray?

You may resume your normal activities after the X-Ray. Your exam will be interpreted by a Sub-specialized Radiologist. This means a physician who has

extra training in this area. A written report will be sent to your physician within 2 days. Your doctor will notify you of the results.

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