HYSTEROSALPINGOGRAM DESCRIPTION AND PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

YOUR DOCTOR HAS REQUESTED A HYSTEROSALPINGOGRAM EXAMINATION

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

PURPOSE: To rule out constriction or obstruction of the Fallopian tubes

PREPARATION: If you will be having your period on the day of your appointment, please call us so that we can reschedule you. Too much menstrual fluid in your uterus will obscure this scan. If you have never had an exam of this kind before, we recommend that you take your normal pain medication before coming in.

EXAMINATION: The technologist will ask you to lie on a padded exam table under a fluoroscope. The fluoroscope is basically an x-ray camera that allows the radiologist to watch your uterus and fallopian tubes on a monitor. Let the technologist know if you are allergic to iodine or any other form of injected contrast medium.

When the radiologist is ready to begin, your gynecologist will slide a very thin tube into your uterus. This will be somewhat uncomfortable, but should not be painful. When this tube is in place, a contrast solution (renograffin) will be injected through it. The radiologist will be able to watch the contrast fill your uterus and move into your fallopian tubes on the fluoroscopy screen. Any blockage or constriction of the tubes will be visible to the doctor. The radiologist will take a few images for documentation of the study.

The entire procedure will take approximately 20 minutes. A female technologist or physician will always be present during this exam.

POST PROCEDURE INSTRUCTIONS:
Most of the contrast solution will flow out once the procedure is completed. It will be absorbed with a towel. The technologist will give you a sanitary pad to wear for the remainder of the day. Your gynecologist will review the exam with the radiologist and discuss the results with you before you leave the examination room.

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

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