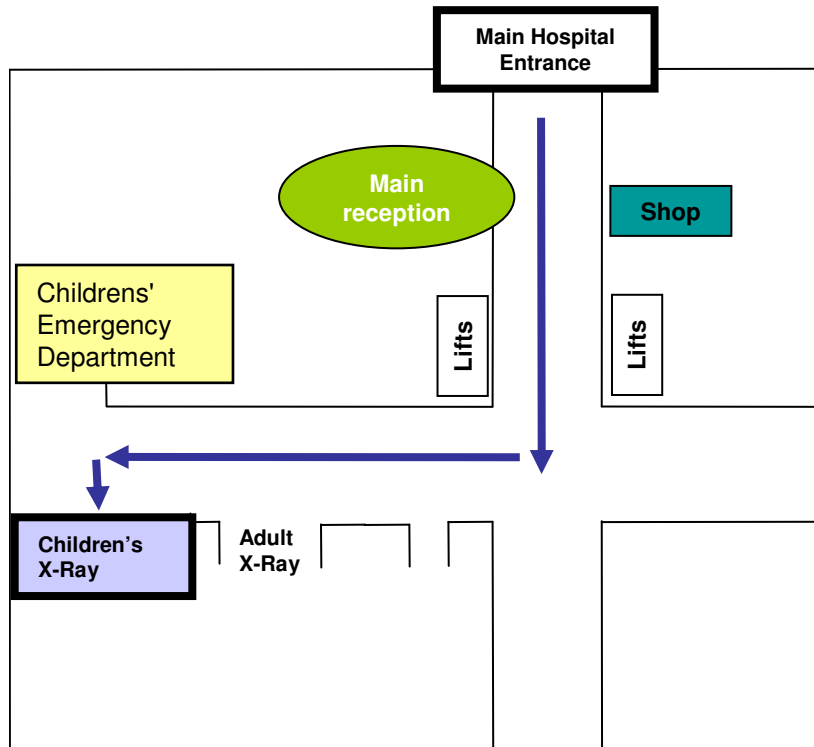


## Where is Paediatric X-Ray?

On arrival at the main atrium, go past the Reception Desk and take the corridor to your right.

Follow down that corridor and Children's X-Ray is on your left hand side.

Children's X-Ray is clearly signposted.



We advise that the content of this leaflet be discussed with your GP/ Practice Nurse.

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# Parent/Guardians Information

## Children's X-Ray Barium Swallow/Meal

### A Guide for Parents/Guardians



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#### Statement of Values

Respect - Caring - Openness - Partnership -  
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## What does the Procedure involve?

Following registration, the child will be given barium to drink in the x-ray room, this outlines the gullet and stomach.

The Radiologist (a Doctor who specialises in X-Rays) will watch the passage of the barium on a TV screen and take a series of X-Ray Films.

After the films have been checked, you may go home.

## When will I get the Results?

A copy of the result will be sent to the referring doctor.

The doctor will receive the report within 3 days.

Parents should make an appointment to see the doctor at this time where the result will be explained to them.



## Who should be with your child?

- Bring Two Adults with **ALL** Children aged five and under.
- Bring Two Adults with an anxious Child of any age.
- If Mum could be pregnant bring an extra adult.
- Do **NOT** bring anyone else who could be pregnant.
- Do **NOT** bring any other children with you.
- Phone **4143762** or **4143737** if you need to know more.



## What is Barium Meal or Swallow?

This is a special X-Ray examination of the oesophagus (gullet) and stomach.

## Is there Special Preparation/ Requirements Prior to having the Test?

### **Yes**

Patients under two years of age must fast for 3-4 hours.

Two bottles are needed, one empty to fill with barium and one full with a normal feed



A change of clothes is necessary also.

Patients over two years of age must fast from midnight the night before (nothing to eat or drink).