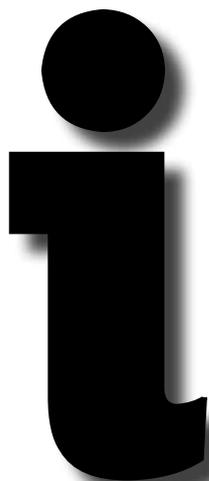


# Urethrogram



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## What is a Urethrogram?

This is an examination to look at the urethra, the water pipe that passes through the penis and leads to the bladder.

## What happens during the examination?

The purpose of this test is to introduce a contrast agent (dye) containing iodine into the bladder to get pictures of the urethra.

The radiologist will place a soft rubber catheter into the end of your penis. A local anaesthetic gel is used to reduce the discomfort of the catheter.

Dye is then injected through the catheter whilst pictures are taken.

During the test we might ask you to try and pass water to get some further images.

## How long will it take?

Approximately 15-30 minutes.

## Is there any special preparation?

There is no special preparation, although an empty bladder is required before the examination.

## What are the risks?

The radiation dose is about the same as the average person receives from background radiation over 8-10 months. Special precautions are taken to keep the radiation dose to a minimum.

## What happens after the examination?

The test may be a little uncomfortable, but we would not normally expect you to experience any side effects. Occasionally after the test you may have some discomfort on passing urine, and very occasionally there is a little bleeding from the urethra.

## How do I get the results?

The images taken during the examination are studied by the radiologist at a later date. They then produce a detailed report and send it to the doctor who referred you for the test. Your referring doctor will then discuss the results with you and any treatment you may need.

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