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Photoselective vaporization of the prostate (PVP) is a treatment for an enlarged prostate (benign prostatic hyperplasia).

During laser PVP surgery, a tube with an imaging system (cystoscope) is inserted into the penis. A surgeon places a laser through the cystoscope to burn away (vaporize) excess prostate tissue. This eases blockage of the urethra and enlarges the opening to allow better urine flow during urination.

Laser PVP surgery is an effective and less invasive alternative to older, more traditional methods of removing prostate obstructions. Because laser PVP surgery vaporizes tissue rather than cutting or scraping it, there's generally less blood loss — which can make the procedure a good choice for

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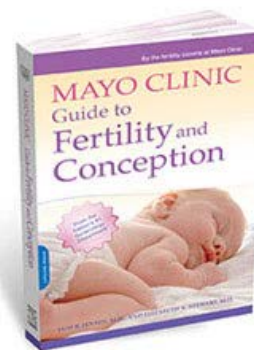


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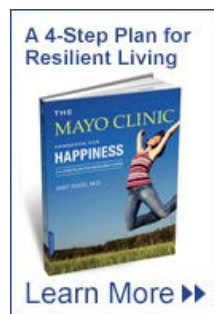
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