Mitrofanoff procedure (catheterisable urinary stoma): procedure-specific information

What is the evidence base for this information?
This leaflet includes advice from consensus panels, the British Association of Urological Surgeons, the Department of Health and evidence-based sources; it is, therefore, a reflection of best practice in the UK. It is intended to supplement any advice you may already have been given by your GP or other healthcare professionals. Alternative treatments are outlined below and can be discussed in more detail with your Urologist or Specialist Nurse.

What does the procedure involve?
This is a procedure to create a channel (for catheterisation) between the skin and either the bladder or a urinary reservoir. This is likely to be done in conjunction with another procedure (either enlarging the bladder with a bowel patch or creating a urinary reservoir). This information sheet should be read in conjunction with the relevant information sheet for any other procedure.

What are the alternatives to this procedure?
Use of a catheter via the urethra (water pipe) or a urinary stoma with a bag

What should I expect before the procedure?
You will usually be admitted on the same day as your surgery. You will normally receive an appointment for pre-assessment, approximately 14 days before your admission, to assess your general fitness, to screen for the carriage of MRSA and to perform some baseline investigations. After admission, you will be seen by members of the medical team which may include the Consultant, Specialist Registrar, House Officer and the Urology Nurse Practitioner.

You will be asked not to eat or drink for 6 hours before surgery and, immediately before the operation, you may be given a pre-medication by the anaesthetist which will make you dry-mouthed and pleasantly sleepy.

You will be given an injection under the skin of a drug (Clexane) which, together with the help of elasticated stockings provided by the ward, will help prevent thrombosis (clots) in the veins of your legs.

Please be sure to inform your Urologist in advance of your surgery if you have any of the following:

- an artificial heart valve
- a coronary artery stent
What happens during the procedure?
A full general anaesthetic (where you will be asleep throughout the procedure) will be used.

Appendix isolated on its own blood supply

The channel will be created using the appendix, a short segment of small intestine (ileum) or a combination of both. It will be joined to the skin by a flap fashioned into a small pit, rather like a second umbilicus (navel).

What happens immediately after the procedure?
You may experience discomfort for a few days after the procedure but painkillers will be given to you on the ward and, later, to take home. Absorbable stitches are normally used on the skin flap and these do not require removal.

Abdomen with drains & catheters following completion of the procedure
A catheter will be inserted into the channel (for about 3 weeks), together with one or two catheters into the bladder or urinary reservoir (also for up to 3 weeks), to promote drainage and to allow the suturing to heal up completely. You will probably be able to go home, once you are mobile, with the catheters in place, having been taught how to manage them. You will be re-admitted 3 weeks after the operation for removal of these catheters and to be taught how to pass a catheter into the Mitrofanoff stoma.

The average hospital stay is 2 weeks.

Are there any side-effects?
Most procedures have a potential for side-effects. You should be reassured that, although all these complications are well-recognised, the majority of patients do not suffer any problems after a urological procedure.

Please use the check boxes to tick off individual items when you are happy that they have been discussed to your satisfaction:

Common (greater than 1 in 10)
- The channel may become narrowed, requiring either a catheter to be left for about two weeks or, possible, further surgery to correct the problem
- The channel may not hold urine without leakage, leading to further surgery to correct the problem

Occasional (between 1 in 10 and 1 in 50)
- The catheter placed after surgery may fall out, possibly requiring a further operation to replace it or to re-fashion the channel
- The skin or bowel from which the channel is formed may die, requiring further surgery to re-fashion it

Rare (less than 1 in 50)
- Anaesthetic or cardiovascular problems possibly requiring intensive care admission (including chest infection, pulmonary embolus, stroke, deep vein thrombosis, heart attack and death)
- Scarring of the bowel requiring further surgery

Hospital-acquired infection (overall risk for Addenbrooke’s)
- Colonisation with MRSA (0.02%, 1 in 5,000)
- Clostridium difficile bowel infection (0.04%; 1 in 2,500)
- MRSA bloodstream infection (0.01%; 1 in 10,000)

(These rates may be greater in high-risk patients e.g. with long-term drainage tubes, after removal of the bladder for cancer, after previous infections, after prolonged hospitalisation or after multiple admissions)

What should I expect when I get home?
When you leave hospital, you will be given a “draft” discharge summary of your admission. This holds important information about your inpatient stay and your
operation. If, in the first few weeks after your discharge, you need to call your GP for any reason or to attend another hospital, please take this summary with you to allow the doctors to see details of your treatment. This is particularly important if you need to consult another doctor within a few days of your discharge.

It will be at least 6 weeks before full healing occurs and you may return to work when you are comfortable enough and your GP is satisfied with your progress.

**What else should I look out for?**

If there is any difficulty passing a catheter into the Mitrofanoff channel, please contact your named nurse.

If you experience fever or vomiting, especially if associated with unexpected pain in your abdomen, you should contact your GP immediately for advice.

**Are there any other important points?**

A follow-up outpatient appointment will be arranged for you some 6-8 weeks after the operation. You will receive this appointment either whilst you are on the ward or shortly after you get home.

**Driving after surgery**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are fit to drive following your surgery. You do not normally need to notify the DVLA unless you have a medical condition that will last for longer than 3 months after your surgery and may affect your ability to drive. You should, however, check with your insurance company before returning to driving. Your doctors will be happy to provide you with advice on request.

**Is there any research being carried out in this field at Addenbrooke’s Hospital?**

There is no specific research in this area at the moment but all operative procedures performed in the department are subject to rigorous audit at a monthly Audit & Clinical Governance meeting.

**Who can I contact for more help or information?**

**Oncology Nurses**

- Uro-Oncology Nurse Specialist
  01223 586748
- Bladder cancer Nurse Practitioner (haematuria, chemotherapy & BCG)
  01223 274608
- Prostate cancer Nurse Practitioner
  01223 247608 or 216897 or bleep 154-548
- Surgical Care Practitioner
  01223 348590 or 256157 or bleep 154-134
Non-Oncology Nurses
- Urology Nurse Practitioner (incontinence, urodynamics, catheter patients)
  01223 274608 or 586748
- Urology Nurse Practitioner (stoma care)
  01223 349800

Patient Advice & Liaison Centre (PALS)
- Telephone
  +44 (0)1223 216756 or 257257
  +44 (0)1223 274432 or 274431
- PatientLine
  *801 (from patient bedside telephones only)
- E mail
  pals@addenbrookes.nhs.uk
- Mail
  PALS, Box No 53
  Addenbrooke's Hospital
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Chaplaincy and Multi-Faith Community
- Telephone
  +44 (0)1223 217769
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- Mail
  The Chaplaincy, Box No 105
  Addenbrooke's Hospital
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MINICOM System ("type" system for the hard of hearing)
- Telephone
  +44 (0)1223 274604

Access Office (travel, parking & security information)
- Telephone
  +44 (0)1223 586969

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Thank you for taking the trouble to read this information sheet. If you wish to sign it and retain a copy for your own records, please do so below.

If you would like a copy of this form to be filed in your hospital records for future reference, please let your Urologist or Specialist Nurse know. If you do, however, decide to proceed with the scheduled procedure, you will be asked to sign a separate consent form which will be filed in your hospital notes and you will, in addition, be provided with a copy of the form if you wish.
I have read this information sheet and I accept the information it provides.

Signature............................................Date........................................

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