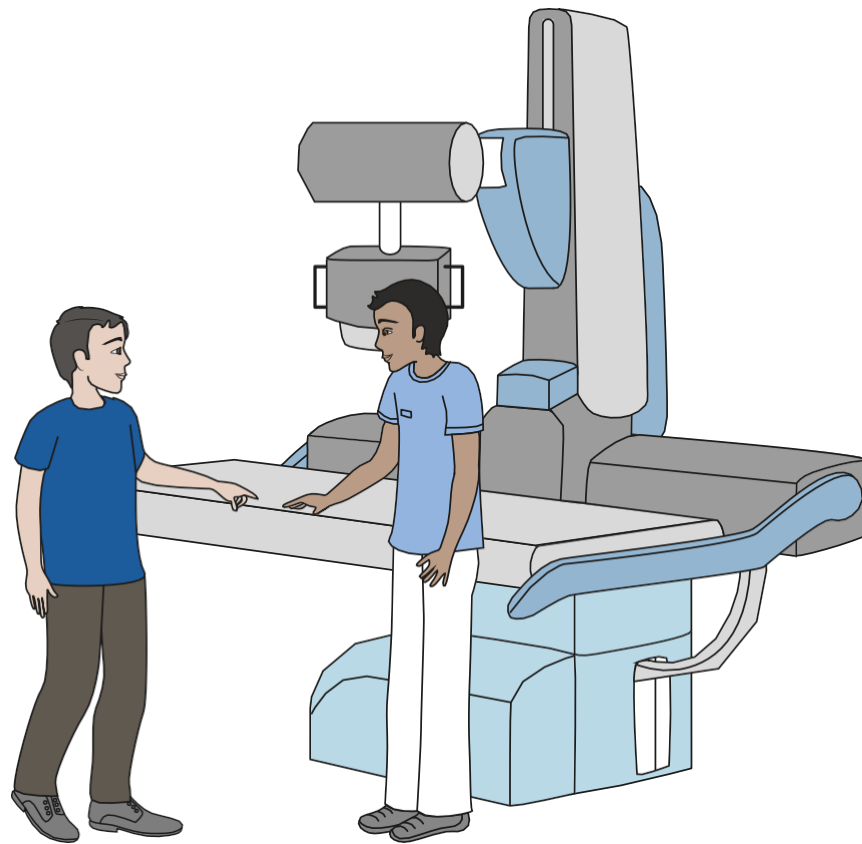
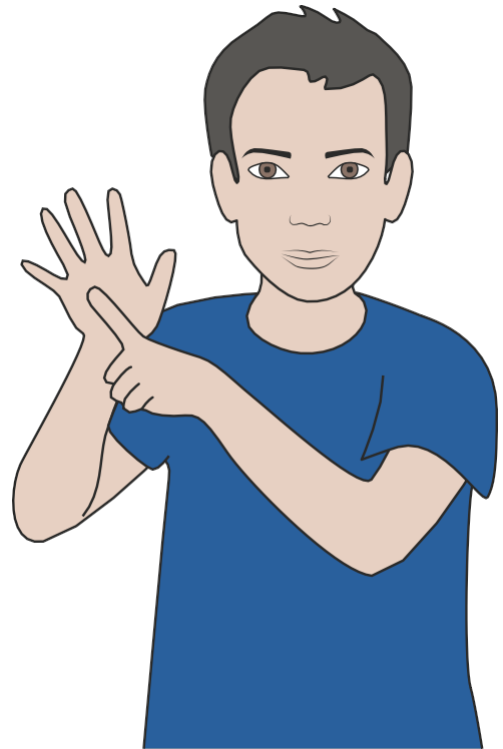


An X-Ray



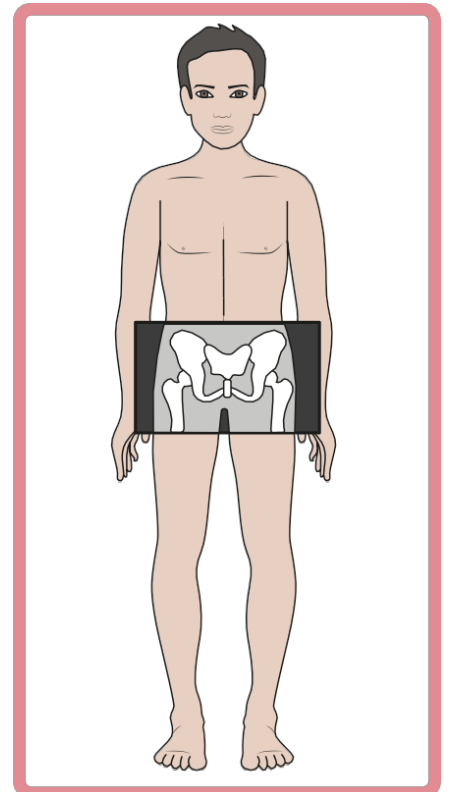
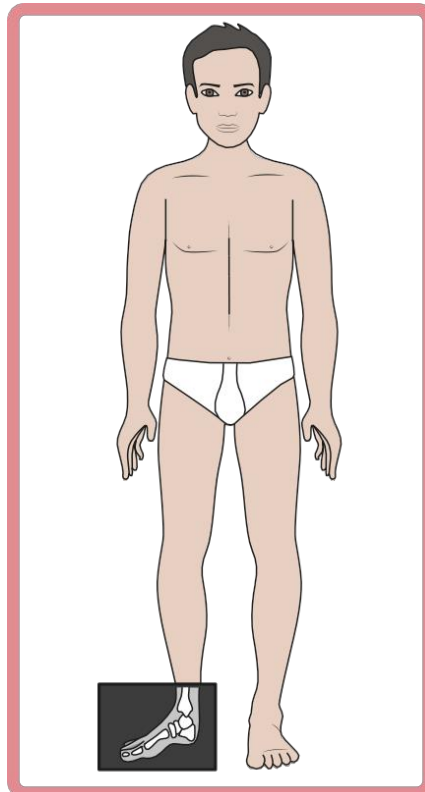
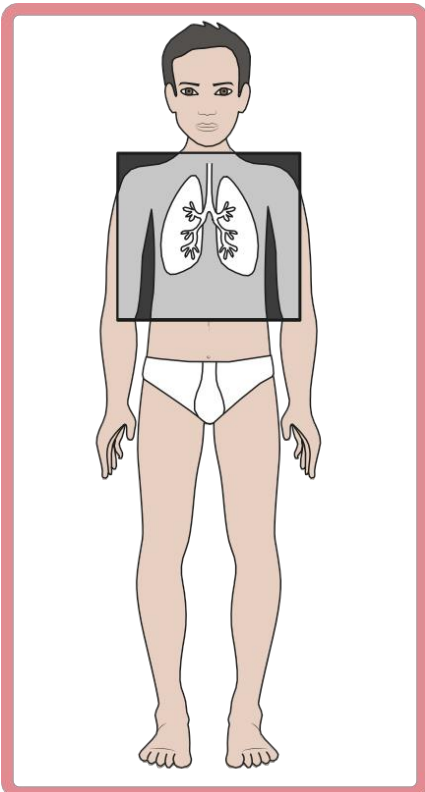
What is an X-Ray?

An X-Ray is an image of part of my body.

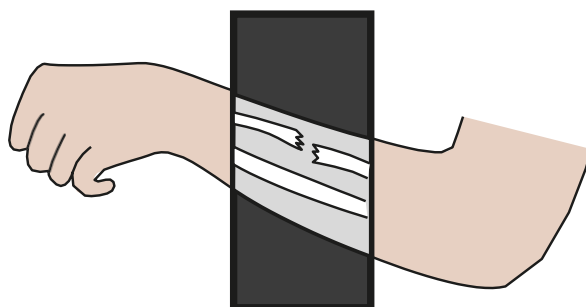


An X-Ray lets the radiologist see inside my body.

The radiologist is the doctor who analyses the images from the X-Ray.



- For example, they can see if I have a broken bone.

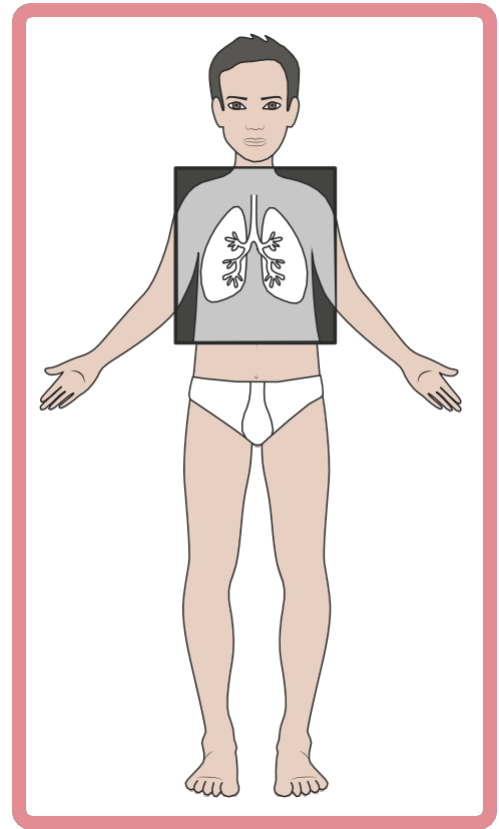


- They can see if one of my joints is deformed or has a problem.



The radiologist can see some of my organs.

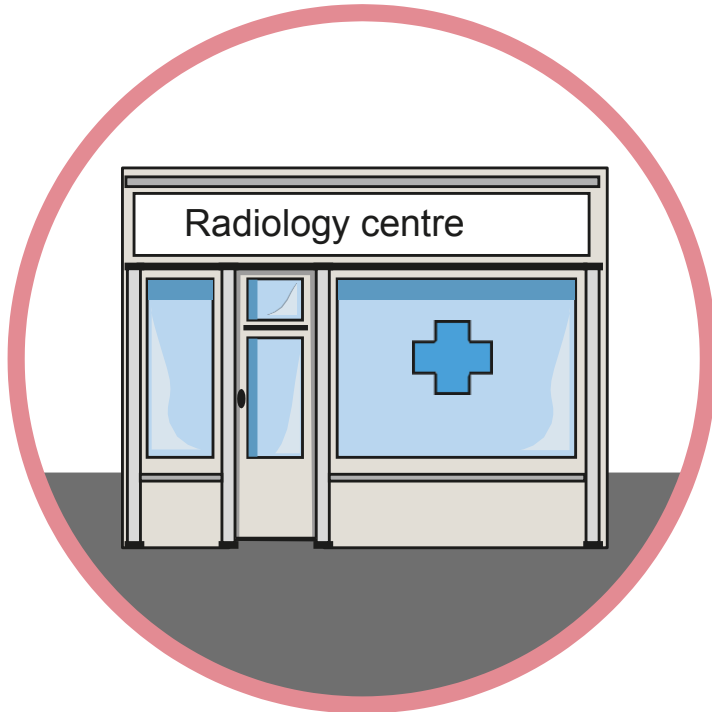
- **For example, if I have a cough, they can look at my lungs.**



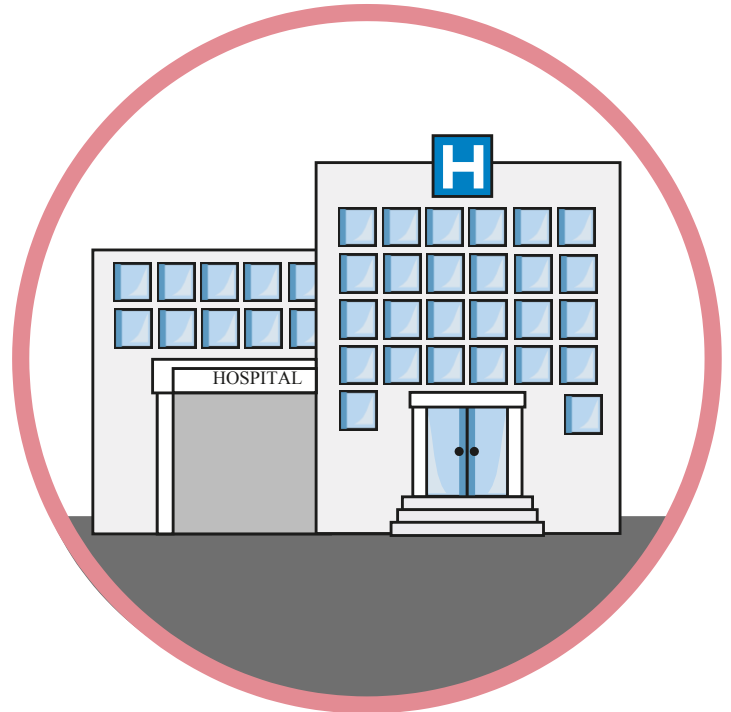
What happens?

I can have an X-Ray:

- at a radiology centre

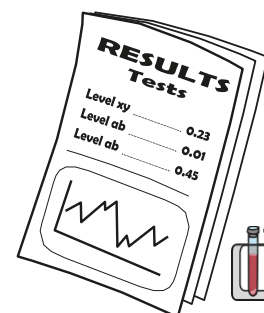
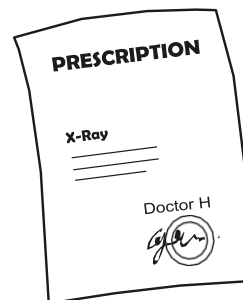


- at the hospital or clinic.



At reception, I give my name and address and health insurance card if I have one.

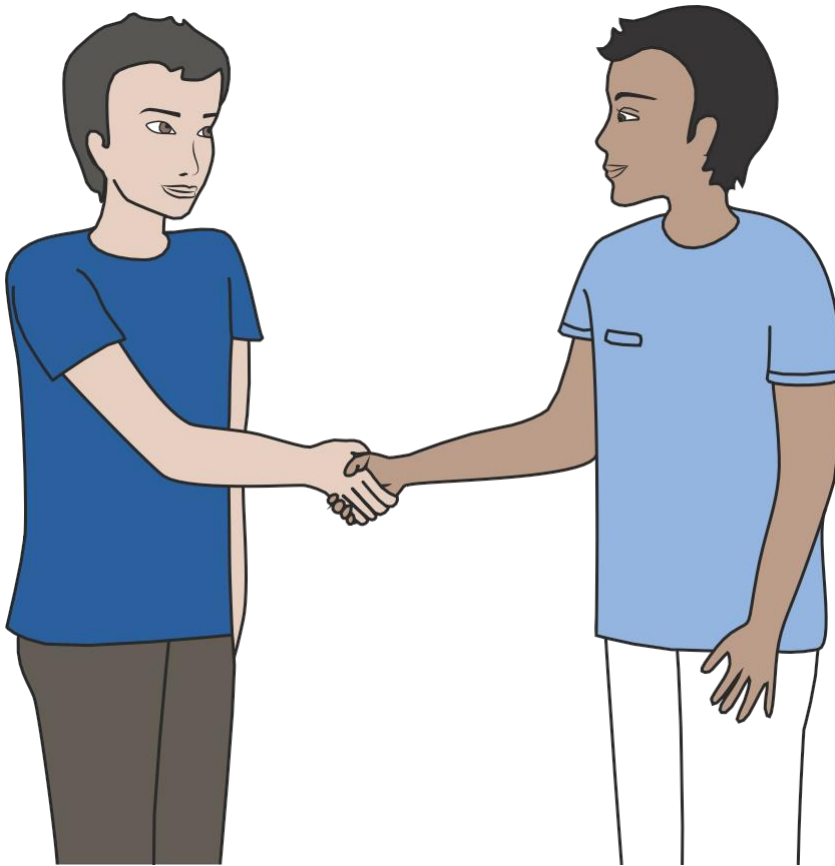
- If the receptionist has asked for them:
I also bring my old X-Rays and test results.



The radiographer meets me.

The radiographer is the person who operates the

- X-Ray machine. They ask me if I am pregnant.



I go into the X-Ray room.

The Booth

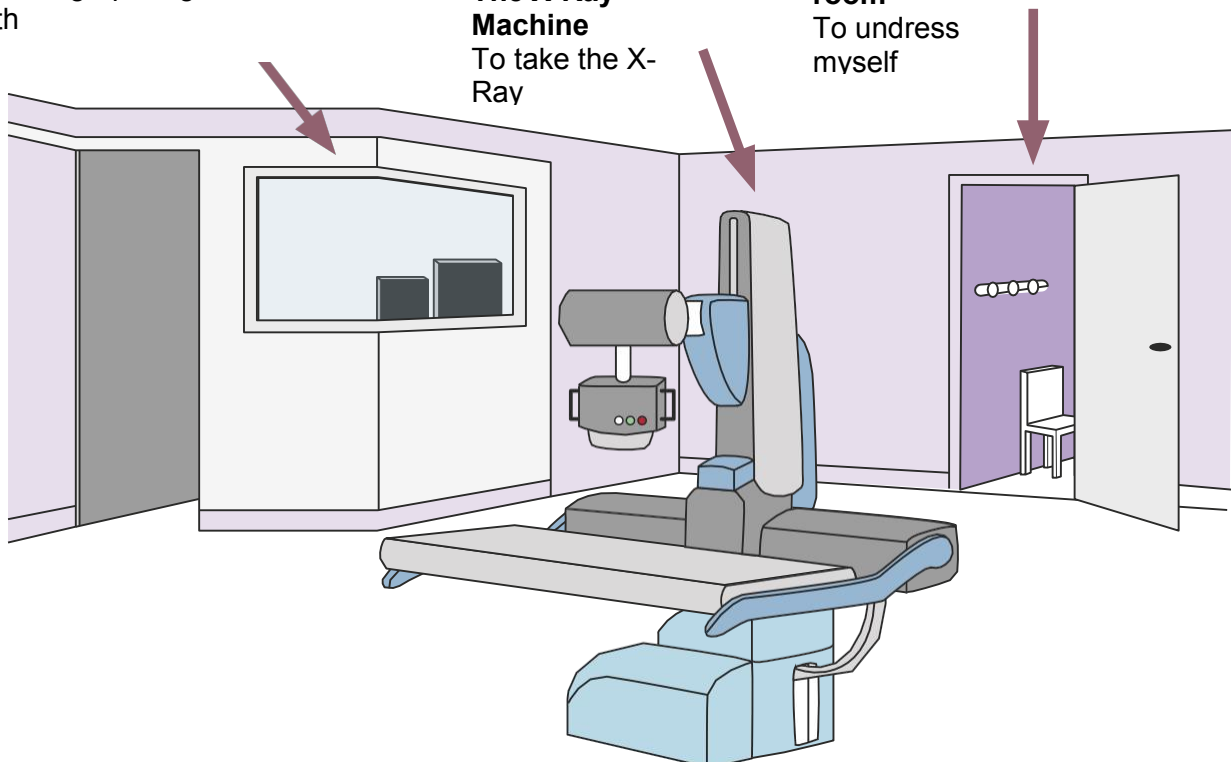
The radiographer goes into the booth

The X-Ray Machine

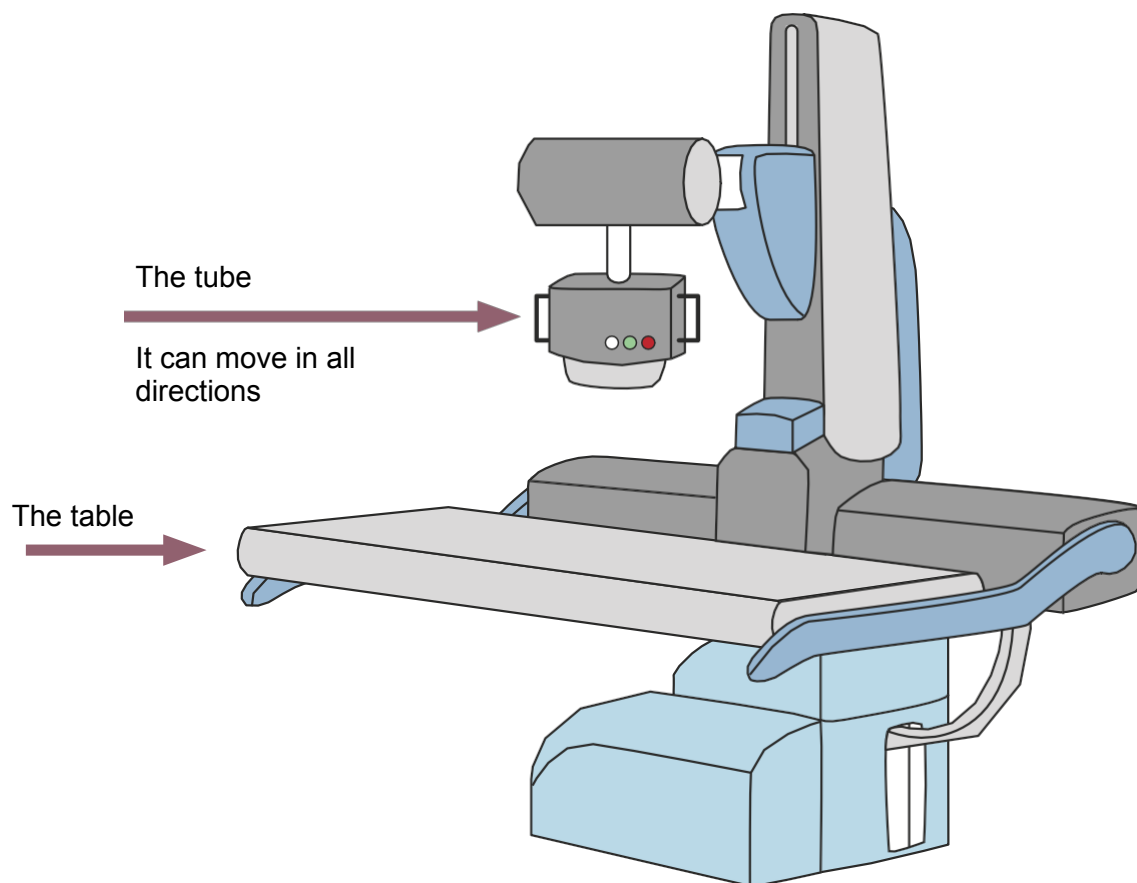
To take the X-Ray

Changing room

To undress myself



There is a big machine.



The radiographer takes me to the changing room.



- The radiographer may ask me take off some of my clothes.



- They ask me to take off my jewellery.

I must not forget to take off my earrings or piercings.



- For some X-Rays, the radiographer may ask me to take off:

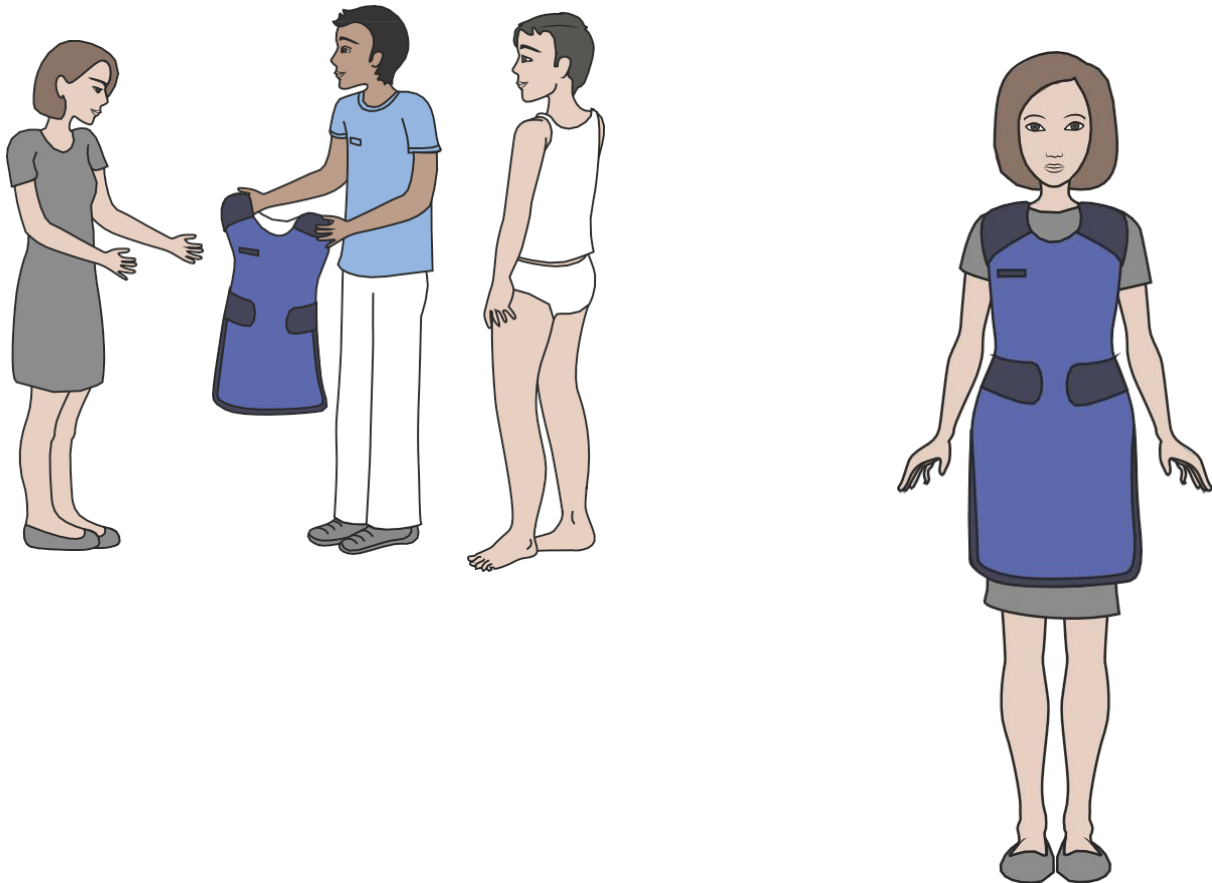
my glasses or my hearing aid,

anything in my pockets.

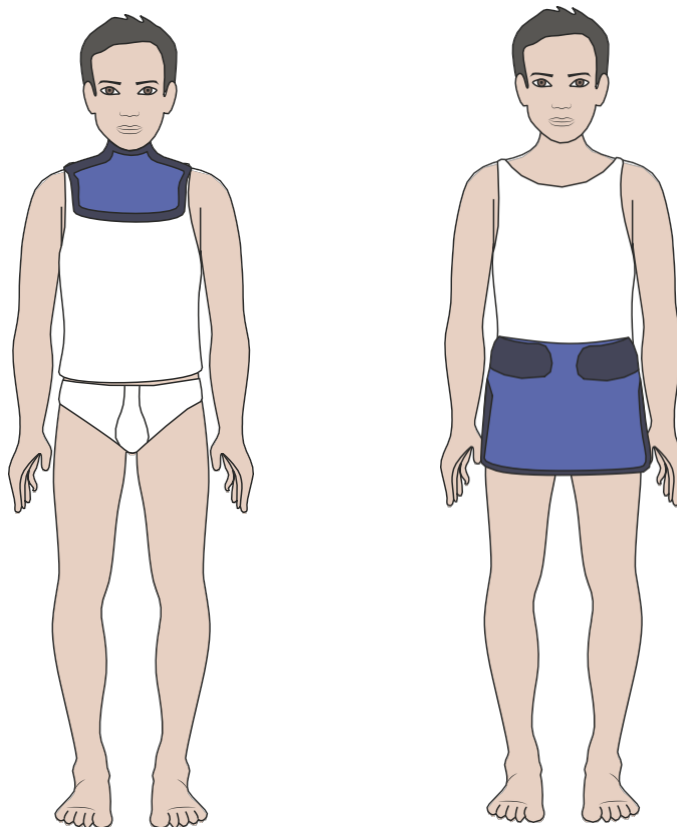


The person accompanying me can stay with me.

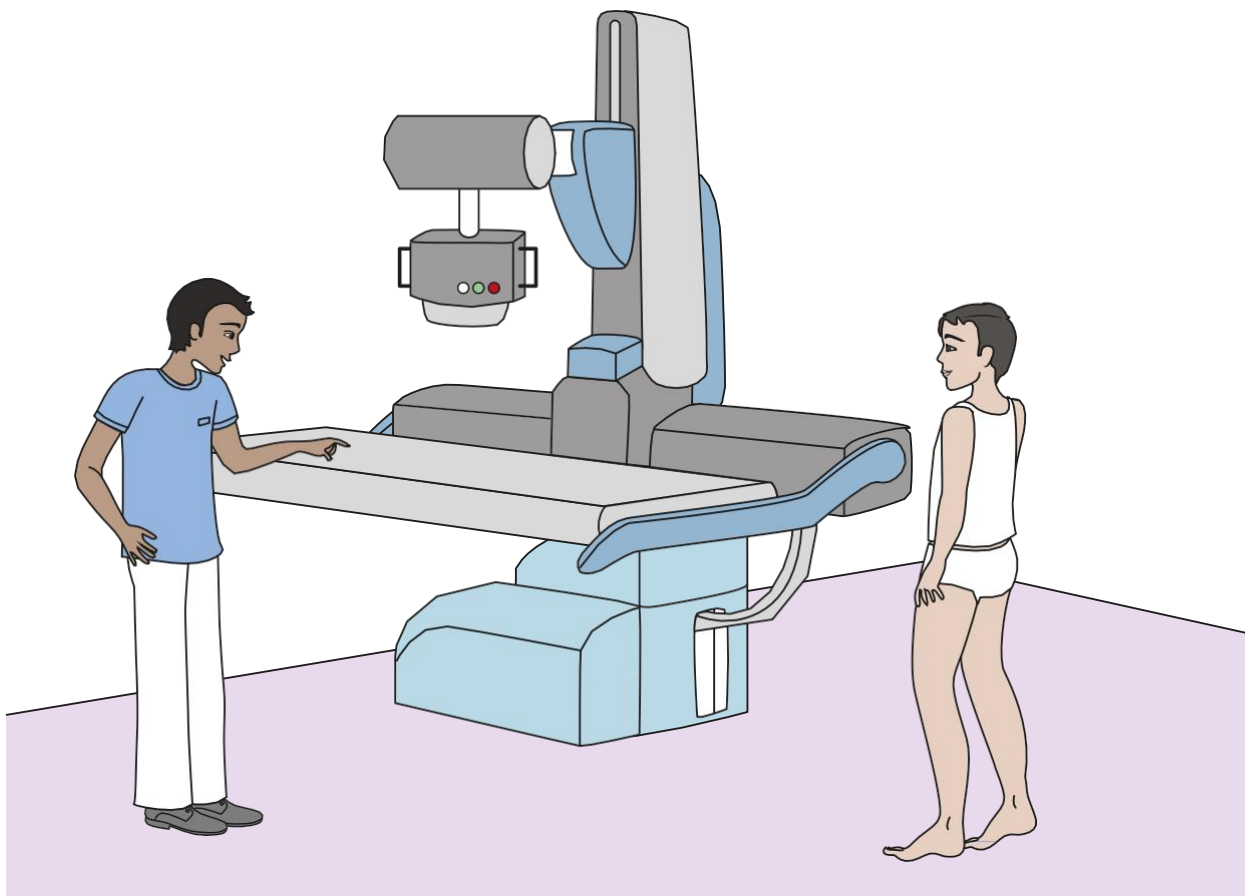
- **The radiographer gives them clothes like a protective apron.**



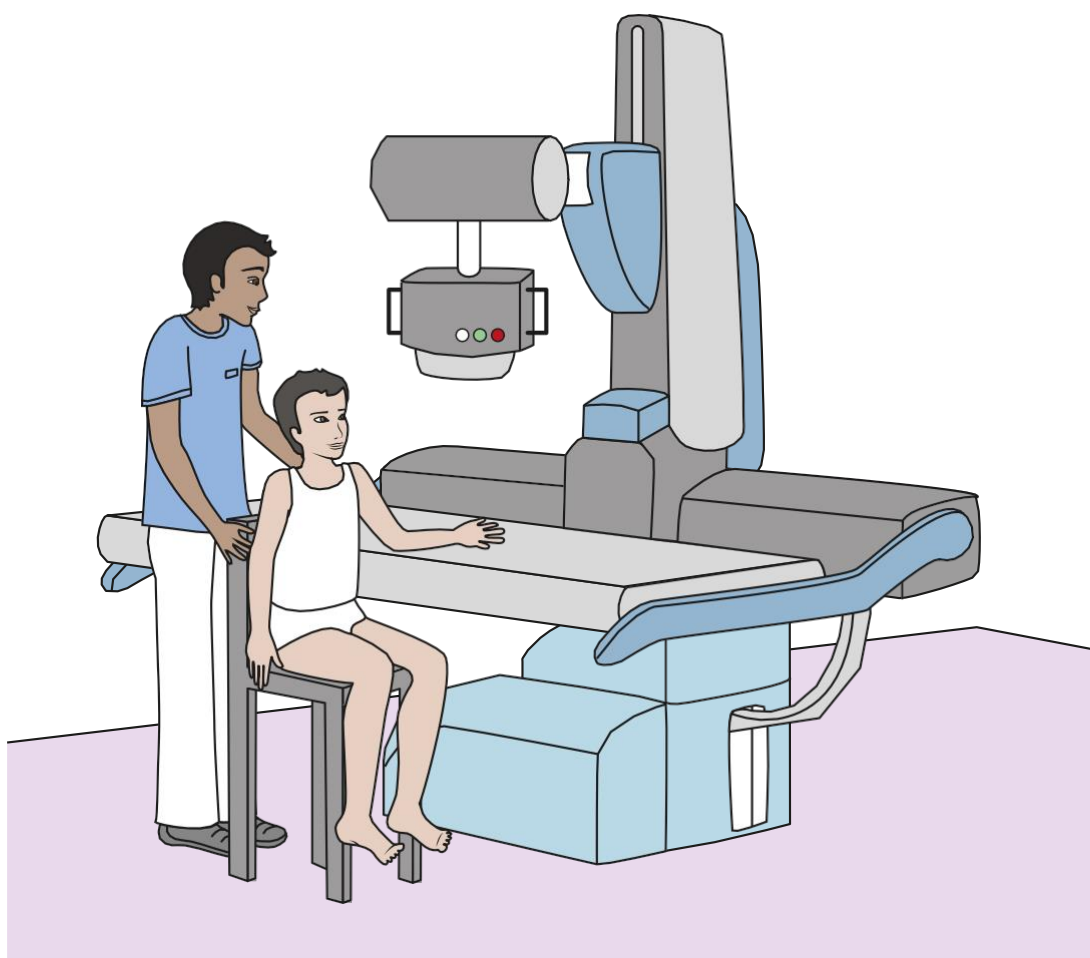
- **For some X-Rays, the radiographer may also give me protective clothes.**



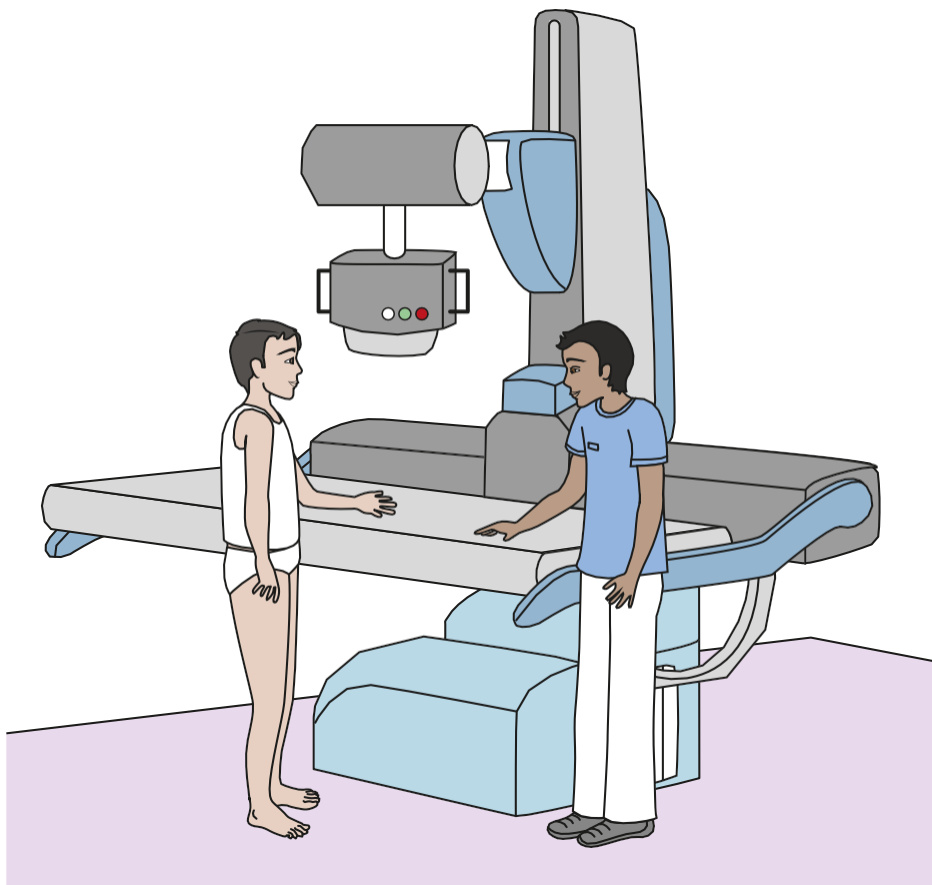
The technician explains what is going to happen.



I can sit in a chair.

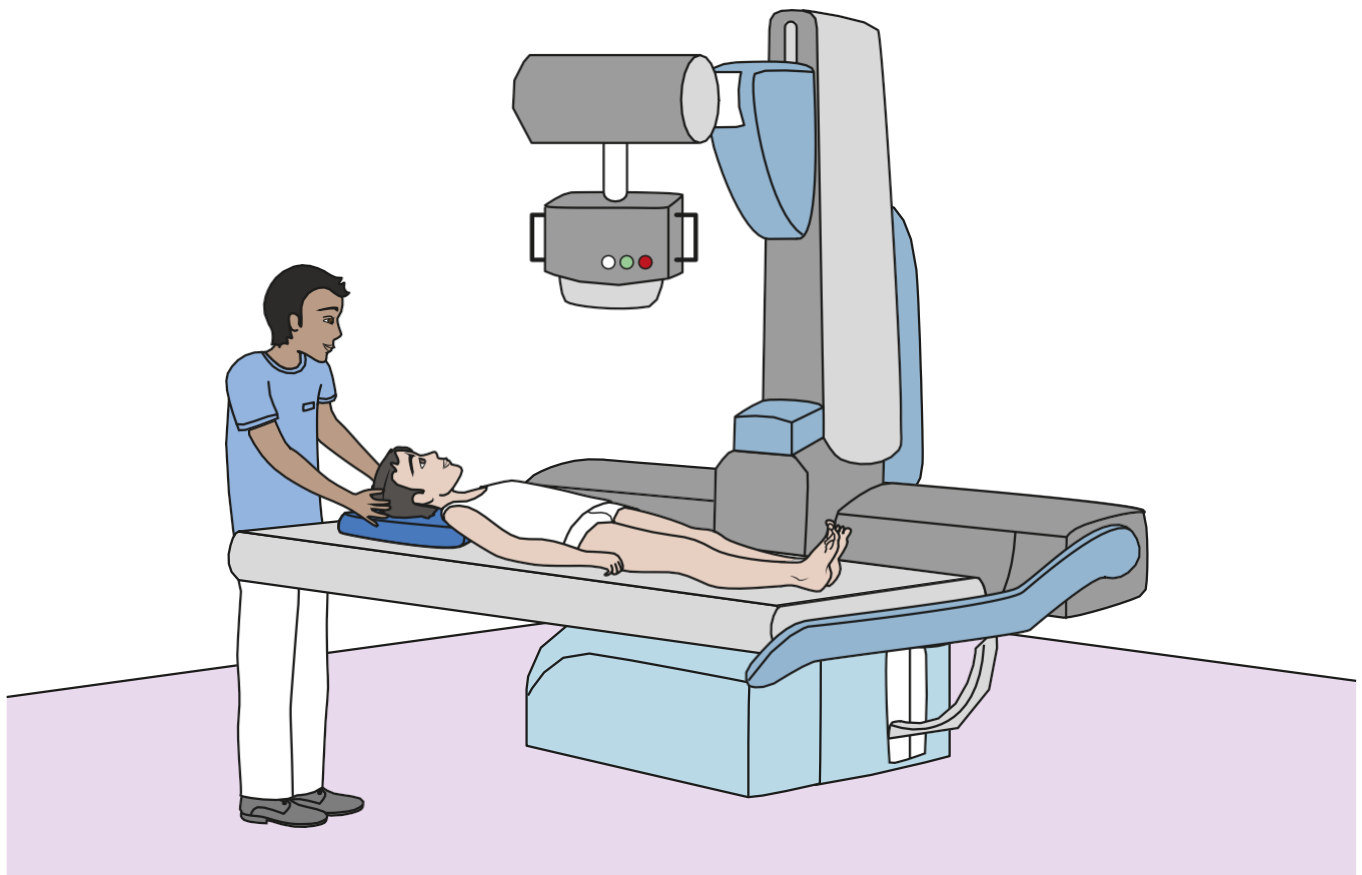


I can stand up.

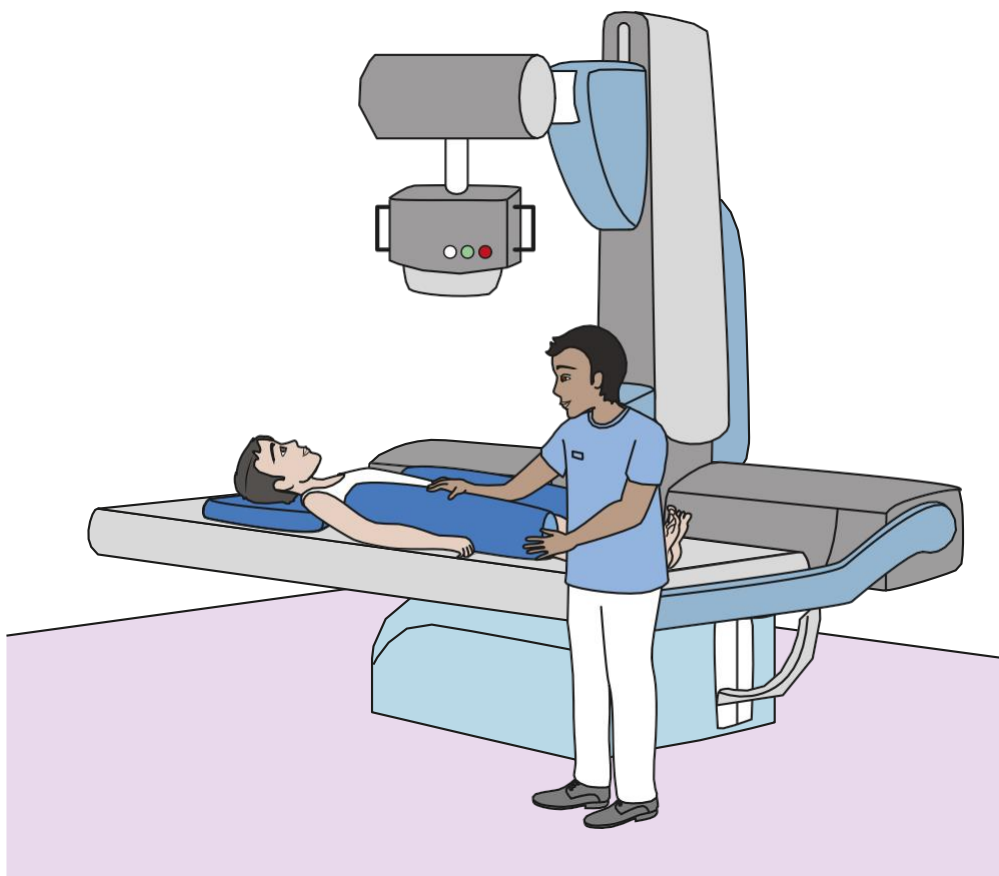


I can lie down: the radiographer will help me.

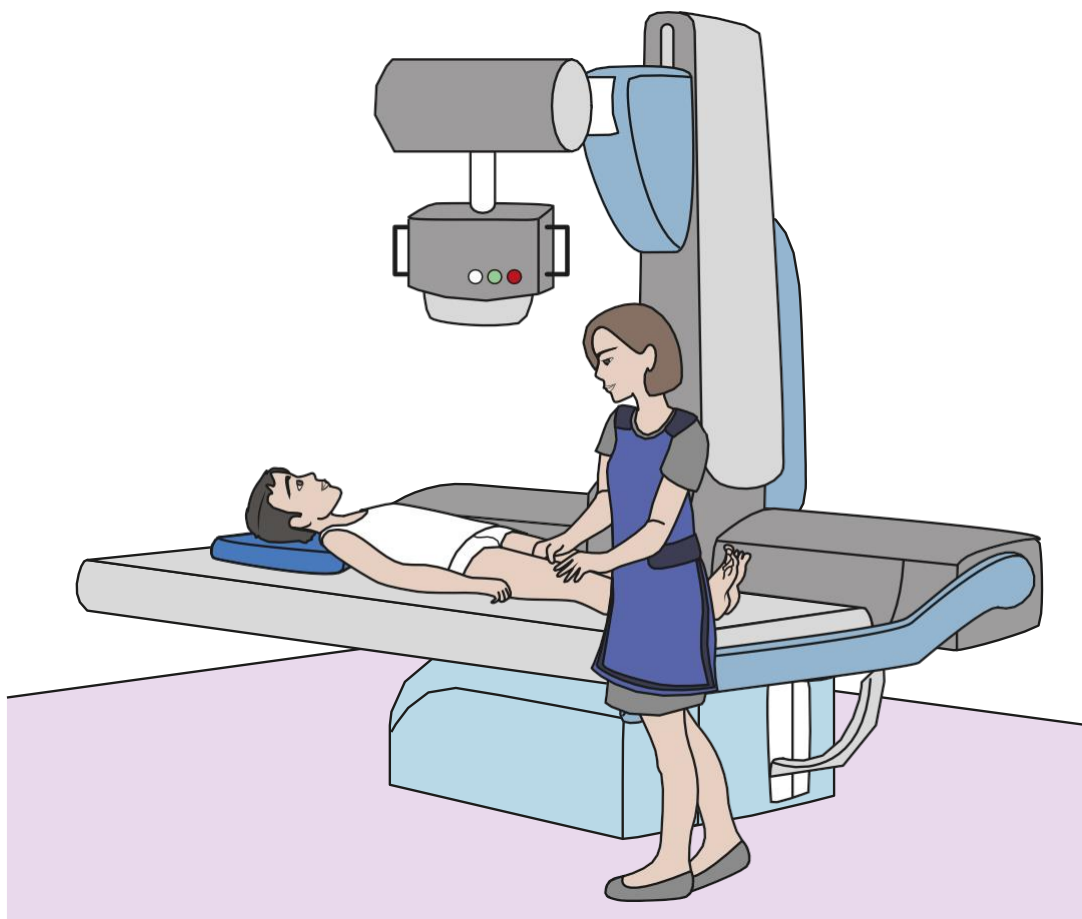
- **They may keep my head still with a cushion.**



- The radiographer may keep other parts of my body still.



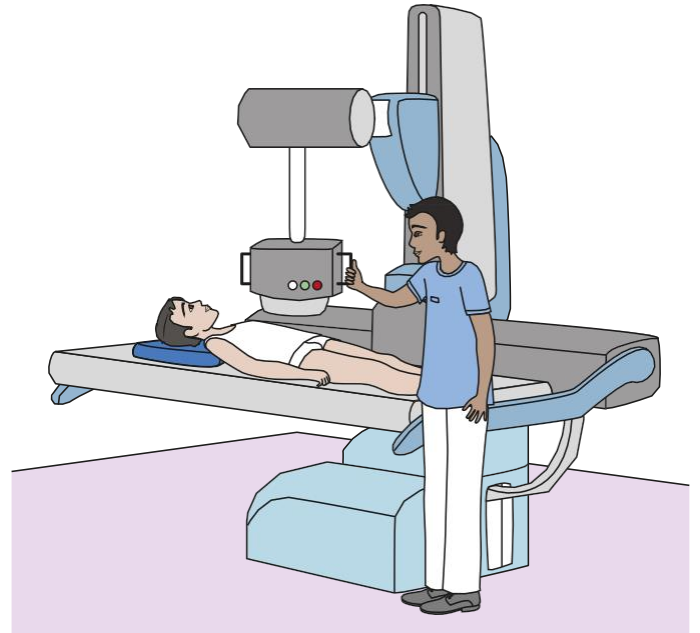
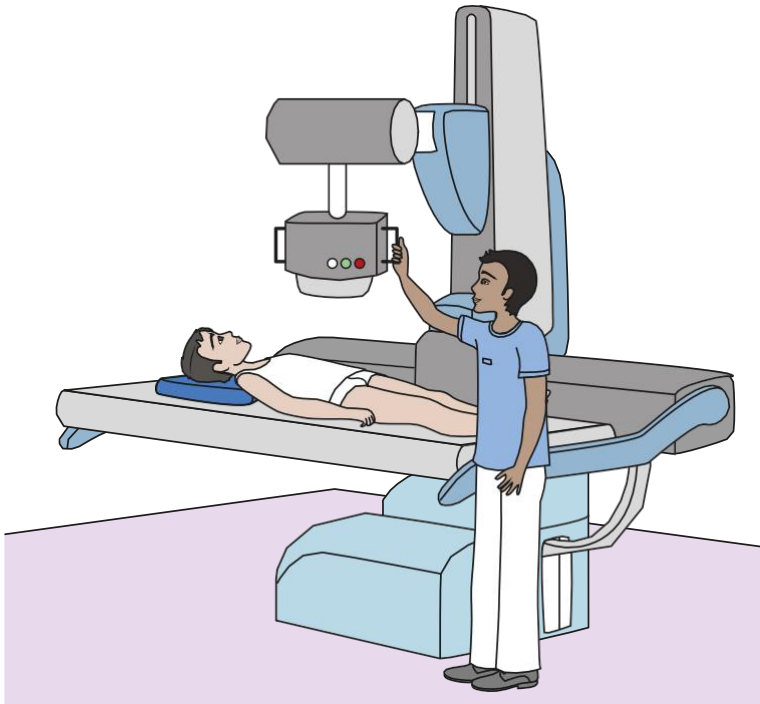
- If I am moving, the radiographer may ask the person accompanying me to help me.



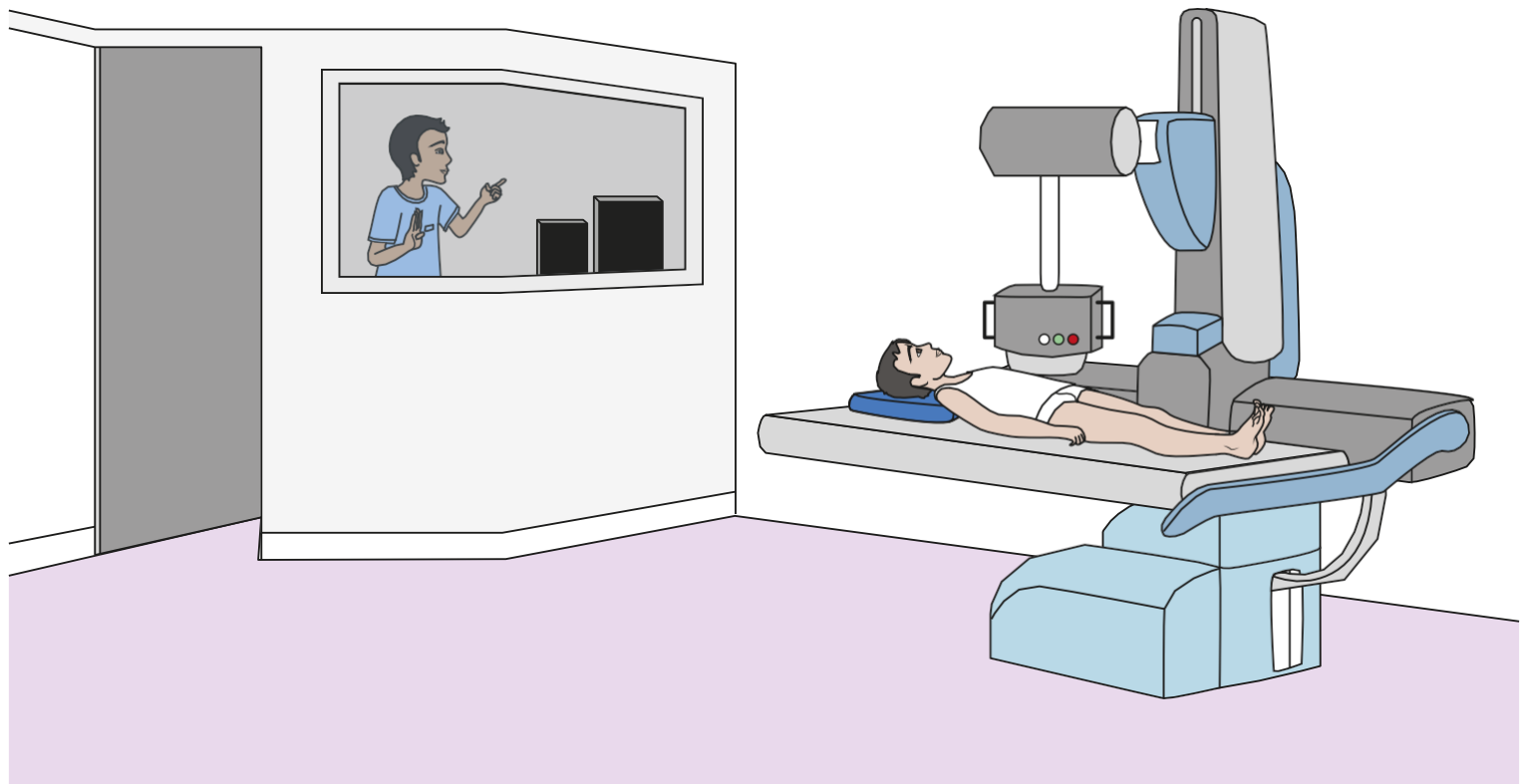
The radiographer positions the tube to take the X-Ray.

- I hear a noise when the tube moves.

The machine never touches my body.



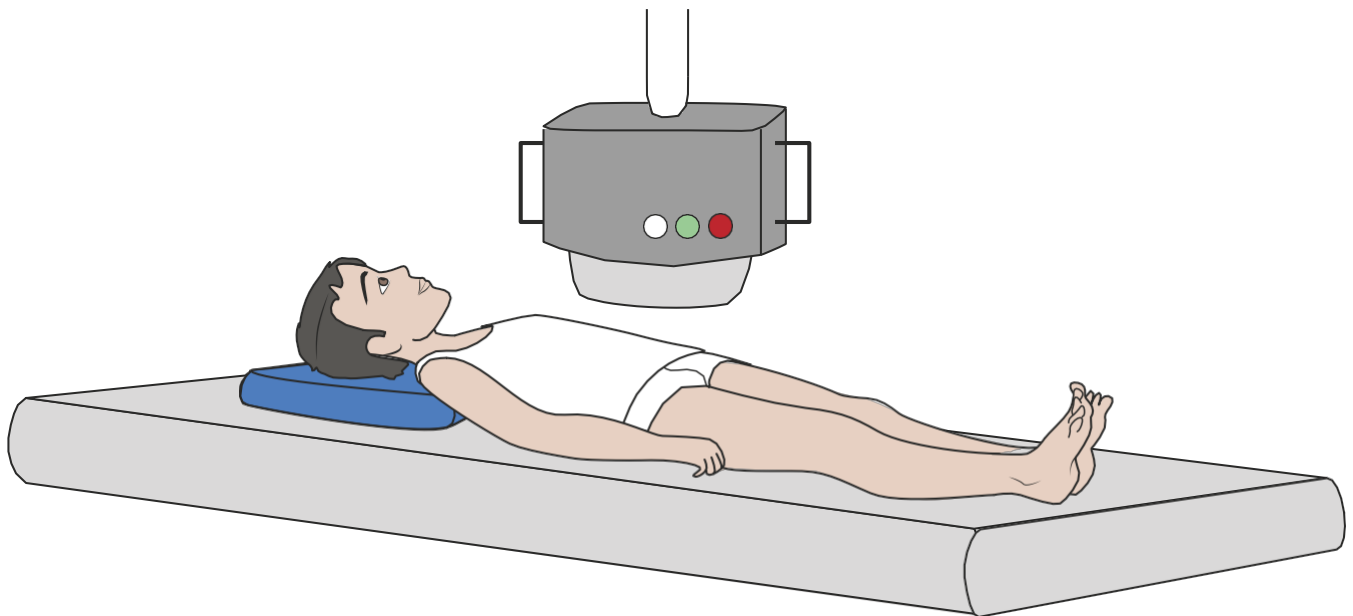
The radiographer goes into the booth



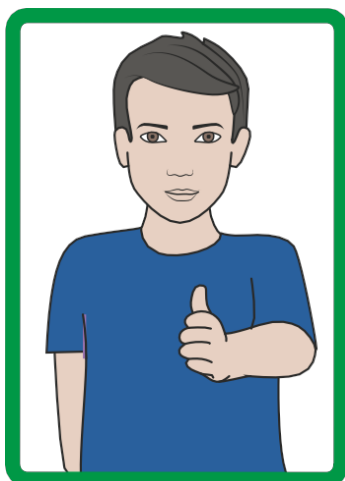
- The radiographer tells me not to move.



The machine takes the X-Ray.



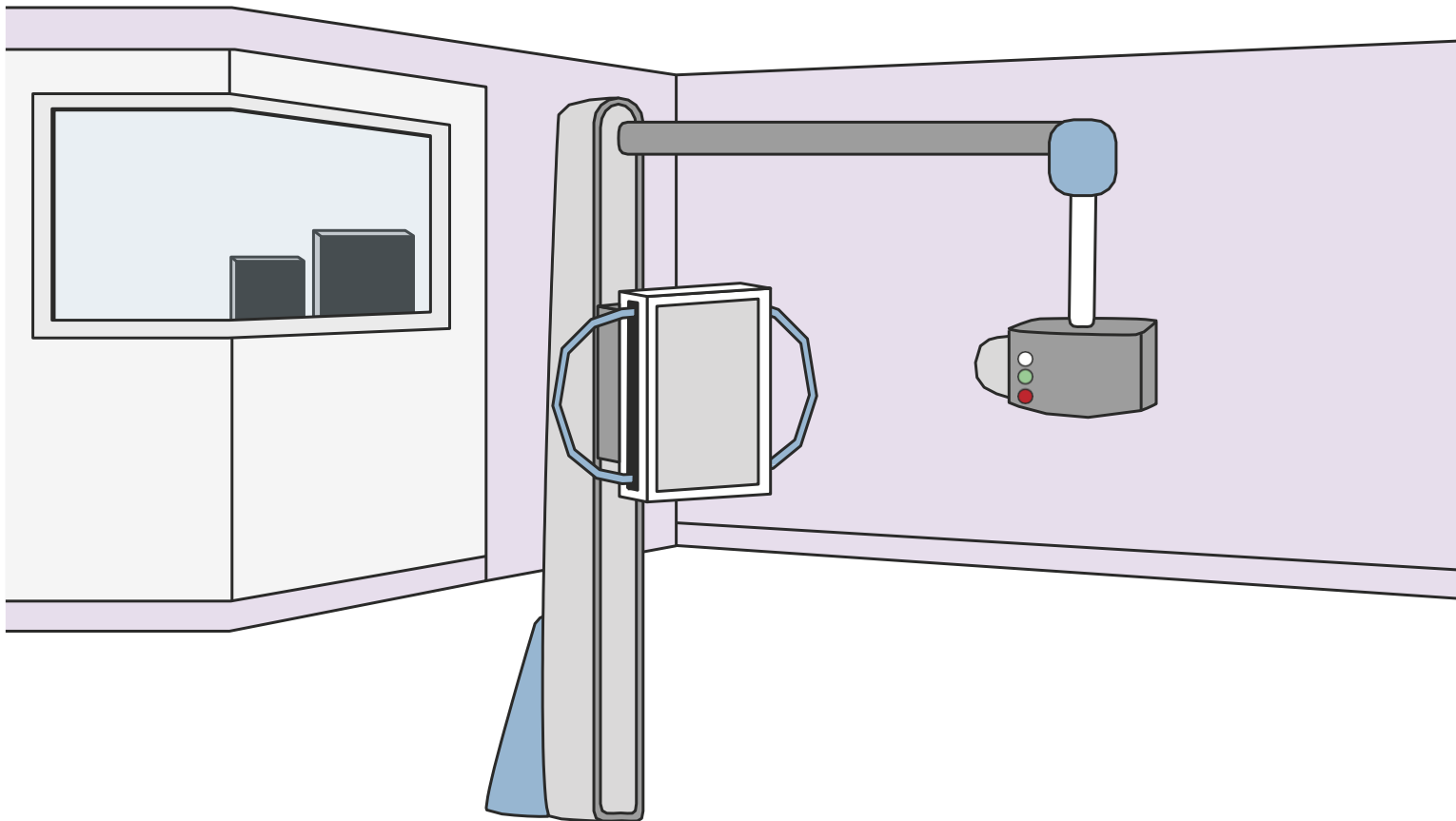
- It doesn't hurt.



- It's very quick.

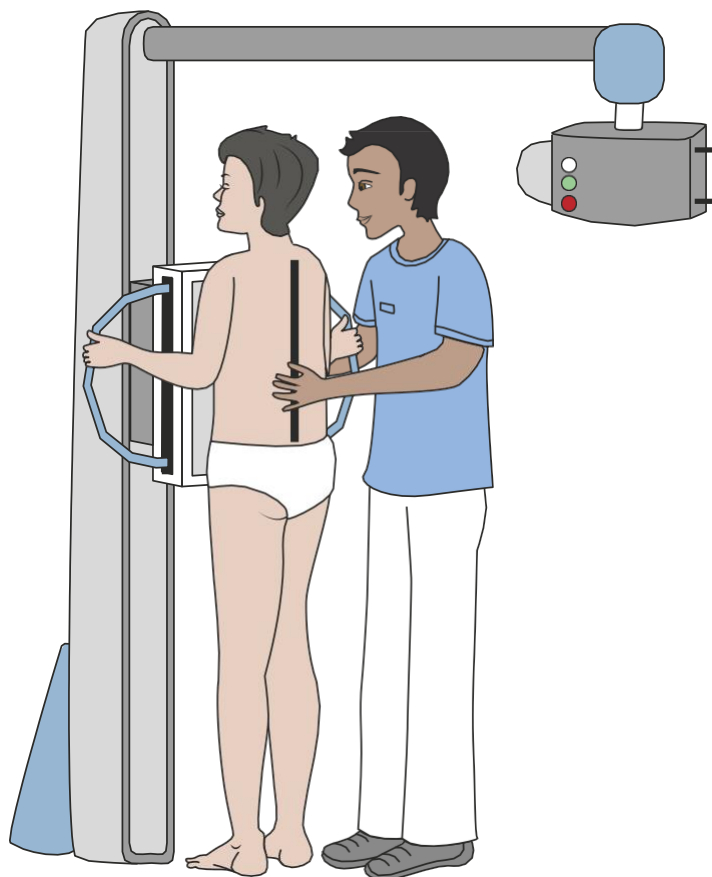


To take an X-Ray of my lungs, the machine is different.



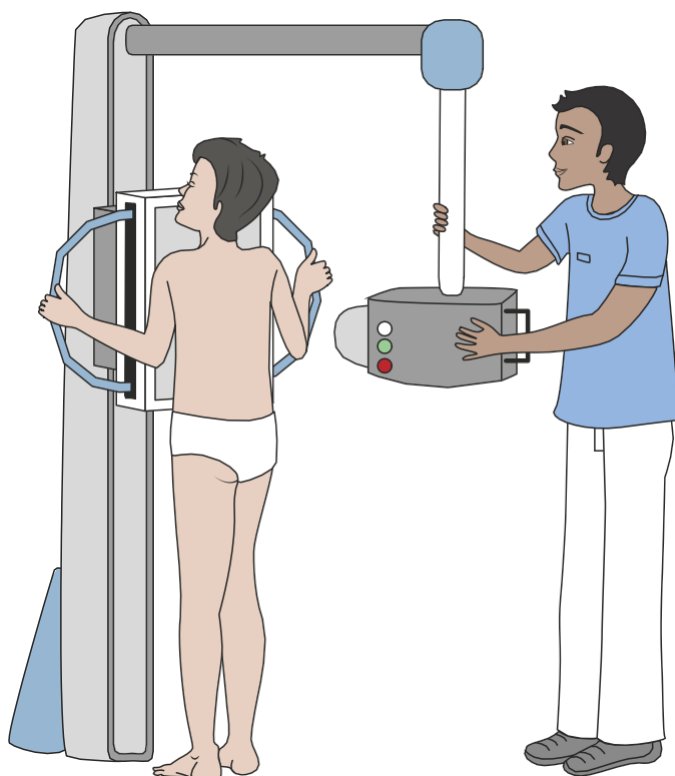
The radiographer puts me in front of the machine.

- They may ask me to undress my top half.

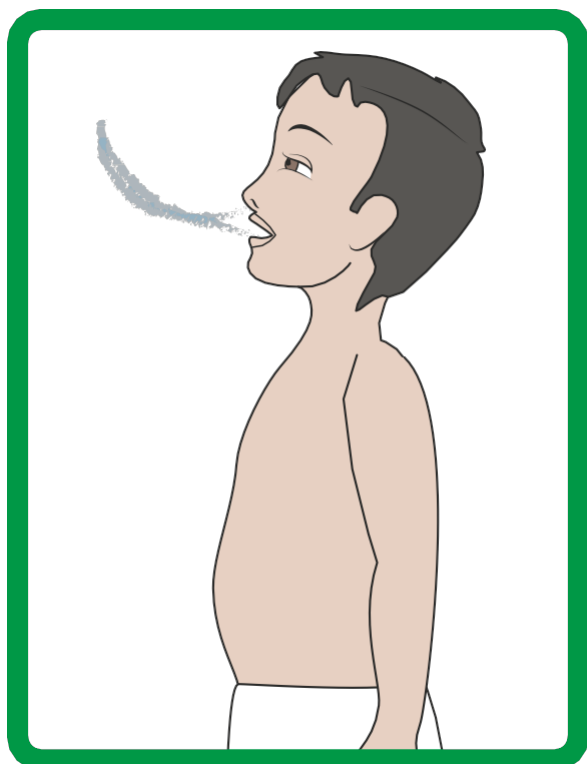


They position the tube.

It makes a noise.



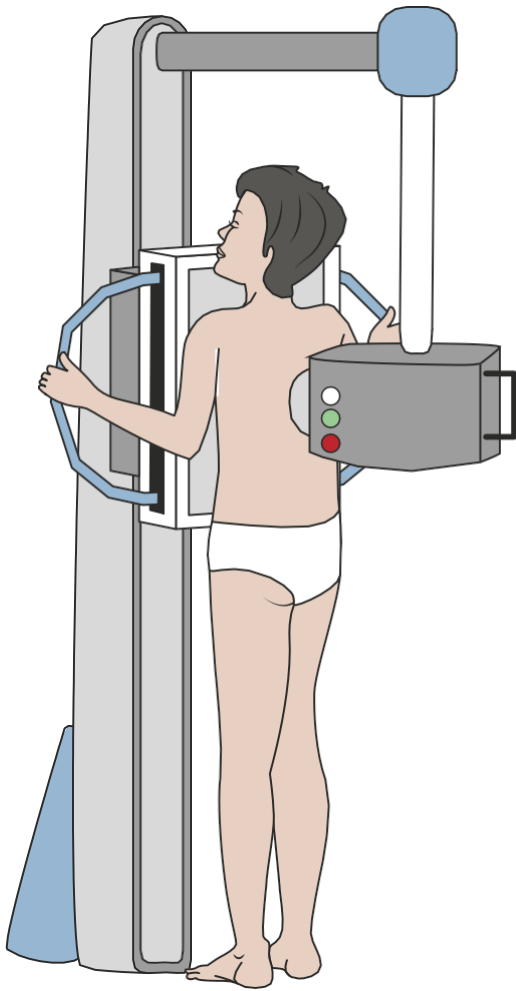
● **They tell me to take a deep breath.**



I must keep the air in my lungs
for a few seconds.



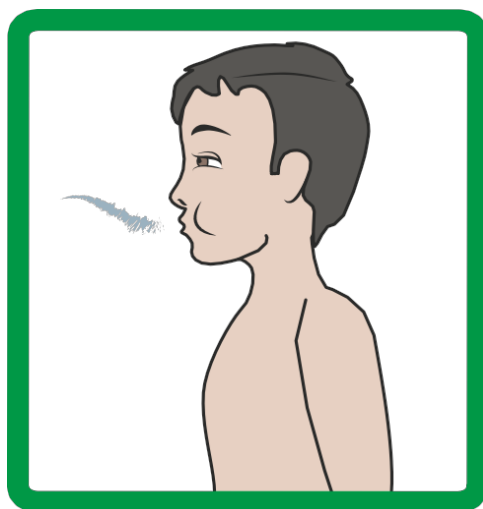
- The machine takes an X-Ray.



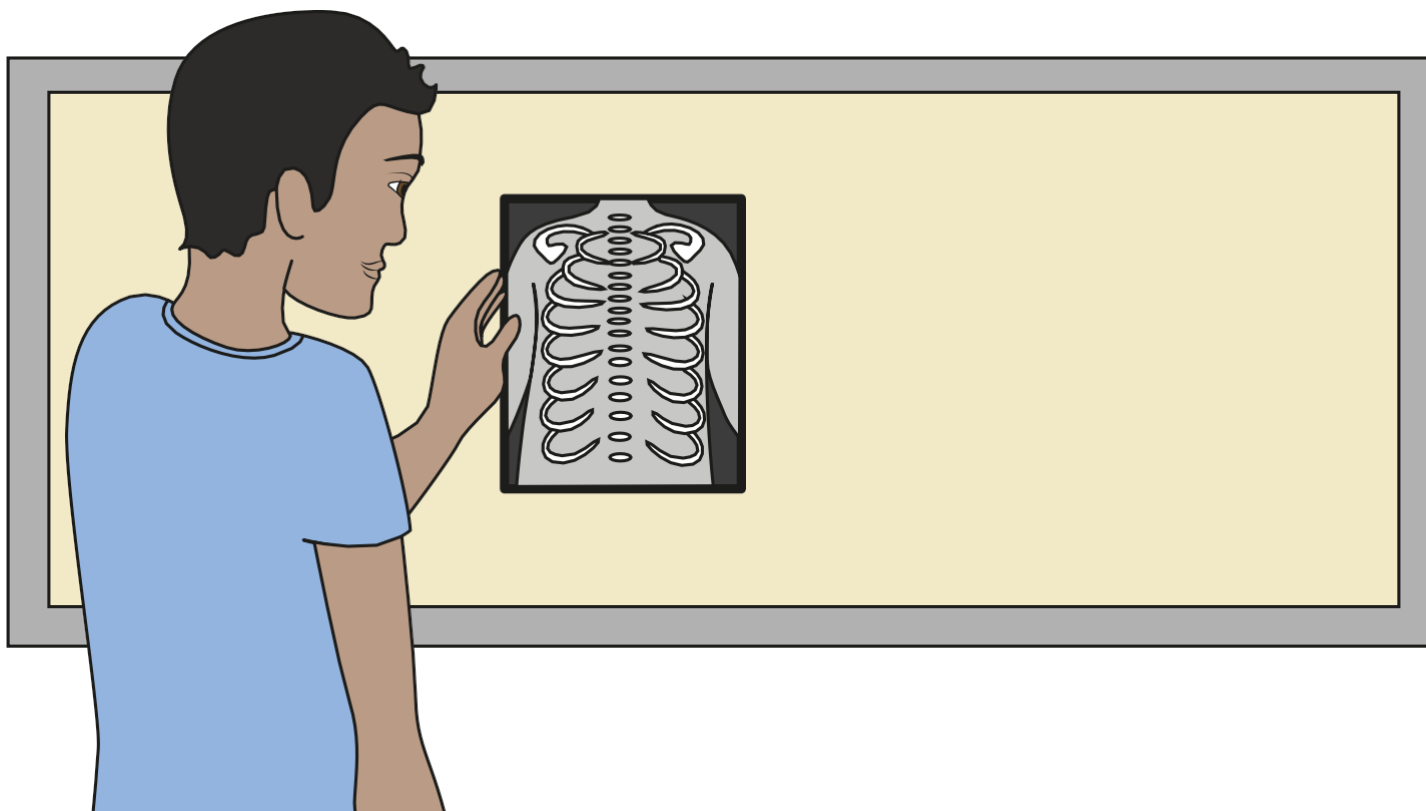
It's very quick.



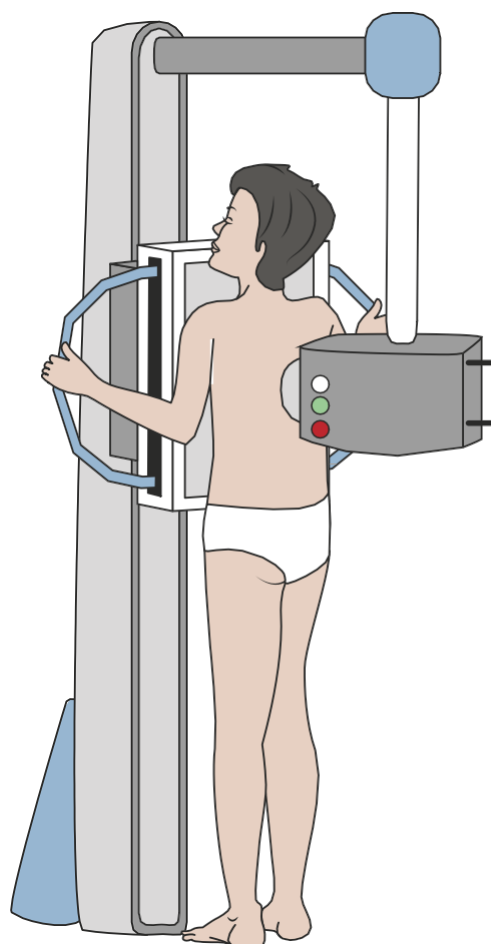
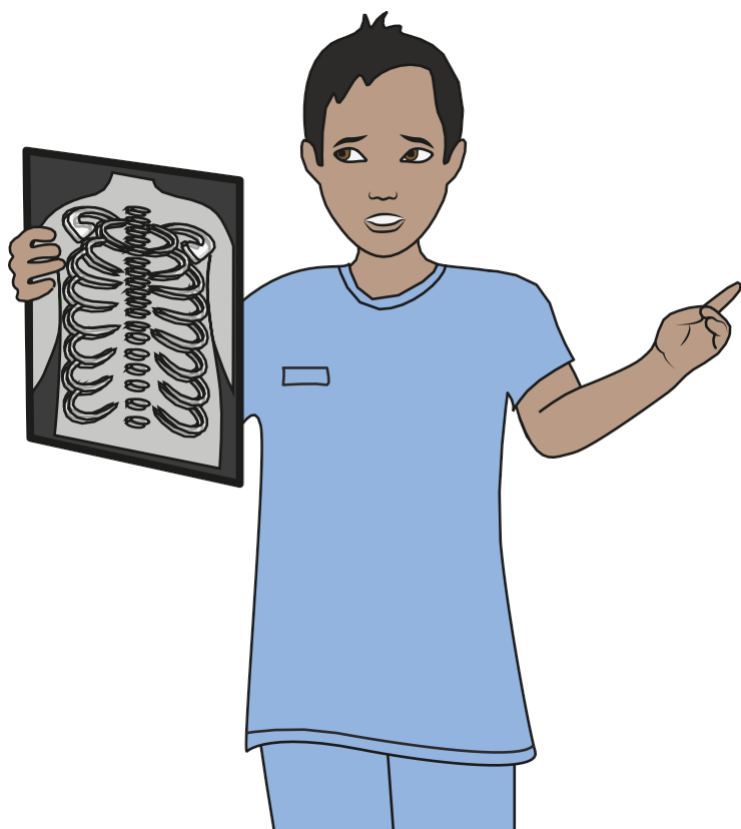
- The X-Ray is finished. I can breathe again.



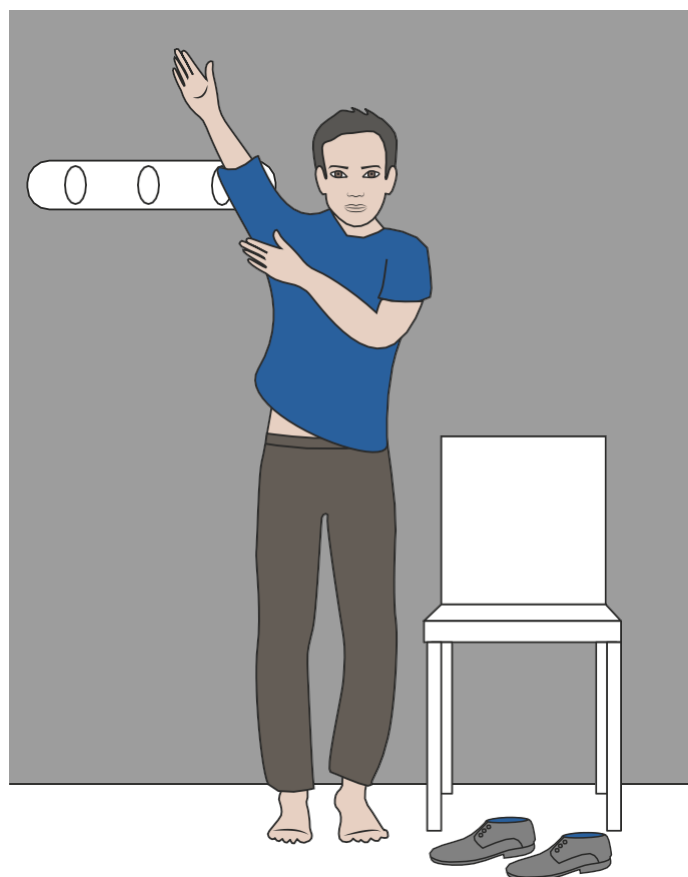
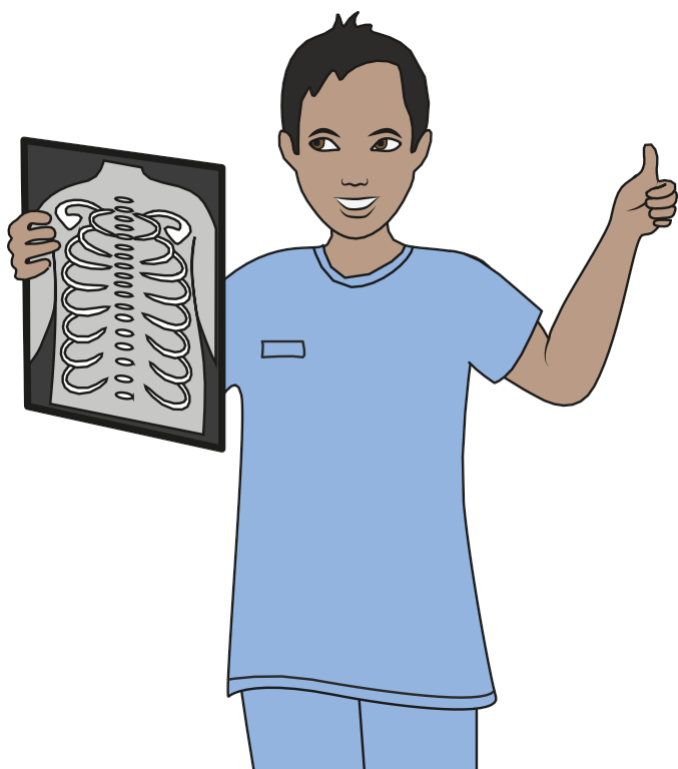
The radiographer checks the X-Ray.



● **The radiographer may want to take another X-Ray.**



- After the X-Ray I can put my clothes on.

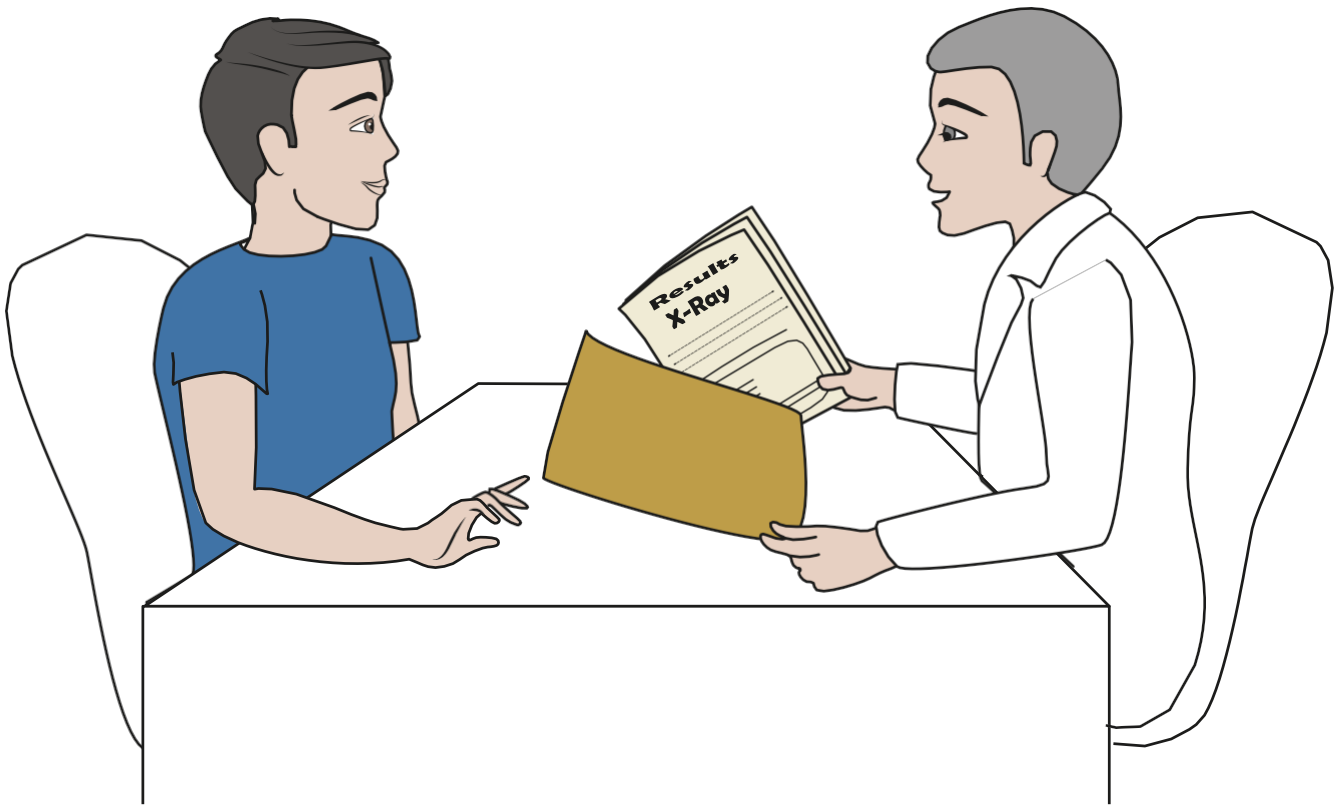


The radiologist writes a report.

The radiologist is the doctor who analyses the images from the X-Ray.

- The receptionist or the radiographer tell me how to get my results.





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