

## **BLADDER POST-VOID RESIDUAL ULTRASOUND (Limited Pelvic Exam)**

### **Purpose:**

To evaluate your bladder for the amount of urine remaining after urination.

### **How long will this procedure take?**

This exam will take up to 30 minutes.

### **Preparation:**

You will be asked to drink 36 oz. prior to the exam. Start drinking your water one hour prior to the scheduled exam time and plan to finish 15 minutes before the exam to allow time for the water to completely fill the bladder.

***Important:*** You must not empty your bladder until the exam is completed; it is important that the bladder be full for this study in order to better use it as a “window” to view pelvic structures.

### **Procedure:**

The technologist will apply gel to the bladder area and create images. Various bladder measurements will be taken before and after emptying your bladder.

### **After the examination:**

The radiologist will study your films and dictate a report which will be sent to your physician within 24 hours.