What you should know about your **IVP (Intravenous Pyelogram)**.

**Purpose:**
An IVP uses x-ray dye to see your kidneys, ureters and bladder.

**Preparation:**
- You must discontinue taking the medication Glucophage and certain other diabetic medications. Contact your physician for further instructions.
- You will be asked a series of health questions, including allergies. If you have an allergy to x-ray dye you will need medicine prior to the exam to avoid a reaction.
- You may not eat 6-8 hours before the test, but you may drink liquids up to 2 hours before the test.

**Procedure: What to Expect**
- We will verify your name, date of birth and exam you will be having done.
- We will take a brief medical history.
- You will be asked to read a consent form regarding the exam and you will have the opportunity to have your questions answered before signing the form. This consent form is required for any test involving the “dye” or contrast medium.
- You will receive an IV in your arm to inject dye, unless you already have an IV.
- You will be lying flat on a hard table for the test (about 30-60 min).
- You will have preliminary x-rays taken before injecting the x-ray dye.
- When the dye is injected, you may get a metallic taste in your mouth and a warm feeling.
- After the technologist injects the x-ray dye, a series of x-rays will be taken.
- After the last series of x-rays, a radiologist will review the x-rays and tell the technologist if additional x-rays are needed.
- When no more x-rays are needed, you will be asked to empty your bladder and additional x-rays will be taken.

**After the Exam:**
- Your exam will be evaluated by a radiologist and the report will be sent to your physician.

**Note** You will be exposed to a very small amount of ionizing radiation which carries no long term risk. Women should always inform their physician or x-ray technologists if there is any chance of pregnancy.

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