

HYSTEOSALPINGOGRAM

PREPARATION

This procedure must be done within 10 days after the onset of menstruation. **A negative pregnancy test within 24 hours prior to the exam is required.** Instructions for this test will be provided by the gynecologist.

This procedure should not be performed if an active inflammatory condition exists. Discuss this with the ordering physician.

PROCEDURE

The patient is positioned on the exam table, with her knees bent. A speculum is inserted into the cervix. The cervix is cleansed, clamped, a catheter is inserted, the speculum is removed and the patient is carefully situated underneath the fluoroscopy device. The contrast material is injected into the uterine cavity, fallopian tubes and peritoneal cavity and fluoroscopic images are taken.

When the procedure is complete, the catheter will be removed and the patient will be allowed to sit up.

This exam may cause discomfort. There also may be slight irritation of the peritoneum, causing generalized lower abdominal pain. Most women experience vaginal spotting for a few days after the examination, which is normal. The contrast media and cleaning solution may also leak out post procedure, so women are encouraged to bring a pad with them - or one will be provided. Please do not use a tampon as this may introduce infection.

Time to perform: 15 minutes