



Experience Health Caring

EXAM: IVP (Intravenous Pyelogram)

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| INDICATIONS: | If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam is usually used to assess the possibility of kidney stones or other urinary tract disorders. |
| CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS: | Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC. |
| HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO? | This exam usually averages between 45-60 minutes, with possible delayed imaging depending on the patient. Please allow some time for registration and other paperwork. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right. If you are having blood work prior to the exam to check kidney function, check in at the registration department 1 hour prior to your exam. This is the first office on the right past the main lobby. |
| PREPARATION: | Need to pick up a bowel prep kit at the hospital 2 days prior to the exam. It is necessary to follow a certain diet for two days before the exam. You will need to drink a liquid and take some pills at specific times to cleanse the bowel. There is also a suppository for use the morning of the exam. If you have been given a doctor's order (prescription) for the exam, you must have it with you at the time of the exam. |
| MEDICATION ISSUES: | If patient is taking glucophage, glucovance, metformin, or avandamet they will need to discontinue use 1 day prior to the exam and 2 days after. |
| WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT: | An IV will be placed into a vein in the arm and a contrast will be injected. This contrast helps the kidneys, ureters and bladder to be visualized on x-rays. The patient can expect to get a warm sensation all over, especially in the pelvic and bladder area. X-rays will be taken periodically as the urinary system filters the contrast through. At the end of the exam the patient will be asked to urinate in the bathroom and a final film is taken. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187. |