



## **Chest X-Ray**

### ***Preparation Needed:***

Please refrain from using lotions and other oily substances that can interfere with contacts. Women should always inform their doctor or x-ray technologist if there is any possibility that they are pregnant. Otherwise no preparation is necessary.

### ***Brief Description of Test:***

The chest x-ray is the most commonly performed diagnostic x-ray examination. A chest x-ray is usually done for the evaluation of lungs, heart and chest wall. Pneumonia, heart failure, emphysema, lung cancer and other medical conditions can be diagnosed or suspected on a chest x-ray.

### ***Why Am I Taking This Test?***

A chest x-ray is typically performed as the first imaging test for symptoms of shortness of breath, a bad or persistent cough, chest pain, chest injury or fever. Individuals with known or suspected medical conditions such as congestive heart failure may undergo chest x-rays to follow their response to treatment, or to determine changes that would require a change in their medical management.

*Please call our office with additional questions.*