Pediatric Cystoscopy

What is it?
Cystoscopy is a procedure that is done under general anesthesia by your pediatric urologist in the operating room. Your doctor uses a small scope with a light, called a cystoscope, to look at your child’s urethra. The urethra is the tube which carries urine from your child’s bladder to the outside of the body.

Why is it Done?
It lets your doctor see what an x-ray is not able to see.

It can help to:
- Find out why your child has pain with urination or blood in the urine.
- See if there is anything that may be causing a blockage in the urethra or the bladder.
- See if there are problems with the lining in your bladder.
- Check for narrowing of the urethra.

What to Expect
- Your child may feel tired the day of surgery. This is caused by the general anesthesia used for the procedure.
- For the first 1 to 2 days, your child may feel a burning sensation when urinating.
- For the first 1 to 2 days, your child may see some pink colored urine caused by a small amount of blood in the urine.

What to Do
- Offer your child lots of fluids.
- You may give your child acetaminophen Tylenol® for pain.
- Wait until the first day after surgery to let your child do activities such as climbing or riding a bike.
- If your child is having a hard time urinating at home, try having your child sit in a warm bathtub to relax and feel more comfortable.

When to Call Your Doctor
- Cloudy or foul smelling urine
- Fever greater than 101.5 F.

How to Reach Your Doctor
If you have any questions or concerns, please call your clinic or doctor.

Pediatric Urology Clinic, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm: (608) 263-6420

After hours, nights and weekends, the clinic number is answered by the paging operator. Ask for the Urology Resident on call. Give the operator your name and phone number with the area code. The doctor will call you back.

If you live out of area, call (800) 323-8942

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