

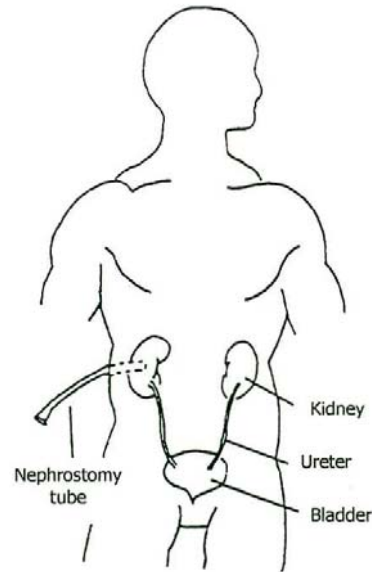
Nephrostomy Tube

You have had a nephrostomy (neh FROST o me) tube placed into one or both of your kidneys. This tube drains urine from the kidney into a drainage bag.

The **kidneys** change water and body wastes into urine.

The **ureters** are the tubes that carry urine from the kidneys to the bladder.

The **bladder** is a hollow sac that normally holds your urine until you go to the bathroom.



There are many reasons that nephrostomy tube may be needed. If you do not know why you have this tube, ask your doctor or nurse to explain it to you. If you would like to learn more about how to take care of your drainage tube, please ask your nurse for a free copy of the publication *Home Care for Your Drainage Tube*.

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