

TURBT

What is “TURBT”?

- TURBT stands for *transurethral removal of bladder tumour*
- This is removal of a bladder tumour via a telescope inserted through the urethra
- No cuts are made on the outside of the body

Why do I need this?

- To remove a bladder tumour and determine if it is a cancer, and its extent

How long does it take?

- 20 - 40 minutes under a general anaesthetic

What are the risks?

- Bleeding and blood clots in urine
- Need for blood transfusion
- Infection in urine or blood (sepsis) - antibiotics are given
- Perforation of the bladder

What can I expect after surgery?

- A catheter may remain overnight to drain urine and wash out any blood clots
- Hospital stay is 2 - 3 days
- You may have some urinary frequency, urgency or blood in your urine during recovery, which can take up to 6 weeks to settle

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