

NEPHROSTOMY TUBE INSERTION



Appointment Date: _____

Time: _____

LOCATION: Aultman Main Hospital: 2600 6th St. SW, Canton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

Nephrostomy tube insertion is a procedure used to provide urinary drainage due to a blockage or obstruction in your kidney or urinary tract. The procedure involves the insertion of a small tube through your back that is guided into your kidney. This allows urine to drain from your kidney into a collecting bag.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The procedure will be performed by a specially trained doctor called a radiologist. The radiologist will use X-ray to determine the best location to insert the tube. Your skin will be cleaned, and an antiseptic will be applied. A local anesthetic will be used to numb the area. The radiologist will then insert the tube into your back and guide it to your kidney. Once placed, the tube is attached to a bag to collect urine.

INSTRUCTIONS

- If you are on anticoagulants, your doctor should have instructed you to not take it before the procedure.
- Do not eat or drink anything for six hours before your appointment.
- Please arrive one hour before your procedure time.
- Please have a family member or friend bring you to your appointment. You will not be able to drive after the procedure.
- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring all of your medications in the bottles with you.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

NOTE: Blood work should always be drawn before X-rays are performed. If you are having blood work, please arrive early and inform the outpatient lab you have a radiology appointment. Please arrive on time for your radiology exam.

LENGTH OF EXAM

Please plan to be at the hospital for *approximately three to four hours*.

AFTER THE EXAM

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within 10 days of your exam. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call Special Procedures 330-363-6808 weekdays between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for any questions about your test.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION: Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee – or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.