

Retrograde Urethrogram- The purpose of the retrograde urethrogram is to study the appearance and function of the urethra. The test is most commonly performed on males. A small catheter is placed into the distal urethra. The urethra is then filled with an iodinated liquid contrast. The contrast agent improves the quality of the test. Once your urethra is full, the catheter is removed.

Please inform the technologist if you are allergic to iodine or any type of contrast agent. Please bring your current home medications or a list of your medications with you the day of the test. You may be asked to remove some or all of your clothes and wear a gown during the test. You may also be asked to remove jewelry, eye glasses, and any metal objects or clothing that might interfere with the images.

The test may require you to lie flat or turn from side to side. Multiple images of your anatomy, with and without the contrast agent will be taken using a radiographic camera. The images will be taken at timed intervals during the exam. The images will be reviewed by a Radiologist (a doctor that reads x-rays) and a report will be sent to your ordering physician in 48 hours. The test takes approximately 1 hour.