

Chest X-ray

A chest X-ray can help us evaluate the lungs, heart, and chest wall. It can also help us understand problems such as coughing, chest injuries, or chest pain.

How we do a chest X-ray

A member of our team will meet with you. We ask about your child's medical history, tell you about the chest x-ray, and answer your questions.

Your child may change into a loose fitting hospital gown and will need to remove all necklaces or other jewelry in the chest area.



Child standing for chest X-ray

Taking the chest X-ray

Your child will sit or stand in front of the X-ray camera and be very still. Before taking the X-ray picture, they take a big breath and hold it for a few seconds (if old enough).

Taking a chest X-ray is like taking a picture. Your child does not feel anything but may hear the X-ray camera make a funny noise. The X-ray table may feel cool.

Small children may need your help

Toddlers can sit at the end of the table or in a special chair. Infants will lie down on the X-ray table. Sometimes young children may need your help holding still. Pregnant caregivers may not be in the exam room during the procedure.



Toddler sitting for chest X-ray

After the chest X-ray

A Radiologist will read the exam and send the results to your child's doctor. Your child's doctor will review the results. Their office will share these results with you.

Radiology

For contacts and locations visit:

www.cookchildrens.org/services/radiology/contact-us/

or



These instructions are only general guidelines. Your health care provider may give you special instructions. If you have questions or concerns, please call your health care provider.