

Arthrogram

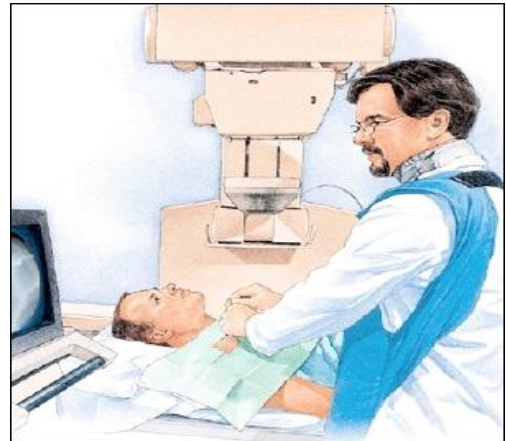
An **arthrogram** is an imaging study used to assess your joint problem. Contrast fluid is injected into the joint being studied. Then, x-ray, MR (magnetic resonance) or CT (computed tomography) is used to create images. Most commonly ordered arthrograms are shoulder and knee, but others may be ordered. You will need to schedule this test with Central Scheduling (630-856-7070).

Before Your Test

- You may be asked to bring in copies of previous studies done elsewhere.

Tell your health care provider if:

- You are or may be pregnant
- You have any allergies
- You have any bleeding problems or take blood thinners or other medications, including aspirin



X-rays are used during an arthrogram to create images of your joint.

During Your Test

- X-rays of your joint may be taken first.
- The skin around the joint is cleaned and then covered with sterile drapes.
- The area around your joint may be numbed with a local anesthetic.
- Contrast fluid is injected into your joint to improve the images.
- A series of x-rays may be taken again after injection of the contrast.
- The doctor will move your joint. You will also be asked to exercise your joint.
- Additional x-rays may be taken after you exercise.
- If you need an MR or CT test, it will follow the x-rays.

After Your Test

- Contact your doctor's office for your exam results.

Call Your Doctor If:

- You have pain or swelling that doesn't improve by 2 days after your test
- You have a fever