



FLUOROSCOPY

Patient information guide :

Thank you for choosing **Steinberg Diagnostic Medical Imaging Centers** to perform your **Fluoroscopy** examination. We realize you may have questions regarding your upcoming exam and hope this information will help explain the procedure to you. If you have further questions, feel free to call our office At (702) 732 - 6000.

What is a Fluoroscopy?

Fluoroscopy is a form of diagnostic radiology that enables the radiologist, with the aid of a contrast agent, to visualize the organ or area of concern via x-ray. This contrast agent allows the image to be viewed clearly on a television monitor or screen. Contrast agents (or "contrast media" as they are also known) may be introduced into the body through injection, swallowing or an enema.

Common uses of this procedure.

Fluoroscopy is used in many types of examinations and procedures, such as barium x-rays, cardiac catheterization, and placement of intravenous (IV) catheters (hollow tubes inserted into veins or arteries). In barium x-rays, fluoroscopy allows the physician to see the movement of the intestines as the barium moves through them. In cardiac catheterization, fluoroscopy enables the physician to see the flow of blood through the coronary arteries in order to evaluate the presence of arterial blockages. For intravenous catheter insertion, fluoroscopy assists the physician in guiding the catheter into a specific location inside the body.

Benefits VS risks of a Fluoroscopy?

BENEFITS	RISKS
Pain source is precisely identified and targeted	
Techniques can be employed at all levels of the spine and throughout the body patients with difficult anatomy can be accurately injected with minimal risk	
Fine needles can be used, imposing less risk and improving patient comfort	

Results of the test

At **SDMI**, we have a radiologist on site at all times so the test will be interpreted promptly. The results will be phoned, faxed, mailed, or delivered electronically to the referring physician. He/she will share the results with the patient.

I am ready to schedule an appointment (requirements for appointment)

To schedule a Fluoroscopy with SDMI, please call 732 - 6000