



UR07 Flexible Cystoscopy (male)

# Checking for problems in your bladder



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## Checking your bladder

There may be a problem in your **bladder**.



Your **bladder** is where your wee is stored before you go to the toilet.



You may be having:

- Pain
- Infections
- Problems when you wee.



The doctor can check your bladder using a special camera that goes in your penis.



This booklet tells you more about the test. It can help you choose if you want the test or not.



## The test

The test takes about **5 minutes**.



First the doctor or nurse will clean the end of your penis.



They may put some special jelly on the end of your penis to make it go **numb**.

**Numb** is when you can't feel anything.



The doctor or nurse will put a thin bendy tube inside the hole in your penis.

This tube has a special camera on the end.



## The test

The doctor will use the camera to check for problems in your penis and bladder.



When the camera is inside your penis it will feel like you are going for a wee.



Try to relax as this will make it easier.



If the doctor sees a problem they will take a small bit so they can do more tests on it.



This may be a bit uncomfortable.



## More about the test

If the doctor sees a lump they may be able to take the lump away at the same time.



The doctor may need to put their finger in your bum to check your **prostate**. They will tell you before they do this.



Your **prostate** is near your bladder. When you get older it can get bigger and cause problems.



When the doctor has finished the checks they will take the tube out of your penis.



The test is not painful for most people.



## After the test

You should be able to go home after you have been for a wee.



It might sting a bit the first few times you go for a wee.



Simple painkillers should help if you have any pain.



Drinking lots of water will help too.



You should be able to go back to normal activities the next day.



## Is the test safe?

The test is safe for most people but there are some small risks.



Your doctor can tell you more about any risks for you.



## Making a decision

The doctor thinks the test is the best way to check your penis and bladder.



But it is your choice. You can say **yes** or **no**.



If you do not have the test the doctor may not find the problem.

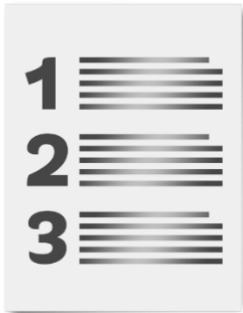


## Making a decision

The doctor can tell you if there are other tests you can have instead.



They can help you choose what is right for you.



## More information

This leaflet only covers the main points.



If you have any questions speak to your doctor or call