

# Trans-urethral resection of bladder tumour

If you have experienced symptoms such as blood in your urine, a burning sensation when you pass urine, an abnormal bladder function or received results from a diagnostic scan that highlight a concern within your bladder, your Consultant may have recommended a transurethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT) to identify and resect (scrape away) any tumours. There are two types of bladder tumours:

- Non-invasive bladder tumours are the most common type; the tumour lies within the lining of the bladder and is therefore not life-threatening. However, 10-15% of these tumours are at risk of becoming invasive
- Invasive bladder tumours grow through the lining of the bladder and may spread to other parts of the body

## Providing fast results for the treatment of bladder tumours

If your bladder tumour is non-invasive your Urologist will resect the tumour to reduce the risk of it becoming invasive. If, however, the tumour is found to be invasive, your Urologist will take biopsies from different areas of your bladder for examination under a microscope, to identify how far it has spread and determine the best course of treatment for you. Your Consultant will be able to help you arrange any further consultations or treatment needed, and our team of experts are here to support you every step of the way.

## Prices & payment

We offer a guide price of:

Trans-urethral resection of bladder tumour (TURBT)  
£3,600

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

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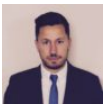
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## FAQs

## Where will my surgery take place?

Regardless of where you had your initial consultation or tests, all surgical procedures take place at KIMS Hospital in Maidstone. Most outpatient appointments, including follow up appointments with your Consultant, can take place at either KIMS Hospital or Sevenoaks Medical Centre.

## What does a TURBT procedure involve?

The TURBT will be performed under general or spinal anaesthetic; you can discuss the options with our anaesthetist prior to the operation. This procedure will only take up to 30 minutes.

A resectoscope (small telescope) will be passed through your urethra into your bladder.

Through the resectoscope your consultant will identify and resect the tumour and take any biopsies for further examination. Any raw areas after resection will be cauterised (by passing an electric current) to minimise bleeding.

When you are in recovery you will find that the Urologist has inserted a catheter into your bladder, so you can pass urine easily. Your Consultant may arrange for a chemical to be instilled into your bladder to reduce the risk of the tumour recurring in the future.

The catheter will be removed after a day or two. For the next few days passing urine may sting; drinking plenty of water will assist this and reduce the probability of blood clots forming.

## When will I know my results?

Your biopsy results will take a few days to come back. You will be able to discuss them with your Consultant Urologist at your follow-up appointment, where any further treatment can be arranged.

You are likely to require further cystoscopies, under local anaesthetic as an outpatient, probably on a regular basis, to ensure you do not have any new tumours appearing. If you have an invasive tumour, the various options for treatment will be discussed fully with you.

## What is the recovery period?

It is important to take it easy and not do anything strenuous, but you should be able to return to work and do a little exercise after two weeks.