

Diagnostic Imaging in Children

Imaging tests are a valuable medical tool. These tests help providers find and treat many conditions. The tests reduce the need for and improve many surgical procedures. They can even make some therapies safer. Not getting these tests could delay diagnosis and treatment for your child.

While there are many benefits to these tests, you should pay attention to the amount of radiation your child is exposed to. Children are still growing. This makes them sensitive to radiation. HUSKY Health wants to help you be aware of how much radiation your child is exposed to.

You should keep track of your child's imaging test history. This will help you talk with your child's provider when a test is recommended. To help you keep track of these tests, download a copy of "My Child's Imaging Record."

Be sure to ask questions before your child has these tests. You want to make sure that the facility adjusts the radiation dose for children. Check to see if the facility is accredited by the American College of Radiology.

To learn more about these tests, visit the HUSKY Health <u>Your Health Library</u>. You can also learn more about <u>Radiation Exposure from X-rays (Child)</u> and <u>Radiation in a Nuclear Medicine Scan (Child)</u>.