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DESCRIPTION OF BLADDERSCAN FOR RESIDUAL URINE (ULTRASOUND)

The Bladderscan is a form of ultrasound that is used to determine the amount of urine in the bladder without the need to pass a tube or catheter into the bladder. Ultrasound is the same as sonogram or echogram or sonar. A special probe (like a microphone) is placed on the skin after the skin is prepared with a special jelly. The picture is a reflection of sound waves, painless and with no injections! This is a test that truly does not hurt and is safe. With the Bladderscan we are able to get a fairly clear view of the outline of the bladder in all three dimensions. With these measurements the Bladderscan is able to accurately calculate the bladder volume.

POSSIBLE RISKS OF BLADDERSCAN FOR RESIDUAL URINE (ULTRASOUND)

There are no risks with this procedure.

PREPARATION FOR BLADDERSCAN FOR RESIDUAL URINE (ULTRASOUND)

There is no prep with the Bladderscan.

We need you to be able to urinate just before the test. Usually you will do this after checking in with the receptionist. Don't urinate, unless absolutely necessary, just before leaving home or before you get to our office. We may need a specimen or, on occasion, the amount in the bladder before urinating is also measured and then compared to the amount left in after urination.