

# University OBGYN Associates

## **HYSTEOSALPINGOGRAM "HSG"**

### **WHAT IS AN HSG?**

A hysterosalpingogram, or HSG, is an x-ray procedure that helps determine if fallopian tubes are open and to evaluate the shape of the uterine cavity. The HSG is not designed to evaluate the ovaries or diagnose endometriosis.

### **WHEN?**

An HSG should be done in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of your cycle; 2-5 days after you stop bleeding, but before ovulation. (This is usually day 6-10.)

### **WHERE?**

Scanning Department of University Suburban Health Center

### **HOW?**

Our physician will perform an exam, and with a speculum in place, a thin catheter will be inserted through the opening of the cervix into the uterus. Contrast dye is then injected into the catheter. The radiologist then takes x-ray pictures as the dye passes into the uterus and through the fallopian tubes. Abnormalities of the uterine cavity or fallopian tubes will be visible on a monitor.

### **RISKS:**

You may feel light-headed during or shortly after the procedure.  
A slight risk of introducing or spreading infection.

**\*\* Inform your doctor if you think you have a pelvic infection or may be pregnant.**

### **MEDICATIONS:**

Take 100 mg of **Doxycycline** twice a day for the following two days in order to decrease the risk of infection after this procedure.

800 mg of **Ibuprofen** may be taken 8 hours, and again 1 hour prior to HSG to decrease cramping (unless you are allergic to this medication).

### **AFTER THE TEST:**

You may return to normal activities, however have someone available to take you home in case you are uncomfortable. You can expect light bleeding for a couple days. Finish antibiotics and use ibuprofen for cramping if needed. Abstain from intercourse for 24 hours after the procedure.

**During the week following the test, call our office if you experience fevers, heavy bleeding, severe cramps, or vaginal discharge that is excessive or has a foul odor.**

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