

# Female Sexual Dysfunction

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## Disclosures

- AUA NGLUTD/OAB Guideline
- SUFU BOD
- SWIU BOD
- NIH funding- LURN
- NIDDR funding-gentamicin RCT




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## Female sexual dysfunction

- 25-63% of women
- More common than in men
- Risk factors:
  - Increasing age
  - Medical illness (DM, vascular, neurogenic, psychogenic, autoimmune)
  - Malignancy
  - Being unmarried
  - Medication: OCP, HTN, antidepressants, antipsychotic, chemo, narcotics



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## More complex than ED.....

- American Foundation of Urological disease: persistent or recurrent-
  - Hypoactive sexual **desire** disorder (lack of fantasy/thoughts/receptivity)
  - Sexual **arousal** disorder (inability to maintain sexual excitement)
  - **Orgasmic** disorder (delay or absence with sufficient stimulation)
  - Sexual **pain** disorder:
    - Dyspareunia- genital pain with intercourse
    - Vaginismus-involuntary muscle spasms of outermost third of vagina
    - Other-genital pain caused by non-coital sexual stimulation



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## Pelvic floor disorders highly related

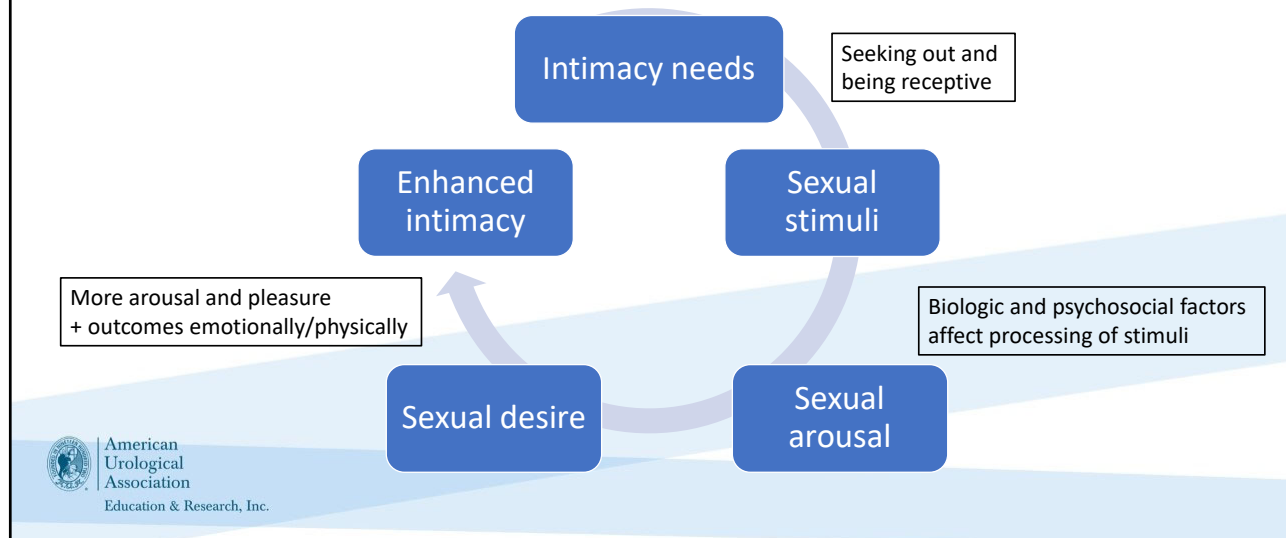
- Incontinence (penetrative=SUI) (orgasmic= UUI) or fecal
- Cystocele/rectocele/enterocele/vault/uterine prolapse (obstructive)
- IC/PBS
- Recurrent UTI (avoidance)



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## Intimacy model Basson 2001



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## Hormonal

- Testosterone drives sexual behavior (all genders)
- Decreased with illness, steroids, age, oophorectomy, oral contraceptives, estrogen HRT
- Estrogen: neurological and vascular systems affected
- HRT improves clitoral and vaginal sensation (vasodilator/increases blood flow)
- Low E= vaginal thinning, atrophy of wall and muscle, increase in pH
- Increased vaginal infection, UTI, pain, dryness (transudate)

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## Vaginal estrogen is a urological Rx and your friend

- Minimal serum levels after first few weeks (= to women on no HRT)
- Cream, Estring, tablet
- Daily x 2 weeks then 3x a week
- Very very low to 0 risk of BrCa, BrCa recurrence, DVT, uterine cancer
- not drinking alcohol and maintaining a healthy BMI have more impact on risk for these
- Other options that also work: dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) vaginally or ospemifene (oral)
- No monitoring needed for any of these on these products
- Vaginal moisturizers and lubricants (water/oil/silicone based) are great!



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## Summary

- Urologists can have a huge impact on pain conditions
- ... and should refer to GYN and/or sexual counselling for those issues not familiar to you
- Increasing research on testosterone in women – topical and vaginal
- Female Viagra is not a real thing nor are herbal remedies



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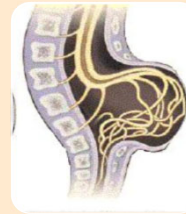
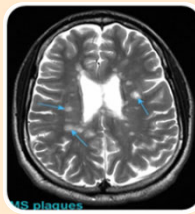
# NGLUTD

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## Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction Prevalence



### SCI

~100% some bladder symptom  
80% cannot void

### MS

80% bladder symptoms 96% after 10 y

### Spina Bifida

90% bladder symptoms



Cameron 2010, Shaer 2007, Litwiller 1999

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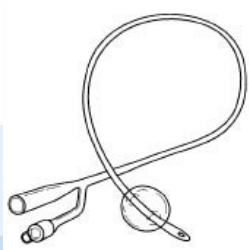
## Mortality in SCI over time

1950-1977

Renal  
Cardiac  
Respiratory

Post 1977

Respiratory  
Sepsis  
Cancer  
Cardiac  
Renal  
Suicide



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Hackler 1977, Frankel 1998, Soden 2000

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## Life expectancy:

- In developed nations **10 year** mortality:

- USA 16%
- Canada 11%
- Australia 14%
- Western Europe 15%

- Developing *Countries* **1 year** mortality:

- Sierra Leone 83% (28 months)
- Nigeria 34%
- South Africa 13%
- Zimbabwe 49%

- Latin America 21%

Largely due to  
pressure ulcers and/or  
renal complications



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## Why Worry about NGLUTD?

- Severe consequences
  - Upper tract deterioration
    - High storage P
    - DSD
    - Stones
    - Pyelonephritis
  - Incontinence
    - High storage P
    - DO
    - SUI
    - Overflow/retention
  - Sepsis/UTI
  - Skin/urethra breakdown

Most of these are not found on history or physical exam



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## Ultimate goals of bladder management

#1

**Prevent upper tract deterioration**  
**keep bladder pressure low**

#2

**Maintain continence**  
**keep bladder pressure low, and empty**

#3

**Patient can empty bladder by voiding**  
**make it easier for them**



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# Normal Lower Urinary Tract Function

## Storage Phase

- Urine stored low pressure
- Normal sensations
- Outlet remains closed

## Emptying Phase

- Volitional control
- Relax of sphincter-first
- Detrusor contraction of adequate duration/strength

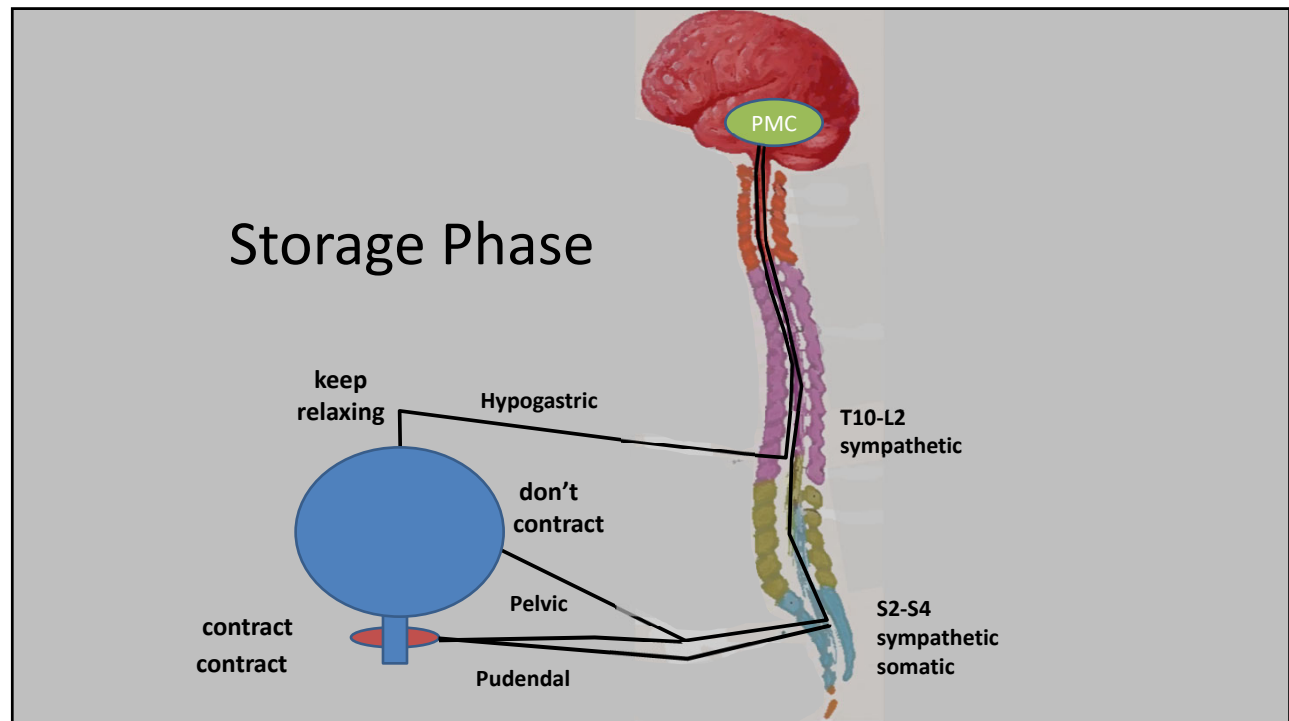
## Requires Neurologically Intact

- Autonomic-Both sympathetic & parasympathetic
- Somatic system
- CNS-Brain, Pons
  - voluntary control
  - governs synergy

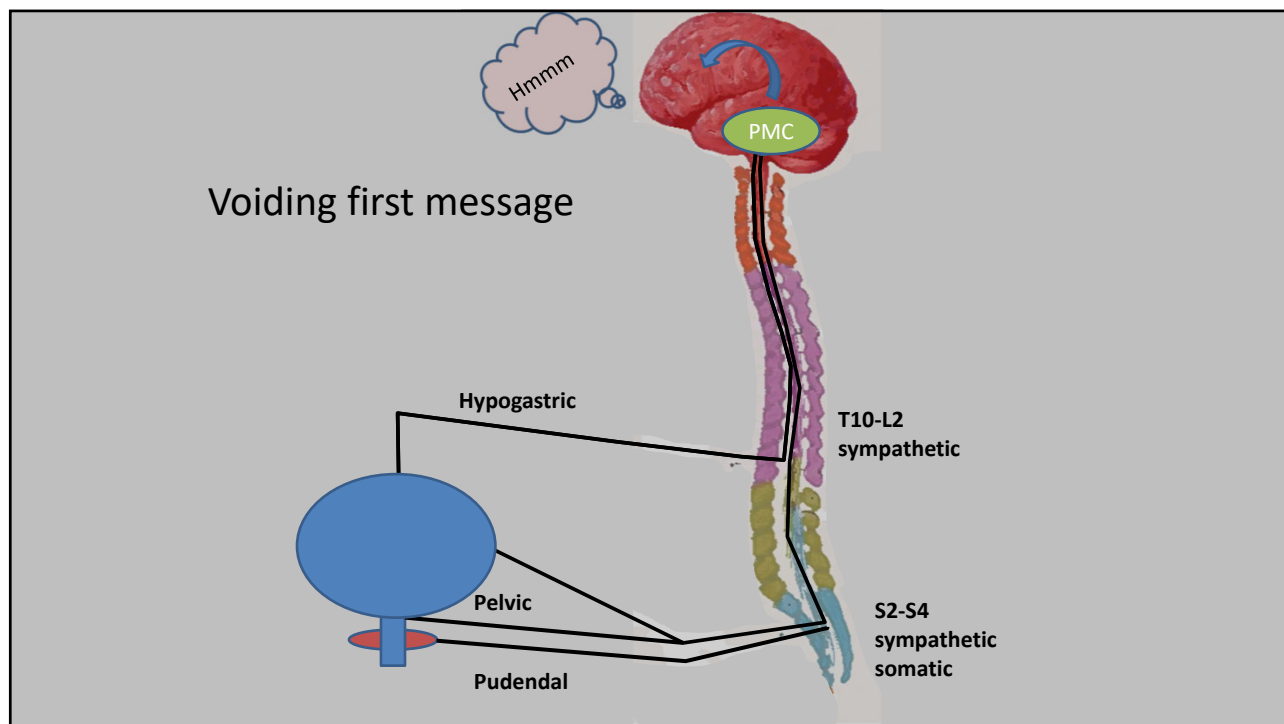


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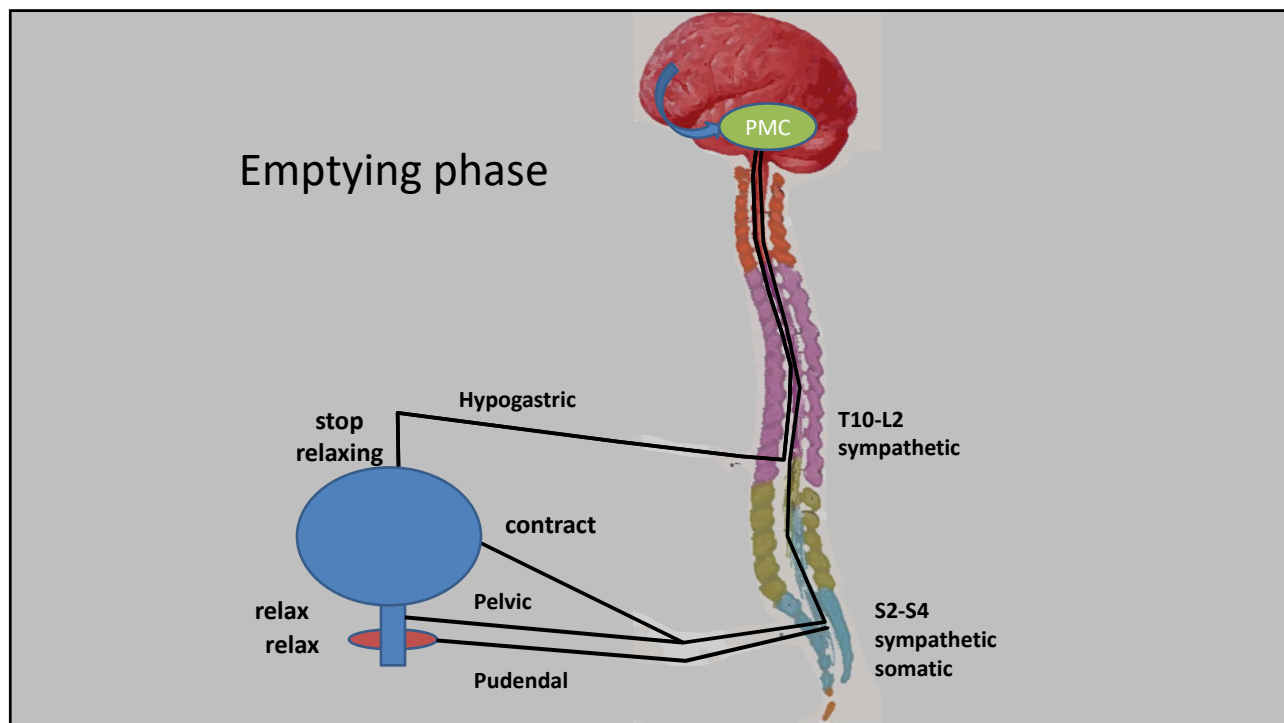
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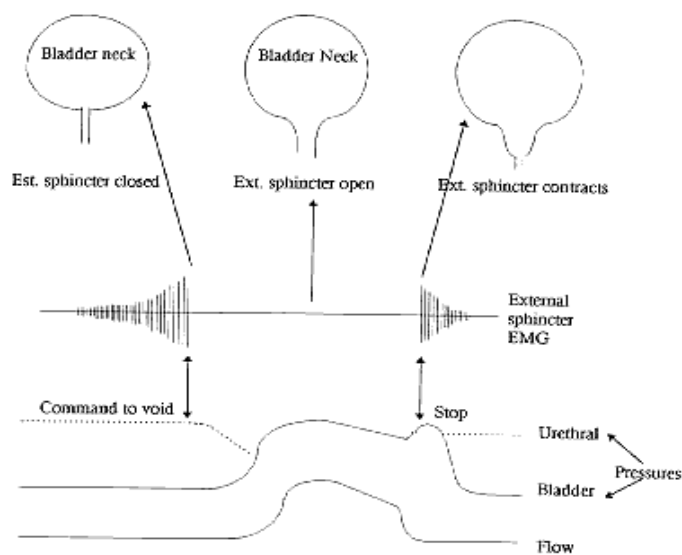


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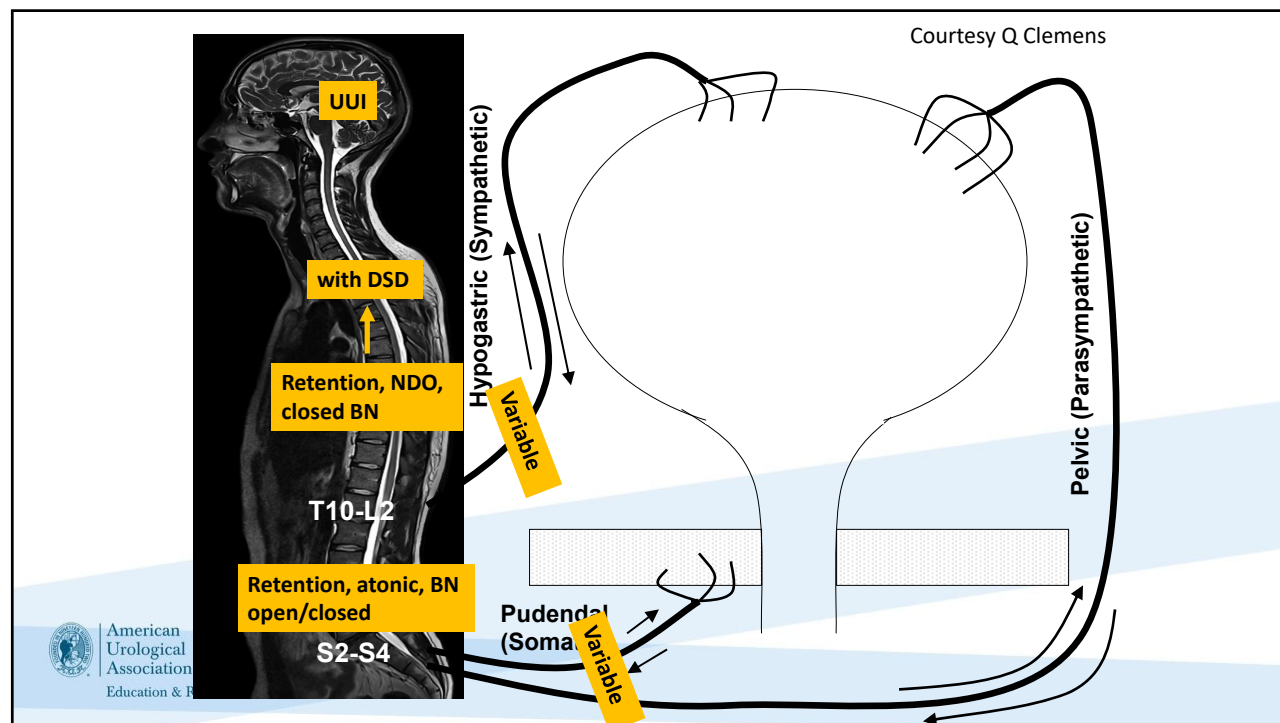
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## Normal Voiding



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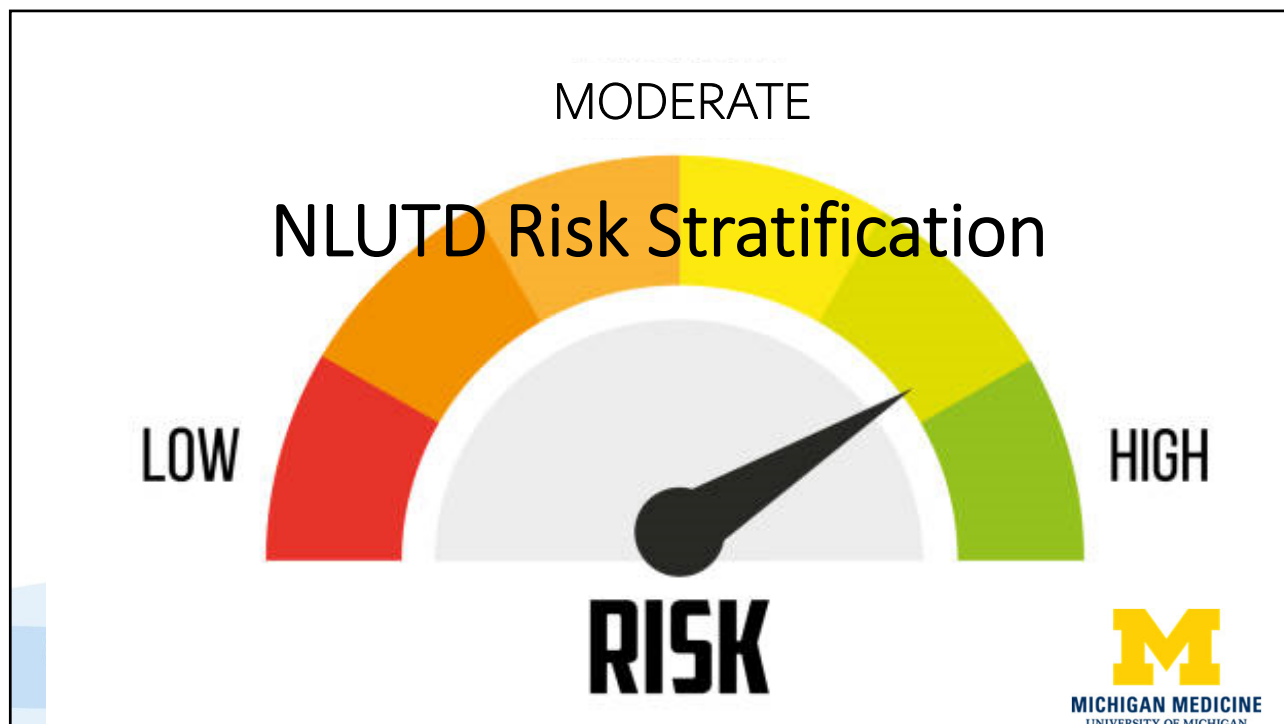
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**The AUA/SUFU Guideline on Adult Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction**

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- There are 60 statements 91 pages.....



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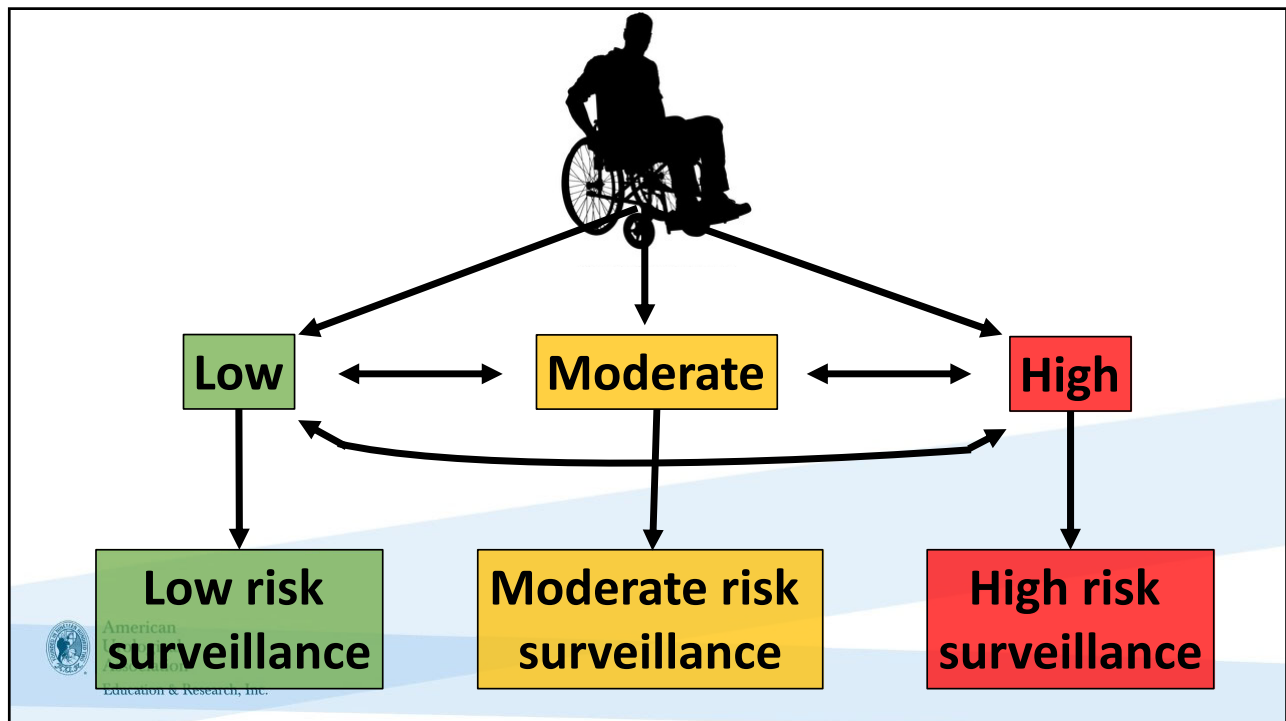


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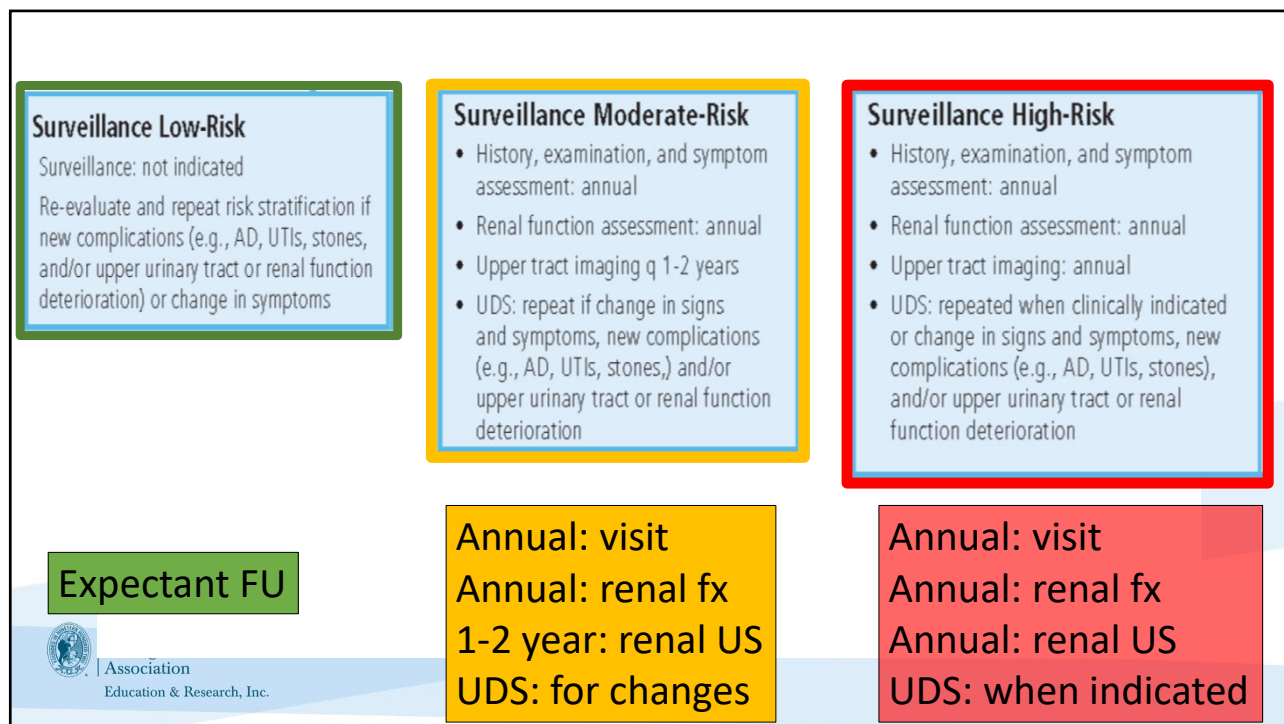
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## History elements

- **Characterization of the neurological condition** resulting in NLUTD: time of onset, severity, progression, prognosis, potential for recovery, disability, presence of ventriculoperitoneal shunt
- **Lower urinary tract management:** voluntary voiding, CIC, indwelling catheter
- **LUTS:** frequency, urgency, hesitancy, straining, nocturia, nocturnal enuresis, pad use/diapers, pain
- **Catheterization use:** type, frequency, size, pain
- **Incontinence:** stress, urge, insensate
- **Sexual** function and desire
- **Fertility** function and desire (gynecologic/reproductive history)
- **Bowel** function and regimen (if appropriate)
- **Skin** integrity: decubitus ulcers
- **AD:** presence, triggers, and typical symptoms

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## History

- Renal function tests and imaging
- Current and prior assessments and management related to urinary, sexual, infertility, and bowel issues:
  - Behavioral, medical, and surgical
  - Efficacy: success, failure, limitations
  - Adverse events (AE) and complications
- Complications: stones, UTIs, catheter issues (e.g., encrustations, catheter clogging), skin breakdown
- Functional limitations: lifestyle, mobility, hand function
- Socio-economic situation and/or support (home) environment
- Assessment of goals of evaluation and therapy in the context of the neurological condition (e.g., SCI versus dementia)
- Co-existent genitourinary (GU) conditions, prior GU surgery (e.g., benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), urethral stricture, fistula, SUI)



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## Physical Exam

- General mental status, cognition
- Assessment of mobility and upper extremity function
- Abdominal and flank exam
- Pelvic and vaginal examination in females
- Genital examination and digital rectal exam
- Rectal: tone, masses, reflexes, prostate assessment (in males)
- Skin integrity of pelvis, perineum, buttocks, lower back, and lower extremities
- Directed neurological assessment: sensory, motor, spasticity, etc.
- Evaluation of bulbocavernosus, anal, and cremasteric reflexes
- Tone of anal sphincter and voluntary contraction of the anal sphincter and pelvic floor muscles



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### Low-Risk

- Suprapontine lesion\* (CVA, Parkinson's, brain tumor, traumatic brain injury, cerebral palsy) without identified potentially-related NLUTD complications
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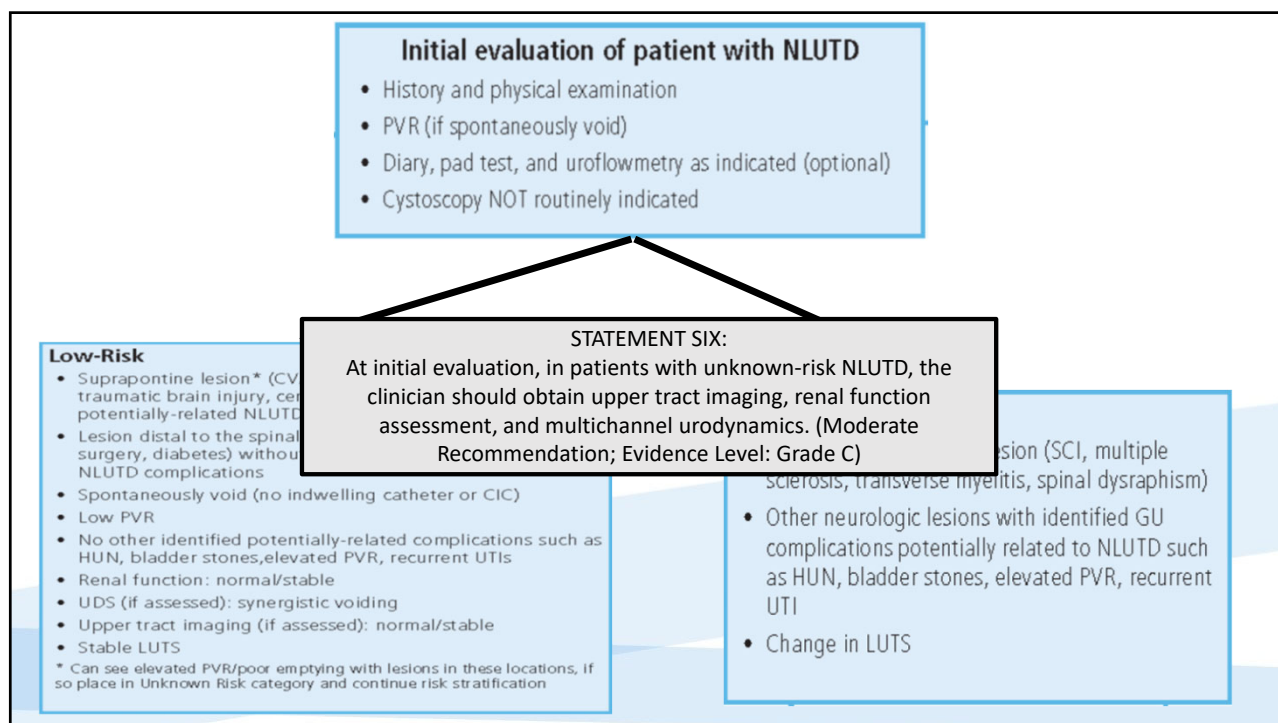
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- UDS (if assessed): synergistic voiding
- Upper tract imaging (if assessed): normal/stable
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## 28 y/o man SCI 9 months ago

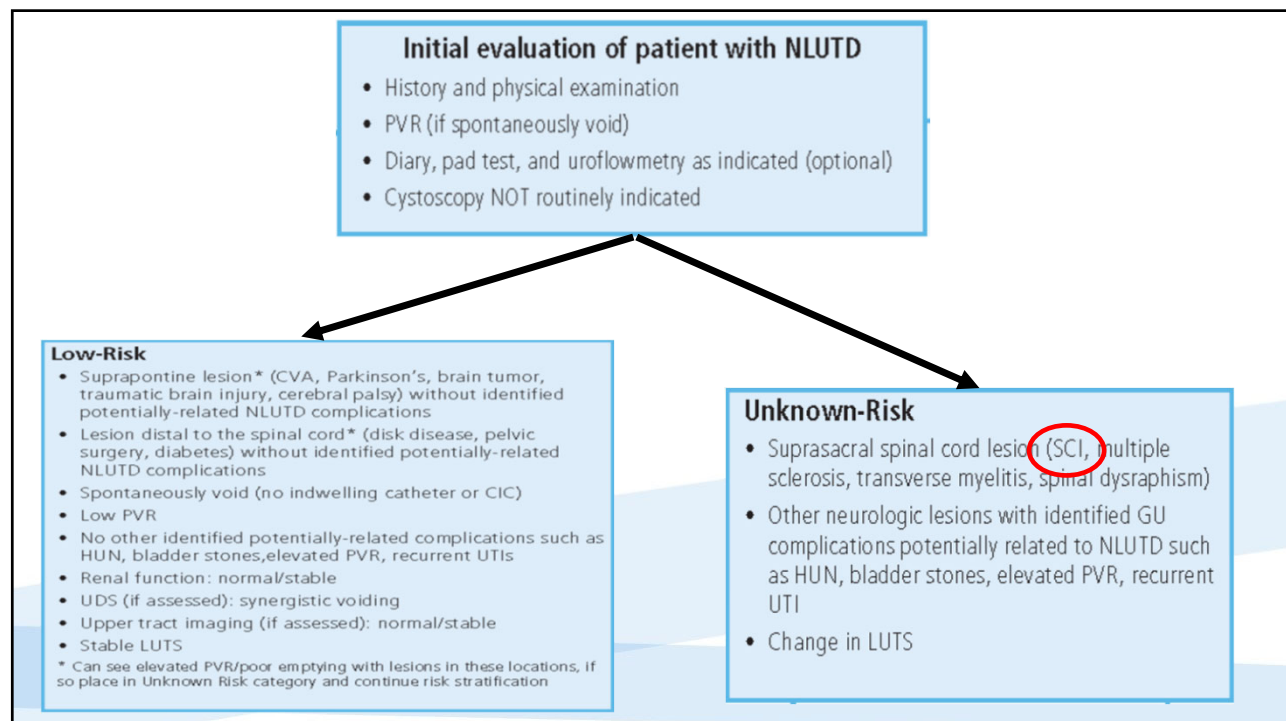


- MVC with T7 SCI and liver laceration (out of spinal shock)
- Foley first now CIC
- Leaking between caths so started on oxybutynin 10mg, still leaks
- UTIs while in hospital but none recently
- Cath 4 x a day
- Physical exam as expected
- Cr 0.5



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- We already have a N physical and Cr 0.5
- What other testing do we need to figure this out ?
  - CT abdomen
  - Cystoscopy
  - Renal US
  - UDS
  - Renal scan
- What is his risk strata?

US: 3 mm non obstructing stone  
 UDS: capacity 350, normal compliance, but DO with leak no DSD



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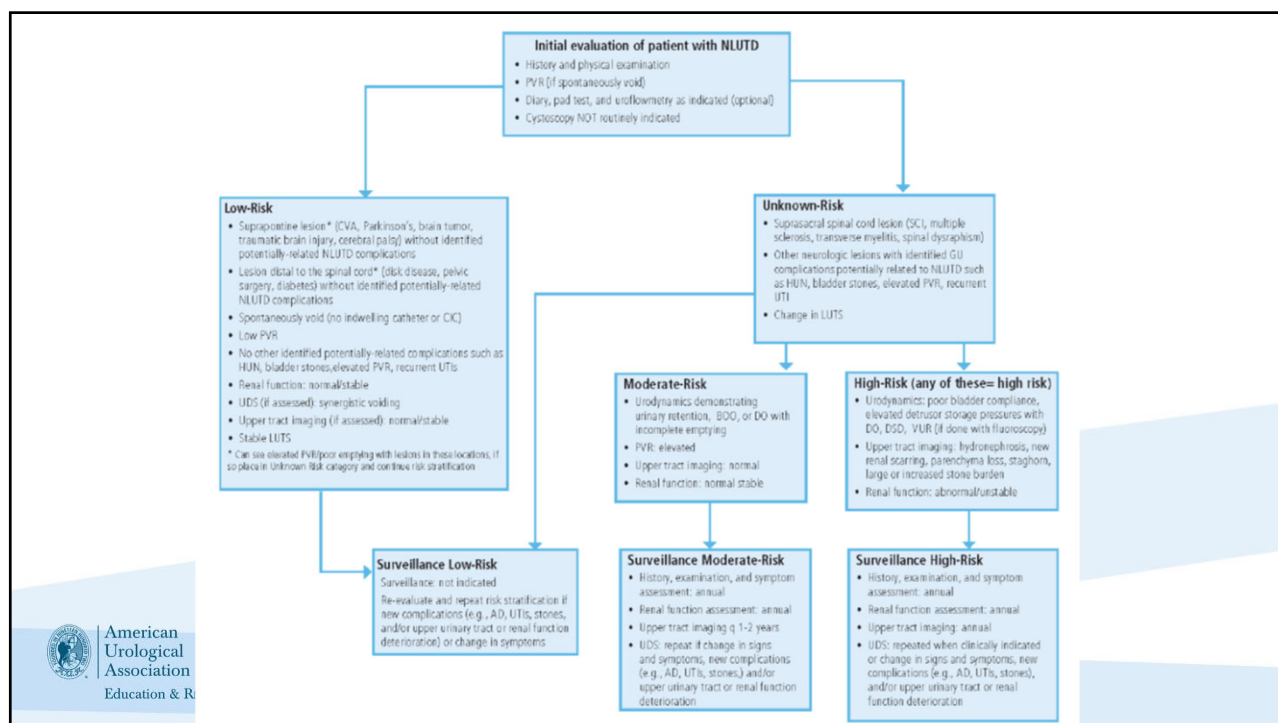


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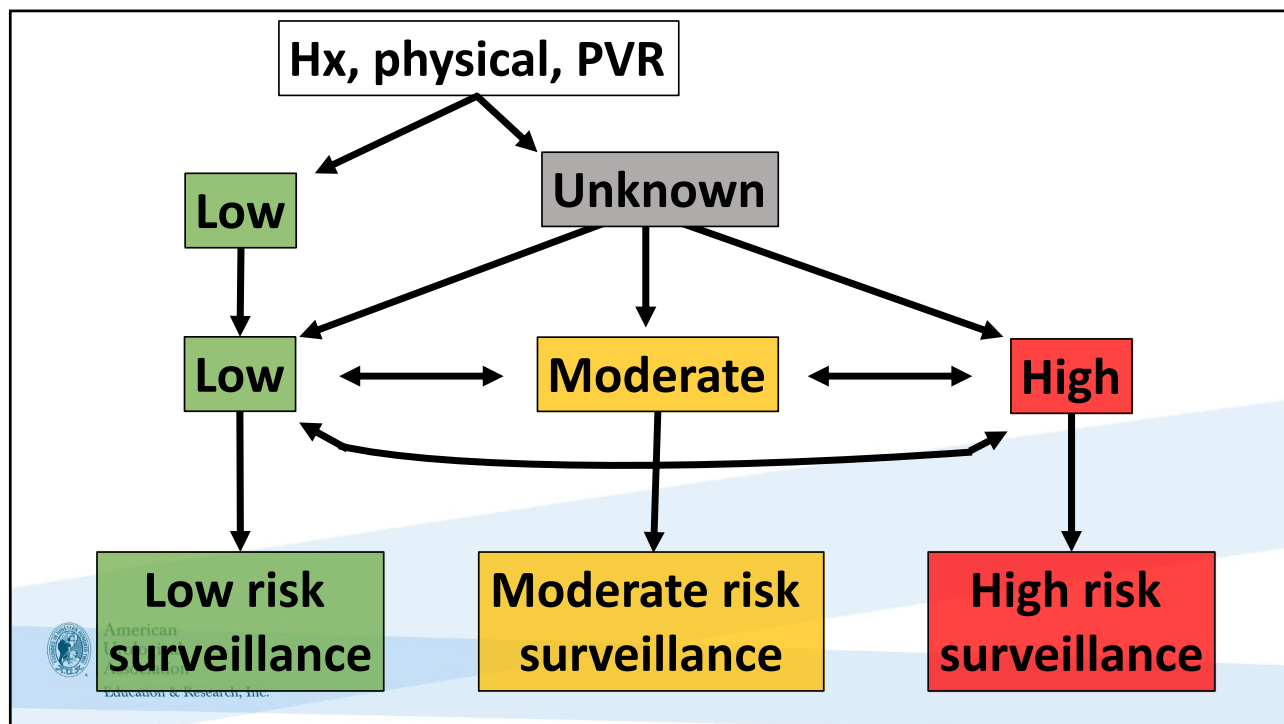
### Surveillance Moderate-Risk

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- Renal function assessment: annual
- Upper tract imaging q 1-2 years
- UDS: repeat if change in signs and symptoms, new complications (e.g., AD, UTIs, stones,) and/or upper urinary tract or renal function deterioration

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## case 2

- 75 year old man who is 6 months post CVA
- He presents with new urgency, and UUI after his stroke
- Prior to his stroke he had nocturia x1 and slow stream man; tamsulosin (helped), but now having nocturia x3
- Coffee and beer make it worse
- Still doing PT for mild hemiplegia and had retention in hospital that resolved. Now using a scooter.
- Lives with his wife, not sexually active, going to Florida this fall and wants to ditch the diapers
- BP 140/95 DRE 50g no nodules



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- PVR 65
- UA clean
- Cr while in hospital recently 1.2 (easy to find)
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## Any other testing or information would you find helpful now?

- Voiding diary



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### Initial evaluation of patient with NLUTD

- History and physical examination
- PVR (if spontaneously void)
- Diary, pad test, and uroflowmetry as indicated (optional)
- Cystoscopy NOT routinely indicated

### AUASI and incontinence measure



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## 6 week RV- timed voids+ alpha blocker+B3

- He is getting up 2x a night (more from insomnia)
- Incontinence is better if he sticks to timed voids
- BP unchanged
- No new issues
- PVR unchanged ~50



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### Surveillance Low-Risk

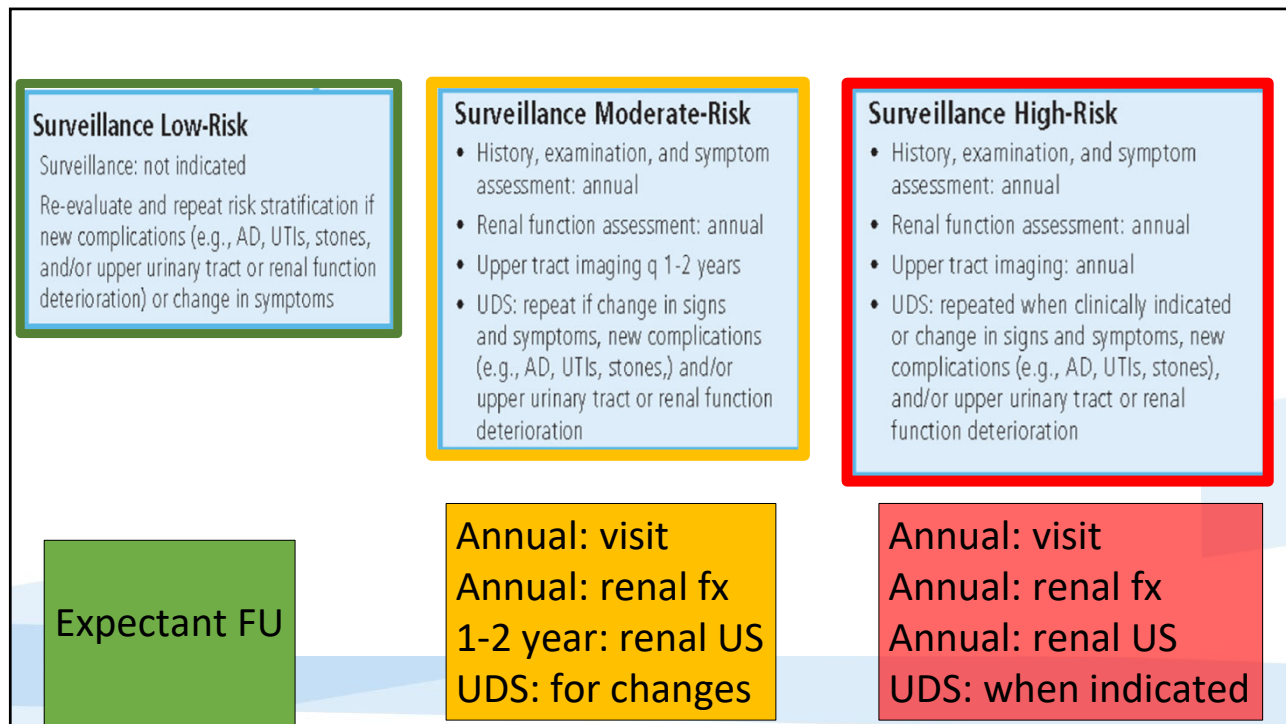
Surveillance: not indicated

Re-evaluate and repeat risk stratification if new complications (e.g., AD, UTIs, stones, and/or upper urinary tract or renal function deterioration) or change in symptoms



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## When do you do a cystoscopy on NGLUTD patients?

8: Clinicians should not perform routine cystoscopy in the initial evaluation of the NLUTD patient. (Clinical Principle)

19. In NLUTD patients, clinicians should not perform screening/surveillance cystoscopy. (*Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B*)

20. In NLUTD patients with a chronic indwelling catheter, clinicians should not perform screening/surveillance cystoscopy. (*Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B*)

60. In NLUTD patients who have undergone lower urinary tract reconstruction utilizing bowel, and who also **develop gross hematuria or symptomatic recurrent urinary tract infection**, clinicians should perform cystoscopy. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)



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## 20 y/o woman with myelomeningocele



- Transitioning from pediatrics
- CIC 6x a day with leaking between caths
- Oxybutinin 15mg
- 7-8 UTI last year (one admission)
- Renal US stable scars
- UDS: 300cc capacity with compliance loss (Pdet 45 cmH2O)

What is her risk strata?



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- UDS: repeated when clinically indicated or change in signs and symptoms, new complications (e.g., AD, UTIs, stones), and/or upper urinary tract or renal function deterioration

- Botulinum toxin 200U
- Daily oral prophylaxis
- Repeat UDS and visit 6 weeks later:
  - Not leaking
  - No UTIs
  - MCC 600 Pdet 10cmH2O

**Now is moderate risk**



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## Upper tract assessment

CT scan=renal bladder US> KUB for stones

Lowest risk/cost effective: **renal bladder US**

**Serum Cr** screening and renal scan or 24 h urine only useful if imaging abnormal



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## Why do UDS?

- Baseline functional assessment of LUT and monitoring
- Identify NGLUTD with risk of complications & that might need early intervention
  - High fill pressure/poor compliance
  - DESD
- Assist in developing treatment plan
- Assess changes in symptoms/complications



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## Urodynamic Patterns of NGB

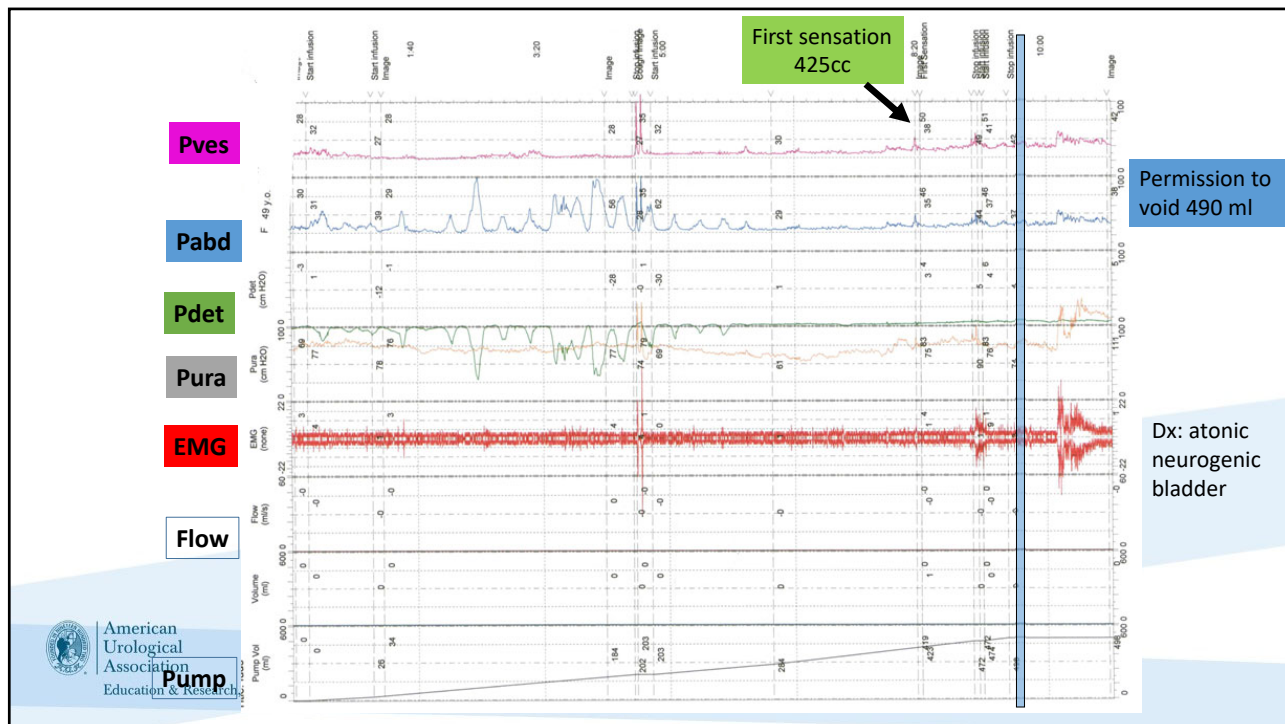
### Moderate risk

- Detrusor Areflexia (acontractile, atonic)
- Neurogenic retention
- Detrusor Overactivity with low P
- DSD with low P

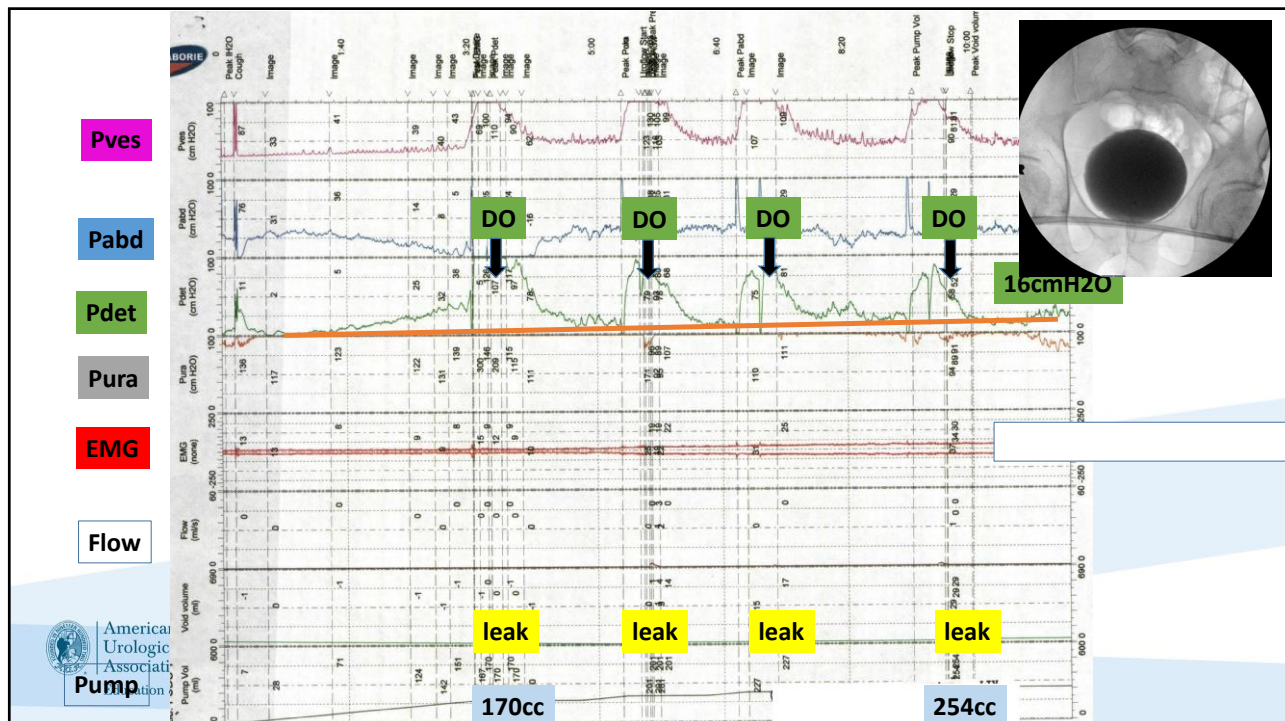
### High risk

- DSD with high storage P
- DO with high storage P
- VUR
- Poor compliance

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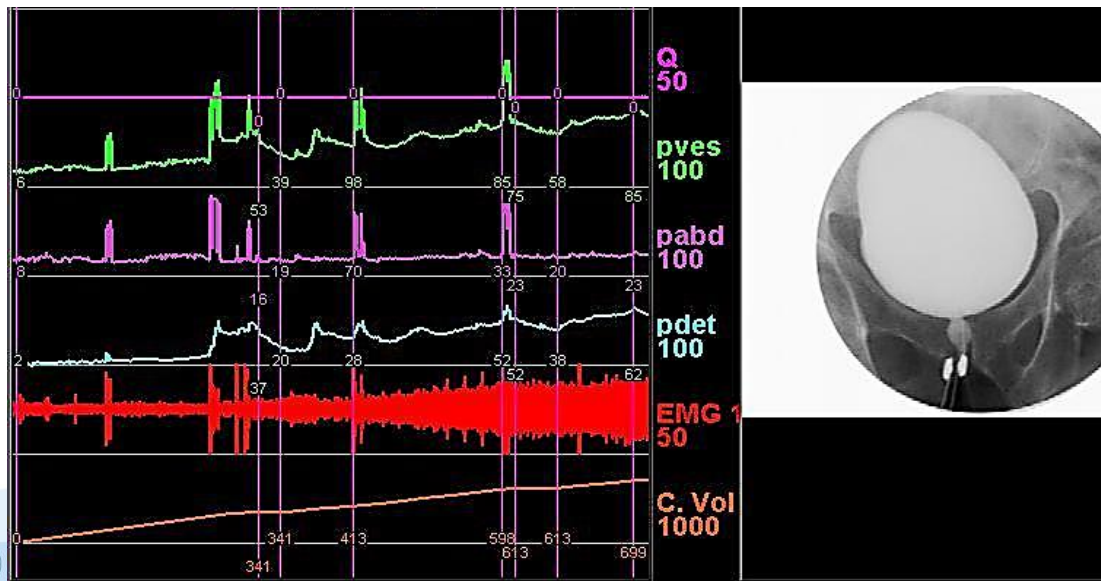


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## DESD



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## Detrusor Sphincter Dyssynergia

- Defined: involuntary contraction of the sphincter during an involuntary detrusor contraction
- Typically occurs with supra-sacral lesion and is uncommon with lower cord lesions
  - Usually: Peri-urethral striated muscles
  - Possible: Smooth muscle of bladder neck
- Increased risk of elevated intravesical pressures and urologic complications
  - >50% (UTI, reflux, hydro, renal failure)

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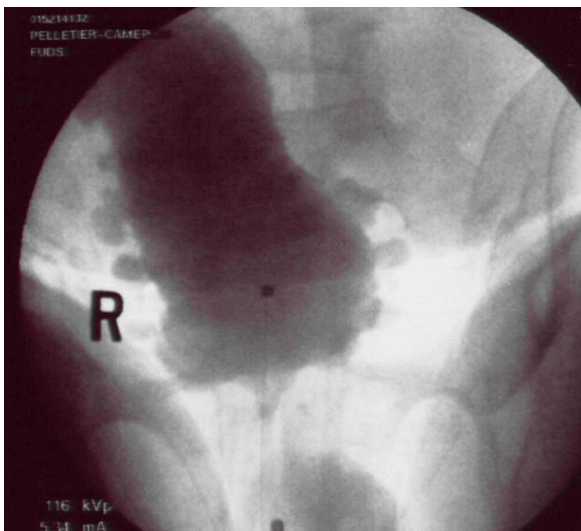


# Compliance



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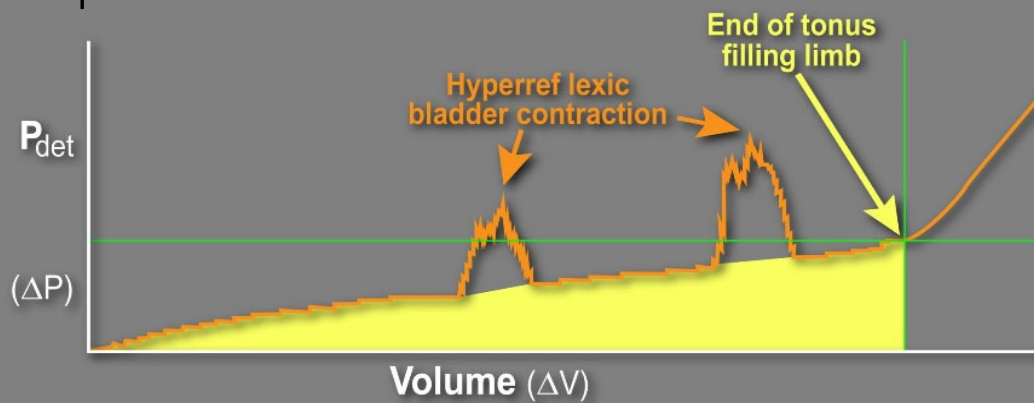
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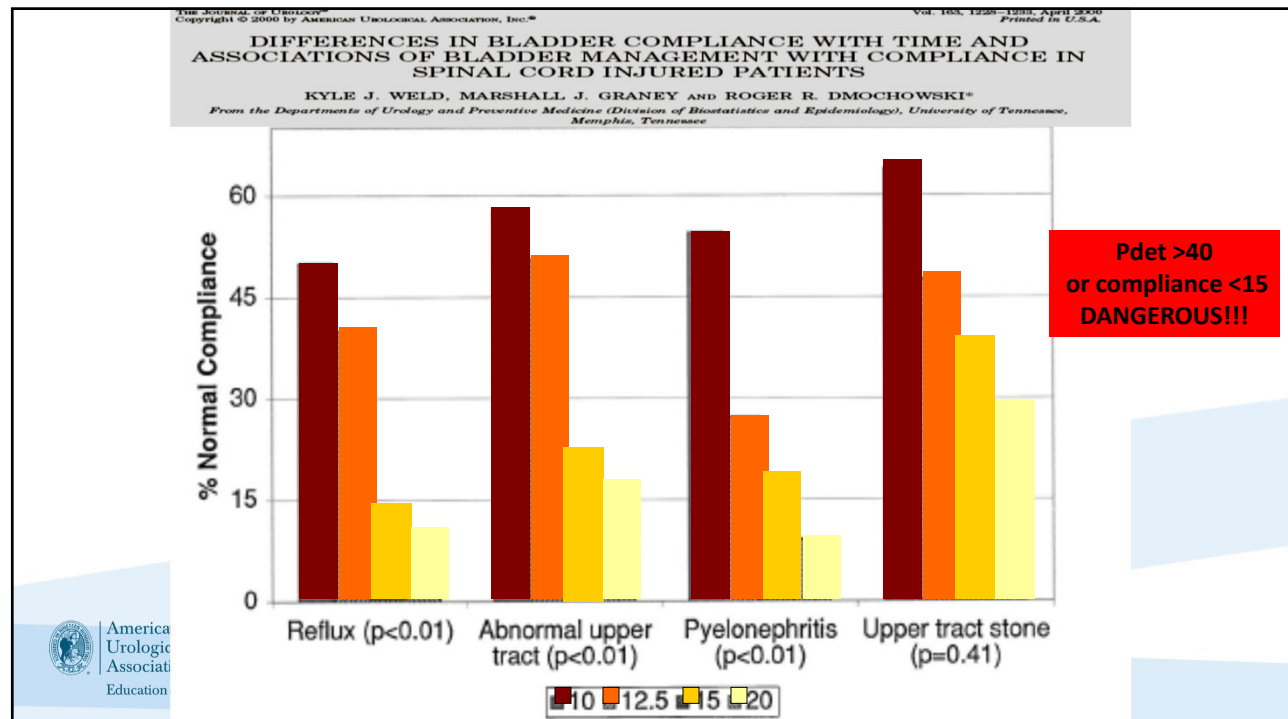
## Compliance:



**FIGURE 1:** Solid yellow represents best fit pressure-volume relationship used for compliance calculation  $P_{det}$  detrusor pressure  $\Delta V$ , change in volume (ml.)  $\Delta P$ , change in pressure (cm. water).

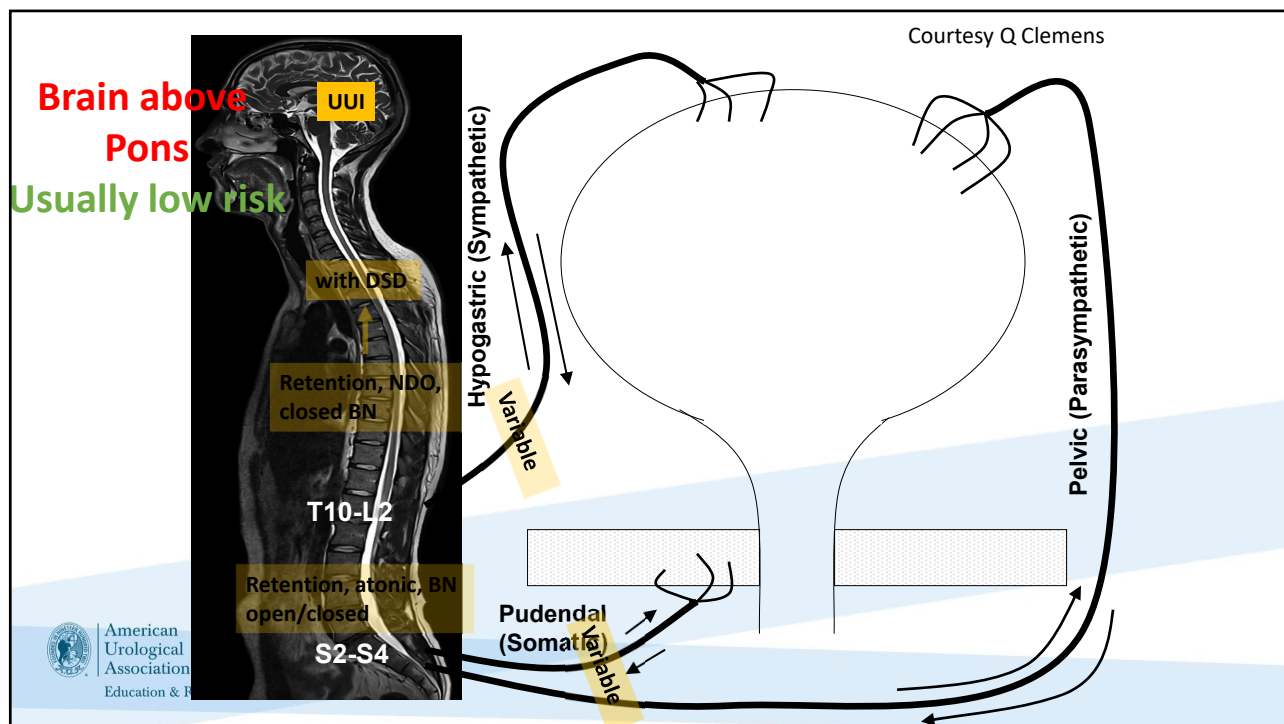
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## CVA & TBI

- Usually lose **inhibitory** control over voiding reflex
  - Incontinence rate as high as 51%
  - Neurogenic Detrusor overactivity - most common
  - Detrusor Hyperactivity with impaired contractility possible
  - Although variable, sensation usually intact
  - Initial retention is common (temporary detrusor areflexia- wait until acute event over)
- Sphincter should function normal
  - IF PVR OK they are **low risk**

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## LUT Dysfunction & Parkinson's

- Pseudodyssynergia - oft misdiagnosed
- IF PVR normal- they are **low risk**
- Bradykinesia: impaired relaxation of EUS may cause hesitancy
- Incidence of urodynamic abnormalities increase with disease severity.
  - Detrusor overactivity (67%)
  - DO with impaired contractility common
  - Detrusor hyporeflexia or areflexia (12%)
  - Normal function (20%).
- Symptom scores increased with disease severity
  - Nocturia most common

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## Multiple System Atrophy

- Variant Shy Drager syndrome
  - atrophy of cerebellum, brainstem, peripheral autonomic ganglia & spinal cord sympathetic neurons
  - Leads to autonomic failure
- Clinical Manifestations (Parkinson's like)
  - Bradykinesia, shuffling gait, orthostatic hypotension, anhidrosis
- Urinary Symptoms:
  - Frequency, urgency, urge incontinence, retention, ED- occur before other autonomic sx
- **Elevated residual prompts full workup**
- Urodynamic findings
  - Areflexia: 67%
  - DO: 33%
  - Impaired compliance: 45%
  - Incompetent outlet: ALL----- **do not do a TURP**
  - EMG: consistent with "lower motor neuron lesion"

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## Brain Tumor

- Both primary and metastatic tumors may cause voiding dysfunction
- Area and level of brain affected determines pattern of dysfunction
- Like CVA, lesions cause “loss of inhibition” of the pontine micturition center
- Detrusor overactivity with sphincter synergy is common
- **PVR low=low risk**



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Sakakibara et al, Int Urogynecol J, 1999

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## Dementia

- Incontinence approaches 90% in literature
- Atrophy of both white and gray matter
- Although detrusor overactivity may be found, not always the case
- 2/3 with or without cognitive impairment with incontinence were found to have detrusor overactivity (instability)
- **Low PVR=low risk**



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Skelly et al, Journal of American Geriatric Society 1995

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## Cerebral Palsy

STATEMENT SIXTEEN: In patients with low-risk NLUTD who present with new onset signs and symptoms, new complications (e.g., autonomic dysreflexia, urinary tract infections, stones), and/or upper tract or renal function deterioration, the clinician should re-evaluate and repeat risk stratification. *(Clinical Principle)*

- In childhood 33% have DO and urinary incontinence- worse with increasing disability
- Adults present with new retention, decreased voiding frequency, inability to void on command- **need UDS/imaging new risk stratification**
- UDS: DSD 15%, DO 30%, very high bladder capacity and DA in 6%
- Progressive retention with areflexic bladder common in adulthood in both genders
- CIC poorly tolerated- reserve for prolonged retention >12 h



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Goldfarb & Elliot 2016, Cotter & Elliott 2016

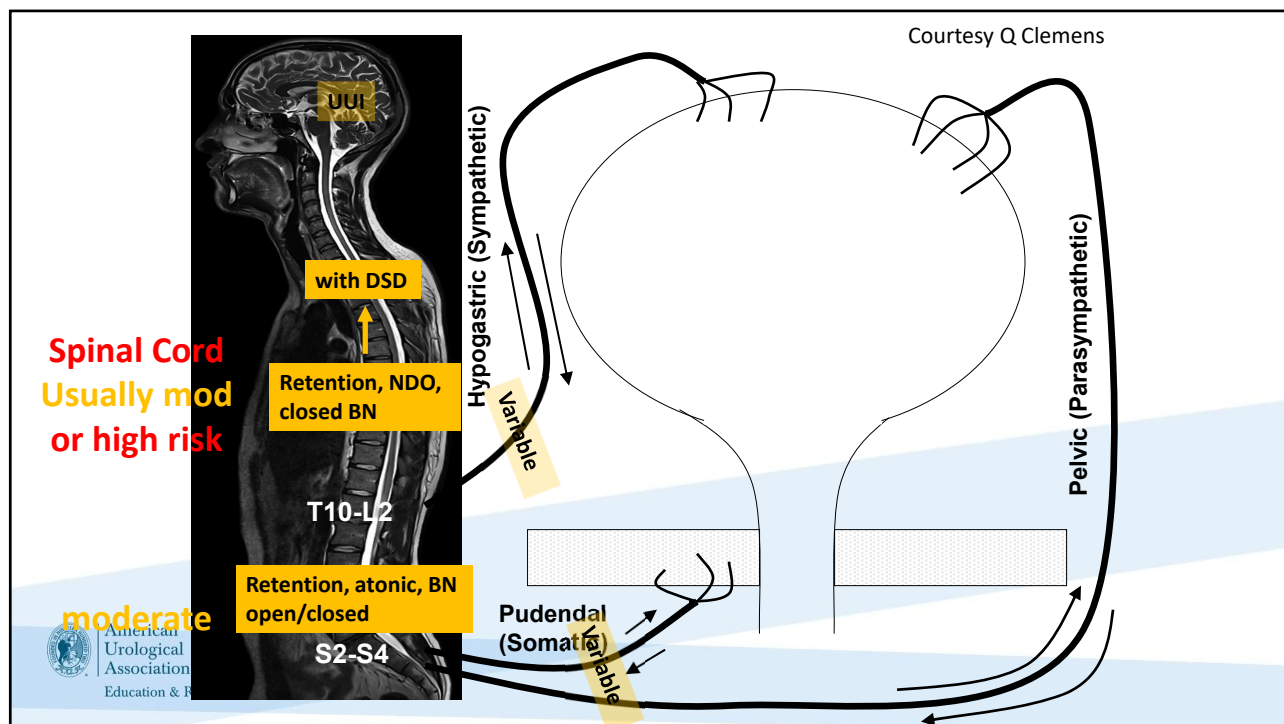
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Don't ignore pathology  
present before disease onset



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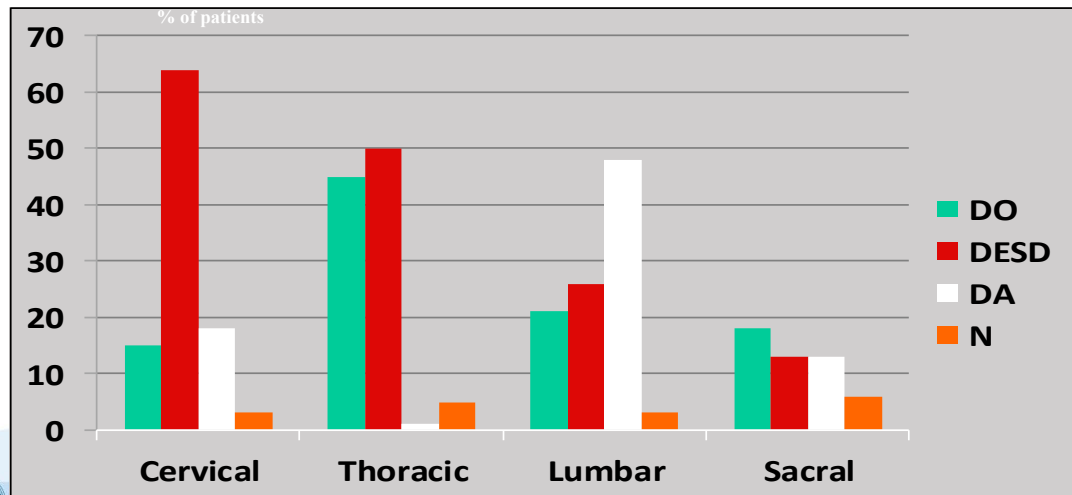
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## Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury

- Lower urinary tract function varies depending on stage of recovery from SCI
- Spinal Shock:
  - Detrusor areflexia and closed bladder neck
  - Flaccid paralysis
  - Reflexes absent below the level of the lesion
  - No need for UDS **now**
- Recovery: Return reflex detrusor activity

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## UDS Findings and SCI Level



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## Almost all are moderate or high risk

- Rare low risk patient with synergistic voiding on UDS (usually ASIA D/E)
- Cannot guess UDS pattern or risk based on level- **all need UDS/upper tract workup**

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# Multiple Sclerosis

- Inflammatory/demyelinating disease of CNS
- Plaque formation of brain and cord may have autoimmune etiology
- Ages 20-45
- F>M: 2:1
- Voiding dysfunction in 90% of MS patients: frequency, urgency, urge incontinence, hesitancy, intermittency, poor stream
- Can be low risk with low PVR or unknown risk (elevated PVR/UTIs)



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Goldenberg, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, 2012  
Litwiller et al, Journal of Urology 1999

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# Multiple Sclerosis

- UDS findings:
- Detrusor overactivity in >67%
- DESD in 25%
- Impaired contractility in 20%
- 55% may change UDS behavior over time

Upper tract deterioration however quite rare



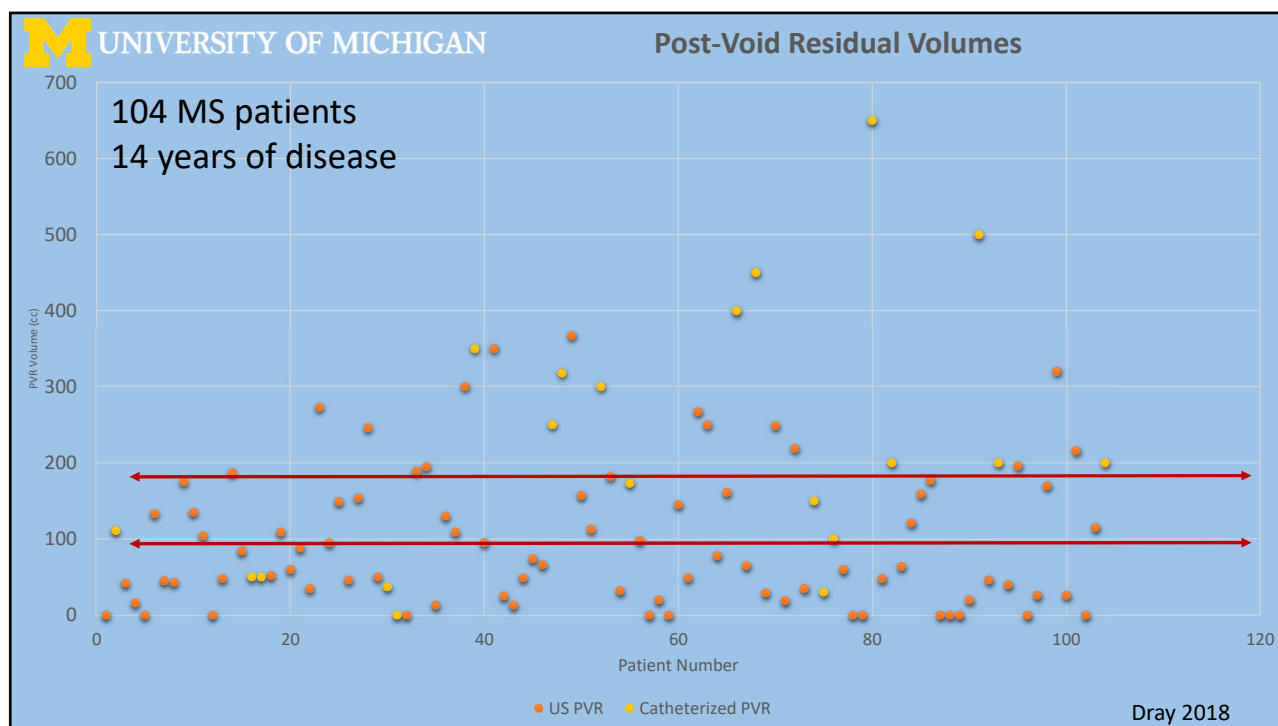
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Kim et al J Urology 1998  
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## Results

| Results, Mean (SD)        | PVR<50cc  | PVR 50cc-150cc | PVR>150cc | P Value |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|---------|
| Incontinence Pads Per Day | 1.4 (1.4) | 1.4 (1.6)      | 1.4 (1.5) | 0.89    |
| Recurrent UTI, No. (%)    | 9 (23.1)  | 6 (20.0)       | 11 (32.4) | 0.27    |

| Multivariate Analysis               | AUA SS (p-value) | AUA Bother (p-value) | M-ISI SS (p-value) | M-ISI Bother (p-value) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| PVR                                 | 0.84             | 0.68                 | 0.18               | 0.88                   |
| Gender                              | 0.56             | 0.48                 | 0.03               | 0.35                   |
| Race                                | 0.24             | 0.25                 | 0.25               | 0.06                   |
| Age (>55 v ≤ 55)                    | 0.82             | 0.31                 | 0.18               | 0.11                   |
| MS Duration (>10 year v ≤ 10 years) | 0.79             | 0.79                 | 0.67               | 0.63                   |
| Type of MS                          | 0.83             | 0.99                 | 0.89               | 0.15                   |
| DMT                                 | 0.24             | 0.92                 | 0.82               | 0.19                   |
| Anticholinergic Use                 | 0.73             | 0.64                 | 0.04               | 0.11                   |
| Alpha-blocker Use                   | 0.78             | 0.99                 | 0.91               | 0.45                   |

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# Myelomeningocele

- Spinal neural tube defects
  - 3.2 to 4.6 per 10,000 births
  - W>M (1.7:1)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of gestation
  - Maldevelopment of ectodermal, mesodermal, & neuroectodermal tissues,
  - Nerve roots/spinal cord with meningeal covering protrudes through posterior vertebral bony arch
- Deficit depends on neural structures affected
- Like SCI bladder behavior unpredictable so all need UDS/upper tract workup



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Netto et al, Reviews in Urology 2009

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# Myelomeningocele

- UDS pattern:
  - areflexic
  - compliance poor 50%
  - Bladder neck classically open - incontinent
  - Non-relaxing external sphincter - high storage pressure
- Patients are wet but in danger of renal damage!
- Early UDS evaluation required
  - Elevated intravesical storage pressure mandates early drainage procedure
  - ISD (Low LPP) permits surveillance with U/S screening
  - Augmentation to decrease storage pressure if anticholinergics ineffective



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## Sacral Agenesis

- Absence of part or all of 1 or more sacral vertebrae (caudal regression syndrome)
- Nerve roots embedded in dense fibrous tissue
- Increased risk
  - Mothers with IDDM (1%)
  - Genetic mutation-deletion on chromosome 7
- Neurogenic lower urinary tract dysfunction with 2 or more vertebral bodies affected



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## Sacral Agenesis

- Bladder dysfunction in >90%
- 50% DO with DESD
  - Present with recurrent UTI, reflux
- 50% Areflexia with denervation of outlet
  - Present with continuous incontinence
- Cannot predict by # of affected vertebrae
- UDS and imaging important for management

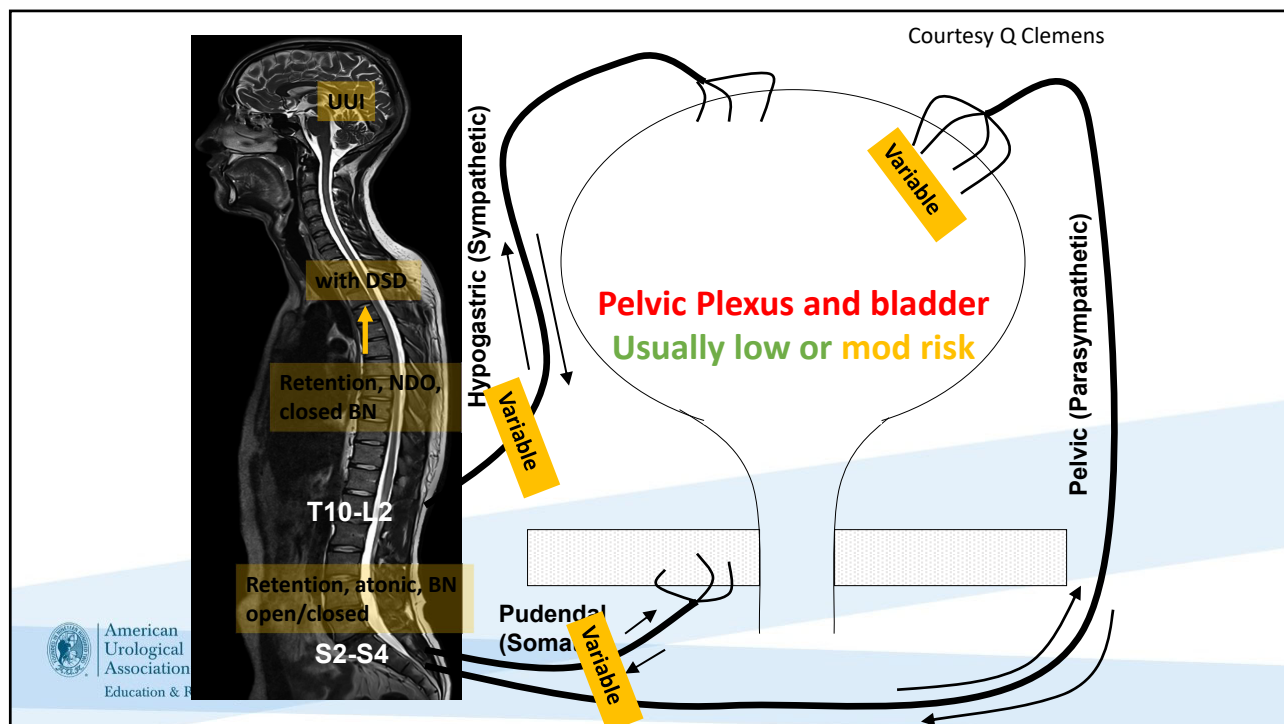


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## Pelvic Plexus Injury

- May occur with any major pelvic surgery
  - 20%-68% after abdominal perineal resection
  - 16% to 80% after radical hysterectomy
  - 10% to 20% after procto-colectomy
  - 20% to 25% after anterior resection
- Pelvic fracture or tumor
  - Up to 11.5% will sustain neurologic injury
    - Transverse sacral fracture-most likely correlated
    - 2/3 will have neurogenic bladder
- Can improve if neuropraxia (retractor related)
- If PVR elevated need workup

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## Abdominoperineal Resection

- Incomplete emptying (retention) up to 90%
- Pelvic plexus injury impairs contractility
- Treat retention initially with CIC
- Sympathetic defect decreases bladder neck tone, sphincter weakness results in incontinence
- Pudendal nerve damage - external sphincter dysfunction may be permanent
- Beware development of decentralization
- Decentralization=areflexia & loss compliance, risk upper tracts



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## Diabetes and Bladder Dysfunction

- Voiding symptoms classically after 10 years- correlate with glucose control and peripheral neuropathy
- Segmental demyelination & axonal degeneration
- Classic understanding:
  - Sensory impairment
  - decreased contractility
  - Distention myopathy worsens voiding dysfunction
- Up to 55% diabetics have detrusor overactivity
- 33% impaired contractility or areflexia= diabetic cystopathy
- Almost always low risk

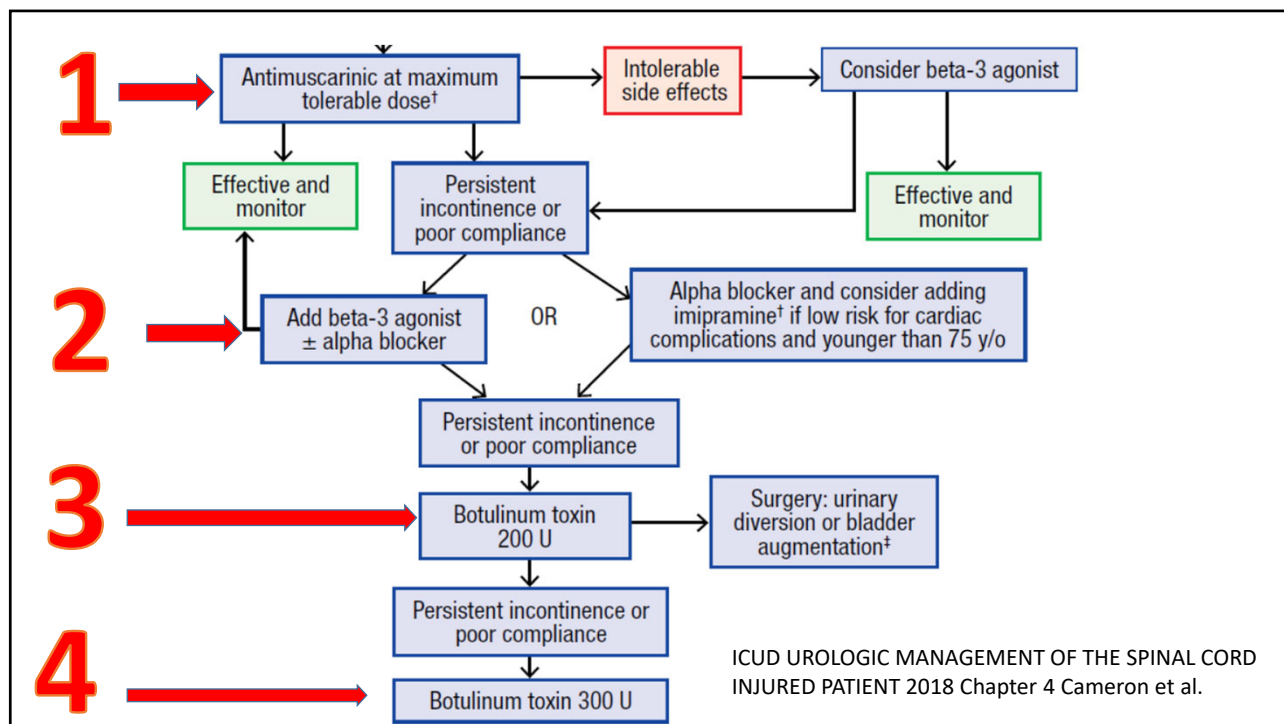


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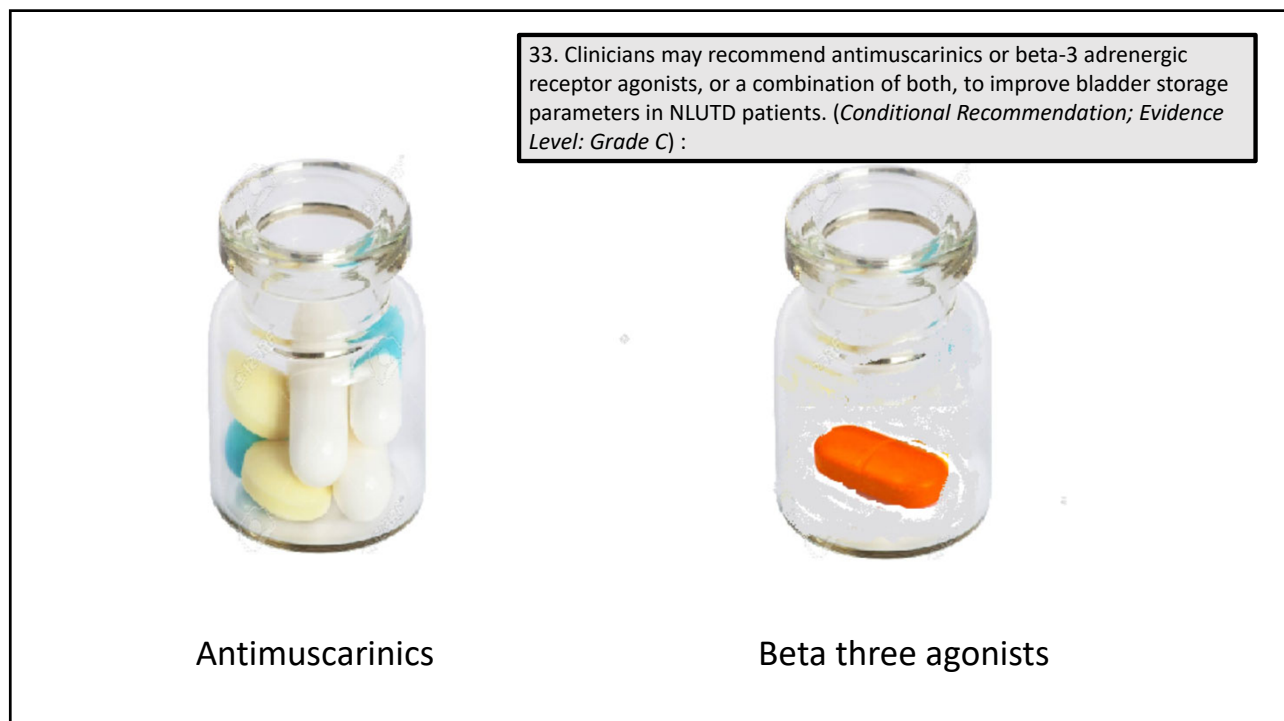
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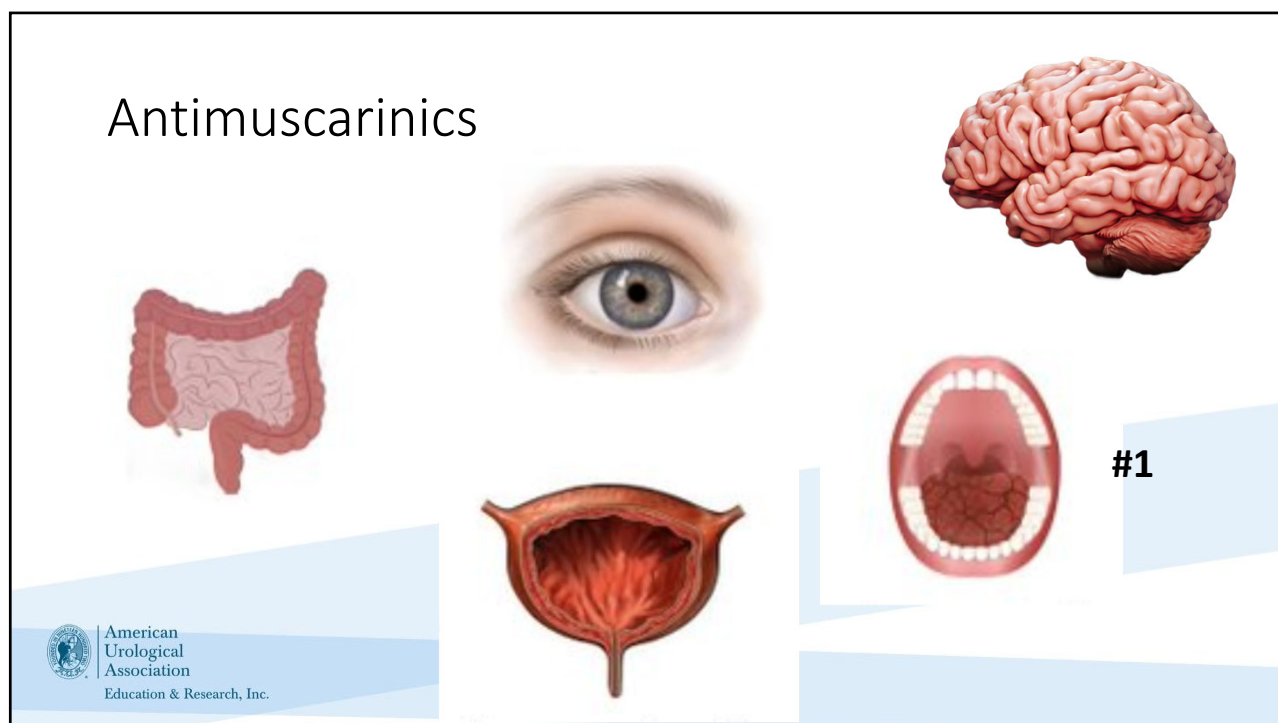
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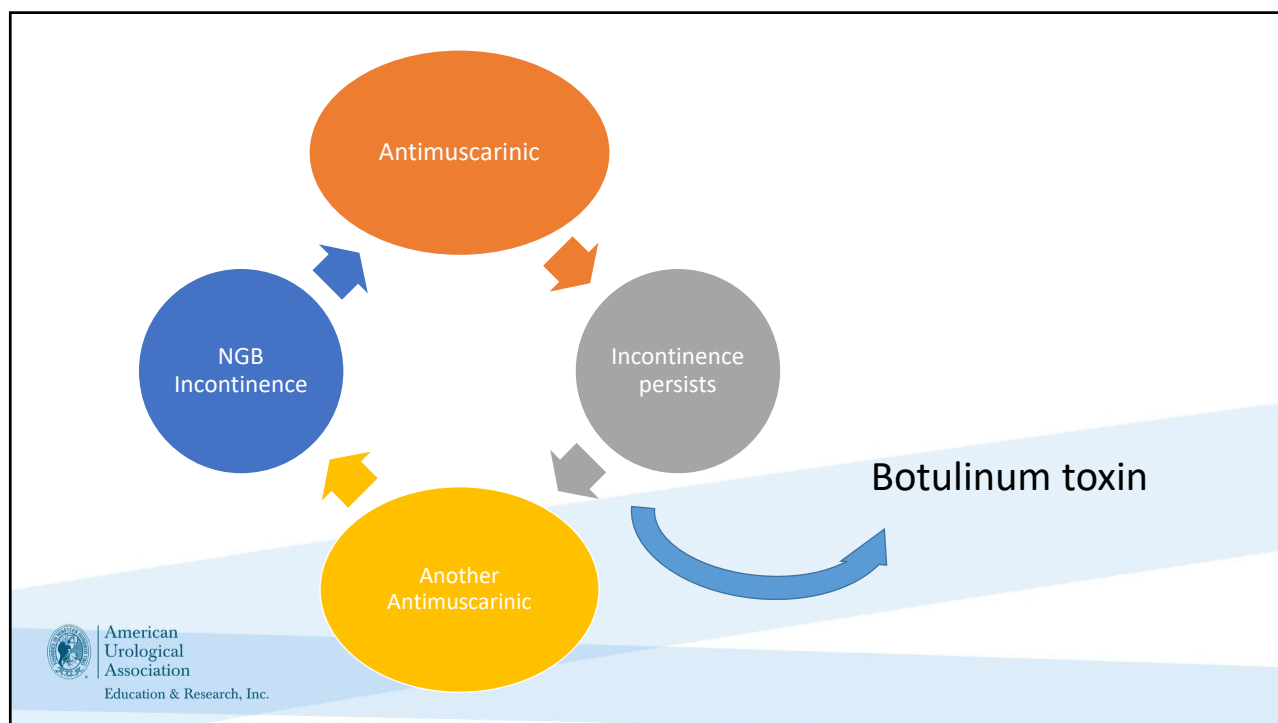
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**TABLE 4-7** Changes in Primary Efficacy From Botulinum Toxin Bladder Injection in 6 LOE 1 Studies

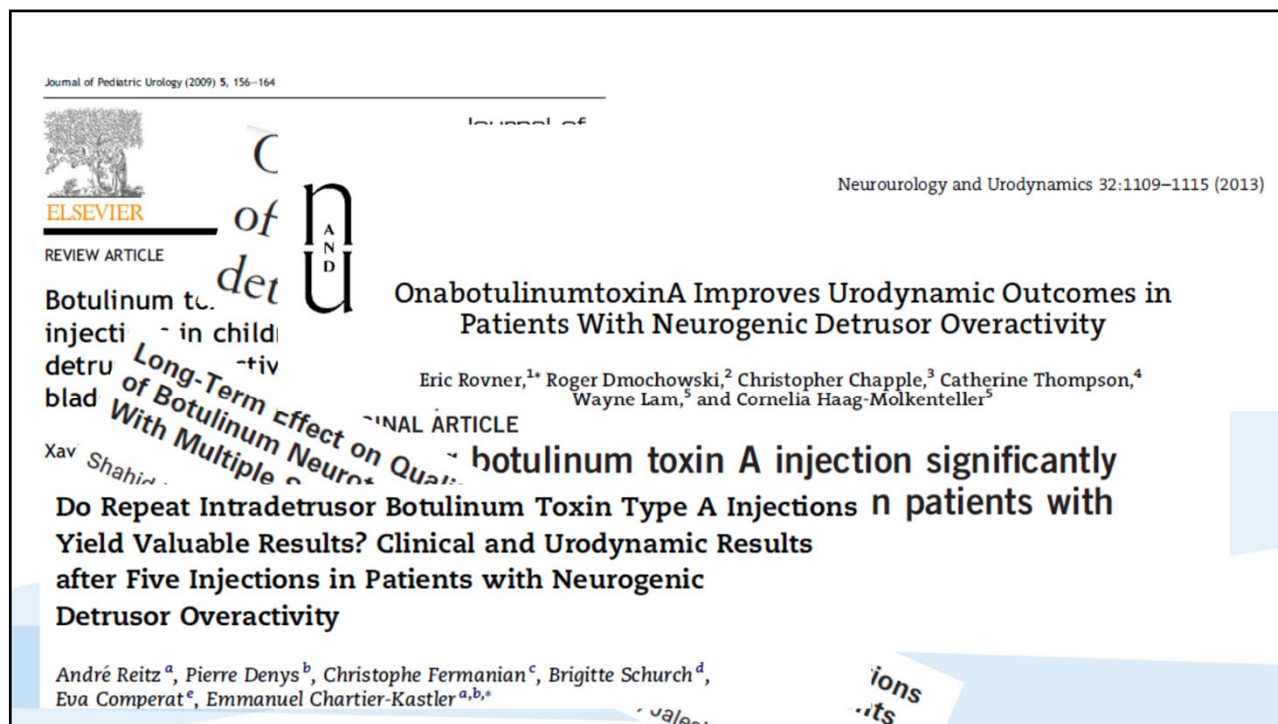
| Reference                               | Patient population        | Treatment                               | Primary efficacy  | Results   |
|---|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Schurch <i>et al</i> <sup>172</sup>     | 59 pts (53 SCI, 6 MS)     | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA, 300 U onaBoNTA | Reductions in UI compared with baseline at weeks 2, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, and 42 | 63.9% decrease in 200 U and 73% decrease in 300 U onaBoNTA groups, significantly greater than 31.1% decrease in placebo group                           |
| Herschorn <i>et al</i> <sup>185</sup>   | 57 pts (38 SCI, 19 MS)    | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA                 | # of days with UI compared with baseline  | 63.9% decrease in 200 U and 69.9% decrease in 300 U onaBoNTA groups, significantly greater than 36% decrease in placebo group                           |
| Cruz <i>et al</i> <sup>186</sup>        | 275 pts (121 SCI, 154 MS) | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA, 300 U onaBoNTA | Weekly UI at week 6 compared with baseline  | No significant difference in UI between any onaBoNTA groups versus placebo at week 6. Significant difference between 200 U group and placebo at week 30 |
| Ginsberg <i>et al</i> <sup>187</sup>    | 416 pts (196 SCI, 227 MS) | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA, 300 U onaBoNTA | Weekly UI at week 6 compared with baseline  | No significant difference in UI between any onaBoNTA groups versus placebo at week 6. Significant difference between 200 U group and placebo at week 30 |
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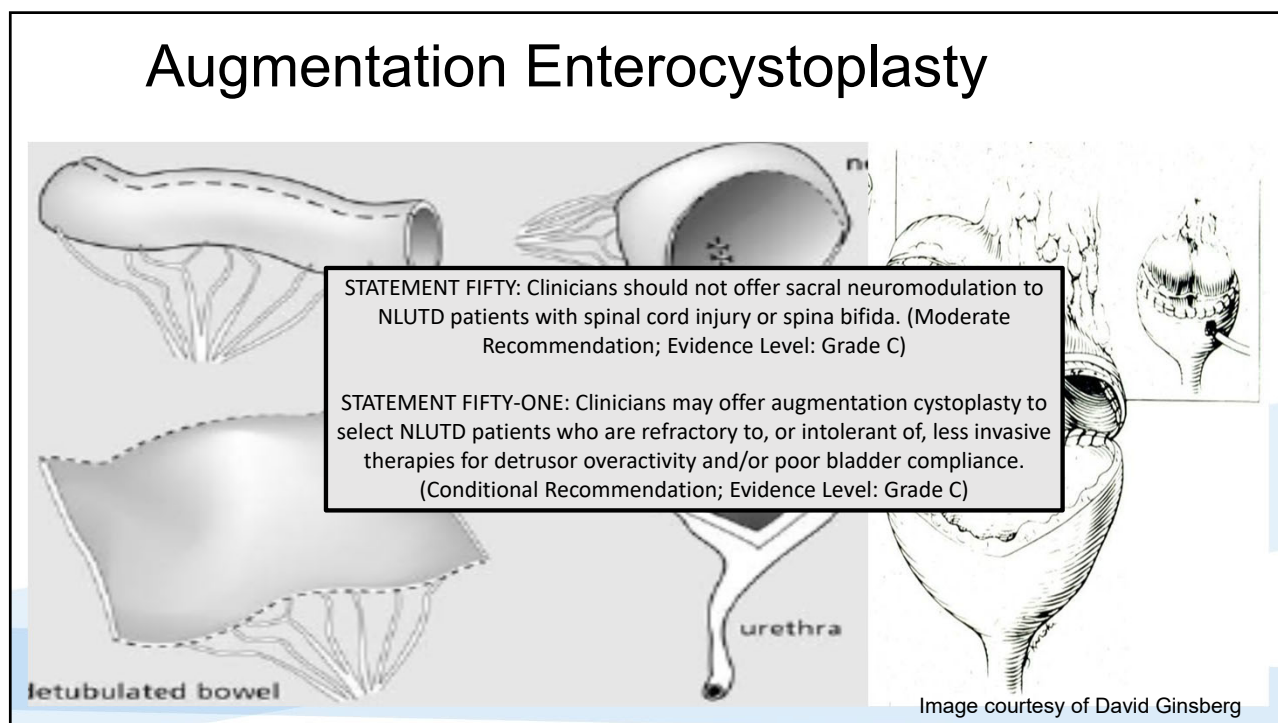
**TABLE 4-8** Changes in Urodynamic Parameters From Botulinum Toxin Bladder Injection in 6 LOE 1 Studies

| Reference                               | Treatment                               | Change in MCC   | Change in MDP   | Change in Pdet |
|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| Schurch <i>et al</i> <sup>172</sup>     | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA, 300 U onaBoNTA | Increased by 57.6% in 200 U, 72.4% in 300 U onaBoNTA (increases of 169 mL and 182 mL, respectively) compared with 17.7% increase in placebo | Reduced by 57.7% in 200 U, 67.2% in 300 U onaBoNTA (decreases of 44.4 cm H <sub>2</sub> O and 44.4 cm H <sub>2</sub> O, respectively) compared with 10.7% increase in placebo | N/A            |
| Herschorn <i>et al</i> <sup>185</sup>   | Placebo, 200 U onaBoNTA                 | Increased by 75.3% in 200 U, 72.4% in 300 U onaBoNTA (increases of 224 mL and 224 mL, respectively) compared with 10.7% increase in placebo | Reduced by 57.7% in 200 U, 67.2% in 300 U onaBoNTA (decreases of 44.4 cm H <sub>2</sub> O and 44.4 cm H <sub>2</sub> O, respectively) compared with 10.7% increase in placebo | N/A            |
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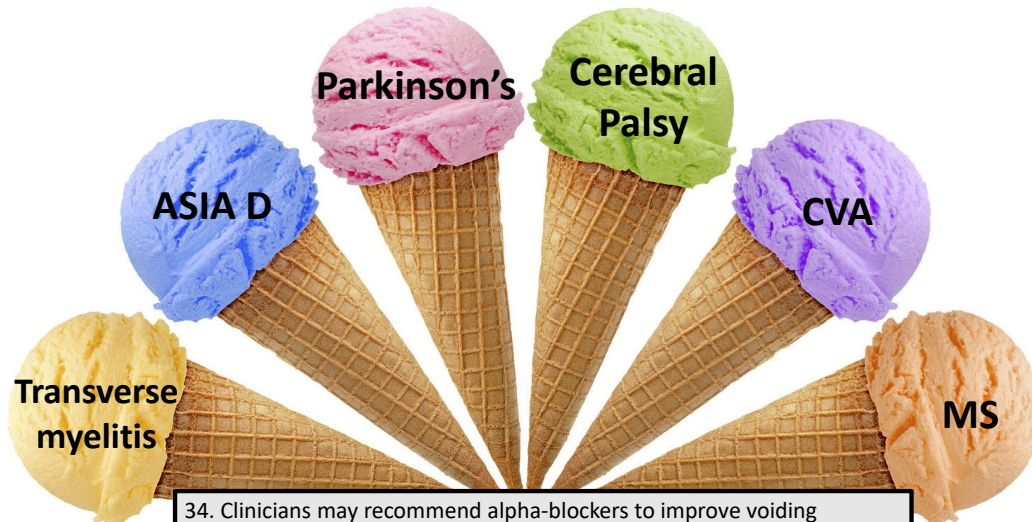


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## Voiding NGLUTD



34. Clinicians may recommend alpha-blockers to improve voiding parameters in NLUTD patients who spontaneously void. (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)

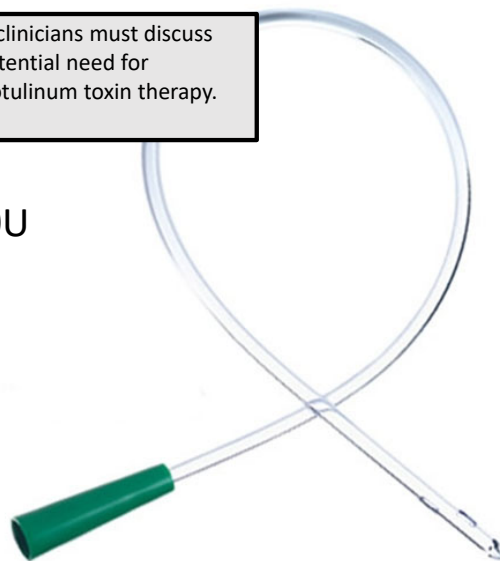
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42. In NLUTD patients who spontaneously void, clinicians must discuss the specific risks of urinary retention and the potential need for intermittent catheterization prior to selecting botulinum toxin therapy. (Clinical Principle)

28-29% new CIC with first 200U

6% and 3% cycle 2 and 3

PD 100U= 12.5%



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Cruz 2011, Ginzberg 2012, Kennelly 2017  
Vurture 2018

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## Treatment of Retention

- CIC:
  - Reusable
  - Single use prelubricated
  - Single use prelubricated self-contained
- Indwelling:
  - Urethral
  - Suprapubic
- Condom:
  - Requires sphincterotomy



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## Practical issues

### Indwelling catheters

- Clogging a major issues
- Intercourse typically not possible
- Can be SP or urethral
- Colonization rate 100% with permanent catheter (5% per day)
- Other than bag emptying little maintenance
- Often placed for incontinence improving QoL but risking urethra



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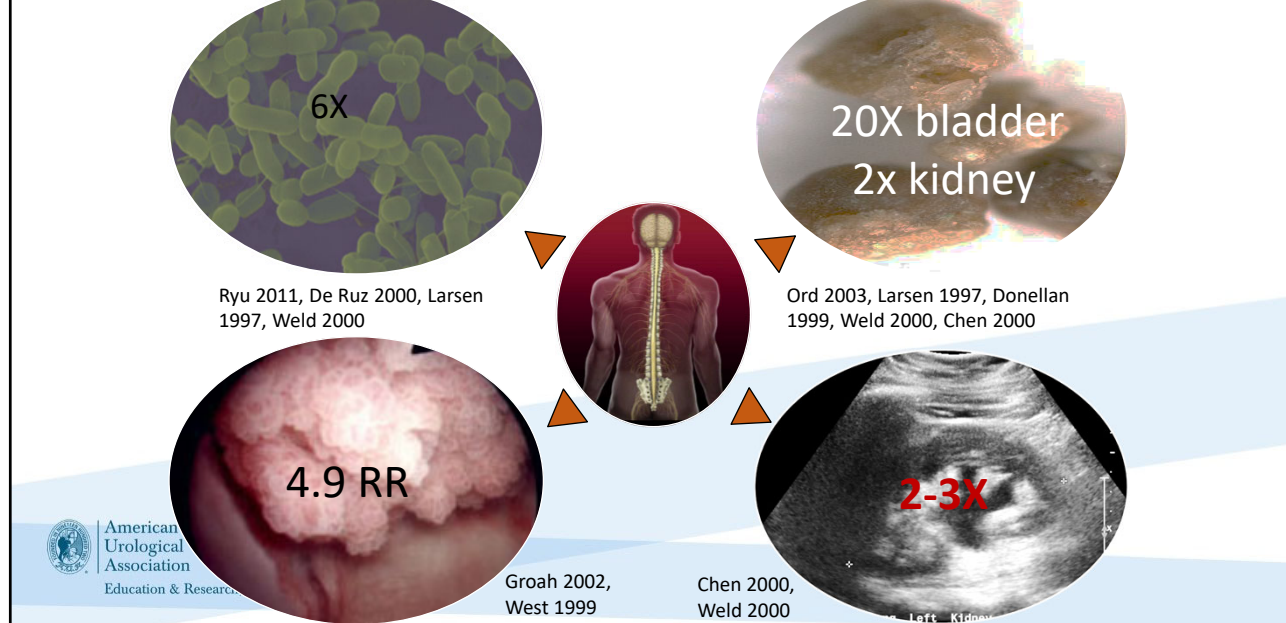
### CIC

- Inability to pass catheter major issue
- No problems with sex
- Can be via catheterizable stoma or urethral
- UTI rate 1-2 per year
- Need to be able to cath or have someone willing to do it

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## Urologic Complications of indwelling catheters in SCI



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35. Clinicians should recommend intermittent catheterization rather than indwelling catheters to facilitate bladder emptying in patients with NLUTD. (*Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

21. In NLUTD patients with indwelling catheters, clinicians should perform interval physical examination of the catheter and the catheter site (suprapubic or urethral). (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

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## Suprapubic catheters- complication

- Bowel injury even placed in OR:
  - bowel injury 2.5-5%
- 43.5% multiple ED visits (cath change because of obstruction, recurrent UTI and exit wound infection)

Ahluwalia 2006

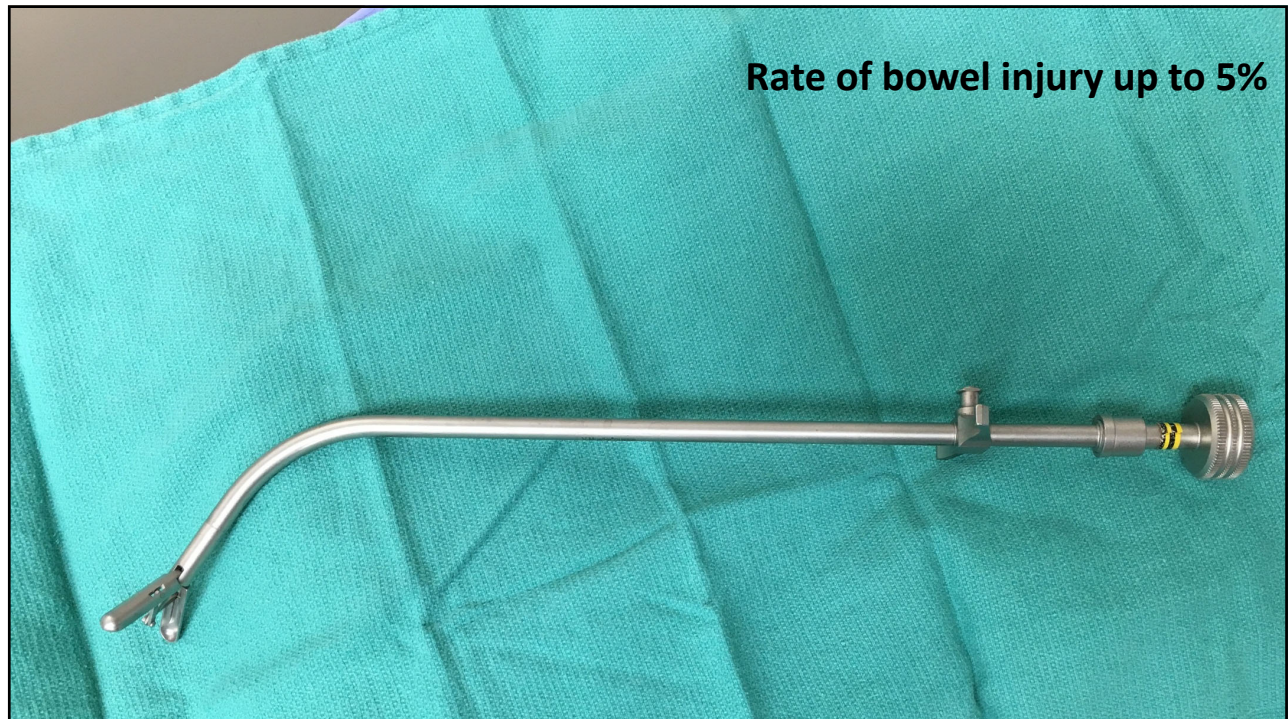
36. For appropriately selected NLUTD patients who require a chronic indwelling catheter, clinicians should recommend suprapubic catheterization over an indwelling urethral catheter. (*Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)



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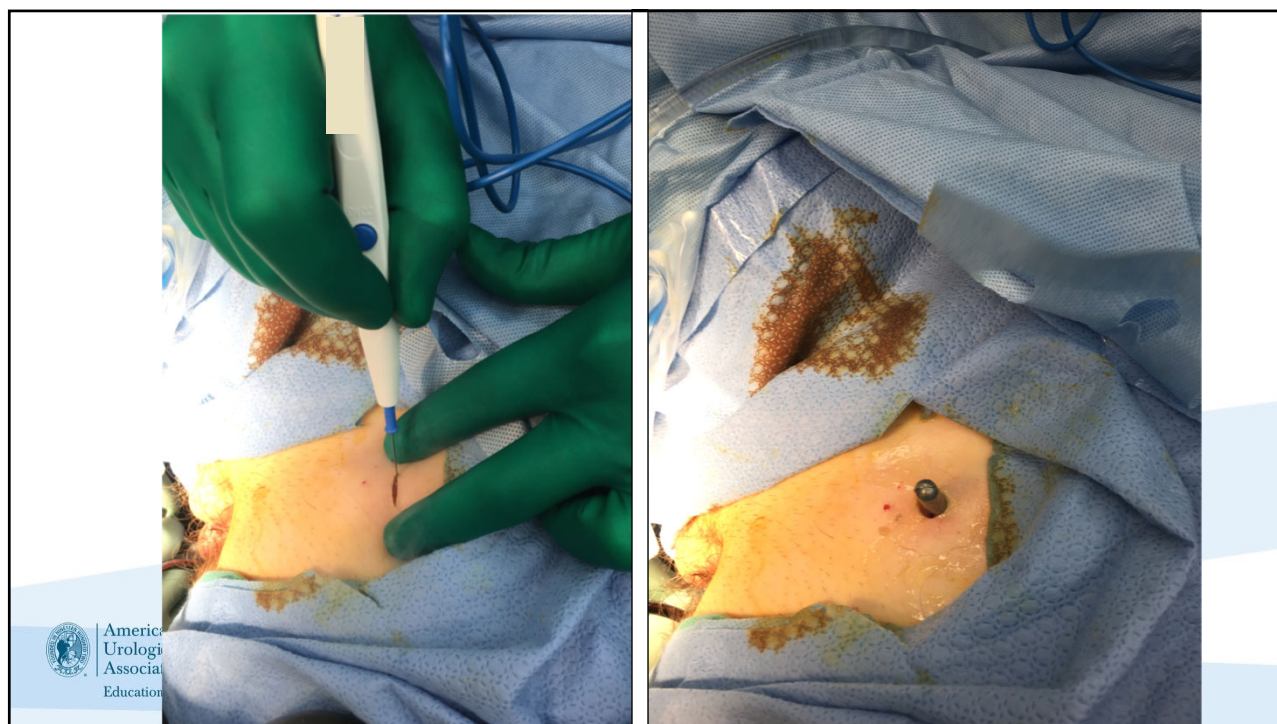
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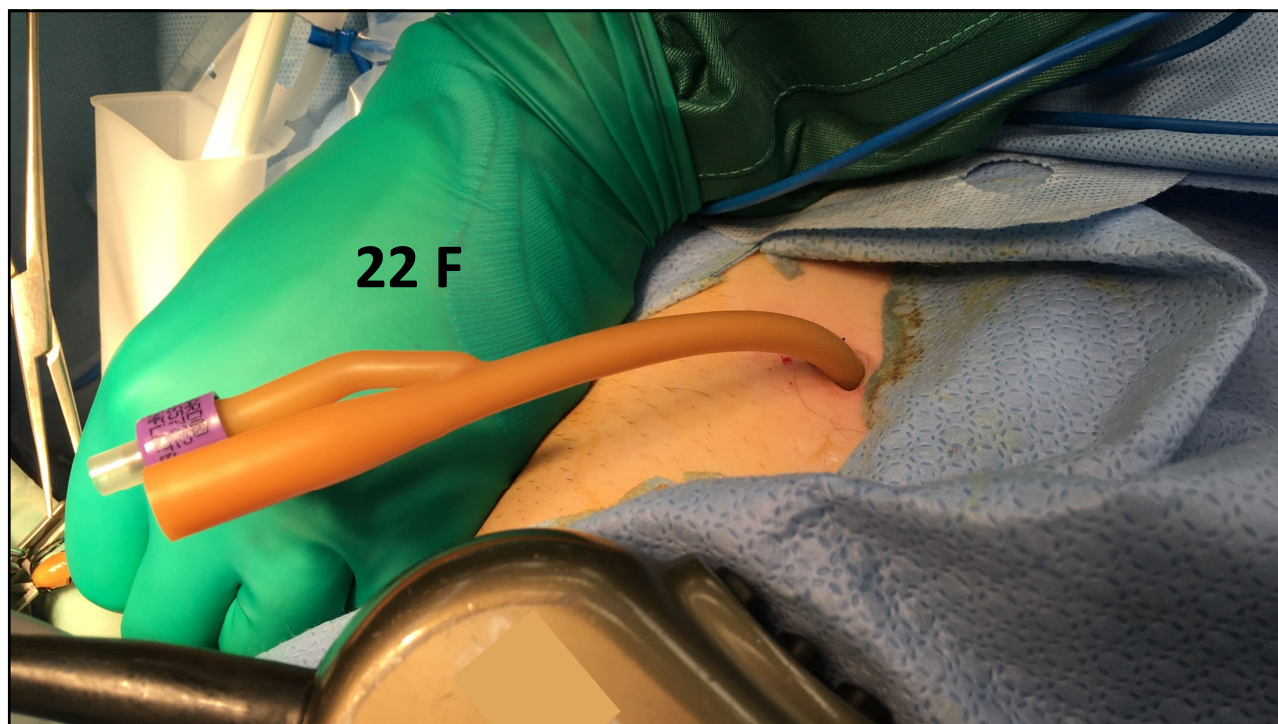


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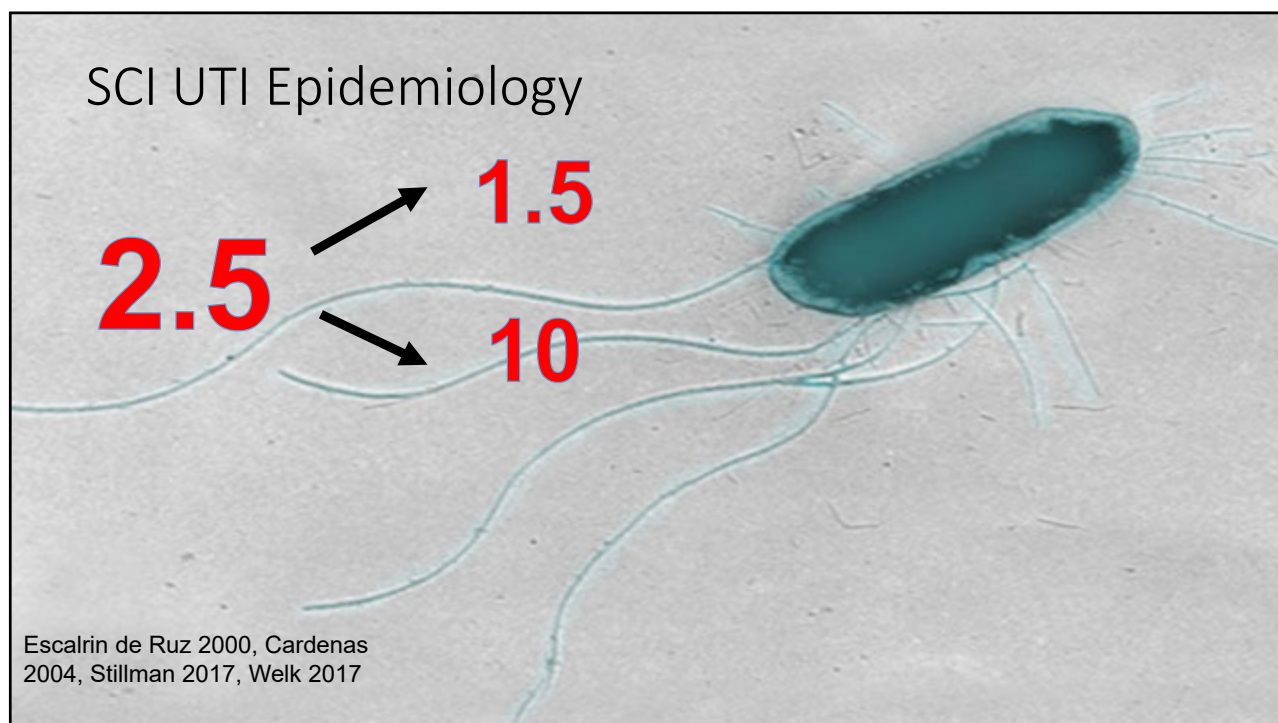
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## Continent ileocecal augmentation cystoplasty

Mark A Sutton<sup>1</sup>, John L Hinson<sup>2</sup>, Kevin G Nickell<sup>3</sup> and Timothy B Boone<sup>4</sup>

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# Asymptomatic Bacteriuria

**30-90%**

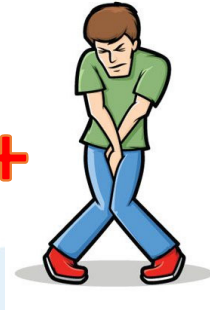
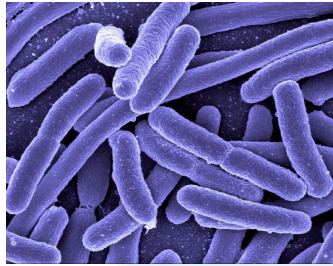
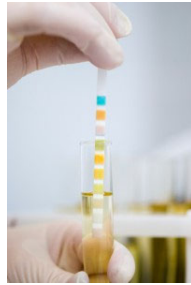
23. In asymptomatic NLUTD patients, clinicians should not perform surveillance/screening urine testing, including urine culture. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

24. Clinicians should not treat asymptomatic bacteriuria in patients with NLUTD. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

Nicolle 2019 ID society of America guideline  
Khasriva 2010, Walsh 2011

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## Bacteriuria vs. UTI



Not:  
Smell  
Cloudiness  
Confusion

Dysuria  
New urgency  
Hematuria  
New leakage  
Fever  
New bladder pain  
Increased spasticity

25. In NLUTD patients with signs and symptoms suggestive of a urinary tract infection, clinicians should obtain a urinalysis and urine culture. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

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## Treatment for acute cystitis

**ALL NLUTD**

- 5 days of TMP-SMX DS BID
- 5 days nitrofurantoin 100mg BID
- Fosfomycin 1 sachet
- 3 days Keflex (cephalexin) 500mg po QID
- 3 days Cipro (ciprofloxacin) 500mg po BID

- **Complicated=**
- 7 days of TMP-SMX DS BID
- 7 days nitrofurantoin 100mg BID
- Fosfomycin 3 sachets (q2 days)
- 7 days Cephalexin 500mg po QID
- 7 days Ciprofloxacin 500mg po BID

**No test for cure unless surgical procedure or pregnancy**

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## #1 diagnose and fix anatomical causes



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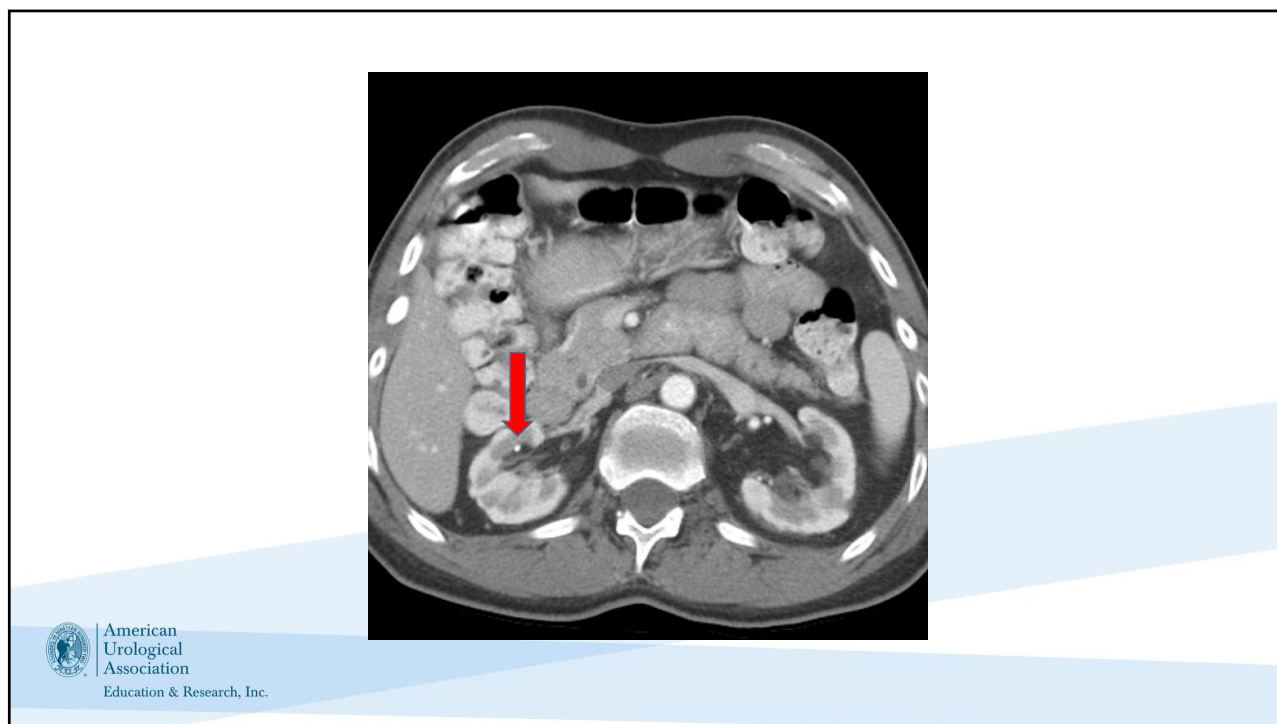
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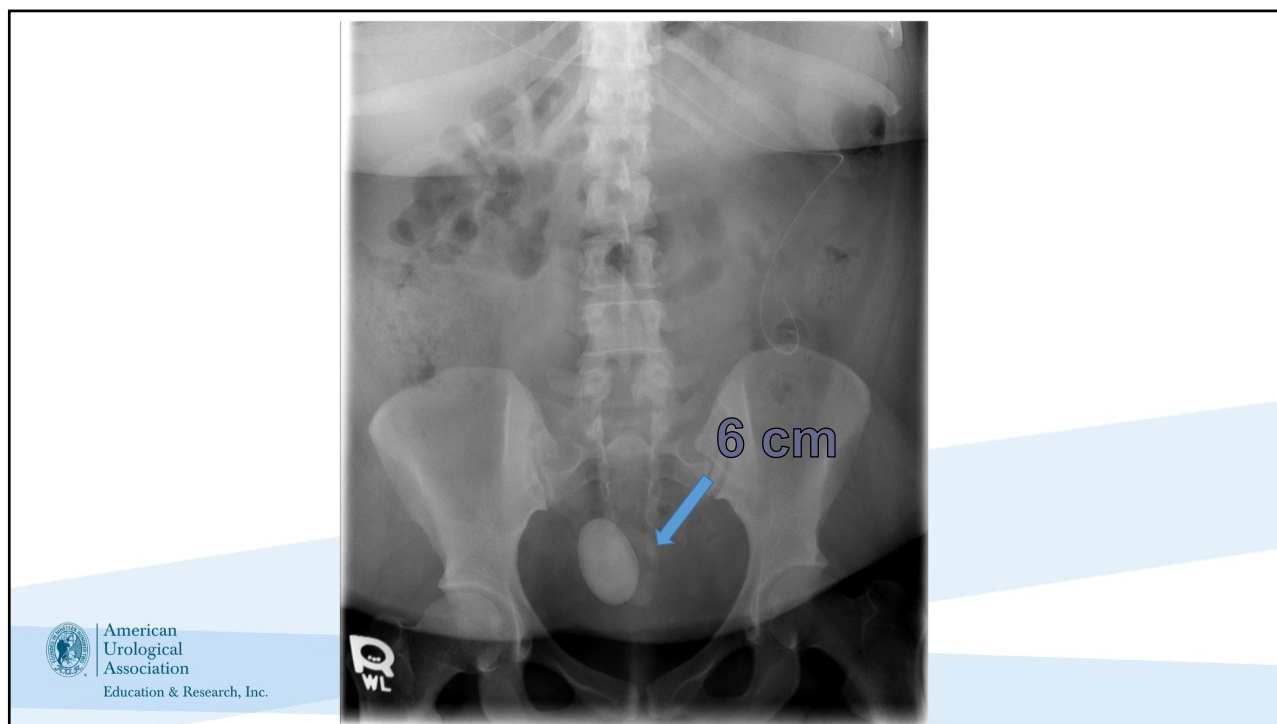




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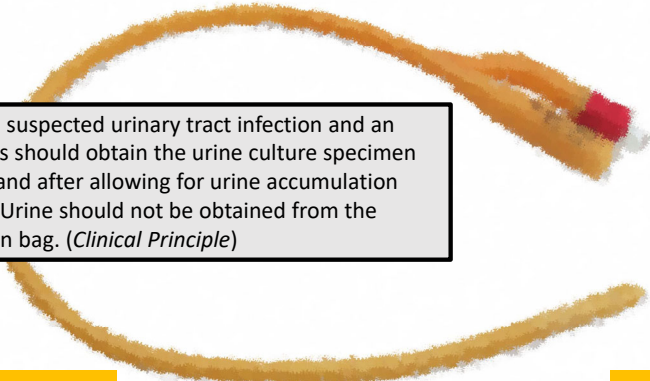
30. In NLUTD patients who manage their bladder with an indwelling catheter, clinicians should not use daily antibiotic prophylaxis to prevent urinary tract infection. (*Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B*)

**Suprapubic vs urethra  
Benefit gone at 30d**

27. In NLUTD patients with a suspected urinary tract infection and an indwelling catheter, clinicians should obtain the urine culture specimen after changing the catheter and after allowing for urine accumulation while plugging the catheter. Urine should not be obtained from the extension tubing or collection bag. (*Clinical Principle*)

**Colonization 5% per day  
~98% at 3 months**

**CIC vs. Foley  
UTI rate 1:6**



An illustration of a suprapubic catheter, showing the main tube and a side tube with a red plug at the end.

Ryu 2011, De Ruz 2000, Larsen 1997, Weld 2000

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Treatment of recurrent UTIs that are **dis-proven**

39. Clinicians may counsel NLUTD patients with recurrent urinary tract infection who use various forms of catheter management that cranberry extract has **not been demonstrated to reduce the rate of urinary tract infections**. (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B)

Vitamin C Pills

D-Mannose

Methenamine Hippurate Tablets, USP

lactobacilli crispatis

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## Continuous low-dose antibiotic prophylaxis for adults with repeated urinary tract infections (AnTIC): a randomised, open-label

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31. In NLUTD patients who manage their bladders with clean intermittent catheterization and **do not have recurrent urinary tract infections**, clinicians **should not use daily antibiotic prophylaxis**. (*Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B*)

48%↓

Long  
recur  
adult  
anal

37. In NLUTD patients who perform clean intermittent catheterization with recurrent urinary tract infection, clinicians may offer oral antimicrobial prophylaxis to reduce the rate of urinary tract infections following shared decision-making and discussion regarding increased risk of antibiotic resistance. (*Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C*)

24%↓  
ol ecoli 90%  
after 30d

Haroon Ah  
Shantini P

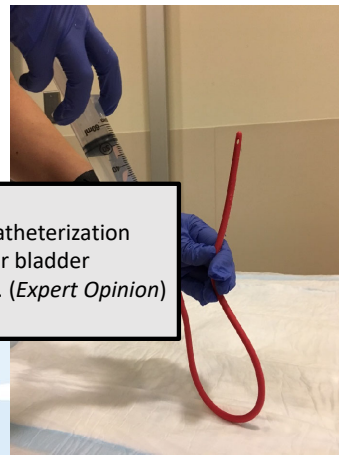
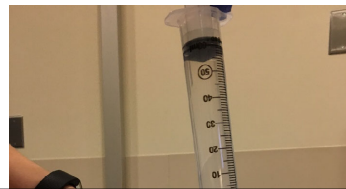


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## Gentamicin Instillations: 480mg in 1L

- Instill 30-60ml once daily
  - 14.4 to 28.8mg total dose



38. In NLUTD patients who perform clean intermittent catheterization with recurrent urinary tract infection, clinicians may offer bladder instillations to reduce the rate of urinary tract infections. (*Expert Opinion*)



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## Conclusions:

- Patients need risk stratification as the first step in management of NGLUTD
- Low risk patients can be followed expectantly, and their symptoms managed
- All others need UDS and upper tract imaging/Cr to diagnose bladder function and upper tract risk
- Ongoing monitoring needed for moderate and high risk: annual visit, Cr and renal US
- Keep bladder pressure low and avoid DO
  - Medical therapy
  - Botulinum toxin
  - Surgical intervention: augment or diversion
- Empty the bladder safely
  - CIC>suprapubic>urethral Foley
  - Can make CIC possible with surgery
- Avoid UTIs but don't treat bacteriuria



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## Q1: Which of the following women should not use vaginal estrogen?

- Women with a history of stroke
- Women with cardiac disease
- Women with a history of ER+ breast cancer
- Women who are not sexually active
- Women who are vegan
- Women with undiagnosed vaginal bleeding



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## Q2: The TOP priority in urologic management of NGLUTD is:

- Continence
- Avoidance of catheters/preserving voiding function
- Prevention of UTIs
- Renal preservation



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## Q3:

- His risk stratification is:

Low

Moderate

High

I don't know



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## Q4: Which of the following are needed to risk stratify him? (Pick all that apply)

- Nothing
- PVR
- Urodynamics
- CT abdomen
- Renal US
- cystoscopy



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## Q5: His risk strata is:

- I don't know yet, need more testing
- Low
- Medium
- High



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## Q6. The following treatments you would recommend now include: (chooses all that apply)

- Botulinum toxin bladder injection 100U
- Beta three agonist
- Long acting anticholinergic
- Pelvic floor PT
- Times voiding and fluid management
- PDE5 inhibitor



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## Q7: His necessary long term urologic surveillance plan is:

- None
- Uroflow and PVR annually
- Renal US and Cr annually
- PVR annually



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Q8:

What NLUTD patients in retention need a cystoscopy as part of their workup?

- A) all do- they are at risk for bladder cancer
- B) those with indwelling catheters over 10 years
- C) smokers
- D) only those with hematuria

Answer D none do routinely- only those with indications such as hematuria or recurrent UTIs



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Q9:

In a patient with MS and detrusor hypocontractility and no UTIs , the PVR threshold to absolutely need CIC is:

- A) 0ml
- B) 300ml
- C) 500ml
- D) there is no threshold it is dependent on symptom improvement



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D it is most appropriate in safe bladder parameters to use CIC for symptom control (UTIs, incontinence, bladder pressure/frequency

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## Q10:

What percent of voiding NLUTD patients develop retention needing CIC after 200U botulinum toxin injection?

- A) 5%
- B) 10%
- C) 30%
- D) 50%

C) With 200U injections 29% of patients need to start CIC



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## Q11:

The following management change that will result in the most substantial decrease in the rate of UTI in a patient with NLUTD is:

- A) daily oral prophylaxis 30% reduced in CIC 0% reduced for foley
- B) switching from a foley catheter to CIC 600% decrease
- C) botulinum toxin injection 20% reduction
- D) Bladder irrigation with saline daily 5-10% reduced



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