

# Cystogram

## What is a cystogram?

This procedure is performed to outline the bladder and urethra (tube that comes out from the bladder) using iodinated contrast. It is sometimes performed after bladder surgery to check for leaks.

## What preparation is required?

You will need to remove all clothing from your lower body and change into a hospital gown.

## What is involved?

This is a sterile procedure. You will lie on your back on the x-ray table and a hospital drape will be placed across your body. The radiologist will wear a gown, gloves and mask. If you have a catheter in place, it will be used to fill your bladder with contrast.

If you do not have a catheter in place, a small tube will be inserted into the urethra and a small balloon inflated at the end to hold it in place within the bladder.

Once the bladder is full, x-ray images will be taken of the bladder. At the end of the procedure the contrast will be drained, or you may be asked to urinate while more images are taken. This procedure is known as a 'micturating cystogram'.

## Are there any side effects?

Some people may experience mild discomfort during the procedure. Please alert a staff member if you experience any symptoms of nausea. This is not an allergic reaction.

## How long will this take?

The procedure will take approximately 30 - 45 minutes to complete.

## How do I get my results?

Digital images are immediately available to your doctor and your records will be kept permanently. This occurs through a system called PACS. **If a priority report is requested it will be issued within two hours and faxed or emailed to your doctor, however this can sometimes take up to 24 hours.**

If your referring doctor wants to see you on the day of your examination, please advise the reception staff when you arrive for your appointment, so the appropriate information can be made available for you to take to your doctor.

## How much will this cost?

Please ask reception staff of the cost involved at the time of booking your appointment.

## Important

**It is important to let us know when you make your booking if you are or think you may be pregnant or are breastfeeding.**

It is important to bring with you your referral, previous x-rays and any other tests (only if previous ones were **not** done at Cabrini or I-MED).

## Questions

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Cabrini Medical Imaging using the relevant number below.