

RETROGRADE URETHROGRAM

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WHAT IS A RETROGRADE URETHROGRAM?

The purpose of the retrograde urethrogram is to study the appearance and function of the urethra. The test is most commonly preformed 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.

WHAT TO EXPECT

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 test takes approximately 1 hour.

HOW TO PREPARE

Follow these guidelines:

- 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 change into a hospital gown to get a more accurate picture.
- Remove jewelry, removable dental hardware, eye glasses, and any metal objects or clothing that might interfere with the images.

RESULTS

A radiologist will review your images and send a report to your doctor who ordered the test in 48 hours. You'll get a call from your doctor's office to discuss the results and next steps. To check your results in our secure, online patient portal, My UNC Chart, visit www.myuncchart.org.