

**Maine Medical Center  
Maine Transplant Program  
Policies and Procedures  
Ureteral Stent Policy**

The purpose of a ureteral stent post-transplant is to protect the ureteral anastomosis (the connection between the kidney and the bladder) to minimize the risk of obstruction and urinary leakage. Stents will be removed no sooner than one week and no later than three months post-transplant barring extraordinary circumstances, with an optimal removal time of between 20 and 60 days post-transplant. Multiple levels of redundancy are used to record the presence of a stent and assure its safe removal. All MTP patients receive ureteric stents intraoperatively.

1. The presence of a stent will be dictated into the operative note by the operative surgeon.
2. The presence of a stent will be documented in the transplant section of the electronic medical record by the surgeon or operating room staff (preferably not both).
3. A referral to Maine Medical Partners (MMP) Urology will be undertaken before discharge. The standard MMC Partners referral form and discharge summary are stored in Epic.
4. Stent removal will be documented by MMP Urology in the electronic medical record.
5. Periodic reports will be run of current stents from the medical record and reported monthly at QAPI.

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