

DEFINITION

1. **Bladder neck stenosis** is a narrowing of the outlet of the bladder resulting in urinary outflow obstruction.

CLINICAL FEATURES

2. The main symptom is difficulty in passing urine which can be overcome by straining.
3. As well as outflow obstruction, back pressure effects such as bladder diverticulum, hydronephrosis, or recurrent urinary tract infections and pyelonephritis can result.

AETIOLOGY

4. The condition may be due to -
 - 4.1. **congenital muscular hypertrophy** (Marion's disease or prostatism sans prostate). This form may produce symptoms at any age but usually manifests itself at birth or in early childhood;
 - 4.2. **fibrosis of the tissues of the bladder neck** (an aftermath of chronic prostatitis in men, or urethrotrigonitis in women). This form usually manifests itself after the age of 45 years.

CONCLUSION

5. **Bladder neck contracture** is a condition of narrowing of the outlet of the bladder which results from muscular hypertrophy or fibrosis.

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