



Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL) for kidney stones

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Abstract: Kidney stones are hard pieces of salt. They build up over time and can be as small as a grain of sand, up to 3 cm or more across. When the stones get too big to leave the body on their own, they can block the flow of urine (pee). This may cause sudden, severe (very bad) pain. This pamphlet describes your care if you are going to receive extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) to target your kidney stones. Care instructions are given and a list of the symptoms that need medical attention are outlined.

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