Ultrasound-guided canalisation of urinary bladder

Your doctor has referred you for an ultrasound-guided procedure. The treating unit will inform you of the time and place of the examination.

The actual examination takes approximately 55 minutes, but in some cases, emergency examinations cause changes to the examination schedule. Please reserve 1,5 hours for the examination.

Preparation for examination
- If you are on anticoagulant drugs, please abide by the instructions regarding a pause in medication provided by your treating unit.
- The procedure does not require fasting.
- Please drink enough fluids before the examination. The urinary bladder must be full in the beginning of the examination.
- Two to three hours before the examination, close your urologic catheter, if applicable.
- The region needs to be free of clothing during the examination.

Procedure
During the procedure, you will lie on the examination table. The procedure involves placing a catheter in the bladder under ultrasound guidance. It will be performed under local anaesthesia. The procedure does not cause exposure to radiation.

After the procedure
Doctor in charge of your care will assess your need for post treatment.

If you have closed your urinary catheter, open it. Keep the puncture site dry for 24 hours after the procedure.

The doctor in charge of your care will inform you of the results of the examination. If you have not already been booked for an appointment or for a phone consultation, please contact the unit treating you in order to obtain the results.

Other things to note
Please take your health insurance card (Kela card) or identity card with you.

A separate fee will be charged for missed examinations which have not been cancelled beforehand.

These instructions are on the HUS website: www.hus-imaging.fi > Examinations > Ultrasound

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