

Informed Consent for Sialogram

Your doctor has referred you to Radiological Associates of Sacramento for a Sialogram. This consent explains the procedure and possible complications.

Description of the Procedure:

Sialogram is a study of the salivary gland or glands. Preliminary films will first be taken of the mandibular (jaw) area. The radiologist will then insert a small catheter into the salivary duct and inject contrast material. There may be some mild discomfort or pressure. After the injection of the contrast material, images will be taken again. The radiologist will look for any pathology relating to the specific clinical problems. There is a possibility of not being able to place the catheter into the duct.

Risks of the Procedure:

A small risk of infection and damage to the duct orifice exists after this exam. Because a contrast media is administered, the possibility of an allergic reaction exists. Occasionally, a patient will have a mild reaction to the contrast media including sneezing, nausea or hives. Uncommonly, a serious reaction to the contrast media occurs. In the case of some allergic reactions, hospitalization may be necessary. Very rarely, death has occurred related to contrast media.

Women should always inform the doctor or technologist if there is any possibility that they are pregnant.

Alternatives to the Procedure:

CT.

Anticipated Benefits:

Diagnosis of any stones or stricture.

Consent:

I have been informed of the nature, risks, consequences, and alternatives of this procedure. No guarantee has been made as to the results. I have read and fully understand the above information, and have had all my questions answered. I give my consent to have this procedure performed.