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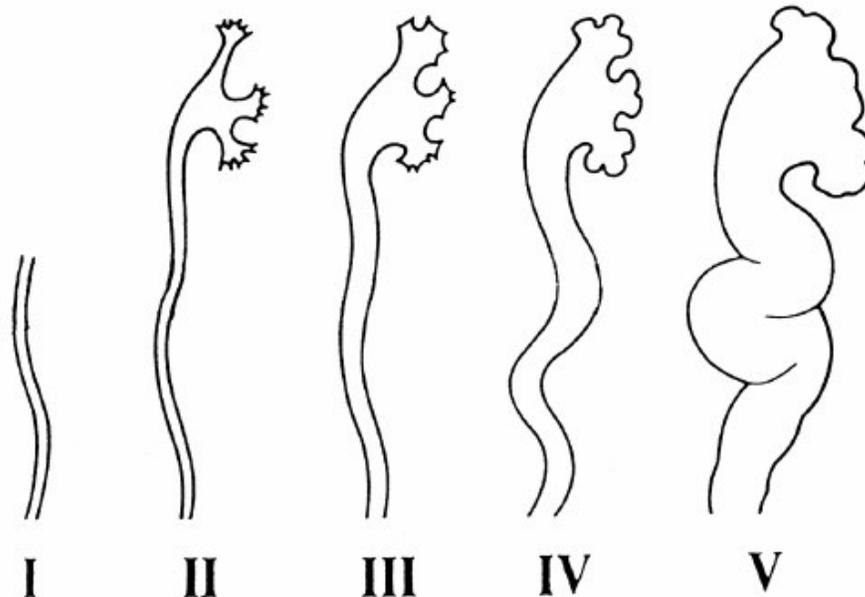
VESICoureTERAL REFLUX

Vesicoureteral reflux is a condition in which the urine in the bladder flows back, or refluxes, into the ureter toward the kidney. This can involve one side, or both ureters.

Reflux is "graded" on a scale of one through five (one is the mildest and five is the most severe). The "grade" depends on the extent the urine flows back to the kidney and is diagnosed by way of an x-ray called a VCUg (Voiding Cystourethrogram).

VCUG: This test is done in the x-ray department. It involves insertion of a small catheter (tube) into the urethra. Contrast fluid is infused through the catheter (tube), and x-ray pictures are taken. When the bladder is filled, your child will urinate and further pictures are taken of the bladder, ureters, and kidneys.

ULTRASOUND: This test is done to check the kidney size and to follow the growth of the kidneys. This test does not involve a catheter (tube) or needles.



"Grades" of Reflux