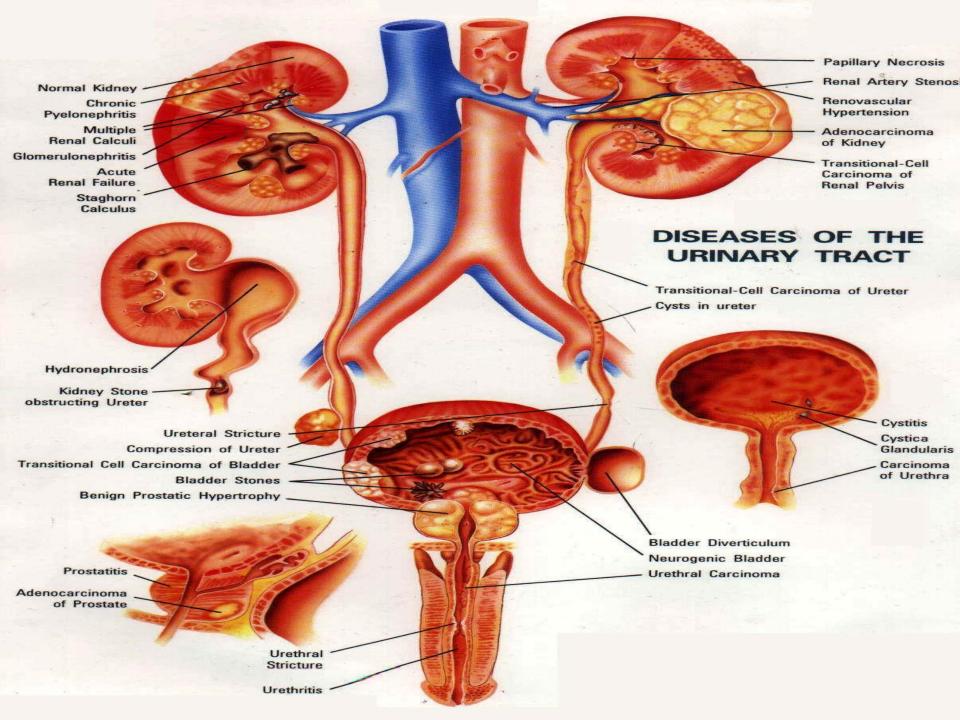
# Common Urological ailmentssymptoms, treatment & prevention.

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### Introduction

• The Urological problems are manifested in all age groups ranging from a newborn baby up to geriatric group. With the advances in technology, it is possible now to detect many diseases even at the level of embryo.

### **Pediatric Problems**

#### **New Born Baby**

They usually present with congenital disorders like.:

- 1. Absence of testis or at abnormal location.
- 2. Retractile Testis
- 3. Phimosis
- 4. Abnormal opening of Urinary meatus.

# What is the ideal age for consulting a expert?

For Testis

before 12-18 months.

For Phimosis
(non opening of skin over penis)

at an earliest

For Abnormal opening of Urinary meatus

immediately after birth

### Children

- Urinary Infection
- Bed wetting

All children with documented urine infection must be shown to a urologist & proper investigations must be done.

For children with bed wetting even after 2-3 yrs of age ,proper counseling is required to avoid psychosocial & medical complications.

### **Bed wetting**

The general guidelines are:-

- Proper Intake of fluids
- Timed urination
- Restricting fluids in the evening & night
- Alarm voiding at night
- Medicines as advised by Urologist

# Young adults

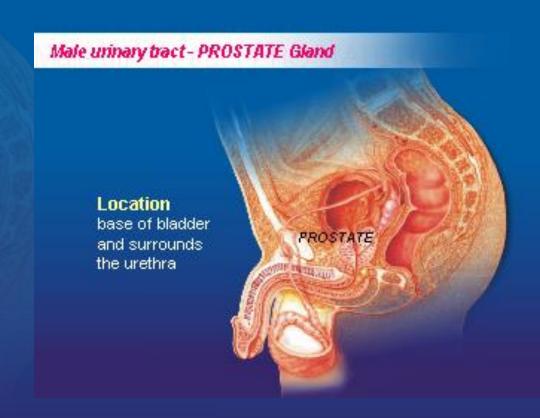
#### The common causes are:-

- 1. Urinary & genital infections in case of inadvertent extramarital sex, one must contact an expert
- 2. Stones
- 3. Obstruction in urinary passage due to stricture etc;

## Elderly population

#### **Males**

The commonest problems is the enlargement of prostate which is a ageing process.



## Prostatic enlargement (BPH)

#### The common symptoms are :-

- > Poor urine flow
- > Thinning of stream
- Urgency
- > Innvoluntary loss of urine
- > \tau urine frequency leading to disturbance in work or night sleep
- Occasional blood in urine

## Prostatic enlargement (BPH)

- ✓ Prostate enlargement is a ageing process & may not be disease at all.
- ✓ Only symptomatic person need treatment which may be medical or surgical depending upon the duration & severity of problem.
- ✓ The size of prostate has no relation with symptoms & even small prostate may need treatment.

# Prostatic enlargement (BPH)

Treatment

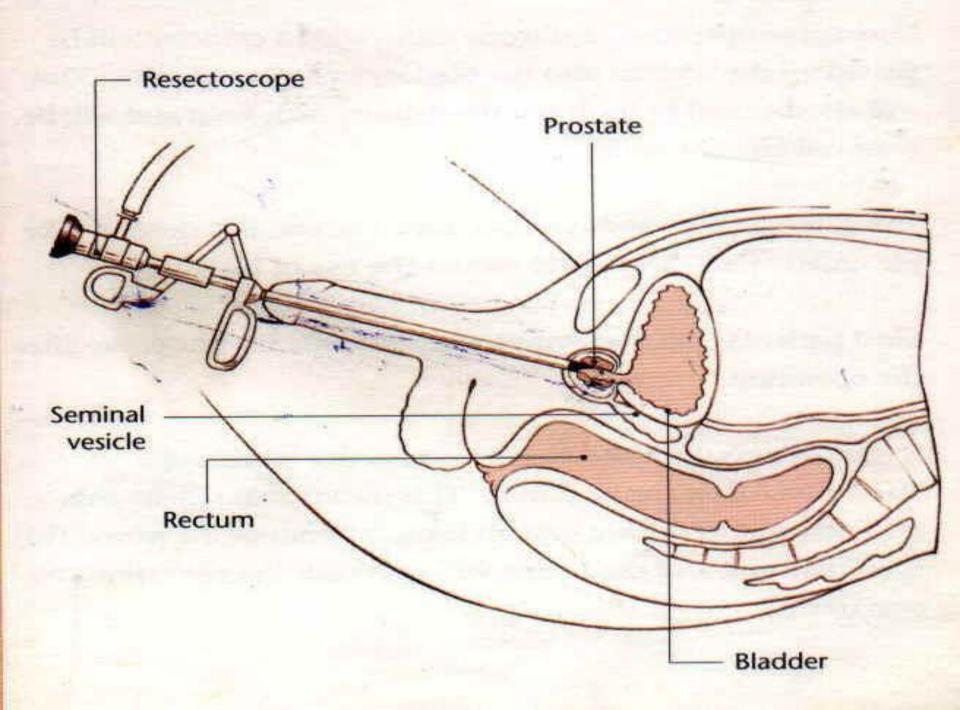
**MEDICAL** 

Recommended for mild to moderate
Symptoms of enlarged prostate

**SURGICAL** 

TUR(P)

The gold standard method for removal of enlarged prostate



# How can I prevent prostatic enlargement?

Till date no conclusive drug/diet is identified which can prevent prostate enlargement as it is a ageing process. However few tips may be useful.:-

# Tips to prevent urine retention

- 1. Avoid excess intake of fluids
- 2. Avoid constipation
- 3. Do not delay urination
- 4. Avoid taking liquids, liquors in late evening & night
- 5. Do not practice self medication as medicines like cough syrups, some drugs for blood pressure & neurological illness are known to cause obstructive urinary problems.

## Do I have prostate cancer?

- It needs a checkup & physical examination & some investigation to rule out prostatic cancer.
- A screening of all males over the age of 50 years is recommended by American Urological Association.

# How frequently this checkup is required?

Ideally at yearly interval but practically on the advise of concerned urologist

# Can we prevent cancer of the prostate?

- Not exactly but we Indians are lucky as compare to Americans as the incidence of cancer of prostate is quite low probably because of racial, genetic or dietary factors
- It has been seen that diet rich in fat & protein predispose to prostate cancer, whereas high carbohydrates, rich minerals & vitamins especially C & E are protective

# Other cancers of Genitourinary system

- 1. Urinary Bladder
- 2. Kidney
- 3. Testis
- 4. Penis

The commonest symptoms is:

Blood in urine

### Is Cancer of Bladder Curable?

Yes, in early stages, it can be treated by endoscopy alone.

### Is cancer of bladder preventable?

Yes!

The current known risk factors are:-

Smoking

Exposure to chemicals & Dyes etc;

Vitamin C is said to have protective role

### Other causes of blood in Urine

- Infection
- Stone
- Injury

# How are stones formed & what are the treatment options?

The stones are formed either in kidney or urinary bladder & there are numerous causes responsible for it. The treatment options depend upon number of factors.

# Treatment of Urinary stones

### **Small Stones**

- Hydration (excess fluids)
- Medicines

#### **Medium Size Stones**

- Kidney:- Lithotripsy
- Ureter :- PCNL(Key-hole surgery)
  - URS (endoscopy through urethra)
- Bladder:- CLT (removal of stone through urethra)
- **Large Stones:-** Lithotripsy  $\pm$  PCNL



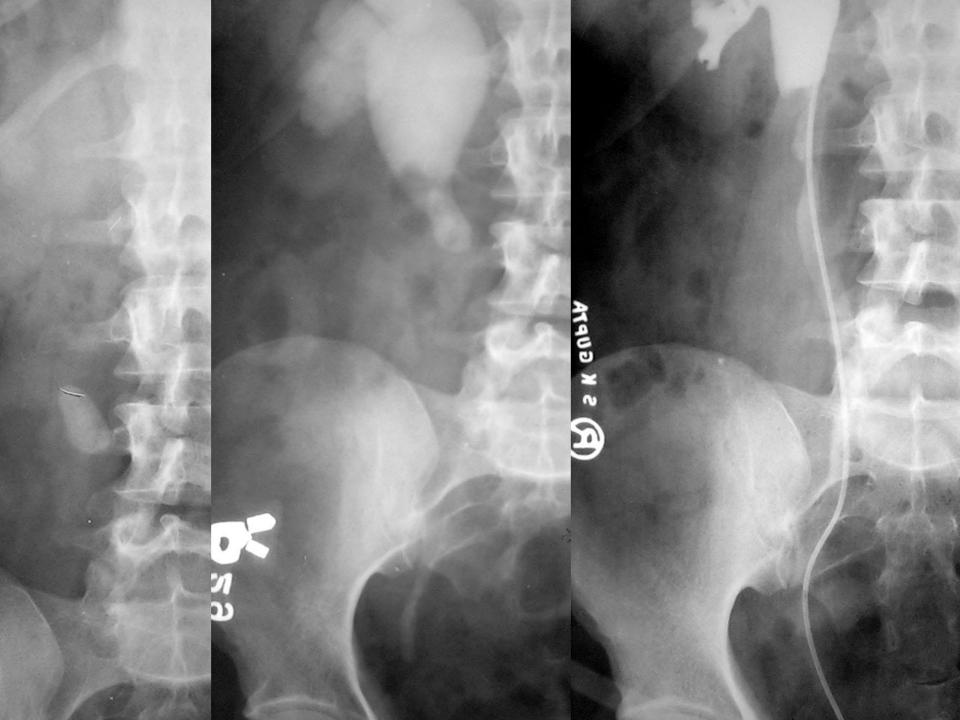
#### Calculus disease presenting as hematuria



Giant vesical calculus



Multiple left renal calculi







# What are the risk factors for stone disease?

- Obesity
- High fat diet
- Low water intake
- Hot & humid climate.
- Water rich in calcium & phosphate.

# What are the causes of kidney failure & how can we prevent it?

### Reversible causes

- 1. Stones
- 2. Infection
- 3. Obstruction in urinary passage

#### Controllable causes

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Analgesic & Drug abuse

# How to prevent kidney failure?

- 1. Seek prompt advice of expert.
- 2. Identify reversible factors & get remedial treatment.
- 3. Abide with the advice of expert.
- 4. Seek proper treatment & have regular follow ups as per directives of expert.

# What are common urinary problems of females & its prevention?

- The urinary problems of females are seen in all age groups but mainly at the time of menarche, pregnancy & menopause because of hormonal changes.
- The mainstay of treatment is personal hygiene, proper medication & hormonal support if required.

## Urinary problems in females

Another problem is that of involuntary leak of urine during laughing (gigle incontinence), coughing, sneezing or squatting which is fully correctable either by medicines or surgery.

## Take home message

- Urinary problems can occur at any age group.
- A prompt diagnosis, thorough investigation & treatment of the disease is warranted to avoid complications.
- Even a common problem of urine infection should also not be overlooked.

# Take home message

• The common symptoms are burning in urine, increased frequency, thin stream, poor flow, urine leak, blood in urine flank pain, swelling over face or limbs etc; may indicate the affection of Urinary system for which an expert must be consulted at an earliest.

## Take home message

- The recent advances has practically obviated the need for open surgery & nearly all diseases are being treated either by machine (lithotripsy for stones), key hole surgery (PCNL) or even by endoscopy.
- An early institution of therapy may prevent even kidney failure.
- With the better understanding of diseases like stone, prostate & cancers dietary & other preventable measures can also be undertaken.

