



## BLADDER CANCER

### USC Urology: A leader in bladder cancer treatment

USC Urology has been a world-renowned center for bladder cancer treatment for several decades. Our physicians are faculty members at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. USC Urology is at the forefront in innovative treatment, cutting-edge techniques and breakthroughs that include the first orthotopic bladder reconstruction to replace the need for a urostomy bag for many patients, as well as being the first center in the western United States to provide blue light cystoscopy, an advanced diagnostic tool that identifies bladder tumors.

We are also a leader in robotic surgery, including minimally invasive procedures for faster postoperative recovery times, fewer complications and lower readmission rates. To further ensure the best possible outcome for each patient, Keck Medicine of USC uses the innovative Enhanced Recovery Protocol program that includes post-surgical activity and other measures to decrease time spent in the hospital by several days.

### EARLY DETECTION : SYMPTOMS TO WATCH

Bladder cancer can often be detected early if prompt attention is given to symptoms, so it is important to see your doctor if you experience any of the following symptoms:

#### **Blood in the urine**

This is the most common sign of bladder cancer, and it is generally painless. It may appear slightly red or pink.

#### **Changes in bladder habits**

Many symptoms of bladder cancer imitate symptoms of urinary tract infections, including urinary urgency, urinary frequency, pain or burning during urination and bladder pressure even immediately after urination.

#### **Trouble urinating**

Men may experience trouble urinating or a weak urine stream.

#### **Unexplained pain**

Women may experience unexplained pain in the side, abdomen or pelvis.

#### **Decreased appetite**

Women may also experience an otherwise unexplained decrease in appetite.

**To make an appointment, call  
(800) USC-CARE**

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## TREATMENT OPTIONS

Depending on tumor grade, stage and other factors, there are multiple options available to treat bladder cancer:

### Endoscopic tumor removal

Low-grade tumors can usually be surgically removed while leaving the surrounding organs and tissue intact.

### Radical cystectomy

This procedure is common for high-grade, invasive bladder cancer. The option of minimally invasive techniques such as robotic-assisted laparoscopy may be available as well as the traditional open approach. Cystectomy provides the best survival outcomes and lowest rate of cancer recurrence in that area.

### Urinary diversion

When the native bladder is removed in a cystectomy, Keck Medicine surgeons work with each patient to determine the optimal choice of technique that would best suit individual lifestyle and needs.

### Immunotherapy and chemotherapy

These targeted treatments may be used before or after surgery to improve outcomes and quality of life.

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