

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Surgery for Ulcerative Colitis

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| Intro with music | GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE. |
| | NOBODY EVER WANTS TO HAVE SURGERY, BUT SOMETIMES IT'S THE BEST CHANCE TO FIND RELIEF FROM DISEASE. TAKE ULCERATIVE COLITIS, AN INFLAMMATORY CONDITION OF THE COLON AND RECTUM. PATIENTS HAVE SYMPTOMS LIKE ABDOMINAL PAIN, CRAMPING, BLOODY DIARRHEA AND A FEELING OF URGENCY TO GO. |
| Robert Cima, M.D. | "IT IS A DISEASE THAT IS CONTROLLING YOUR LIFE." |
| | DR. ROBERT CIMA IS A SURGEON AT MAYO CLINIC. HE SAYS 20 TO |

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| | <p>40 PERCENT OF PATIENTS ARE REFERRED TO SURGERY.</p> <p>DOCTORS REMOVE THE ENFLAMMED COLON AND RECTUM AND EITHER REBUILD THE DIGESTIVE TRACT, OR DIVERT WASTE TO AN EXTERNAL APPLIANCE THAT PATIENTS WEAR.</p> |
| Dr. Cima | <p>“ALL OF THAT STUFF THEY WERE FEELING BEFORE, THE MALAISE, THE CRAMPS, THE PAIN, THE BURNING SENSATIONS, IT IS ALL GONE, IMMEDIATELY.”</p> |
| | <p>THERE ARE RISKS, BUT DR. CIMA SAYS THAT BY AND LARGE, PATIENTS DO VERY WELL AND ARE HAPPY TO HAVE THEIR LIFE BACK.</p> |
| | <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p> |
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