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Radical Cystoprostatectomy with Ileal Conduit

A Patient's Perspective



Conflicts of interest

None







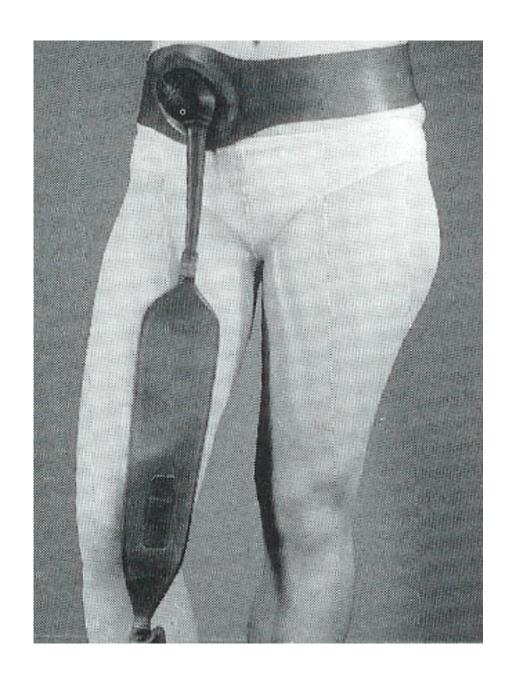




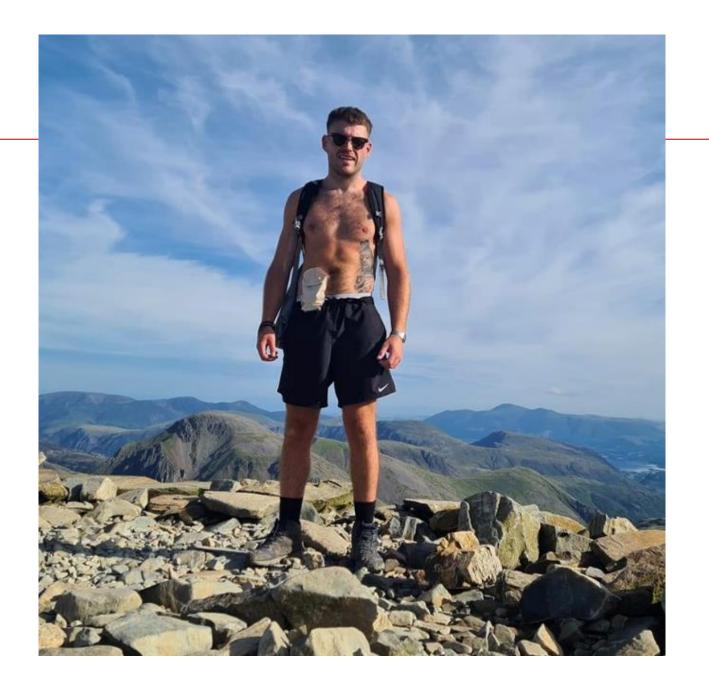
- Physical
- Pyschological
- Sex
- What now?

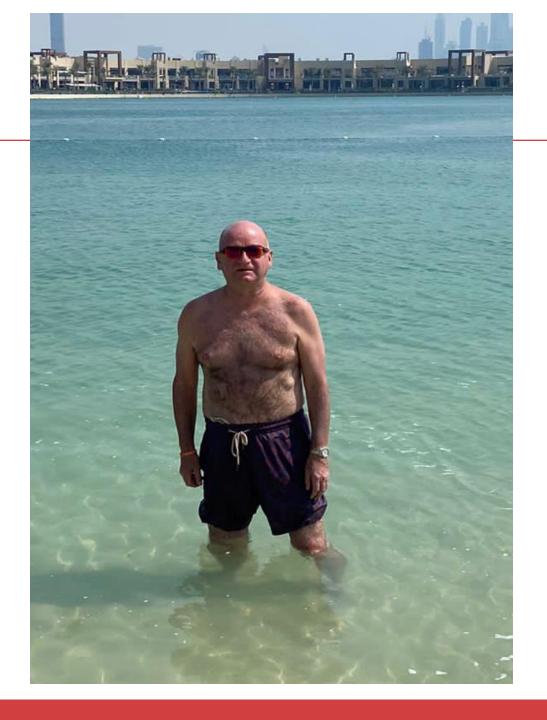
Physical Effects

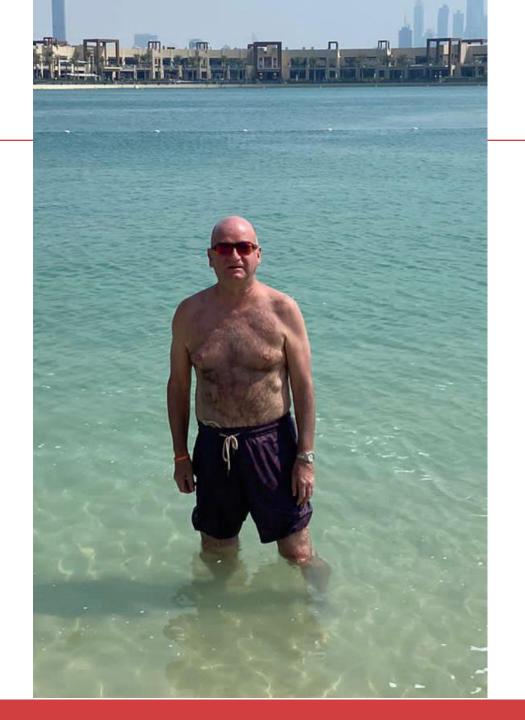
- Devastating tiredness.
- Mutilating effects.
- Lack of social support
- Problems with the stoma and who helps?













Pyschological

• Is the cancer gone?

Life changing

Effect on family

Employment and social issues

Very little psychological support available for most patients

Sex

Men



- Body image
- How partner or potential partners react
- Erectile Dysfunction
- Central (not local) effects

Sex

Women



- Body image
- Vaginal shortening
- Vaginal scarring
- Fear of sex and the potential harm

• Why not be more proactive with advice and treatment? $\stackrel{\bullet}{\P}$



Standout comments on Communication

- No pre-warning of the "Devastating" effects of surgery
- Nobody told me about sexual effects

I can't have a baby

What will I wear



What now?

- Avoid surgery if possible?
 - Research++
- Prevention and early diagnosis
 - Global effort
 - Media coverage
- Support
 - Fight Bladder Cancer (online forum)
 - Support groups
- World Bladder Cancer Patient Coalition (WBCPC)

https://worldbladdercancer.org/







