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Your child's cystoscopy

**Paediatric Urology,
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**Information
for parents**

This leaflet provides you with information about your child's cystoscopy at St George's Hospital.

What is a cystoscopy?

A cystoscopy is a procedure where a small camera is inserted in through your child's urethra (the tube through which they pass urine) into the bladder. A cystoscopy is performed in order to get a clear picture of what is happening in the bladder and the tube leading from the bladder to the outside.

Why do patients need this procedure?

Cystoscopies are a frequently used procedure by Paediatric Urologists to investigate and treat young boys and girls with bladder difficulties, reflux or urinary tract infections.

Will your child need to be under anaesthetic?

This is relatively straightforward and short procedure performed under general anaesthetic.

Will it hurt?

This procedure is not usually associated with any pain or discomfort. Occasionally there can be a little stinging afterwards and sometimes a little blood can be passed with urine but this settles down very quickly.

How long will your child be in hospital?

The vast majority of children can have this operation performed as a day case and go home the same day without any difficulties.

What happens next?

Your consultant will talk to you about the results of the cystoscopy shortly after the procedure and discuss any treatments needed.

For example, the cystoscopy could identify reflux which can be treated by a small injection of material such as Deflux TM. Or the procedure could identify inflammation of the bladder (cystitis cystica) which can be treated successfully with antibiotics.

