YOUR DOCTOR HAS REQUESTED A FISTULAGRAM

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Your appointment is on ___/___ at __ : __ PM in adult Radiology DCAM 1C. Please arrive 20 minutes early to this appointment to complete the necessary paperwork.

PURPOSE: To create an image of your fistula. (A fistula is a new passage that the human body will sometimes create to get around some kind of blockage or constriction. They don’t always go where they’re supposed to.)

PREPARATION: There is no preparation for this exam.

EXAMINATION: The technologist will ask you to lie on an exam table under a fluoroscope. The fluoroscope is basically an X-ray camera that allows the radiologist to watch your fistula on a screen. Let them know if you are allergic to iodine or any other form of injected contrast medium.

First the radiologist will slide a thin tube as far as possible into your fistula. This may be somewhat uncomfortable, but it’s not painful. Then, when this tube is in place, contrast solution will run through it to show the end of your fistula on the fluoroscope. The radiologist will be watching the screen to see where the fistula connects. The entire exam will take about 15-30 minutes.

POST PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS: A report will be sent to your doctor within two working days.

If you are unable to keep your appointment please contact us 24hrs in advance to cancel.
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