

Myelogram

Description

A myelogram is a radiologic examination of the space around the spinal cord (the subarachnoid space). A contrast medium (commonly called "dye") will be injected into your spinal canal.

What does the equipment look like?



Examples of the Table, Fluoroscopic Image Intensifier, and Overhead X-ray Tube.

Reasons for having a specialized Myelogram

Myelography is most commonly used to detect abnormalities of the spinal cord, the spinal canal, the spinal nerve roots and the blood vessels that supply the spinal cord, including:

How do I prepare for a Myelogram?

Please leave your jewelry and valuables at home. Please wear comfortable clothing with no metal or zippers to the exam. You may be asked to remove some or all of your clothes and to wear a gown during the exam. You may also be asked to remove jewelry, eyeglasses and any metal objects or clothing that might interfere with the x-ray images.

- Your appointment must be set up by an ordering physician's office only. Non-staff physicians are to speak with our Neuro Radiologist.
- Office or patient to bring any previous CT or MRI scans with reports on day of the procedure.
- Orders, history & physical, and lab results are to be faxed to (626) 397-2120
- Patient may have light meal on day of procedure and may also take medications. However, the patient will need to stop taking blood-thinning medications, usually 5 days prior to procedure, depending on the type of medication. Please check with your ordering M.D.
- Patient is to have labs 2-3 days prior to the myelogram, which includes CBC, BMP, PT, PTT.
- Patient must be able to lie prone (face down, on stomach).
- Patient will be required to stay 4 hours after the procedure.
- Patient must be driven to and from their appointment.
- Faxed orders must include diagnosis and if needed any labs that will be sent on the specimen.

Any questions, do not hesitate to call (626) 397-5139