

# **UROGYNAECOLOGY**

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Incontinence

Prolapse

# OBJECTIVES

Revise the relevant anatomy

Understand the mechanism of continence

Describe the casues, investigations and management of prolapse and incontinence

Counsel a patient regarding treatment of prolapse and incontinence

# Anatomy

## Autonomic nerves:

Parasympathetic S2-3,4

Contraction of detrusor muscle  
during voiding

Sympathetic T12-L2

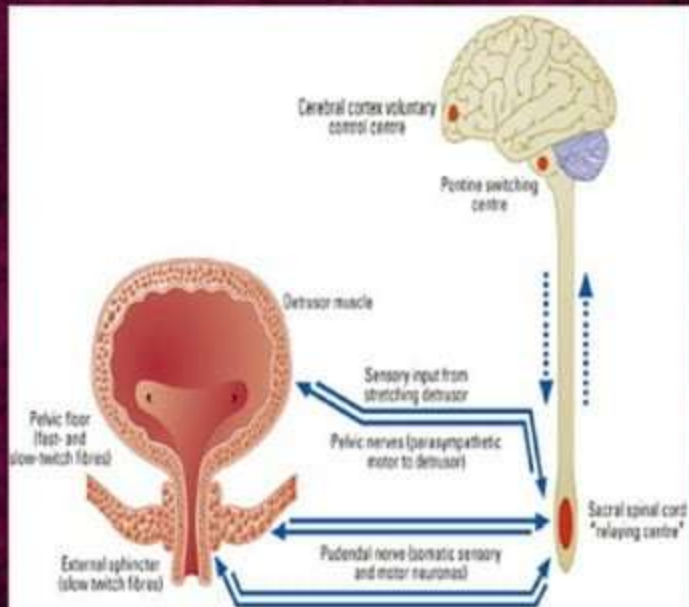
Contraction of sphincter  
during storage

## Somatic nerves S2-3,4

Contraction of pelvic floor  
muscles during storage

## Connections to cortex

Cortical awareness



# INCONTINENCE

- Involuntary loss of urine which is a social or unhygienic problem
- Prevalence
  - 10-35% of adults suffer from urinary incontinence
  - >50% of institutionalised patients have urinary incontinence
  - Only 10-20% seek help

# NICE GUIDELINE

**NHS**

*National Institute for  
Health and Clinical Excellence*

## **Urinary incontinence in women**

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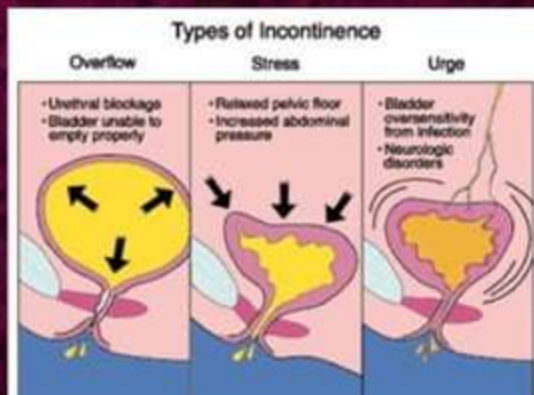


# Impact on Quality of Life

- Lifestyle and avoidance of activities
- Fear & embarrassment
- Relationships
- Dependence on care givers
- Discomfort and skin irritation
- Depression

# INCONTINENCE

- Types of incontinence
  - Urinary Urge incontinence (overactive bladder syndrome)
  - Urinary Stress incontinence
  - Mixed incontinence
  - Overflow incontinence
  - Functional incontinence
  - Reflex incontinence





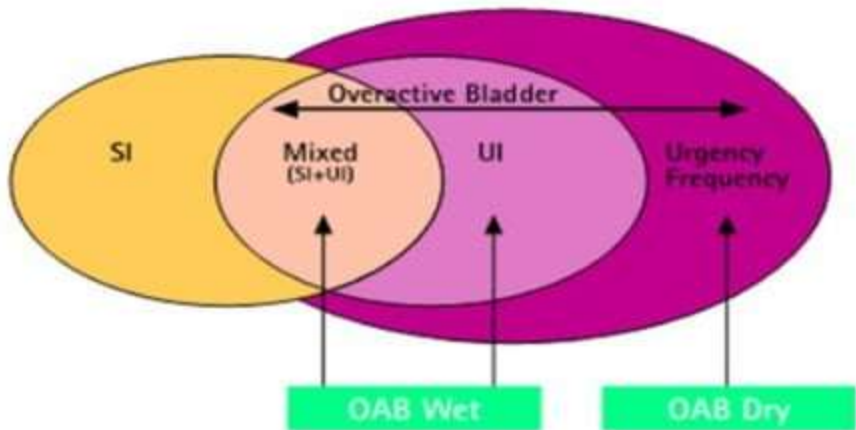
# URGE URINARY INCONTINENCE OVER ACTIVE BLADDER SYNDROME (OABS)

- Involuntary leakage of urine accompanied by or immediately preceded by urgency
- Urgency: sudden desire to void
- Causes:
  - Overactive bladder syndrome:
    - Detrusor overactivity  
(loss of urine due to involuntary bladder contraction)
    - Urinary tract infection
    - Urogenital atrophy



# OVERACTIVE BLADDER

## Spectra of Incontinence and OAB <sup>3</sup>



SI = Stress Incontinence  
UI = Urge Incontinence  
Mixed = Stress and Urge Incontinence/OAB

# TRIGGERS for URGENCY



# URINARY STRESS INCONTINENCE

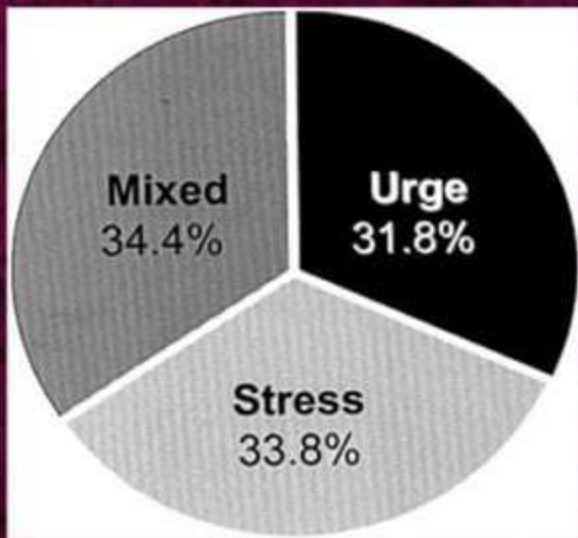
- involuntary loss of urine with increased abdominal pressure (cough, sneeze, exercise) WITHOUT detrusor activity
- CAUSES: pelvic floor damage / weakness or weak urethral sphincter
  - Childbirth
  - Connective tissue disease
  - Intrinsic sphincter deficiency (ISD)
  - Chronic cough
  - Constipation



# MIXED INCONTINENCE

Combination of USI and OABS

Urodynamics useful to confirm predominant type



# Overflow

- obstruction to the bladder or urethra, or a bladder that doesn't contract properly. As a result, their bladders do not empty completely, and they have problems with frequent urine leakage.

# Functional incontinence

...have control over their own urination and have a fully functioning urinary tract, but cannot make it to the bathroom in time due to a physical or cognitive disability e.g. arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis , or Alzheimer's disease

# Reflex incontinence

- Individuals with reflex incontinence lose control of their bladder without warning. They typically suffer from neurological impairment.



# INVESTIGATIONS

## Patient evaluation:

- history
- examination
- voiding diary / FVC

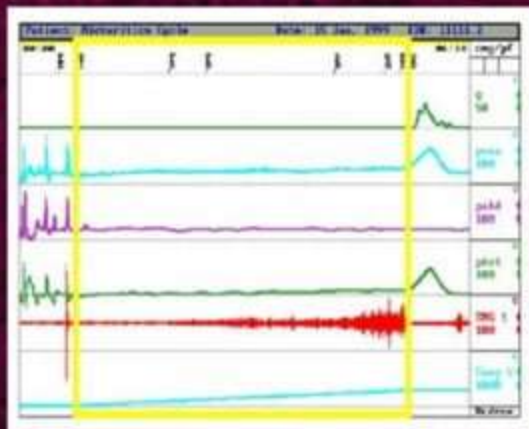


## Basic investigations:

- urinalysis / MSU

## Specialist investigations:

- urodynamics
- video-urodynamics
- ultrasound



# Frequency Volume Chart (voiding diary)

over 3 days

Voiding patterns

Fluid input and output

Incontinence episodes

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

	Day 1			Day 2			Day 3		
	In	Out	Wet	In	Out	Wet	In	Out	Wet
7 am									
8 am	150ml	300ml		150ml	150ml		150ml		
9 am					150ml			200ml	
10 am									
11 am		150ml	X	200ml		X	200ml		
12 pm	200ml							100ml	X
1 pm					200ml		200ml		
2 pm	150ml	100ml							
3 pm		100ml	X	200ml				100ml	
4 pm	200ml				100ml		200ml	150ml	
5 pm									
6 pm	150ml	200ml	X		100ml	X			
7 pm				200ml			200ml	200ml	X
8 pm					100ml				
9 pm	200ml	200ml				X			
10 pm	100ml			200ml			150ml	100ml	
11 pm		200ml			200ml				
Midnight				150ml			150ml	100ml	X
1 am									
2 am									
3 am	150ml	200ml			150ml			100ml	
4 am									
5 am								100ml	X
6 am									

Measure and record the volume of drinks in the 'In' column.  
Measure and record the volume of urine passed in the 'Out' column.  
Put a X in the 'Wet' column each time you leak urine.

= 100ml

= 200ml

# Urinalysis / MSU

- UTIs are not a common cause of incontinence but will aggravate symptoms
- May invalidate the results of investigations performed



# SPECIALIST INVESTIGATIONS

- Urodynamics (cystometry)

- Imaging techniques:

  - Video cysto-urethrography

  - Micturating cystography

  - Ultrasonography

- Ambulatory urodynamics

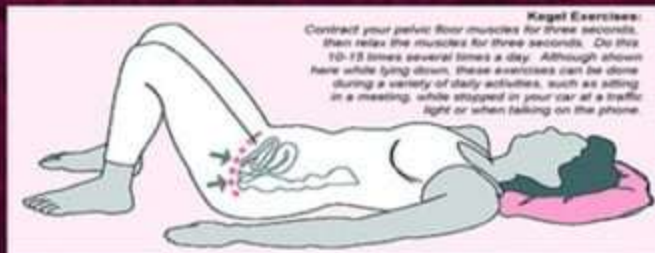
- Cysto-urethrscopy

# DIAGNOSIS

- Exclude infection
- Bladder diary
- Resi-flow (residual urine after void, urinary flow rate)
- Invasive functional test assessing the bladder during filling, resting and voiding

# TREATMENT of SUI

- CONSERVATIVE:
  - weight loss
  - pelvic floor exercises
  - Avoid constipation, chronic cough
  - Biofeedback
  - Electrical stimulation
- MEDICAL
  - Duloxetine (SSRI), oestrogen, alpha- agonists



# TREATMENT of SUI

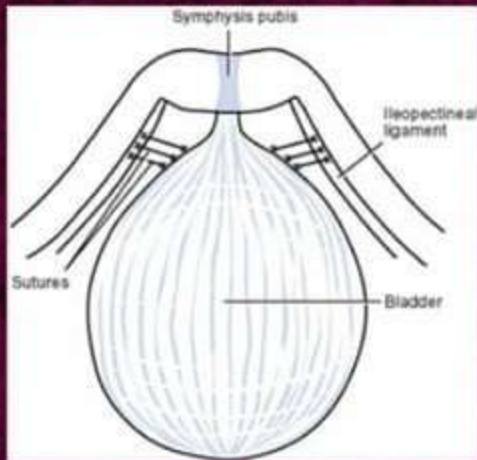
- MECHANICAL

  - Intra-urethral devices

- SURGICAL

  - Bulking agents (e.g. silicone Macroplastique)
  - Transvaginal obturator tapes (TOT, TVT-O)
  - Retropubic transvaginal tape (TVT)
  - Colposuspension

# Colposuspension





# TREATMENT UUI

Mainly conservative;

Exclude UTI

Offer PFE / biofeedback

Fluid: 1.5 litres / day

Bladder training (6 weeks)

Drugs:

antimuscarinic

Antidepressants

oestrogen

Offer support and advice for side effects

Invasive testing NOT recommended before conservative therapy



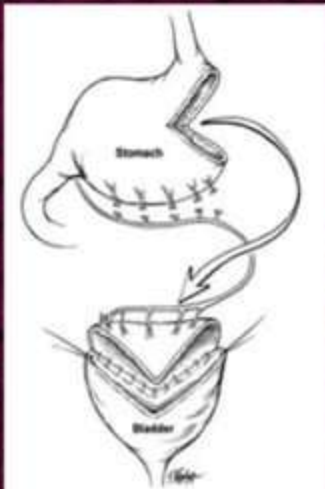
# TREATMENT UII

Surgical options (rare):

Botox

Sacral nerve stimulation

Augmentation cystoplasty



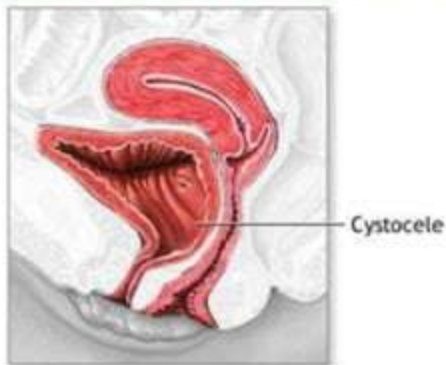
*Figure 2 – The wedge-shaped gastric flap is brought with its blood supply close to the bladder, taking care to avoid twisting of the pedicle (note that all clips are facing the left side of the gastric pedicle).*

# PROLAPSE

- Anterior compartment
- Middle compartment
- Posterior compartment

# PROLAPSE

- Anterior compartment



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# PROLAPSE

- Middle compartment: uterine or vault

# PROLAPSE

- Posterior compartment

# Predisposing Factors

- Age
- Parity
- Menopause
- Connective tissue disorders
- Obesity
- Smoking

# Prolapse Symptoms

- 'something' coming down
- Back ache
- Urinary / faecal incontinence
- Difficulty with micturition / defecation
- Bleeding / discharge
- Apareunia



# PROLAPSE TREATMENT

- Do nothing!
- Conservative :
  - Loose weight
  - stop smoking,
  - Pelvic floor exercise
  - Pessaries (ring, shelf)
  - Topical oestrogen



# Principles of surgery

- Remove the lump
- Restore organs to correct position
- Correct incontinence
- Preserve sexual function

# PROLAPSE TREATMENT

- Surgical

- Anterior repair / colporrhaphy

- Posterior repair / colporrhaphy

- Vaginal hysterectomy +/- vault elevation (sacrospinous fixation)

- Additional support: surgisis, mesh



THANK YOU

