

Urologist

The surgeon for kidneys, bladder, prostate and the male reproductive system. Five years of residency, a mix of clinic and operating room, and a lot of prostate cancer.

TYPICAL PAY

\$450,000

a year, full time

PAY RANGE

\$300k to \$650k

starting to experienced

TIME TO QUALIFY

11 to 14 years

after high school

DEMAND

Good

job outlook

LICENCE NEEDED

Yes

regulated job

WHERE YOU WORK

Hospital operating rooms, urology clinics, day-surgery centres, canc...

How you get there

- 1 High school** Grades 11 and 12
Top marks in biology, chemistry, math and English. You need a very high average for a science undergrad.
- 2 Bachelor's degree** 3 to 4 years
Any major works. Keep a GPA (grade point average) above 3.8, volunteer, do research. Write the MCAT (medical school admission test).
- 3 Medical school, the MD (doctor of medicine)** 3 to 4 years
Acceptance rates are 5% to 15%. Classes, then clinical rotations. Urology electives and reference letters decide the match.
- 4 Urology residency** 5 years
Direct entry from medical school through CaRMS (the residency matching service). Surgical foundations first, then kidney stones, prostate and bladder cancer, kidney cancer, incontinence, transplant and children's urology.
- 5 Royal College exam, licence, often a fellowship** 1 to 2 years
Pass the Royal College exam to become FRCSC (Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada). Register with your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons. Many add a 1 to 2 year fellowship.

Pros and cons

- + One of the highest paid jobs in Canada
- + A real mix: clinic, scopes, open surgery, robots
- + Many problems you can fix outright, the same day
- About 12 years of training, most of it underpaid
- Call nights for your whole career
- A small, competitive match you may not win

Optional boosts

Urologic oncology. Endourology and stones. Pediatric urology. Female pelvic medicine.

Good to know

The most common cancer in Canadian men

The Canadian Cancer Society expects about 29,300 men in Canada to be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2026, making it the most common cancer in men apart from non-melanoma skin cancer. Urolo...

Kidney stones are a summer job

Stone cases climb in hot weather. Dehydration concentrates the urine and crystals form. Urologists on call in July know what is coming.

Where these numbers come from

Job Bank: Urologist, wages (updated Nov 2025)

Canadian Urological Association

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

CIHI: A profile of physicians in Canada, 2024 (payments)

Numbers checked September 2026. Pay figures are typical full-time annual amounts in Canadian dollars, based on Government of Canada Job Bank wage data and published salary grids. They vary by province, employer and experience. Tuition is for domestic students. Sources, links and the click-through version: <https://career.help/ca/careers/urologist>



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