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Hi-tech laser treatment benefits its 200th patient

More than 200 people have benefited from a new piece of hi-tech equipment for the treatment of prostate enlargements at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston.

The new second generation greenlight laser equipment cost £100,000.

This equipment is used to reduce prostatic enlargements, (which causes blockages in the bladder neck and difficulty in passing water), leaving patients with less discomfort and able to leave hospital sooner than previous methods.

Surgeons at the hospital have now used the equipment over 200 times and say that it has gone down well with both patients and staff.

Consultant Urologist, Shaukat Memon, said the equipment has changed the way they operate on patients with prostate enlargement.

“It has now got to a stage where patients are talking among themselves about how good this procedure is and recommending it to each other,” he said.

“Previously when we needed to remove tissue from the prostate it was scraped out. Afterwards a patient would have to stay in hospital for a number of days and be catheterised.

“This new equipment works completely differently. We put a probe into the prostate and the laser vaporises the tissue. This means that patients can often go home within a day of their operation. They don’t require catheterisation which is much more pleasant for them.”

He said they have been extremely satisfied with the state-of-the-art equipment.

“It is particularly useful in the care of high risk or elderly patients, as the procedure is much less invasive and much simpler than before, improving their recovery rate and shortening their length of stay in hospital.”

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Notes to editors

A photograph of Consultant Urologist Shaukat Memon with the greenlight laser machine is attached.

