

## X-ray of the dentition or jaws in Park Hospital

An x-ray examination of the teeth and jaws, or panoramic x-ray, provides information on the teeth and jawbones, and any changes there may be.

If needed, an x-ray image of the skull may be taken, which is called a cephalometric x-ray. Your doctor may have requested this examination to help plan orthodontic treatment or an operation, for example.

During the Cone Beam CT scan (CBCT) of the head the device takes several images from different directions at the same time.

If you do not have appointment booked for examination, please call to HUS Medical Imaging Center's centralized appointment booking service, telephone 09 471 80900.

Please reserve approximately an hour for your visit. The examination usually takes normally 15–30 minutes.

Patients who need urgent examinations may be examined before you.

Please see the arrival instructions for contact information, if you have any questions about the examination.

### **Before the examination**

- You may eat and drink as usual before the examination.
- Please remove any jewellery from the head and neck area before the scans, because they cause glitches in the images. It is best to leave the jewellery at home.

### **During the examination**

All items and clothes on the head area must be taken off before the scan. This includes glasses, dentures, removable dental braces, and hearing aids, for example.

A radiographer will help you into the correct position in the device. You will be standing up or sitting down during the scan.

During the scan, the device will rotate around your head. This takes about 20 seconds, and you must stay still during this time.

For the skull x-rays, the radiographer will take 1 or 2 images, depending on the doctor's request. The device does not move during this scan.

## **After the examination**

You will receive the results of the examination from the doctor who treats you.

If you do not know how to find out the results, please contact the outpatient clinic or ward that referred you to this examination.

## **Other things to note**

You will not be charged for the examination separately.

Cancel the appointment if you cannot come. If you do not cancel, you may be charged a fine.

## **Further information**

For further information in Finnish please visit: [www.tutkimukseen.fi](http://www.tutkimukseen.fi) >> Kuvantamistutkimuksia >> [Röntgentutkimuksia](#).