Sialogram

A sialogram is an x-ray of the salivary glands that incorporates the injection of dye into the duct of the gland. It is performed in order to study the structures where the saliva is expelled into the mouth.

There is no preparation required for a sialogram and all regular medications may be taken prior to the study.

During the procedure, you will lie on your back. A small plastic tube will be inserted into the opening in your mouth where the saliva normally comes out, and x-ray dye will be injected. X-rays will then be taken to study the form of the gland. The only minor risk involved is slight swelling and tenderness in the gland that was injected.

NOTE: ANY contrast allergy, even if not severe, MUST be pretreated with prescription medicine. The physician ordering the sialogram will prescribe this for you.

After the procedure, if no sedation was used, you may drive yourself home. You may return to work and resume your normal activity that same afternoon.

The neuroradiologists and physician assistants in the Division of Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center/Strong Memorial Hospital will answer any questions before they perform your procedure. If you have any questions or concerns, please ask during your pre-procedure interview, or, you may call us ahead of time at 585-275-5142.