

## Radiology Imaging Services

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## What is a chest X-ray?

### The most common radiology exam.

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

## How do we do a chest X-ray?

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

## No special preparation for a chest X-ray.

Your child will:

- Change into a loose fitting hospital gown. This depends on the type of material or clothing design they are wearing.
- Remove all necklaces or other jewelry in the chest area.
- Sit or stand in front of the X-ray camera.
- Take a big breath and hold it for a few seconds (if old enough) before taking the X-ray picture.
- Need to be very still.

## Small children may need help

If a child is not old enough to stand, we may ask parents to help. Sometimes young children need help holding still.

**Infants:** Lie down on the X-ray table.

**Toddlers:** Sit at the end of the table or in a special chair.

## How does a chest X-ray feel?

### Taking a chest X-ray is like taking a picture.

- The X-ray table may feel cool.
- Your child does not feel anything but may hear the X-ray camera make a funny noise.

**Expectant mothers may not be in the exam room during the procedure.**

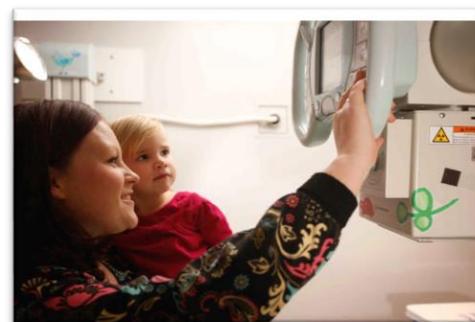
## Where do I have my chest X-ray?

### Radiology locations for chest X-rays:

1. Dodson Specialty Clinic Building
2. Cook Children's Radiology Department - Medical Center
3. Cook Children's Radiology Center- Hurst

## 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.**



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