



Chelsea Outpatient Centre is at 280 Kings Road, just past Chelsea Town Hall and on the same side of the road as Chelsea Fire Station. The entrance is next to the furniture store, Poliform.

Well positioned for Sloane Square and South Kensington tube stations, the Centre has good road links to Victoria mainline station and London's major airports.

By tube: The nearest underground stations are Sloane Square and South Kensington (District and Circle lines), both of which are about 15 minutes walk away.

By bus: Bus numbers 11, 19, 22 and 319 stop just outside Chelsea Outpatient Centre.

By train: The nearest mainline train station is London Victoria, which is about 15 minutes walk away.

Local parking facilities: Car parking is limited in the Kings Road area, although there is a public car park nearby in Sydney Street and some metered parking is also available locally.

Name: _____

Appointment date: _____

Arrival time: _____

Scan time: _____

Your consultant's name: _____

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 280 kings road

Notes for patients:

Your arrival time is set to accommodate registration and allows your details to be updated on the hospital system prior to your appointment.

Before arriving you **MUST** obtain specific pre-authorisation for x-ray from your insurance company. You will be asked for these details during registration. If you are paying for your scan yourself, please bring a method of payment with you to your appointment. All major credit cards are accepted, as are personal cheques up the limit of your cheque guarantee card.

Cancellation fees apply: If you're late for your appointment, your scan may need to be re-booked. A cancellation fee will be charged for late arrivals or cancellations where less than 24 hours' notice is given.

Please note: we do not have childcare facilities at Chelsea Outpatient Centre.

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X-ray





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An x-ray is an image of internal structures in the body. X-rays are used to identify problems with your skeleton and for detecting some disease processes in your soft tissue.

Fluoroscopy is another type of x-ray which is used to obtain real-time moving images of internal structures, like the stomach, liver and intestines, through the use of a fluoroscope. You may be asked to swallow a contrast material like barium so that the radiologist can see your internal organs even more clearly. Air and barium are also used together as a "double contrast" for even greater detail.

What is an x-ray?

X-rays are a form of radiation like light or radio waves, which pass through most objects, including the body. Different parts of the body absorb the x-rays in varying degrees. Dense bone absorbs most of the radiation while soft tissue, such as muscle, fat and organs, allow more of the x-rays to pass through them. As a result, bones appear white on the x-ray, soft tissue shows up in shades of gray and air appears black.

How does x-ray work?

An x-ray machine produces a controlled source of radiation that passes through the body, recording an image on a special digital image recording plate.

What do I need to do before the x-ray?

Most bone x-rays don't require any special preparation. However, women should always inform the radiologist if there is any chance they are pregnant: many imaging tests are not performed during pregnancy so as not to expose the foetus to radiation.

What happens during the x-ray?

At your appointment, you may be asked to remove some or all your clothes and to wear a gown during the exam. You'll be asked to stay as still as possible whilst the x-ray is taken, to ensure a clear image is produced. Although the radiographer will go behind a screen, you will be seen and heard at all times should you have a problem.

Who does the x-ray?

The x-ray is performed by a radiographer and your results are reported by a specialist Consultant Radiologist.

How long will it take?

The process of taking the film will last only a few minutes, but the radiographer may need to take further x-rays at different exposures or, different positions. This usually takes no more than 5 - 10 minutes, and your total time in the department should be about 20 minutes

What happens after the x-ray?

The results and images will be sent to your referring clinician within 48 hours. If required, we may be able to provide urgent results sooner. We can also provide you with your own copy of the images on CD.

Rearranging an appointment

If you need to rearrange or cancel an existing appointment, call the Imaging team on **020 7349 3851** .

Any other questions?

If you have any other questions about your x-ray, just contact a MR radiographer on **020 7349 3851** .