A small tube called a Foley catheter will be placed in your bladder to drain urine during surgery. It will be taken out within a day after surgery.

After surgery, some pain is normal. The goal is for you to feel comfortable enough to sleep and move around as needed. Your doctor may have you use one or more pain control methods. Each has side effects and benefits that are important to discuss with your doctor:

- **Patient-controlled analgesia (PCA):** “Analgesia” means pain relief. With this therapy, pain medicine is given through your veins by an automatic pump. When you are in pain, you can press a button and the pump will give you a set amount of medicine. Safety settings keep the pump from giving you too much medicine.
- **Oral medicines (pain pills):** There are many types of pain pills you can take. Your doctor will talk about the options with you and start you on pain pills before you go home. Talk with your doctor or nurse to learn how to take these medicines and manage side effects.

You will stay in the hospital three to six days if there are no complications. You will need four to six weeks at home to fully recover. Recovery time is different for each person.

If you have questions after you leave the hospital, call your surgeon’s office: