

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Surgery & Cancer Division – Urology

Trans-Urethral Resection of Bladder Tumour (TURBT)

Introduction

Your Urologist has recommended removal of a bladder tumour (growth) from your bladder using diathermy (electrical current) or laser energy, through a telescope passed into your bladder along your urethra (waterpipe).

A TURBT is normally performed to diagnose and treat bladder cancer.

You will be provided with a written information leaflet that details your specific surgery when you attend Urology Outpatients (Ward 8).

If you do not receive written information please contact the Urology Outpatient Department, on 01270 612444.

Guidance for Patients

This operation is usually performed under General Anaesthetic, and many patients are able to go home on the same day.

- The fragments of tumour from your bladder are removed and sent to pathology for analysis
- Normally a bladder catheter is inserted through your urethra with irrigation to prevent any blood clots from forming.
- The catheter is sometimes used to instil a Mitomycin C (an anti-cancer drug) into your bladder immediately after the procedure; this is left in your bladder for one hour and then drained away
- the procedure takes between 15 minutes and 90 minutes to perform, depending on the size and number of tumours in your bladder

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel your symptoms are deteriorating, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for medical review in the first instance. Your GP will be able to advise if this is something they can support with during your wait or they will be able to contact your Urology team to discuss their findings in more detail and determine a management plan.

Contact Us

Admission Date - Please contact the Urology Scheduling Team 01270 613408