

Patient Instructions



Patient Name

Date and time of procedure

Intravenous Pyelogram (IVP)

Please report to the Radiology Department on the 3rd Floor at Christie 101 W. University Ave. in Champaign. 217-366-1285.

What does this test show?

Your doctor has requested an Intravenous Pyelogram. This will allow the doctor to evaluate the condition and function of your urinary system, including the kidneys, ureters and bladder.

How do I prepare for the study?

In order for your doctor to see your urinary tract clearly, it is very important for you to follow the preparation instructions. Normally, you will need to follow a special diet for a day or two. You will be asked not to eat any solids for 24 hours before your test. There may be a laxative in the preparation kit you were given. If you have any questions about this kit, you may call your physician, the pharmacy, or the radiology department.

What to expect during the test:

In a private dressing area, you will be asked to remove most of your clothing and put on a gown. You will lie down on the x-ray table and have a picture taken. You will have a small needle inserted into a vein in your arm where you will receive x-ray contrast media (dye).

After the injection, the technologist will take a series of images at different times. After all the series are done the images will be shown to the radiologist to determine if any other images need to be taken before you empty your bladder. If no other images are needed you will be asked to go to the restroom to empty your bladder before returning to the x-ray room for a final series of images. The last images will be shown to the radiologist and confirm that no other images need to be taken.

When you are finished with the test, you will be able to resume your normal diet, unless your Physician has instructed you otherwise.

Note regarding the contrast:

The contrast is iodine based media and may give you a slight warm feeling. If you have any allergies to iodine or have had a reaction to x-ray contrast previously, please inform your Physician prior to this test. He/She may be able to pre-medicate you before receiving the contrast. If you take diabetes medication that contains Metformin, please inform your Physician. You will need to stop the medication for 48 hours after your test. You will be given instructions to have lab work done before resuming your medication.

How do I get the results?

The radiologist will interpret your x-ray images and send the report to your physician. Your physician will contact you by phone or mail as soon as your test results are received and reviewed.

Please return for a follow-up appointment with

Dr. _____

On _____ at _____

If you have not received your results in two weeks following this study, please contact your physician's office.

Note to women of childbearing age: Ideally, an abdominal radiology study on women of childbearing age should be performed during the first days following the onset of menses (period). This will minimize the possibility of irradiation of an embryo. In practice, medical needs should be the primary factors in deciding the timing of the examination. If there is any possibility that you may be pregnant, please inform your physician.