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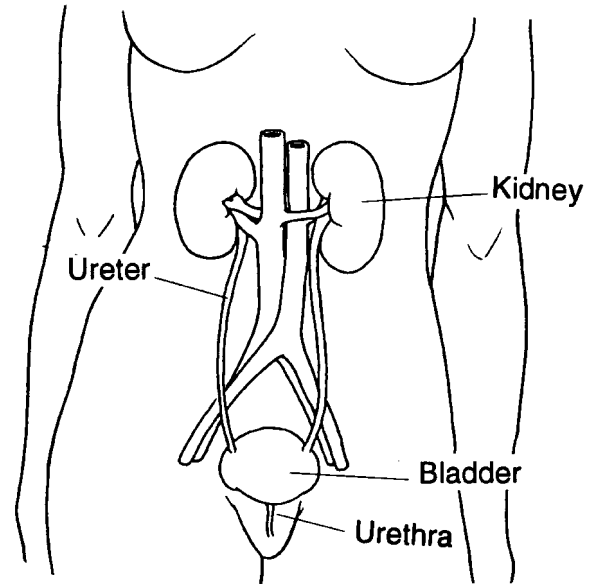
Retrograde Urethrogram

What Is An Retrograde Urethrogram?

An Retrograde Urethrogram is an x-ray examination of the urethra, the small tube that connects your bladder to the outside of your body. A special medicine, called contrast material, is injected into the urethra through the opening to the outside of your body. This contrast material allows the urethra to be seen on the finished x-ray film.

How Do I Get Ready For An Retrograde Urethrogram?

- There is no special preparation for this test.



If you are pregnant, or think you might be, tell the radiologist or technologist before the x-ray is taken.

How Is An Retrograde Urethrogram Done?

A registered technologist will help you onto the table, where you will lie on your back. One x-ray will be taken of your urethra and bladder before the contrast material is injected. The urethral opening to the outside of your body will be cleaned with an antiseptic solution. The radiologist, a doctor who specializes in radiology, will put a small tube (catheter) or the tip of a syringe about ½ inch into the urethral opening. A small amount of contrast material will be injected while x-rays are taken. This may be repeated a few times until all of the x-rays are taken. You will then be allowed to go to the bathroom and urinate the remaining contrast material from your bladder.

The radiologist will study your x-rays carefully and send a report to your personal doctor.

The procedure takes about 45 minutes. The staff will make you as comfortable as possible, however, please let us know if you have any discomfort.

What Should I Do After The Retrograde Urethrogram?

- You may start your normal routine immediately after your test.

Any Other Questions Or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at (614) 293-8313. Our receptionist will direct your call to a qualified staff member who will answer your questions.