

## Medical Imaging patient information

### General screening procedure

#### Sinugram-Fistulogram

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**What is a Sinugram?** A sinus is an opening or tract between two tissues or organs, sometimes occurring after surgery. A sinugram is the radiographic examination looking at the tract or sinus and where it goes within the body. It is sometimes referred to as a fistulogram.

Please phone 9508 1444 during business hours (8 am – 6 pm Monday to Friday) or visit the Medical Imaging Department to make your appointment.

#### What preparation is required?

You will need to remove all clothing except your underpants and change into a hospital gown.

#### What do I need to bring?

Please bring your doctor's referral and any previous relevant X-rays or scans. The radiologist may use your previous X-rays and scans to compare with images taken from this current examination.

#### What is involved?

You will lie on your back on the X-ray table and a hospital drape will be placed across your body. A small tube will be inserted into the opening of the sinus and X-ray contrast will be gently injected into the tract. The tube may need to be repositioned if the tract is deep. Following the procedure you will be taken to a private bathroom to use the toilet facilities.

#### Are there any side effects?

Some people may experience mild discomfort during the procedure. Please alert a staff member if you experience any symptoms of nausea. This is not an allergic reaction.

#### How long will this take?

This procedure will take approximately 30 - 45 minutes to complete.

#### How do I get my results?

Digital images are immediately available to your doctor and your records will be kept permanently. This occurs through a system called PACS. **If a priority report is requested it will be issued within two hours and faxed or emailed to your doctor, however this can sometimes take up to 24 hours.** If your referring doctor wants to see you on the day of your examination, please advise the reception staff when you arrive for your appointment, so that the appropriate information can be made available for you to take to your doctor.

#### How much will this cost?

Please discuss this with the receptionist at the time of booking your procedure.

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**Please note**

It is important to bring with you your referral, previous X-rays and any other tests (only if previous ones were **not** done at Cabrini or MIA).

For an appointment, or if you have any questions about the test, please call **9508 1444**.