

Cystoscopy and Pyelogram

What is a cystoscopy?

A cystoscopy is a way of looking inside the bladder through a small tube with a light at the end called a cystoscope. The bladder holds urine. The doctor can look for any problems that may be causing trouble passing urine.

What is a pyelogram?

A pyelogram is a procedure that allows the doctor to see inside your urinary tract. During this procedure, dye is put into the urinary tract. X-rays pictures are taken and the dye shows your kidneys, ureters and your bladder.

After your surgery:

- urinating may be painful
- you may see blood in your urine
- you will need to urinate before going home

This is to be expected and will only last for a few days. You can reduce these problems by drinking 6 to 8 large glasses of fluid every day.

Call your surgeon if you:

- are still bleeding after several days
- have increasing bleeding after you go home
- are passing blood clots
- cannot urinate
- have a fever of 38°C (100°F) or greater
- have severe abdominal pain