

Dacrocystogram – A Patients Guide

What is a Dacrocystogram?

A Dacrocystogram is an X-ray examination to show the tear ducts. A small amount of colourless liquid, visible to x-rays is injected into the tear ducts using a very fine smooth ended probe. X-rays are then taken to show the ducts.

Before your Dacrocystogram

No preparation is required for this examination

Who will be doing the Dacrocystogram?

The procedure will be performed by a Radiologist. They will be assisted by a Radiographer and a Nurse.

What happens during the Dacrocystogram?

You will be asked to lie down on the examination couch. The Radiologist will then insert a small cannula into the opening of the tear duct which is located at the corner of your eye in the eyelid. The X-ray equipment will then be positioned over your head. A small amount of contrast media is then injected into the duct and images are taken. The cannula is then removed.

Are there any side/after effects?

You may get a strange taste in your mouth and a slight sticky feeling around your eye. This is from the contrast media. You will be given something to wipe your eye with and a small glass of water to drink.

Can you eat and drink afterwards?

Yes, if you have no further tests scheduled for the same day – please check first.

When will you get the results?

The scan will be examined after your visit and a written report on the findings sent to your referring doctor.