



PEDIATRIC X-RAY

Frequently Asked Questions

1 How much radiation is used? Should I be concerned?

A single chest x-ray uses a small amount of radiation, comparable to one day of background radiation. This radiation does not stay in your child's body after the exam.

Suburban Imaging participates in the *Image Gently* campaign, an initiative of the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging. Image Gently promotes radiation protection in the imaging of children. Additionally, Suburban Imaging has procedures in place to ensure each exam is appropriate for each patient.

2 Can I stay in the room?

You may stay in the room during your child's exam. You will be asked to wear appropriate shielding.

3 Why do you take multiple x-rays?

Multiple images may be needed to show the area from different views, which can aid in diagnosis.

4 Why do you need to limit movement?

In some cases, devices need to be used to help keep your child as still as possible. Movement during the exam can blur the images, making it difficult to make a diagnosis.

5 When will I get the results?

Technologists operate the imaging equipment and ensure high-quality images are obtained. Your technologist is not able to give you the results. After your child's exam, the images will be interpreted by a board-certified radiologist. The findings will be sent within a few hours to your healthcare provider, who will contact you to discuss the results.

**Suburban
imaging**