

## What is Cystoscopy?

Cystoscopy, or cystourethroscopy, is a procedure that lets your urologist view the inside of the bladder and urethra in detail.

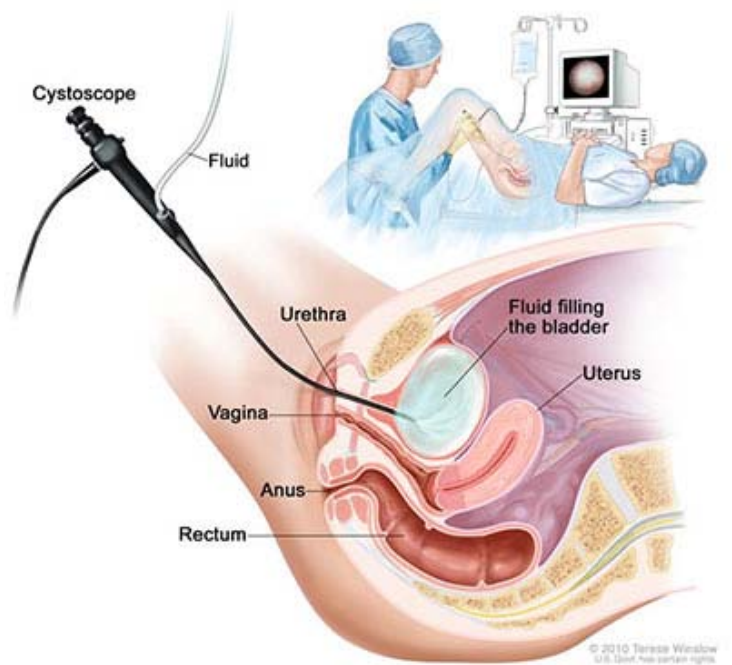
### Why is Cystoscopy Performed?

It is often used to find causes of bleeding or blockage, or any abnormalities of the bladder and its lining.

### How is Cystoscopy Performed?

Cystoscopy is most often done as an outpatient procedure. Before the procedure you will empty your bladder. Then you will be placed on an exam table. A liquid or gel local anesthetic may be used on your urethra. The average cystoscopy takes about 5 to 10 minutes.

The cystoscope is inserted through the urethra into the bladder. The cystoscope is a thin, lighted tube with lenses. Most often it is bendable, but some models are rigid. Water or saline is infused through the cystoscope into the bladder. As the fluid fills the bladder, the bladder wall is stretched so the urologist can see



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### What are the Results of Cystoscopy?

The bladder wall should appear smooth, and the bladder should be normal size, shape and position. There should not be any blockages. If any tissue appears abnormal, the cystoscope can be used to remove a small sample.