



Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Department.

You have been scheduled to have a **hystersalpingogram**, also called a Hystero. This is a diagnostic test using fluoroscopy (a form of x-ray).

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled.

Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

**When to come:**

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

**What to Bring with You:**

You may have had x-rays done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Please bring copies of the pictures with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the pictures or results to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center before your test.

**Preparation:**

None.

**Jewelry:**

Please remove all jewelry from your belly before your test.

**Family:**

Family or friends may be asked to stay in the waiting area during the test

**Pregnancy Testing:**

A pregnancy test may be required for females between the ages of 12 and 55 years old if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

**Medications:**

You may take medication as prescribed.

**Allergies:**

You will receive contrast (iodine/X-ray dye) as part of the test. Contrast is something given in order for the body part to be seen on an X-ray. If you have any known allergies to iodine or X-ray contrast, please contact your ordering doctor. You may need to take special medications before having this test.

**Test Instructions:**

The test will be explained to you by a registered x-ray technologist. You will be asked to wear a hospital gown during the procedure. Your test will take about 60 minutes. You will be asked to lie on an x-ray table.

Your gynecologist will clean the area with a red colored soap called betadine. Then once the area is clean a device called a speculum is placed into the vagina. A small tube/catheter will be put into your uterus. Contrast (iodine/X-ray dye) will be injected into the uterus through the catheter. While the contrast is injected, you may feel some discomfort or cramping. Pictures will be taken. The contrast allows your reproductive system to be seen on x-ray.

**After Test Instructions:**

You may experience some cramping and light bleeding.

**Test Results:**

Your test will be read by a radiologist ( a doctor specializing in reading X-rays -)who will complete a report that will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor to receive your test results.