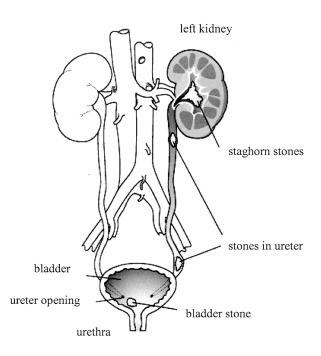
#### After the examination

- ♦ After a cystoscopy, some patients may experience burning during urination and blood in the urine for a few days
- ◆ These symptoms will disappear more quickly if you drink plenty of fluids and empty your bladder frequently
- ♦ Your urologist will discuss any findings immediately after completing your cystoscopy

# Results of all investigations

- ◆ You may be asked to make an appointment later to review the results of all investigations and to plan further tests or treatment as required
- ♦ Medication may also be prescribed following your cystoscopy, if apporpriate





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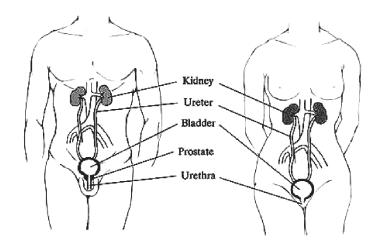
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#### Cystoscopy

- ◆ The investigation of urinary tract problems often requires visual examination of the bladder and its drainage system
- ♦ This examination is called a cystoscopy
- Cystoscopy may be performed in your urologist's examination room or at your local hospital
- ◆ The location, date and time of the cystoscopy will be specified so that you can make any necessary arrangements



#### Sterile technique

- Cystoscopy is performed using sterile technique
- ◆ This means that care is taken to prevent any bacterial from entering the bladder and causing infection
- Before the examination begins, an antiseptic solution is used to clean the genital area, which is then covered with a sterile sheet

### Urinary passge

- Local anesthetic ("freezing jelly") may be applied to the urinary passage (urethra) to numb its lining
- During the cystoscopy, you will be awake and aware of being touched, but any discomfort should be tolerable

#### The examination

- ♦ On the day of your examination you may be asked to undress and put on a gown
- ♦ A nurse will ask you a few questions and explain the examination procedure
- ♦ At the appropriate time, you will be taken to an examination room where you will lie down on a special bed
- Your legs may be elevated and supported in stirrups

### Your urologist

- If additional tests are planned, your urologist may recommend that you receive an anesthetic
- In these cases, another specialist doctor, the anesthesiologist, will explain how you will be kept comfortable with sedation or by being "put to sleep"
- You will be asked not to eat or drink anything for a number of hours before your cystoscopy if an anesthetic is to be used

## Urethra and bladder

- Cystoscopy is performed by passing a narrow tube (the cystoscope) through the urinary opening, along the urethra and into the bladder
- ♦ It is important that you relax during the examination
- The bladder is then filled with sterile water and special lenses are used to examine every part of its lining
- ◆ The prostate and urethra are also examined,ifappropriate

# Anesthetic is required

- ◆ The entire examination normally takes no more than a few minutes and you should be able to resume your usual activities immediately, unless an anesthetic is required
- ◆ You will be monitored until your anesthetic has worn off completely
- ◆ The use of an anesthetic requires that you arrange to be driven home because of its potential prolonged sedating effects
- ♦ You should be able to resume all your usual activities by the next day

