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An information guide



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What is a cystogram?

It is an X-ray examination of your bladder.

Who performs the examination?

A radiologist will perform the examination, assisted by a radiographer. Radiologists are doctors specially trained to interpret the images and carry out more complex examinations. They are supported by radiographers who are highly trained to carry out radiographic imaging procedures.

What does the test involve?

You will attend the x-ray department and be taken into the examination room and asked to change into a hospital gown. Whilst on the table a tube will be connected to the catheter (already inserted) and a dye (contrast), which shows up on x-rays, will fill your bladder. Images are then taken of your bladder. Once these images have been done the dye will be drained and you will be free to return home or attend clinic as pre-arranged by your consultant.

The catheter cannot be removed in the Xray department after the test regardless of the result of the examination.

How long does it take, is it a painful procedure?

The procedure lasts approximately half an hour. It is not painful as a general rule; however you may feel uncomfortable once your bladder is full.

Are there any side effects/after effects?

No.

How do you get the results of your investigation?

The results will be sent to the consultant who referred you.

Do I need any preparation for this examination?

Yes. Please bring along any spare catheter bags you may have. You should already have a catheter inserted. If this isn't the case please contact the booking centre.

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