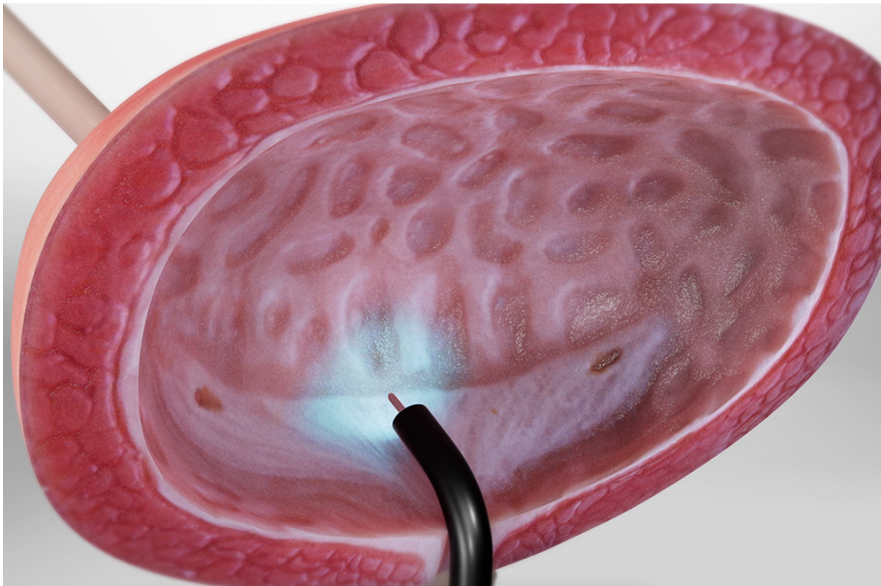
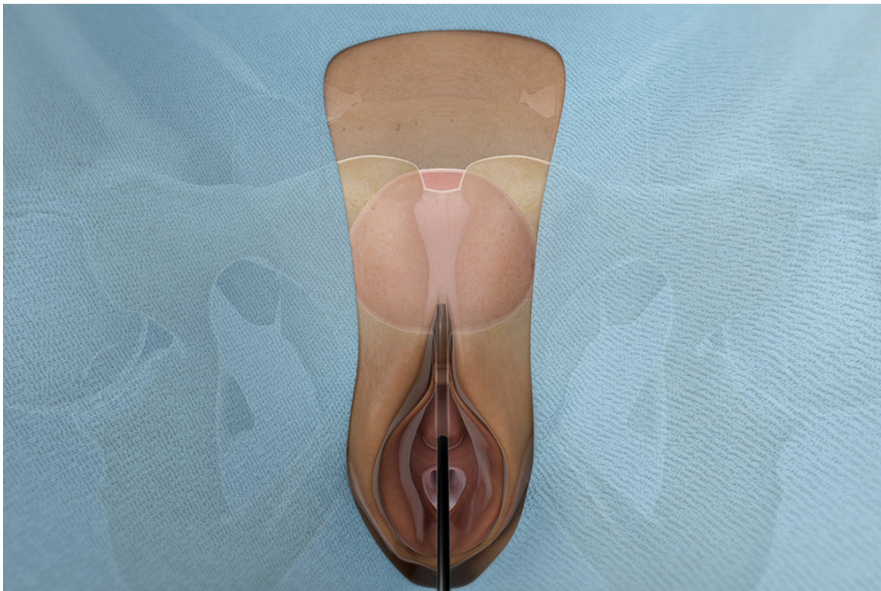
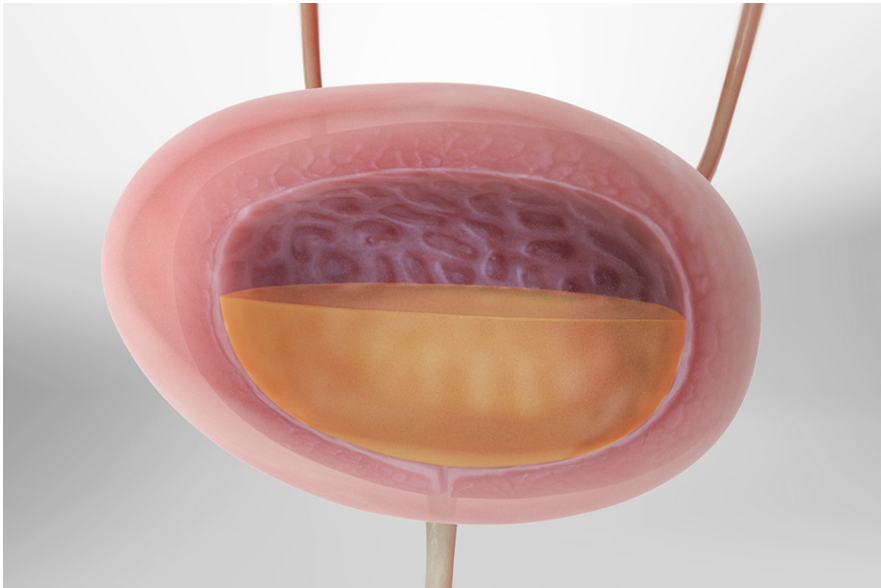




Botulinum Toxin (BOTOX®) Injections for Overactive Bladder in Women



Overview

This treatment calms muscle spasms of your bladder (the organ that holds your urine). These muscle spasms make you feel the urge to pee often, even when you don't really need to. This treatment stops the sudden urges that interrupt your daily life.

Preparation

To begin, you lie on a table that supports your legs and feet. We give you medicine to numb your bladder. Then we guide a device called a "cystoscope" into your urethra (the tube urine passes through when you pee) and to your bladder.

Cystoscope

The cystoscope is a thin tube with a light and a camera. It shows the inside of your bladder on a monitor. It also has a space we can pass things through.

Injections

Now it's time for the treatment. We guide a thin needle through the cystoscope and into the bladder wall. Through this needle we inject a very small amount of botulinum toxin. This medicine temporarily paralyzes muscle tissue. Then we pull the needle out, move it and repeat the injection in another spot. We keep repeating this process until we've treated a large area of your bladder wall.

Conclusion

When it's done, we watch you for a brief time and make sure you can pee normally. Then, you can go home. The treatment can last for several months. When it wears off, we can repeat it. Your doctor will create a plan that's right for you.

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