



CT – Cystogram

To schedule: (319) 861-7778

Questions about your procedure: (319) 398-6050

What is a CT Scan?

A Computed Tomography (CT) scan – sometimes called CAT scan – is a non-invasive, painless medical test that helps providers diagnose and treat medical conditions.

CT imaging uses special X-ray equipment to produce multiple images or pictures of the inside of the body. A computer joins them together in cross-sectional views of the area being studied. The images can then be examined and interpreted from the computer.

CT scans of internal organs, bone, soft tissues and blood vessels provide greater clarity than conventional X-ray exams.

What is a Cystogram Procedure?

A cystogram is a study to evaluate the urinary bladder.

Preparation:

Inform your physician if you have any allergies to x-ray contrast (dye). After the procedure it is important you drink plenty of liquids.

Procedure:

A special dye called x-ray contrast is administered through a catheter, which will be placed in your bladder through the urethra. CT images will be taken before filling your bladder and after your bladder is filled. You may feel a very full feeling. Once the bladder is filled adequately and necessary images are taken, the catheter will be removed, and you may empty your bladder. The radiology staff will go over post procedure instruction with you following the exam.

The procedure takes approximately 30-45 minutes.

Post Procedure:

1. Notify your provider if you develop a fever or a possible urinary tract infection.
2. Drink plenty of liquids.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Mercy Hospital Parking:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Avenue SE. Proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to “Radiology (X-Ray),” also located on **Ground (G)** level.

Procedure Results:

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to

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the provider who ordered your exam. Your provider will discuss the results with you. Please allow your provider time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam. Results will also be sent to your MyChart page.