



## Adult T-Tube Cholangiogram

Diagnostic Radiology (Outpatient)

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### Welcome:

We would like to welcome you to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Department.

You have been scheduled to have a T-Tube Cholangiogram. This is a diagnostic procedure using fluoroscopy (a form of x-ray).

The information contained in this pamphlet will to help you understand the test that has been scheduled.

**\* Please do not schedule this test for at least 3 days after any other barium tests.**

### When to Come, Where to Park, and Where to GO:

Please arrive 45 minutes before the time of your scheduled test.

### What to Bring with You:

You may have had x-rays done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Francis Medical Center. Please bring copies of the films with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the films or results to us at the hospital before your test.

### Prep:

None.

### Jewelry:

Please remove all jewelry from your belly before your test.

## PREGANCY TESTING POLICY

It is the policy of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center to conduct pregnancy tests on female patients having a CT, MRI, Nuclear Medicine, PET, Angiography, or X-ray exams of the abdomen area. This policy is to avoid potential harm to an unborn baby as a result of the radiation or medications given during the exam.

A pregnancy test is required prior to the procedures listed above and should be ordered by your physician if you are a female:

- Between the ages of 12 and 50 and have not had a hysterectomy
- Less than 12 years old and are having menstrual periods

Over age 50 and having menstrual periods

The pregnancy test must be done within three days prior to your exam at any OSF Saint Francis facility. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable.

If you have your pregnancy test done the day of the procedure:

- Arrive 30 minutes earlier if your are scheduled at any OSF Out Patient locations
- Arrive 60 minutes earlier if you are scheduled at Saint Francis Medical Center main campus hospital

If you know that you are pregnant please notify your physician.

### Medications:

You may take medications as prescribed.

### Allergies:

You may receive contrast as part of the test. Contrast is something given to let a part of the body be seen on an X-ray. If you have any known allergies to iodine or X-ray contrast, please contact your ordering doctor. You may need to take special medications before having this test.

### Test Instructions:

You may be asked to wear a hospital gown during the test. A registered x-ray technologist will help the Radiologist with your test. The test will take about 30 minutes. You will lie on an x-ray table under an x-ray tower.

The radiologist will begin the test by cleaning the t-tube with alcohol wipes and inserting a needle into the tube. The tube will be clamped off with hemostats just below the needle.

The Radiologist will inject contrast through the tube. Contrast allows the biliary system to be seen on x-ray.

The radiologist will take films at different times as the contrast moves through the biliary system. After looking at the films, the radiologist may need more films to be taken by the x-ray technologist. After the films have been looked at by the radiologist, the needle and the hemostat will be removed from the tube. The tube will be taped with a small piece of tape where the needle has been removed.

### Test Results:

Your test will be read by a Radiologist (doctor specializing in medical imaging). The radiologist will give a report that is typed and sent to your doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor on how to receive your test results (such as follow-up doctor appointment, calling the doctor's office, etc.).

### After Test Instructions:

None.