

Uroflow Tests

A uroflow test, with or without an EMG, is used to learn how much your child's bladder holds, how fast, and how long pee takes to come out.

What is a uroflow test?

A uroflow test helps your child's provider learn more about how much your child's bladder holds. It also measures how fast and how long pee (urine) takes to come out.

How is the test done?

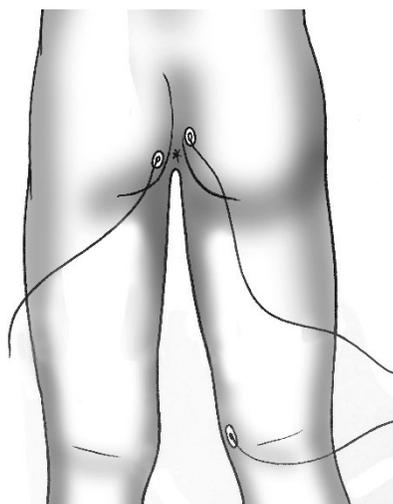
- During the test, your child will pee into a special toilet that is connected to a computer.
- Your child can sit or stand, whatever is more comfortable.
- The uroflow test may take up to 15 minutes.

What is an EMG uroflow test?

An EMG (electromyogram) is a test that uses special stickers to measure how your child's muscles work when they pee (urinate). An EMG uroflow test is when a medical assistant or a nurse do an EMG and a uroflow at the same time.

How is the test done?

- Before the test, a medical assistant will put 2 stickers on the inside of your child's butt, near their anus. A third sticker will go on your child's knee.
- A parent or caregiver may put on the stickers, if that is more comfortable for your child.
- During the test, the stickers measure the electrical activity in the muscle when your child pees.



Placement of the 3 stickers for EMG uroflow test

To Learn More

- Urology - 206-987-2509
- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line, 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.

What is a bladder scan?

A bladder scan measures the amount of pee in your child's bladder after they urinate (pee). This test is done after a uroflow test, if needed.

How is the test done?

- A medical assistant puts gel on the skin of your child's lower belly (lower abdomen/pelvic area).
 - The medical assistant will then move a small wand (transducer) over the gel.
 - The transducer will scan over the bladder to measure how much urine (pee) is in the bladder.
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How do I prepare my child for the test?

- Talk to your child about the test, so they know what to expect.
 - Encourage your child to drink plenty of water for 1 hour before the test.
 - Do not allow your child to go pee for 1 hour before the test.
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