

ARTHROGRAM (Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist, Hip, Knee, Ankle)

PREPARATION

There is no preparation for this test.

PROCEDURE

This exam involves injection of contrast media (x-ray dye) into the synovial capsule which surrounds a joint. It yields information about supporting ligaments, cartilage, joint linings and the presence and location of loose bodies. This procedure may also be performed to locate a needle during an aspiration procedure. This test is done using sterile technique.

Time to perform: 30 minutes per joint.