

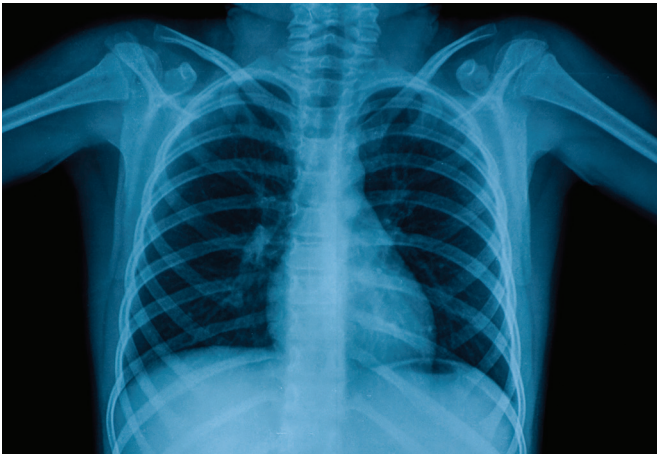


Our cardiac services



Chest x-ray – acute indications

In community practice, for patients presenting with chest pain and/or dyspnoea, a chest x-ray is a very useful initial study, allowing for the assessment of causes such as pneumothorax, suspected cardiac failure and pneumonia. Heart size and contour, pulmonary, hilar and mediastinal masses may also be visible or suspected.



X-ray can investigate...

Chest x-ray is indicated when there are symptoms such as:

- Shortness of breath
- Ongoing cough
- Chest pain
- Chest injury
- Chest infections
- Heart failure
- Fluid or air collection around the lungs

Advantages of chest x-ray

- Economical and readily available
- Painless
- Low radiation

Need more help?

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding our cardiac imaging services, please contact your local I-MED Radiology clinic or your Account Manager.

Source: <https://www.racgp.org.au/afp/2014/may/imaging-for-cardiac-disease/>

Clinical Indications

Respiratory:

- 1) Infection to exclude pneumonia, chest trauma to exclude pneumothorax, haemothorax or widened mediastinum. Rib views if fractures suspected.
- 2) Any cause of suspected pneumothorax.
- 3) Asthma/bronchiolitis only if diagnosis is unclear, the attack is severe and not responding to standard therapy or if there are focal signs +/- fever.

Cardiac:

- 1) Clinical cardiomegaly or heart failure
- 2) Heart murmurs

What is involved?

Patient must remove all their clothes and jewellery from the waist up, and wear a hospital gown. The patient will need stand very still while holding their breath for several seconds. Typically, two views of the chest are taken, one from the back and the other from the side. Patients who cannot stand may be positioned lying down. The process is painless and simple.

Medicare Benefits Schedule:

X-RAY – GP referral
58503 CHEST (lung fields) by direct radiography (R)

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