

Department of Radiology

# Linogram (also called Tubogram)

Information for patients



## What is a linogram?

This is a short procedure carried out in the X-ray Department by a radiology doctor. The purpose of the procedure is to check the position of your line to make sure that it is in the correct position and it is safe.

## What does it involve?

A special liquid called contrast or dye which shows up on X-ray is injected into the line. As the contrast travels through the line into your body X-ray pictures are taken so that the doctor can check that the line is in the correct place.

## Preparation

No preparation is needed before this procedure.

## What happens afterwards?

If the linogram clearly shows the doctors caring for you that things are as they should be then nothing further needs to be done.

If the procedure suggests that the line needs repositioning or replacing, this will then be arranged for you.

## What are the risks of this procedure?

Rarely a patient can be allergic to the contrast that is used in the procedure. Treatment medications are readily available in the radiology department if this happens. It is difficult to predict whether someone will be allergic to the contrast.

## How to contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on the telephone number at the top of your appointment letter.

If you need an interpreter or need a document in another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221473** or email **PALSJR@orh.nhs.uk**

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