

Special Considerations for the Evaluation & Management of Urinary Incontinence in the Geriatric Woman

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Objectives

- Understand the demographic burden of urinary incontinence in the US
 - Review 2014 CDC report on Prevalence of Incontinence in Older Americans
- Understand the multifactorial nature of urinary incontinence in the geriatric female population
- Understand the evaluation and management of Urge and Stress incontinence in the elderly woman

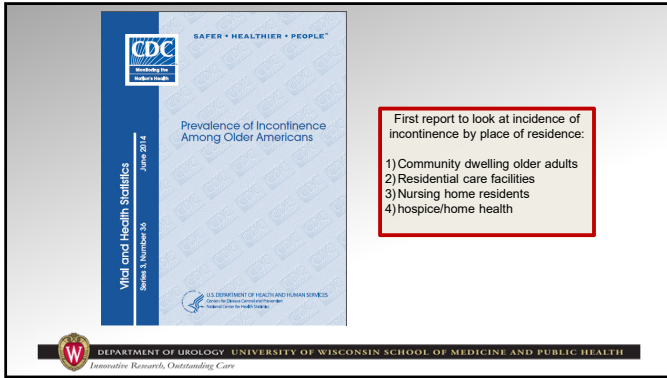
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THE DEMOGRAPHIC BURDEN

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Data Sources

- National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)
 - *non-institutionalized persons*
- National Survey of Residential Care Facilities (NSRCF)
 - *residents of care residential care facilities*
- National Home and Hospice Care Survey (NHHCS)
 - *home health and hospice*
- Long Term Care Minimum Data Set (MDS)
 - *nursing home patients*

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Table 1. Continence and incontinence definitions by data source

Data source	Year(s)	Population	Bladder incontinence	
			Continent	Incontinent
National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey	2007-2010	Noninstitutionalized persons	Persons who answered "never" to the question about frequency of urinary leakage.	Persons who answered "less than once a month," "a few times a month," "a few times a week," or "every day and/or night" to the question about frequency of urinary leakage.
National Survey of Residential Care Facilities	2010	Residents of residential care facilities	Resident reported as having an urinary catheter, an incontinence pad, or similar device or with no episode of urinary incontinence during 7 days prior to the interview.	Resident reported as not having an urinary catheter, an incontinence pad, or similar device and with an episode of urinary incontinence during 7 days prior to the interview.
National Home and Hospice Care Survey	2007	Home health and hospice care patients	Patient reported as having a urinary catheter or with difficulty controlling his or her bladder.	Patient reported as not having a urinary catheter and with difficulty controlling his or her bladder.
Long Term Care Minimum Data Set	2009	Nursing home residents	Resident reported as having an incontinence catheter or in complete control of urinary bladder function during 14 days prior to the assessment.	Resident reported as not having an incontinence catheter and not in complete control of urinary bladder function during 14 days prior to the assessment.

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NHANES
National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

- 2625 face-to-face respondents
- Unique in that it combines interviews and physical exams
- Years 2007-2010 were combined
- All self-reported
- Bladder incontinence defined using the bladder Incontinence Severity Index

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Incontinence Severity Index

Frequency of incontinence episodes  Amount of Urine Lost per Episode

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 0 = never ➢ 1 = less than once /month ➢ 2 = a few times a month ➢ 3 = a few times/week ➢ 4 = every day and/or night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of urine lost per episode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ 1= drops ➢ 2 = small splashes ➢ 3 = more
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Introduced in 1993—validated against pad weight and correlated with impact.

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Incontinence Severity Index

- ISI values 0 – 12 are sub-divided into 5 categories
 - 0 = None
 - 1-2 = Slight incontinence
 - 3-6 = Moderate incontinence
 - 8-9 = Severe
 - 12 = Very Severe incontinence


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ISI Severe Incontinence

3 x 3 = 9
(a few times a week) x (More than small splashes)

4 x 2 = 8
(every day and/ or night) x (small splashes)

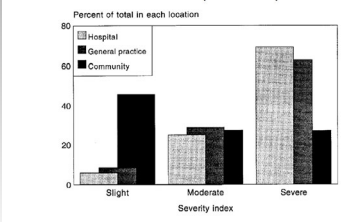
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Sandvik et al. A Severity Index for Epidemiological Surveys of Female Urinary Incontinence: Comparison with 48 hour Pad-Weighing Tests, Neurourology & Urodynamics 19:137-145 (2000)


Incontinence Severity Index

Percent of total in each location



Severity Index	Hospital (%)	General practice (%)	Community (%)
Slight	~10	~10	~45
Moderate	~25	~25	~25
Severe	~70	~65	~25

Fig. 1. Distribution of severity of incontinence in the community, in general practice, and at the outpatient clinic, according to the three-level severity index.

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Incontinence Severity Index

Prevalence (%)

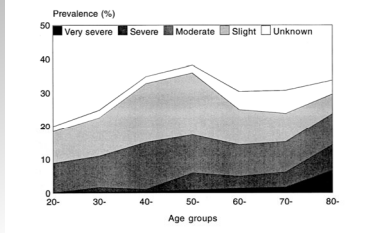

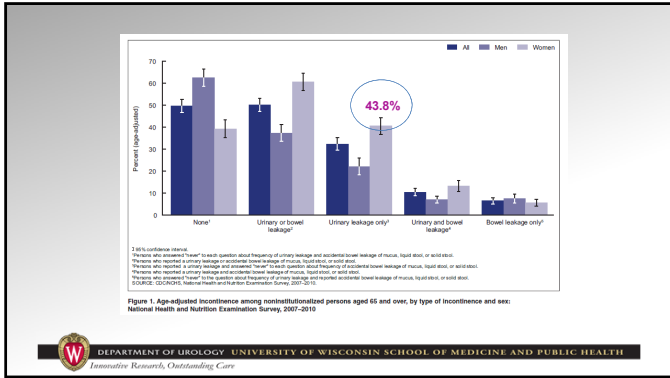


Fig. 3. Prevalence of female UI when different thresholds for severity are considered. Unknown refers to incontinent women who have not answered the questions about frequency and/or amount of leakage.

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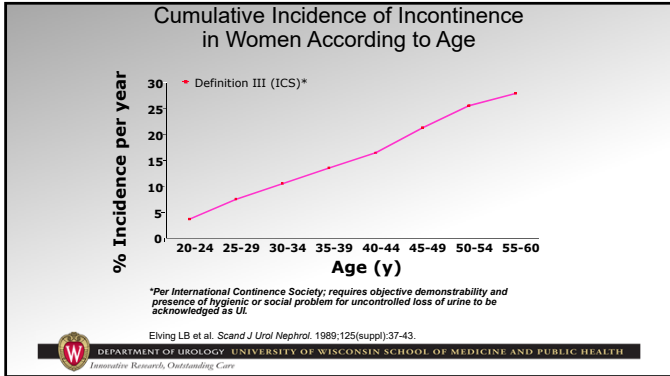
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SUMMARY OF CDC REPORT

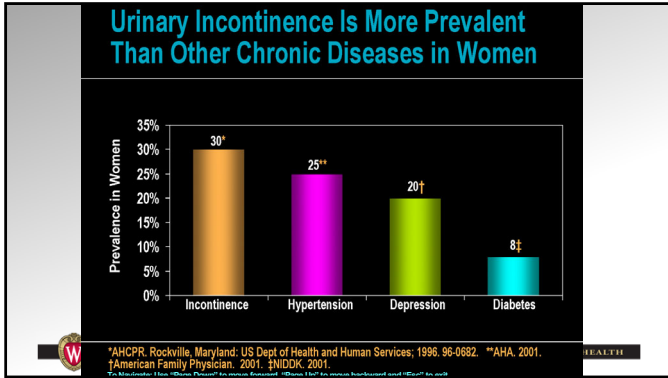
SURVEY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If only Moderate, Severe, and Very Severe are considered 24% men and women
NHANES (community)	
NSRCF (residential care)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If only Severe and Very Severe are considered 8% men and women
NHCS (home health/hospice)	40.2% bladder (catheters excluded)
MDS (nursing home)	70.3% long term residents (catheters excluded)

Irrespective of residence type, >70% of all home health/hospice care recipients either require a catheter or have incontinence

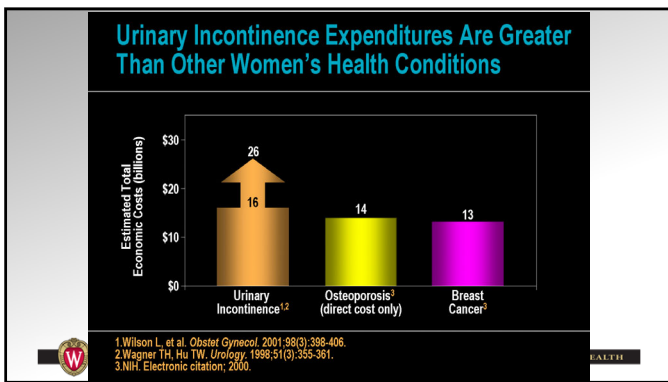
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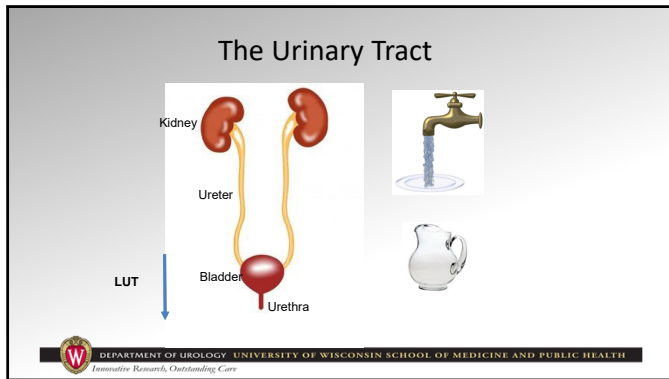


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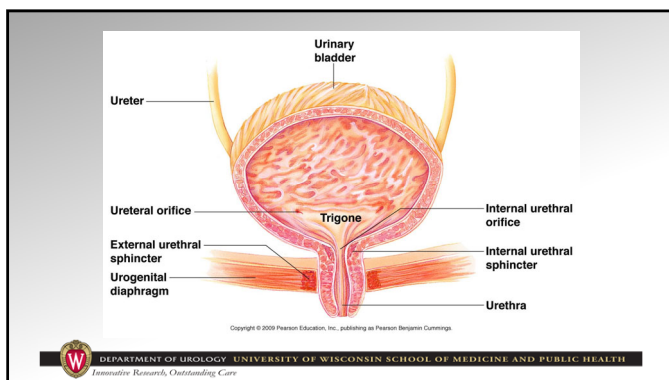
THE AGING LOWER URINARY TRACT

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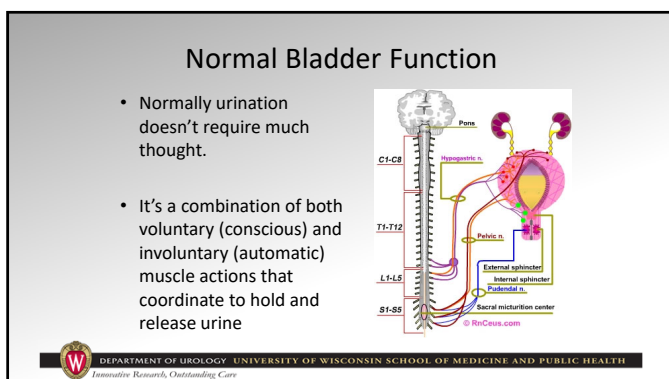
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Normal Bladder Function

CNS

Urinary bladder

Elimination

Storage

Urethral sphincter

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Normal Bladder Function

Urethral sphincter

- Over several hours the bladder fills with urine and the bladder muscle is relaxed and stretches.
- The sphincter stays tightly closed
- When the bladder reaches 8-10 oz, the nerves along the bladder send a message to the brain. **This is an urge.**

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Normal Bladder Function

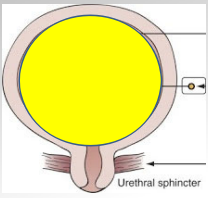
Urethral sphincter

- If it's not a convenient time to go the bathroom, you consciously tighten your sphincter.
- This signals the bladder to relax.
- It can then continue to fill and stretch

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Normal Bladder Function



- When you decide it's a good time to urinate, your brain flips the switch from STORAGE MODE to EMPTY MODE.
- You consciously relax your sphincter and the bladder muscle then contracts to squeeze out urine.

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Geriatric LUT Physiology

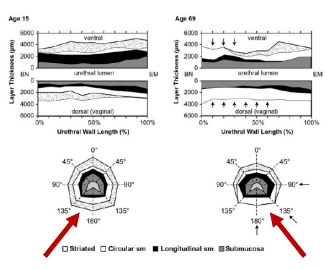
- Widening of spaces between detrusor smooth muscle cells
- Within the smooth muscle sarcolemma:
 - Elongation of the dense band components
 - Depletion of caveolae (small invaginations in the sarcolemma involved in transport and signaling)
- Cell junction changes have been noted
- Age related changes to the urethra

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Geriatric LUT Physiology

- Age related changes to the urethra
- **Pronounced change in striated smooth muscle**
- Decreased urethral closure pressure




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DuBeau, J Urol, 2006;(175), S11-S15

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Geriatric Bladder Function

- Involuntary or uninhibited detrusor contractions = urgency/urge incontinence
- Impaired contractility = incomplete bladder emptying or elevated post-void residuals
- Impaired urethral coaptation—stress urinary incontinence
- DHIC—detrusor hyperactivity with impaired contractility




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Geriatric Genitourinary Function


<p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><u>Increased</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-void Residual (PVR) • Detrusor overactivity • Urine output later in the day • Extravascular fluid shifts to legs upon arising • Intravascular fluid shift from legs upon reclining 	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><u>Decreased</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to postpone voiding • Total bladder capacity • Detrusor contractility • Immune function • Anti-diuretic hormone (ADH) production • Ability to concentrate urine because of apoptosis of long nephrons • Vaginal and urethral epithelial thickness
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EVALUATION OF URINARY INCONTINENCE IN OLDER WOMEN



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Under-Reported

- Most patients do not mention the problem to their doctor, some wait up to 3 years
 - Self-manage
 - 59% of patients do not seek help because they believe no effective treatment is available
 - 73% of patients who seek treatment are currently not on medication
- Most patients do not mention the problem to their friends
- Most people think incontinence is part of normal aging

Milcom et al. BJU Int. 2001; 87:760-766



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Incontinence History

- Targeted to identify:
 - Type
 - Severity
 - Duration
 - Burden / Goals of Care
 - Potentially Modifiable Contributing Factors
- *More useful than Physical Exam for initial assessment*



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ICIQ-UI Short Form

- How often do you leak urine?
- How much urine do you usually leak?
- Overall, how much does leaking urine interfere with your everyday life?
- When does urine leak? (self diagnosis items that discern urge incontinence from stress incontinence)

<https://icq.net/>



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ICIQ-UI Short Form

- Type of incontinence
- Severity
- Burden
- Excellent sensitivity to change so you can use to evaluate improvement or worsening

3 How often do you leak urine? (Tick one box)

never 1
 about once a week or less often 2
 two or three times a week 3
 about once a day 4
 several times a day 5
 all the time 6

4 We would like to know how much urine you usually leak (whether you wear protection or not?) (Tick one box)

none 1
 a small amount 2
 a moderate amount 3
 a large amount 4

5 Overall, how much does leaking urine interfere with your everyday life? (Please ring a number between 0 (not at all) and 10 (a great deal))

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 not at all a great deal

ICIQ score: sum scores 3-4+5 1 2

6 When does urine leak? (Please tick all that apply to you)

never - urine does not leak
 leaks before you can get to the toilet
 leaks when you cough or sneeze
 leaks when you are asleep
 leaks when you are physically active/exercising
 leaks when you have finished urinating and are dressed
 leaks for no obvious reason
 leaks all the time

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Examination

- Assessment of mobility and cognitive function
- Pelvic examination
 - Evaluate for atrophy, prolapse beyond the introitus, prior surgery
- Assessment of post-void residual urine
- Cough stress test
- Urinalysis
 - hematuria, pyuria, bacteriuria, glucosuria

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Physical Exam Findings: Prolapse


- Relaxation of the vaginal walls
- Varied symptoms
- May impact body image
- Sex still safe!

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Physical Exam Findings: Atrophy





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Age and Genitourinary Function

- Lower urinary tract (LUT) dysfunction in elderly women is almost always multifactorial
 - Mobility
 - Manual dexterity
 - Environment and access to toilets
 - Mentation
 - Medical conditions
 - Medications


DuBeau, J Urol. 2006;(175), S11-S15


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Non-Urologic Factors Related to Urinary Incontinence


<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Comorbid Disease</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Diabetes Congestive Heart Failure Degenerative joint disease Sleep apnea Severe constipation</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Medications</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">α-Adrenergics (blockers & agonists) Cholinergics (blockers & agonists) ACE-I Calcium channel blockers Diuretics Opiates Anticholinergics (antidepressants, antipsychotics)</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Neurological/Psychiatric</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Stroke Parkinson's Disease Normal pressure hydrocephalus Dementia Depression</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #0070C0; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Function & Environment</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Impaired Cognition Impaired Mobility Inaccessible toilets Lack of caregivers</p>


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Acute Incontinence

- Delirium
- Infection
- Atrophic urethritis/vaginitis
- Pharmaceuticals
- Psychological (depression)
- Endocrine (hypercalcemia, hyperglycemia)
- Restricted mobility
- Stool Impaction



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Incontinence in Older Women

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PATIENT'S STORY

Urinary incontinence is a common geriatric syndrome that affects at least 1 in 3 older women and can greatly diminish quality of life. Incontinence has been associated with increased social isolation, falls, fractures, and admission to long-term care facilities. Often unreported and thus untreated.

Goode et al. JAMA. 2010;303(21):2172-2181



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Box 1. Risk Factors and Evidence for Urinary Incontinence in Women

<p>Age Prevalence increases with age to approximately 50 years, stabilizes until the age of approximately 65 years, and then again increases with age.¹</p> <p>Race and Ethnicity Lower prevalence of stress incontinence in African American and Asian groups compared with whites.²</p> <p>Childbirth Increased risk with vaginal delivery, maternal age, and fetal weight³; parity is a significant risk factor for incontinence in younger women, but the association with incontinence appears to be diminished or absent in middle-aged and older women, perhaps because other factors become more prominent.⁴</p> <p>Oral Hormone Therapy Increased the risk of incontinence and worsened existing incontinence in randomized controlled trials using 0.02 mg of conjugated estrogens alone or plus 2.5 mg of medroxyprogesterone acetate daily with effect evident by 4 months and sustained for 4 years.^{5,6}</p> <p>Obesity and Body Mass Index Each 5-unit increase in body mass index increases the risk of daily incontinence by approximately 60%^{7,8}; improvements in continence are associated with even small reductions in weight.⁹</p>	<p>Cognitive Impairment Consistent relationship to presence and increased severity of dementia in acute care and nursing home settings; weaker association in community dwellers.¹⁰</p> <p>Mobility Impairment Consistent findings using several measures of mobility: history of falls, arthritis, needing assistance to walk, inability to walk, chair/stand time, and walking speed.¹¹</p> <p>Diabetes Risk of incontinence increases when diabetes has been present for at least 1 year.¹²</p> <p>Hysterectomy Conflicting evidence; epidemiological studies provide support; clinical series find no difference in the short term.¹³</p> <p>Menopause Conflicting evidence; natural menopause may have a neutral or protective effect vs surgical menopause, which is a risk factor.¹⁴</p> <p>Less Severe/Less Frequent Urinary Incontinence Having urinary incontinence in the past year increased the risk of developing monthly or more frequent leakage over a 3-year period in older women.¹⁵</p>
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Modifiable Contributing Factors for Urinary Incontinence

Condition	Mechanism	Treatment Implications
Urinary Tract Infection	Cystitis causes urgency & frequency	Asymptomatic bacteriuria is more common in elderly patients and does not need treatment. (Duke, CL, et al. Incontinence in the Frail Elderly. In: Abrams P, Cardozo L, Khoury S, Wein A, eds. 6th International Consultation on Incontinence, 2009) However consider treatment of bacteriuria when incontinence is new onset or with acute worsening
Constipation	Postulated physical irritation of the bladder from rectal distention	Appropriate management with increased fluid intake, increased dietary fruit and fiber, stool softeners, and laxatives as needed (Lembo A, Campbell M. Chronic constipation. N Engl J Med. 2003;349 (14):1360-1368.)
Diabetes mellitus	Glycosuria causes polyuria Diabetic neuropathic bladder	Improved BS control decreases osmotic diuresis.

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Modifiable Contributing Factors for Urinary Incontinence

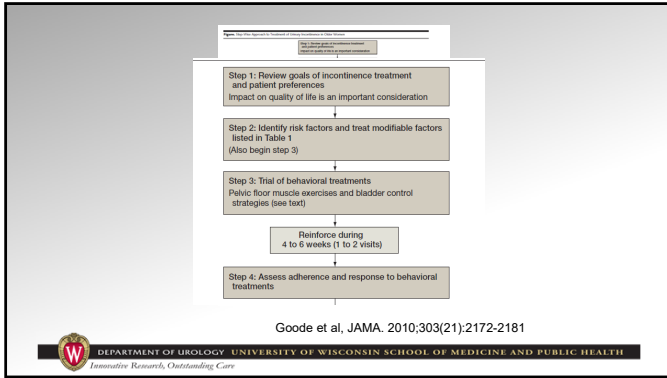
Condition	Mechanism	Treatment Implications
Mobility Impairment	Slowed mobility from any cause can precipitate urgency incontinence; pain with movement from DJD or other conditions can cause postponement of voiding with resultant incontinence	Physical therapy, assistive devices, or other interventions to improve mobility Improved pain management and education concerning regular toileting
Sleep apnea	Nocturnal diuresis due to production of atrial natriuretic peptide	Treatment decreases nocturnal diuresis and decreases nocturia and nocturnal enuresis (Fitzgerald MP et al. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2006;194(5):1399-1403.)
Obesity	Pressure on the bladder from central obesity as well as stress on the pelvic floor muscles	In a randomized controlled trial, an average weight loss of 17 lb over 6 months reduced incontinence episodes by 47% (Subak LL et al N Engl J Med. 2009; 360(5):481-490.)

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Modifiable Contributing Factors for Urinary Incontinence

Condition	Mechanism	Treatment Implications
Caffeine	Mild diuretic and bladder irritant	Eliminating and reducing caffeine can improve incontinence (Bryant CM, et al Br J Nurs. 2002;11(8):560-565.)
Diuretics	Increased diuresis	Evaluate necessity. Loop diuretics moved to late in the afternoon to decrease day time frequency and diuresis before bed
ACE-I	Cough can precipitate stress incontinence	Consider alternative medications
Anticholinergics, sedatives, hypnotics	May cause incomplete bladder emptying and constipation. Also may cause cognitive impairment	Discontinue or reduce dose when possible.

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Table 1. NCMS Continence Awareness Programs

Program	Description
Bladder and Bowel Health website www.bladderandbowel.org.au	Information and advice on the prevention and management of bladder control and bowel problems for consumers, carers, health professionals, service providers and researchers. It also contains information about the Continence Aids Assistance Scheme.
Continence Outcomes Measures (COMS) Dissemination Project	Development and delivery of a translation program of continence outcome measures to national and international clinicians. Further work is being proposed to conduct field trials to establish the validity, reliability and suitability of the continence outcome measures in Australian treatment settings and then to translate them for use by health care professionals. The reports are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measuring Incontinence in Australia 2006 • Continence Outcomes Measurement Suite together with Review of Patient Satisfaction Measures 2006 • Framework for Economic and Cost Evaluation for Continence Conditions 2006 • Measuring Patient Satisfaction with Incontinence Treatment 2006 • Refining Continence Measurement Tools 2006 • Incontinence and Patient Satisfaction Tools and Instructions
National Men's Continence Awareness Project	Raise the awareness of the causes of poor bladder and bowel health, specifically targeting men.
Pharmacy Continence Care Project	Delivery of a training package to educate pharmacists and pharmacy assistants to enable them to better inform clients about continence care and management.
Daily Living Self Management Resources	Offers strategies for people with incontinence to help with their work life, family life and social life. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Better - for people with urinary incontinence

Incontinence, Committee 21, Abrams et al editors, 4th ed, 2009, p. 1649

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OVERACTIVE BLADDER (OAB)

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OAB Symptoms

Urgency
Sudden, strong desire to urinate

Frequency
• 8+ visits to the toilet per 24 hours
• 2+ visits to the toilet during sleeping hours (nocturia)

Urge Incontinence
• Sudden & involuntary loss of urine

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Overactive Bladder Triggers

- Hearing or touching running water
- Seeing a bathroom
- Placing your feet on the floor when you first get out of bed
- Putting your key in the door when you get home
- Anxiety or stressful situations
- Exposure to cold

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OAB Symptom Quiz

1 I feel frustrated or embarrassed about my frequent urination (i.e. the number of times I visit the bathroom in one day). Never Sometimes Often

2 I have sudden urges to urinate that make me rush to the bathroom. Never Sometimes Often

3 I have urges to urinate that end in urine leakage. Never Sometimes Often

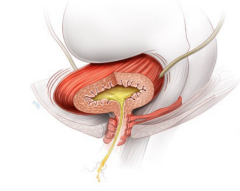
4 When I leave my house, I plan my activities around the nearest bathroom. Never Sometimes Often

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OAB is a bladder problem

Overactive bladder, half full but contracting, causing urinary leakage



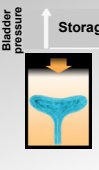
- Leakage of larger volumes with overwhelming urgency – due to bladder contractions
- When I gotta go, I gotta go!

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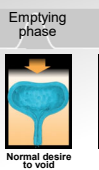
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Normal Lower Urinary Tract (LUT) Function: Reciprocal Activities

Bladder pressure ↑




Storage phase



Emptying phase

Bladder pressure ↓



Storage phase

First sensation to void

Detrusor relaxes + Urethra contracts

Normal desire to void

Detrusor relaxes + Urethra contraction increases

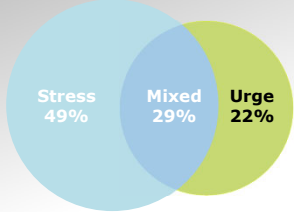
Bladder filling

Detrusor contracts + Urethra relaxes

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Stress Urinary Incontinence Is the Most Common Type in Women

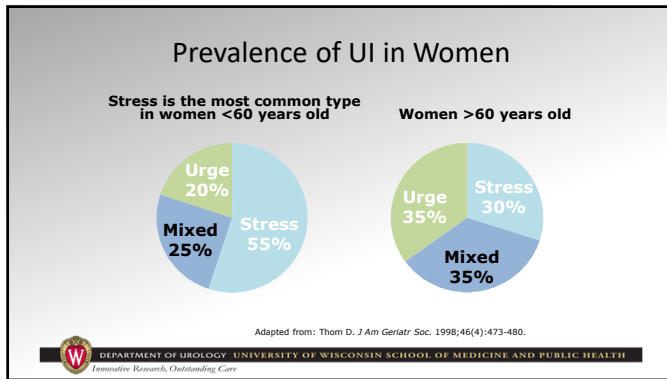


Type	Percentage
Stress	49%
Mixed	29%
Urge	22%

Adapted from: Hampel C et al. Urology. 1997;50(suppl 6A):4-14.

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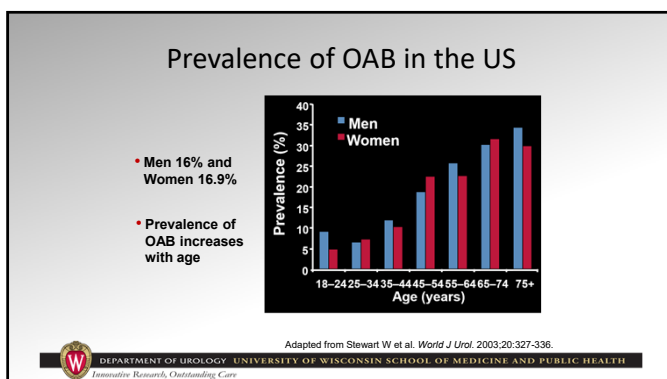
NOBLE Study

- National Overactive Bladder Evaluation
- Published 2002
- Questionnaire based study
 - OAB instruments, SF-36, Depression index, sleep instrument
- 5,204 US citizen sample
- To evaluate the prevalence and burden of OAB in the United States

Stewart W et al. World J Urol. 2003;20:327-336

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NOBLE Results

- Prevalence between men & women was roughly equal
- Severity of symptoms worse for women, with women having more OAB-wet and men more OAB-dry
- OAB *with and without* UI was associated with clinically and significantly:
 - lower SF-36 quality of life scores
 - higher CES-D depression scores
 - poorer quality of sleep



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AUA Guidelines on OAB, 2019


Diagnosis and Treatment of Non-Neurogenic Overactive Bladder (OAB) in Adults: an AUA/SUFU Guideline (2019)

AUA/SUFU Guideline: Published 2012; Amended 2014, 2019
Endorsed by the American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS)

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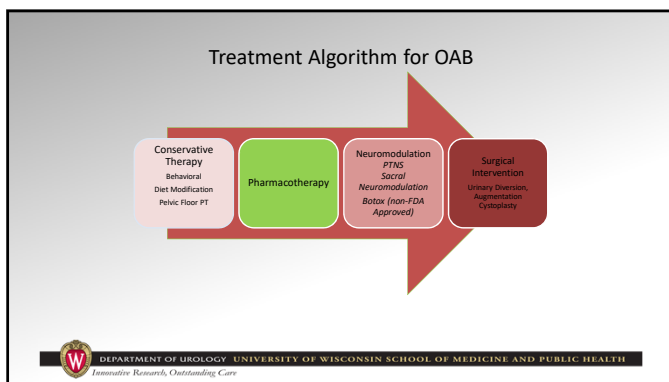
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www.urologyhealth.org (AUA)

The screenshot shows the website for the Urology Care Foundation. At the top, there is a banner that says "Leave a Legacy". Below that, the navigation menu includes "Home", "About Us", "Education", "Research", "Clinical", "Care", "Support Us", and "Contact Us". The main content area is titled "Educational Materials" and features several articles and videos. On the right side, there is a promotional graphic that says "It's About Time... and it's about you" and "IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT OAB". At the bottom of the slide, there is a logo for the Department of Urology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, with the tagline "Innovative Research, Outstanding Care".

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Anticholinergics

- Oxybutynin Chloride – Immediate Release
- Oxybutynin Chloride XL (Ditropan XL)
- **Transdermal Oxybutynin Patch (Oxytrol)**
- **Oxybutynin Chloride Gel (Gelnique)**
- Tolterodine – Immediate Release
- Tolterodine LA (Detrol LA)
- **Fesoterodine fumarate (Toviaz)**
- Trospium (Sanctura)
- Trospium Chloride XR (Sanctura XR)
- Solifenacin (Vesicare)
- Darifenacin (Enablex)


*Introduced 2009
OTC since 2013*

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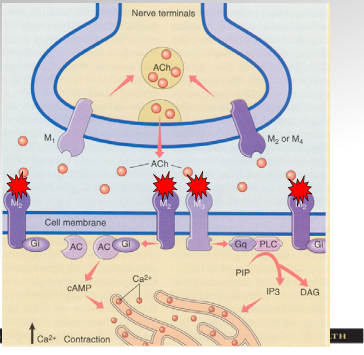
Anticholinergics: Mechanism of Action


- Detrusor (bladder) muscle rich in cholinergic/muscarinic receptors
- Medications block muscarinic receptors in detrusor — stabilize bladder muscle
- ? Influence suburothelial receptors as well
 - Mediate urgency
- Multiple muscarinic subtypes have been identified


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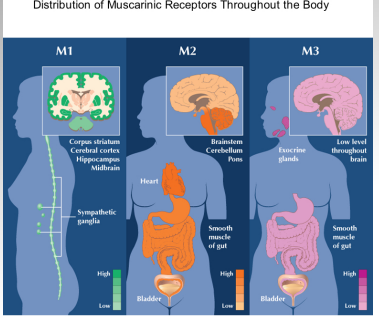
Comparative Receptor Presence in Detrusor Wall





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Distribution of Muscarinic Receptors Throughout the Body




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Efficacy

- Efficacy—demonstrated in randomized controlled trials for:
 - Oxybutynin
 - Tolterodine
 - Trospium
 - Darifenacin
 - Solifenacin
 - Fesoteridine
- Given Grade A recommendations by the International Continence Society



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Antimuscarinic Class Side Effects

- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Blurred vision
- Headache



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Oxybutynin

- Some selectivity for M3 and M1 receptors
- Other bladder activity
 - Direct smooth muscle relaxation
 - Local anesthesia
- Active metabolite: N-Desethyloxybutynin (N-DEO)
 - Potent antimuscarinic
 - Responsible for significant side effects
- Used for decades
- Side effects limit use
- May cause cognitive dysfunction



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Long-term Evaluation of Oxybutynin IR for OAB

- Prospective randomized trial to compare oxybutynin 2.5 mg bid or 5 mg qhs
- Titrate doses up
- 53% overall reported improvement or cure
- 2/3 stopped medication within 4 months

Salvatore et al. *Eur J Obstet Gynecol Reprod Biol* 2005;119:237-241.



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Oxybutynin Extended Release

- Oxybutynin placed in slow-release vehicle
- Release of all medication takes 24 hours
- More released in distal GI tract with less metabolism
- Better efficacy, fewer side effects
- Available in 3 doses: 5, 10, 15 mg
 - Can be titrated
- Approved at doses up to 30 mg
 - Usually for patients with neurogenic overactivity



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Tolterodine (Detrol)


- First drug developed to specifically treat OAB
 - Greater selectivity for bladder
- Low potential to cross blood-brain barrier
 - Thought to have fewer cognitive side effects
- Extended-release form found to have increased efficacy with fewer side effects



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Trospium (Sanctura)

- Nonselective quaternary amine
 - More highly charged and hydrophilic
 - **Should not cross blood brain barrier**
- Minimal metabolism—most drug renally excreted unchanged
 - Does not interact with drugs metabolized by cytochrome P450 system
- Available in Europe for 10 years
- Available in once/day dosing; must be taken on an empty stomach




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Solifenacin (Vesicare)

- M3 selective antimuscarinic
- Available in 2 doses: 5 and 10 mg
 - Can be titrated
- Long half-life = 50 hours




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Darifenacin (Enablex)

- Relatively M3 selective
- Low affinity for M1 receptor
 - Much of CNS cholinergic activity involves M1 receptors
 - Few CNS side effects
 - No QT interval prolongation
- Available in 2 doses: 7.5 and 15 mg
 - Can titrate

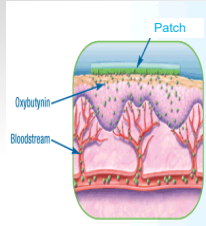


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Oxybutinin Transdermal System (Oxytrol)

- Apply every fourth day
- Avoids first-pass metabolism, therefore lower N-DEO metabolite
- Fewer systemic side effects
 - Dry mouth and constipation = placebo
- 17% incidence of skin reactions
 - Contact dermatitis
 - Erythema resolves
 - Pruritus –moisturizer and rotate location



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Oxytrol

Oxytrol® For Women.
The first over-the-counter treatment for overactive bladder (OAB) in women — in an easy-to-use patch.

[LEARN MORE](#)



\$30.09 for a one month supply at HealthWarehouse.com

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Oxybutinin Topical Chloride Gel (Gelnique)

- Once daily gel formulation
- Similar systemic side effect profile to patch
- Less local skin reaction

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Fesoterodine (Toviaz)

- Pro-drug, rapidly metabolized to 5-HMT, the major active metabolite of tolterodine
- Available as 4mg and 8mg once daily doses




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Anticholinergic Side Effects

Agent	Chemical Structure	Dry Mouth	Constipation	Cognition	Sleep
Oxybutynin (IR)	Tertiary amine	93%	50%	Yes	Yes
Tolterodine (LA)	Tertiary amine	24.3%	6.1%	Minimal effects on EEG, case reports of night terrors, hallucinations	Yes
Darifenacin	Tertiary amine	20-31%	19-24%	None reported	None reported
Solifenacin	Tertiary amine	14-21%	7%	None reported	None reported
Trospium chloride	Quaternary amine	22%	9.5%	No, minimal effects on quantitative EEG	None reported

Staskin DR. Drugs Aging 2005; 22(12): 1013-1028




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Table 1. Incidence Rates of Adverse Events.

Drug	Dry Mouth (%)	Constipation(%)
Fesoterodine		
4mg	19	4
8mg	35	6
Darifenacin		
7.5mg	20	15
15mg	35	21
Solifenacin		
5mg	11	5
10mg	28	13
Trospium		
20mg BID	20	10
XR 60mg	11	9
Tolterodine		
ER 4mg	23	6
Oxybutynin		
IR 5-20mg/day	71	13
XL 10mg	29	7
Gel	8	1




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Anticholinergic Discontinuation

- Database Study from UK (1991-2005)
 - 49,419 episodes of anticholinergic therapy
 - Overall discontinuation rate
 - Drug specific discontinuation rate




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Anticholinergic Discontinuation

- Median time to discontinuation = **4.76 months** (all drugs)
- 50% of women prescribed anticholinergics discontinue the medication at 6 months
 - 75% by 1 year
- Rates of discontinuation increase with duration of use

Gopal et al, Obstet Gynecol 2008; 112:1311-8




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Anticholinergics (Ach) & Cognitive Impairment

- Acute impairment in:
 - Working memory
 - Attention
 - Psychomotor speed
- Global cognitive impairment
- Elderly patients are more susceptible due to age-related changes of pharmacokinetics.
- Cholinesterase inhibitors may precipitate incontinence and pharmacologically directly oppose the action of Ach
(Boudreau et al, JAGS 59:2069-2076)



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Cumulative Use of Strong Anticholinergics and Incident Dementia
A Prospective Cohort Study

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JAMA Intern Med. 2015;175(3):401-407. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.7663. Text Size: A A A

- Cognitive effects thought to be reversible upon discontinuation.
- Longitudinal study followed patients from 1994-2004.
- 10 year cumulative dose-response relationship was observed for dementia (0.9 vs. 1.54) and Alzheimer disease

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Original Investigation

Association Between Anticholinergic Medication Use and Cognition, Brain Metabolism, and Brain Atrophy in Cognitively Normal Older Adults

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- Longitudinal study of 2 cohorts of cognitively normal adults.
- Use of anticholinergics was assessed

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- Use of medications with medium or high anticholinergic activity was associated with poorer memory, executive function, brain hypometabolism, brain atrophy, and increased risk of clinical conversion to cognitive impairment.
- Study concludes--"Use of medication with significant anticholinergic activity should likely be discouraged in older adults if alternative therapies are available."

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**NEW TARGET:
BETA 3 RECEPTOR AGONISTS**

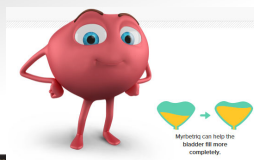



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Beta 3 Receptor Agonist (Mirabegron)

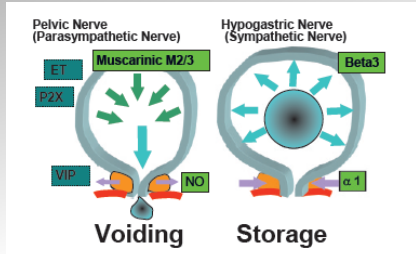
- Novel Target for OAB
- Introduced October 22, 2012
- Brand name = Myrbetriq


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How it Works



Takeda, et al J Pharmacol Sci, 112, 121-127 (2010)



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U.S. Phase III Trial

- Nitti et al, *Results of a Randomized Phase III Trial of Mirabegron in Patients with OAB, J Urol*, Accepted Manuscript 2012

	Placebo	50mg	100mg
Mean decrease in incontinence episodes/24h	-1.13	-1.47	-1.63
Mean decrease in micturition/24 h	-1.05	-1.66	-1.75

- Magnitude of improvement is similar to that of anticholinergic medication

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European-Australian Phase III Trial

- Compared placebo, 50mg, 100mg, & tolterodine ER 4mg
- 1,978 patients randomized
 - 549 men & 1,429 women
- Primary endpoints
 - Assess safety and tolerability
 - Compare efficacy and safety with once daily tolterodine

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European-Australian Phase III Trial

Mean change from baseline in Number of incontinence episodes

Treatment	Mean change from baseline
Tolterodine 4mg	-1.37
Mirabegron 100mg	-1.46
Mirabegron 50mg	-1.57
Placebo	-1.17

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European-Australian Phase III Trial

Adverse Events (%)	Placebo (n=494)	50mg (n=493)	100mg (n=496)	Detrol (n=495)
Hypertension	7.7	6.9	6.4	8.1
Nasopharyngitis	1.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
Dry Mouth	2.6	2.8	2.8	10.1
Headache	2.8	3.7	1.8	3.6
Influenza	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.4
UTI	1.4	1.4	1.8	2.0
Constipation	1.4	1.6	1.6	2.0

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- ### Prescribing Issues
- Beta receptors
 - B1 Heart muscle contraction
 - B2 Smooth muscle relaxation
 - B3 Enhance lipolysis, Promotes relaxation of detrusor muscle in the bladder
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- ### Prescribing Issues
- Small increase in BP
 - At 50mg dose in healthy volunteers, the maximum increase in SBP/DBP = 4.0/1.6 mmHg greater than placebo
 - Dose dependent
 - Reversible upon discontinuation
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Prescribing Issues

- Inhibitor of CYP2D6
- Can increase systemic exposure to:
 - Metoprolol
 - Desipramine
- Use caution when prescribed with:
 - Thioridazine
 - Flecainide
 - Propafenone

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The efficacy and tolerability of the β 3-adrenoceptor agonist mirabegron for the treatment of symptoms of overactive bladder in older patients

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A. Wagg et al.

Key points


- Mirabegron (25 mg and 50 mg once-daily) reduced the frequency of incontinence episodes and micturitions in older patients over 12 weeks.
- Mirabegron was well tolerated, regardless of age, over 12-week and 1-year study periods.
- The incidence of TEAEs was similar with mirabegron and placebo in the pooled 12-week analysis.
- The incidence of dry mouth was as much as sixfold higher with tolterodine than mirabegron in patients aged 65 years or older.

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Role in Therapy of OAB


- Patients who cannot tolerate anti-muscarinic side effects
- Patients with cognitive impairment
- *Patients who failed anti-muscarinics?*



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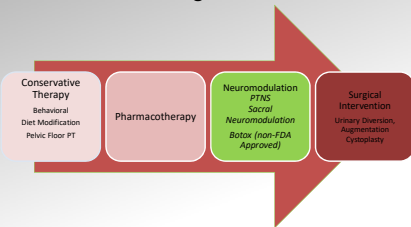
NEUROMODULATION ELECTRICAL & CHEMICAL



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Treatment Algorithm for OAB

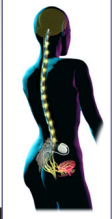



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Sacral Neuromodulation (Interstim)

- FDA approved in 1997 for refractory:
 - Urgency/frequency
 - Urge incontinence
 - Idiopathic urinary retention

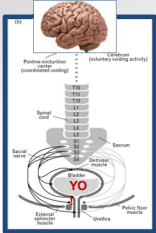



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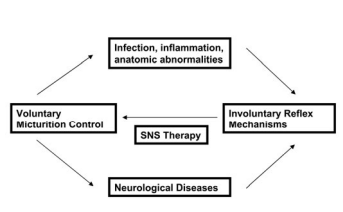
- Neuromodulation of sacral nerves
- Mechanism not fully understood
- Theory:
 - Alters the nerve signals going from the bladder back to the spinal cord ultimately leading to less frequent bladder contractions



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Sacral Neuromodulation



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        A[Infection, inflammation, anatomic abnormalities] --> B[Voluntary Micturition Control]
        A --> C[Involuntary Reflex Mechanisms]
        B <--> C
        D[Neurological Diseases] --> B
        D --> C
        E[SNS Therapy] --> B
        E --> C
    
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Interstim--Medtronic

- <https://www.medtronic.com/us-en/patients/treatments-therapies/bladder-control.html>



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InterStim Test Stimulation Procedure

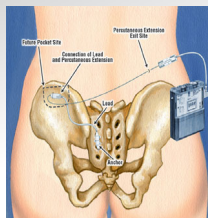
Simple outpatient procedure
Done under local anesthetic



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Staged Implant Procedure

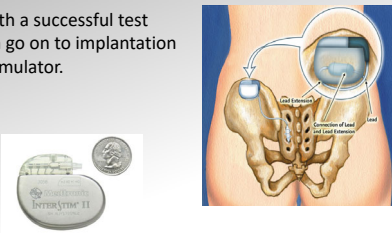
- In the OR, the permanent lead is implanted and connected to a percutaneous extension for the home test stimulation.




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Implant Procedure

- Patients with a successful test stimulation go on to implantation of neurostimulator.

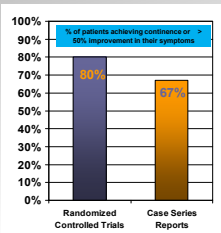



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Current Literature: Systematic Review: Urge Incontinence

Randomized Controlled Trials vs. Case Series Reports



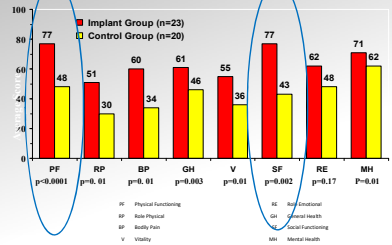
Study Type	% of patients achieving confidence or 50% improvement in their symptoms
Randomized Controlled Trials	80%
Case Series Reports	67%

- In an independent investigation of 1,827 implants from 34 clinical trials, InterStim Therapy was shown to be an effective treatment option for the treatment of urinary urge incontinence¹



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Urgency-Frequency 6 Month SF-36 Scores



Domain	Implant Group (n=23)	Control Group (n=20)	p-value
PF (Physical Functioning)	77	48	p<0.0001
RP (Role Physical)	51	30	p<0.01
BP (Bodily Pain)	60	34	p<0.01
GH (General Health)	61	46	p=0.063
V (Vitality)	55	36	p<0.01
SF (Social Functioning)	77	43	p<0.002
RE (Role Emotional)	62	48	p<0.17
MH (Mental Health)	71	62	p<0.01


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Implantation:

Ranking of Adverse Events in

first 12 Months Post-implant

▪ Pain at neurostimulator site	15.3%
▪ New pain	9.0%
▪ Suspected lead migration	8.4%
▪ Infection	6.1%
▪ Transient electric shock	5.5%
▪ Pain at lead site	5.4%
▪ Adverse change in bowel function	3.0%

▪ Note: Additional events occurred – each less than 2.0%





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Contraindications to Interstim

- Bony sacral abnormality
- *Cognitive impairment*
 - *Can't operate the device*
 - *Can't provide appropriate feedback about stimulation*
- Non-compliant patients
- Patients with functional incontinence
- Patients with known need for future MRI (below neck)


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Sacral Neuromodulation in Elderly Patients

- 2002 Study by Amundsen evaluated SNS in elderly patients
 - 25 patients > 55 years underwent test implantation
 - 12 responded and were implanted
 - Low morbidity, comparable to younger patients
 - *Lower complete dry rate (17% vs 40%)*

Amundsen CL, Webster GD. Am J Obstet Gynecol. Dec 2002;187(6):1462-1465; discussion 1465.



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Sacral Neuromodulation in Elderly Patients

- Prospective evaluation of pre-operative risk factors for failure of neuromodulation found the following associated with failure :
 - Age > 55 years (cure rate of 37% vs. 65%)
 - 3 or more chronic conditions
 - Neurologic conditions

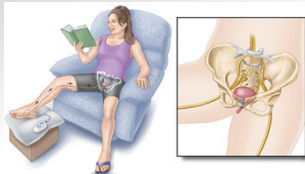
Amundsen CL, Romero AA, Jamison MG, Webster GD. *Urology*. Oct 2005;66(4):746-750.



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Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS)

- Based on translational findings of traditional Chinese acupuncture techniques
- First described by Dr. Ed McGuire in 1983



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PTNS

- Posterior Tibial Nerve
 - Mixed sensory and motor nerve
 - Fibers originating from spinal roots L4-S3
 - Modulate the somatic and autonomic nerves to the pelvic floor muscles, bladder and urinary sphincter.



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PTNS: SUmiT Trial

- Multicenter, double blinded, randomized controlled trial comparing the efficacy of PTNS to sham through 12 weeks of therapy
- 220 patients not on OAB drugs during study

Figure 1. PTNS (A) and sham (B) setup

Peters et al., J. Urology, 183 (1438-1443), 2010

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PTNS: SUmiT Trial

Group	Percent subjects indicating moderate or markedly improved on GRA
PTNS, n = 110	64.5%
Sham, n = 110	20.9%

p < 0.001

Figure 3. Intent to treat analysis comparing PTNS and sham GRA at week 13 assessment.

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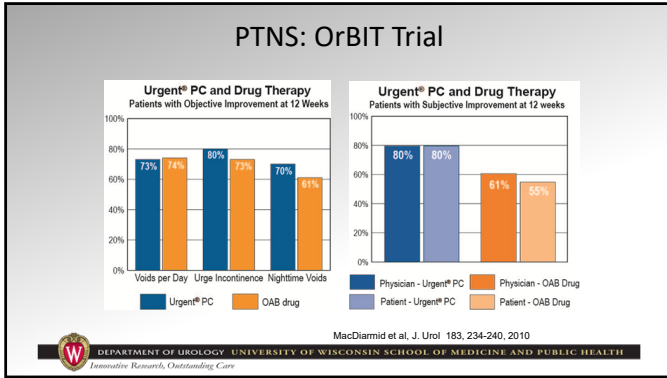
PTNS: OrBIT Trial

- Phase 1 compared PTNS to tolterodine
 - 79.5% improvement in OAB symptoms PTNS
 - 54.8% improvement for Tolterodine
- Phase 2 evaluated sustained efficacy at 12 months
 - Initial 12 week course
 - Ongoing therapy at tapering intervals
 - Avg of 12 ± 4.9 further treatments over 9 months

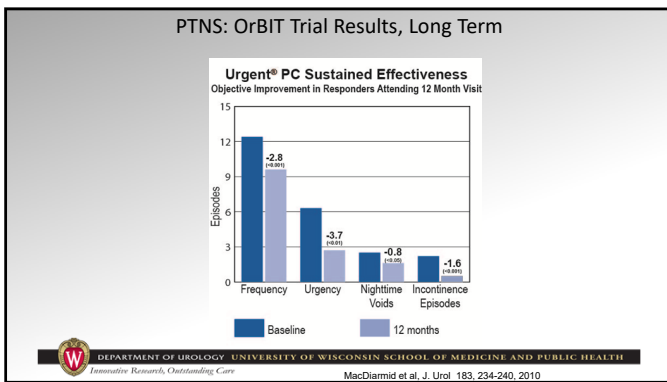
MacDiarmid et al., J. Urol 183, 234-240, 2010

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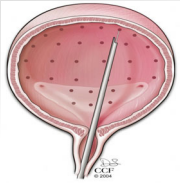
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- ### PTNS Risks of Treatment
- Transient pain at/near the stimulation site
 - Transient mild pain or skin inflammation at or near the stimulation site
 - Transient mild bleeding at needle insertion site.
- MacDiarmid et al, J. Urol 183, 234-240, 2010
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Botulinum Toxin - Botox

- Decreases bladder muscle's ability to contract
 - Inhibits acetylcholine release at presynaptic cholinergic junction
 - Regional decreased muscle contractility and atrophy
- Can be done in the office with local anesthetic or in the OR with sedation
- Reversible in 5-8 months (detrusor)





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Trials of Botox for Idiopathic OAB

- 4 Randomized, placebo controlled
 - Brubaker et al, 2008
 - Dmochowski et al, 2010
 - Flynn et al, 2009
 - Sahal et al, 2007
- 2 Randomized, without placebo control
- 15 Observational studies
 - Without control groups
- *Significant reductions in incontinence episodes and in urgency were reported in all active treatment groups*



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Botox for Refractory Idiopathic OAB

- 28 patients 200 units BoNT-A
- 15 patients placebo injections
- 60% BoNT-A documented improvement (questionnaire)
- Median response duration = 373 days
- **Trial placed on clinical hold**
 - *43% women had post-void residual >200mL requiring CIC*
 - *Mean duration of CIC = 62 days*

Brubaker et al, J. Urol 2008 180(1) 217-222



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Botox In Older Women

- Limited Data
- 21 patients aged 75-92 were assessed one month after Botox injection (200 units)
 - 16/21 patients (76%) reported greater than 50% improvement in symptoms
 - Frequency decreased from 11-5 voids/day
 - Pad use decreased from 4-1 pad/day
 - No complications reported

White et al, J Urol, 2008; 180(6): 2522-6




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AUA OAB Guidelines on Botox

- FDA-approved for Idiopathic OAB (1/18/13)
- Symptoms improve
- *Risk of adverse events requiring secondary interventions is substantial (UTI, retention)*
- *Patients must be willing to perform self-catheterization for long periods*
- Clinician must be able to measure PVR
- Repeat injections are necessary to maintain improvement




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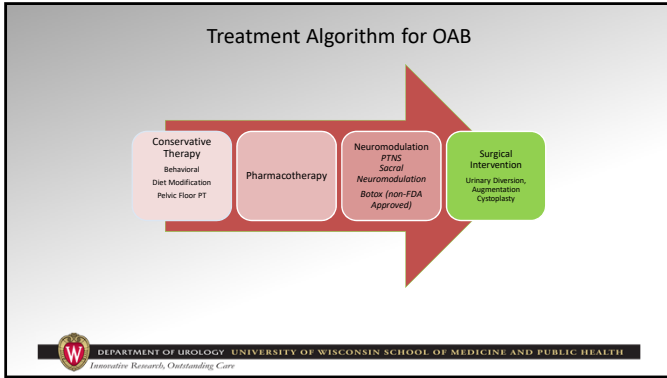
Comparisons of Neuromodulation Therapies

Sacral Neuromodulation:	Botulinum Toxin Injections:
Restores function	Takes away function
Not NOAB	ALL OAB pts
Treats retention	Potential to cause retention
Helps GI conditions	No GI benefit
One Treatment	Need repeat rx
No carry over effect	30% have a permanent x-over effect
Immediate use of BTX if fails	Wait 3-6 months for adjuvant rx
Long term benefit	Temporary
Safety: proven	Safety: proven
Revisions: 25-50% over 2-10y	Frequent retreatment ~6 months
Not MRI compatible	MRI compatible
Simple: not totally office based yet	Simpler: office based (sometimes)
Time Consuming	Less time consuming
FDA Approved	FDA Approved



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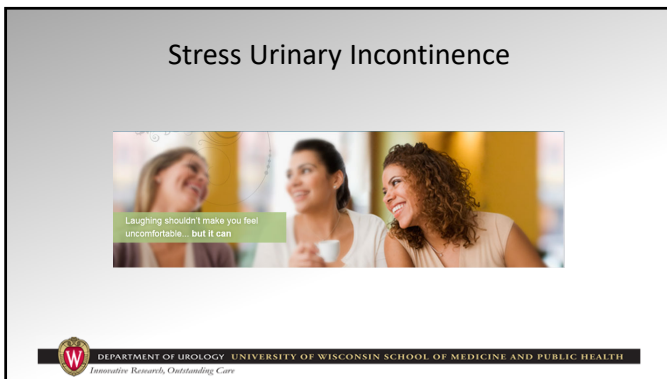


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STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE

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Stress Urinary Incontinence

- 1 in 3 women will experience stress urinary incontinence (SUI) in their lifetime.
- It occurs when activity such as laughing or coughing or bending causes urine to leak out.
- The amount of urine that is lost can be a few drops to tablespoons or more.



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Stress Incontinence is a Urethra Problem

Resting



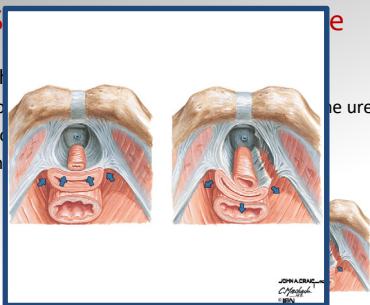
Coughing



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Stress Urinary Incontinence

- Problem with the urethra
 - Weakness of the urethra
 - Urethra is too short
 - Urethra is narrow



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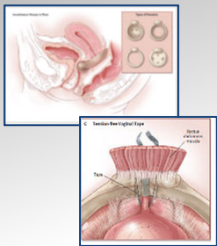
SUI Risk Factors

- Caucasian or Hispanic race
- Overweight or Obesity
- Smoking
- Chronic coughing (asthma, GERD)
- Pregnancy and childbirth
- Nerve injuries to the lower back
- Pelvic Surgery



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Treatments—Stress Incontinence Goal: Improve Quality of Life



- Physical therapy:
 - Exercises to help strengthen and control the pelvic floor muscles.
 - Biofeedback.
- Pessary:
 - Treats incontinence and prolapse.
 - Different shapes and sizes.
 - Sized to fit each patient.
- Surgery:
 - Slings and bulking agents.

• American Urological Foundation. A monograph from the AUA Foundation: Stress Urinary Incontinence. http://www.urologyhealth.org/resourcecenter/bladder/bladderBrochures/SUI_Monograph.pdf, 2011.



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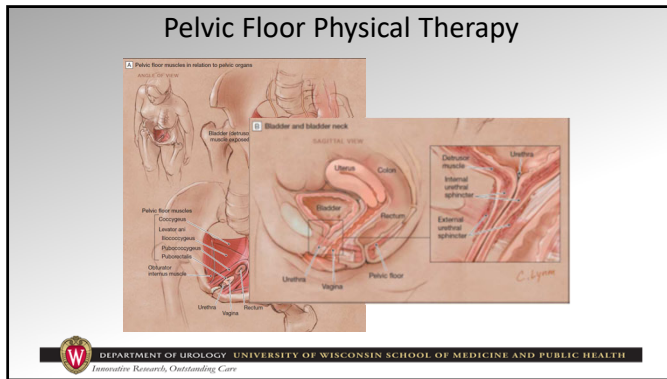
Weight Loss

- Being overweight or obese leads to more chronic pressure on the pelvic floor
- *5-10% reduction in total body weight results in 50-70% reduction in SUI in women*
- This doesn't mean that everyone has to reach their ideal weight, but maintaining a healthy weight can be preventative

Subak et al. NEJM, 2009; 360:481-90



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Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy

- Consider working with a specialty-trained Pelvic Floor Physical Therapist
- In appropriately selected women, Pelvic Floor PT **reduced SUI by 33%**

Pelvic Floor Muscle Re-education 277

0 unable to initiate, or no perceived tightening

1 light contraction, unable to sustain excretion's finger

2 light contraction, unable to sustain tightening for 1 second

3 moderate contraction, able to sustain tightening for 3 seconds

4 strong contraction able to sustain tightening for 5 seconds

FIG. 2. Pelvic floor muscle re-education scale.

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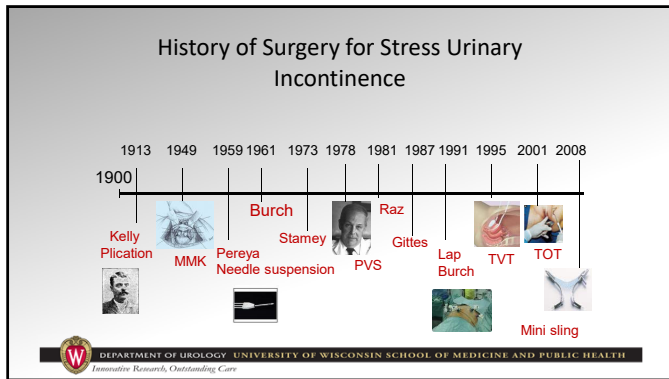
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Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy:

www.apta.org to find PT's near you

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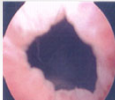

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Surgery for SUI

- Urethral bulking agent
 - A synthetic material is injected into the layers of the urethra to “bulk” it up and increase outlet resistance
 - Cure + Improvement rates ≈ 60%
 - Can be done without anesthesia
 - 10-15% chance of de novo urge incontinence
 - Small risk of urinary retention

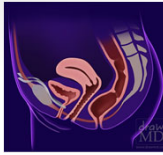
Bladder neck Incompetence Bladder neck after Macroplastique injection

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Surgery for SUI

- Slings
 - Most common surgery for SUI
 - Support is placed beneath the bladder neck or urethra to support and close the opening when abdominal stressors increase pelvic floor pressure
 - Woman’s own tissue (fascia)
 - Synthetic polypropylene mesh

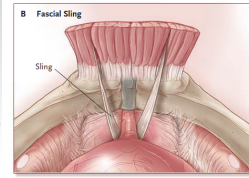


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Fascial Slings SUI (Pubovaginal Sling)

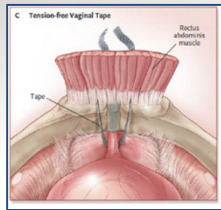
- Two incisions
 - Bikini line or outer thigh
 - Vaginal
- Overnight hospitalization
- Patients can resume normal, non-strenuous activities 6 weeks after the procedure.



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Mesh Slings SUI

- Minimally invasive
- Incisions are very small
- Procedural pain is minimal
- Outpatient surgery
- Designed to reduce recovery time
- Patients can resume normal, non-strenuous activities 4-6 weeks after the procedure.

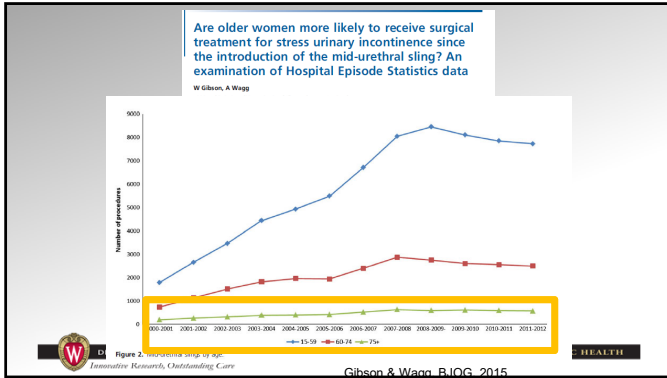


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Mesh Slings SUI

- Long term durability, safety, and efficacy up to 17 years
- 2,000 publications in the scientific literature
- The mid-urethral (mesh) sling is associated with less pain, shorter hospitalization, faster return to work, and reduced cost
- Over 3 million have been placed worldwide
- FDA: *"The safety and efficacy of multi-incision slings is well-established in clinical trials that followed patients for up to one year"*
- Position Statement on Mesh Midurethral Sling for Stress Urinary Incontinence, AUGS SUFU

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Mesh Sling Outcomes in Elderly

- In a study evaluating for risk factors for failure of MUS, both age and menopausal status were evaluated
 - <50 (n= 134), 51-60 (n=144), 61-70 (n=68), 71-80+ (n= 52)
 - Increasing age is an independent RF for failure of both transobturator and retropubic midurethral slings.*
 - Both sling approaches were significantly less efficacious in post-menopausal compared to pre-menopausal women

Rehberger T et al, *Int Urogynecol J Pelvic Floor Dysfunct.* Published online: 24 February 2010.

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Mesh Sling Outcomes in Elderly

- Sevestre et al reported outcomes after mesh sling at mean 2 year follow-up in 76 women older than 70
 - 67% cure (questionnaires)
 - 21% de novo urgency, 5% de novo urge urinary incontinence
 - Cure rate is lower because of the increased risk of post-operative urgency.
- Hellberg et al also found that there was a significantly higher rate of de novo urgency in older women (20.9% vs. 13.8%)

Sevestre et al, *Eur Urol* 2003;44:128-31
Hellberg et al, *Int Urogynecol J* 2007; 18:423-9

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TAKE-HOME MESSAGES




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THE DEMOGRAPHIC BURDEN

SURVEY	Findings
NHANES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If only Moderate, Severe, and Very Severe are considered: 24% men and women If only Severe and Very Severe are considered: 8% men and women
NSRCF	
NHHCS	40.2% Difficulty controlling bladder (catheters)
MDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 70.3% long term residents multiple daily episodes (catheters excluded)

Irrespective of residence type, >70% of all home health/hospice care recipients either require a catheter or have incontinence



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THE FISCAL BURDEN

- Surgery for SUI
- Cost of OAB-UII

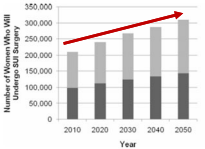
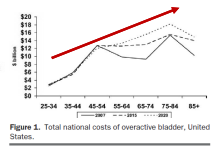




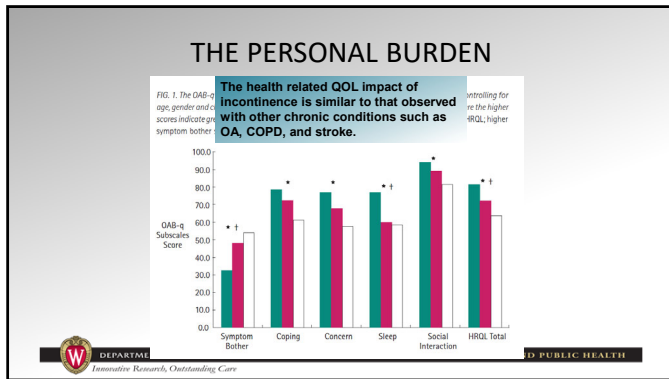
Figure 1. Total national costs of overactive bladder, United States.

(5.5%),¹⁷ nonmedical costs (2.2%),¹⁸ and labor productivity (2.5%).¹⁹



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Take Home Messages

- Lower urinary tract (LUT) dysfunction in elderly women is *almost always multifactorial*
 - Identify risk factors and treat modifiable factors
- Overactive Bladder prevalence increases with age
 - Treatment benefits must be carefully weighed against adverse effects
- Surgical treatment of stress incontinence in elderly patients is less successful with higher rates of de novo urgency and urge incontinence

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PATIENT'S STORY

Urinary incontinence is a common geriatric syndrome that affects at least 1 in 3 older women and can greatly diminish quality of life. Incontinence has been associated with increased social isolation, falls, fractures, and admission to long-term care facilities. Often unreported and thus untreated.

Goode et al, JAMA. 2010;303(21):2172-2181

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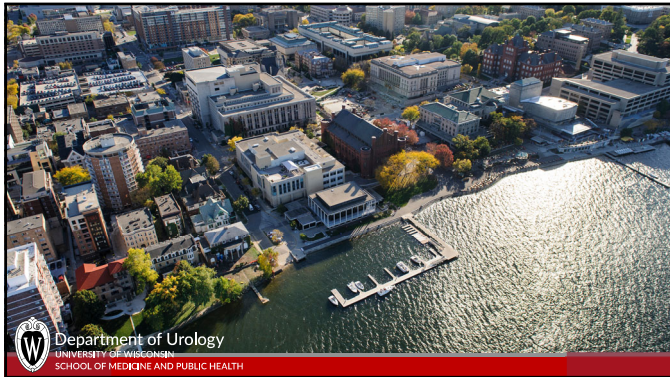
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Online Resources

- Urology Care Foundation www.UrologyHealth.org
- The Simon Foundation for Continence www.SimonFoundation.org
- Society of Urodynamics Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) www.sufu.org.com
- American Urogynecologic Society (AUGS) www.VoicesForPFD.org
- National Association for Continence (NAFC) www.NAFC.org



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