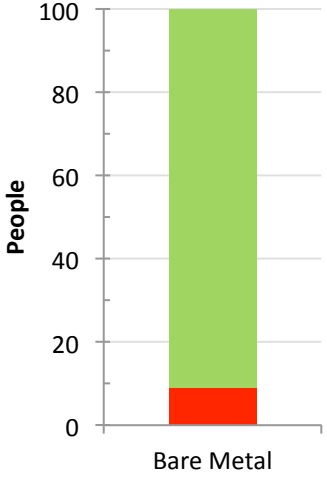
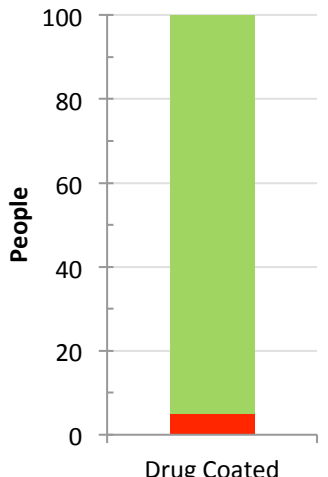


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A coronary stent is a device that props open a narrowed artery in your heart. There are 2 types of stents: bare metal and drug-coated. You may prefer one stent over the other based on the information below and a discussion with your doctor or nurse.

	BARE METAL STENT	DRUG COATED STENT
<p><b>Repeat Heart Procedure</b> If the stent that you receive today becomes blocked, you will need another heart procedure to reopen your artery.</p>	 <p>91 <u>will not</u> need a repeat procedure due to stent blockage 9 <u>will</u> need a repeat procedure due to stent blockage</p>	 <p>95 <u>will not</u> need a repeat procedure due to stent blockage 5 <u>will</u> need a repeat procedure due to stent blockage</p>
<p><b>Required Medicine</b> You will need to take a blood thinner medicine.</p>	✓ At least 1 month	✓ At least 12 months
<p>Stopping the medicine early increases the risk of a heart attack and death.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Cost of medicine varies, depending on insurance coverage.</p>	✓ Total cost for that 1 month: \$4 - \$200	✓ Total cost for those 12 months: \$48 - \$2400
<p><b>Bruising and Bleeding</b> Most patients bruise and bleed more easily while taking the extra blood thinner.</p>	✓ At least 1 month	✓ At least 12 months
<p><b>Other Medical Procedures and Surgery</b> Major medical procedures, major dental work, and surgery must wait.</p>	✓ At least 1 month	✓ At least 12 months