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A coronary stent is a device that props open a narrowed artery in the 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.

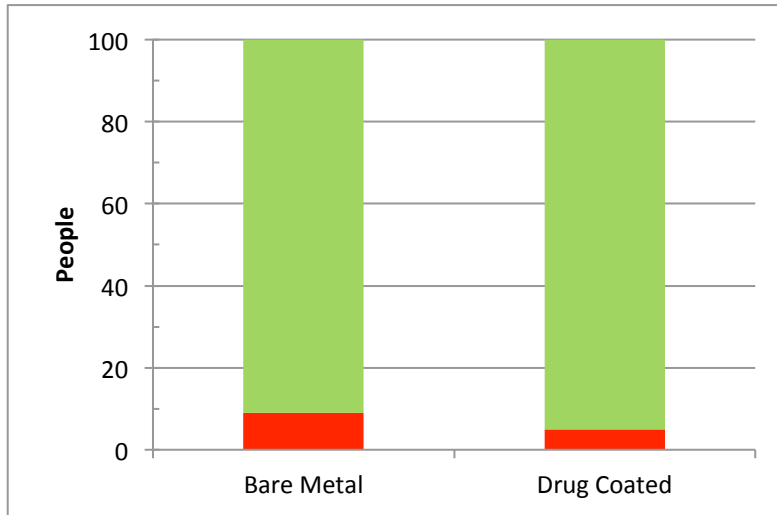
Repeat Heart Procedure

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

BARE METAL STENT:

91 will not need a repeat procedure within a year.

9 will need a repeat procedure within a year.



DRUG-COATED STENT:

95 will not need a repeat procedure within a year.

5 will need a repeat procedure within a year.

BARE METAL STENT

DRUG-COATED STENT

Required Medicine

- Take an extra blood thinner for **at least 1 month**
- Stopping the medicine before one month increases the risk of a heart attack and death.
- Your total cost for the extra blood thinner for that month would be between \$4.00 and \$200.00.

- Take an extra blood thinner for **at least 1 year**
- Stopping the medicine before one year increases the risk of a heart attack and death.
- Your total cost for the extra blood thinner for that year would be between \$48.00 and \$2500.00.

Bruising and Bleeding

- Most patients bruise and bleed more easily while taking the extra blood thinner.

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Future Procedures or Surgery Must Wait

- Major medical procedures, major dental work, and surgery must wait **1 month** after a bare metal stent.

- Major medical procedures, major dental work, and surgery must wait **1 year** after a drug-coated stent.