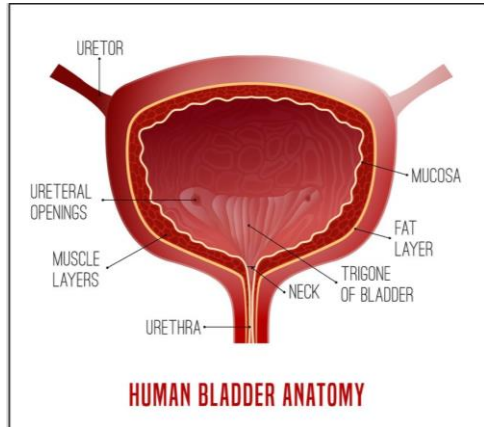


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It sometimes happens that for some cause, such as neglect, or sensitiveness because of the presence of persons of the opposite sex, that the urine is retained until the bladder, by being over stretched, loses its power to contract and void its contents, or there may be internal pressure against the neck of the bladder, caused by retro version of the uterus. When the bladder is filled to its utmost capacity, the urine will dribble away slowly, this incontinence being one of the symptoms of retention.



**Treatment.**— In all cases when retroflexion of the uterus is not known to be the cause of the retention, it may be considered as highly probable that paralysis of the bladder exists. If the pain is not very severe, a hot sitz-bath or hot fomentation should be given without delay. The hot application should be followed by a dash of cold water on the abdomen. If the distress is very great, or if the hot applications do not cause a passage of the urine, or if the retention is caused by retroversion of the uterus, the urine should be immediately drawn off with a catheter.