You are scheduled for a

☐ Cystogram
☐ Voiding Cystogram

Name: __________________________
Date: __________________________
Report Time: ____________________
Procedure Time: ________________
Study: __________________________
History/Diagnosis: __________________
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ICD-10: _______________________

Physician Signature: __________________________

Follow-Up
The radiologist will study your x-rays and relay the results to your physician. Your physician will discuss the results of your examination with you at your next appointment.

To schedule your appointment, or if you must cancel please call 484-628-8611. If you have any questions about cystograms or voiding cystograms, please ask.

Please bring with you this brochure, your health plan ID card, photo identification, and your pre-approval or referral forms to your appointment.
Your doctor has scheduled you for a special type of x-ray study - cystogram or voiding cystogram. This brochure explains the procedure so you will know what to expect on the day of your study.

**About Cystograms/Voiding Cystograms**

A **cystogram** is a special x-ray study that looks at your bladder. A **voiding cystogram** looks at your bladder and urethra. By filling the bladder with liquid contrast (a special water with iodine base), the doctor will be able to look at the structure and function of your bladder.

*If you have ever had a reaction to iodine-based drugs, be sure to tell the technologist or your doctor prior to the study.*

*A Note To Patients: If you are having this study done as an inpatient, your nurse will guide you through any preparations, and will arrange for your trip to and from the Imaging Center.*

**Preparation**

There is no preparation needed for this study. You may eat and drink as normal before this study, and take your regular medicine.

**Procedure**

When you arrive in the Imaging Center, a technologist will take you to a dressing room. You will be asked to change into the exam gown provided.

When you are ready, the technologist will show you the x-ray room. After the technologist explains the procedure and answers your questions, you will be helped onto the table, and positioned for a basic x-ray.

After the technologist checks this basic x-ray, a trained professional will insert the catheter, or tube, through the urethra. This is the small opening in your body where urine comes out.

Your bladder will then be filled with the liquid contrast through this catheter, while being watched under fluoroscopy (a special type of x-ray). Your bladder will feel full. Several x-rays of your bladder will be taken.

If you are having a **cystogram** and the catheter was inserted in the Radiology Department, the catheter will be removed, and you will be asked to void in the restroom. If you arrived with a catheter in place, your bladder will be emptied through the catheter. The technologist then takes a post-void x-ray.

If you are having a **voiding cystogram**, the catheter is removed, and you will be asked to empty your bladder on the table while the x-rays are taken. While we know that you may find this embarrassing, it is needed so the radiologist (a doctor who is an expert in reading x-rays) will be able to read the test.

**Location: Reading Hospital, C1**

Park in the 6th Avenue Garage and use the main hospital entrance beneath the clock tower. Take the Tower Elevator down one floor to 1. Exit elevator to your left, then turn right. The Imaging Center registration window will be on the right side of the hallway.