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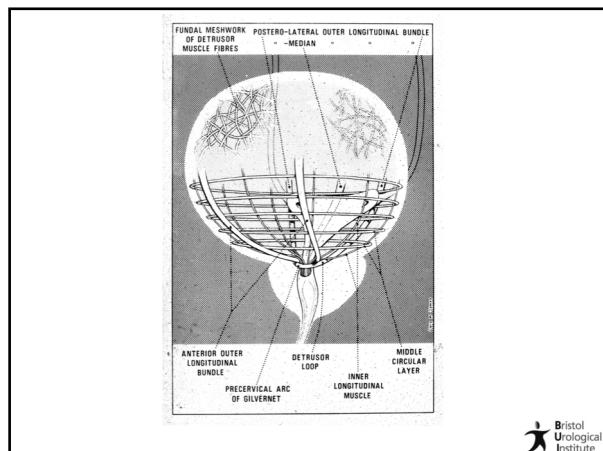
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An Overview of Urodynamics

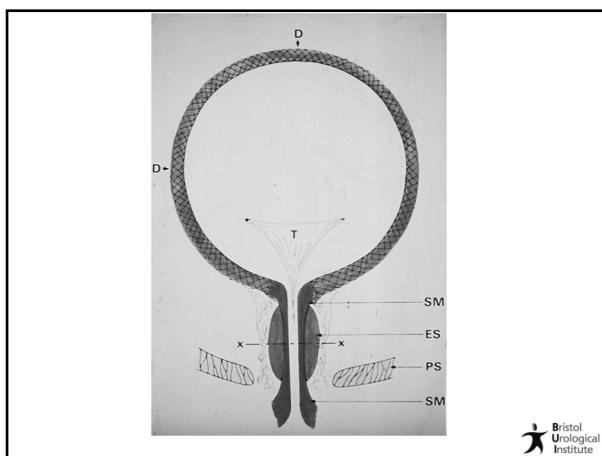
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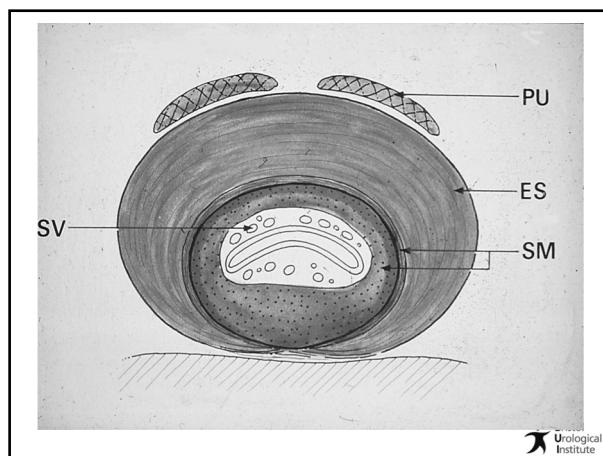
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Urethral Anatomy	
FEMALE	MALE
3-4 cm	15.20cm
Straight	“S” shaped
Wide	Narrow
Sphincter “horseshoe”	Sphincter “circular”
Laminar flow	Turbulent flow
Voiding “low pressure”	Voiding “high pressure”

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Storage	Voiding	Post-micturition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgency • Urinary incontinence • Increased daytime frequency • Nocturia • Pain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow stream • Splitting/spraying • Intermittency • Hesitancy • Straining • Terminal dribbling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-micturition dribbling • Feeling of incomplete emptying

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Optimal functioning of lower urinary tract^{1,2}

Storage

- Low pressure
- Intermittent signals of filling
- Adjustment of sphincter tonus in response to increasing filling
- End filling desire to void
- Emptying of upper urinary tract
- Low pressure in upper urinary tract
- Continence

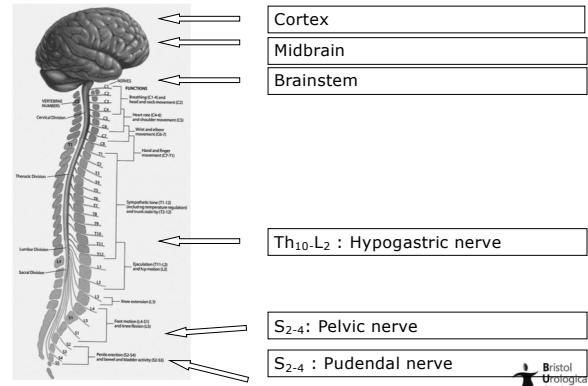
Voiding

- Voluntary start of micturition
- Powerful stream
- No post-void residual
- Coordination of detrusor contraction & relaxation of pelvic floor
- Capable of interruption

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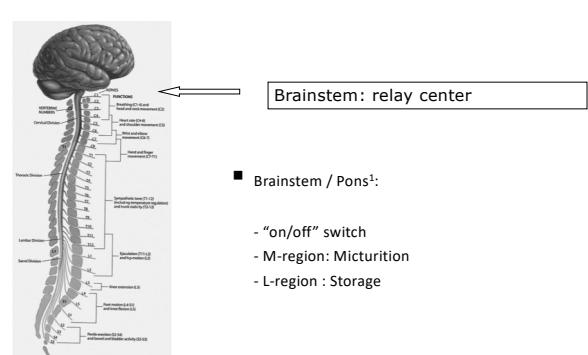


- Cortex: permission & attention^{1,2}**
- Midbrain: safety^{1,2}**
- Cerebral cortex^{1,2}
 - Voluntary control
 - Socializing inputs
 - General attention
 - Midbrain^{1,2}
 - Safety area

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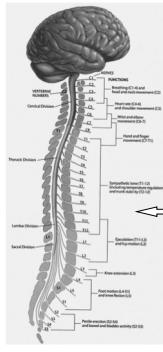
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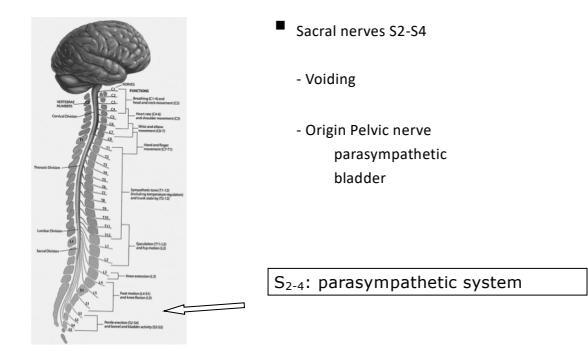


- Thoracic 10 - Lumbar 2
 - Storage
 - Origin Hypogastric nerve
 - sympathetic
 - bladder dome
 - bladder neck
- Th10-L2: sympathetic nerve

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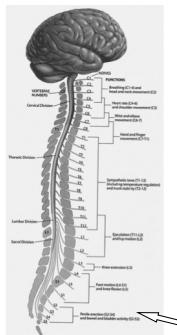
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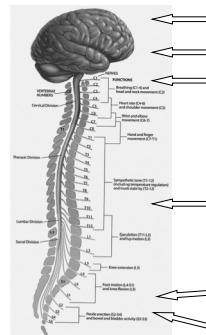
■ Sacral nerves S2-S4

- origin Pudendal Nerve
- somatic
- sphincter
- voluntary control

S₂₋₄ pudendal nerve

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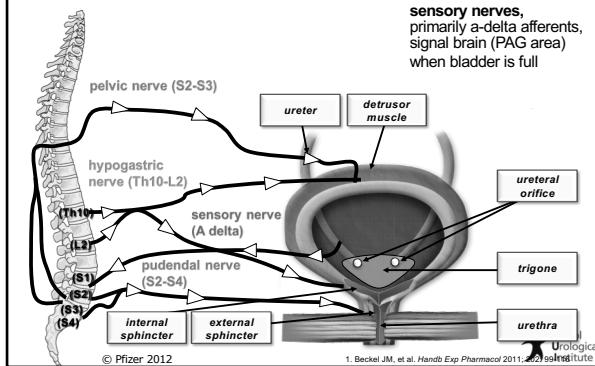
Brainstem: relay center 'on /off'

Th₁₀-L₂: sympathetic nerve: storageS₂₋₄: parasympathetic system: voidingS₂₋₄: pudendal nerve: control

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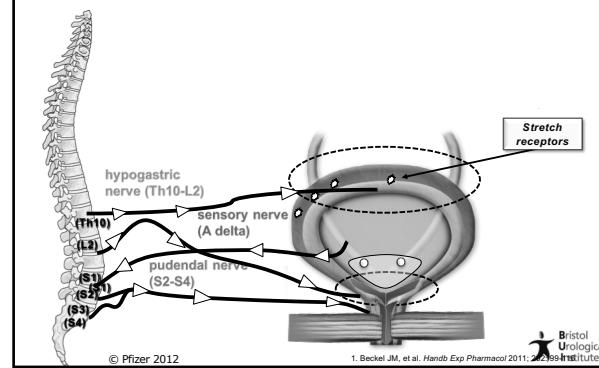
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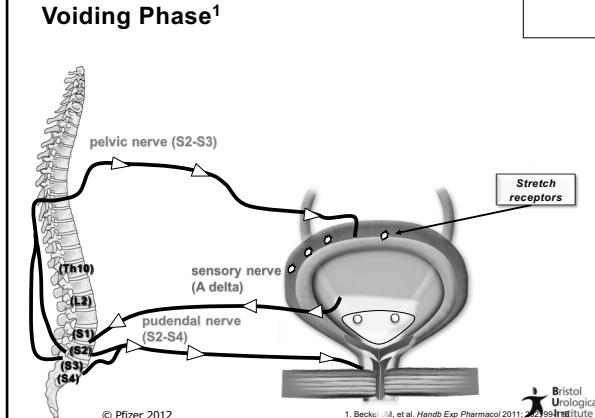
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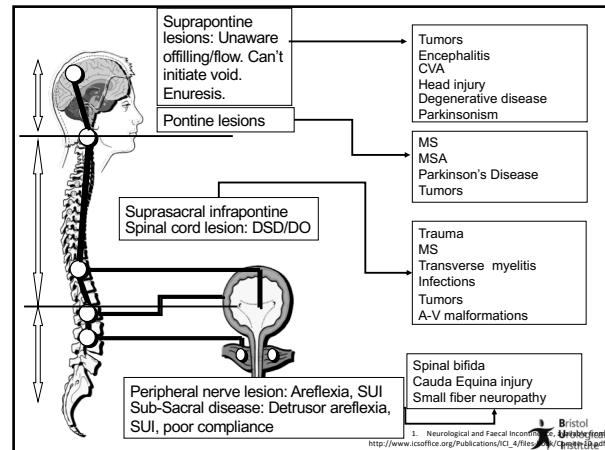
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Filling Phase¹

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Voiding Phase¹

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Normal neural circuit: Afferent (sensory) and efferent (motor) pathways

- **Afferent (sensory) pathways:**
 - Myelinated A Delta fibres
 - Carry signals to the brain that bladder is full
 - C-fibres
 - Normally inactive and have little role in normal bladder control
- **Efferent (motor) pathways:**
 - Sympathetic (hypogastric nerve)
 - Relaxation of detrusor muscle + contraction of internal urethral sphincter
 - Parasympathetic (pelvic nerve)
 - Contraction of detrusor muscle
 - Somatic (pudendal nerve)
 - Relaxation/contraction of external urethral sphincter
- **Modulated by supraspinal centres**

Andersson KE et al. Pharmacological treatment of urinary incontinence. 3rd International Consultation on Incontinence. Monaco, June 26-29, 2004.



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Neurogenic circuit: Afferent and efferent pathways

- **Afferent (sensory) pathways:**
 - A δ /C-fibres ratio modification
 - C-fibres activated
 - Form a spinal "exaggerated" reflex circuit in L-S area
 - Voiding escapes outside cerebral control
- **Efferent (motor) pathways:**
 - Suprasacral inhibitory control on the bladder may be affected
- **Both afferent and efferent modifications cause detrusor overactivity**
 - Common targets for pharmacologic management

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CONTINENCE depends on:

1. Detrusor relaxation
2. Continuous urethral closure despite intravesical pressure changes



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Urethral Closure

Maintained by:

1. Bladder neck (proximal sphincter)
2. Intra-urethral striated muscle sphincter
3. Voluntary pelvic floor contraction



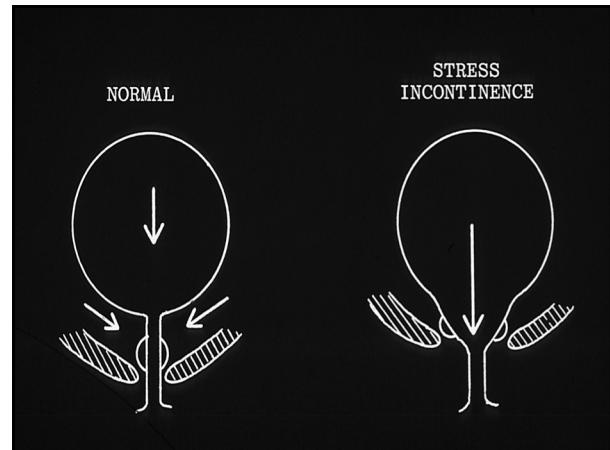
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Urethral Closure during Filling

1. Bladder neck closure
 - elastic tissue
2. Mucosal surface tension
3. Submucosal vascular plexus
4. Relaxation of inner longitudinal smooth muscle
5. Contraction in the intra-urethral striated muscle
6. Periurethral support
 - Striated muscles of the pelvic floor
 - Collagen of the endo-pelvic fascia
7. Transmission of abdominal pressure



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Factors responsible for efficient voiding

1. Urethral relaxation
2. Adequate expulsive forces
3. Normal urethral geometry



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Urethral Relaxation During Voiding

1. Pelvic floor relaxation
2. Relaxation of urethral rhabdosphincter (intraurethral striated muscle)
3. Urethral shortening (contraction of inner longitudinal muscle)
4. Funnelling of the bladder neck



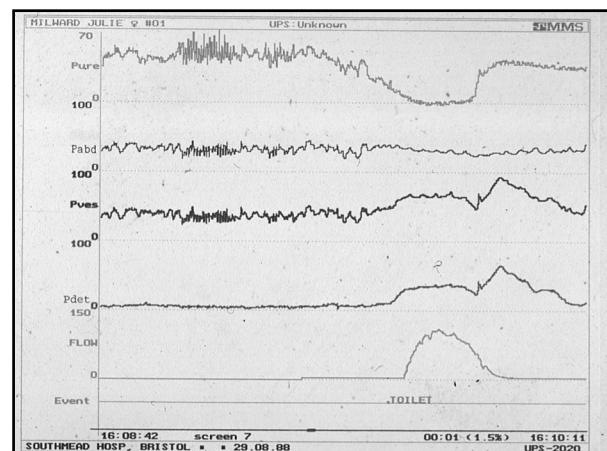
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Expulsive Forces During Voiding

1. Sustained detrusor contraction
2. Straining during micturition
 - abdominal wall muscles
 - diaphragmatic muscle



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Patient Assessment

1. History
2. Physical examination
3. Urine examination
4. Radiology
5. Endoscopy
6. Urodynamic testing



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History

1. Frequency
 2. Nocturia
 3. Stream
 4. Hesitancy
 5. Urgency
 6. Incontinence



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Assessing Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction

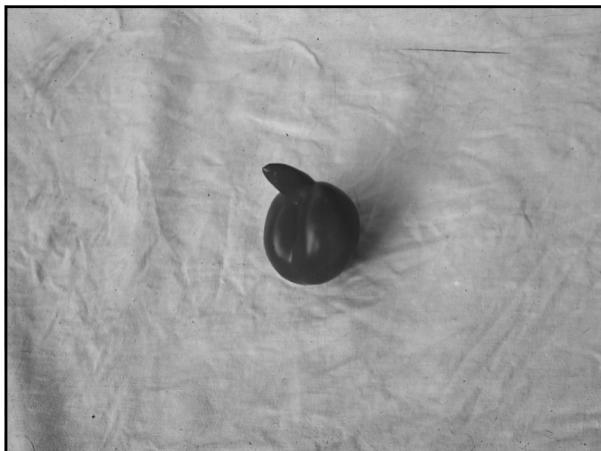
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 - impact on quality of life
 - physical examination
 - baseline tests
 - urine analysis
 - imaging?
 - endoscopy?
 - urodynamics



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Urine Examination

- Look at the urine
- Dipstick
 - Leucocytes
 - Nitrates
 - Blood
- Urine microscopy



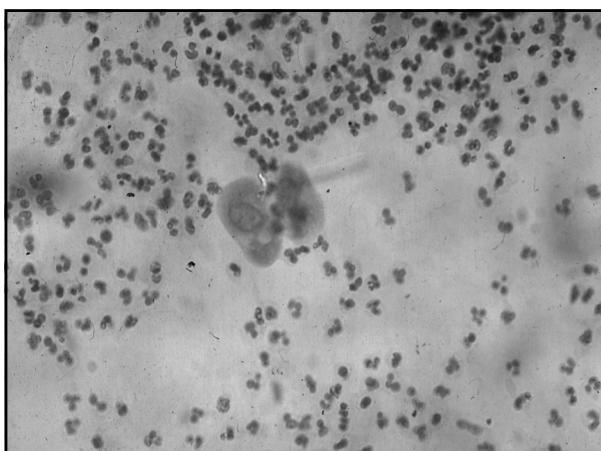
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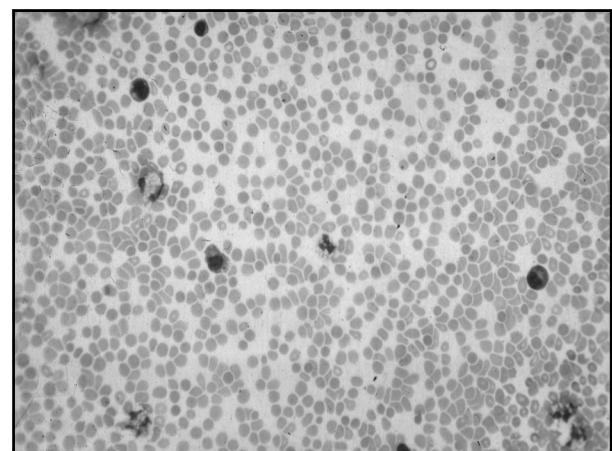
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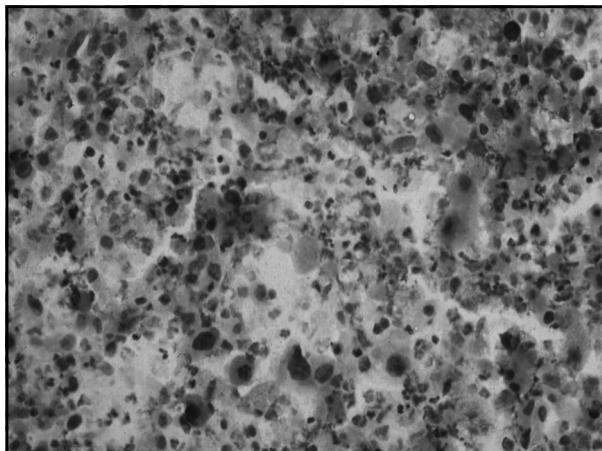
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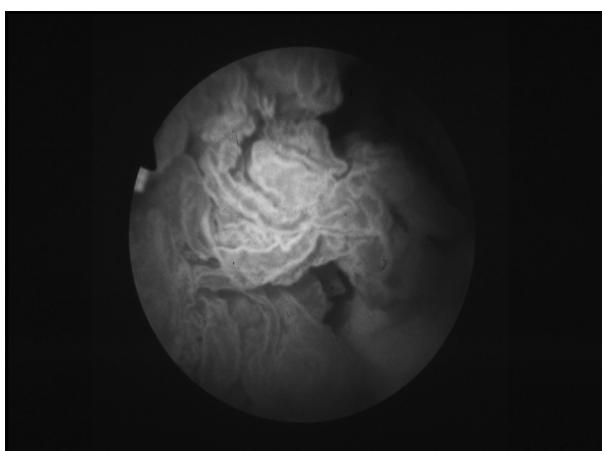
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 - a) uroflowmetry
 - b) ultrasound assessment of residual urine
2. Basic
 - a) filling cystometry
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3. Complex
 - a) video urodynamics
 - b) urethral function studies
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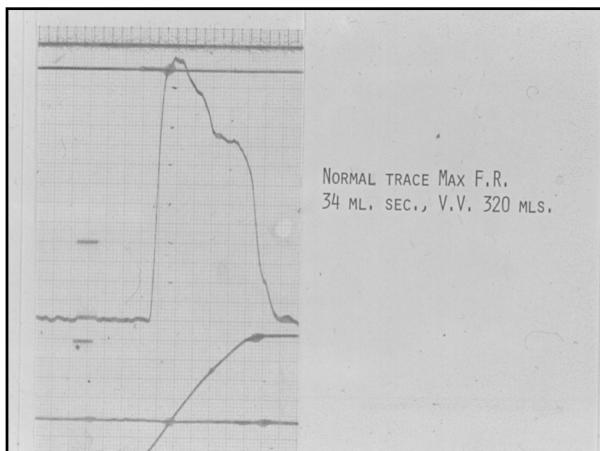
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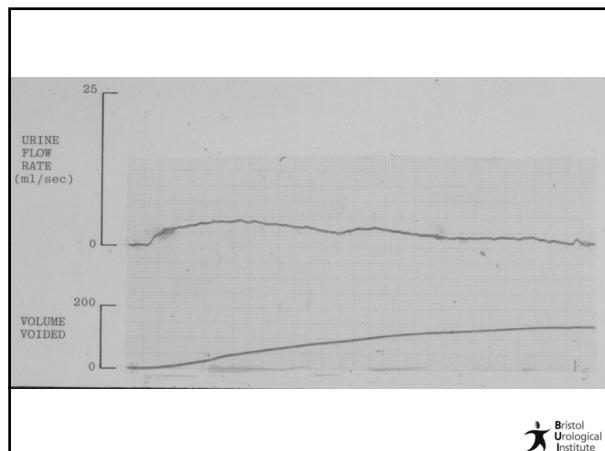
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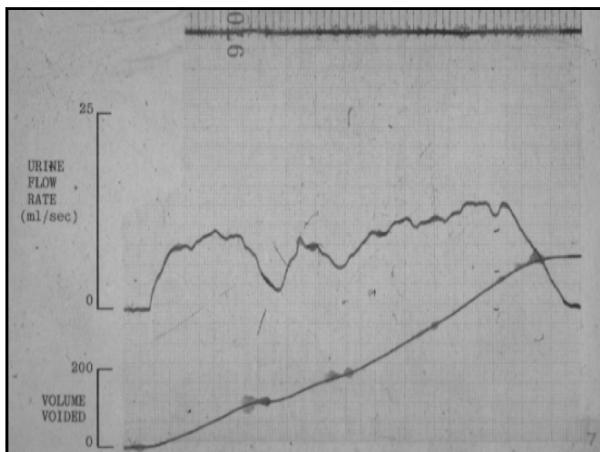
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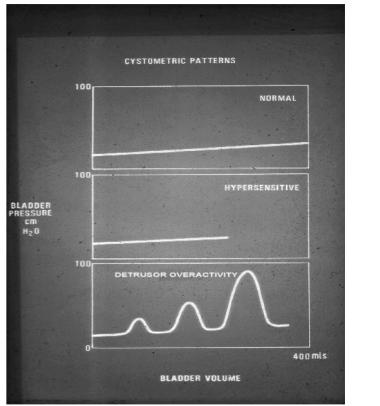
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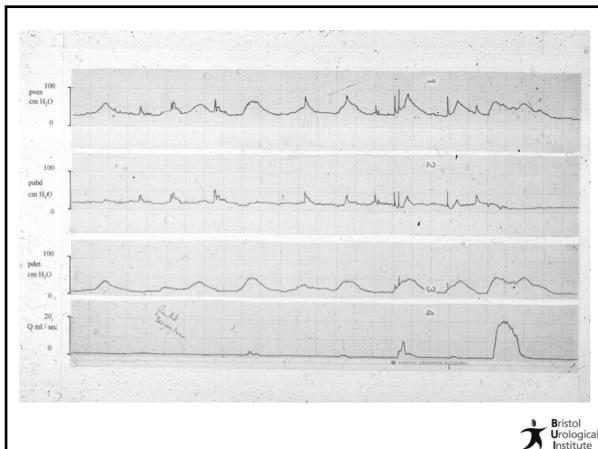
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Investigation of LUTD: Storage Phase

- Bladder function
 - filling cystometry
- Urethral function
 - urethral pressure profilometry
 - leak point pressures



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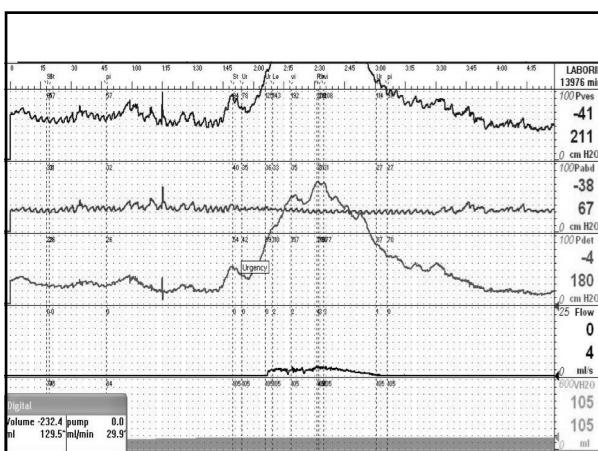
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Investigation of LUTD: Voiding Phase

- Bladder/urethral function
 - urine flow studies
 - pressure-flow studies
- Urethral function
 - sphincter/pelvic floor EMG



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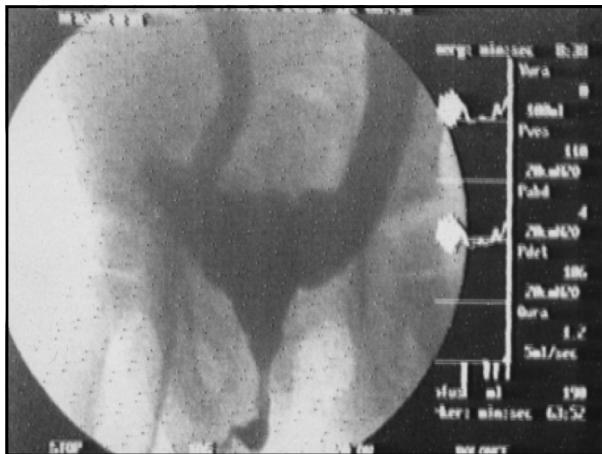
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Urethral Function Studies

- Urethral pressure profilometry (static)
- Measurement of leak point pressure
- Voiding urethral pressure profilometry



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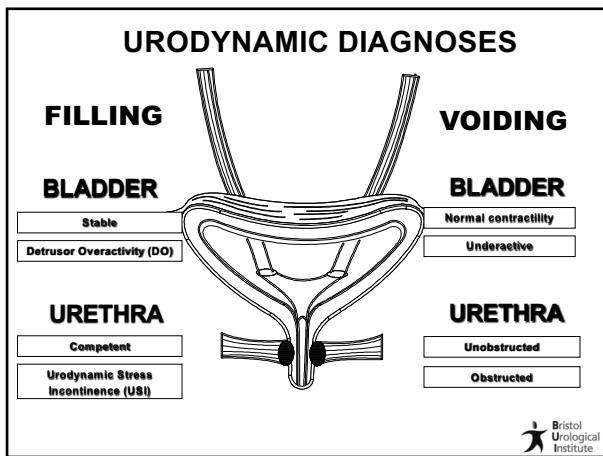
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Neurophysiological Testing

1. Electromyography
2. Nerve conduction studies
3. Reflex latencies
4. Evoked responses



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