



**SAINT ANTHONY
MEDICAL CENTER**

Diagnostic Radiology (X-Ray) Department

815-395-5433

Test Name:

Intravenous Pyelogram, IVP, Nephrotomogram

Welcome to the OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Department.

You have been scheduled to have an **Intravenous Pyelogram, IVP or a Nephrotomogram (Nephro)**.

This is a diagnostic test using a form of x-ray.

This information will help you understand the test that has been scheduled.

Thank you for trusting OSF for your medical imaging needs.

When to come:

Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time to check in.

What to Bring with You:

You may have had x-rays done at a hospital other than OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. Please bring copies of the pictures with you the day of the test. You may also request that the doctor's office send the pictures or results to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center before your test.

Jewelry:

Please remove all jewelry from your belly before the test

Family:

Family or friends are asked to stay in the waiting area during the test

Pregnancy Testing:

Pregnancy testing will now be performed on females receiving diagnostics between the ages of 10 and 55 years old if you have not had your tubes tied or a hysterectomy. Home pregnancy tests are not acceptable. If you know that you are pregnant, please notify your doctor.

Medications:

If you are diabetic and take Metformin containing medication, you may need some lab work prior to your test. You may be asked to stop taking your Metformin medication 48 hours after your test. Your technologist will give you specific instructions regarding your Metformin medication.

Allergies:

You will receive contrast (iodine/X-ray dye) as part of the test. Contrast is something given in order for the body part to be seen on an X-ray. If you have any known allergies to iodine or X-ray contrast, please contact your ordering doctor. You may need to take special medications before having this test

Test Instructions:

You may be asked to wear a hospital gown during the test. A registered X-ray technologist will be doing your test under the guidance of a radiologist (a doctor specializing in reading X-rays). Your test will take about 60 minutes. You will lie on the x-ray table for the entire test.

A registered nurse or registered technologist will look at your arms for a vein. The area will be cleaned and a very small tube/catheter will be placed into your vein. Contrast material (iodine/X-ray dye) will be injected thru the catheter by a registered nurse or a registered technologist. Contrast allows your urinary tract, including the kidneys and bladder to be seen on x-ray.

After injection of the contrast material, you may feel a warm flush over your body, have a metal taste in your mouth, or feel like you need to urinate. These feelings go away very quickly.

After your injection, x-rays will be taken at certain times by the technologist as instructed by a Radiologist.

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After Test Instructions:

You should drink extra fluids for 1 to 2 days after your test.

Test Results:

Your test will be read by a radiologist who will complete a report that will be sent to your ordering doctor. You can make plans with your ordering doctor on how to receive your test results.