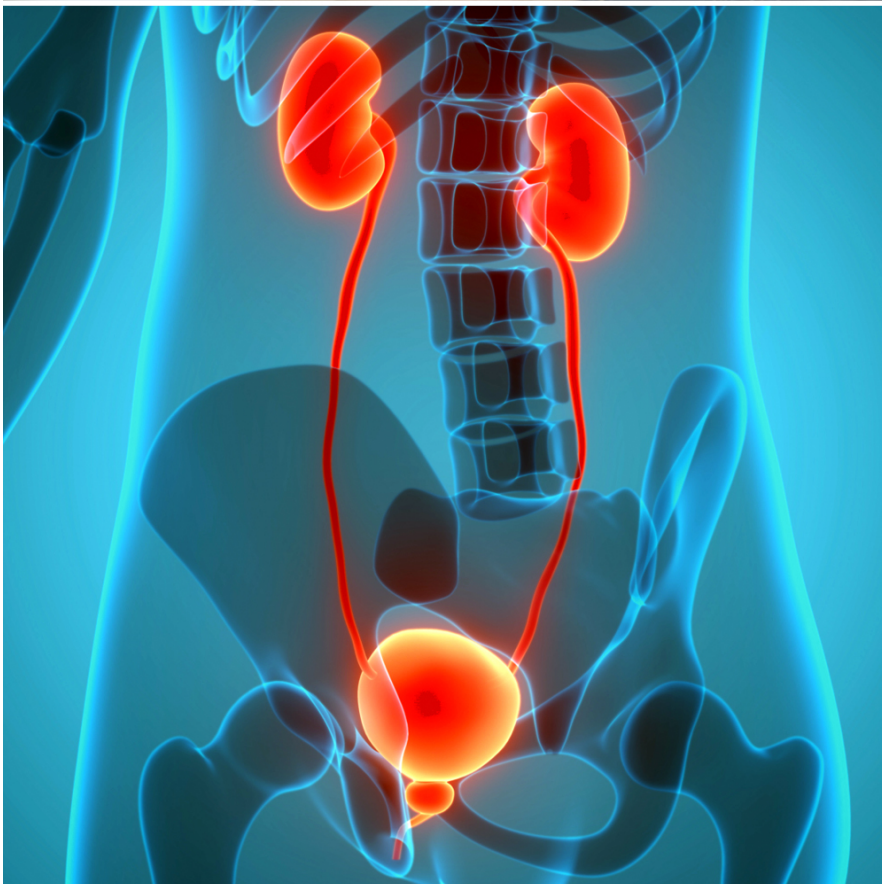




What Does a Urologist Do?



Overview

A urologist is a doctor who specializes in the care of the urinary system. This system includes the bladder and kidneys. It includes the ureters and the urethra. Urologists also care for problems that affect your reproductive system.

What do they treat?

Why would you need to see a urologist? They treat many types of issues. These range from things like urinary tract infections and kidney stones to cancer. They treat pelvic pain and prostate problems. They treat incontinence. That's when you have trouble holding your pee. And they care for many issues that cause infertility.

Diagnosing you

To find out what's wrong, your urologist looks at a range of factors. They give you a physical exam. They study your health history. They may order different types of tests. For example, you may need to have a urinalysis or a blood test. Men may need to give a semen sample. And you could have a CT scan or other imaging test. Your urologist uses all of this info to develop a care plan that's right for you.

Working with you

A big part of a urologist's job is sharing info with you. So they teach you about your condition. They make sure you know about all of your care options. They explain how these options affect you. They help you during treatment, and give you the support you need as you recover. And they create a plan to help you live a healthy life.

Conclusion

Your urologist is a key part of your care team. For more info about urinary and reproductive health, talk to your doctor.