## FLEXIBLE CYSTOSCOPY

## WHAT TO EXPECT

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Full bladder – during the procedure your bladder will be filled with sterile water and you will need to urinate immediately afterwards

Burning and stinging with urination – this is common and may last for a few days following the procedure. This does not usually indicate infection unless you are also unwell. This is due to irritation of the urethra during the procedure. Ural (available over-counter at chemist) may assist in alleviating symptoms.

**Blood in urine** is common for a few days after the procedure (this may be intermittent) but may take longer to resolve. You should ensure adequate fluid intake.

**Urinary frequency and urgency** (urinating often and in a hurry) as well as **nocturia** (waking up at night time) could also be present for a few days.

**Driving** – avoid for 24 hours if procedure performed with sedation

**Work** – return the following day unless otherwise instructed

**Lifting** – no restrictions unless otherwise instructed **Activities** – no restrictions on general activities including running, cycling, gym, golf, swimming unless otherwise instructed

Sex - no restrictions unless otherwise instructed

## FOLLOW UP SCHEDULE

Your follow up will be based on the indication for procedure. You should be advised of your follow up instructions prior to discharge from the hospital. Patients with bladder cancer will require ongoing scheduled follow-up cystoscopy

WHEN TO GO TO EMERGENCY

Unable to urinate
Fever, chills or shakes — this may indicate infection