



# Patient information

# **Urethrogram - Appointment Details**

X-ray Department - Imaging Department

#### **Before Your Examination**

There is no need for any special preparation before this examination. You should eat and drink normally.

Your hospital doctor or family doctor (GP) has advised that you need an Urethrogram. You may wish to discuss alternative treatments or procedures. Please ask a doctor or nurse if alternative treatments or procedures are available.

# What is a Urethrogram?

A Urethrogram is an X-ray examination of the tube from your bladder to the outside that carries your urine. A colourless fluid known as an X-ray contrast agent or dye is used. It is carried out by a Radiologist (a doctor who specialises in X-rays).

# What are the benefits of having a Urethrogram?

This procedure will help us make the correct diagnosis so we will be able to give you the correct treatment.

## The risks of having an Urethrogram include:

- We are all exposed to natural background radiation every day of our lives. Each X-ray examination gives us a small additional dose. This dose varies with each type of examination. Everything is done within the X-ray department to minimise this dose.
- A very small risk of infection but this is very unlikely as the procedure is done under sterile conditions.

If you are worried about any of these risks, please speak to your Doctor or a member of their team.

#### The Examination

- You will be taken to a changing room, and asked to put on a gown. When it is your turn, you will be taken into the X-ray room and asked to lie on the X-ray table.
- Some local anaesthetic gel will be put on the end of a small tube. A nurse or radiologist will put
  this small tube into your urethra. The liquid will go through this tube and X-ray pictures are
  taken by the radiologist as they watch on the T.V. monitor.

During the examination every care is taken to ensure your privacy, with only the necessary staff staying in the room. The tube is then removed.

#### After the examination

Following the examination it is not unusual to find a few spots of blood in your urine, but this should stop after 24 hours. If these symptoms persist you should contact your GP.

#### Results

Your results are sent to the doctor who asked for this test to be carried out. This may be the hospital doctor or your GP.

#### **Cancellations**

If you are unable to keep this appointment, please let us know as soon as possible and we will arrange another for you.

If you fail to cancel and do not attend you will not be sent another appointment.

## **Transport**

If you have been referred to us from clinic and usually have an ambulance to bring you for your appointment, please contact the Appointments Office as soon as possible.

If you have been referred to us by your GP and require an ambulance please contact your GP surgery.

# Car parking

Car parking for visitors and patients is available at the Q-Park multi-storey car park located across the road from the front entrance of the hospital. Vehicle entry to the car park is on Epworth Street which is off Erskine Street. The car park is open 24 hours a day seven days a week and charges apply. The car park is continually monitored by CCTV and parking attendants.

There are disabled spaces within the car park. If you require help with parking ask a parking host at the car park entrance. There is a bus shuttle service for patients with mobility problems which operates Monday to Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm from Q-Park to the Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

#### **Feedback**

Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

#### **Further Information**

If you have any further questions, or require further information, please contact

**The Appointments Office** 

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**NHS 111 Service** 

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