



# Urodynamic Studies



**FARSHAD GHOLIPOUR**

Assistant Professor of Urology

Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

August 5, 2021



# Topics



- ▶ Types of urodynamic studies
- ▶ How to perform a urodynamic study
- ▶ How to interpret a urodynamic study
- ▶ UDS in management of BPH
- ▶ UDS in management of female urinary incontinence
- ▶ UDS for neurogenic bladder
- ▶ Uroflowmetry in children





# Uro + Dynamics

- ▶ The term urodynamics encompasses any investigation of LUTD from the simple to the sophisticated, including:
  - ▶ Frequency/volume chart (FVC)
  - ▶ Bladder diary
  - ▶ Pad testing
  - ▶ Uroflowmetry +/- ultrasound PVR estimation
  - ▶ Pressure/flow studies:
    - ▶ Cystometry
    - ▶ Video cystometry
    - ▶ Ambulatory urodynamics
  - ▶ Urethral pressure studies
  - ▶ Other studies:
    - ▶ Intravenous urodynamicogra
    - ▶ Ultrasound cystodynamogram.



# Why to perform a UDS?

- ▶ The information can be used to:
  - ▶ Diagnose the underlying cause of the lower urinary tract dysfunction
  - ▶ Characterize the lower urinary tract dysfunction
  - ▶ Formulate treatment strategies
  - ▶ Improve therapeutic outcomes
  - ▶ Educate patients regarding their condition.





# Questions before the study

- ▶ Is there a clear indication for the chosen test?
  - ▶ Will it aid in diagnosis?
  - ▶ Will it aid in making management decisions or assist in patient counselling?
- ▶ Is this the most appropriate test?
  - ▶ Would a simpler test answer the clinical questions?
  - ▶ Is a more complex test more likely to answer all clinical questions?
- ▶ Are there appropriate local facilities and expertise to perform the chosen test?



# Bladder diary



## Bladder diary

Week commencing:

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
6 am	300				350						200		190	
7 am			200				250		350		100			170
8 am		50				150				250		190		
9 am	250	150		100			150							
10 am					150			200						100
11 am	175	100			175				200		180			
12.00			250			100						150		130
1 pm							200			200				
2 pm	190	W		130	150			175				270		
3 pm						W			100	W	270			
4 pm								W						
5 pm	300	200				150	200			150		W		W
6 pm			190		200									
7 pm		75		W				150			100		180	
8 pm					100				200	175				
9 pm	150	100												120
10 pm			150						175		190			175
11 pm							100			100				
12.00				50		W		100			100			
1 am														100
2 am		W								W		W		120
3 am						120								
4 am														
5 am			150											
Waking	6 am		7.45 am		7.30 am		7.00 am		6.30 am		7.45 am		7.40 am	
Retiring	12.30 am		11.30 pm		12.51 am		Midnight		Midnight		12.30 am		11.30 pm	
Pad usage	3		1		2		4		3		5		2	

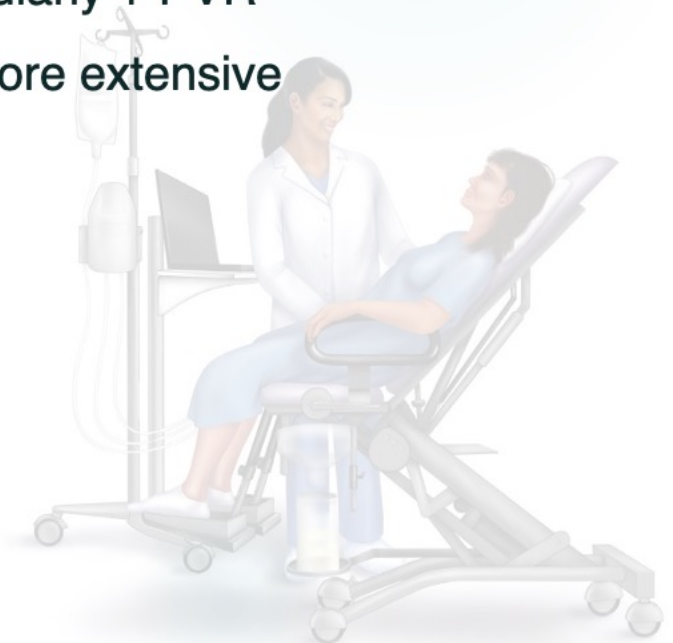
# Pad testing





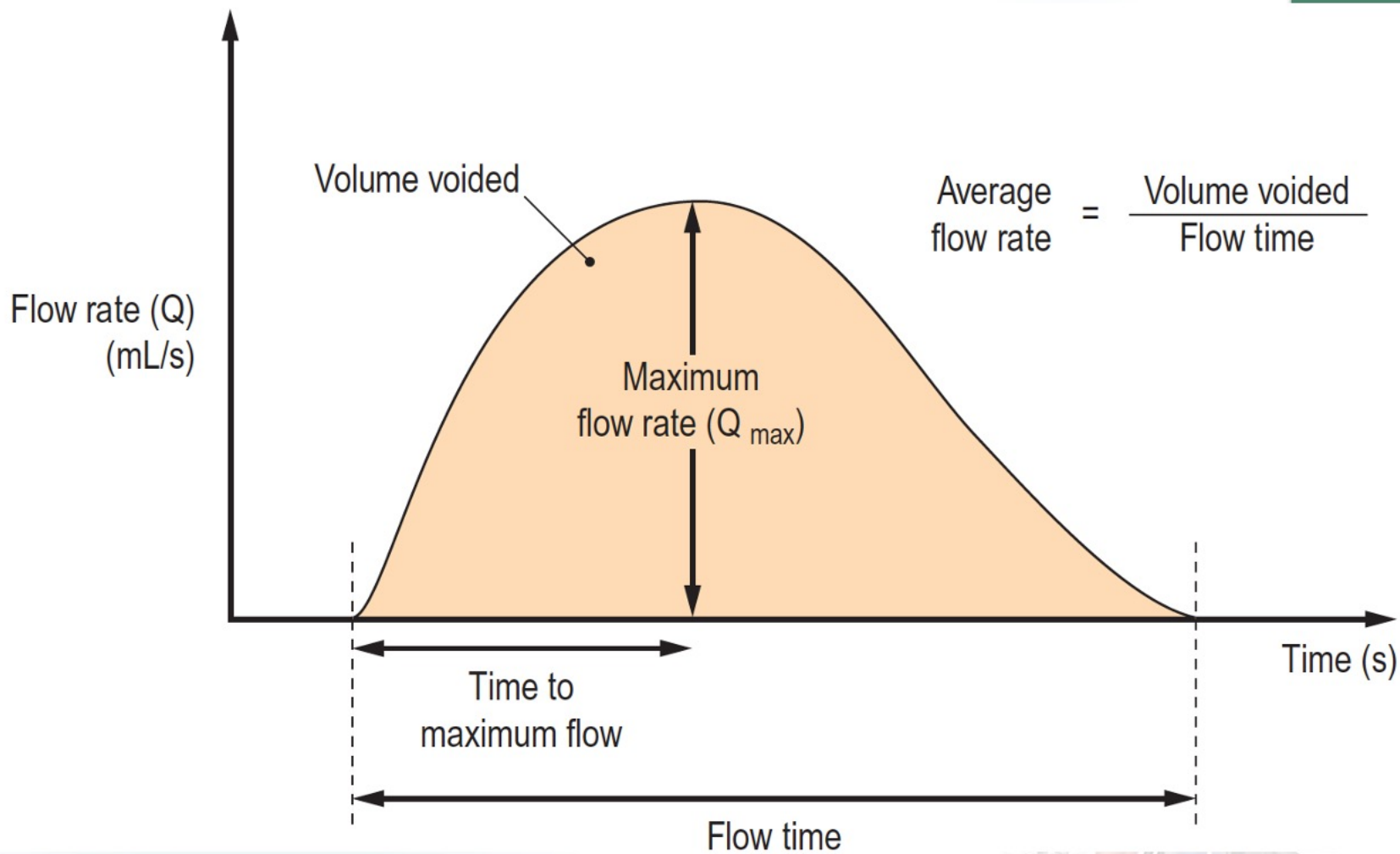
# Uroflowmetry

- ▶ Uroflowmetry is the **simplest** and often **most useful** investigation in the assessment of patients with predominantly **voiding symptoms**
  - ▶ Support the diagnosis of BOO or DUA
  - ▶ Excellent screening tool for BOO, particularly + PVR
  - ▶ Identifying those patients who require more extensive UDS

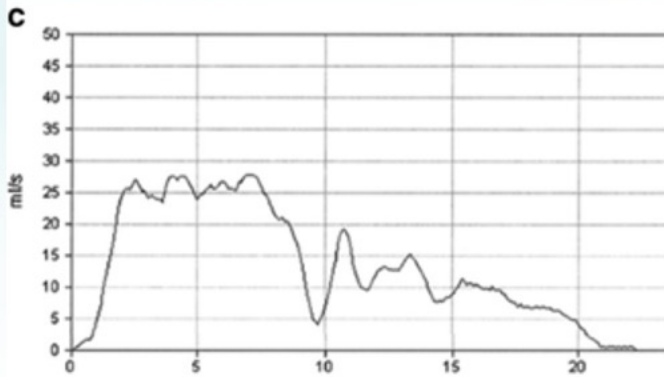
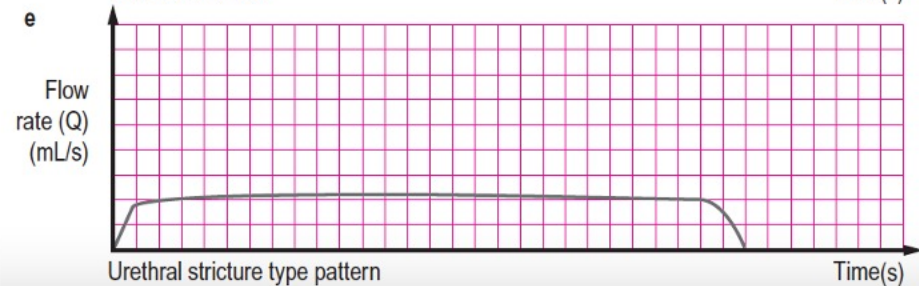
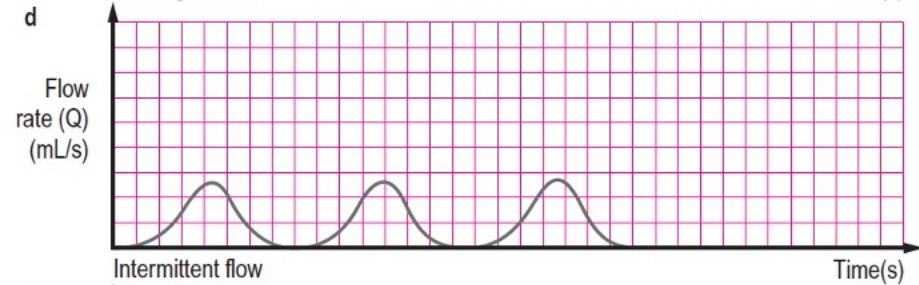
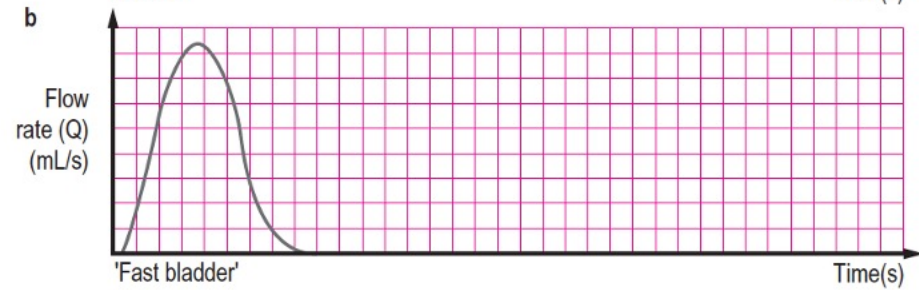
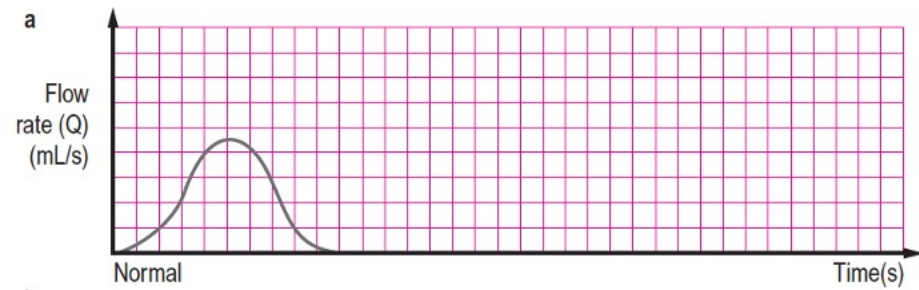


# Flowmeter

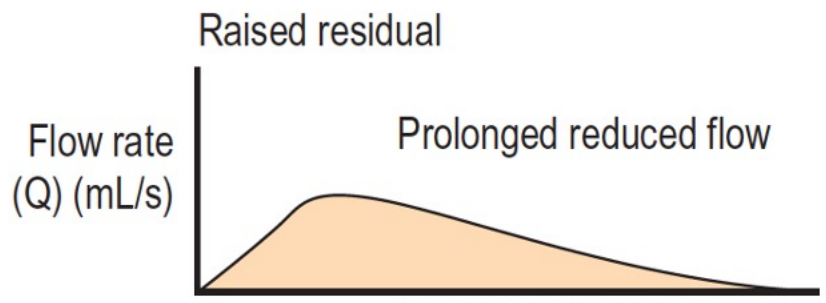
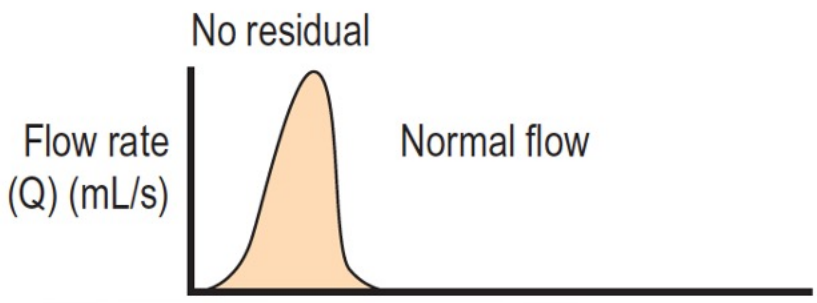
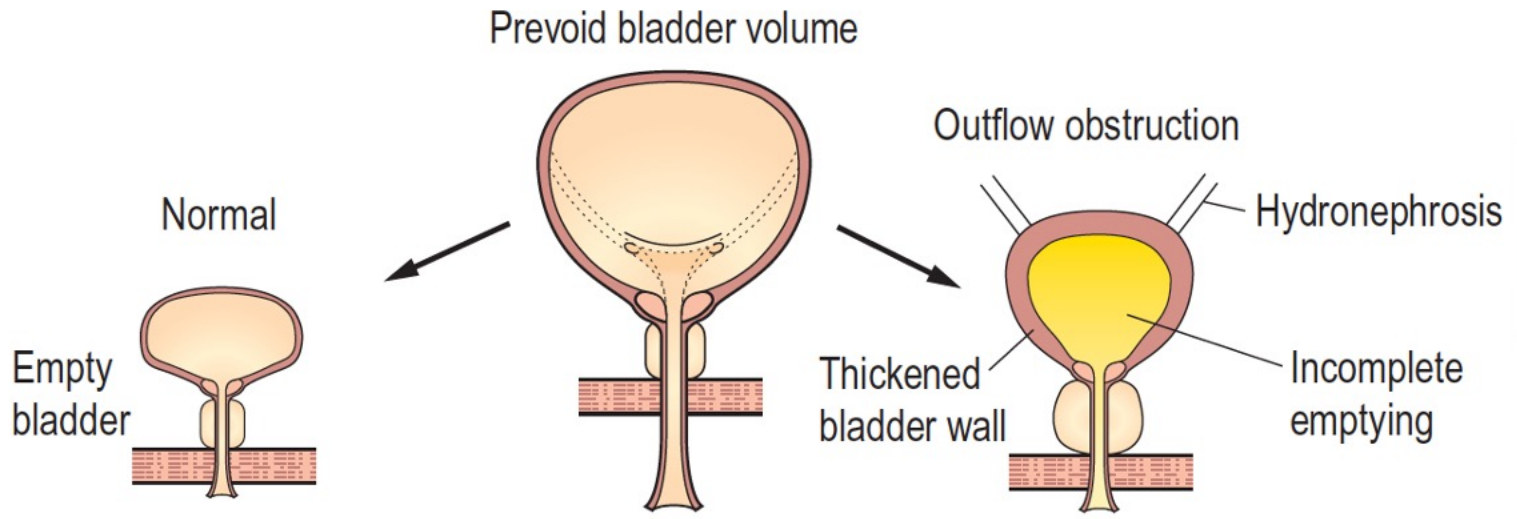




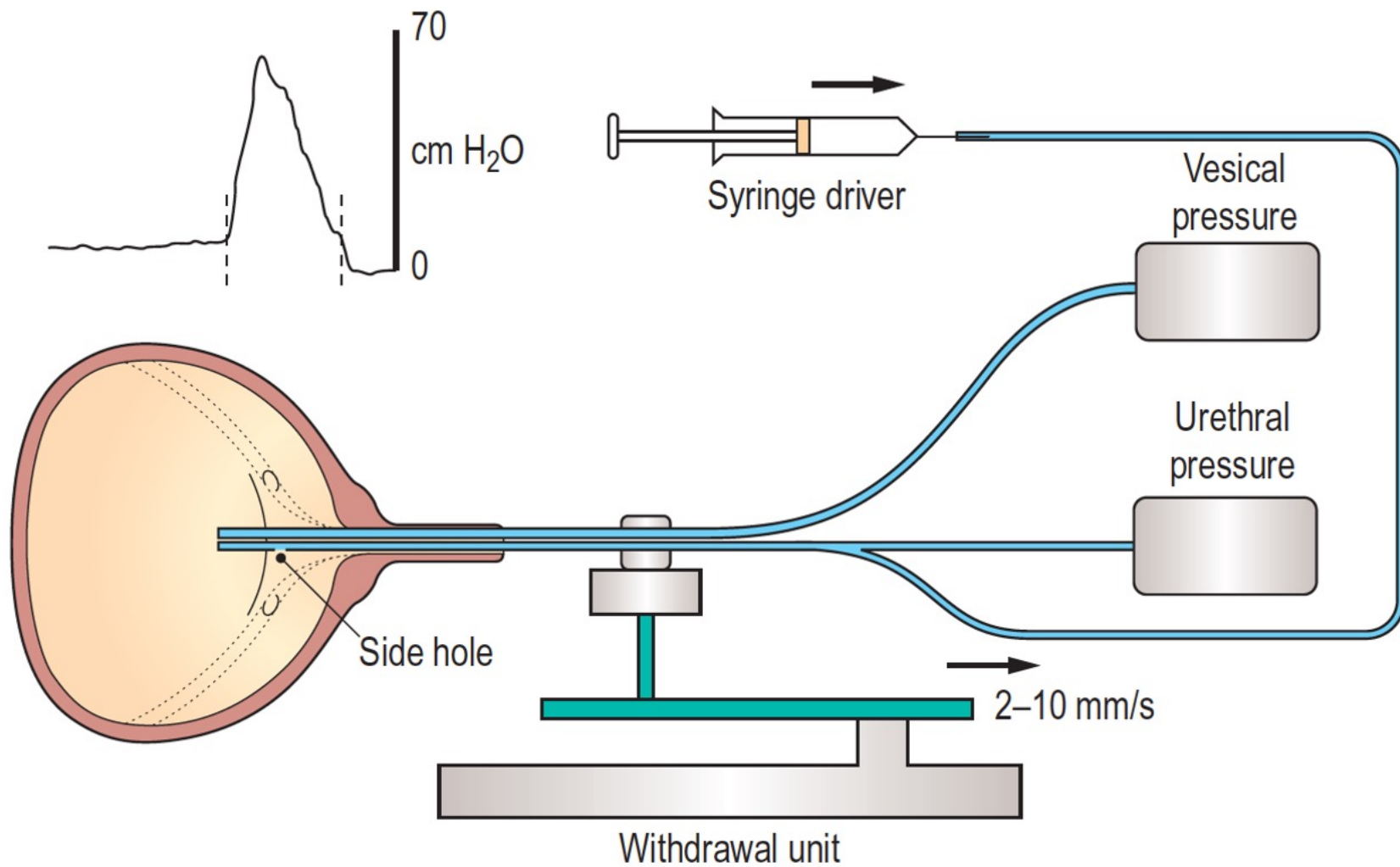
# Flow patterns



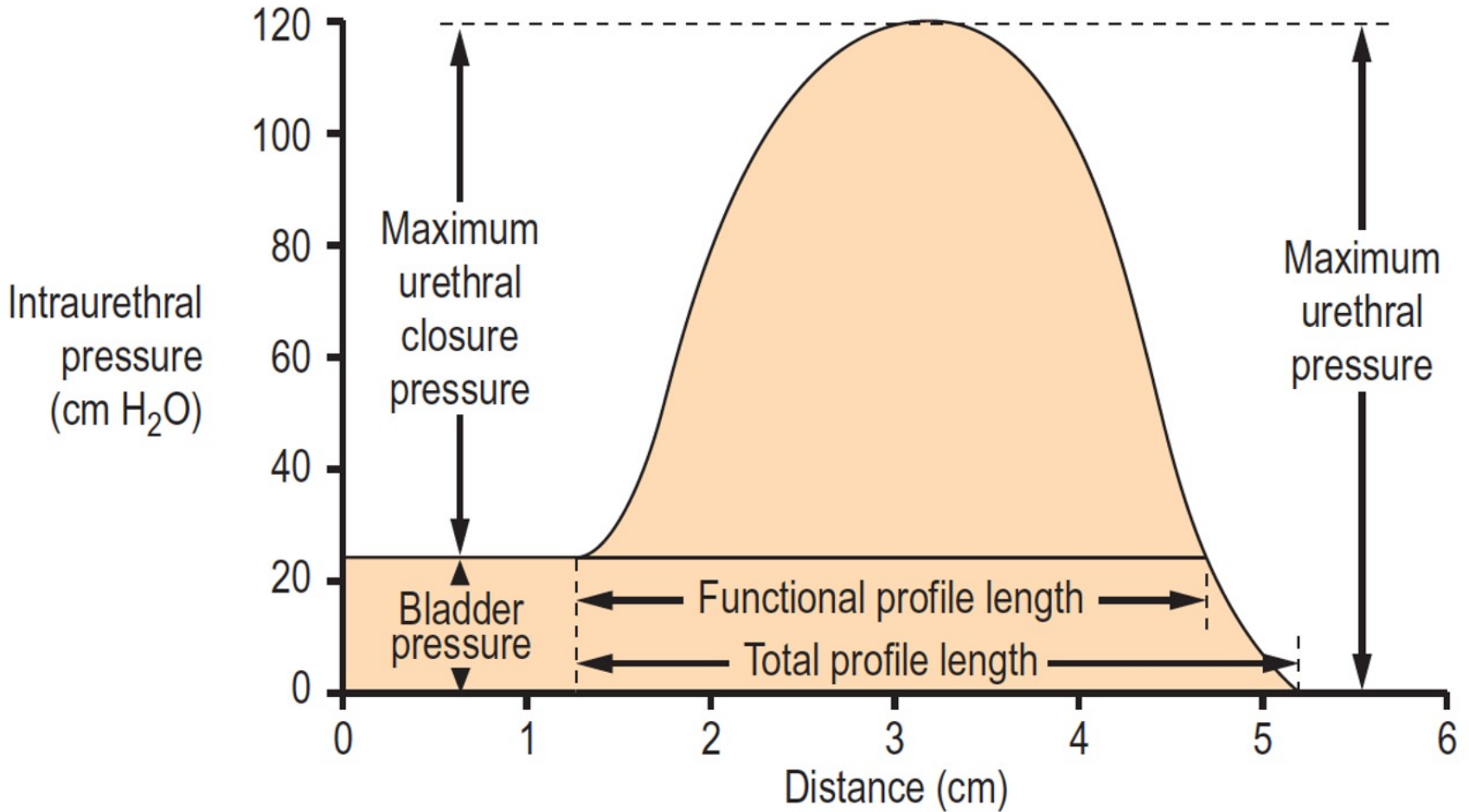
# Ultrasound cystodynamogram



# Urethral pressure profilometry



# UPP



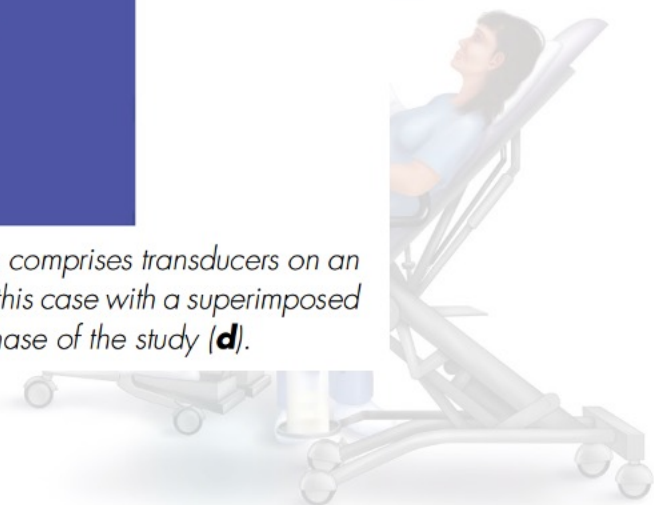
# Pressure/flow cystometry

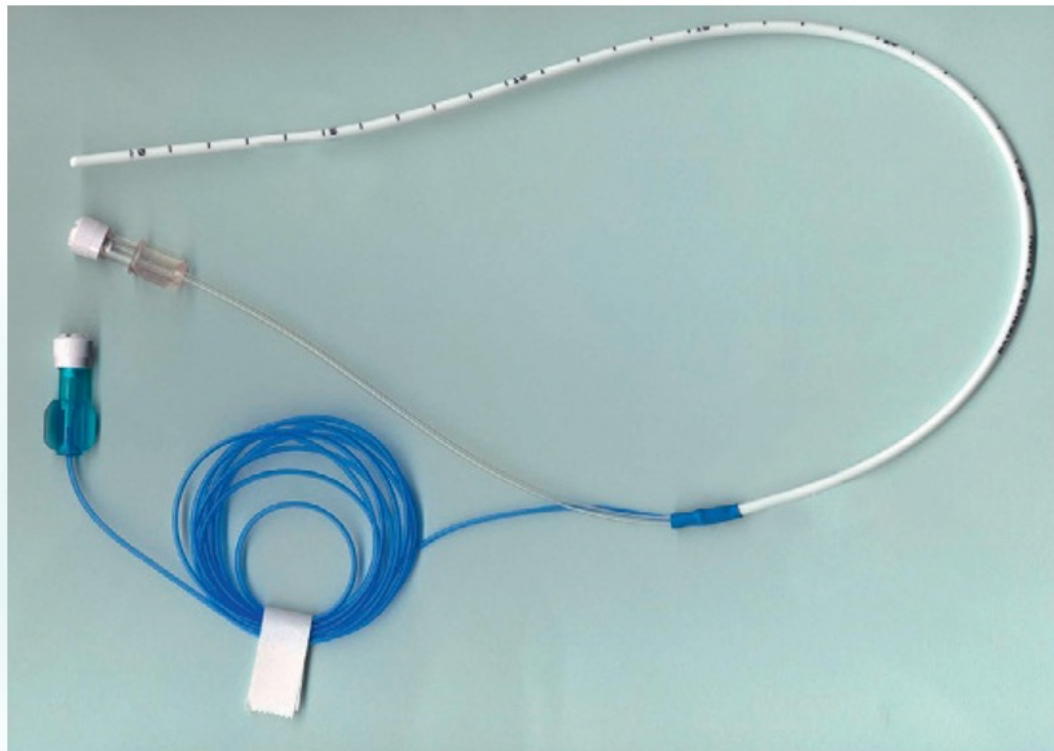




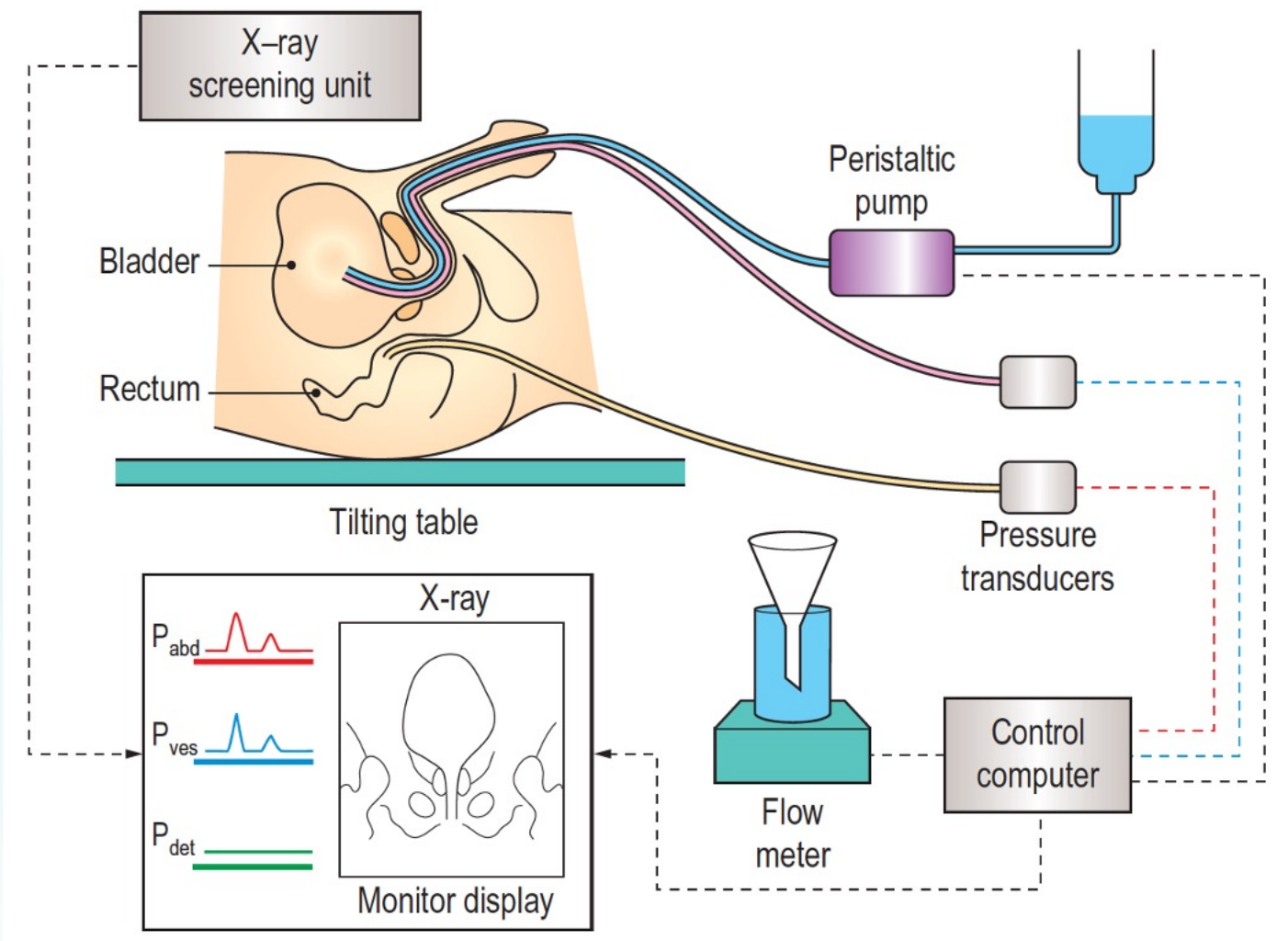


**Fig. 4.2 Typical pressure flow workstation.** The workstation comprises transducers on an adjustable-height stand (**a**); a pump for bladder filling (**b**); a display, in this case with a superimposed screening image (**c**); and a uroflowmeter for use during the voiding phase of the study (**d**).

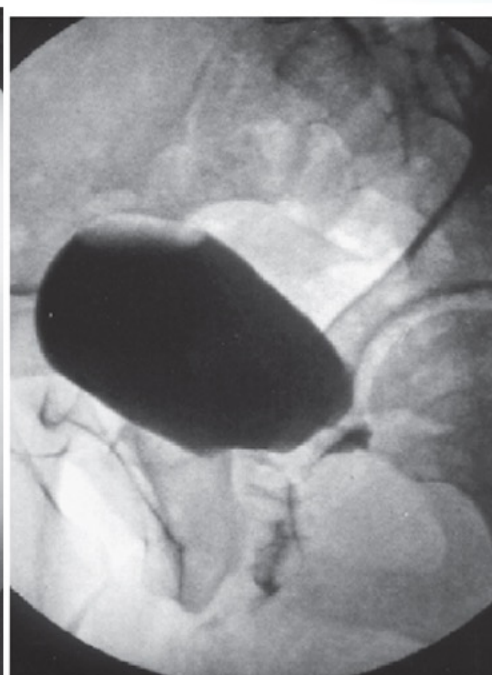
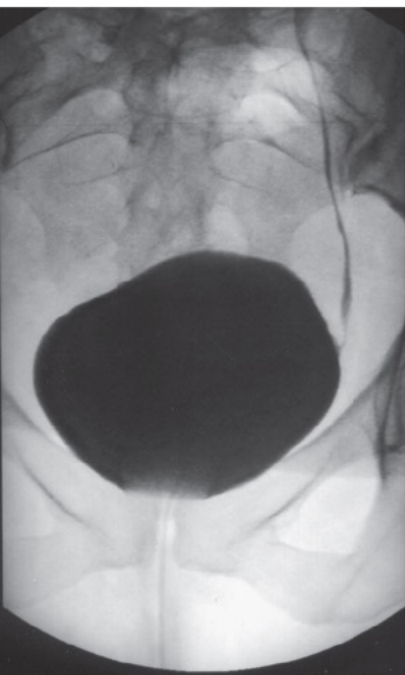




# Video urodynamic

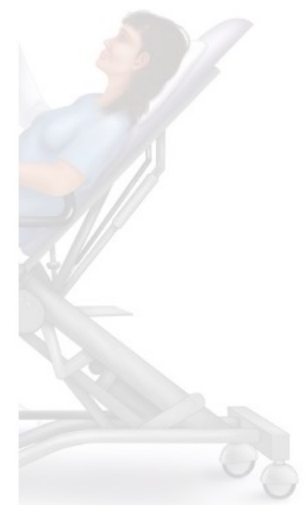
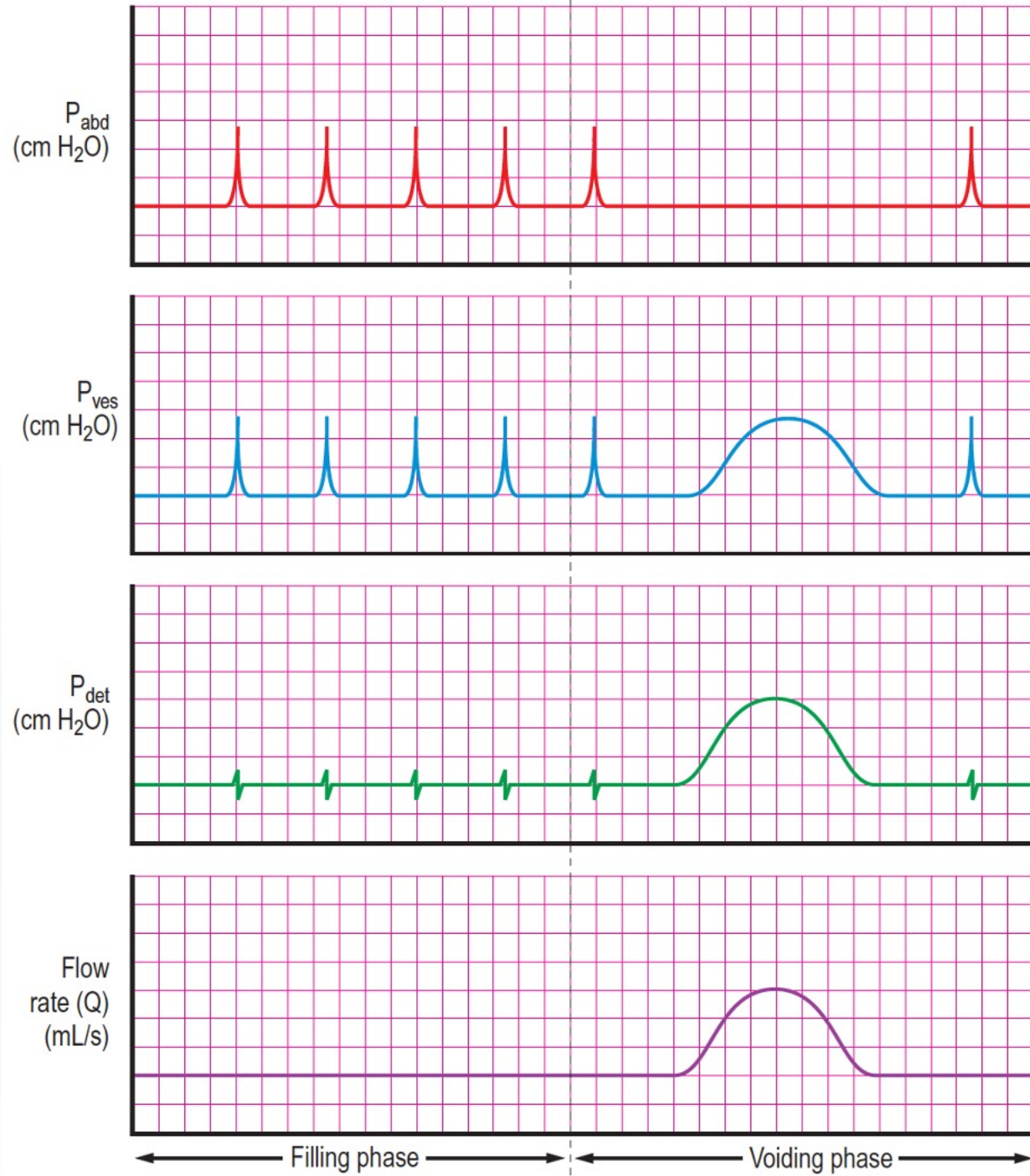


# VUDS



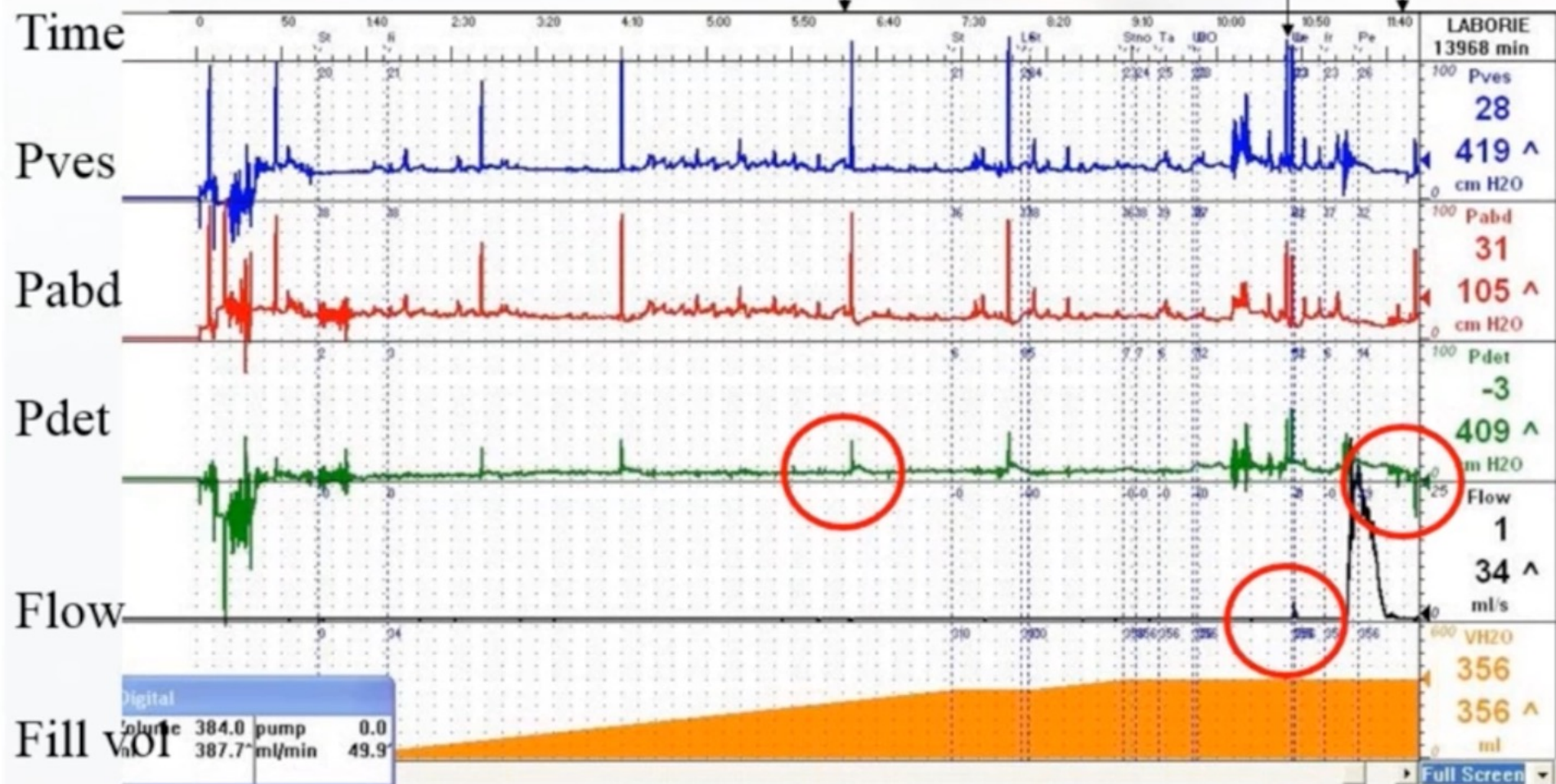
# Ambulatory Urodynamic Monitoring (AUM)



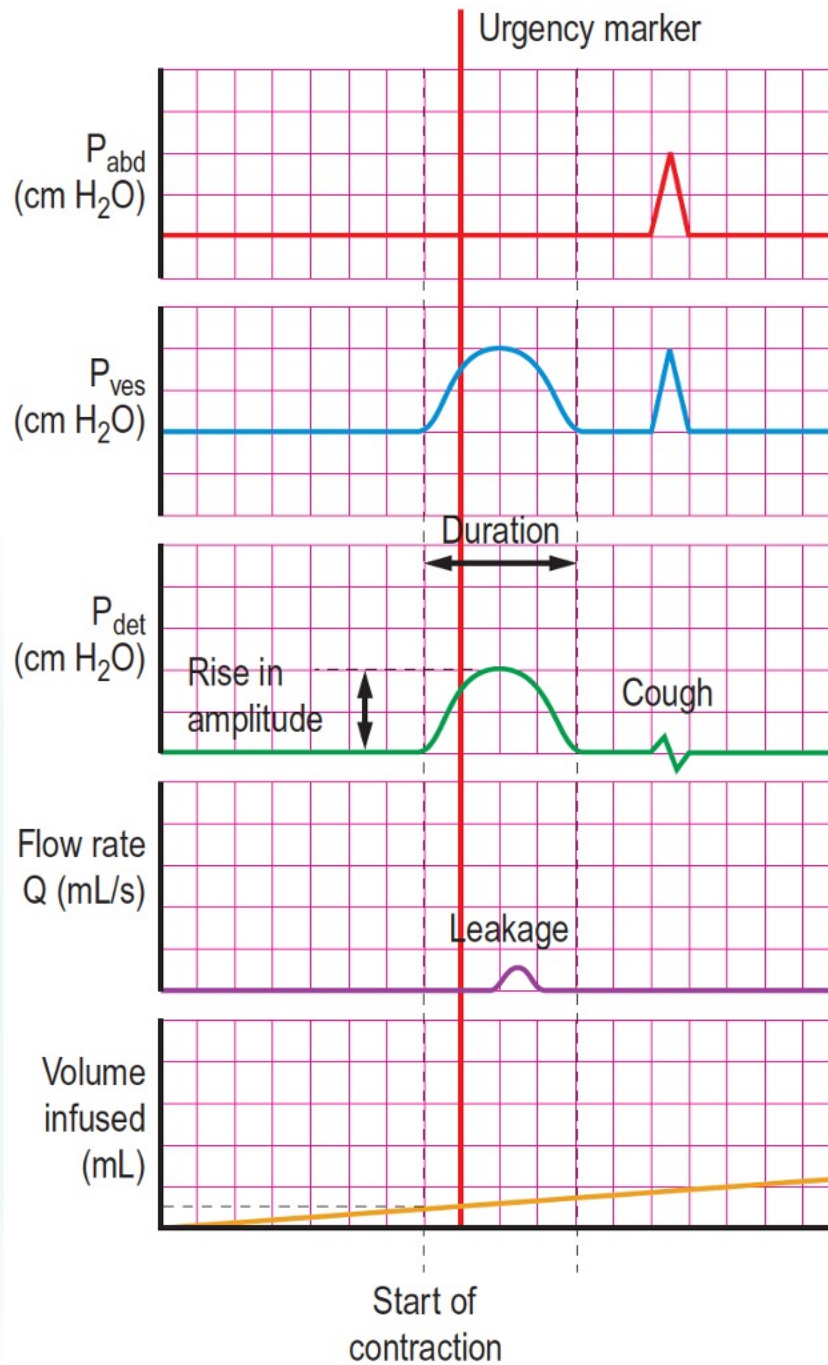


# Checking recording quality

Zero atm    Resting pressures    Cough test    *Cough series*    Cough test

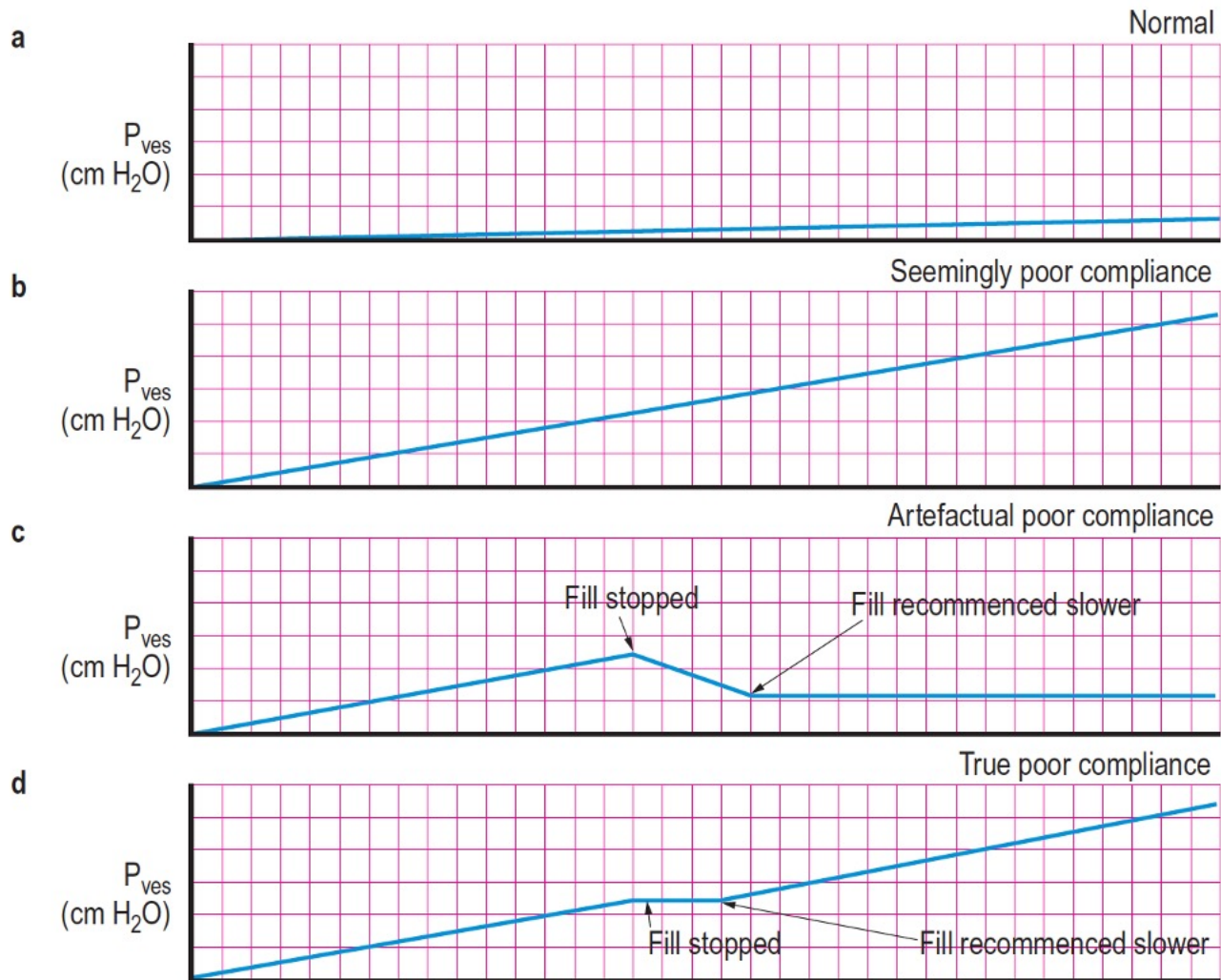


# DO

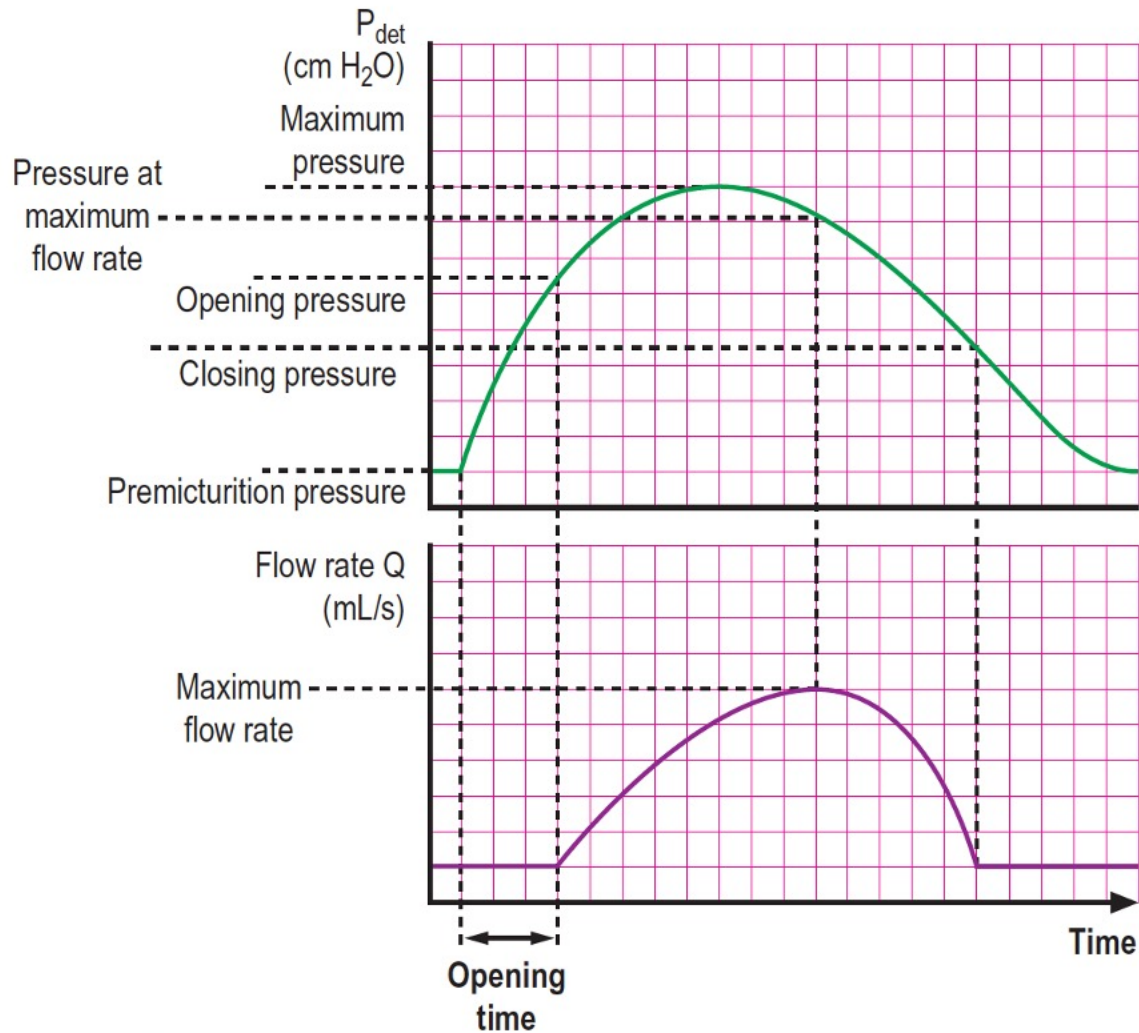




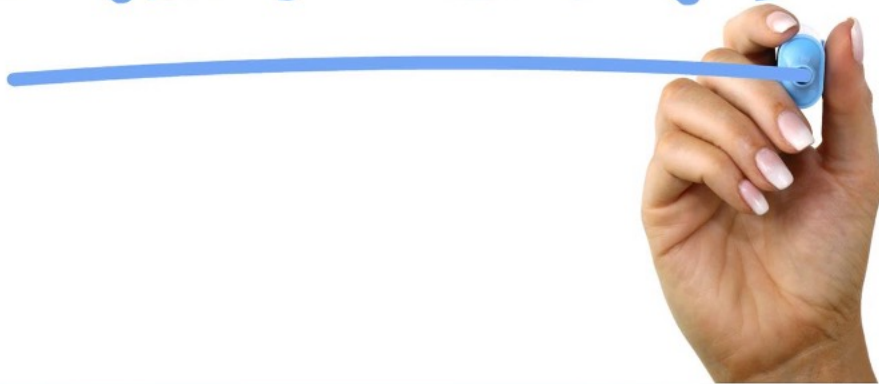
# Compliance



# PFS



# REPORT



## Conventional urodynamic report

Patient Details

Date of study: / /

		Fill Number																				
		1	2																			
<b>Filling</b>	Fill rate (mL/min)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Baseline P <sub>det</sub> (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	First sensation filling (mL)*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Cystometric capacity (mL)*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Compliance (0 = normal; 1 = reduced)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
	<b>Overactivity</b>																					
	Fill (0 = nil; 1 = phasic; 2 = nonphasic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
	Cough	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
	Posture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
	Contraction no.	<table border="1"><tr><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th><th>5</th></tr><tr><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<table border="1"><tr><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th><th>5</th></tr><tr><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td><td><input type="text"/></td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
1	2	3	4	5																		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																		
1	2	3	4	5																		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																		
Vol. at contraction	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																				
Max. rise in P <sub>det</sub>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																				
Pre-micturition pressure (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																				
*Filling volume (need to add initial residual in formal data recording)																						
<b>Voiding</b>	Opening P <sub>det</sub> (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	P <sub>det.max</sub> (cm H <sub>2</sub> O) (Not P <sub>det.iso</sub> )	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	P <sub>det</sub> at peak flow (mL/s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Peak flow rate (mL/s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	P <sub>det.iso</sub> (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	After contraction (0 = no; 1 = yes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
	P <sub>det</sub> (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Volume voided (mL)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Residual urine (mL)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
	Calculated initial residual urine (mL)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>																			
<b>Video</b>	Bladder outline <input type="checkbox"/>	R	L																			
	VUR Grade <input type="checkbox"/>	Grade as defined by International Reflux Study Group (Grades 1-5)																				
		Males	Females																			
Bladder neck		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
		In men: 1 = normal opening with void; 2 = poor opening In women: 1 = closed; 2 = open with fill; 3 = open with standing; 4 = open with stress																				
Stop test (M)/position (F)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>																			
		In men: 1 = normal; 2 = trapping present; 3 = equivocal; 9 = not done In women: 4 = well supported; 5 = descent on stress; 6 = prolapse																				
Prostatic urethra		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 = normal opening; 2 = attenuated; 3 = DSD; 4 = indeterminate																				
Anterior urethra		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 = normal; 2 = stricture; 3 = unsure																				

Comments/Report

Thank  
you! ☺



# Urodynamics in BPH (LUTS)



**NARJES SABERI**

Assistant Professor of Urology

Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

August 5, 2021





# the **AUA**/SUFU Urodynamics Guideline

- ▶ states that “Clinicians should perform pressure-flow studies in men

**when it is important to determine if urodynamic obstruction is present in men with LUTS**, particularly when invasive, potentially morbid, or irreversible treatments are considered (Standard; Evidence Strength: grade B)



# The **EAU** Guidelines

- Pressure-flow studies should be performed only in individual patients **for specific indications before surgery or when evaluation of the underlying pathophysiology of LUTS is warranted** (level 3, grade B recommendation).

History of unsuccessful (invasive) treatment for LUTS (GR B)

age > 80 (GR C)

age < 50 (GR B)

Pvr > 300 cc (GR C)

Voided volume < 150 cc (GR C)



# The EAU Guidelines

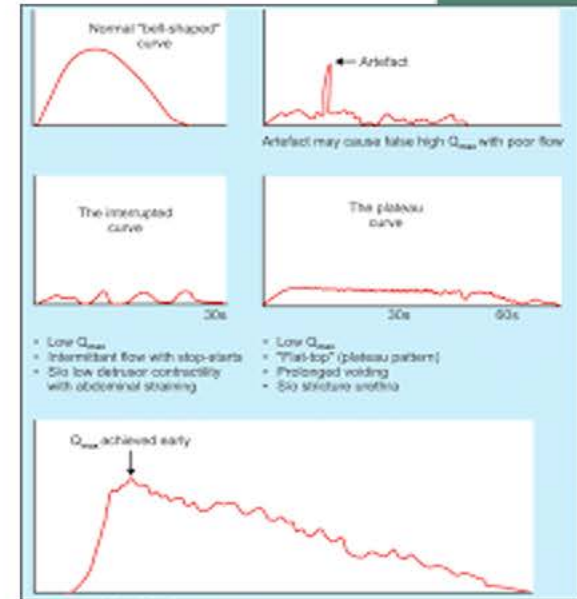
- ▶ • “Clinicians may perform multichannel filling cystometry when it is important to determine if **altered compliance, DO or other urodynamic abnormalities are present (or not) in patients with urgency incontinence** in whom invasive, potentially morbid, or irreversible treatments are considered. (Option; Evidence Strength: Grade C)” .





# Uroflowmetry

- ▶ max flow rate and shape of curve may produce more reliable indicators of BOO
- ▶  $Q_{max}$  is the most reliable variable in detecting abnormal voiding, and influenced by several factors:
  - age & sex: decreases with age in men.
  - chance: multiple trials increases accuracy.
  - volume of voided urine: 150 cc or more.



# Uroflowmetry

## ▶ Uroflow and BOO:

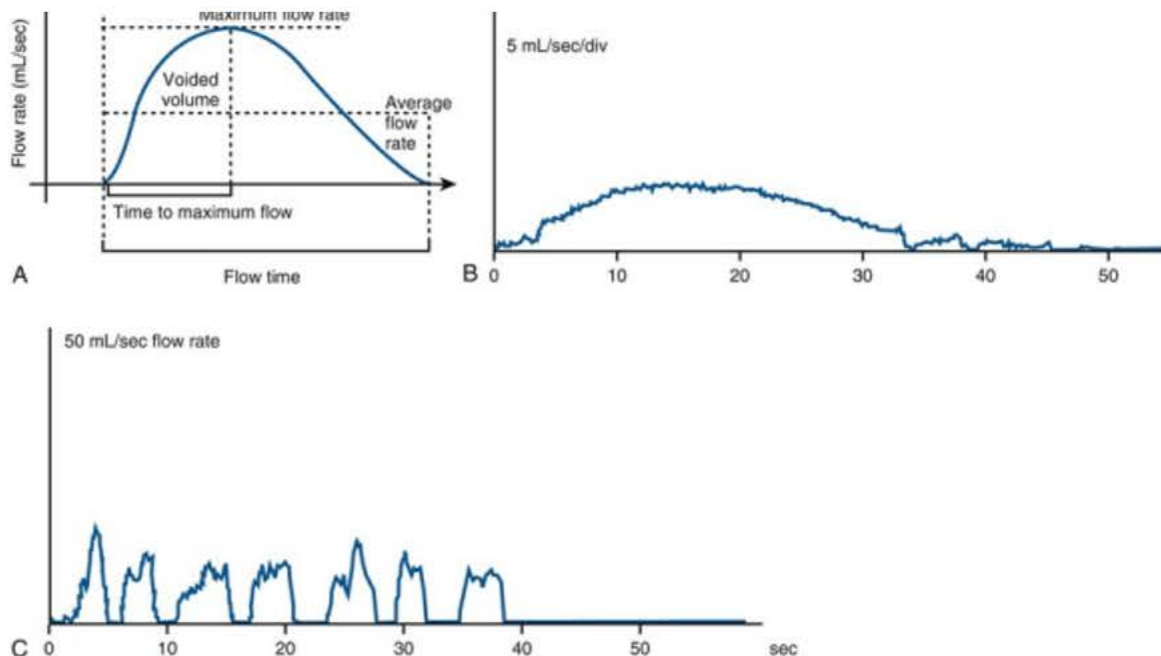
-in general the test alone **is insufficient to diagnose BOO.**

-McLoughlin (1990) demonstrated that  **$Q_{max} < 12cc/s$**  was a good indicator for obstruction.

-concept of high flow obstruction:

$Q_{max} < 15ml/sec$ , detrusor pressure  $> 100cmH_2O$  in symptomatic patient.



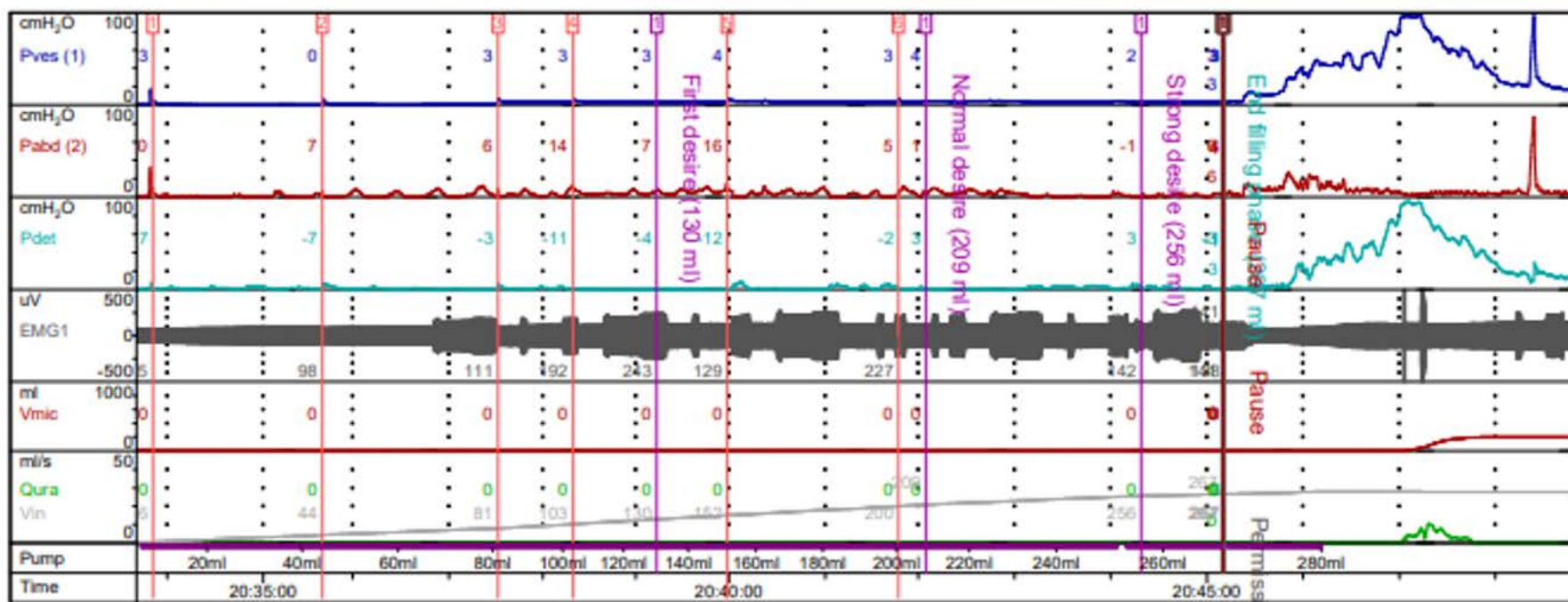


**FIG. 114.1** Examples of uroflow curves. (A) normal bell-shaped flow curve of flow rate versus time. (B) flattened pattern usually indicative of obstruction. (C) An interrupted or straining pattern that can be seen with impaired bladder contractility, obstruction, or voiding with or by abdominal straining. (A, from Wein AJ, English WS, Whitmore KE. Office



# PFS ( pressure flow study)

Graph



# PFS ( pressure flow study)

## ► Indications for pressure-flow studies:

- LUTS in pt with hx of **neurologic disease** (CVA, Parkinson's).
- LUTS with **normal flow rates** ( $Q_{max} > 15\text{cc}/\text{min}$ ).
- younger men with LUTS.
- men whom LUTS sx of **bladder instability** rather than flow disorder.
- men with little **endoscopic evidence** of prostate occlusion.



# Indications for pressure-flow studies:

- to differentiate between pts with a low  $Q_{max}$  sec. to obstruction, from those sec. To poor contractility.
- Identify pt with normal flow rates but high pressure obstruction.





# PFS

## ► Terminology:

- *the detrusor opening pressure:*

$P_{det}$  recorded at the onset of measured flow.

- *the detrusor pressure at maximal flow:*

the magnitude of micturation contraction at the time when the flow rate is at its maximum.

$P_{det}$  more accurately measures bladder wall contractions





# PFS

- ▶ Normal male generally voids with Pdet 40-60 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, and woman with lower pressure.
- ▶ Detrusor opening pressure **> 80cm** may indicate outflow obstruction.
- ▶ detrusor pressure at Qmax **> 100cm** implies outlet obstruction even if flow rate is normal.





# PFS

- ▶ Pressure-flow plots:
    - for PFS equivocal results.
    - Many models available.
- 1- Abrams-Griffiths nomogram.**
  - 2- Schafer method.**
  - 3- ICS provisional nomogram**



# BLADDER OUTLET OBSTRUCTION INDEX(BOOI)

## ▶ Abrams-Griffiths nomogram

- ▶ Divides obstructed from equivocal from unobstructed pattern.
- ▶ AG number(BOOI) =  $(P_{det} Q_{max}) - 2(Q_{max})$
- ▶ Men are considered obstructed if BOOI  $\geq 40$ , unobstructed if BOOI  $\leq 20$ , and equivocal if BOOI is 20 to 40.

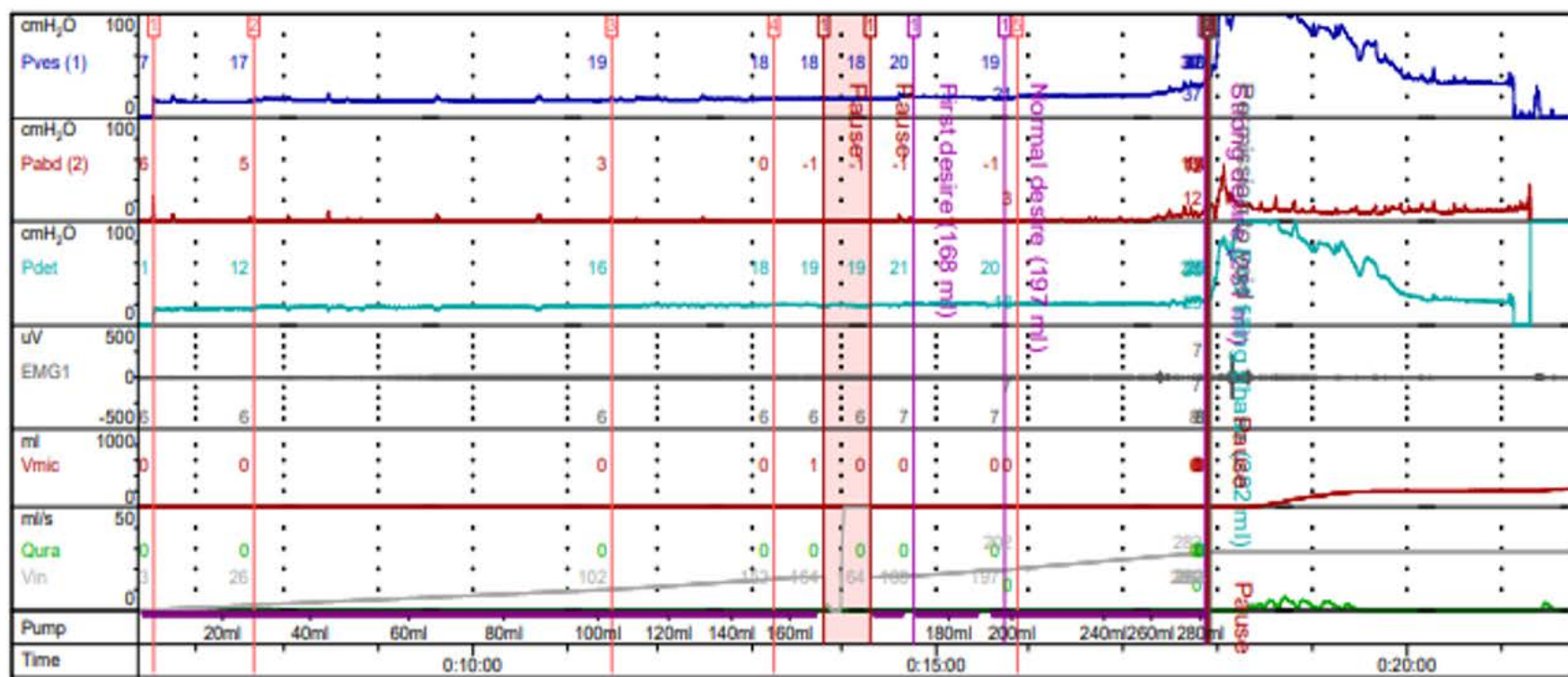




# AG(BOOI) number?

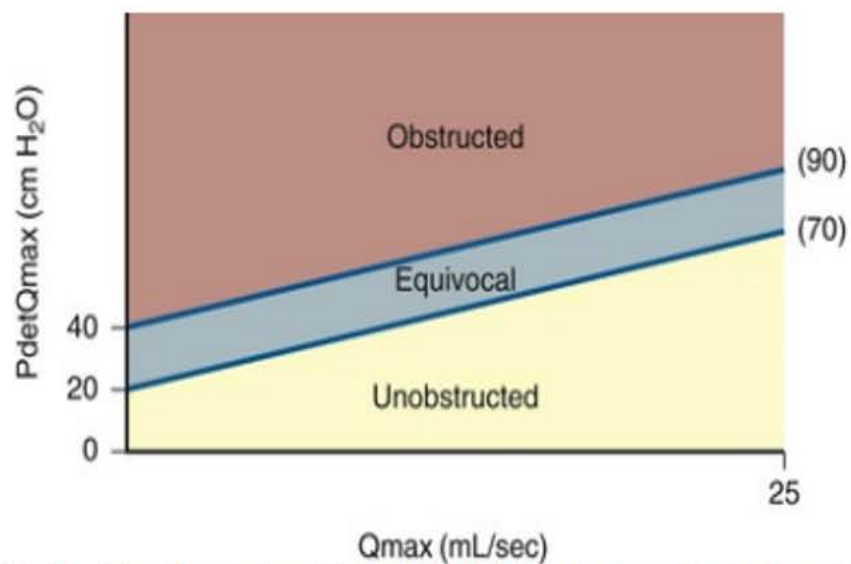
- ▶  $P_{det}/Q_{max}=100\text{cmH}_2\text{O}$
- ▶  $Q_{max}=7\text{cm H}_2\text{o}$

## Graph



# ICS nomogram

- ▶ described the ICS provisional nomogram which is now suggested for use for the diagnosis of obstruction in men with LUTS suggestive of BPH.



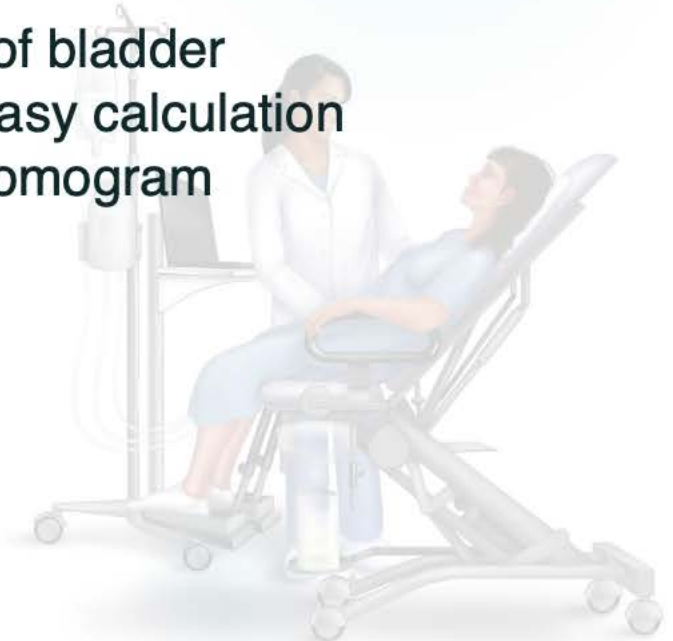
**FIG. 114.15** The Provisional International Continence Society nomogram. See text for details.



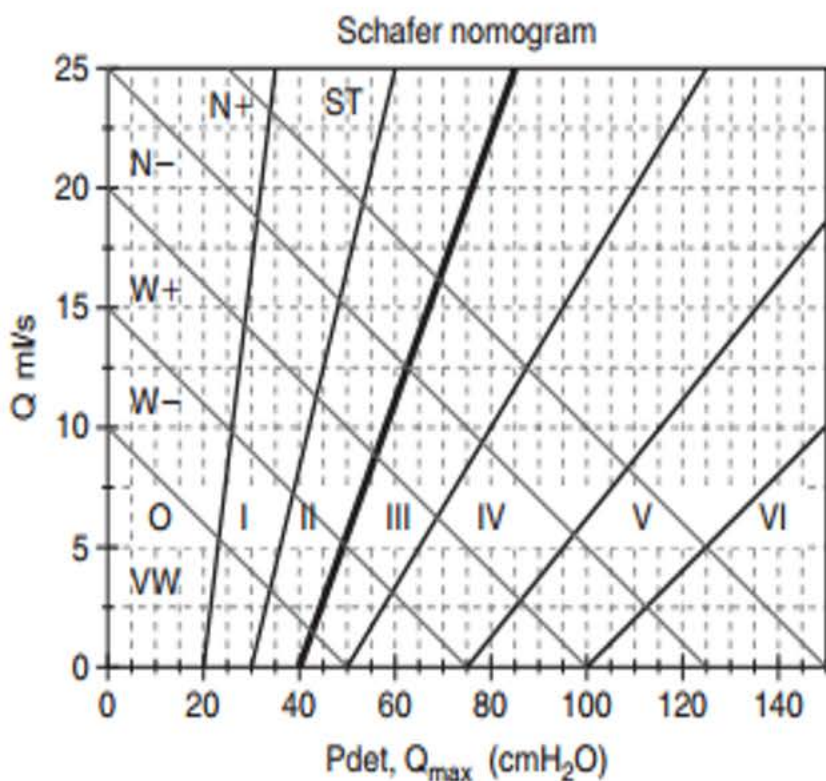


# BLADDER CONTRACTILITY INDEX

- ▶  $P_{det}/Q_{max} + 5(Q_{max})$
- ▶ Strong contractility is a BCI greater than **150**
- ▶ normal contractility is a BCI of **100 to 150**
- ▶ weak contractility is a BCI less than **100** .
- ▶ The BCI is the most common measure of bladder contractility used today because of its easy calculation and relationship to the BOOI and ICS nomogram

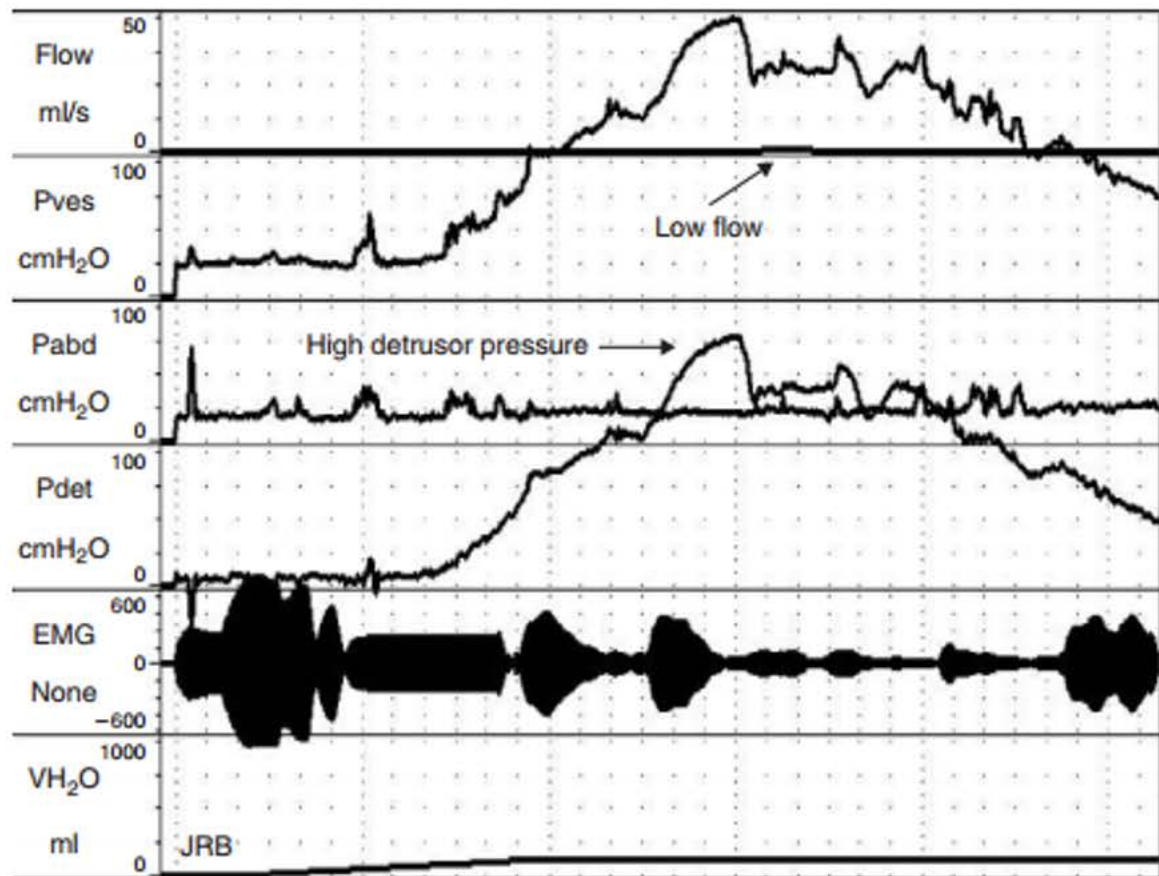


# Schafer method

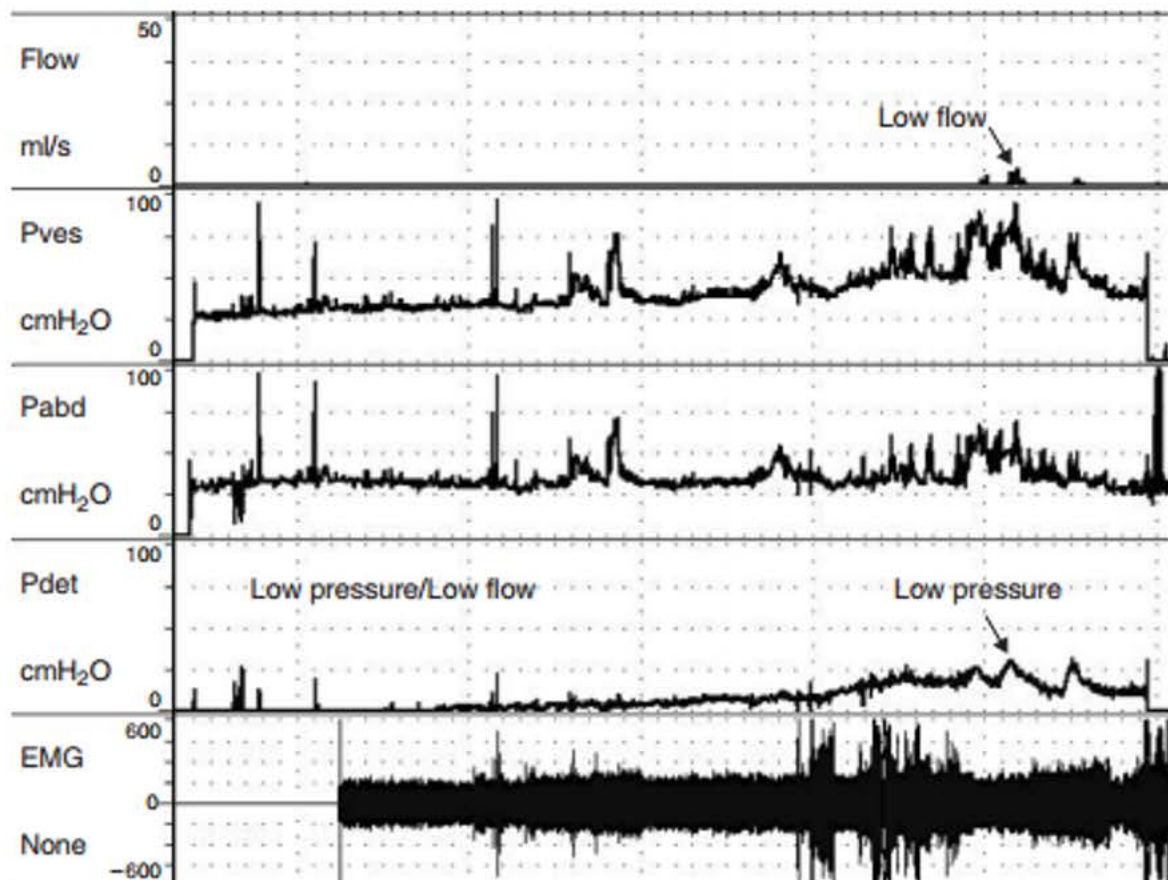


**Fig. 10.4** Schafer nomogram showing 6 point obstruction scale and 5 point detrusor contractility. O-VI refers to increasing grades of obstructions. VW to ST refer to increasing detrusor strength. VW = very weak; W<sup>-</sup> + W<sup>+</sup> = weak; N<sup>-</sup> and N<sup>+</sup> = normal; ST very strong.





**Fig. 10.2 Urethral obstruction.** Prostatic obstruction in a 73-year-old man with Parkinson's disease. Urodynamic study.  $Q_{max} = 1 \text{ ml/s}$ ,  $P_{det@Q_{max}} = 150 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$ ,  $P_{detmax} = 187 \text{ cmH}_2\text{O}$ , voided volume = 33 ml, and PVR = 88 ml.



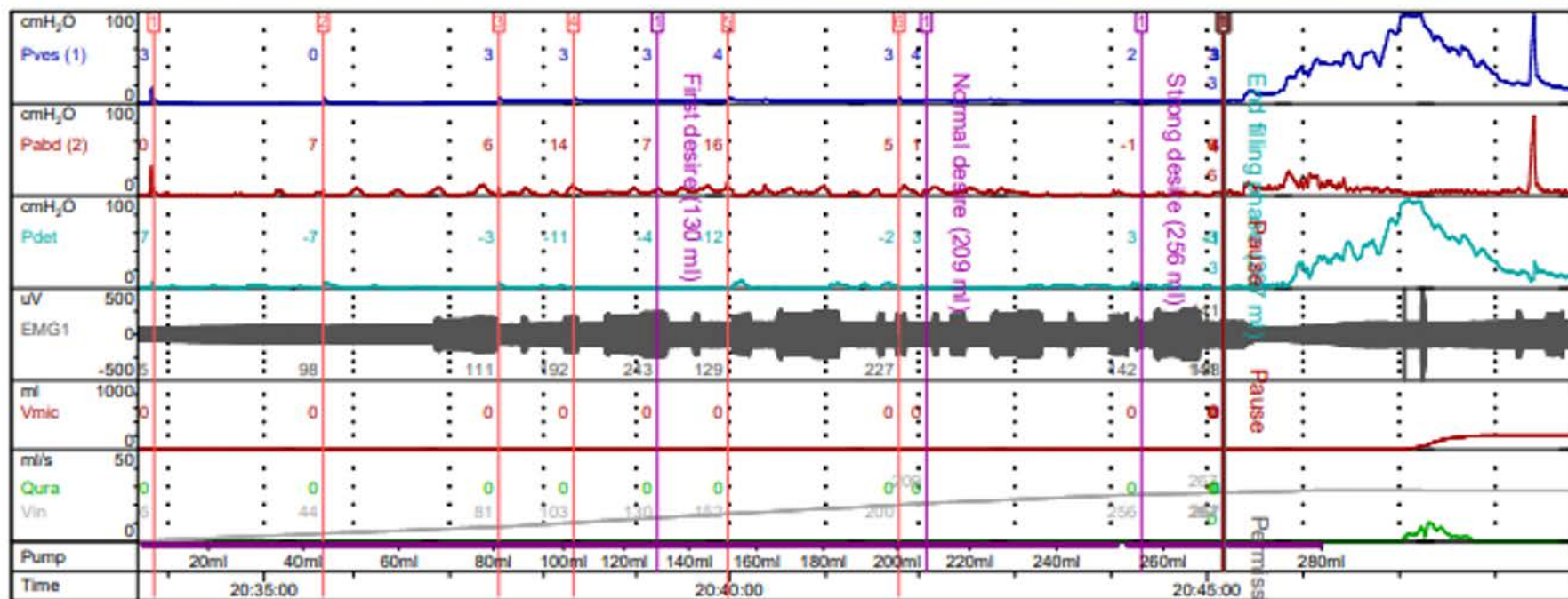
**Fig. 10.3** Impaired detrusor contractility (low pressure, low flow). Pdet@ Q<sub>max</sub> = 28 cmH<sub>2</sub>O, Q<sub>max</sub> = 2 ml/s, and Pdet@P<sub>max</sub> = 28 cmH<sub>2</sub>O.





# BOOI? BCI?

Graph





$P_{det}/Q_{max}=100$

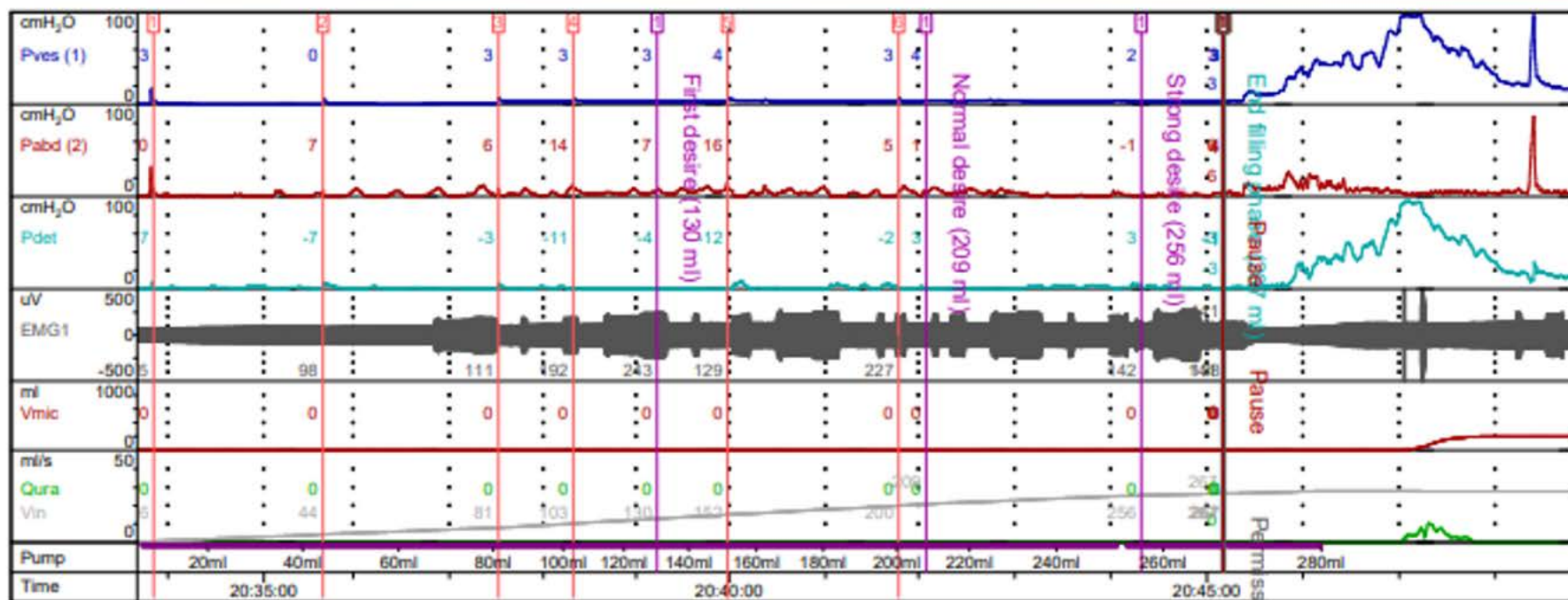
$Q_{max}=10$

$BOOI=80$

$BCI=150$

**OBSTRUCTION**

### Graph







# Urogynecology and Urodynamic study indications



**M ZARGHAM MD**

Associate Professor Of Urology  
Isfahan University Of Medical Sciences

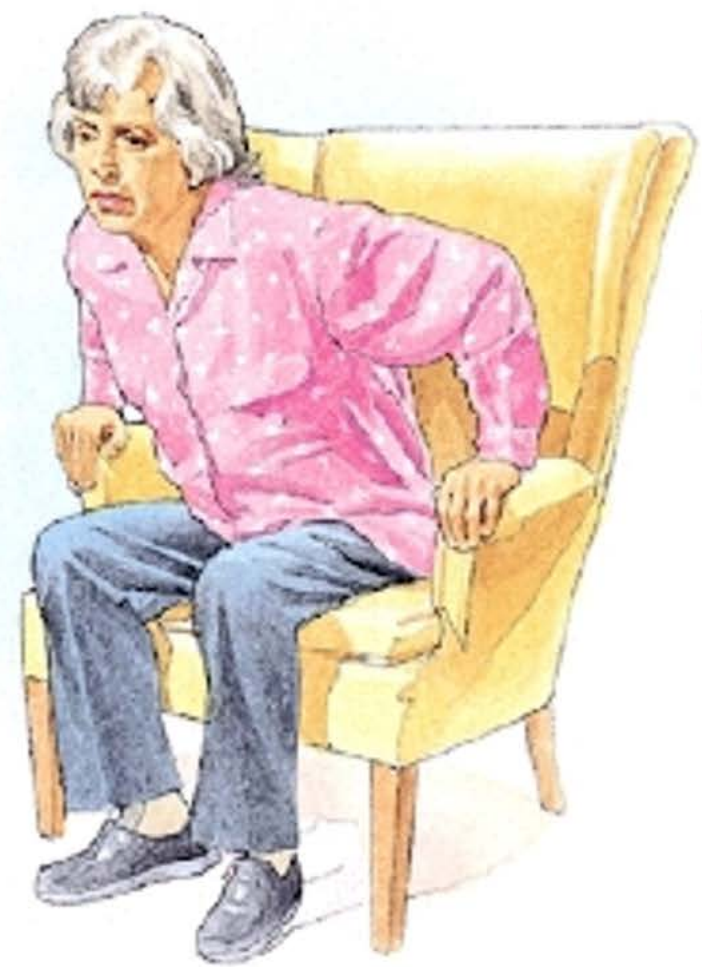
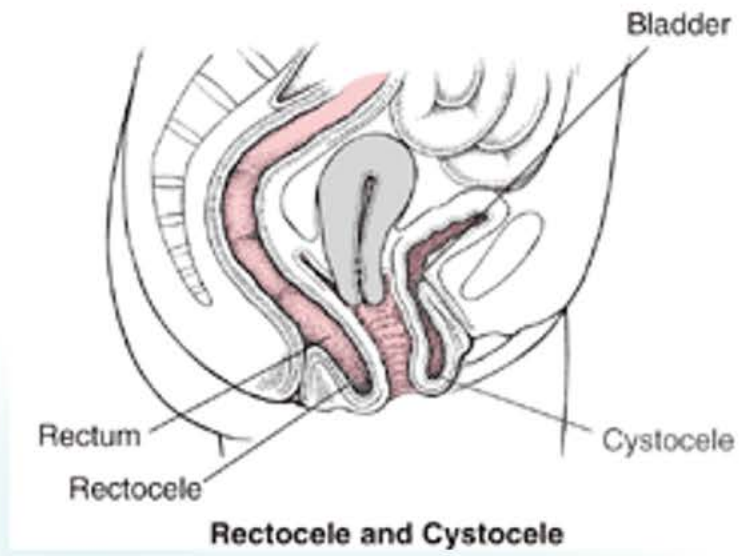
August 5, 2021





*The reliability and clinical impact of urodynamics (UDS) remains one of the most debated issues in urogynecology.*





**First Case:**

Difficult voiding  
Failed colprorrhaphy &  
antiincontinence  
surgery

Vaginal exam;  
positive cough test,,  
no atrophy, cystocele  
grade:3 and  
rectocele grade 2 ,no

**Table 4** Urodynamic studies.

Guideline	Recommendation
EAU	<p>Do not perform if pursuing conservative treatment (Grade B)</p> <p>Counsel that UDS does not predict treatment outcome (Grade C)</p> <p>Use UDS if results will alter treatment recommendation and management</p>
ICI	<p>Use UDS if results will alter treatment recommendation and management</p>
AUA/SUFU UDS guideline	<p>Option: perform in patients with UII if considering invasive treatment</p>
NICE	<p>Consider if diagnosis unclear, history of prior surgery for SUI, or for symptoms suspicious for detrusor overactivity or voiding dysfunction (Level 4)</p>
All guidelines reviewed	<p>Use UDS if there is recurrent UI after failure of invasive treatments</p>



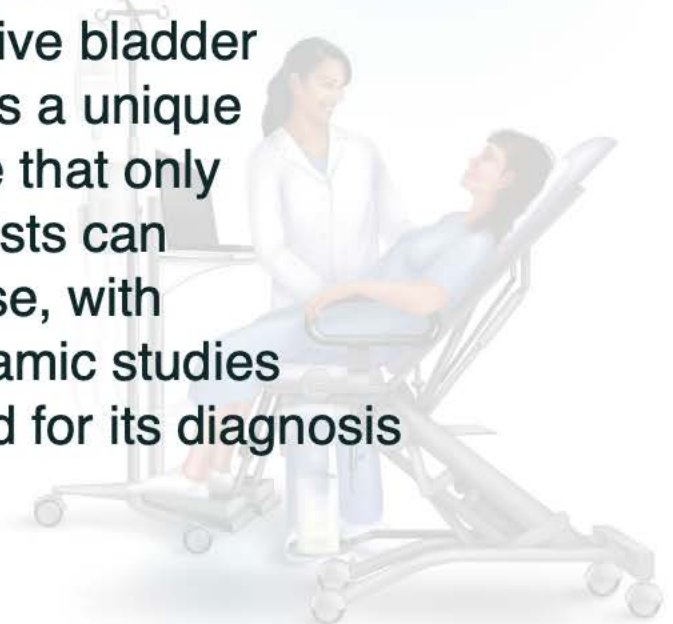


Second Case: 38 yr old  
with history of MS  
presented with over  
active bladder and mixed  
UI

### **Clinical guidelines for overactive bladder**

International Journal of Urology  
(2009) **16**, 126–142

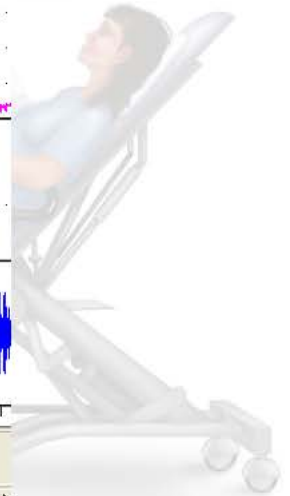
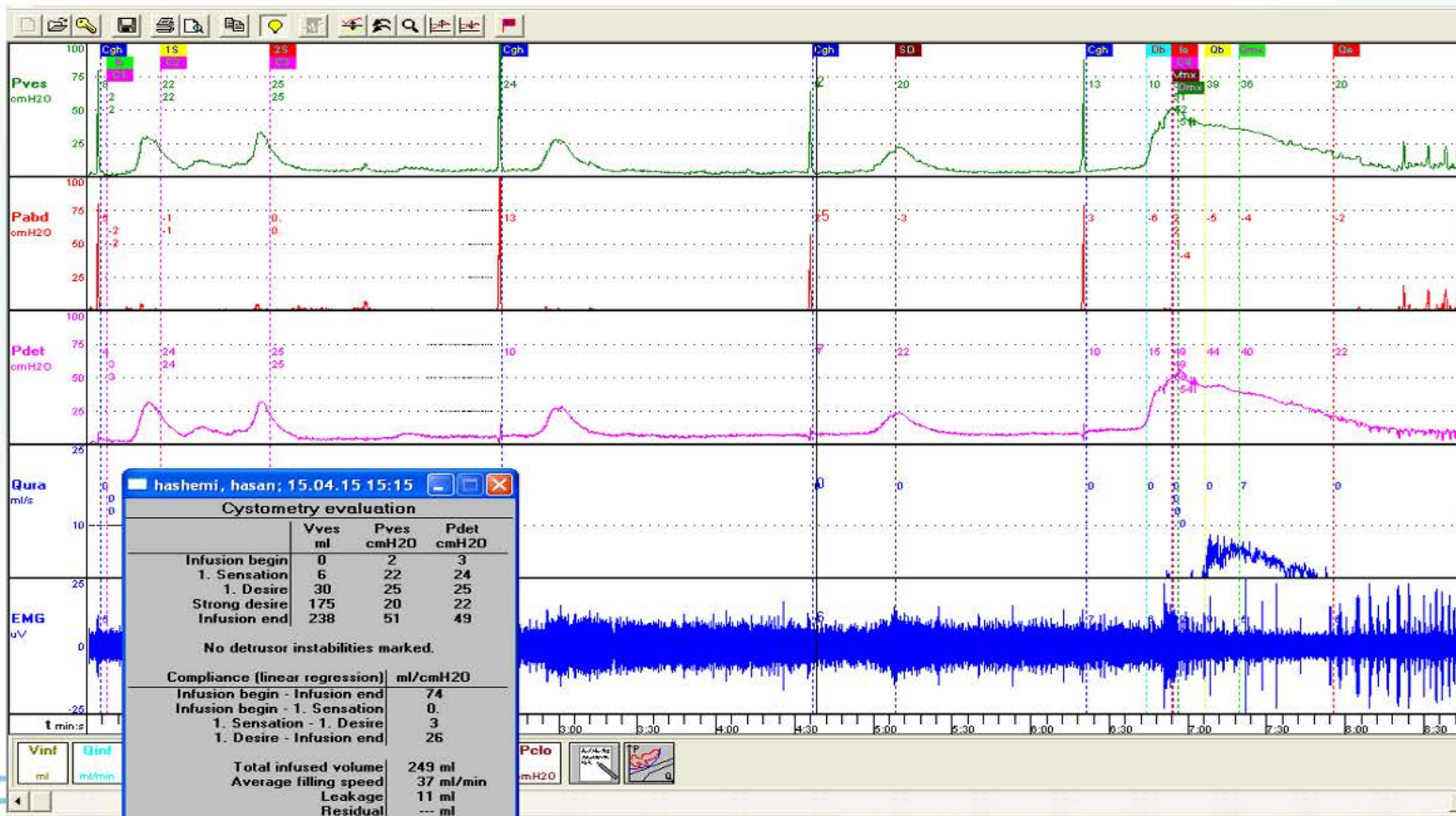
- ▶ To date, it has been considered that overactive bladder (OAB) is a unique disease that only specialists can diagnose, with urodynamic studies required for its diagnosis





# 36-year-old

women/cystometry: Urodynamic studies are useful for elucidating the pathological picture of OAB, but are not always necessary for diagnosis or starting treatment.





[J Res Med Sci](#). 2012 Apr; 17(4): 382–385.

PMCID: PMC3526134

PMID: [23267402](#)

## Association of urodynamic findings in new onset multiple sclerosis with subsequent occurrence of urinary symptoms and acute episode of disease in females



[Farhad Tadayyon](#),<sup>1</sup> [Masoud Etemadifar](#),<sup>2</sup> [Hussein Bzeih](#),<sup>3</sup> [Mahtab Zargham](#),<sup>4</sup> [Kia Nouri-Mahdavi](#),<sup>5</sup> [Mojtaba Akbari](#),<sup>6</sup> and [Borna Tadayyon](#)<sup>7</sup>

► [Author information](#) ► [Article notes](#) ► [Copyright and License information](#) [Disclaimer](#)

According to this study, 62% of all new MS patients had an abnormal urodynamic test.





## Third Case : Unreliable women!

OCD patients

UI after accident and  
trauma





# SUI and UDS

- ▶ In cases of female SUI, the evidence (although not overwhelming) pointed to the utility of UDS in diagnosis, preoperative planning, severity assessment, and prognosis of surgery .
- ▶ Patel AK, Chapple CR.
- ▶ Urodynamics in the management of female stress incontinence—which test and when? *Curr Opin Urol* 2008;18: 359–64.





# SUI: Complicated or Uncomplicated?

- ▶ Rachaneni S, Latthe P. Does preoperative urodynamics improve outcomes for women undergoing surgery for stress urinary incontinence? A systematic review and meta-analysis. BJOG 2015;122: 8–16.





## EAU GUIDELINES ON NON-NEUROGENIC FEMALE LUTS

Recommendations	Strength rating
Management of complicated SUI should only be offered in centres with appropriate experience.	Strong
Base the choice of surgery for recurrent SUI on careful evaluation, including individual patient factors and considering further investigations such as cystoscopy, multichannel urodynamics, as appropriate.	Strong
Inform women with recurrent SUI that the outcome of a surgical procedure, when used as a second-line treatment, is generally inferior to its use as a first-line treatment, both in terms of reduced efficacy and increased risk of complications.	Weak
Only offer adjustable mid-urethral sling as a primary surgical treatment for SUI as part of a structured research programme.	Strong



available at [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com)  
journal homepage: [www.europeanurology.com/eufocus](http://www.europeanurology.com/eufocus)



Point of Focus Debate: For

## **Urodynamics Before Surgery for Stress Urinary Incontinence: The Urodynamic Examination Is Still One of the Best Friends of the Surgeon and of Patients with Stress Urinary Incontinence**

**Maurizio Serati<sup>a,\*</sup>, Enrico Finazzi Agrò<sup>b</sup>**

<sup>a</sup> Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Insubria, Varese, Italy; <sup>b</sup> Department of Experimental Medicine and Surgery, University Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy

# Best Friends!

## SUI and UDS





## Urodynamics Before Stress Urinary Incontinence Surgery in Modern Functional Urology

*Bárbara Padilla-Fernández<sup>a,\*</sup>, Gina M. Ramírez-Castillo<sup>b,†</sup>, David Hernández-Hernández<sup>a</sup>, David M. Castro-Díaz<sup>a</sup>*

*<sup>a</sup> Department of Urology, Complejo Hospitalario Universitario de Canarias, Universidad de La Laguna, La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain; <sup>b</sup> Department of Urology, Hospital San José, Bogotá, Colombia*

15 REFERENCES OF BEST FRIENDS! the majority of the analyzed patients came from the Value of Urodynamic Evaluation (VaUE) study

·  
·  
·

We describe the PROS and CONS for this situation.







performed only when it can have therapeutic consequences, will change the patient's management, and/or when part of a surveillance or research programme [3,5,6].

According to the ICS recommendations, the role of UDS from a broad clinical perspective can be as follows [3]:

- 1 To identify all factors that contribute to lower urinary tract dysfunction (LUTD) signs and/or are the origin of symptoms and to assess their relative importance;
- 2 To obtain information about all other aspects of lower urinary tract function or dysfunction, whether or not expressed as a symptom or recognisable as a sign;
- 3 To allow prediction of the possible consequences of LUTD for the upper urinary tract;
- 4 To allow prediction of the outcome, including undesirable side effects, of a contemplated treatment;
- 5 To confirm the effects of an intervention or understand the mode of action of a particular type of treatment for a LUTD, especially for a new and/or experimental (not routine) treatment; and
- 6 To understand the reasons for failure of previous treatments for UI or for LUTD in general (after unsatisfactory treatment).





## Original Article

Int Neurourol J 2015;19:246-258  
http://dx.doi.org/10.5213/inj.2015.19.4.246  
pISSN 2093-4777 · eISSN 2093-6931



# Efficacy and Safety of Tension-Free Vaginal Tape-Secur Mini-Sling Versus Standard Midurethral Slings for Female Stress Urinary Incontinence: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Wei Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Tao Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Huantao Zong<sup>1,2</sup>, Yong Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>

stics

Therapy in control group	Country	Sample size		Duration of treatment (mo)	Inclusion population
		Experimental	Control		
TVT-O	Italy	38	37	12	SUI lasting for at least 2 yr as diagnosed by clinical evaluation and urodynamics and age > 40 yr
TVT-O	Belgium, the Netherlands	97	98	12	All patients in whom SUI could be objectified during clinical and/or urodynamic examination
TVT-O	China	34	36	12	Women with SUI as diagnosed by clinical evaluation and urodynamics
TVT-O	China	34	32	12	Women with SUI as diagnosed by clinical evaluation and urodynamics
TVT-O	Czech Republic	129	68	24	Women with urodynamic SUI, failed conservative therapy, > 18 yr and agreed to postoperative follow-up
TVT-O	USA	43	44	12	Women with SUI with an impact on QoL, positive CST during urodynamics
TVT-O	USA	136	127	12	Women at least 21 yr of age with SUI on multichannel urodynamics, desire for surgical treatment, concurrent surgical treatment of prolapse
TVT-O	Sweden	64	69	12	Primary SUI or MUI with predominant stress, > 18 yr of age and no wish for further pregnancy, ≥ 3-mL leakage on pad test, positive CST
TVT-O	Italy	77	77	36	Women with SUI, diagnosed clinically and by urodynamics, age > 30 yr, failed PFMT
TVT-O	Italy	77	77	63	Women with SUI, diagnosed clinically and by urodynamics, age > 30 yr, failed PFMT
TVT-O	Canada	56	50	12	Women with symptoms of SUI and a positive cough test, which required surgical management
TVT-O	Portugal	30	30	12	Women with clinically and urodynamically proven SUI associated with urethral hypermobility
TVT-O	Canada	40	34	12	Women leaked urine with increased abdominal pressure, and were suitable for either type of surgery
TVT-O	Brazil	66	56	12	Women presenting SUI symptoms demonstrated by stress test and urodynamics
TVT-O	Brazil	66	56	24	Women presenting SUI symptoms demonstrated by stress test and urodynamics
TVT-O	Korea	31	33	12	Women presenting SUI symptoms demonstrated by stress test and urodynamics
TVT-O	Israel	79	73	36	A diagnosis of SUI based on the patient's personal history and a positive cough test with the bladder holding 500 to 400 mL
TVT-O	Russia	45	50	12	Women with primary SUI or MUI with predominant stress, age > 18 yr, positive CST

66

www.einjournal.org  
249

TVT, tension-free vaginal tape; TVT-O, tension-free obturator tape; SUI, stress urinary incontinence; QoL, quality of life; CST, cough stress test; MUI, mixed urinary incontinence; PFMT, pelvic floor muscle training.

# Urodynamically proven SUI





For these women, conservative therapies, such as antimuscarinic treatment, appear to have good cure rates and avoid unnecessary surgical procedures In more than 20% of women with apparently pure SUI

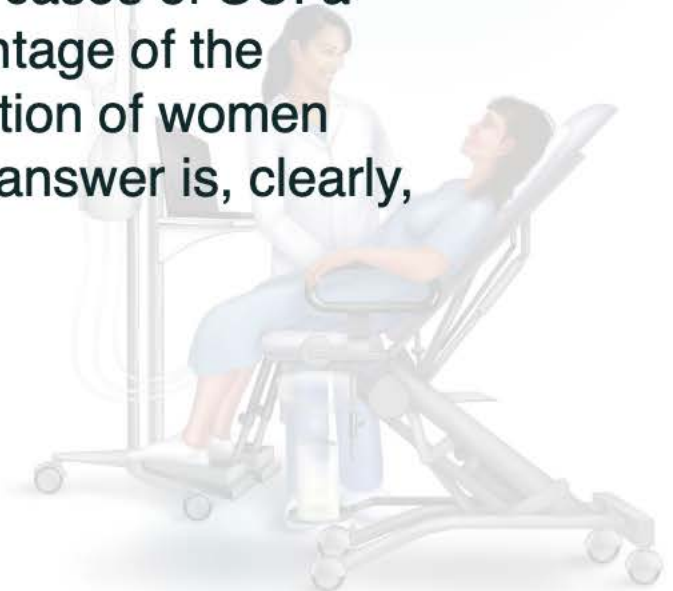
Serati M, Cattoni E, Siesto G, et al. Urodynamic evaluation: Can it prevent the need for surgical intervention in women with apparent pure stress urinary incontinence? BJU Int 2013;112:E344–50.



500/2700 PATIENTS  
INCLUDED!

thus the vast majority of  
patients are complicated.

- ▶ Unfortunately, this famous study presents several methodological biases; in particular, it is remarkable that the authors included only uncomplicated cases of SUI. The real question is, in clinical practice, are the uncomplicated cases of SUI a relevant percentage of the general population of women with SUI? The answer is, clearly, **not at all.**



- ▶ آیا برای شما مهمتر این است که
- ▶ با معاینه و آزمون کمی تهاجمی بیمار را آزار ندهید
- ▶ یا اینکه با یک جراحی و هزینه های عمل و بستری او را نا امید کنید؟





# Spinal cord injury:

a proper urological management



**MEHRDAD MOHAMMADI, MD**  
Endourologist  
Associate Professor Of Urology  
Isfahan University Of Medical Sciences



# Patterns of lower urinary tract dysfunction following neurological disease



<p>(A)</p>	<p><b>Suprapontine lesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>History:</b> predominantly storage symptoms</li> <li>• <b>Ultrasound:</b> insignificant PVR urine volume</li> <li>• <b>Urodynamics:</b> detrusor overactivity</li> </ul>	<p>Over-active Normo-active</p>	<p>Alzheimer's disease /CVA/head trauma/ parkinsonism/brain tumor</p>
<p>(B)</p>	<p><b>Spinal (infrapontine–suprasacral) lesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>History:</b> both storage and voiding symptoms</li> <li>• <b>Ultrasound:</b> PVR urine volume usually raised</li> <li>• <b>Urodynamics:</b> detrusor overactivity, detrusor–sphincter dyssynergia</li> </ul>	<p>Over-active Overactive</p>	<p>Spinal cord injury (SCI) Spina bifida</p>
<p>(C)</p>	<p><b>Sacral/infrasacral lesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>History:</b> predominantly voiding symptoms</li> <li>• <b>Ultrasound:</b> PVR urine volume raised</li> <li>• <b>Urodynamics:</b> hypocontractile or acontractile detrusor</li> </ul>	<p>Under-active Normo-active Underactive</p>	<p>Lumbar spine Degenerative disease Disk prolapse Lumbar canal stenosis/ DM/ GBS/ZONA/herpes</p>



# primary goal of the bladder management

- ▶ The ultimate goal of a urologic long-term management of NLUTD is the protection of **renal function**.
- ▶ An elevated **detrusor pressure during storage** phase, either due to **low bladder compliance** or because of **detrusor overactivity combined with DSD**, is the major risk factor for degradation of renal function
- ▶ Therefore, the primary goal of the bladder management in these patients is to keep the detrusor pressure low during urine storage and emptying of the bladder







# secondary goal of the bladder management

- ▶ In addition, prevention of secondary morphologic alterations of the lower urinary tract, **voluntary bladder emptying** at physiologic intervals, **continence**, and the best possible preservation of quality of life are other important goals of NLUTD treatment.





# History taking

- ▶ Special attention should be paid to possible warning signs and symptoms (e.g. pain, infection, haematuria and fever) requiring further investigation.
- ▶ Patients with SCI usually find it **difficult to report** urinary tract infection (UTI)-related symptoms accurately.





# Sign and symptoms of UTI(SCI)

- ▶ Cloudy and/or foul smelling urine
- ▶ Increase in mucous or sediment
- ▶ Increase in bladder or **general spasms**
- ▶ Pain or burning with urination
- ▶ Increase in frequency or incontinence
- ▶ Low back or flank pain
- ▶ Blood in urine
- ▶ Elevated temp/fever or chills
- ▶ Nausea/vomiting
- ▶ **Just not feeling well**



- ▶ Even in chronic patients, the type of LUTs is **likely to change over time**, and clinical symptoms may not reflect the presence of risk factors. As a consequence, urodynamic assessment is mandatory for treatment adaption and risk assessment.
- ▶ A treatment should never be initiated or adapted exclusively only on the basis of clinical symptoms.



# *Bladder diaries*



Bladder diaries provide data on the number of voids, voided volume, pad weight and incontinence and urgency episodes.



An assessment of the patient's present and expected future quality of life (QoL) is important to evaluate the **effect of any therapy**

Questionnaire	Underlying neurological disorder	Bladder	Bowel	Sexual function
FAMS [86]	MS	X		X
FILMS [87]	MS	X	X	
HAQUAMS [88]	MS	X	X	X
I-QOL [84]	MS, SCI	X		X
MDS [89]	MS	X	X	
MSISQ-15 / MSISQ-19 [90, 91]	MS	X	X	X
MSQLI [92]	MS	X	X	X
MSQoL-54 [93]	MS	X	X	X
MSWDQ [94]	MS	X	X	
NBSS [95]	MS, SCI, Congenital neurogenic bladder	X		
QoL-BM [81]	SCI		X	
Qualiveen/SF-Qualiveen [71, 96]	MS, SCI	X		X
RAYS [97]	MS	X		X
RHSCIR [98]	SCI	X	X	X
Fransceschini [97]	SCI	X	X	X



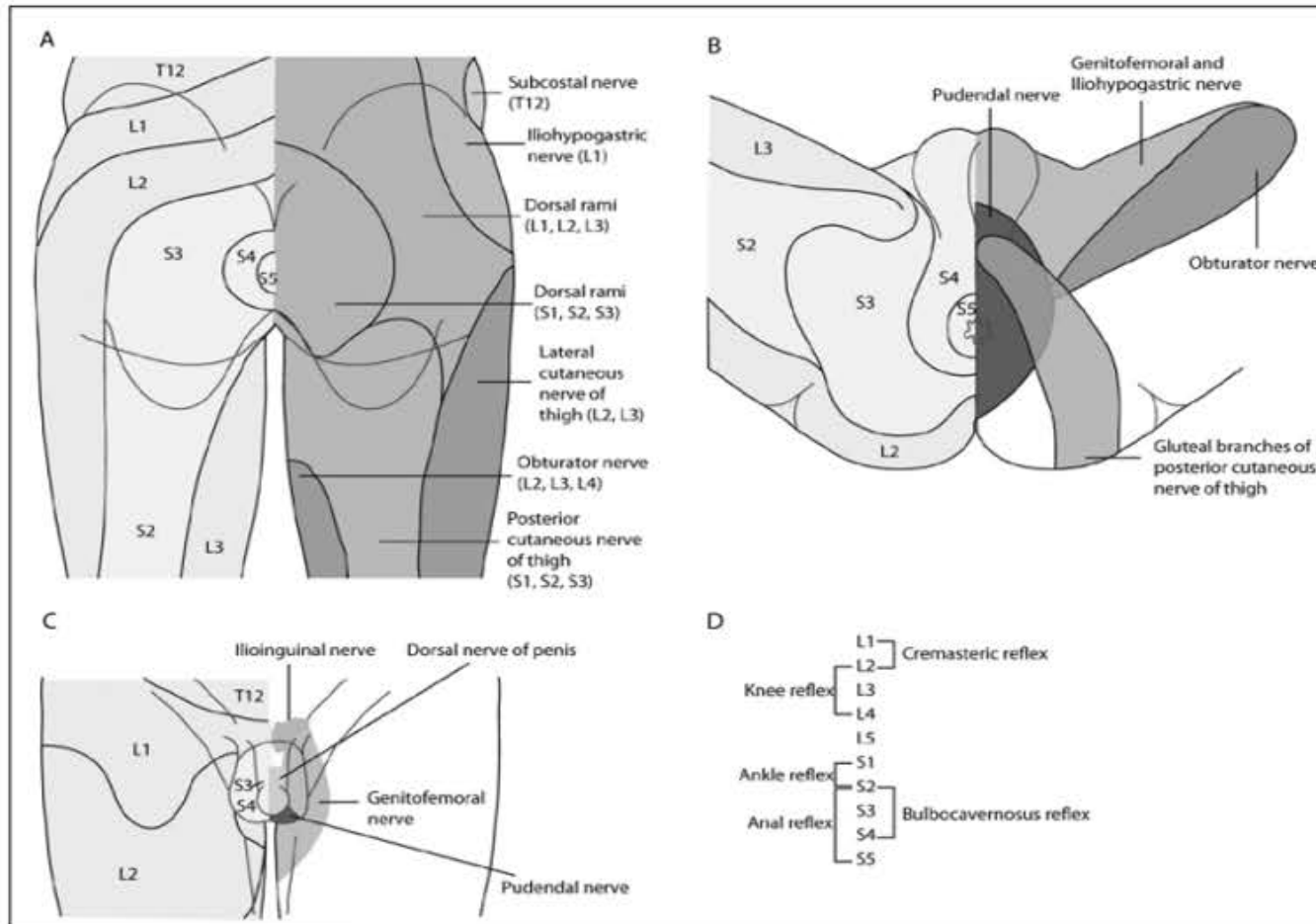


# *Patient quality of life questionnaires*

- ▶ No evidence was found for which validated questionnaires are the most appropriate for use, since no quality criteria for validated questionnaires have been assessed.



# Physical examination







# Initial or basic management

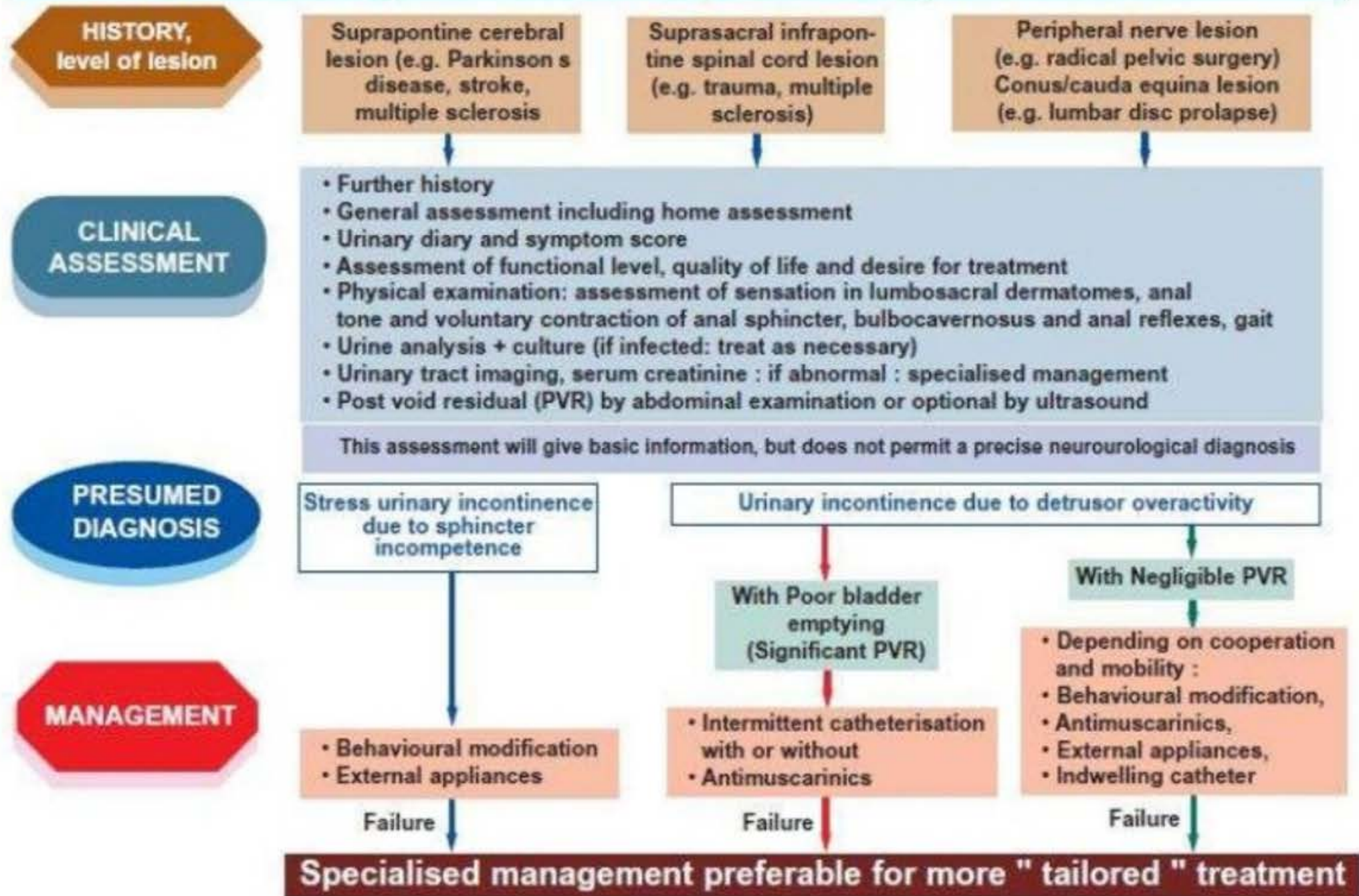
- ▶ History
- ▶ Bladder diary
- ▶ Questionnaire
- ▶ Physical exam
- ▶ U/A U/C BUN/Cr
- ▶ Uroflowmetry & PVR
- ▶ Ultrasonography



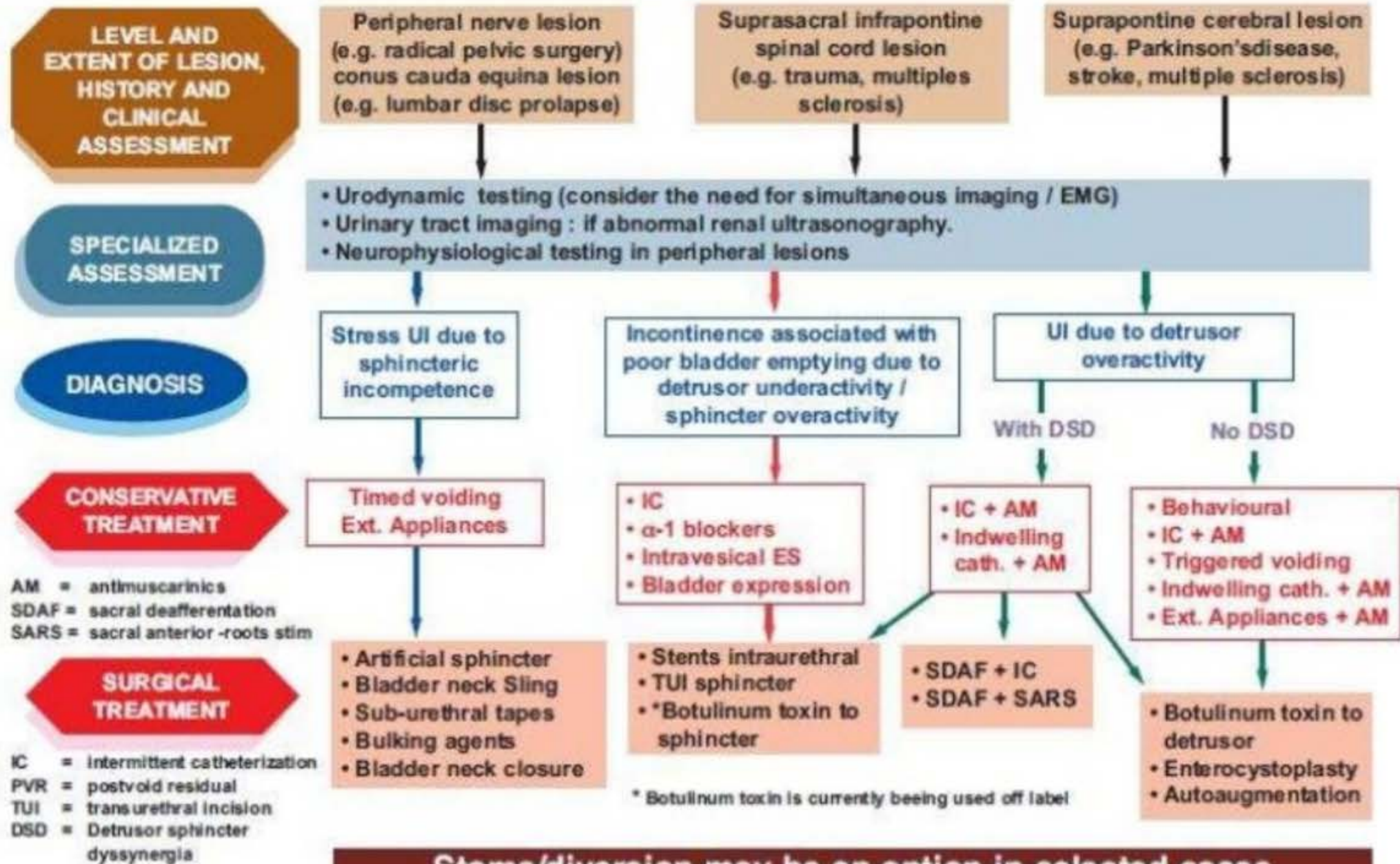
# Advanced evaluation: video-urodynamic



# Initial Management of Neurogenic Urinary Incontinence



# Specialized Management of Neurogenic Urinary Incontinence



**Stoma/diversion may be an option in selected cases**



# When to Perform UDT After SCI

- ▶ One should aim to get information **after the period of spinal shock** of the LUT, but it is not seldom uncertain when this period has ended .
- ▶ **4 to 6 months after trauma**



# Spinal shock



- ▶ Immediately after SCI, there is usually a period of spinal shock during which there is a flaccid paralysis and **absence of reflex activity below the level of the lesion** with the single exception of the bulbocavernosus reflex which usually remains intact.



# Spinal shock



- ▶ The duration of spinal shock is very variable. In most instances, reflex detrusor activity reappears after **2–12 weeks**, but in some cases it may not return for as long as 6–12 months.



# Spinal shock



- ▶ During the period of spinal shock the bladder is areflexic and the patient develops urinary retention. **Urodynamic evaluation is generally not necessary at this stage** and optimal management is intermittent catheterization





# When to Repeat UDT

- ▶ If the UDT shows that **spinal shock is still present** in supraspinal lesions, a new test can be scheduled 6 weeks to 2 months later.
- ▶ The UDT can be repeated if the first test is **inconclusive**, outcome of urological **management not successful**.
- ▶ If treatment has been started or changed, a control UDT, to evaluate the **treatment effect**, can be scheduled some weeks later, when the effect of the changes would probably be visible





# When to Repeat UDT

- ▶ a yearly UDT is not advocated.
- ▶ In the longterm, the UDT tests done **every 2–3 years in a symptom free SCI individual** would permit to follow the urodynamic function well, but is not often performed due to practical reasons, the fear of complications or the lack of clinical value.
- ▶ **Children** form a special group. They will have regular changes in the urodynamic situation when **growing up**. They need UDT at regular interval (**yearly**, and certainly at specific moments as when puberty starts, when they grow into adulthood)



# Complications of UDS



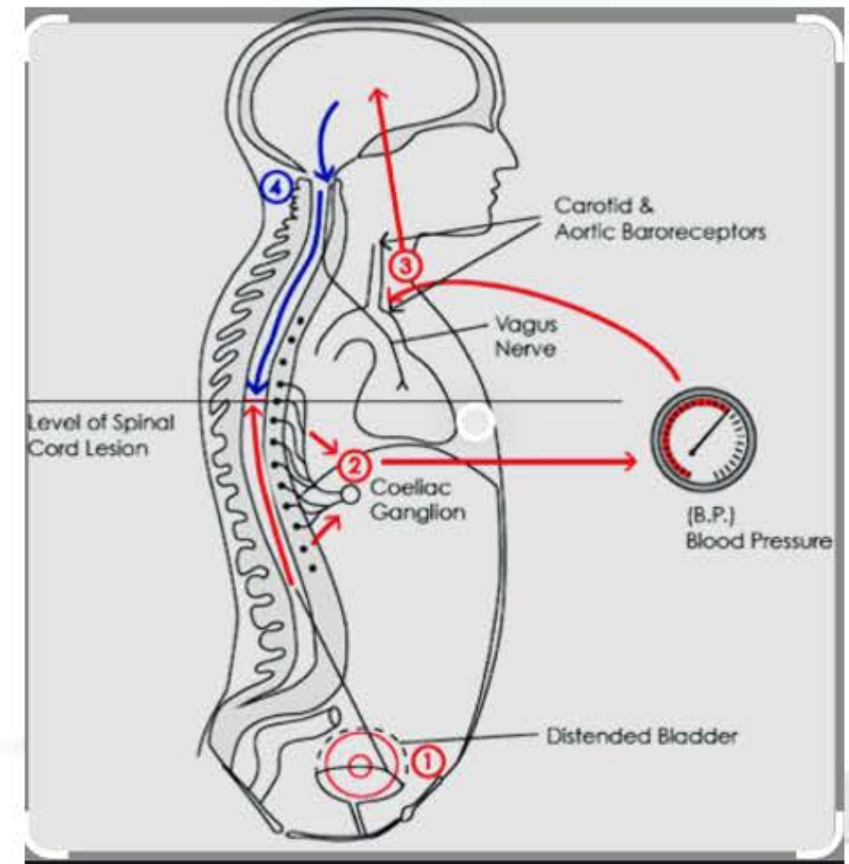
- ▶ autonomic dysreflexia attack
- ▶ The risk for symptomatic urinary tract infection (UTI) warrants antibiotic prophylaxis when UDT is done.
- ▶ urethral trauma



# Autonomic dysreflexia



- ▶ Autonomic dysreflexia is an exaggerated sympathetic neural response to afferent stimulation that is unique to patients with spinal injury above the level of the level of sympathetic outflow
- ▶ (approximately T6 )



# Autonomic dysreflexia



The symptoms include

- ▶ headache,
- ▶ sweating,
- ▶ flushing,
- ▶ sudden and severe hypertension,
- ▶ and reflex bradycardia





# Autonomic dysreflexia precipitating event

- ▶ **Bladder or bowel distension is the most common** precipitating event but a number of other noxious stimuli may precipitate the condition including
  - ▶ urinary tract infection,
  - ▶ bladder stones,
  - ▶ bedsores,
  - ▶ ingrown toenails,
  - ▶ osteomyelitis,
  - ▶ and even micturition itself (particularly in patients with bladder neck obstruction)



# Autonomic dysreflexia



- ▶ Patients whose injury is at or above T6 level and those with a history of autonomic dysreflexia should have their **blood pressure monitored during lower urinary tract instrumentation** .





# Autonomic dysreflexia

- ▶ If during bladder filling or manipulation the patient complains of dysreflexia symptoms and the blood pressure is dangerously high,
- ▶ the **bladder should be emptied** immediately.
- ▶ If the patient does not state that the symptoms are subsiding within about 30–60 seconds, the **catheters should be removed** and
- ▶ if there is still no response, one of the **medications** should be administered.





# Autonomic dysreflexia



Emergency medication should be available if autonomic dysreflexia persists after emptying the bladder and removing the catheters such as

- ▶ **nifedipine 10mg sublingually,**
- ▶ **chlorpromazine 1mg IV,**
- ▶ **and phentolamine 5mg IV**

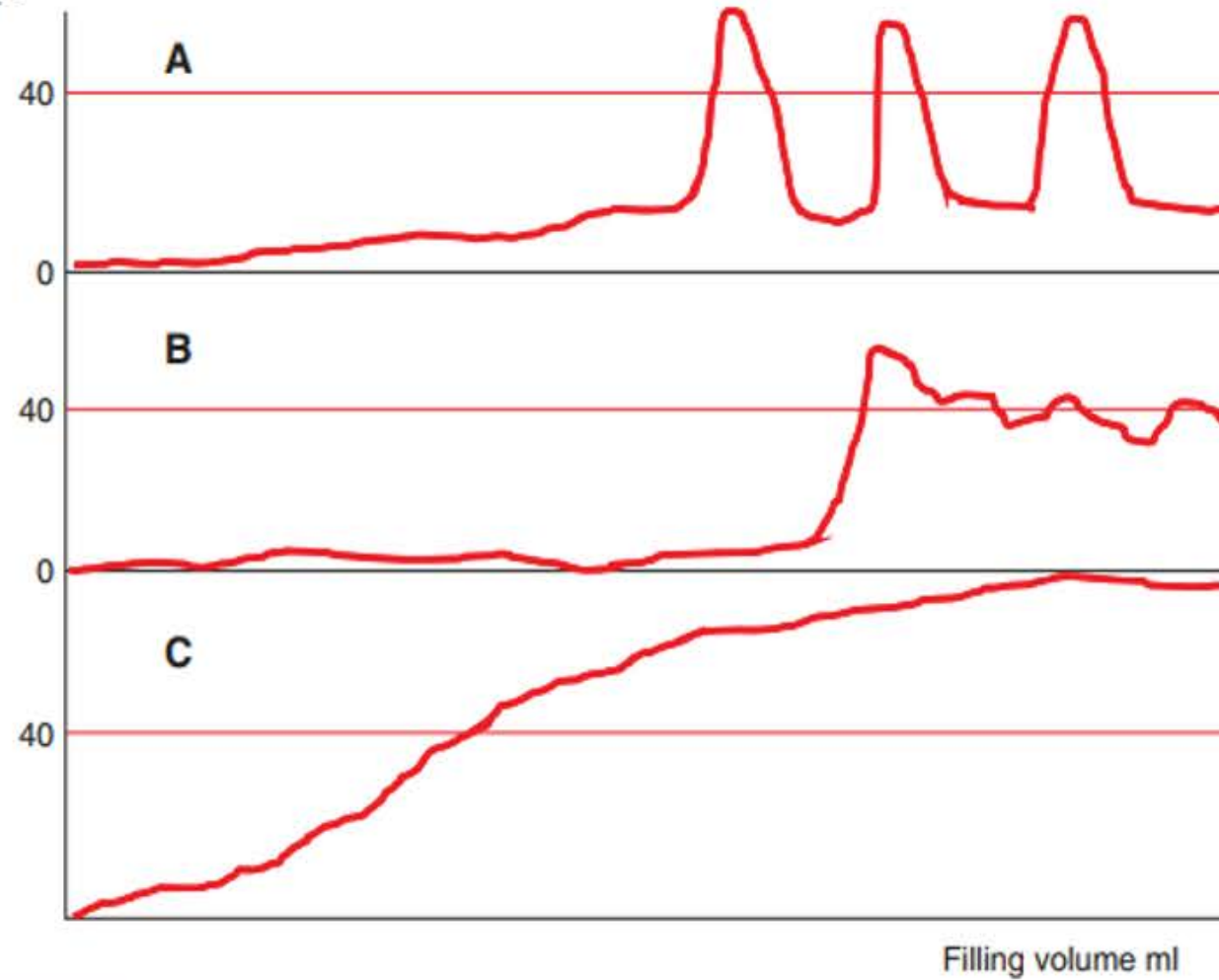
may be needed to abort a life-threatening autonomic dysreflexia episode.



- ▶ Over the years, the development of a detrusor pressure above 40 cm H<sub>2</sub>O has been accepted as dangerous for the upper urinary tract  
It is uncertain which is the most dangerous, though one may assume the danger  $C > B > A$ . This has however not been studied.



Detrusor pressure  
cm H<sub>2</sub>O





# Rules to Get Proper Results of UDT

- ▶ Defaecation or **bowel evacuation** should be done the night before the UDT
- ▶ Use slow filling rate, preferably 10–30 ml/min
- ▶ Administer antibacterial prophylaxis because there is a clear risk of UTI

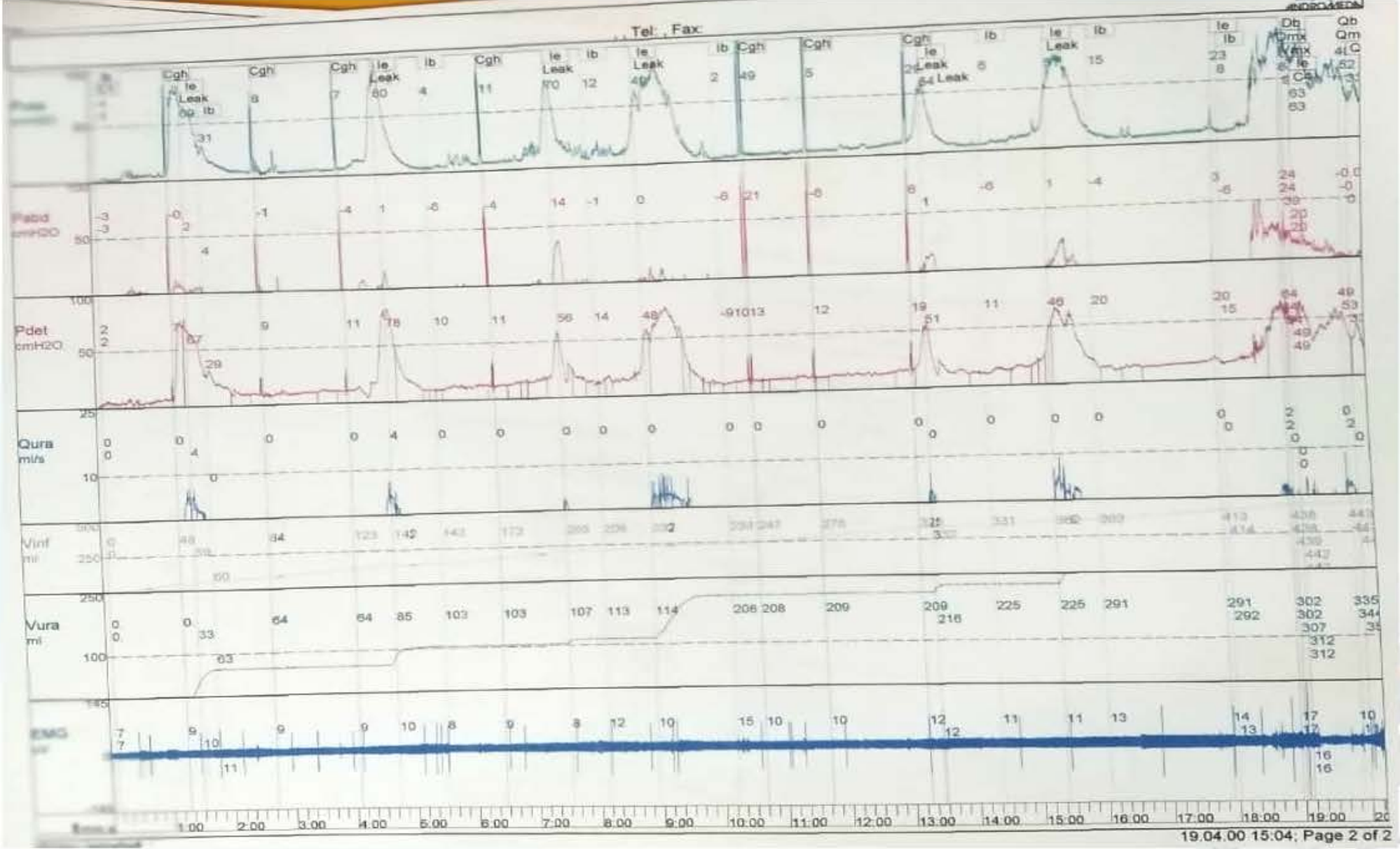


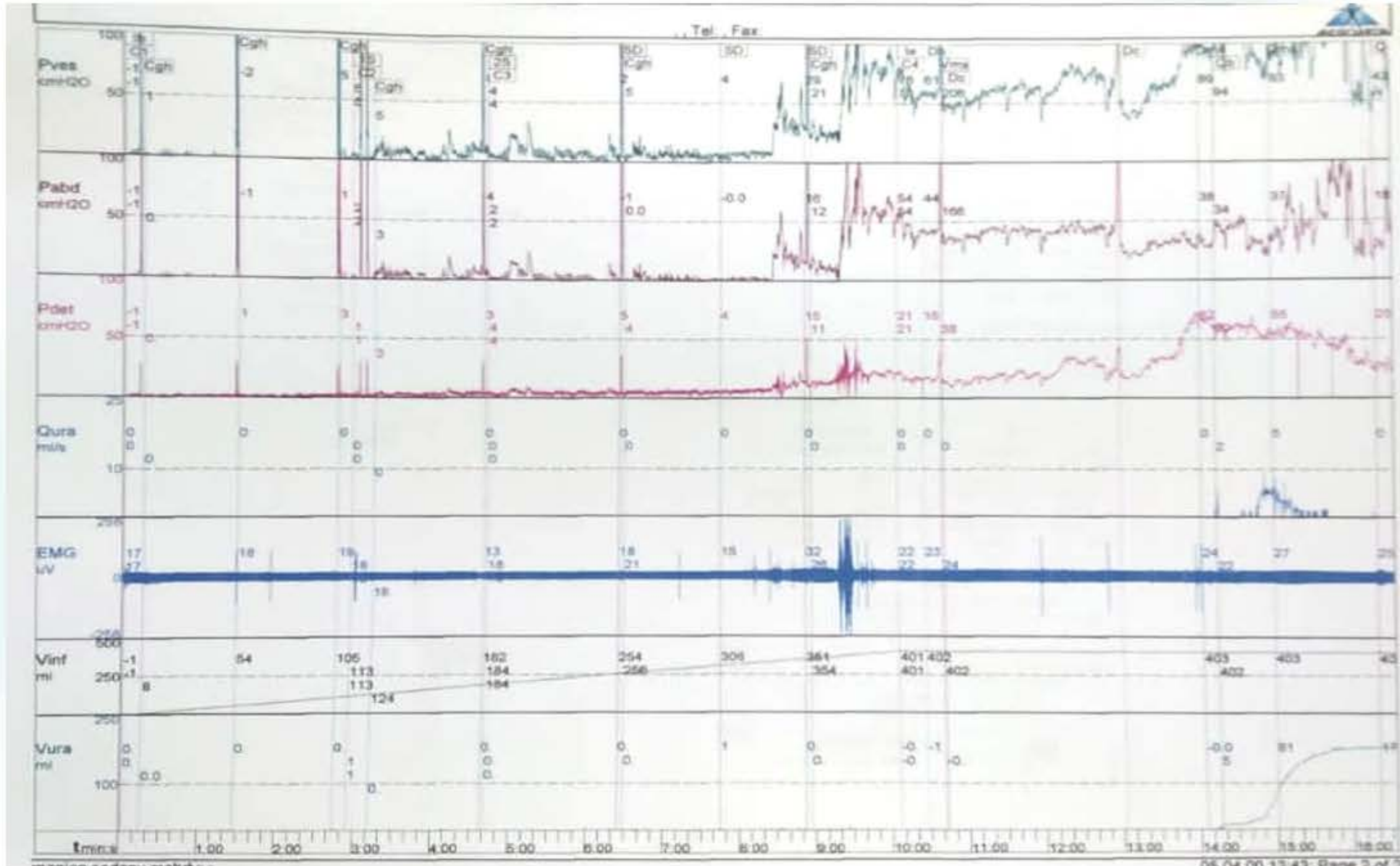


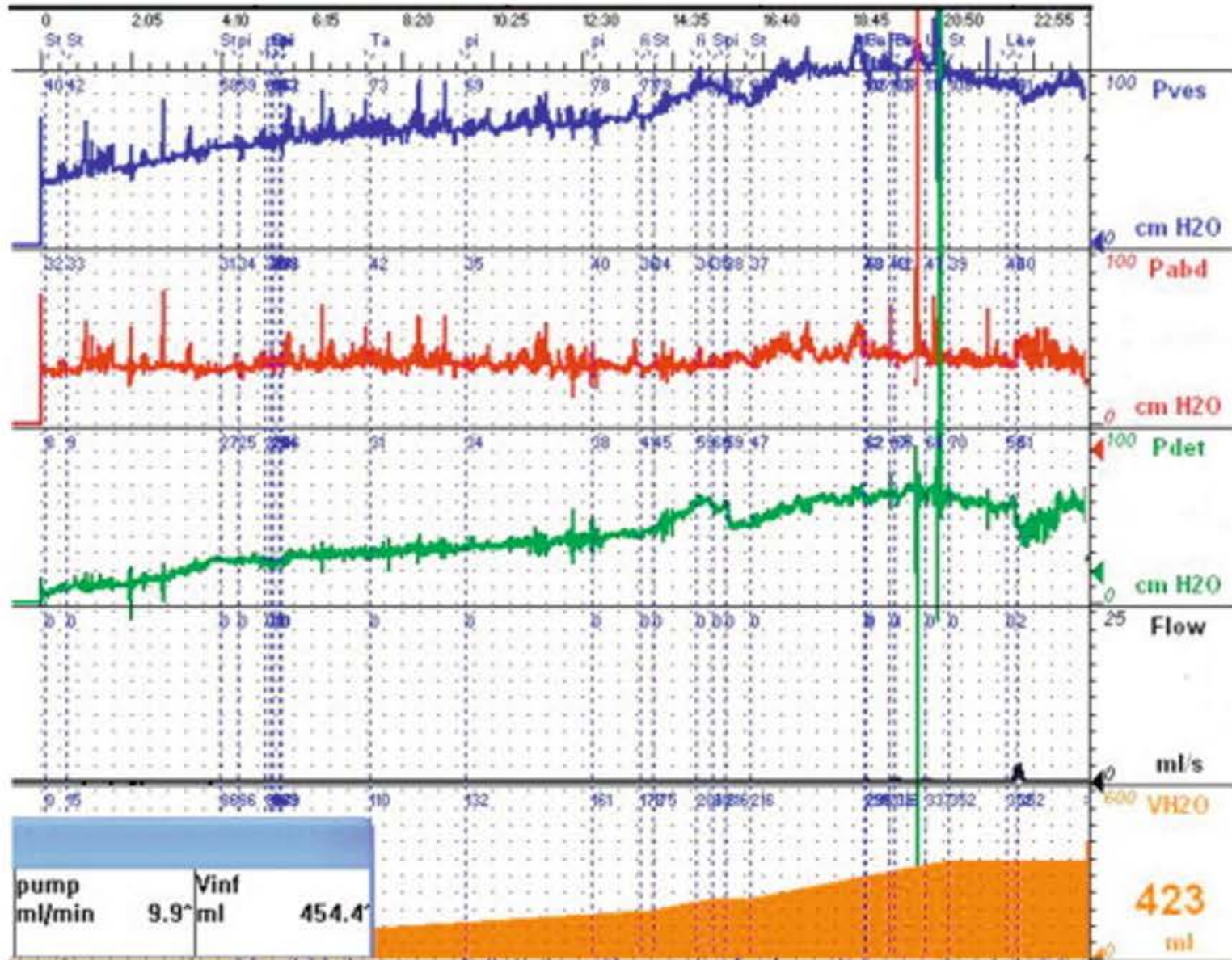
# LUT Function Basic Data Set before UDS

- ▶ **1. Urinary tract impairment unrelated to spinal cord injury:**
- 2. Awareness of the need to empty the bladder:**
- 3. Bladder emptying: eg..** Straining (abdominal straining, Valsalva's manoeuvre) 2 times a day, intermittent catheterization 2 times a day
- 4. Average number of voluntary bladder-empties per day during the last week:**
- 5. Any involuntary urine leakage (incontinence) within the last three months:**
- 6. Collecting appliances for urinary incontinence:**
- 7. Any drugs for the urinary tract within the last year:**
- 8. Surgical procedures on the urinary tract?**
- 9. Any change in urinary symptoms within the last year:**









(b)









# Flowmetry in children



**FARSHID ALIZADEH, MD**

**PEDIATRIC UROLOGIST**

Associate Professor of Urology at Isfahan University of Medical Sciences

August 5, 2021





# Prevalence

- ▶ Non-neurogenic LUTD and the symptoms of LUTD including urinary incontinence, urgency, and frequency → the most common reasons for referral to the pediatric urologist.
- ▶ The prevalence → 17–22% in all school-aged children





# Evaluation

- ▶ voiding/bowel habits,
- ▶ abdomen, lower back, and external genitalia.
- ▶ complete voiding history includes asking about frequency of voids, sensation of urgency, hesitancy, daytime and/or nighttime incontinence, and quality of urinary stream



# Classification

- ▶ Dysfunctional voiding (DV)
- ▶ Idiopathic detrusor overactivity disorder (IDOD)
- ▶ Detrusor underutilization disorder (DUD)
- ▶ Primary bladder neck dysfunction (PBND)



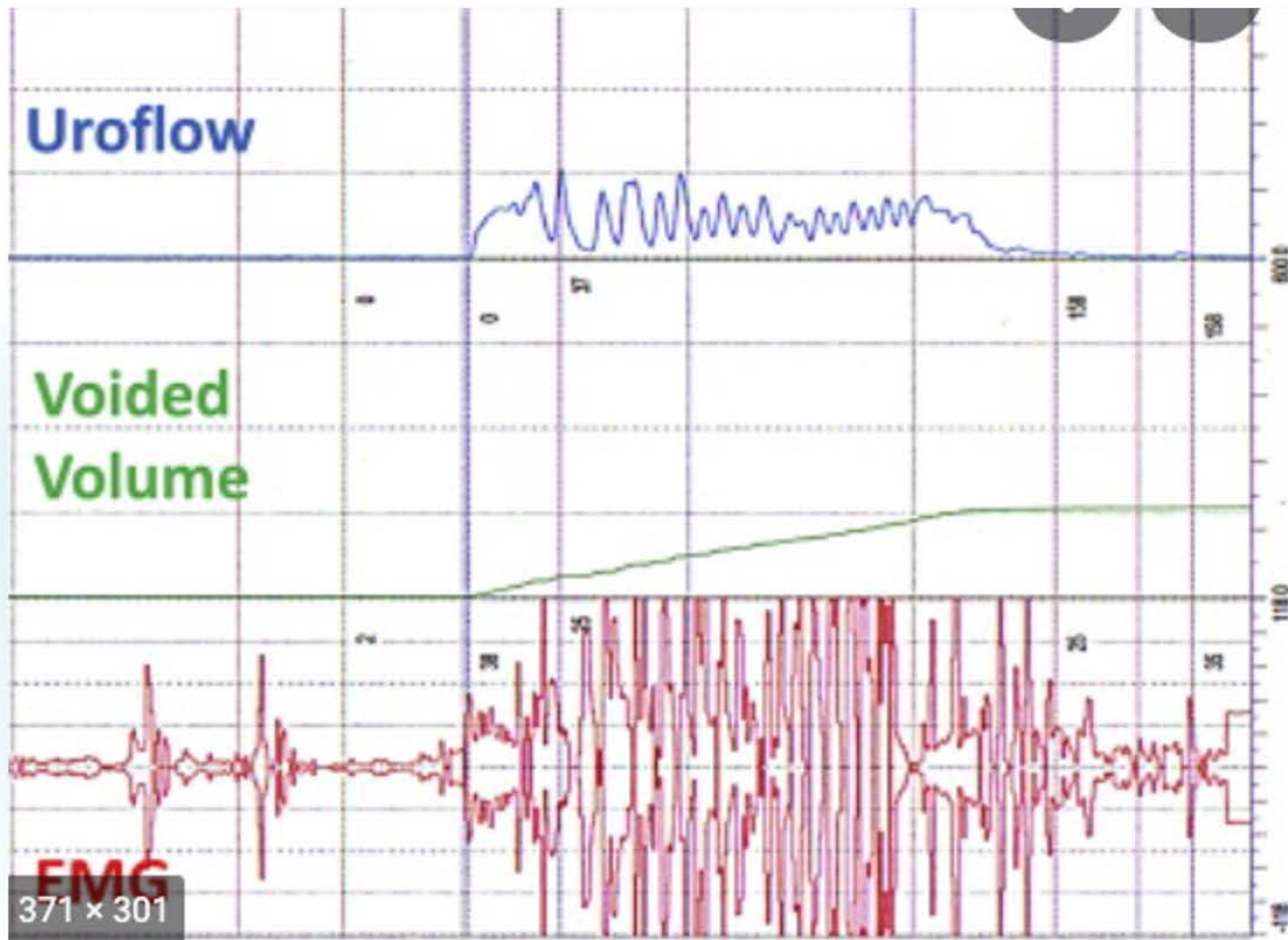


# Dysfunctional voiding (DV)

- ▶ active pelvic floor EMG during voiding (intermittent or continuous), may have associated detrusor overactivity



# Dysfunctional voiding (DV)



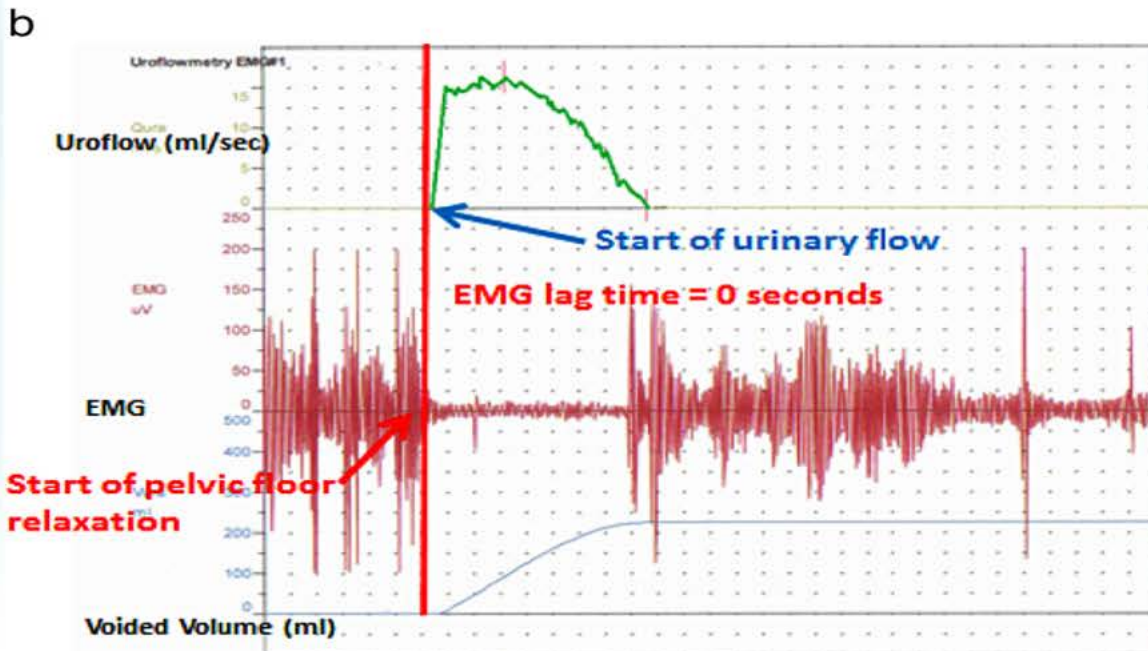
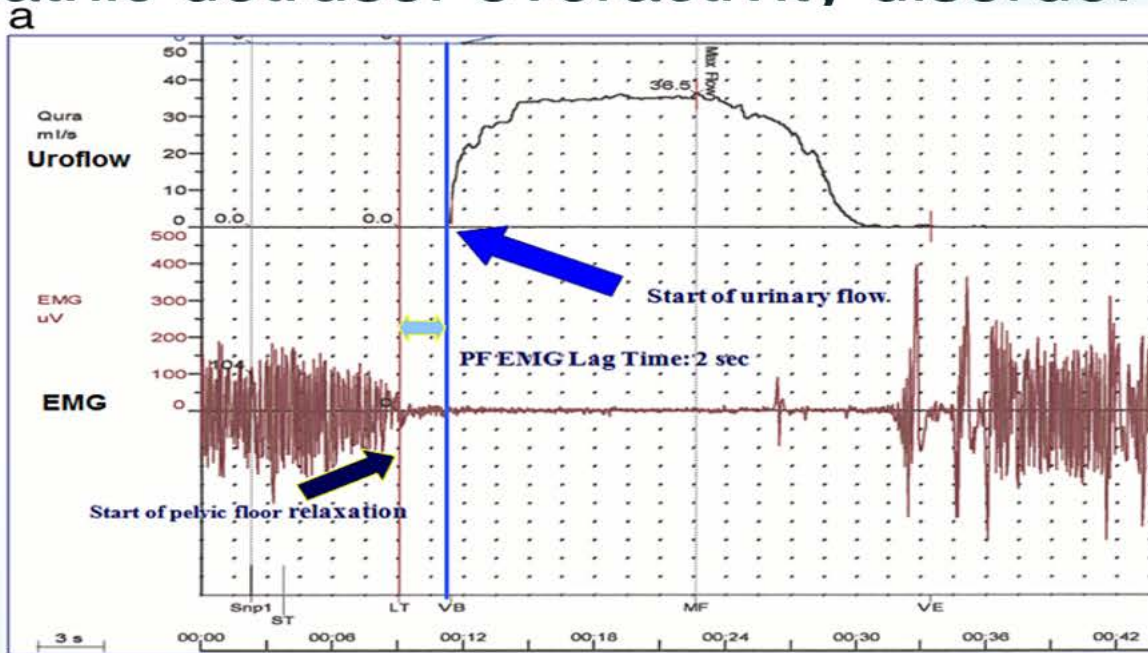
# Idiopathic detrusor overactivity disorder

- ▶ shortened EMG lag time (i.e.,  $< 2$  s) on uroflowmetry with EMG, quiet EMG during voiding





# Idiopathic detrusor overactivity disorder



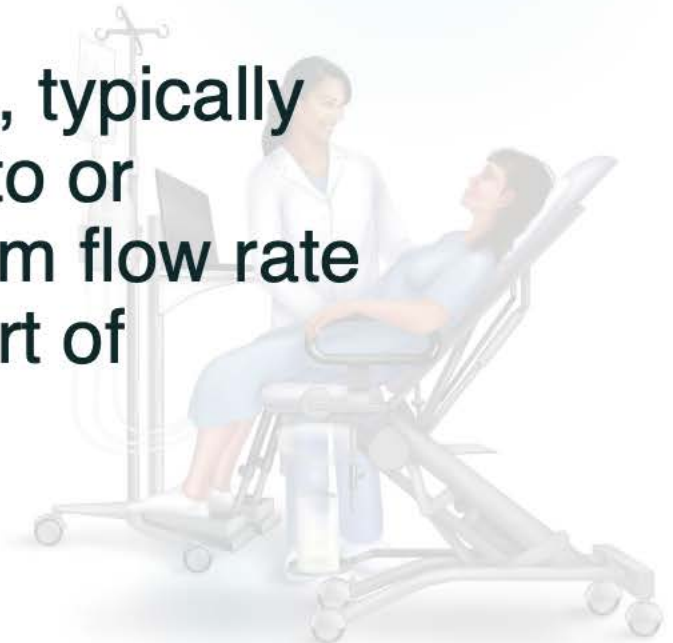
# Detrusor underutilization disorder

- ▶ volitional infrequent voiding,
- ▶ documentation of large bladder capacity ( $> 125\%$  expected bladder capacity for age)
- ▶ quiet EMG during voiding with normal EMG lag time (i.e., 2–6 s)

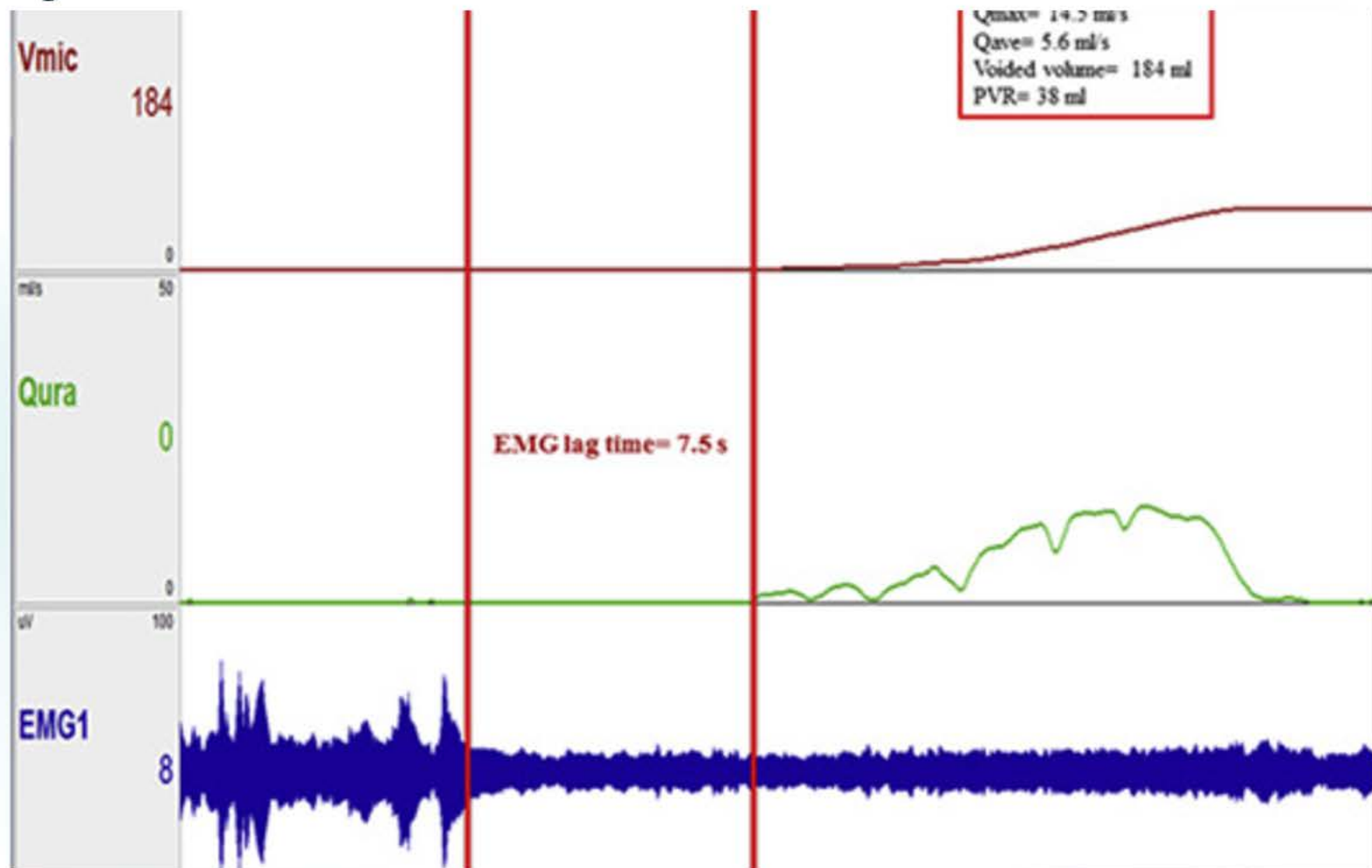


# Primary bladder neck dysfunction

- ▶ hesitancy as predominant LUT symptom;
- ▶ prolonged EMG lag time (i.e.,  $> 6$  s),
- ▶ quiet EMG during voiding,
- ▶ an abnormal uroflow pattern, typically depressed and often staccato or intermittent with the maximum flow rate skewed towards the later part of voiding



# Primary bladder neck dysfunction



# TX



Dysfunctional voiding (DV)

Biofeedback ±  
antimuscarinics

Idiopathic detrusor overactivity disorder  
(IDOD) (i.e., OAB with qualifiers)

Antimuscarinics

Detrusor underutilization disorder (DUD)  
(voiding postponement with qualifiers)

Timed voiding

Primary bladder neck dysfunction (PBND)

Alpha-blocker

