

Ureteral catheter/stent insertion, possible cystotomy repair
(ureteral catheter insertion possible bladder injury repair)

Possible indications or reasons for ureteral catheter/stent insertion:

- To assist surgeon(s) in identifying the ureter(s) and/or ureteral injury when undergoing abdominal or pelvic surgery. May be useful in surgeries such as hysterectomy (uterus removal) and colon resection for colon cancer or diverticulitis

Possible benefits of ureteral catheter/stent insertion:

- Helps surgeon(s) identify ureter(s) during surgery
- Reduces, **BUT DOES NOT ELIMINATE**, risk of ureter(s) and/or ureteral injury
- In case of ureteral injury, having a ureteral catheter/stent improves the ability to recognize the injury and have it repaired right away

Other potential available options/alternatives to ureteral catheter/stent:

- Not performing the ureteral catheter/stent insertion (may lead to higher risk of both recognized and unrecognized ureteral injury)

Possible risks/complications/side effects of ureteral catheter/stent insertion:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Injury to urethra, bladder, prostate in male patients, ureters, kidneys.
- Development of ureteral stricture, ureteral perforation, kidney insufficiency, urinary retention
- If ureteral and/or bladder injury occurs during surgery, repair of these organs will be required
- May require additional intervention in the future in the form of additional surgery and/or other medical treatments
- Heart attack, stroke, heart arrhythmias, respiratory insufficiency/failure requiring prolonged breathing tube, blood clots in extremities and/or lungs, kidney insufficiency/failure requiring temporary and/or permanent kidney replacement therapy such as dialysis, eye or corneal abrasion, pneumonia or lung infection, and even a small chance of death during or after surgery

- Anesthetic risks will be discussed with you separately by an anesthesiologist and/or their qualified representative

(Please note that the above mentioned list of risks/complications/side effects of surgery is not all inclusive and is not meant to be exhaustive. Other complications/side effects may arise that are not specifically mentioned here. Please also note that these complications/side effects occur only rarely and not in every patient or in every similar surgical case. Finally, please note that if and when complications do arise, there may be additional surgical and/or medical treatments that may be recommended to you).