QUALITY OF LIFE

Urologic Disorders & Pelvic Health

The medical technology industry is continually advancing and developing new innovations that improve the health and well-being of patients worldwide.

Urologic disorders such as male stress urinary incontinence (SUI), enlarged prostate (BPH) and erectile dysfunction significantly affect quality of life for men, limiting intimacy and self-esteem.

Together, these disorders affect more than 50 million men in the U.S. alone, and can be a result of prostate cancer treatments; conditions such as diabetes and heart disease; and pelvic trauma or surgery, among others.

Medical technology interventions and treatments for urologic disorders – including penile implants, artificial urinary sphincters, urethral lifts, male slings and laser therapy – provide alternatives to drugs and may offer more permanent, long-term solutions, ultimately leading to enhanced quality of life.

92% of people with erectile dysfunction reported sexual activity with the penile implant to be excellent or satisfactory.1

For patients with mild to severe SUI treated with a sling published long-term success rates are 62 to 77 percent.2,3

In one study of patients treated with a sling:4

- 83% were cured
- 92% would undergo the procedure again
- 94% would recommend the procedure to a friend

In another study of patients treated with an artificial urinary sphincter:5

- 90% reported satisfaction
- 92% would have the system placed again
- 96% would recommend the implant to a friend

For patients with BPH, treatment with laser surgery vs. traditional surgical options is associated with significantly less chance of severe blood loss6; same-day surgery in most cases7; and significantly faster recovery in typical cases.8


4. The AdVance Transobturator Male Sling: Surgical Tips That Predict Successful Return of Continence Brian Christine*, Mountain Brook, AL, Anthony J. Bella, Ottawa, Canada


