

Dacryocystogram Appointment

What is a Dacryocystogram?

A dacryocystogram is a special x-ray procedure that uses contrast media (x-ray dye) to see the lacrimal duct of the eye.

Do I need to follow any special instructions to be ready for a Dacryocystogram?

You can eat and drink as usual before a dacryocystogram.

If there is a possibility that you could be pregnant, please tell the staff before the procedure.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you are admitted to hospital, please tell your doctor about your Dacryocystogram appointment.

Who will perform the procedure?

The procedure will be performed by a radiologist.

What happens to me during the procedure?

The radiologist will ask you questions about your medical history and allergies. They will explain the procedure to you, and ask you to sign a consent form.

These questions are on the consent form:

- Have you had x-ray dye injection before?
- If so, when? Where?
- Have you had any problems or reactions to previous x-ray dye injections?
- Do you have any allergies e.g. hay fever, asthma?

You will be sitting up in an x-ray scanner. We will insert a fine catheter (small tube) into the tiny duct on the inner corner of the eye. The radiologist will then inject some contrast media and take X-ray pictures. You will feel some slight discomfort during this procedure. It is important that you try to relax and hold very still. Once the x-ray pictures are checked for quality, you will be able to leave the Department.

Should I expect any after effects as a result of this procedure?

If you feel any discomfort during the procedure please tell the radiologist.

You may experience some "watering" of the eye for a few hours.

If you develop hives (rashes) or itching, or experience any difficulty swallowing or breathing, contact your doctor or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

When will I know the result?

We will send the results to the person who referred you for the test. Your referrer will make arrangements to tell you the result.

Any other questions?

Please ask a member of the team in the Imaging Department.

Please:

- Do not bring any valuables with you
- Call us if you need advice

Call us as soon as possible if you can't keep this appointment – we can make you another and give yours to someone else.

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