UNDERSTANDING YOUR FERTILITY CARE

Hysterosalpingogram (HSG)

What an HSG is, why it may be recommended, and what to expect.

WHAT IS AN HSG?

A hysterosalpingogram (HSG) is an X-ray procedure used to evaluate the uterus and fallopian tubes. A small amount of contrast dye is placed into the uterus while X-ray images are taken. The images allow your physician to see the shape of the uterine cavity and whether the fallopian tubes appear open.

WHY MIGHT AN HSG BE RECOMMENDED?

The fallopian tubes play an important role in natural conception because sperm and egg normally meet within a fallopian tube. An HSG can help determine whether one or both tubes may be blocked and can also provide information about the shape of the uterine cavity.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A thin catheter is passed through the cervix and contrast dye is gently introduced into the uterus while X-ray images are taken. The procedure is usually brief. You may experience cramping during the test and light spotting or discharge afterward. Your care team will provide any instructions you need.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

An HSG helps determine whether the fallopian tubes appear open. A SIS provides a more detailed ultrasound view inside the uterine cavity. Your physician will recommend testing based on your individual needs.

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