



Center for Reproductive Health

HYSTEOSALPINGOGRAPHY

A hysterosalpingography (HSG) is an X-ray test where dye is instilled into the uterus through the cervix. The purpose of the test is to check for lesions in the uterus (fibroids, polyps) and patency of the fallopian tubes.

The test is performed by placing a speculum in the vagina, cleaning the cervix with an iodine solution, placing a clamp on the top of the cervix, then injecting the dye slowly. X-ray pictures are then taken to see if the dye fills the uterus and tubes normally, as well as spills from the tubes normally. Cramping may occur during and after the test, but it is usually relieved with ibuprofen or a similar medication.

Prior to testing, eat your usual morning or afternoon meal, and then take at least 400-600 mg of ibuprofen (or 1 -2 Aleve tablets) one hour before the HSG. You may be asked to take an antibiotic prior to the test, if you have a past history of infections of your fallopian tubes. This will be determined by your physician.

The HSG is performed in the Radiology Department on the C level of Christ Hospital, or at our University Pointe location.

As the test is usually performed between cycle days 5-11 (cycle day 1 = 1st day of flow) please contact us at **585-0069** when your period starts to schedule your HSG and ask for Misty.