

Clinical Terms Related to the Urinary System

anuria (ah-nu're-ah) Absence of urine due to failure of kidney function or to an obstruction in a urinary pathway.

bacteriuria (bak-te're-u're-ah) Bacteria in urine.

cystectomy (sis-tek'to-me) Surgical removal of the urinary bladder.

cystitis (sis-ti'tis) Inflammation of the urinary bladder.

cystoscope (sis'to-skop) Instrument used to visually examine the interior of the urinary bladder.

cystotomy (sis-tot'o-me) Incision of the urinary bladder wall.

diuresis (di'u-re'sis) Increased urine excretion.

diuretic (di'u-ret'ik) Substance that increases urine production.

dysuria (dis-u're-ah) Painful or difficult urination.

hematuria (hem'ah-tu're-ah) Blood in urine.

incontinence (in-kon'ti-nens) Inability to control urination and/or defecation reflexes.

nephrectomy (nē-frek'to-me) Surgical removal of a kidney.

nephrolithiasis (nē'fro-li-thi'ah-sis) Kidney stones.

nephroptosis (nē'frop-to'sis) Movable or displaced kidney.

oliguria (ol'ig-u're-ah) Scanty urine output.

polyuria (pol'ē-u're-ah) Excess urine output.

pyelolithotomy (pi'ē-lo-li-thot'o-me) Removal of a stone from the renal pelvis.

pyelonephritis (pi'ē-lo-ne-fri'tis) Inflammation of the renal pelvis.

pyelotomy (pi'ē-lot'o-me) Incision into the renal pelvis.

pyuria (pi-u're-ah) Pus (white blood cells) in urine.

uremia (u-re'me-ah) Accumulation in blood of substances ordinarily excreted in urine.

ureteritis (u-re'ter-i'tis) Inflammation of the ureter.

urethritis (u're-thri'tis) Inflammation of the urethra.