

## General X-Ray

### Preparation

- Patients should wear loose comfortable clothes (no zippers, buttons, jewellery or metallic accessories).
- Patients should arrive 10-15 minutes early to complete paperwork
- Patients must bring their request/referral form on the day (or check that their request/referral is at the practice)
- Notify Lakes Radiology team of any allergies, existing medications and if there is a chance you could be pregnant
- Patients will be given a gown to change into, removing all personal items that could interfere with the quality of images such as watches, wallet, phone, piercings, jewellery.
- Patients only are able to remain in the x-ray room during the process
- Children may require another person such as a parent or carer in the room with them

### Procedure

- A radiographer / technician will invite you to the x-ray room
- The patient will be provided with information about the procedure with ample opportunity to ask questions about the procedure
- The patient may be positioned in different ways to obtain images of the area being x-rayed
- The radiographer / technician will review the x-rays and may perform additional images
- The patient will be informed when the procedure is finished
- A radiologist will view the images and will provide a report to the referring doctor
- The result will be forwarded to the patient's referring doctor
- Patients should contact the referring doctor for the result
- Urgent reports will be forwarded expediently

### Risks or Side Effects

- X-rays are usually painless
- Radiation levels are considered to be too low to cause adverse health effects.