

Every year 37 000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer, making it the second most common cancer in men. Thousands more people are struck by cancers or infections of the kidney, bladder and testes. And literally millions of men and women have their lives blighted by male infertility, erectile dysfunction and incontinence.

We are there to make a difference. We support vital research into diseases of the prostate, bladder and kidney. We believe in championing excellence in patient care.

We believe that patients with urological diseases deserve the most advanced treatment options available, delivering the best results. We provide education and training for healthcare professionals working in urology, with the ultimate aim of improving patient choice, care and management.

- We fund research to develop better diagnoses and treatments of urological diseases.
- We support specialist training to improve the skills and effectiveness of UK healthcare professionals working in urology.
- We provide grants for surgeons to work with the most highly regarded specialists throughout the world, practising skills and the latest techniques to benefit their patients in the UK.

Our Science and Education Committee oversees all research applications on an annual basis and we conform to Association of Medical Research Charities guidelines. We have supported research into prostate, bladder and renal cancer and fund research into the study of incontinence, sexual dysfunction, benign prostatic hyperplasia and prostatitis.

We also train a great many urologists in newly emerging techniques and technologies such as robotic laparoscopy, and have funded three new robotic

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The Urology Foundation is the only charity in the UK and Ireland that covers all urological conditions and cancers, and that is uniquely focused on improving the knowledge and skills of urologists and funding research in order to improve patient outcomes. We receive no government funding and rely wholly on donations to support our work.

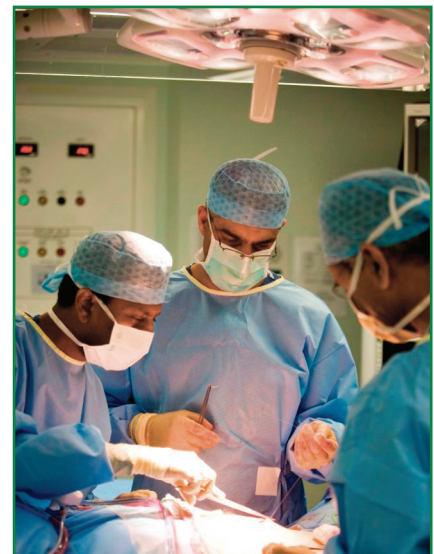


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preceptorship programmes aimed at consultants, surgical teams and trainees, covering urological cancers as well as other non-malignant urological conditions. We have also funded clinical visits to Mansoura in Egypt to acquire expertise in cystectomy and creation of a neobladder, so that alternatives to loop urinary diversion are now more widely available in the UK. These individuals have all returned to pass on the skills that they have acquired to others in the UK.

Through this funding we are able to make a real difference to the lives and outcomes of patients suffering from urological conditions.

Our website (www.theurologyfoundation.org) offers clear, basic information to people suffering from various urological conditions, setting out signs and symptoms, diagnoses and treatment options. Information about our programmes and grants is also clearly set out for urology professionals. Our ongoing challenge is to raise awareness of urological conditions through events and challenges in order to attract more funding, so that we



can continue to support our vital work and programmes.

Looking to the future, we will continue to develop and implement new programmes for urologists practising in the UK and Ireland that will benefit patients. But more research into the causes of urological diseases and the development of new treatments is urgently needed. Please help us to make a difference by getting involved and supporting our work.