



## PATIENT INFORMATION

### X-RAY PROCEDURES Cystogram

**What is it?** This is an examination of the bladder.

**What does it involve?** A catheter is inserted into the bladder through the urethra and a small balloon is inflated to hold it in place. Warmed liquid, containing contrast media, is allowed to run into the bladder and outlines the bladder walls so they can be visualised on the x-rays. The catheter is removed when the bladder is full. Several x-rays are taken during the procedure. The patient goes to the toilet to empty their bladder.

**How long will it take?** This examination takes approximately 30 minutes.

**Is there any preparation?** There is no preparation for this examination.