

Lithotripsy

Lithotripsy is a procedure involving the physical destruction of hardened masses like kidney stones, or gallstones, which may be done noninvasively. Techniques including:

- Extracorporeal shock wave therapy
- Intracorporeal (endoscopic lithotripsy):
- Laser lithotripsy: effective for larger stones (> 2 cm) with good stone-free and complication rates.
- Electro hydraulic lithotripsy
- Mechanical lithotripsy
- Ultrasonic lithotripsy : safer for small stones (<10 mm)

