



My BREAST CANCER *Doc*

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Post-Operative Urinary Retention

Post-operative urinary retention is a common occurrence after surgery and anesthesia. The risk is especially high after inguinal hernia repair, in patients with an enlarged prostate, and increases with advancing age.

A temporary slow or weak stream of urine is common; however, if you are unable to urinate at all or experience undue discomfort this will require further evaluation.

If this occurs you will need to go to **Northside Hospital Gwinnett, Lawrenceville campus, Emergency Room** to have a urinary catheter placed.

The catheter will empty your bladder and relieve the distention. After the placement of the catheter, you will need to follow up with a urologist in a few days. The urologist will manage your catheter and remove it for you. If you do not have a urologist, the ER will refer you to one or you may contact our office for a referral.