Bedwetting (Enuresis) affects 5-7 million children in the United States. It is important is to remember that it is not a child's fault and can be very impacting psychologically with how you handle the situation.

## **Effects of Bedwetting:**

- Poor self-esteem
- · Frustration, anger, shame, and guilt
- · Feelings of failure
- Laundry
- Embarrassment
- Not being able to attend social events
- Odors
- Being bullied and teased
- Psychological effects with lying and hiding

## Causes of Bedwetting (Primary & Secondary):

- Overactivity of muscles
- Too much urine being produced at night time
- Immature sleep pattern that allows an uninhibited reflex contraction of bladder
- Diabetes
- Urinary tract or anatomic abnormalities
- Psychologic factors

## **Treatment of Bedwetting:**

- Pelvic floor strengthening and muscle reeducation with occupational therapy
- Behavior modification with diet, voiding habits and constipation management if needed
- Conditioning therapy with an alarm system



As a parent, having a child that has bedwetting complications is frustrating and you feel like you have tried everything and it still continues to happen. Do you need some help and education?



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