



St. Luke's Imaging Services Patient/Family Information
T-Tube Cholangiogram

What is a T-Tube cholangiogram procedure?

A T-Tube cholangiogram is a procedure done after a patient's gallbladder has been removed and a surgeon has placed a tube in the patient's right side to drain the bile ducts. The exam evaluates the drain to make certain it is functioning properly. The bile ducts and first section of the small bowel (duodenum) will be imaged. This exam takes about 30 minutes.

Preparation

Please bring your medication list with you to your exam.

The patient is to have a clear liquid breakfast the day of the exam.

What Happens During the Test?

A radiologist or x-ray technologist will inject a mixture of x-ray contrast and saline through the existing T-Tube while the abdomen is imaged.

Who interprets the results and how do I get them?

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician the time needed to review these results.

Outpatient Instructions

Please register 30 minutes before the scheduled exam time at the Outpatient Registration desk at the West Entrance. After registering, testing will be done in the Imaging Services Department on the second floor. Please use the elevators past registration on the left.

Name _____

Exam date/time _____