

About your videofluoroscopy (VF)

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Information for service users, families, carers and supporters



What does videofluoroscopy (VF) mean?



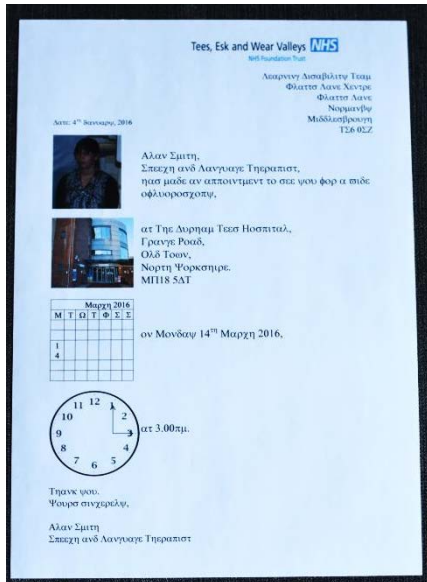
It is an X-ray of you eating and drinking.

The video will help us to understand what happens inside your body when you swallow food and drinks.



This is done at the hospital.

What will happen before my videofluoroscopy?



We will talk to you first to make sure you understand the procedure. You can decide if you want it.

You will then get a letter to tell you where you need to go and at what time.

We will tell you what you need to bring.

You can bring someone with you.

During the videofluoroscopy



You will be asked to wait in reception until the room is ready.

You will sit at the x-ray machine.

It will not hurt.

We will introduce you to the people in the room.

They will work the machines and talk to you about what is happening.



You will be asked to eat and drink something.

The food and drink will have a special white paste on.

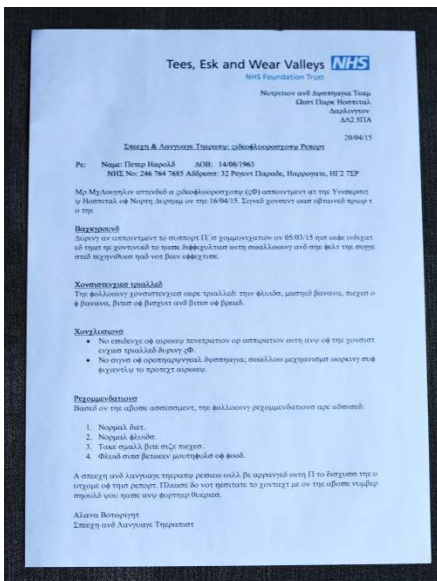


The X-ray will take less than 30 minutes.

After your videofluoroscopy



Someone will talk to you about your swallow.



We will write a report recommending what you can eat and drink.

We will arrange to visit you and talk about this.

If you are unhappy about our services...



Please tell a member of staff.



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We'd like to know if you thought this information was



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- if there was anything you didn't understand.



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