BOTOX® is commonly used by urology specialists to treat ailments of the urinary system. It is safely used to treat urology conditions including voiding dysfunction, overactive bladder and urgency, chronic pelvic floor pain, and neurogenic bladder and proven to improve quality of life.

Your doctor has recommended using BOTOX® to treat your symptoms and urology condition. Some patients may be unfamiliar with BOTOX® treatments for urology and may have questions. Below is a list of frequently asked questions. If you have additional concerns or questions, feel free to contact one of our female pelvic health specialists at 216-844-3009.

**How does BOTOX® work on the urinary system?**

BOTOX® blocks the release of a chemical that causes the muscles to contract and causes the urinary condition. BOTOX® only affects the treated muscles. Other muscles are not affected and will continue to function normally.

**How is BOTOX® administered?**

The patient receives a local anesthetic prior to the procedure to numb the site that will be injected. The BOTOX® is then injected into various areas of the bladder muscle and/or sphincter using a needle attached to a cystoscope, an instrument inserted into the urethra for examining the urinary bladder.

**How soon will I see results from the procedure?**

On average, patients see results of improvement of symptoms within a week of treatment.

**How long will the BOTOX® treatment last?**

The results of the treatment usually last anywhere from six to nine months, although for some patients up to 12 months.

**What are the side effects?**

Approximately 10 percent (and up to 20 percent in elderly) of patients may experience some temporary urinary retention within the first two weeks following the injection therapy, which is managed.

**Is BOTOX® safe?**

Yes, BOTOX® has been safely used to treat urinary problems for many years and there are proven beneficial outcomes. Current medical research is striving to obtain FDA approval for its use in the treatment of urology conditions and to facilitate ease of medical insurance coverage.

To contact the University Hospitals Urology Institute Female Pelvic Medicine & Surgery Center, call 216-844-3009 or visit UHhospitals.org/uro.