

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Delay Elective Surgery after Stent Placement

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	OPENING UP A BLOCKED ARTERY WITH A STENT IS A PRETTY COMMON PROCEDURE THESE DAYS. BUT IF YOU'VE RECENTLY HAD A STENT PLACED AND ARE NOW CONSIDERING ANOTHER ELECTIVE SURGERY, HOLD ON...
Chet Rihal, M.D.	"THE LONGER THAT YOU CAN WAIT FOLLOWING A STENT PROCEDURE, THE SAFER IT IS TO PERFORM NON-CARDIAC SURGERY."
	WHY? DR. CHET RIHAL, A MAYO CLINIC CARDIOLOGIST EXPLAINS THAT MEDICATIONS THAT HELP PREVENT BLOOD CLOTS ARE

	TYPICALLY PRESCRIBED AFTER A STENT PROCEDURE. BUT THOSE MEDICATIONS USUALLY AREN'T COMPATIBLE WITH SURGERY.
Dr. Rihal	“WE ARE ALWAYS BALANCING THE RISK OF BLEEDING VERSUS THE RISK OF A BLOOD CLOT AND THAT BECOMES A TRICKY SITUATION.”
	WITH BARE-METAL STENTS, DR. RIHAL SAYS YOU SHOULD WAIT AT LEAST 90-DAYS BEFORE ANY ELECTIVE SURGERY. THAT JUMPS TO ONE YEAR WITH DRUG-COATED STENTS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.