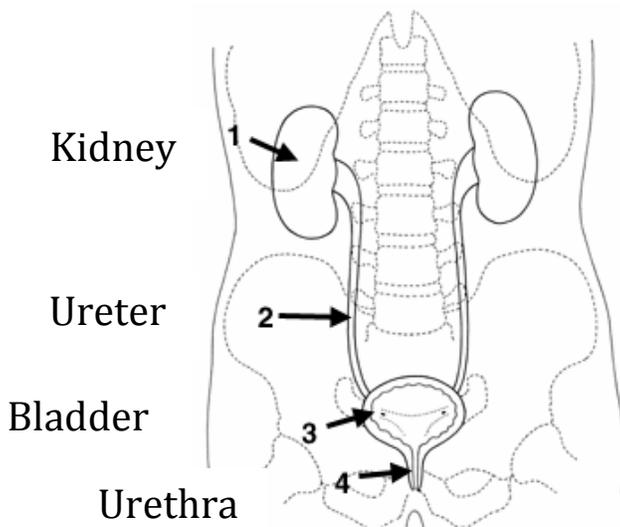


Intravenous Pyelogram (IVP)



How to Prepare for an Intravenous Pyelogram?

- Do not eat or drink anything after 10:00 pm (22:00) the night before the test.

You can still take your medications with a small amount of water.

Notify the technologist if you are diabetic and taking the medication Metformin, as blood test results will need to be checked.

Notify the technologist if you have any allergies (especially to iodine or seafood) or if you have asthma, hay fever or a heart condition.

What is an Intravenous Pyelogram?

An Intravenous Pyelogram (IVP) is a test which is performed in the Diagnostic Imaging department. It is an x-ray that takes pictures of the kidneys, the ureters (the tubes that pass from your kidneys to your bladder), and your bladder.

What will happen during the IVP?

You will be asked to put on a hospital gown. The technologist will also have you empty your bladder before you start the test. You will be asked to lie on a special table. You will have an intravenous put in your arm to inject a contrast medium. The contrast is used to help the radiologist see the body part better on the x-ray.

At times you may be asked to hold your breath. You may be asked to void before the last x-ray film is taken.

This test takes about 45 minutes.

What will happen after the IVP?

It is recommended that you drink enough fluids to replace those lost as you were preparing for the test.

The radiologist will send the report to your physician. The results will be given to you by your physician.