The idea for this text arose from an informal discussion between the four of us at the annual ICI-RS (International Consultation on Incontinence-Research Society). The concept was to produce a series of presentations that covered virtually every topic that fell under the rubric of bladder function and dysfunction in the adult. We wanted to cover “the basics” in a manner sufficient for understanding how and why things “work”, but not in an overly detailed manner that would be considered suffocating. The same concept was meant to apply to a description of the common types of dysfunctions which we encounter in clinical practice and to the methods of evaluation and therapies (non-, minimally and maximally invasive) which we commonly utilize. Hopefully, we have achieved that goal.

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