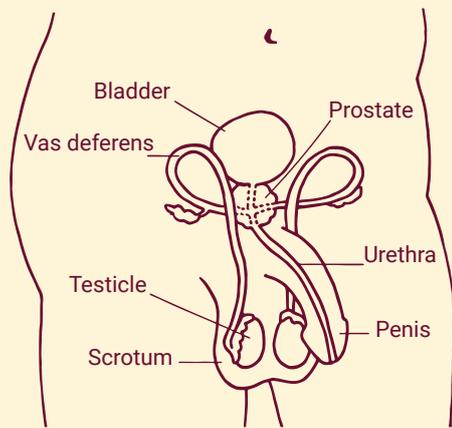




# Men's health

It's OK to talk about sexual health

## Reproductive system



The **prostate** is a small but important reproductive organ inside the body

The **bladder** is a part of the body that stores urine (pee)

The **urethra** is the tube that carries pee from the bladder to the opening of the penis

An **erection** is the hardening of the penis

**Ejaculation** is when semen (white fluid) comes out of the penis

The information about reproductive systems may not be true for all men, for example, people who are transgender or intersex.

Some men may have injuries or disabilities which could affect their reproductive system.

If you are worried or have questions, talk to a doctor. Appointments are confidential. You can ask for an interpreter.

## Prostate and urinary problems

### Prostate problems include:

- The prostate becoming bigger which can affect your ability to pee because the prostate is under the bladder
- Pain and swelling
- Prostate cancer. In the early stages of prostate cancer there may be no signs or symptoms that you can see or feel

### Urinary problems include:

- Difficulty starting to pee
- Slow flowing pee
- Needing to pee more often
- Need to go to the toilet quickly to pee
- Pain or burning during peeing
- Leaking pee
- Not emptying the bladder (still feeling like you need to pee after you have)

A doctor can discuss these problems and help you choose the best management or treatment.



**Visit your  
Doctor.**

**Let's  
talk  
about  
it**

## Sexual problems are common. Let's talk about it.

Sexual difficulties can happen to men of all ages, but they are more common in men over 55 years old.

**While it can be a difficult topic to discuss, these difficulties happen to many men.**

### Where to get help:

**Contact your GP** or

phone **13HEALTH** on  
13 43 25 84

**[www.qld.gov.au/health/contacts](http://www.qld.gov.au/health/contacts)**

Sexual and reproductive health  
animations available from:

**[www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au)**



### Sexual difficulties include:

- Not able to have or maintain an erection (this is called erectile dysfunction)
- No or low interest in sex (only if this is a problem for you - some people have low interest in sex and that is OK)
- Ejaculation that happens too soon

### Sexual difficulties can be a sign of other health problems:

- Diabetes (high sugar in the blood)
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol (fat substance in blood)
- Cardiovascular (heart) problems
- Mental health (stress or depression)

### Other health issues you can talk to your doctor about:

- Fertility and having children (if you want to have children and are finding it difficult)
- Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and safe sex
- If you don't want to have any more children.



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