



Questions to ask when presenting to a Urologist when tests have shown either a UTI is unlikely or a tumour is in the bladder

- Is there any specific medical history important to tell you as a patient with my symptoms?
(symptoms may be: blood in my urine, different feeling when I urinate, pain when I urinate, flow when I urinate has changed, frequency and urgency to urinate has increased, tumour has shown up in bladder ultrasound)
Medical History:
 - Chronic urinary tract infections (UTI's)
 - Smoker
 - Worked in an industry using chemicals
 - Diabetes
 - Chemotherapy or radiation exposure
 - Family history

- What is a cystoscopy?
 - How/where is it performed?
 - Do I need a general anaesthetic?
 - Are there any complications associated with this procedure?
 - Do I need to stay in hospital?
 - What is the recovery time?
 - What could it show you?
 - How long do I need to wait for the results?

- Are there any further imaging or tests (ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, bone scan, PET scan, blood tests, urine cytology or urine culture), I should consider to further diagnose why I am experiencing these symptoms?
 - What do these test involve?
 - What could they show you to help with my diagnosis?

- Which tests are covered by Medicare? If not covered by Medicare, what would the costs be?

- I do/do not have private health insurance:
 - What is the impact financially?
 - What is the impact on expediency of treatment?

- How quickly can I get an appointment for these additional tests?