



IVP

WHAT IS AN IVP OR INTRAVENOUS PYLEOGRAM?

An IVP is a series of x-rays used to visualize the urinary system. This includes the kidneys, the ureters or tubes that connect the kidneys to the bladder, and the urinary bladder. If you are a woman of childbearing age and there is a chance you may be pregnant, please tell your doctor and the technologist before your exam.

WHAT IS THE PREPARATION FOR AN IVP?

You will be asked to take a specific preparation for this test. The purpose of the prep is to “clean out” the body of stool. You will need to pick up the preparation medication and special instructions in Radiology a couple days ahead of your appointment day. This enables the kidneys to be seen better. The preparation starts at 12Noon the day before your exam. You may need to use the bathroom several times during the evening or even into the night. If you are a diabetic and or allergic to Iodine, please consult your physician for any special instructions.

PLEASE BRING ANY PREVIOUS X-RAYS RELATED TO YOUR EXAM WITH YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY OF THE TEST?

After registration you will be sent to radiology. You will be asked to wear a hospital gown. You will be asked a series of questions in order to obtain some history of your problems. If you have any allergies, please inform the technologist. You will be asked to sign a consent for contrast injection.

An “x-ray dye” will be injected through a vein, usually in the arm. This “dye” allows the Radiologist to see the kidneys in more detail. After the injection a series of x-rays are taken at timed intervals over approximately one hour. You should be able to drive yourself home. There are no restrictions or special instructions after your exam. You may resume your normal activities.

HOW DO I GET THE RESULTS?

The radiologist will be providing your doctor with a report within the next few days. Your doctor can then discuss the results with you.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your procedure, please call us at 975-6382.

WHAT IF I NEED TO RESCHEDULE MY APPOINTMENT?

If you need to reschedule your appointment, please call our central scheduling office at 975-2695.