

## Frequently asked questions

- Q. Why do I need a cystoscopy?
- A. A cystoscopy is used to inspect your bladder for stones, tumors, scarring, or to remove a stent.
- Q. Is a cystoscopy painful?
- A. You may have mild discomfort and feel like you have to urinate during the procedure.
- Q. What are the chances of getting an infection from this procedure?
- A. There is a small chance of infection from a cystoscopy. If you feel burning or bladder pain for more than 48 hours after your procedure, contact your doctor.
- Q. How long after my cystoscopy will I follow up with my doctor?
- A. Your doctor will tell you when you need to come in for a follow up appointment.
- Q. What if I have my period on the day of my procedure?
- A. A cystoscopy can be performed if a female is on her period. However, if you do not feel comfortable getting your procedure done you can contact your doctor's office to re-schedule.
- Q. What if I have UTI symptoms on the day of my procedure?
- A. Please contact your urologists office in advance of your appointment.

## Notes



## Cystoscopy

A common procedure which allows your doctor to see the inside of your bladder.

## What happens during a cystoscopy

A cystoscopy is a common procedure that is used to visually inspect the bladder and urethra using a cystoscope.

A **cystoscope** is a tool that works like a camera to look into your bladder.

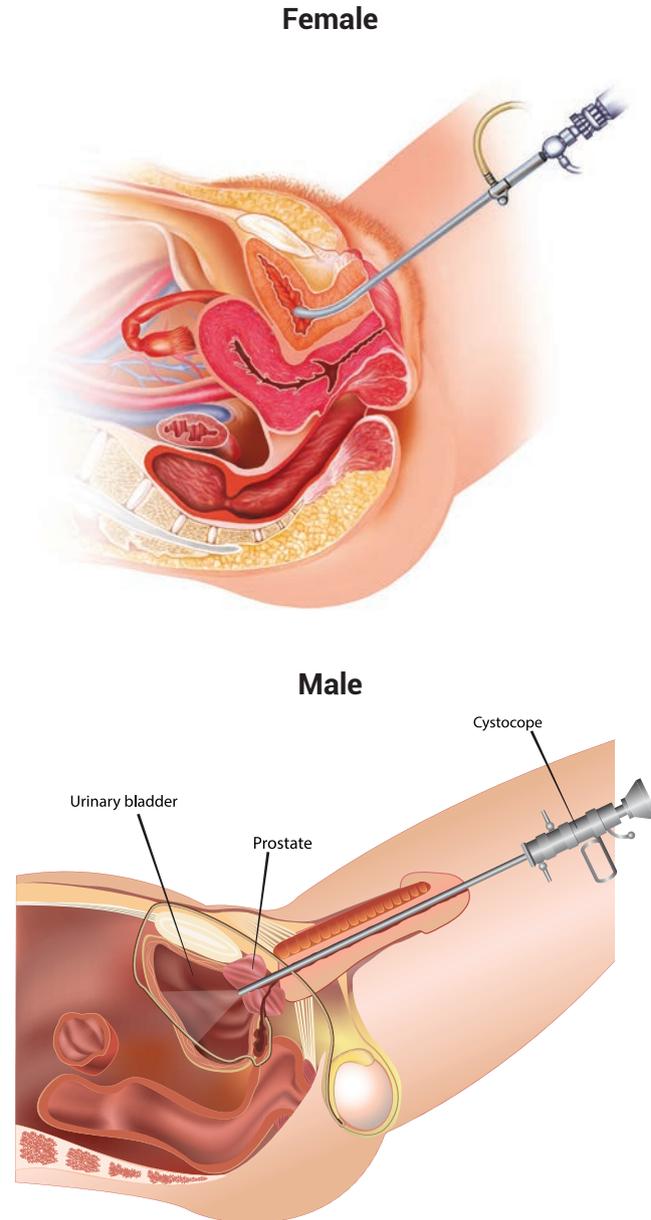
## Preparing for your cystoscopy

- Arrive **at least 15 minutes before** your appointment time
- If you arrive **more than 15 minutes late**, your appointment will be re-scheduled
- There are **no diet restrictions** before this procedure

## What to expect

You may have mild discomfort when the cystoscope is inserted. You may feel like you have to urinate. However, in most cases, the exam does not cause discomfort.

The doctor will use a numbing jelly before the cystoscope. This will decrease discomfort when the cystoscope is inserted into the urethra.



## After your cystoscopy

It is normal to experience a little discomfort while urinating and you may see a small amount of blood in your urine 1-2 days after the procedure. There is a small chance of infection following the procedure.

## Post procedure symptoms

These symptoms are **normal for 48 hours after** your procedure:

- Small amount of blood in urine
- Burning

These symptoms are **abnormal**—please call the Urology clinic if you have any of the below symptoms:

- Severe burning that lasts for more than 48 hours
- Blood in urine increases or does not resolve within 2 days
- Fever of 101° degrees F or higher