



Patient Prep & Instruction Manual

Scheduled Test: Loopogram or Pouchogram

Date: _____

Time: _____

Where: Check in at the Outpatient Radiology Reception Area. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of your examination.

Purpose: To visualize the loop of bowel that has been used as a substitute for your urinary bladder.

Preparation: No preparation is necessary for patients with a continent neobladder. Patients with an ileal conduit should schedule an appointment with Urology to get antibiotics 1 hour prior to the procedure.

Be sure that your doctor's office has sent an x-ray request form to the Radiology department or that you bring one with you.

A parent or guardian must accompany patients less than 18 years old. If possible, please do not bring children with you.

Procedure: You will be asked to change into a hospital gown and given a questionnaire to complete. If you are or could possibly be pregnant, please inform the x-ray technologist.

A technologist will escort you into an x-ray examination room, review your questionnaire, ask you to sign consent to have this examination performed, and take two or three x-ray films of your abdomen. After a radiologist has reviewed these films, he or she will either clean your urostomy stoma and insert a catheter into it or catheterize your urethra. X-ray contrast material, also known as x-ray dye, will then be injected through the catheter and several x-ray films will be exposed. Films will also be taken after the catheter has been removed from the urostomy stoma or neobladder.

The radiologist's report of the results of the examination will be sent to the doctor who referred you for this test. Your doctor will discuss the results with you.

After Care: You may resume normal activity after the study. You may notice a small amount of blood in your urine for a day or two after the study. This will disappear if it is related to the x-ray study. If it does not, call the doctor who referred you for the study or the radiologist who performed it.

Please call (215) 662-3015 (GU Radiology) to speak with an x-ray technologist if you have any questions before or after your examination.