

VOIDING CYSTOURETHROGRAM (VCUG)

Purpose:

This procedure determines if urine flows backwards into the kidneys.

How long will this procedure take?

Allow approximately 1 hour.

Preparation:

No oral prep is necessary.

You will put on a hospital gown and remove any foreign objects such as jewelry, snaps, buttons, etc. A nurse will catheterize you after which a contrast material will be instilled into your bladder through the catheter.

Procedure:

A radiologist will fluoroscope and take “spot films” during the examination. A radiologic technologist will assist him throughout the procedure.

All your films will be reviewed by a radiologist before you leave the department to assure that no additional films are necessary.

After the examination:

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