

When do I get the results?

The specialist performing the procedure may be able to give you an idea of what the test has shown on the day of your HSG, but will need to study the images in more detail before giving a final report.

The information is reported to the consultant who sent you for the test. Results will be given at your next follow up appointment at the fertility clinic.

Our service

Our aim is to make your visit to the Royal Infirmary Little France and the Main X- Ray Department in particular as pleasant as possible.

For further information

Please do not hesitate to telephone the Appointments Office on Tel: 0131 242 3716 if you have any questions not answered in this information leaflet.

We make every effort to provide a good service to patients. If you are asked to complete a questionnaire after your examination, we would be grateful for your time.

Interpretation and Translation

Your GP will inform us of any interpreting requirements you have before you come to hospital and we will provide an appropriate interpreter. If you are having this procedure as an existing in-patient, staff will arrange interpreting support for you in advance of this procedure. This leaflet may be made available in a larger print, Braille or your community language.



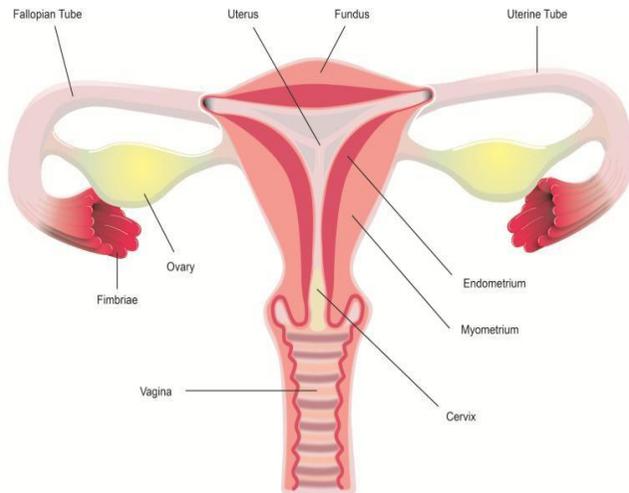
Hysterosalpingogram (HSG)

Information for Patients



What is a hysterosalpingogram (HSG) and why do I need it?

A HSG is a special X-ray examination which looks at your uterus (womb) and fallopian tubes. It aims to show whether your uterus is normal and if your fallopian tubes are blocked or damaged.



It may explain why you have not been able to get pregnant and it will help your doctor decide the most appropriate treatment for you.

How to prepare for your examination

In order to perform this examination it is very important that you follow the following instruction.

- You must refrain from unprotected sexual intercourse from the start of your period (day 1) until after the procedure.
- We cannot perform the examination if you are having your period. Therefore, if your period is due to come at the time of the appointment please let us know immediately so we can reschedule.
- You will be asked to change into a gown and will then be taken through to the imaging room.
- You may bring someone to the department on the day of the appointment but they will not be able to be in the room during the examination.

What happens during the examination?

Once in the x-ray room you will meet the specialist who will conduct the examination, assistant and radiographer. The procedure will be explained to you and any questions answered.

- Similar to a smear test, a speculum will be placed in the vagina, after

which a small tube will be passed into the uterus itself. A clear fluid, which will show up on x-ray is injected until the best picture of the womb and tubes is obtained.

- Some women feel a little period like discomfort, but this wears off quickly.
- Once the tube and speculum have been removed a sanitary pad will be put in place to absorb any of the clear fluid which will leak out.

How long will the HSG take?

This examination will last between 15 and 30 minutes.

What happens after the examination?

- After the examination you may get some slight vaginal bleeding (spotting), this is not unusual.
- If you have pain you may take the type of pain relief you would usually take for period pains.
- You are advised not to wear a tampon for 48 hours after the procedure. You can use sanitary towels during this time.
- Normal sexual activity can be resumed whenever you are ready to do so