

X-ray

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Outpatient Testing



Imaging test to be performed:

VCUG

Patient's name: _____

Test date: _____

Test time: _____

See other side for test location and registration instructions

What You Need To Know

How to prepare for your test:

Prior to your voiding cystourethrogram (VCUG) test, a Medical Imaging nurse will gently insert a catheter (thin, flexible tube) into your urethra and pass it into your bladder.

How long will the test take?

About 1 hour.

What is the purpose of the test?

To detect abnormalities of the bladder and the urethra. The test may also detect abnormal bladder emptying or any congenital (inherited) abnormality. In males, it may detect abnormal narrowing of the urethra.

How is the test performed?

You will be asked to lie on your back on the x-ray table. A contrast dye will be injected through the catheter into your bladder. A number of x-ray pictures will then be taken in various positions. The catheter will be removed so that you can urinate into a portable receptacle on the table. X-rays will be taken of the bladder and urethra during urination.

Required before test:

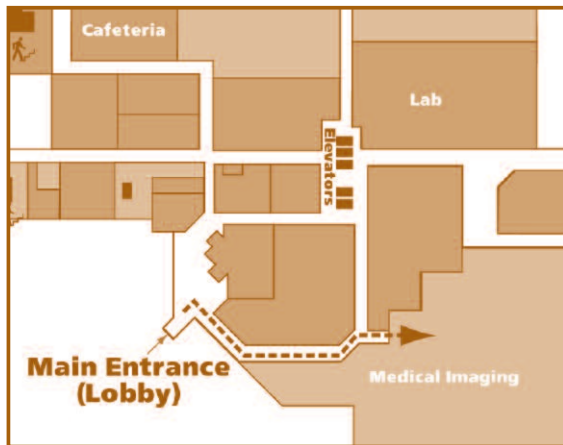
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

Your test will be conducted at:

EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department
3100 Channing Way
Idaho Falls
208-227-2600



What is an x-ray?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an x-ray. X-rays are a form of electromagnetic radiation, just like visible light. In a healthcare setting, x-rays are emitted by a machine as individual "particles" (photons) that pass through the body and then get detected by a sensitive film. Structures that are dense, such as bone, will block most of the photons and will appear white on developed film. Structures containing air will be black on film, and muscle, fat, and fluid will appear as shades of gray. Metal and contrast media block almost all the photons and will appear bright white. X-rays are also known as radiographs.

How to register:

Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes (unless otherwise instructed) before your test, which includes time for you to register. See the following schedule for guidance on where to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)