Cystoscopy

Cystoscopy is a procedure which uses a scope to look into the bladder through the urethra (tube that empties urine from the bladder). Your child will be under anesthesia when we do this procedure.

What should I expect after cystoscopy?

Your child may have the following:

• Pinkish urine up to 24 hours after the procedure.
• Burning feeling while peeing the first few times after surgery. Give your child lots of water. Watering down the pee will help get rid of the burning or stinging feeling.
• Difficulty peeing. It may help to have your child sit in a tub of warm water and try to pee. Smaller children will pee when they fall asleep.
• Have your child pee at least every three hours after surgery during the daytime.

Tylenol will not usually get rid of the discomfort.

When may my child eat?

• When fully awake, your child may have clear liquids like 7UP, Jell-O, Popsicles and apple juice.
• Nausea and vomiting (throwing up) are common after surgery. If this occurs, a clear liquid diet given slowly will help.
• If your child is not sick to their stomach or throwing up, and is fully awake, your child may then start on their regular diet.

How much activity can my child do?

Watch your child closely today. Most children go back to normal activity in 24 hours.

When should I call a doctor?

If your child is having any problems, call our office at 206-987-2509 during the day. After hours, call 206-987-2000 and ask the hospital operator for Urology.

Call us if your child has any of these warning signs:

• Fever higher than 101.5° F (38.6° C)
• Bright red urine or a lot of blood
• Severe, constant pain at the surgery site.
• Inability to pee in 8 to 12 hours

To Learn More

• Urology
  206-987-2509
• Ask your child’s nurse or doctor
• www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

• In the hospital, ask your child’s nurse.
• From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.