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ARGYROL BLADDER TREATMENTS

Your doctor has recommended Argyrol bladder treatments to help relieve your bladder symptoms. Argyrol works by cauterizing the inside of the bladder, causing sloughing of the irritated tissue and promoting new healthy tissue growth.

This medication is instilled into your bladder by inserting a catheter into the urethra then into the bladder. Once the catheter is in the bladder the medication will be passed through the catheter into the bladder. This is called a bladder instillation. The catheter is removed after the medication is instilled. You should try and retain the Argyrol in your bladder for 1 hour. After 1 hour you can urinate normally and evacuate the medication. The Argyrol is a very dark oily substance and can stain your clothes, so we recommend wearing a pad in your underclothes after your treatment. The treatments are given weekly, usually for 6 weekly treatments. Prior to each bladder instillation we will ask that you empty your bladder. We will also have to collect a "clean catch" urine specimen at that time so we can check for infection prior to each treatment. If you have a bladder infection your treatment would be canceled and you will be treated for the infection. The treatments will then resume after the infection is gone. Argyrol is generally well tolerated with minimal side effects. The symptoms you presented with may worsen some after the initial treatments, but then should start to improve.

You can leave the office right after your treatment and there are no special precautions. If you experience any of the following you should call the office. Fever, chills/sweating, flu-like symptoms, blood in urine, burning of urination. These symptoms may indicate a bladder infection and will need to be treated. (If after office hours you should still call the office and they will put you in touch with the doctor on call.)

Argyrol is not an FDA approved drug for this diagnosis, (but is the treatment of choice by your physician), and so may not be payable by Medicare, Medicaid or your private insurance. Therefore, Urology PC will request your signature on a waiver as assurance that you will accept financial responsibility for this service. If your insurance requires referrals or authorizations for the treatment visits you will need to contact your primary care provider to arrange for the authorization.

Our office number if you have questions is 489-8888