Overview - Peyronie’s Disease

In Peyronie's Disease, hard nodules, called plaques, form in the sheath surrounding the vascular erectile tissue within the penile shaft. The plaques, which are not cancerous, cause the penis to bend toward the affected side. This can interfere with erection and penetration and reduce penile length, causing much distress for the man and his partner.

The causes of PD are not altogether clear. Fortunately, however, as research into the disease continues, new medical therapies are emerging and surgical techniques are being refined.

In this article, we'll discuss what is known about PD—possible causes, typical signs and symptoms, frequency, and risk. We'll explore some of the myths surrounding the disease, describe the treatments currently in use or under investigation, and discuss which patients are most likely to benefit from the various treatments.