

Informed Consent for Retrograde Urethrogram

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

Description of the Procedure:

This exam is to evaluate the male urethra for lacerations, fistulas or strictures that interrupt urination. A small catheter is placed into the opening of the urethra at the end of the penis and contrast material (dye) is injected, to fill the urethra. The contrast makes the urethra show up on an x-ray monitor screen. The radiologist and technologist will take a few images to document what is shown on the monitor. The exam will take approximately 30 minutes.

Risks of the Procedure:

Some patients experience some amount of discomfort. There is also a small risk of bladder infection afterwards. If you later experience significant difficulty in urination, pain or fever, please contact your physician.

Alternatives to the Procedure:

IV contrast injection followed by a Voiding Cystogram. (X-Ray examination done during urination)

Anticipated Benefits:

Provides diagnosis of abnormalities of the urethra.

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.