

Name of Operation: **Cysto-urethroscopy**
(telescopic-camera test of the water-pipe and bladder)

Main issues:

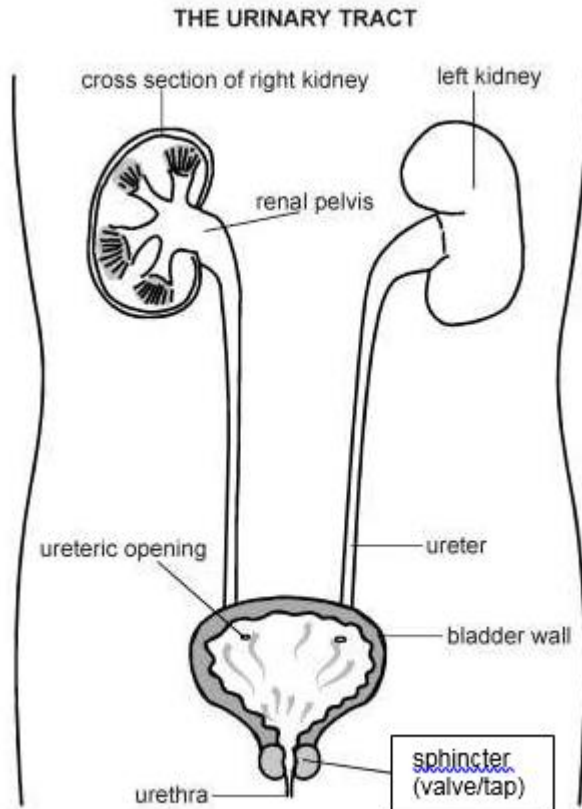
- No cuts or wounds.
- Blood in the urine, and sore to pee for a few days afterwards (paracetamol helps).
- This is just a test, rather than a treatment, so will not help on its own, but it will help in planning future treatment.

Intended benefits:

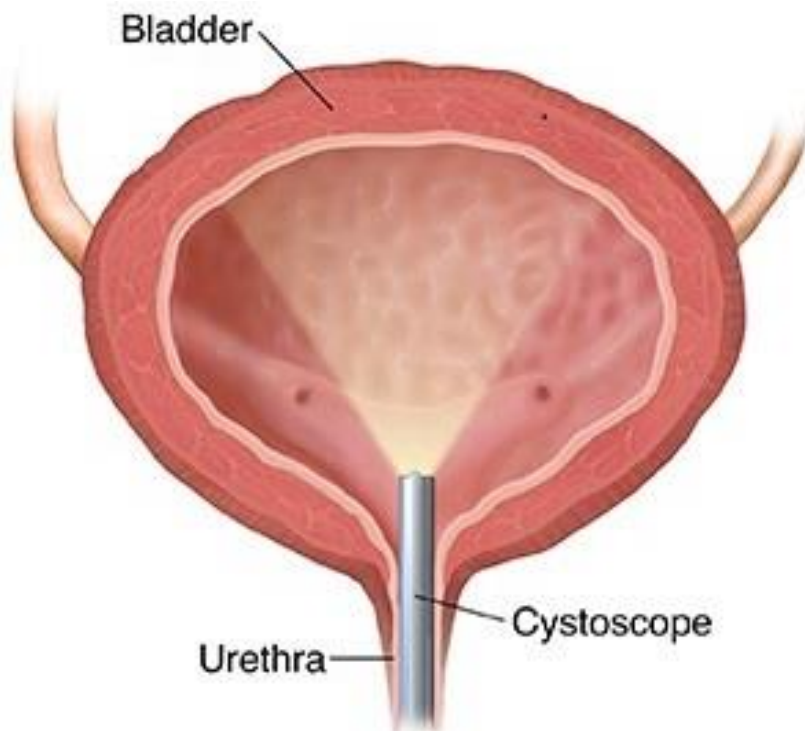
- To check that there are no problems with the pee-pipe (urethra) and bladder that might interfere with their working, or cause kidney damage, or cause future urine infection or bleeding.

Common or serious risks:

- Being unable to carry on with (or to finish) the operation, due to unexpected technical problems with the equipment on the day. The operation may then need repeated another day.
- Bleeding: very rarely serious, but a little blood may appear in the urine over the next day or two. It usually settles if your child drinks plenty. If blood appears in the urine a week or so later, a urine sample should be checked for infection via your family-doctor.
- Infection: usually prevented by drinking plenty for a few days afterwards, or by the antibiotics sometimes given in theatre, or by any preventative antibiotics your child may already be on (if so, please give a double-dose on the evening of the operation). If you are worried, a urine sample should be checked for infection via your family-doctor or, if your child is very unwell, via your local hospital. In most cases, it is unusual that such an infection would be serious.
- Damage to the bladder and/or the pee-pipe (urethra): rarely serious.
- Anaesthetic problems (rarely serious, but around 1 in 250,000 general anaesthetics in children can be fatal).



1. A diagram of normal waterworks (based on www.fermelumic.com/urinary.html#)



2. A diagram of a cystoscope (telescope) going along the urethra (pee-pipe) into the bladder (from www.fairview.org/patient-education/85434)