

2. MALE URETHRA - terminology

Male urethra:

Bladder neck, prostatic urethra, membranous urethra, bulbar urethra, penile urethra, fossa navicularis, outlet of the urethra.

Spongy urethra: within corpus spongiosum.

Bulbar urethra, penile urethra.

Fossa navicularis. Glanular urethra.

Outlet of male urethra: Inner layer of labia and dorsal commissure of the labia of the glans penis (external urethral meatus).

Functions of male urethra:

Urination: urine transported from bladder to external urethral meatus.

Emission: Seminal fluid collects in the prostatic urethra and expelled through the membranous urethra into the bulbar urethra

Ejaculation: Forceful ejection of seminal fluid from bulbar urethra through the external urethral meatus.

Male vestibule: Since the membranous urethra receives urine from the prostatic urethra, and the colliculus seminalis (and openings of the ejaculatory ducts), arises from the membranous urethra, the membranous urethra, penile urethra and fossa navicularis may be termed, the male vestibule.

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