

SIALOGRAM

Purpose:

A sialogram locates stones or other blockage of a salivary duct.

How long will this procedure take?

This examination takes approximately 45 minutes.

Preparation:

None.

Procedure:

You will be asked to remove any metal you may have on your neck or head (jewelry, dentures, etc.) and you will be positioned on an x-ray table where the radiologic technologist will perform “scout” films of the area of the salivary glands. She will check these with the radiologist prior to the beginning of the examination.

The radiologist will insert a tiny tube into the affected salivary gland and inject a small amount of contrast material into the duct. The technologist will take several different views of the gland. When the films have been reviewed and approved by the radiologist, the technologist will have you suck on a lemon wedge to empty the gland of contrast material, and will take a film afterwards.

All your films will be reviewed by the radiologist before you leave the department to assure that no additional films are necessary.

After the examination:

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report which will be sent to your physician within the next 24 hours.