# **UROFLOWS: GUIDE TO INTERPRETATION [from ICCS]**

Consider: voided volume, flow rate, voiding time, flow pattern + residual

#### Voided volume:

Void >50% F/EBC to be valid

FBC = functional bladder capacity – from FV [frequency volume] chart

EBC = expected bladder capacity - (age [in years] \* 30) + 30ml

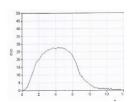
## Flow rate [= Qmax (ml/s)] + voiding time:

- 1. (Qmax)<sup>2</sup> > voided volume
- 2. Generally should be > 10ml/s and <30sec

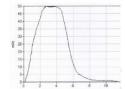
Depends on voided volume – 'UROFLOW TOOL' is downloadable from app store – normalised for voided volume and gives 'flow index' – normal >0.8

Flow pattern: 5 types: bell, tower, staccato, interrupted, plateau

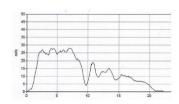
Bell: normal



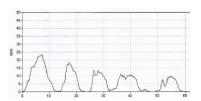
**Tower:** high amplitude = detrusor overactivity



**Staccato:** intermittent flow, but never zero = dysfunctional voiding



Interrupted: intermittent flow, including zerodetrusor failure OR dysfunctional voiding



**Plateau:** flattened prolonged = outflow obstruction



#### **Residuals:**

<=6yr

Single void >30ml or >21% BC

Repeat void >20ml or >10% BC

>=7yr

Single void >20ml or >15% BC

Repeat void >10ml or >6% BC

## **Bladder wall thickness:**

Full <3mm

Empty <5mm

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