

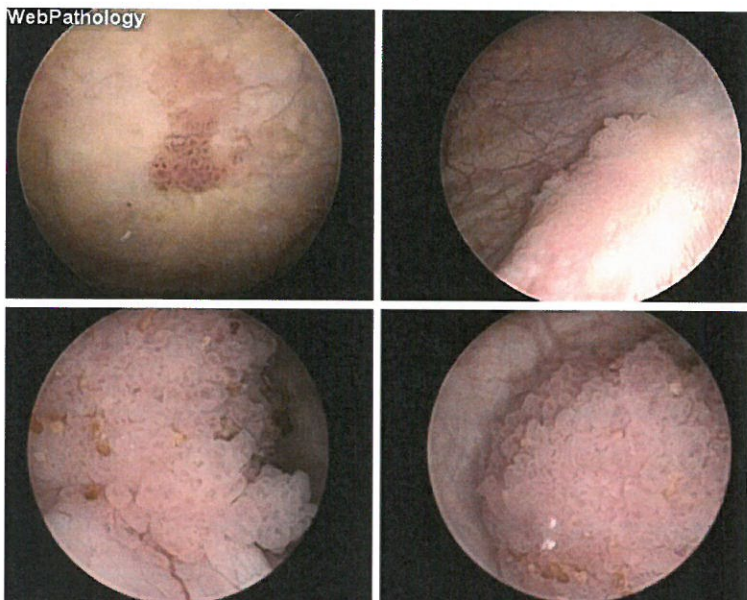
# Bladder Cancer Resection (TURBT)

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## What is TURBT?

Transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT) is the most common treatment for early-stage (non-muscle-invasive) bladder cancer. TURBT is used to REMOVE bladder cancer and see if the cancer has spread into the bladder wall.

Most patients have superficial cancer when they are first diagnosed, so this is usually their first treatment. Sometimes, a second, more extensive TURBT is done to better ensure that all the cancer has been removed. The goal is to take out the cancer cells and nearby tissues down to the muscle layer of the bladder wall.



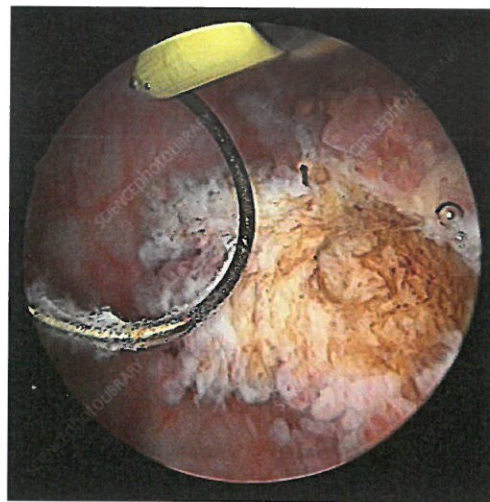
## How is a TURBT performed?

Under anesthesia, Dr. Davenport will perform TURBT using a camera/instrument called a resectoscope that is placed through the urethra, so there is no cutting into your abdomen (belly). The resectoscope has a wire loop at the end that is used to remove abnormal tissue or tumor. The removed tissue is sent to a lab for a cancer pathology report.

Even if the TURBT removes the tumor completely, bladder cancer often comes back (recurs) in other parts of the bladder. Dr. Davenport will follow you closely in the office after cancer removal.

## Most Significant Risks of TURBT

- Perforation or tear of the bladder wall
- Inability to remove all the tumor
- UTI or sepsis (blood infection)
- Bleeding



## What to Expect after TURBT

- Burning when urinating or even when not urinating.
- **Blood in urine. You will have bleeding. This is ok.**
- Possibly going home with a bladder catheter
- **Stent irritation** (frequency and urgency of urination and flank/ bladder pain mainly when urinating). **If a stent is placed, Dr. Davenport will let you or your family know.**
- **You can resume your regular activities** as long as you are not taking narcotic pain medications, and unless Dr. Davenport tells you specifically otherwise.

## Call the Office or Seek Medical Attention If:

- Fever over 101 that does not come down with Tylenol
- Difficulty urinating or inability to urinate.
- Persistent vomiting, chest pain, or shortness of breath.
- Excessive or continuous dark red blood in the urine.



Dr. Timothy C. Davenport is a Board Certified urologist specializing in urologic cancer. He was awarded the **2015 Tennessee Doctor of the Year Award** by the Men's Health Network and received a **2020 National Urolift Center of Excellence**. Dr. Davenport has performed over 1,000 urologic cancer operations in his career.

