

CHOLANGIOGRAM VIA DRAINAGE TUBE

PREPARATION

Nothing to eat or drink for 4 hours prior to the test.

The drainage tube should be clamped for a period of 2 - 4 hours prior to the procedure to reduce the incidence of air bubbles in the tube which can mimic the appearance of stones.

PROCEDURE

A drainage tube will have been left in place after the surgery. X-rays will be taken as x-ray dye is injected into this tube to demonstrate the bile duct and its branches to see if there are gallstones still present in the duct system.

Time to perform: 30 minutes