

Informed Consent for Cystogram/Voiding Cystogram

Your doctor has referred you to Radiological Associates of Sacramento for a Cystogram/Voiding Cystogram. This consent explains the procedure and possible complications.

Description of the Procedure:

The cystogram or voiding cystogram is an x-ray exam of your urinary bladder. The patient arrives from their doctor's office to the radiology department already catheterized. The patient is placed on an x-ray table; the radiologist will inject contrast media (dye) through the catheter to fill up the bladder. The contrast media makes the bladder show up on the x-ray, the radiologist and the technologist will take a few images to document what is shown on the monitor. If the exam is ordered as a voiding cystogram, the catheter will be removed and the patient will be instructed to void while x-rays are obtained. The exam takes approximately 30 minutes.

Risks of the Procedure:

Some patients experience some amount of bleeding and/or discomfort. There is also a small risk of introducing infection into the bladder during catheterization. If you experience significant difficulty in going to the bathroom, pain or fever, please contact your physician.

Alternatives to the Procedure:

Cystoscopy.

Anticipated Benefits:

Diagnosis of any abnormalities in the filling of the bladder.

Consent:

I have been informed of the nature, risks, consequences, and alternatives of this procedure. No guarantee has been made as to the results. I have read and fully understand the above information, and have had all my questions answered. I give my consent to have this procedure performed.