A coronary stent is a device that props open a narrowed artery in your heart. There are 2 types of stents: bare metal and drug-coated. You may prefer one stent over the other based on the information below and a discussion with your doctor or nurse.

### Repeat Heart Procedure
If the stent that you receive today becomes blocked, you will need another heart procedure to reopen your artery.

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### Required Medicine
- You will need to take a blood thinner medicine.
  - ✓ At least 1 month
  - ✓ At least 12 months
- Stopping the medicine early increases the risk of a heart attack and death.
  - ✓
  - ✓
- Cost of medicine varies, depending on insurance coverage.
  - ✓ Total cost for that 1 month: $4 - $200
  - ✓ Total cost for those 12 months: $48 - $2400

### Bruising and Bleeding
- Most patients bruise and bleed more easily while taking the extra blood thinner.
  - ✓ At least 1 month
  - ✓ At least 12 months

### Other Medical Procedures and Surgery
- Major medical procedures, major dental work, and surgery must wait.
  - ✓ At least 1 month
  - ✓ At least 12 months