

Potassium Sensitivity Test

What is the Purpose of this test?

It is possible that the symptoms you are experiencing may be caused by a problem that exists in the lining of the bladder. The test helps to confirm whether or not this is the case.

What will happen during the test?

After urinating, a very small catheter will be placed in your bladder. Two different solution will be placed through the catheter into your bladder. You will be asked questions about how each solution makes you feel. The solutions will then be drained out through the catheter.

How long does the test take?

Approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Will I have to undress?

You will be asked to remove clothing from below the waist.

Will the test be painful?

There will be slight discomfort as the catheter is inserted. In addition, there may be some discomfort and/or feeling of urgency as the solutions are placed in your bladder. A soothing solution may be placed in the bladder after the test.

How should I prepare for the test?

Please do not drink lots of fluids immediately prior to the test. Avoid taking pain medications or bladder medications the day of the test. Do not have the test preformed if a bladder infection has been diagnosed or treated within three months.