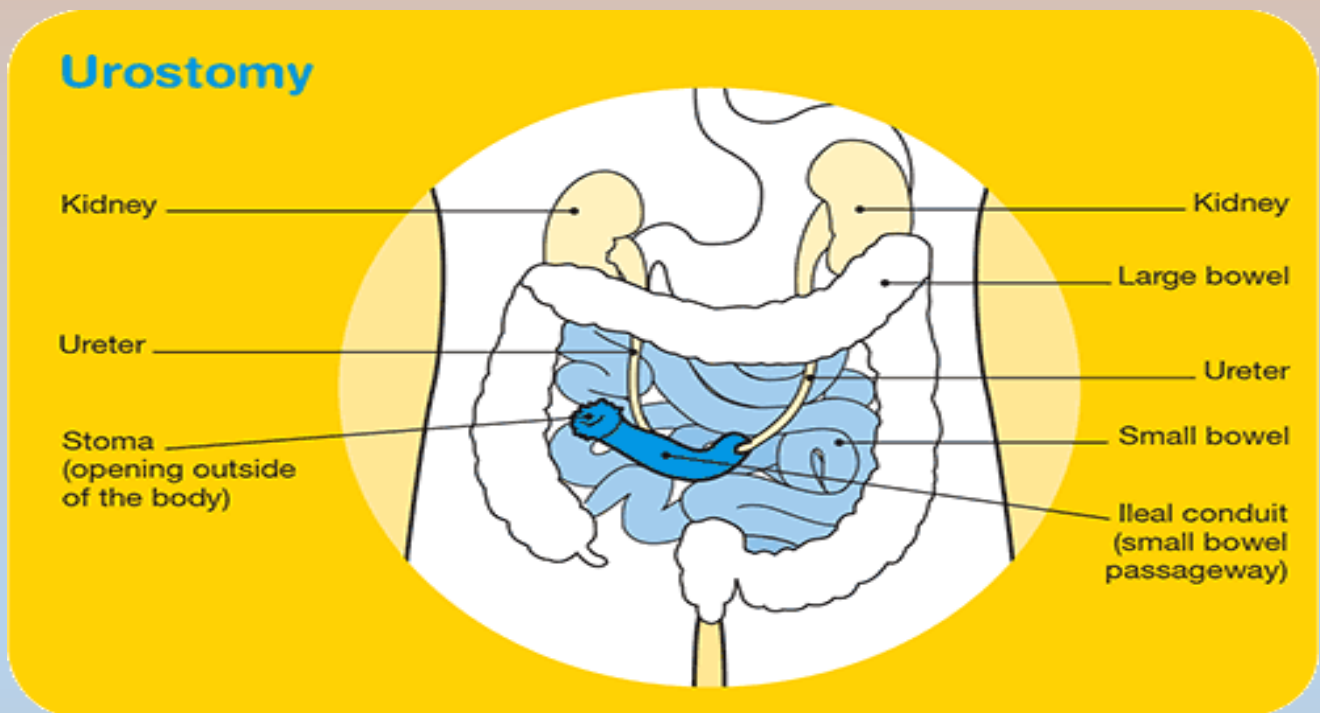


# UROSTOMY

There are approximately 11,000 people with a urostomy in the UK and around 800 new ones are created each year. It is the lesser known ostomy and doesn't usually get the



## What is a Urostomy?

The normal urinary tract consists of two kidneys, two ureters, one bladder and one urethra. Urine is made in the kidneys and moved through the ureters by squeezing movements (peristalsis) to the bladder. The urine is then stored until the bladder is full and is then passed from the body through the urethra. A urostomy/ileal conduit is the creation of a new exit route for the passage of urine from the body via a stoma and pouch. The surgical construction of such a pathway through which the urine may travel without interference will allow the kidneys to function at their optimum efficiency.