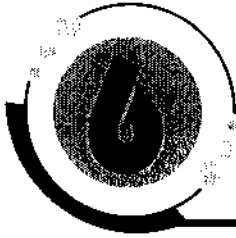


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Obstructive uropathy caused by posterior urethral valves is a complex disease process with the potential for life threatening consequences. Remarkable advances have occurred in the diagnosis, treatment and survival of boys with posterior urethral valves. With the increasing incidence of prenatal diagnosis by obstetric ultrasound, early postnatal intervention is available for most infants. Modern pediatric endoscopic equipment combined with high- resolution video imaging makes primary valve ablation safe and effective in almost all neonates with posterior urethral valves. There is growing evidence that relief of urethral obstruction in early infancy can restore normal anatomy and function of the bladder, ureters and urethra. Can the bladder really heal?

