Your doctor performed a procedure called a cystoscopy to check for problems in your urinary tract. The urinary tract includes the bladder and the urethra, the vessel that carries urine out of your body. The doctor inserted a tube with a lens at the end to see inside the urethra and bladder.

For some patients, the cystoscopy was used to remove a stent placed to help with urination.

Your doctor may decide to send your urine for a test called urine cytology to look for abnormal cells such as cancer. If you have not received the results from your doctor after one week, please call 801-587-4379.

Common Effects of Cystoscopy
The following may happen after this procedure:

- **Burning sensation when you pass urine.** A warm, moist cloth held over the urethra opening can help ease pain or burning after urination.

- **Urinating more often.** This will usually last one or two days after the procedure.

- **Small amount of blood in urine.** Patients who take daily aspirin or other blood-thinning drugs and patients with blood clotting disorders may have some bleeding for a few days after the procedure.

Do not worry if these things happen to you. If you have a lot of bleeding or pain, or if it lasts beyond the times above, call your doctor’s office.

When to Call Your Doctor
If you have any of these problems, call right away:

- Difficulty with or inability to pass urine
- Moderate or severe pain when passing urine
- Fever higher than 100.3 degrees F
- Chills
- Severe pain in the abdomen
- Nausea
- Bright red or heavy blood clots that interfere with or stop urine flow

During business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call the Urologic Oncology nurse line at 801-587-4379.

After hours, weekends, or holidays, call the University of Utah Hospital at 801-581-2121 and ask to speak to the urology resident on call.