

URETEROSCOPY/LASER TREATMENT TO CALCULUS

This procedure is usually fairly straightforward. There may be some discomfort in the urethra/water pipe following the procedure, this may be more marked if a stent has been placed to splint the ureter and protect the kidney. This sensation may last a few days but will usually settle spontaneously especially when a stent (if in place) is removed.

There will often be blood in the urine following this procedure. The bleeding may be more persistent if a stent has been placed. Even though there may appear to be a lot of bleeding it is very unusual for this to be significant and in fact can be quite variable. Again this will stop once the stent has been removed. It is important to maintain a good fluid intake to try and reduce the risk of bleeding.

Infection is an uncommon side effect of ureteroscopy although again there may be symptoms suggestive of infection. You will have received antibiotics during the procedure but if you have ongoing symptoms and feel unwell it would be reasonable to have the urine tested.

It is extremely rare but possible for the ureter or kidney to be injured during ureteroscopy.