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## Discogram

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A Discogram is a procedure performed for diagnostic purposes. The primary purpose of this test is to determine whether a disc is causing pain. It is an x-ray examination of the actual intervertebral disc. This procedure is ordered if an MRI fails to detect an issue with a disc or if surgery is being considered. It is carried out under fluoroscopy. Contrast is injected into a disc and will let the physician know if pain is associated with that particular disc. The test can help to determine if there is structural damage to a disc. More than one disc will be injected during this procedure so comparisons can be made. A CT scan will be obtained after the procedure is completed to further observe the amount of structural change to each disc if determined to be damaged.