In 2010, there were an estimated 19 million visits to nonfederally employed, office-based urologists in the United States.

Percent distribution of office visits by patient’s age: 2010

The annual visit rate increased with age. Males had a higher visit rate than females.

Annual office visit rates by patient’s age and sex: 2010

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Expected source(s) of payment included:
- Medicare — 45%
- Private insurance — 44%
- Medicaid/CHIP — 4%

The major reason for visit was:
- Chronic problem, routine — 43%
- New problem — 26%
- Pre- or post-surgery/injury follow-up — 12%
- Chronic problem, flare-up — 9%
- Preventative care — 8%

The top 5 reasons given by patients for visiting urologists were:
- Progress visit
- Postoperative visit
- Cancer of urinary and male genital tract
- Urinary tract diseases except cystitis
- Findings of blood tests

The top 5 diagnoses were:
- Malignant neoplasms
- Other specified aftercare
- Benign hypertrophy of the prostate
- Urinary tract infection
- Calculus of kidney

Medications were provided or prescribed at 68 percent of office visits. The top 5 generic substances utilized were:
- Aspirin
- Tamsulosin
- Ciprofloxacin
- Simvastatin
- Lisinopril

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