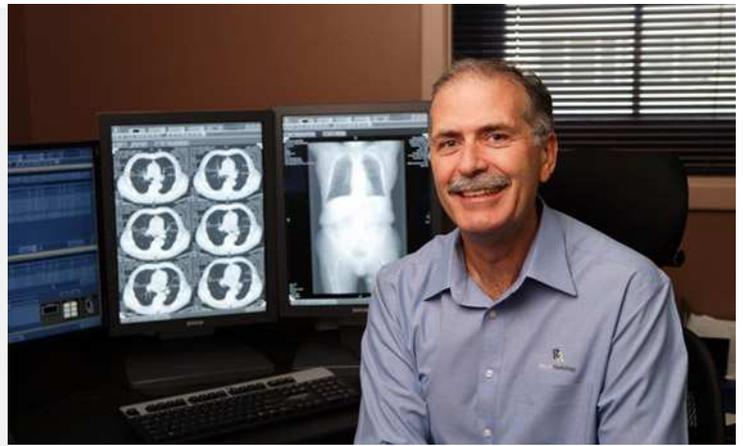


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## OPG & CEPHALOMETRY PATIENT INFORMATION

### What is an OPG?

An Orthopantomogram, or OPG, is a special type of x-ray that looks at the lower face, teeth, jaw joints and maxillary sinuses by displaying them in a long flat line. This x-ray can demonstrate the number of teeth as well as their position and growth, and is particularly useful to assess teeth that have not yet surfaced.

### What is Lateral Cephalometry?

A Lateral Cephalogram (or Lat Ceph) is an x-ray taken of the side of the face using specialised imaging equipment so that accurate measurements can be made to determine the current and future relationship of the top and bottom jaw (maxilla and mandible) and therefore assess the nature of a patient's bite. This type of imaging is commonly used to plan orthodontic treatment.

### What preparation is involved?

No preparation is involved for an OPG or Cephalometry.

### Can I take my medications as normal?

You can take all your medications as normal.

### What will happen during the examination?

You may be asked to remove jewellery or any metal objects as these can interfere with the x-ray. The radiographer will then position you in order to obtain the requested x-ray image. You will be required to stay still while the x-ray image is taken. You may then be repositioned several times and the process repeated in order to obtain all the x-ray views requested. The radiographer will then review all the images taken and once all satisfactory images are obtained your examination is complete.

### Please Note:

#### Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Request form (if referral from GP / Specialist)
- Medicare Card
- Any relevant previous x-rays

#### Obtaining your results:

Your images will be processed and then reported by a Radiologist. A copy of the report will be sent back to the doctor / specialist who referred you for the examination.

You will need to follow up the results of your examination with your referring doctor / specialist.

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### How long will the examination take?

The x-rays will usually take 5-10 minutes, depending on how many different views / images your doctor has requested.

### Are there any risks?

When having an x-ray you will receive a small dose of x-ray radiation. The potential benefits of diagnosing a medical condition are believed to be greater than the risks from receiving a small dose of x-ray radiation.

**Before your x-ray please let the Radiographer know if you are, or think you may be pregnant.**

### What happens after the examination?

After the examination is complete a radiologist will review the images taken and produce a report. This report and a copy of the images taken will then be forwarded to the doctor who referred you for the examination.

### Who can I contact if I am not sure about something?

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact our reception staff on 8275 1906 during business hours, and they will assist with your questions, or direct you to the most appropriate staff member to assist you.

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### Questions?

Please feel free to call us on 82751906 for any questions before or after the procedure and you will be directed to the appropriate health care professional.

### Where can I park?

You may park your car on Daws Road, or in the "Clinics" outpatients car park, this is the first entrance on the left off Daws Road. Follow the walkway to Repat Radiology, it is well signposted.

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