



If you or your carer need help while you are in the hospital, ask one of the nurses to call PALS on ext 73018, 73002 or 73042.



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# Having an X-ray

## What will happen?

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An X-ray is a photograph of the inside of your body. If you are hurt, your doctor (GP) may want you to have an X-Ray.



Sometimes, if you are very ill or hurt, you may need to go to the Accident and Emergency Department (A&E). They might send you for an X-ray



When you arrive at the X-ray department, the receptionist will take your card and will ask you to wait in a special area.



If you have been sent by A&E you will go to the X-ray department on a trolley or in a wheelchair. Your carer can go with you.



When the nurse is ready for you, she will call you and may ask you to undress in a changing room. If you do have to undress, the nurse will give you a hospital gown to wear



The nurse may also ask you to take off your jewellery or watch, if it is near where you are hurt. Give them to your carer to look after. You can put them back on in a short while after the X-ray.



You may have to stand up or lie down on a bed under the X-ray machine. The nurse may take a few moments to place the machine in the right place.



The nurse will ask you to stay very still and then go behind a screen to press a button. This will beep while the X-ray is being taken.



Your carer can stay in the room with you but may be asked to stand away from the machine while it is beeping. The X-ray will only take a few seconds and will not hurt. The nurse will then check the X-ray to make sure the right area is taken.



You can then go and get dressed and leave. The results of the X-ray will be looked at by your doctor.