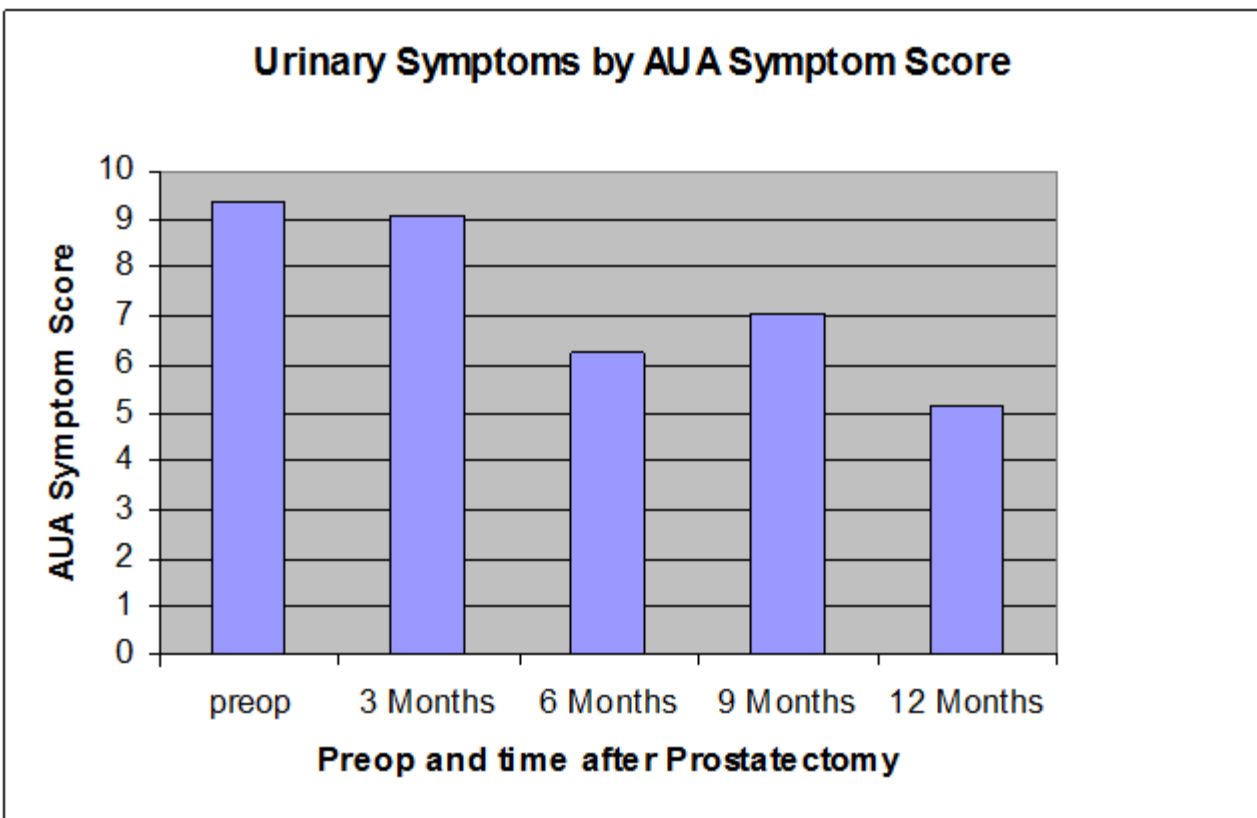


## Quality of Life as Related to Urinary Function

- Urinary symptoms affect a large number of men both before and after undergoing prostate cancer surgery
- AUA symptom score reflects the extent of urinary symptoms
  - 0-7 mild urinary symptoms
  - 8-20 moderate symptoms
  - 20-35 severe symptoms
- On average, patients have improved urinary symptoms following surgery
- This is reflected in improved quality of life based on urinary function



Many men are concerned about the potential impact of robotic prostatectomy on the quality of their urination. Here, we report the assessment of quality of life as it relates to urinary function both before and after radical prostatectomy. This data is based on review of validated questionnaires filled out by our patients at various stages in their treatment and recovery. As noted above, patients report improved urinary quality of life following prostate removal with greater than 90% satisfaction at 6 months after surgery. This is due to relief of obstructive urinary symptoms following prostate removal

