

ENLARGED PROSTATE

BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA - BPH

An enlarged prostate is usually due to BPH (benign prostatic hyperplasia) and is one of the most common conditions in middle-aged and elderly men.

Some of the symptoms are:

- a decrease of the urinary stream, waking up in order to empty the bladder,
- sometimes urgency, and
- most frequently - dribbling after urination.

If treatments fail to improve a patient's complaints, surgery can solve the problem by removing the excess prostate tissue and leaving the outer prostate in place. This procedure is called a transurethral resection prostatectomy (TURP).

This is **not** the same as a standard prostatectomy (surgical removal of the prostate gland) sometimes used in cases of prostate cancer.

Fig.3 Cross section Enlarged prostate (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia - BPH)

