

Glossary of terms Benign Prostatic Enlargement (BPE)

Adenoma	The enlarged part of the prostate (<i>see also</i> Prostate).
Anaesthesia (general, spinal, or local)	Before a procedure you will get medication to make sure that you don't feel pain. Under general anaesthesia you are unconscious and unaware of what is happening to you. Under spinal or local anaesthesia you will not feel pain in the part of your body where the procedure is done. Anaesthesia wears off gradually after the procedure.
Benign enlargement	Cell growth in the body which is not cancerous.
Bladder	Organ which collects urine from the kidneys.
Contraindications	Symptoms or conditions which makes a certain treatment option undesirable.
Cystoscope	A type of endoscope which is used in the urethra (<i>see also</i> Endoscope, Urethra).
Endoscope	A tube-like instrument to examine the inside of the body. Can be flexible or rigid.
Erectile dysfunction	The inability to get or keep an erection.
Indwelling catheter	A tube placed in the urethra and bladder to help you urinate.
LUTS	Lower urinary tract symptoms. A term used for the symptoms caused by BPE which can also point to other diseases affecting the urinary tract (<i>see also</i> Urinary tract).
Micturition	Urination.
Minimally invasive procedure	A surgical procedure where there is no need to make an incision in the body. An endoscope is used to reach the part of the body that needs to be treated through the urethra (<i>see also</i> Endoscope).
Nocturia	The need to wake up at night to urinate.
Physical	Having to do with or affecting the body.
Post void residual urine (PVR)	The amount of urine left in the bladder after urination.

Prostate	The gland which produces the fluid which carries semen. It is located in the male lower urinary tract, under the bladder and around the urethra (see <i>also</i> Bladder, Urinary tract, Urethra).
PSA (prostate-specific antigen)	A protein produced by the prostate which may increase in men with a benign prostatic enlargement, prostatic inflammation, or prostate cancer.
Psychological	Having to do with or affecting the mind.
Resectoscope	A type of endoscope used for minimally invasive treatment of BPE (see <i>also</i> Minimally invasive treatment).
Retrograde ejaculation	A condition when semen can no longer go through the urethra during orgasm but goes into the bladder instead. The semen later leaves the body during urination.
Ultrasonography	Imaging technique that uses high-frequency sounds to make an image of the inside of the body.
Ultrasound	See Ultrasonography.
Urethra	The tube which carries urine from the bladder and out of the body.
Urinary incontinence	Involuntary loss of urine.
Urinary retention	When you are unable to urinate. This condition can be chronic.
Urinary tract	The organ system which produces and transports urine through and out of the body. It includes two kidneys, two ureters, the bladder and the urethra. The urinary tract is similar in men and women, only men have a longer urethra.
Urgency	The sudden need to urinate which is difficult to postpone.
Urologist	A doctor specialized in health and diseases of the urinary tract and the genitals.

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