

X-ray

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Outpatient Testing



Imaging test to be performed:

Venography

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:

A nurse will call you for a history and will give you additional instructions.

Please arrive directly at Medical Imaging 1 hour early.

Don't eat or drink after midnight except clear liquids 2 hours prior to arrival.

Please arrange for someone to drive you home.

How long will the test take?

About 1 hour.

What is the purpose of the test?

This test is primarily performed to diagnose deep-vein thrombosis (blood clots in the legs). It can also be used to distinguish blood clots from obstructions in the veins, to evaluate congenital vein problems, to see how the deep leg vein valves are working, or to identify a vein for arterial bypass grafting.

How is the test performed?

During the procedure, you will lie on a tilting x-ray table. A local anesthetic may be injected to numb the skin of your foot at the site where the catheter (a long, narrow flexible tube) will be inserted. A small incision may be made for the catheter. The catheter will be inserted and the contrast solution will be slowly injected.

In order to fill the deep venous system with the contrast solution, a tight band may be tied around your ankle or your legs may be tilted. The doctor will observe with a fluoroscope the movement of the solution through the vein. At the same time, a series of x-rays will be taken. When the test is finished, you will receive an injection of fluid to clear the contrast solution from the veins, the catheter will be removed, and a bandage will be applied over the site of the injection.

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.

