

CYSTOSCOPY

A cystoscopy involves passing a small telescope through the urethra (water passage) into the bladder. Using a camera, the doctor can examine the urethra and the inside of the bladder. The whole procedure (including anaesthetic) may take up to half an hour.

The procedure can be performed under general anaesthetic requiring an anaesthetist or using local anaesthetic jelly while you remain awake. If local anaesthetic is used there may be some discomfort but the procedure is not painful. You will be able to return to normal activities immediately following the procedure if local anaesthetic is used.

If you have had a general anaesthetic you will not be able to drive home and you may feel drowsy for several hours.

Following the procedure, you may notice a frequent desire to void and some discomfort when voiding for up to 12-24 hours. You may also notice some blood in the urine. In most cases these symptoms will settle without any treatment, but if you are concerned please contact Dr Ende's office. There is a small risk of urinary infection and if you have any persisting symptoms, such as burning, frequency or bleeding, again you should contact Dr Ende.

Depending on your situation, Dr Ende may have prescribed some antibiotics for a short period following the procedure.

If you have any questions please contact my office

