

T-Tube Cholangiogram



980 Oliver Road
Thunder Bay, ON
Canada P7B 6V4

Telephone:
807-684-6000
www.tbrhsc.net

How to Prepare for a T-Tube Cholangiogram?

- Do not eat or drink anything after 10:00 pm (22:00) the night before test.

You can still take your medications with a small amount of water.

Notify the technologist if you have any allergies (especially to iodine or seafood).

What is a T-Tube Cholangiogram?

A T-Tube Cholangiogram shows the bile ducts when contrast medium (dye) is injected into a T-tube. The biliary tract connects the liver and the gallbladder. This test is done several days after gallbladder surgery or common bile duct surgery in which a T-Tube has been left in the common bile duct to promote drainage.

What will happen during the T-Tube Cholangiogram?

You will be asked to put on a hospital gown. You will be asked to lie on a special table. The radiologist will inject a contrast medium through the T-Tube while taking x-ray images. You may feel a bit of pressure as the contrast is being injected. The contrast is colourless and will drain into the drainage bag once the test is completed. At times you may be asked to hold your breath.

This test takes about 15-30 minutes.

What will happen after the T-Tube Cholangiogram?

You will be able to resume normal activity. The radiologist will send the report to your physician. The results will be given to you by your physician.