

DISCOGRAPHY



WHAT IS A DISCOGRAM?

Discogram is an invasive diagnostic test that uses x-rays to examine the intervertebral discs of your spine. A special dye is injected into the injured disc or series of discs. The dye makes the disc visible on a fluoroscope monitor and x-ray film. Discograms are used to locate precisely which discs are damaged and are causing back pain.

HOW DOES A DISCOGRAM WORK?

Regular x-rays of the spine only give a clear picture of bones, such as the vertebrae. Myelograms only give a clear picture of the spinal canal. Discograms, however, enable your doctor to view the disc itself. While viewing an x-ray monitor, called a fluoroscope, the doctor inserts the hollow needle through your skin into the center of the disc space. A fluoroscope machine, also called a C-arm, is an arc shaped piece of equipment that generates x-rays from one side and photographs them on the other side. Once the needle is in place, a dye (contrast agent) is injected into the disc that shows up white on the x-rays

WHO IS A CANDIDATE?

- Neck (Cervical) Pain
- Arm Pain
- Back (Lumbar) Pain
- Sciatica
- Spinal Stenosis
- Herniated Disc
- Degenerative Disc
- Spondylolisthesis

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