

Voiding Cystourethrogram- The purpose of a voiding cystourethrogram is to study the function and appearance of the bladder and the lower urinary tract while the bladder fills and empties. A urinary catheter will be inserted into your bladder. The bladder is then filled with an iodinated liquid contrast. The contrast agent improves the quality of the test. Once your bladder is full, the urinary catheter is removed, and you will empty your bladder onto the exam table. Protective pads will be placed under your body to absorb the liquid. Please inform the technologist if you are allergic to iodine or any type of contrast agent.

Please inform the technologist if you are pregnant. Many imaging tests are not performed during pregnancy. If you are diabetic please consult your physician as to any special instructions concerning your diabetes prior to the test. 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.