



IVP Preparation Instructions

PATIENT'S NAME: _____

APPOINTMENT DATE / TIME: _____

Your doctor has requested an x-ray examination of your Urinary Tract. This examination is called an **“Intravenous Pyelogram”** or **“IVP.”** For a more detailed explanation of this procedure, please refer to the accompanying brochure.

This procedure will take 30 – 40 minutes to complete, but it has been known to take more than an hour. It often depends upon the “flow rate” of the dye through your urinary system. Sometimes, it just can't get through – but that may be reason for the exam. Because of this potential, be prepared to be in Radiology for at least that amount of time.

Please check in at the Radiology Reception Desk 15-minutes before your scheduled appointment to allow for registration and dressing. As parking is often a problem, coming even earlier may ensure you arrive on time at the desk. Patients more than 20-minutes late will likely be rescheduled so we can stay on track for other scheduled patients.

Preparation Instructions for an “IVP:”

Day Before The Scheduled Exam: Do NOT eat anything after 10 p.m.

Morning of the Exam:

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING.

Arrive early for your exam (Park, Check-in, Register, and Dress).

If unable to keep ANY scheduled appointment, call the Imaging Department at: (510) 814-4047.

After your exam, it is always a good idea to drink plenty of fluids to help remove the remainder of the barium from your system. If you experience any other problems, be sure to call your doctor.

Thank-You.