

## Lipiodol Hysterosalpingogram (HSG)

A Lipiodol Hysterosalpingogram (HSG) is performed on referral from a fertility specialist only.

### WHAT IS A LIPIODOL HSG?

A Lipiodol HSG is a therapeutic procedure that has been shown to increase conception rates, particularly in women with endometriosis. Before this is done, patent fallopian tubes must be confirmed with either an HSG or Laparoscopy & Dye.

### HOW IS A LIPIODOL HSG PERFORMED?

The procedure is very similar to a regular HSG. A small catheter is inserted into the cervix and up to 10mls of Lipiodol (an oil-based radiographic contrast agent) is introduced into the uterus and fallopian tubes. Usually this is easily performed within half an hour.

### WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED?

There is no specific preparation but, as with other HSGs, it should be timed with the menstrual cycle to occur between days 5 and 12 if possible.

Taking Paracetamol and Ibuprofen an hour before the procedure is also recommended.