

Frequently Asked Questions

**THE AMS 800™ ARTIFICIAL
URINARY SPHINCTER FOR
TREATMENT OF MALE STRESS
URINARY INCONTINENCE**



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About Your Procedure

How long does it take to perform the AMS 800™ Artificial Urinary Sphincter (AUS) procedure?

The procedure is minimally invasive and usually takes about an hour and a half. The AUS procedure is generally performed in an outpatient setting, which means patients go home the same day or early the following morning.

Will anyone be able to visually tell I have an implant?

Once in place, your implant will not be able to be seen. It's fully concealed in the body. No one will know unless you tell them—even in the locker room.

How long is recovery?

Your urologist will manage your care following your procedure and over the next several weeks. At the four- to six-week follow-up appointment, your urologist will activate the AUS and teach you how to use the AUS device.

Common Questions To Ask Your Physician

What do I need to do before my procedure?

What are the risks of the surgery?

How satisfied are patients with the results of this procedure?

What are some possible side effects?

Will I be able to drive myself home after the procedure?

What do I need to do to ensure proper healing?



Additional Resources

Living with a Device

If you have questions related to what it is like to live with an implant or would like additional information from a fellow patient who has undergone the surgery, contact a local patient advocate. Your physician may be able to provide you with the name and contact information of a local patient advocate who can answer your questions.

Important Safety Information

With all medical procedures, there are risks associated with the procedure and the use of the device. Your doctor is your best source for information on the risks and benefits of the AMS 800™ Artificial Urinary Sphincter. Talk to your doctor for a complete listing of risks, warnings and important safety information. The AMS 800™ Artificial Urinary Sphincter is intended for use in the treatment of male stress urinary incontinence (intrinsic sphincter deficiency) following prostate surgery.

Men with diabetes, spinal cord injuries or skin infections may have an increased risk of infection. Some AMS 800 devices contain an antibiotic (InhibiZone™ Antibiotic SurfaceTreatment). The device may not be suited for patients who are allergic to the antibiotics contained within the device (rifampin, minocycline or other tetracyclines) or have systemic lupus. Potential risks may include: device malfunction/failure leading to additional surgery, wearing away/loss of tissue (device/tissue erosion), inability to urinate (urinary retention), infection, and pain/soreness.

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