

Bullying linked to lower urinary tract symptoms in children

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(HealthDay)—For 8- to 11-year-olds, bullying is associated with lower urinary tract symptoms, according to a study published in the February issue of *The Journal of Urology*.

Christina B. Ching, M.D., from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., and colleagues examined the correlation between pediatric lower [urinary tract symptoms](#) and exposure to bullying among 8- to 11-year-olds. Exposure to [school bullying](#) was assessed via the Setting the Record Straight bullying questionnaire among children being assessed for [lower urinary tract symptoms](#), using the Vancouver Symptom Score, at a pediatric urology clinic. Children presenting for pediatric well visits also completed the questionnaires. Data were included for 113 children at the urology clinic and 63 children in the

[primary care](#) setting.

The researchers observed significant differences between the two populations, with more perpetrators of bullying in the primary care group (7.9 versus 0.9 percent; $P = 0.02$). Within the urology clinic group, Vancouver Symptom Score was significantly associated with self-perceived and peer-perceived victimization scores (both P

"Although bullying exposure is multifactorial, we found that Vancouver Symptom Score can be associated with bullying victimization and perpetrator scores," the authors write.

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