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EXAM: Percutaneous Nephrostomy

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This exam is to place a tube into the kidney from the back to help drain urine due to obstructive abnormalities such as kidney stones.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Be sure that your physician and the imaging staff are aware of all medication allergies, especially to lidocaine and iodine. The table weight limit is 330 lbs – anything over, call QC.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	The patient will need to arrive one hour prior to the exam for blood work and will be asked to stay for about two hours after for observation. The exam itself will last about 30-40 minutes. Most likely you will be preregistered, but you will need to go to registration if you have blood work ordered. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. Registration is the first office on the right.
PREPARATION:	Nothing to eat or drink 2 hours prior to the exam. If you have been given a doctors order (prescription) for the exam, you must have it with you at the time of the exam.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Patient may be instructed to stop taking blood thinners for a period prior to the exam.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	A needle will be placed through the skin, after numbing the area for patient comfort, into the back and kidney. A plastic tube then replaces the needle. 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.