

Intravesical instillation of chemotherapy, Foley catheter insertion

(Insertion of temporary urinary catheter into bladder and introducing bladder medication that helps fight bladder cancer)

Possible indications or reasons for this procedure:

- Treat bladder cancer using chemotherapy drug (such as Gemcitabine or Mitomycin)

Possible benefits of this procedure:

- Treats any remaining bladder cancer
- Reduces risk of bladder cancer returning after it has been surgically treated

Other potential available options/alternatives to this procedure:

- Not performing the treatment/procedure (may leave cancer untreated, may increase risk of cancer returning)
- Second opinion from another doctor or institution
- Immunotherapy BCG instillation into the bladder (may be another reasonable option but its use depends on your particular cancer type and stage)
- Surgical removal of part or entire urinary bladder

Possible risks/complications/side effects of this procedure:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Injury to urethra, bladder, prostate in male patients
- Development of urethral stricture/narrowing, urethral trauma/perforation, narrowing of urethral opening, urinary retention, burning/irritation during urination, urinary urgency/frequency, urinary incontinence, persistence/recurrence of bladder cancer, systemic absorption of chemotherapy leading to decreased platelets, white blood cells, red blood cells or anemia, bladder contracture, decreased bladder capacity, hydronephrosis or kidney swelling development, kidney insufficiency, need for additional urological procedures and/or medical treatments

(Please note that the above mentioned list of risks/complications/side effects of surgery is not all inclusive and is not meant to be exhaustive. Other complications/side effects may arise that are not specifically mentioned here. Please also note that these complications/side effects occur only rarely and not in every patient or in every similar surgical case. Finally, please note that if and when complications do arise, there may be additional surgical and/or medical treatments that may be recommended to you).