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An information guide



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## What is a urethrogram?

This is an x-ray test to take pictures of the water pipe (urethra) that passes through the penis and leads to the bladder.

## Who performs your investigation?

A radiologist will carry out this investigation assisted by a radiographer. Radiologists are specially trained to interpret the images and carry out more complex examinations. They are supported by Radiographers who are highly trained to carry out x-rays and other imaging procedures.

## What does the test involve?

You will need to change into a hospital gown. In an x-ray examination room you will be asked to lie down on the table. A small rubber tube will be inserted into the tip of the penis. X-ray dye is passed through the tube and into the urethra up to the bladder. X-ray images are taken as the dye is introduced. You may also be asked to empty your bladder while x-ray images are taken to gain further information.

## Is there any special preparation required?

There is no preparation for this examination though you may be asked to empty your bladder immediately prior to the examination.

## How long does it take, is it painful?

The investigation will take about 10 to 15 minutes. It is not a painful procedure but you may experience some discomfort during positioning of the tube. A local anaesthetic gel will be used to reduce the sensation.

### **Are there any side effects/after effects?**

There are no side effects or after effects from this procedure. The x-ray dye leaves your body when you pass water.

### **How do you get the results of your investigation?**

The results of your examination will be sent to the consultant who referred you for the test.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your investigation please contact the Booking Centre on 0161 778 2233.

**Important** - This examination does involve using a small amount of radiation. This dose is kept to a minimum to reduce the risks to yourself.

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