



St. Luke's Imaging Services Patient/Family Information
Arthrogram

What is an arthrogram procedure?

An arthrogram is the study of a joint space. This exam is done using fluoroscopy with a radiologist. A contrast or dye is injected into the joint space that is to be evaluated. This exam takes approximately 30 minutes. This procedure can also involve imaging the area with an MRI or CT scanner as well.

Special Note

Before the exam, please tell your doctor if you are or think you may be pregnant or are nursing.

Preparation

Patients should inform their physician if they are allergic to x-ray contrast.

Please bring your medication list with you to your exam.

What Happens During the test?

After cleaning the joint area, the area is numbed with a local anesthetic and a needle is placed in the joint space. Contrast is injected and images are taken by the fluoroscopy machine and possibly the MRI or CT scanner following the fluoroscopy portion of the exam.

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 appointment 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 _____