

Guide to Urograms

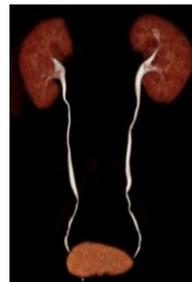
Basic Urogram Information

- The CT Urogram can take the place of an IVP, as you will get a more conclusive view with better detail and resolution.
- CT Urograms may detect lesions and tumors, that may not be seen as a cause of hematuria, on an IVP.
- If you are looking for something other than a stone, a CT Urogram study is a far more beneficial study than an IVP.
- As part of the CT Urogram study, images are reconstructed in 3D and rotated to show the front, back, sides and inside of the ureters and bladder. This gives a clearer view, and shows the relationship of the ureters to the bladder and other surrounding areas.
- All patients having a CT Urogram (or Urography) will receive and injection of an iodine contrast agent.
- Patients need to be well hydrated. Outpatients need to start drinking a lot of water the day before the exams. Patients should also drink 32-64 oz of water, at least, one (1) hour prior to their exam.
- The CT Urogram exam is quite comprehensive and can take up to 45 minutes to perform.



Ordering Information

- When ordering a CT Urogram, the written order must read **“CT Abdomen and Pelvis without and with contrast with 3D”**.
- Diagnosis should include **“CT Urogram”** and other reasons for the exam. This will insure the correct procedure is done.
- CT Urograms are a covered service by Medicare and most other commercial health insures.



Rational (ACR appropriateness Criteria)

Radiologic Procedure	Rating
CT abdomen and pelvis w/o and with contrast (CT urography)	9
X-ray intravenous urography (IVP)	6
X-ray retrograde pyelography	6

CT Urogram Procedure (CPT) Codes:

- 74170-Abdomen w/o followed by with contrast
- 72194-Pelvis w/o followed by with contrast
- 76376-3D without workstation

**To Schedule a Urogram
contact the UMC Imaging Services
Department at 383-2470 or 383-2241**

