

**Madigan Army Medical Center
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Urology (253) 968-3286**

Intravenous Pyelogram

An intravenous pyelogram, or IVP, uses intravenous contrast and an X-ray machine to obtain pictures of your urinary system.

Patient Instructions:

- 1) Please notify your medical professional of any drug allergies to include any allergies to contrast dye.
- 2) Your doctor may order a blood test to check your kidney function. Please complete this blood test at least 2 days before your IVP appointment.
- 3) If you are a diabetic and taking either **Metformin** or **Glucophage** please alert your urologist. You must not take these medications for the first 48 hours after the IVP. Please notify your primary care physician that you are going to have an IVP and have been instructed to hold these medications. If your care provider has any concerns, please ask him/her to contact the Urology clinic at (253) 968 – 1579.
- 4) Female patients may be required to complete a pregnancy test 24 to 48 hours before the IVP. Please alert the urology clinic if you know or suspected you are pregnant.
- 5) Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. The procedure should take about 60 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Urology Clinic during duty hours (08:00 to 16:00 Monday to Friday). If you need help after normal duty hours please call or go to the Emergency Room (253) 968 – 1390.

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