





Urethral Anatomy

FEMALE	MALE
3-4 cm	15.20cm
Straight	"S" shaped
Wide	Narrow
Sphincter "horseshoe"	Sphincter "circular"
Laminar flow	Turbulent flow
Voiding "low pressure"	Voiding "high pressure"





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CONTINENCE depends on:

- 1. Detrusor relaxation
- 2. Continuous urethral closure despite intravesical pressure changes



Detrusor Relaxation

- 1. Muscle relaxation at the end of voiding
- 2. Visco elastic properties of detrusor muscle
- 3. Inhibitory effect of sympathetic nerves on parasympathetic ganglion
- 4. Normal bladder wall composition

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Urethral Closure

Maintained by:

- 1. Bladder neck (proximal sphincter)
- 2. Intra-urethral striated muscle sphincter
- 3. Voluntary pelvic floor contraction

Urethral Closure during Filling

- 1. Bladder neck closure – elastic tissue
- 2. Mucosal surface tension
- 3. Submucosal vascular plexus
- 4. Relaxation of inner longitudinal smooth muscle
- 5. Contraction in the intra-urethral striated muscle
- 6. Periurethral support
 - Striated muscles of the pelvic floor
 Collagen of the endo-pelvic fascia
- 7. Transmission of abdominal pressure





Factors responsible for efficient voiding

- 1. Urethral relaxation
- 2. Adequate expulsive forces
- 3. Normal urethral geometry



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Urethral Relaxation During Voiding

- 1. Pelvic floor relaxation
- 2. Relaxation of urethral rhabdosphincter (intraurethral striated muscle)
- 3. Urethral shortening (contraction of inner longitudinal muscle)
- 4. Funnelling of the bladder neck

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Expulsive Forces During Voiding

- 1. Sustained detrusor contraction
- 2. Straining during micturition
 - abdominal wall muscles
 - diaphragmatic muscle





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Patient Assessment

- 1. History
- 2. Physical examination
- 3. Urine examination
- 4. Radiology
- 5. Endoscopy
- 6. Urodynamic testing

Urine Examination

- · Look at the urine
- Dipstick
 - Leucocytes
 - Nitrites
 - Blood
- Urine microscopy



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- 1. White cells
- 2. Red cells
- 3. Neoplastic cells

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Investigation of LUTD: Storage Phase

Bladder function

filling cystometry

Urethral function

urethral pressure profilometry
leak point pressures





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Neurophysiological Testing

- 1. Electromyography
- 2. Nerve conduction studies
- 3. Reflex latencies
- 4. Evoked responses

The Four Diagnoses of Urodynamics

- 1. Bladder during filling
- 2. Urethra during filling
- 3. Bladder during voiding
- 4. Urethra during voiding

The Four Diagnoses of Urodynamics

- Define normal function
 - 1. Detrusor relaxed during filling
 - 2. Urethra competent (closed) during filling
 - 3. Detrusor contracts during voiding
 - 4. Urethra relaxes during voiding



The Four Diagnoses of Urodynamics

- Define normal function
- Anything else is abnormal
 - 1. Overactive detrusor during filling
 - 2. Incompetent urethra during filling
 - 3. Underactive detrusor during voiding
 - 4. Obstructed urethra during voiding

