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# Understanding your Renal Stent Procedure – A patient Guide (COVER PAGE)

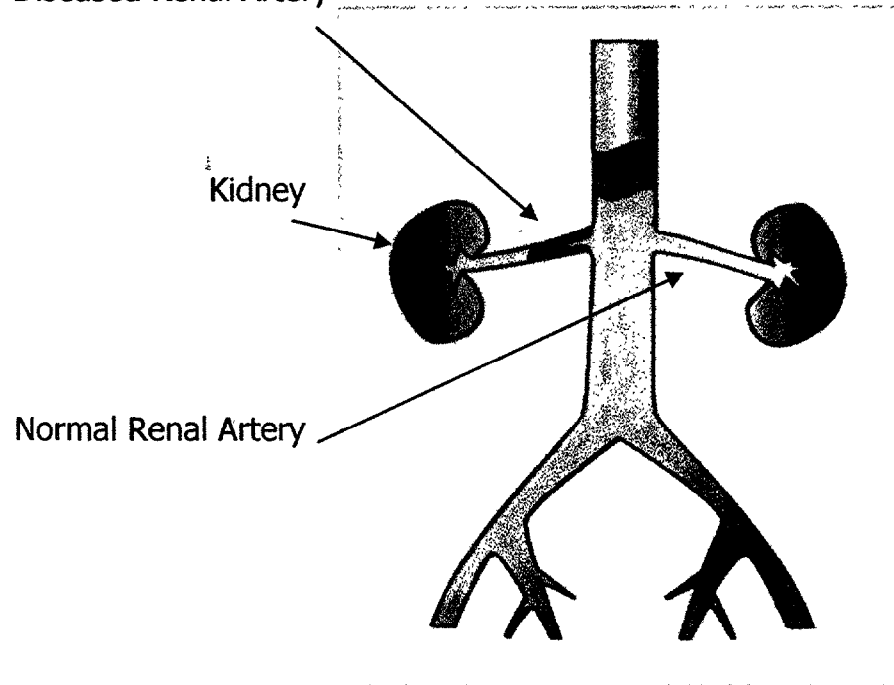
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## THE KIDNEY AND THE RENAL ARTERIES

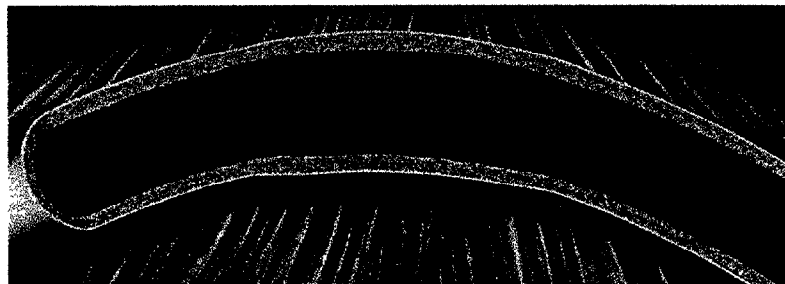
The kidney is one of two organs that functions as a filter to remove waste materials and excess fluids from the blood, excretes urine and help regulate the water, electrolyte (salts), and acid-base (pH) content of the blood. For that reason, the kidneys receive almost one third of the blood flow and plays a major role in regulating your blood pressure. The arteries that carry the blood to your kidneys are called renal arteries.

Diseased Renal Artery

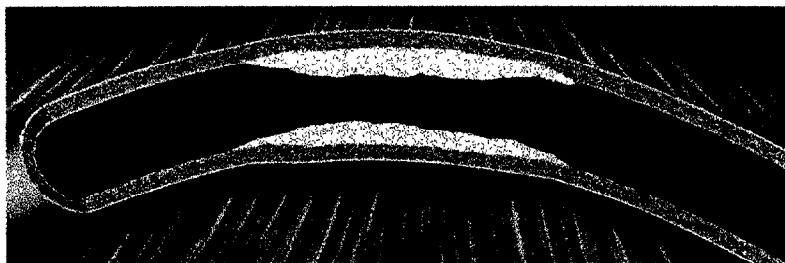


## RENAL ARTERY DISEASE

Renal artery disease is peripheral artery disease that occurs in the blood vessels leading to the kidneys. As we age, fatty deposits and/or calcium (also referred to as plaque) build up on the inside of our arteries. This build up is a disease process known as atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is a progressive disease that involves the hardening and narrowing of the arteries due to this buildup of plaque and can progress from causing artery stenosis (a narrowing) to the total occlusion (no blood flow) of the artery. If the narrowing in the renal artery is significant, the kidney incorrectly senses that the blood pressure is too low and sends signals to the body to increase the blood pressure. This results in high blood pressure (hypertension). This type of high blood pressure can accelerate the progression of atherosclerosis throughout the body, increasing the strain on the heart. The restriction in blood flow from the renal artery to the kidney can also result in the reduced capacity of the kidneys to remove the waste and fluids from the body (renal insufficiency). Renal artery stenosis may ultimately lead to kidney failure.



Healthy renal artery



Renal artery with plaque

## **DIAGNOSIS OF RENAL ARTERY DISEASE**

A history of your symptoms and your risk factors (including overweight, smoking, high cholesterol and family history of peripheral artery disease) are important to your doctor to consider in making a diagnosis. Tests such as a renal artery duplex ultrasound scan, a CTA (computed tomography arteriography) scan, an MRA (magnetic resonance Angiogram) scan, blood tests, or a renal arteriogram (angiogram), can help your physician diagnose renal artery disease.

### **A DUPLEX ULTRASOUND SCAN**

This is a non-invasive test that uses soundwaves to create an image of your renal arteries and can measure the speed at which blood is flowing through them.

### **A CTA SCAN**

This is a type of scan that uses x-ray beams taken from different angles around your body to create pictures of cross-sections of your body. If contrast is injected into your veins at the time of the scan, then the arteries can also be seen. Computer techniques can make the pictures of your arteries similar to the pictures from a renal arteriogram, however, only involves an IV (intravenous) placed in the arm. The pictures of the arteries produced by this test is not as detailed as the renal arteriogram pictures, however is detailed enough for the diagnosis of many conditions and are better at generating three-dimensional images.

### **A MRA SCAN**

The is a variant of an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) that uses radio waves and a magnetic field to take pictures of blood vessels. Like CTA, MRA uses computer techniques to make the blood vessels more visible. Unlike CTA or the renal arteriogram, MRA does not use x-rays or any form of radiation. A contrast fluid is sometimes used but is different from the kind used for the renal arteriogram or CTA and does not have the potential side effects on the kidneys.

### **BLOOD TESTS**

There are different blood tests that can be done to look for substances in the blood that are either produced by the kidneys or are increased when the kidneys are not functioning properly. Blood tests will require a needle puncture of the vein in your arm.

## **A RENAL ARTERIOGRAM (or angiogram)**

Your doctor may perform a special x-ray test called an arteriogram or angiogram to look for narrowed or blocked renal arteries. This test is performed in the catheterization laboratory (cath lab), a room designed especially for this procedure. This test takes between 20 and 40 minutes.

During the procedure, your doctor and the cath lab staff will:

- ❑ Insert an intravenous (IV) small tube into your arm. This IV allows fluids and medications to be given to you.
- ❑ Place small sticky patches (electrodes) on your chest to monitor your heart rate and rhythm.
- ❑ Shave and wash the area where the catheter will be inserted (your groin or arm).
- ❑ Cover your body with sterile sheets.
- ❑ Give a mild sedative to help you relax.
- ❑ Use medication to numb the area that has been cleansed.
- ❑ Insert a hollow tube, into the artery in your groin or arm. Through this hollow tube, the doctor can move or advance guidewires and catheters to the arteries leading to your kidney.
- ❑ Inject a special x-ray dye called contrast through the tube to allow your doctor to see the arteries leading to your kidney on an x-ray monitor similar to a television screen. You may be able to look at the monitor during the procedure if you choose.
- ❑ After the doctor has finished the angiogram and no further treatment or procedures are to be done at this time, you will go to a recovery area for monitoring before returning to your hospital room or going home.

Four to six hours following the procedure, you will be asked to lie flat and not bend your leg or arm, depending on which approach your doctor used to insert the catheters. You may have a vascular closure device to seal the puncture site in your groin or arm. This device will allow you to get up and walk around sooner. Your hospital stay may range from one to three days.

## **TREATMENT FOR RENAL ARTERY DISEASE**

Each year many patients with renal artery disease need treatment to increase the flow of blood to the kidneys. Treatment usually includes controlling the factors that are causing the disease process. While some of these risk factors are not controllable, many are. Risk factors for this condition that are not controllable include your gender, age, ethnicity and family history. Risk factors that can be modified or reduced include smoking, lack of regular exercise, eating a high-fat diet, obesity, uncontrolled diabetes or high blood pressure, stress or anger, and high cholesterol. It is important that patients make changes in each risk factor area in order to slow the progression of atherosclerosis. Also these lifestyle changes can increase the patient's chances of long-term success with any treatment that may be considered. Treatments for renal artery disease in addition to lifestyle changes include drug therapy, surgical procedures and balloon angioplasty or stenting. Ask your doctor to explain the risks and benefits of these options for your particular renal artery disease.

### **DRUG THERAPY**

Drugs work to dilate/expand the arteries, increasing the flow of blood to your kidneys. If your symptoms include significant high blood pressure, medications may be prescribed to lower the blood pressure. If patients do not respond to drug therapy, there are a variety of procedures that can be done to restore adequate blood flow through the renal arteries.

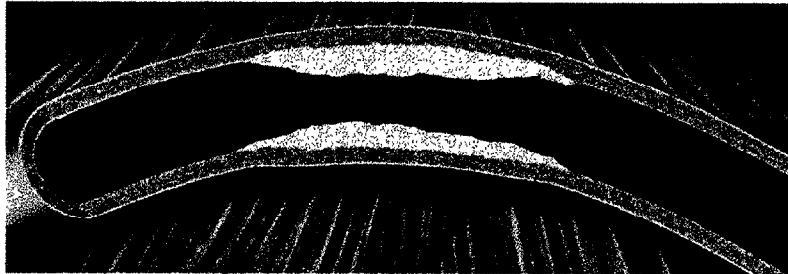
### **SURGICAL PROCEDURES TO TREAT RENAL ARTERY DISEASE**

There are two types of surgical procedures that can be performed to treat renal artery disease - renal artery endarterectomy or renal artery bypass.

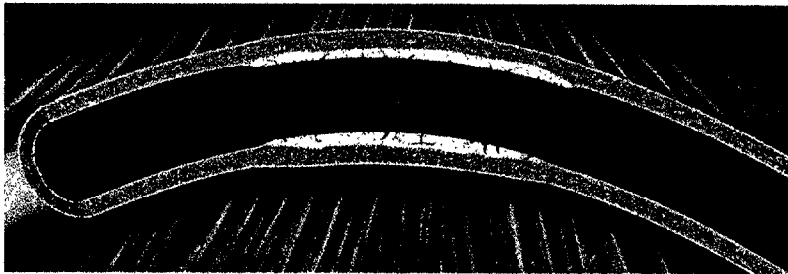
Renal artery endarterectomy is a surgical procedure in which the surgeon exposes the renal artery through an incision and the plaque is physically removed. This is a major surgical procedure and patients maybe hospitalized for at least a week. Renal artery bypass, is essentially the same procedure as the renal artery endarterectomy except that a bypass is made around the blocked artery rather than removing the plaque from the artery. In this procedure, a healthy segment of vein or artery from another part of the body is used to create a bypass (or detour) for blood to flow around the clogged area. Again this is a major surgical procedure and patients maybe hospitalized for at least a week.

## **BALLOON ANGIOPLASTY (PTA)**

The procedure to perform balloon angioplasty or PTA (percutaneous transluminal angioplasty) is very similar to the renal arteriogram procedure. With PTA, a catheter with a small balloon on it is moved to the area of plaque buildup in the renal artery. The balloon is inflated to push the plaque against the artery wall to create a larger opening in the artery. This improves the blood flow through the artery (opens the artery lumen). The balloon is then deflated and the catheter withdrawn from the body.



Before PTA - artery is narrowed by plaque



After PTA – artery lumen is opened (enlarged)

In some cases, the result of PTA alone does not provide sufficient blood flow through the arteries. In this circumstance, a stent (an expandable wire-mesh tube) can be inserted to keep the artery from re-closing (restenosis).

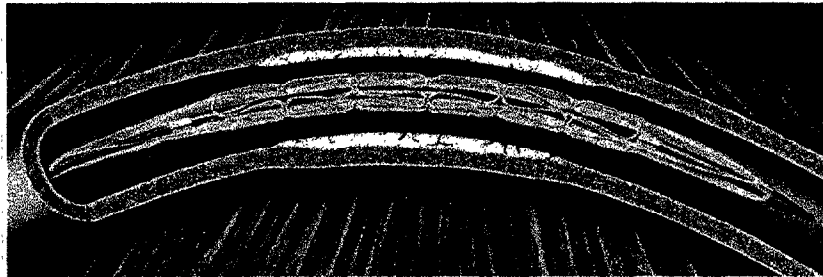
## **CONTRAINDICATIONS FOR STENT PLACEMENT**

Your doctor will determine if you may benefit from the placement of a renal stent. There may be patients who are not good candidates for this procedure because they cannot or should not take the platelet inhibitors (antiplatelet) and/or anticoagulation therapy that may be needed or they have renal artery disease in a location that prevents complete inflation of an angioplasty balloon. Your doctor will discuss these risks with you before the procedure.



## STENTING THE RENAL ARTERY

Your doctor may recommend placing a stent in the diseased area to help keep the artery open that is threatening to become, or is already, blocked due to the build up of plaque. The stent is a mesh-like tubular metal scaffold placed on a specially designed balloon catheter and then delivered to the diseased area in the same fashion as the PTA balloon catheter.



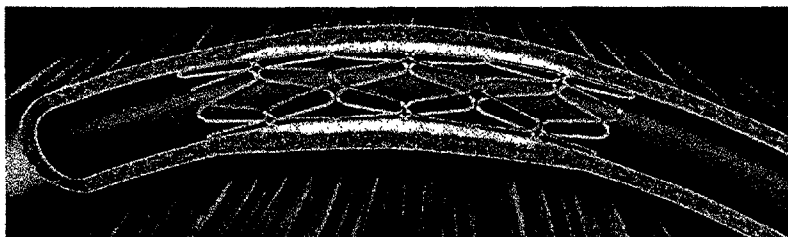
Stent mounted on a balloon catheter inside the artery

The balloon is inflated to expand the stent and flatten the plaque against the artery wall. The stent acts like a scaffold to hold the vessel open so that adequate blood flow can be maintained.

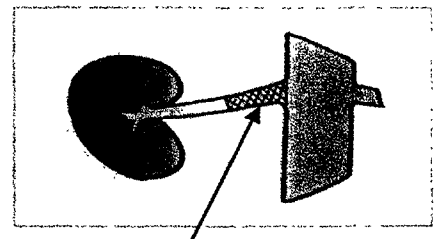


Stent with balloon inflated inside the artery

Once the stent is fully expanded, the balloon is deflated and the catheter is removed. The stent stays in place permanently. It may be necessary to place more than one stent in the artery.



Balloon deflated and catheter withdrawn,  
stent implanted inside the artery



Location of stent in renal artery

Once the stent is in place, the inside lining of the artery will grow over the stent in about 8 weeks.

## **THE MEDTRONIC AVE RENAL STENT**

Medtronic AVE renal stents are both flexible and strong. Each stent is carefully polished for a smooth surface. They are made of medical-grade stainless steel and shaped to allow them to pass easily through your arteries on a specially designed balloon catheter. The renal stent is a mesh-like tubular metal scaffolding implanted in a renal artery that is threatening to become, or is already, blocked due to the build up of plaque. The stent acts like a scaffold to hold the vessel open so that adequate blood flow can be maintained. The stent is mounted over a deflated balloon, which is attached to a thin flexible tube (a balloon catheter). The tube helps deliver the stent to the diseased area of a coronary artery

### **AFTER YOUR STENT PROCEDURE**

You may need to take drugs before and after stent placement. Aspirin and "platelet inhibitors" are the most commonly prescribed. Their purpose is to prevent blood clots (*thrombus*).

While taking these medications, you may need to have periodic blood tests. Your doctor or nurse will give you instructions about your medications before you leave the hospital.

**It is very important that you take all of your medications until your doctor tells you to stop them.**

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### **POTENTIAL ADVERSE EVENTS FROM YOUR STENTING PROCEDURE**

Adverse events are unexpected incidents that **MAY** happen with the use of medical devices. These may occur during or after placement of a renal stent in your body.

Adverse events may include, listed in alphabetical order:

- Abnormal connection (fistula) between an artery and vein
- Allergy or reaction to medication, stent material or contrast (x-ray dye)
- Bruising or bleeding into body tissue at the catheter insertion site
- Closure of the renal artery
- Death
- Decreased blood flow (ischemia) to the legs
- Embolization (air, pieces of devices or fragments of clots or plaque float downstream and block the renal artery or kidney)
- Emergency peripheral artery bypass surgery
- Excessive bleeding requiring transfusion

- ❑ Heart attack
- ❑ High or low blood pressure
- ❑ Infection or pain at catheter insertion site
- ❑ Irregular heartbeats
- ❑ Poor or no blood flow to the bowel or kidney causing tissue death (necrosis)
- ❑ Reduced kidney function or kidney failure
- ❑ Restenosis (re-narrowing) of a stented segment
- ❑ Rupture of the abdominal lining (peritoneum) or of a neighboring organ
- ❑ Rupture or tearing of the artery
- ❑ Spasm of the artery
- ❑ Stent blockage or closure
- ❑ Stent movement during placement
- ❑ Stroke or seizure
- ❑ Weakening of an artery wall (pseudoaneurysm or false aneurysm)

**GOING HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL AFTER YOUR STENT PROCEDURE**

After you leave the hospital, your family doctor and your Cardiologist/Radiologist will monitor your progress. **If you have any pain, discomfort or bleeding from your puncture site, call your doctor immediately.**

**Doctor address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Doctor Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If your doctor is unavailable, call 911 to take you to the nearest hospital emergency room.**

If your doctor orders a scan by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), this can be performed 8 weeks after your stent implant.

## DEFINITIONS

- **Anticoagulation therapy** – The use of medications to delay or prevent the blood from forming clots.
- **Atherosclerosis** - The process of fatty deposits and/or calcium build-up (plaque) on the inside of the coronary arteries.
- **Balloon Angioplasty (PTA)** - The opening of a narrowed or blocked artery with specially designed balloon catheters. The term PTA means Percutaneous (through the skin) Transluminal (through the lumen) Angioplasty.
- **Catheter** – A tube that can be passed through the blood vessels.
- **Contrast (x-ray dye)** - A liquid that is injected into the blood stream that is visible with x-rays and used to view the renal arteries during a renal angiogram.
- **CTA (Computed Tomography Arteriography)** – A test that uses x-ray beams and computer techniques to produce three-dimensional images of the inside of your body.
- **Duplex Ultrasound Scan** – A test that uses soundwaves to obtain images of the inside of your body.
- **Hypertension (high blood pressure)** – A condition where the blood pressure is considered higher than normal.
- **IV (intravenous)** – A tube or needle is placed through the skin into a vein to deliver fluids or medications directly into the blood.
- **Medical grade stainless steel** - A special type of stainless steel used for making medical products that are placed (implanted) in the body.
- **MRA (Magnetic Resonance Angiogram)** - A test that uses radio waves and a magnetic field to obtain images of the inside of your body. Similar to MRI.
- **MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)** - A test that uses magnetic waves to obtain images of the inside of your body.
- **Renal arteriogram (or angiogram)** - A procedure in which contrast is injected into the renal arteries to diagnose a narrowing or blockage of the artery.
- **Renal arteries** - The blood vessels that bring blood to the Kidney.
- **Renal artery bypass** – The surgical procedure to create an alternative route for blood to flow around an obstruction or blockage of the renal artery.
- **Renal artery endarterectomy** – The surgical removal of the diseased lining of the renal artery.
- **Renal (Kidney) failure** – The complete failure of the kidney to perform its essential functions.
- **Renal insufficiency** – The reduced capacity of the kidney to perform its functions.
- **Platelet inhibitors** – Medications to prevent blood cells called platelets from sticking together and blocking the artery.
- **Restenosis** - The recurrence of a narrowing or blockage in an artery after treatment.
- **Thrombus** - Blood clot.
- **Vascular closure devices** - Used to seal or close the artery puncture after angiogram or angioplasty. Made from either collagen plugs (special fiber that seals the puncture site) or internal sutures (stitches).
- **X-ray dye** – See Contrast definition



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**Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support**  
**OVER-THE-WIRE RENAL STENT SYSTEM**  
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

# Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support OVER-THE-WIRE RENAL STENT SYSTEM

*Caution: Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.*

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## 1. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support Over-the-Wire Renal Stent System (referred as Bridge™ Extra Support) includes:

- A pre-mounted 316L stainless steel stent.
- A sheathless, over-the-wire renal stent system providing symmetrical stent deployment utilizing an extended pressure balloon.
- A delivery/deployment system comprised of a semi-compliant balloon material.
- Two radiopaque (Platinum/Iridium) markers embedded in the inner shaft beneath the balloon, proximal and distal to the stent. The markers are visible under fluoroscopy.

The Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support Over-the-Wire Renal Stent System can be re-inflated to the rated burst pressure (RBP), without moving the placement of the balloon within the stent, to optimize stent apposition.

Figure 1. Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support Stent Graphic

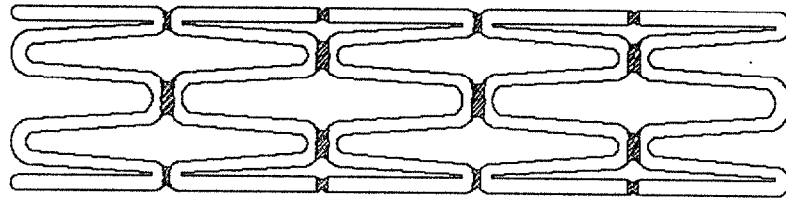


Table 1a. Device Sizes and Model Numbers

Bridge Extra Support Renal Stent System			
Model #	Stent Diameter	Stent Length	Catheter Length
XR510	5.0mm	10.0mm	75cm
XR510L	5.0mm	10.0mm	120cm
XR517	5.0mm	17.0mm	75cm
XR517L	5.0mm	17.0mm	120cm
XR610	6.0mm	10.0mm	75cm
XR610L	6.0mm	10.0mm	120cm
XR617	6.0mm	17.0mm	75cm
XR617L	6.0mm	17.0mm	120cm
XR710	7.0mm	10.0mm	75cm
XR710L	7.0mm	10.0mm	120cm
XR717	7.0mm	17.0mm	75cm
XR717L	7.0mm	17.0mm	120cm

**Table 1b. Device Specifications**

Stent Diameter	Stent Lengths Available*	Minimum Guiding Catheter Compatibility**	Sheath	Nominal Stent Deployment Pressure	Rated Burst Pressure (RBP)
5.0 mm	10 and 17 mm	0.086 in	7F	8 atm	12 atm
6.0 mm	10 and 17 mm	0.086 in	7F	8 atm	12 atm
7.0 mm	10 and 17 mm	0.086 in	7F	8 atm	12 atm

\* Available in 75 cm or 120 cm delivery catheters.

\*\* See manufacturer specifications for French (F) equivalent.

**2. INDICATIONS**

The Bridge Extra Support device is indicated for use in patients with atherosclerotic disease of the renal arteries following sub-optimal or failed percutaneous transluminal renal angioplasty (PTRA) of a de novo lesion ( $\leq 15$  mm in length) located within 10 mm of the aortorenal border and with a reference vessel diameter of 5.0 to 7.0 mm. Sub-optimal or failed PTRA include any of the following: visible evidence of a residual stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  after optimal PTRA, visible evidence of intimal dissection  $> 6$  mm, or peak systolic trans-stenotic gradient of  $\geq 20$  mmHg or a mean of  $\geq 10$  mmHg.

**3. CONTRAINDICATIONS**

There are no known contraindications for the Bridge™ Extra Support Renal Stent System.

**4. WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

(See also Individualization of Treatment)

- Long-term outcome (beyond one year) for this permanent implant is unknown at present.
- Judicious selection of patients is necessary since the use of this device carries the associated risk of sub-acute thrombosis, vascular complications and/or bleeding events.
- Patients allergic to 316L stainless steel may suffer an allergic reaction to this implant.
- Patients who may be incapable of discerning or describing pain may not be suitable for this implant.
- Patients in whom antiplatelet and/or anticoagulation therapy is contraindicated may not be suitable for this implant.
- Patients who are judged to have an ostial renal lesion that prevents complete inflation of an angioplasty balloon may not be suitable for this implant.

- The device should only be used by physicians who are trained in peripheral interventional techniques and have had previous experience in peripheral interventional treatment.
- Stent placement should only be performed at hospitals where emergency peripheral artery bypass graft surgery, including renal artery bypass graft surgery can be readily performed.
- Subsequent restenosis may require repeat dilatation of the arterial segment containing the stent. The long-term outcome following repeat dilatation of endothelialized renal stents is unknown at present.
- When multiple stents are required, it is recommended that stent materials should be of similar composition.

#### 4.1 Stent Handling – Precautions

- **For single use only.** Do not resterilize or reuse. Note product “Use By” date.
- **Do not remove stent from the Stent Delivery System** as removal may damage the stent and/or lead to stent embolization. The Bridge™ Extra Support is intended to perform as a system. The Bridge™ Extra Support Stent is not designed to be crimped onto another delivery device.
- Stent Delivery System should not be used in conjunction with any other stents.
- Special care must be taken not to handle or in any way disrupt the stent position on the delivery device. This is most important during catheter removal from packaging, placement over guidewire, and advancement through rotating hemostatic valve adapter and guiding catheter hub.
- Excessive manipulation, e.g., rolling the mounted stent, may cause dislodgment of the stent from the delivery balloon.
- Use only the appropriate balloon inflation media. Do not use air or any gaseous medium to inflate the balloon as it may cause uneven expansion and difficulty in deployment of the stent.

#### 4.2 Stent Placement – Precautions

- **Do not prepare or pre-inflate the Stent Delivery System prior to stent deployment**, other than as directed. Use balloon purging technique described in section 9.3.2 Delivery System Preparation.
- Implanting a stent may lead to dissection of the vessel distal and/or proximal to the stented portion, and may cause acute closure of the vessel requiring additional intervention (e.g., further dilatation, placement of additional stents, or other).
- Incomplete stent expansion or apposition may result in procedural complication or patient injury.
- When treating multiple lesions, the distal lesion should be initially stented, followed by stenting of the proximal lesion. Stenting in this order obviates the need to cross the proximal stent when placing the distal stent and reduces the chances for disrupting the proximal stent.

- Do not expand the stent if it is not properly positioned in the vessel (see Stent/System Removal – Precautions).
- **Do not exceed Rated Burst Pressure as indicated on product label.** Balloon pressures should be monitored during inflation (see Compliance Chart - Table 4). Use of pressures higher than those specified on product label may result in a ruptured balloon and potential intimal damage and dissection.
- **Do not attempt to pull an unexpanded stent back through the guiding catheter; dislodgment of the stent from the balloon may occur** (see Stent/System Removal- Precautions).
- Stent retrieval methods (use of additional wires, snares and/or forceps) may result in additional trauma to the renal vasculature and/or the vascular access site. Complications can include perforation, bleeding, hematoma or pseudoaneurysm.
- The Bridge™ Extra Support does not provide for distal contrast injections or pressure measurements through the guidewire lumen.

#### 4.3 Stent / System Removal - Precautions

Should **unusual resistance** be felt **at any time**, either during lesion access or during removal of the Stent Delivery System post-stent implantation, the Stent Delivery System and the guiding catheter **should be removed as a single unit**. This must be done under direct visualization with fluoroscopy.

##### *When removing the Stent Delivery System as a single unit:*

- **Do not retract the Stent Delivery System into the guiding catheter.** Maintain guidewire placement across the lesion and carefully pull back the Stent Delivery System until the proximal balloon marker of the Stent Delivery System is aligned with the distal tip of the guiding catheter.
- The guiding catheter and the Stent Delivery System should be carefully removed from the renal artery as a single unit.
- The system should be pulled back into the descending aorta toward the arterial sheath. As the distal end of the guiding catheter enters into the arterial sheath, the catheter will straighten, allowing safe withdrawal of the Stent Delivery System into the guiding catheter and the subsequent removal of the Stent Delivery System and the guiding catheter from the arterial sheath.
- Failure to follow these steps and/or applying excessive force to the Stent Delivery System can potentially result in loss or damage to the stent and/or Stent Delivery System components such as the balloon.

#### 4.4 Post-Implant– Precautions

- Care must be exercised when **crossing a newly deployed stent** with an intravascular ultrasound (IVUS) catheter, a guidewire, or a balloon catheter to avoid disrupting the stent geometry.

- Do not perform **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)** scans on patients post-stent implantation until the stent has been completely endothelialized (eight weeks post stent implant) to minimize the potential for migration. The stent may cause artifacts in MRI scans due to distortion of the magnetic field.

## 5. OBSERVED ADVERSE EVENTS

A total of 188 patients were enrolled in a twenty-six multi-center, non-randomized clinical registry to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the balloon expandable, AVE Bridge™ Renal Stent System (Bridge™ Extra Support) for treatment of symptomatic renal artery disease due to aorto-ostial lesion following sub-optimal PTR. All 188 patients received the Bridge™ Extra Support while participating in the SOAR (Sub-Optimal Renal Angioplasty Results) Clinical Trial. These patients form the basis of the observed events reported (see SOAR Clinical Trial). Total MACE at 9-12 months was 16.0% (29/181), this included five Deaths (5/181), 12 (12/181) Target Lesion/Vessel Revascularization (TLR/TLV), and 12 (12/181) Significant Embolic Events.

### 5.1 SOAR Clinical Trial

A total of 188 patients were enrolled in the SOAR Clinical Trial to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the Bridge™ Extra Support. A total of 29 of 188 patients (15.4%) who received the Bridge™ Extra Support stent and have been evaluated experienced one or more major adverse clinical events (MACE) during the first 12 months of follow-up. MACE reported during the first 9 to 12 months is shown in Table 2d. A total of 5 of the 188 patients who received the Bridge™ Extra Support died during the SOAR clinical trial. No patient death occurred before hospital discharge. The 5 out-of-hospital deaths occurred between 15 days and 277 days after stenting and were due to myocardial infarction (n=1), coronary artery disease (n=1), intracranial bleed (n=1), head injury (n=1) and anoxic encephalopathy (n=1).

There was one incidence 0.5% (1/188) of acute closure that resolved without additional treatment and resulted in no acute MACE events with a patient who received the Bridge™ Extra Support stent. The incidence of vascular complications after stent placement was 3.2% (6/188) of the patients through 30 days after implantation. The rate for procedural bleeding requiring transfusion was 2.1% (4/188) of the patients as seen before discharge.

Initial delivery failure occurred in 2.1% (4/188) of the patients as follows: operator was unable to deliver first stent (n=4) and there were no failure to deliver subsequent assigned stents (n=0).

## Table 2. Percentage of Adverse Events Up To 9 to 12 months

**Table 2a. Percentage of Adverse Events Through Discharge  
(Number of Events/Denominator)  
All Patients in SOAR Trial:**

<b>Description of Event</b>	<b>% (# of events / total sample)</b>
<b>In-Hospital Complications</b>	
MACE (Death, procedure-related Q-wave MI, target lesions/vessel revascularization, or significant embolic events)	0.5% (1/188)
Death	0.0% (0/188)
Procedure-related Q-wave MI	0.5% (1/188)
Target Lesion/Vessel Revascularization	0.0% (0/188)
Significant Embolic Events	0.0% (0/188)
Abrupt Closure	0.5% (1/188)
Subacute Closure	0.0% (0/188)
Major Bleeding Complications	2.1% (4/188)
Major Vascular Complications	2.1% (4/188)
Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA) (peri-procedural)	0.0% (0/188)
Stent Delivery Failure	2.1% (4/188)

**Table 2b. Percentage of Adverse Events Up To 30 days  
(Number of Events/Denominator of evaluable patients)**

<b>Out of Hospital Complications (to 30 days)</b>	<b>% (# of events / total evaluable sample)<sup>1</sup></b>
MACE (Death, procedure-related Q-wave MI, target lesions/vessel revascularization, or significant embolic events)	2.7% (5/185)
Death	0.5% (1/185)
Procedure-related Q-wave MI	0.0% (0/185)
Target Lesion/Vessel Revascularization	0.0% (0/185)
Significant Embolic Events	2.2% (4/185)
Abrupt Closure	0.0% (0/185)
Subacute Closure	0.0% (0/185)
Major Bleeding Complications	0.0% (0/185)
Major Vascular Complications	1.1% (2/185)
Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA) (peri-procedural)	0.0% (0/185)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes one patient who withdrew their consent prior to 30 days and two patients without 30-day data.

**Table 2c. Percentage of Adverse Events Through 30-days  
(Number of Events/Denominator for evaluable patients)**

<b>Combined In- and Out of Hospital Complications (to 30 days)</b>	<b>% (# of events / total evaluable sample)<sup>1</sup></b>
MACE (Death, procedure-related Q-wave MI, target lesions/vessel revascularization, or significant embolic events)	3.2% (6/185)
Death	0.5% (1/185)
Procedure-related Q-wave MI	0.5% (1/185)
Target Lesion/Vessel Revascularization	0.0% (0/185)
Significant Embolic Events	2.2% (4/185)
Abrupt Closure	0.5% (1/185)
Subacute Closure	0.0% (0/185)
Major Bleeding Complications	2.2% (4/185)
Major Vascular Complications	3.2% (6/185)
Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA) (peri-procedural)	0.0% (0/185)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes one patient who withdrew their consent prior to 30 days and two patients without 30-day data.

**Table 2d. Percentage of Major Adverse Clinical Events Up To 9 To 12 months  
(Number of Events/Denominator for evaluable patients)**

<b>Description of Event</b>	<b>% (# of events / total evaluable sample)<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Combined In- and Out of Hospital MACE (to 9-12 months)</b>	
MACE (Death, target lesions/vessel revascularization, or significant embolic events)	16.0% (29/181)
Death	2.8% (5/181)
Target Lesion/Target Vessel Revascularization	6.6% (12/181)
Significant Embolic Events	6.6% (12/181)
kidney/bowel infarct	0.5% (1/181)
gangrenous/ulcerated foot	0.0% (0/181)
decrease in renal function (>50% increase in creatinine levels)	6.1% (11/181)

<sup>1</sup> Excludes seven patients who were Lost to Follow-up or Withdrew their consent at 9-12 months.

## 5.2 Potential Adverse Events

Adverse events (in order of severity) may be associated with the use of a renal stent in renal arteries (including those listed in Tables 2a, 2b, 2c and 2d).

- Death
- Emergent Peripheral Artery Bypass Surgery
- Stroke/Cerebrovascular Accidents
- Stent thrombosis/occlusion
- Total occlusion of renal artery
- Acute myocardial infarction
- Perforation
- Restenosis of stented segment
- Kidney Infarct
- Renal Insufficiency or failure
- Arrhythmias, including VF and VT
- Dissection
- Emboli, distal (air, tissue or thrombotic emboli)

- Rupture of retroperitoneum or of neighboring organ
- Bowel Infarct
- Stent embolization
- Hemorrhage, requiring transfusion
- Arteriovenous fistula
- Pseudoaneurysm, femoral
- Spasm
- Tissue ulceration or necrosis
- Extremity ischemia
- Infection and pain at insertion site
- Hematoma at vascular site
- Drug reactions to antiplatelet agents/contrast medium
- Hypotension/Hypertension

## 6. CLINICAL STUDIES

### 6.1 The SOAR (Sub-Optimal Renal Angioplasty Results) Registry

The SOAR Registry was a prospective, multi-center, non-randomized study conducted in 26 North American clinical sites and included a total of one hundred and eighty eight (188) patients with atherosclerotic disease of the renal arteries following sub-optimal or failed percutaneous transluminal renal angioplasty (PTRA) a *de novo* lesion ( $\leq 15$  mm in length) located within 10mm of the aortorenal border and with a reference vessel diameter of 5.0 to 7.0 mm. Sub-optimal or failed PTRA include any of the following: visible evidence of a residual stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  after optimal PTRA, visible evidence of intimal dissection  $> 6$  mm, or peak systolic trans-stenotic gradient of  $\geq 20$  mmHg or a mean of  $\geq 10$  mm Hg. A clinical events committee adjudicated all major clinical events and clinically driven TLR.

### 6.2 Primary Endpoints

The primary endpoints in the SOAR registry were Major Adverse Clinical Event (MACE) rate defined as the composite of death, procedural Q-wave MI, target lesion/vessel revascularization (repeat PTRA), or significant embolic events (kidney /bowel infarct, gangrenous/ulcerated foot, decrease in renal function as determined by creatinine levels) at 30 days. MACE rate defined as the composite of death, target lesion/vessel revascularization (repeat PTRA), or significant embolic events (kidney /bowel infarct, gangrenous/ulcerated foot, decrease in renal function as determined by creatinine levels) at 9-12 months and restenosis rate at 9-12 months as determined by duplex ultrasound.

### 6.3 Patients Studied

The 188 patients (58% female) studied ranged in age from 42 to 94 years with an average of  $69 \pm 10$  (mean  $\pm$  SD) years. All patients presented with significant chronic or new-onset hypertension resistant to medication with normal or mild renal dysfunction and were undergoing elective single *de novo* or restenotic lesion treatment in a renal artery. Eligible patients had visually estimated stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  in lesions  $\leq 15$  mm in length in a renal artery  $\geq 5.0$  mm and  $\leq 7.0$  mm in diameter.



## 6.4 Methods

Patients in the SOAR Registry underwent balloon angioplasty (1:1 balloon to artery ratio) after which a stent system(s) of the appropriate length and diameter was selected and deployed. The Bridge™ Extra Support could be re-inflated up to 12 ATM to further dilate the stent to assure complete apposition of the stent to the artery wall. If needed, further inflations were performed with a non-compliant balloon with a balloon-to-artery ratio of 1:1. Clinical follow-up was conducted at 30 days, 3 months, 6 months and at 9-12 months.

The anticoagulation regimen administered was 325 mg/day of aspirin for at least 14 days; and per physician's discretion, ticlopidine, 250 mg b.i.d. was given for 14 days, or clopidogrel 75 mg q.d. was given for 30 days.

The principal effectiveness and safety results for the SOAR Registry are in Table 3.

Kaplan-Meier survival curve for freedom from target lesion/vessel revascularization is presented in Figure 2.

## 6.5 Results

The results of the SOAR study, as shown in the following tables and figures, demonstrate Acute Success as defined by: Device Success (92.4%, 157/170), Procedural Success (92.9%, (158/170), and Clinical Success (92.9%, 158/170). A total of 78.6% of patients were MACE free at the 9-12 month time period. Average systolic and diastolic Blood Pressure results demonstrated a decrease from baseline where: Baseline average systolic =  $160.0 \pm 27.2$  and 9-12 month average systolic =  $146.5 \pm 22.1$ . Baseline average diastolic =  $77.3 \pm 13.3$  and 9-12 month diastolic =  $75.9 \pm 11.7$ . The summary of Antihypertensive medications indicate 4.68% of patients saw a reduction in both # of meds and dose, 46.6% saw a reduction in # of meds or dose, 4.6% saw a reduction in # of meds but an increase in dose, and 2.8% saw a reduction in dose, but an increase in the # of meds. In addition, the results demonstrate a 16.8% (27/161) 9-12 Month Incidence of Restenosis. Total MACE at 9-12 months was 16.0% (29/181), this included five Deaths (5/181), 12 (12/181) Target Lesion Vessel Revascularization (TLR/TLV), and 12 (12/181) Significant Embolic Events. The patient average "improved" Serum Creatinine values at 9-12 months were  $1.0 \pm 0.3$  (8/168). The patient average "no change" Serum Creatinine values at 9-12 months were  $1.2 \pm 0.3$  (131/168). Finally, the patient average "worsened" Serum Creatinine values at 9-12 months were  $1.6 \pm 0.5$  (29/168).

**TABLE 3. Principal Effectiveness and Safety Results**  
**Bridge™ Extra Support**  
**All Patients Treated**

<b>Effectiveness Measures</b>	<b>% (# of events / total evaluable sample)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>[CI]</b>
<b>Acute Success:<sup>2</sup></b>		
Device Success	92.4% (157/170)	
Procedure Success	92.9% (158/170)	
Clinical Success	92.9% (158/170)	
<b>9-12 Month Incidence of Restenosis</b>		
	16.8%	(27/161)
<b>Post-Procedure In-Stent Minimal Lumen Diameter (MLD, in mm)</b>		
Mean ± SD (N)	4.99 ± 0.78	(185)
Range (min, max)	3.20, 7.14	
<b>Post-Procedure In-Stent Percent Diameter Stenosis (% DS)</b>		
Mean ± SD (N)	2.5 ± 12.1	(185)
Range (min, max)	-38.0, 37.0	
<b>Target Lesion Revascularization/ Target Vessel Revascularization</b>		
(TLR/TVR)-Free at 30 Days*	100%	
TLR/TVR-Free at 9-12 Months*	90.9%	[83.7%, 98.2%]
TVF-Free at 30 Days*	100%	
TVF-Free at 9-12 Months*	90.9%	[83.7%, 98.2%]
Death-Free at 30 Days*	99.5%	[98.4%, 100%]
Death-Free at 9-12 Months*	97.2%	[94.7%, 99.6%]
Major Adverse Clinical Event (MACE)- Free at 30 Days*	97.9%	[95.8%, 99.9%]
MACE- Free at 9-12 Months*	78.6%	[69.4%, 87.9%]
<b>Secondary Measures:</b>		
<b>Summary of Blood Pressure (mmHg) Results</b>		
Average Systolic		
Baseline	160.0 ± 27.2	(188)
30 days	148.6 ± 21.9	(183)
9-12 months	146.5 ± 22.1	(175)
Average Diastolic		
Baseline	77.3 ± 13.3	(188)
30 days	76.4 ± 11.8	(183)
9-12 months	75.9 ± 11.7	(175)
<b>Summary of Antihypertensive Medications (meds) (9-12 months)</b>		
Reduction in both # of meds and dose	4.68%	(8/176)
Reduction in # of meds or dose	46.6%	(82/176)
Reduction in # of meds, but increase in dose	4.6%	(8/176)
Reduction in dose, but increase in # of meds	2.8%	(5/176)
No reduction in either # of meds or dose	41.5%	(73/176)
<b>Safety Measures and Other Clinical Events</b>		
<b>% (# of events / total evaluable sample)</b>		
In-Hospital MACE	0.5%	(1/188)
Out-of-Hospital MACE at 30 Days	2.7%	(5/185)
Combined In and Out-of-Hospital MACE at 9-12 Months	16.0%	(29/181)
Death	2.8%	(5/181)
Target Lesion/Target Vessel Revascularization	6.6%	(12/181)
Significant Embolic Events	6.6%	(12/181)
Combined In and Out-of-Hospital MACE to 30 Days		
Abrupt Closure	0.5%	(1/185)
Sub-acute Closure	0.0%	(0/185)
Major Bleeding Complications	2.2%	(4/185)
Major Vascular Complications	3.2%	(6/185)
Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA) (peri-procedural)	0.0%	(0/185)
<b>Secondary Measures:</b>		
<b>Serum Creatinine: (mg/dl)</b>		
Baseline - Mean ± SD (N)	1.2 ± 0.3	(188)
30 Day Improved	0.9 ± 0.4	(8/167)

30 Day No Change	1.18 ± 0.31 (138/167)
30 Day Worsened	1.5 ± 1.2 (21/167)
9-12 Month Improved	1.0 ± 0.3 (8/168)
9-12 Month No Change	1.2 ± 0.3 (131/168)
9-12 Month Worsened	1.6 ± 0.5 (29/168)

**Note:** Numbers are % (actual data / available sample size, N) or Mean ± Standard Deviation (SD). Confidence intervals (CI) are exact binomials.

<sup>1</sup> Denominators adjusted for available patient data for each parameter accordingly.

<sup>2</sup> Acute success was determined by angiographic evidence ≤30% residual stenosis and <5mm mean residual trans-stenotic pressure gradient in 170 patients and classified according to 3 levels:

Device success – Acute success using the Bridge™Extra Support stent(s).

Procedure success - Acute success using any percutaneous method, i.e., stent placement followed by another device.

Clinical procedural success - Procedural success without the occurrence of any major adverse clinical event prior to hospital discharge.

**9-12 Month Incidence of Restenosis** - Determined from the results of the duplex ultrasound scan as determined/defined by the presence of a peak systolic velocity of >180cm/sec and a corresponding renal/aortic ratio (RAR) ≥ 3.5.

\*Survival estimates by Kaplan-Meier method; Standard Error estimates by Peto formula:

TLR/TVR-free – No target lesion/vessel revascularization.

TVF-free – No target lesion/vessel revascularization, procedure related Q-wave MI, or death not clearly due to a non-target lesion/vessel.

MACE-free at 30-days – No death, procedure related Q wave MI, TLR/TVR, or significant embolic event.

MACE-free at 9-12 months – No death, TLR/TVR, or significant embolic event.

**In-Hospital MACE** – Death, procedure-related Q-wave MI, target lesion/vessel revascularization (TLR/TVR), or significant embolic events (defined as kidney/bowel infarct, gangrenous/ulcerated foot or decrease in renal function as determined by creatinine levels) prior to discharge as determined by the independent Clinical Events Committee (CEC).

**Out-of-Hospital MACE at 30 days** – Death, procedure-related Q-wave MI, target lesion/vessel revascularization (TLR/TVR), or significant embolic events from hospital discharge through 30 days, as determined by the CEC.

**Out-of-Hospital MACE at 9-12 months** – Death, target lesion/vessel revascularization (TLR/TVR), or significant embolic events from hospital discharge through 9-12 months, as determined by the CEC

**Abrupt Closure** - closure occurring within 24 hours of the procedure

**Sub-acute Closure** - closure between 24 hours and 30 days

**Major bleeding complications** - A procedural related vascular access site/bleeding event that requires a transfusion of blood or blood products or a transfusion required during the hospitalization for the stent implant if not clearly procedure related.

**Major vascular complications** - Any procedure related event such as hematoma at access site >4 cm, retroperitoneal bleed, pseudoaneurysm, arteriovenous fistula, peripheral ischemia/nerve injury, unexplained leg pain/Claudication/numbness, procedure related gastrointestinal/genitourinary bleeding or vascular access site complication requiring surgical repair.

**Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA)** – Occurrence of any peri-procedural ischemic or hemorrhagic neurological event, as determined by the independent Clinical Events Committee.

**Serum Creatinine** – (N) = Number of patients evaluated.

“Improved” if the baseline was “Normal” and the follow-up value was reduced by 25% of the baseline value or if the baseline was

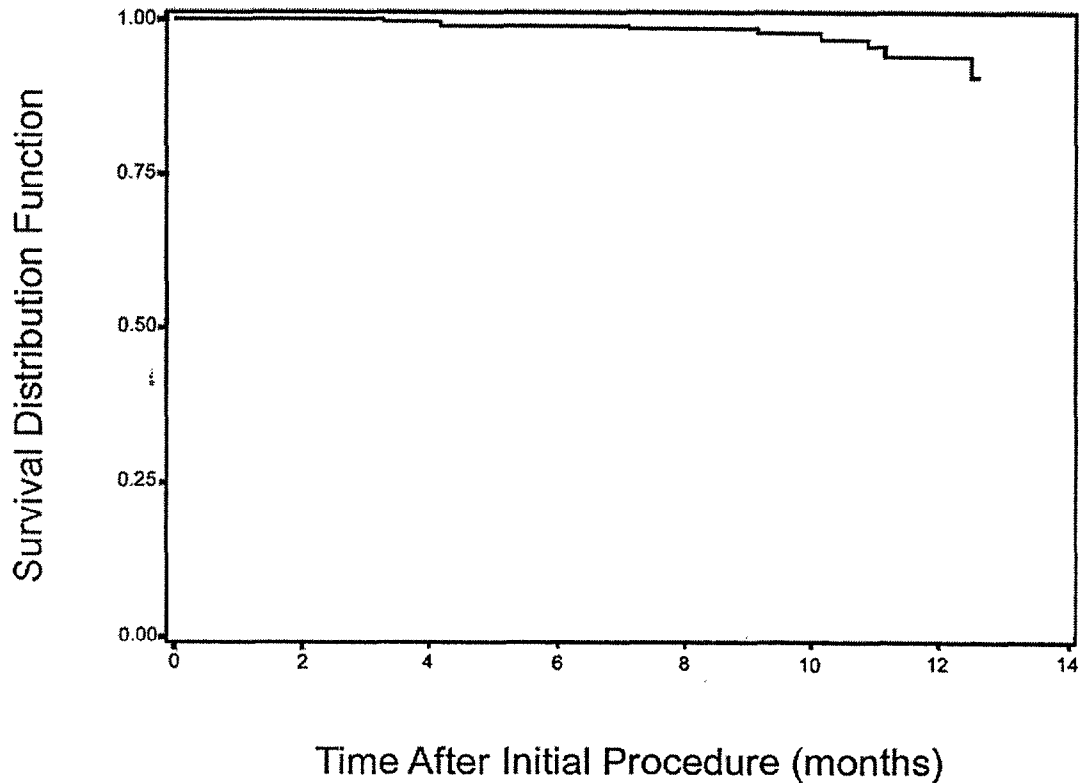
“Above normal” and the follow-up value was reduced by 20%.

“Worsened” if the baseline was “Normal” and the follow-up value was increased by 25% of the baseline value or if the baseline was

“Above normal” and the follow-up value was increased by 20%.

“Normal” and “Above normal” refer to the baseline creatinine values. A value is considered “Normal” if it is ≤1.4mg/dl. “Above normal” ≥1.5mg/dl.

**Figure 2. Survival Free From Target Lesion/Vessel Revascularization  
All Patients Treated Through 12 months**



	Time after initial procedure (months)							
	0	1	3	6	9	10	11	12**
# Entered	188	187	184	180	173	112	66	40
Number censored*	1	3	2	6	60	44	25	12
# at risk	187.5	185.5	183	177	143	90	53.5	34
# Events	0	0	2	1	1	2	1	1
# Events/Month	0	0	0.67	0.33	0.33	2.0	1.0	0.5
% Survived	100%	100%	98.9%	98.4%	97.7%	95.5%	93.7%	91.0%
S.E.	0%	0%	0.77%	0.95%	1.16%	1.90%	2.57%	3.68%
95% Confidence Interval (%)			97.4%- 100%	96.5%- 100%	95.4%- 99.9%	91.8%- 99.2%	88.7%- 98.7%	83.7%- 98.2%

\* The number of patients who discontinue participation during the interval without having had a target lesion/vessel revascularization (e.g., because they are lost to follow-up or no longer participate in the study for a reason other than having target lesion/vessel revascularization).

\*\* This interval extends up to 12.6 months to capture patients whose requirement for a revascularization was determined during the 9-12 month visit but had the actual TLR/TVR procedure performed outside the 12-month timeframe.

## 7. PATIENT SELECTION AND TREATMENT

### 7.1 Individualization of Treatment

The risks and benefits described above should be carefully considered for each patient before use of the Bridge™ Extra Support. Patient selection factors to be assessed should include a judgment regarding risk of prolonged anticoagulation. Stenting should be avoided in those patients at heightened risk of bleeding (e.g., those patients with recently active gastritis or peptic ulcer disease) (see Warnings). Treatment is acceptable for patients with sub-optimal or failed percutaneous transluminal renal angioplasty (PTRA) of a de novo lesion ( $\leq 15$  mm in length) located within 10 mm of the aortorenal border and with a reference vessel diameter of 5.0 to 7.0 mm. Sub-optimal or failed PTRA include any of the following: visible evidence of a residual stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  after optimal PTRA, visible evidence of intimal dissection  $> 6$  mm, or peak systolic trans-stenotic gradient of  $\geq 20$  mm Hg or a mean of  $\geq 10$  mm Hg. These patients should be monitored very carefully during the first month after stent implantation for any potential complications.

### 7.2 Use in Special Populations

The safety and effectiveness of the Bridge™ Extra Support have not been established in:

- Patients with **unresolved vessel thrombus at the lesion site.**
- Patients with renal artery **reference vessel diameters  $< 5.0$  mm or  $> 7.0$  mm**
- Patients with **diffuse disease or poor outflow distal** to the identified lesions.
- Patients with **overlapping stents** due to risk of thrombosis or poor flow.
- Patients with **restenotic lesions.**
- Patients for longer than **9-12 month follow-up**
- Patients with **more than one lesion** in a renal artery.
- Patients that have had **renal bypass surgery or are on renal dialysis.**
- Patients that have had an **organ transplant (i.e. heart, lung, kidney, etc.)** and are currently taking immuno-suppressant medications.
- Patients with **childbearing potential.**
- Patients with significant **bilateral ostial renal artery disease requiring bilateral treatment of both vessels during the procedure.**
- Patients with a history of **bleeding disorders.**

The safety and effectiveness of using mechanical atherectomy devices (directional atherectomy catheters, rotational atherectomy catheters), or laser angioplasty catheters, to treat in-stent stenosis have not been established.

## 8. HOW SUPPLIED

**STERILE:** This device is sterilized with e-beam radiation. It is intended for single use only. Non-pyrogenic. Do not use if package is opened or damaged.

**CONTENTS:** One (1) Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support Over-the-Wire Renal Stent System.

**STORAGE:** Store in a cool, dry, dark place.

## 9. CLINICIAN USE INFORMATION

### 9.1 Inspection Prior to Use

Carefully inspect the sterile package before opening. Do not use this product after the "Use By" date. If the integrity of the sterile package has been compromised prior to the product "Use By" date, (e.g., damage of the package) contact your local Medtronic AVE, Inc. Representative for return information. If the sterile package appears intact, carefully remove the system from the package and inspect for bends, kinks and other damage. Verify that the stent is located between the radiopaque markers. Do not use if any defects are noted.

### 9.2 Materials Required

Quantity	Material
	Appropriate guiding catheter or sheath. (See Table 1- Device Specifications)
1	20 cc syringe.
	Heparinized Normal Saline.
1	0.035 inch x 180 cm guidewire or appropriate guidewire for a 75 cm or a 120 cm delivery catheter.
1	Rotating hemostatic valve.
	Contrast medium diluted 1:1 with heparinized normal saline.
1	Inflation device.
1	Torque device.
Optional	Three-way stopcock.

### 9.3 Preparation

#### 9.3.1 Guidewire Lumen Flush

Step	Action
1	Flush Stent Delivery System guidewire lumen with heparinized normal saline until fluid exits the distal tip.
2	Remove protective sheath covering from the stent/balloon. Care should be taken not to disrupt the stent.
3	Verify that the stent is positioned between the proximal and distal balloon markers.

#### 9.3.2 Delivery System Preparation

Step	Action
1	Fill a 20 cc syringe with 5 cc of contrast/heparinized normal saline mixture (1:1).
2	Attach to delivery system and apply negative pressure for 20-30 seconds.
3	Slowly release pressure to allow negative pressure to draw mixture into balloon lumen.
4	Detach syringe and leave a meniscus of mixture on the hub of the balloon lumen.
5	Prepare inflation device in standard manner and purge to remove all air from syringe and tubing.

6	Attach inflation device to catheter directly ensuring no bubbles remain at connection.
7	Leave on ambient pressure (neutral position). <b>Note: Do not pull negative pressure on inflation device after balloon preparation and prior to delivering the stent.</b>
8	Moisten the stent with heparinized normal saline by submerging the stent into a sterile bowl containing the solution. <b>Note: Do not use gauze sponges to wipe down the stent as fibers may disrupt the stent.</b>
9	Visually inspect the stent to ensure the stent is placed within the area of the proximal and distal balloon markers.
10	Check the integrity of the stent attachment on the delivery system by gently running the stent segment through your thumb and finger. If not intact, contact your Medtronic AVE, Inc. representative and return the unused device to Medtronic AVE, Inc.

#### 9.4 Delivery Procedure

Step	Action
1	Prepare vascular access site according to standard PTR A practice.
2	Pre-dilate the lesion/vessel with appropriate diameter balloon having a ratio of 1:1 with the diameter of the vessel.
3	Maintain neutral pressure on inflation device. Open rotating hemostatic valve to allow for easy passage of the stent. <b>Note:</b> If resistance is encountered, <b>do not force passage</b> . Resistance may indicate a problem and may result in damage to the stent if it is forced. Remove the system and examine.
4	Ensure guiding catheter or sheath stability before advancing the Stent Delivery System into the renal artery. Carefully advance the Stent Delivery System into the hub of the guiding catheter or sheath.
5	<b>Note:</b> If the physician encounters resistance to the Stent Delivery System prior to exiting the guiding catheter, <b>do not force passage</b> . Resistance may indicate a problem and may result in damage to the stent if it is forced. Maintain guidewire placement across the lesion and remove the Stent Delivery System as a single unit (see Stent/System Removal – Precautions).
6	Advance delivery system over the guidewire to the target lesion under direct fluoroscopic visualization. Utilize the proximal and distal radiopaque markers on the balloon as a reference point. If the position of the stent is not optimal, it should be carefully repositioned or removed (see Stent/System Removal - Precautions). Expansion of the stent should not be undertaken if the stent is not properly positioned in the target lesion segment of the vessel.
7	Optimal stent placement requires the distal end of the stent to be placed approximately 1 mm beyond the distal end of the lesion.
8	Sufficiently tighten the rotating hemostatic valve. Stent is now ready to be deployed.

#### 9.5 Deployment Procedure

Step	Action
1	Deploy stent by inflating balloon to nominal pressure to expand the stent. <b>Note:</b> Refer to product labeling and Table 12 for the proper stent inflation pressure. The Medtronic AVE Bridge Extra Support Over-the-Wire Renal Stent System may be re-inflated beyond nominal, without repositioning, up to rated burst, to assure complete apposition of the stent to the artery wall. <b>Do not exceed Rated Burst Pressure.</b>

2	Maintain inflation pressure for 15-30 seconds for full expansion of the stent.
3	<b>Note:</b> Under-expansion of the stent may result in stent movement. Care must be taken to properly size the stent to ensure the stent is in full contact with the arterial wall upon deflation of the balloon.

## 9.6 Removal Procedure

Step	Action
1	Deflate the balloon by pulling negative pressure on the inflation device. Allow adequate time, at least 15 seconds, for full balloon deflation. Longer stents may require more time for deflation.
2	Open the hemostatic valve to allow removal of the delivery system.
3	Maintain position of guiding catheter and guidewire to prevent it from being drawn into the vessel. Very slowly, withdraw the balloon from the stent maintaining negative suction, allowing movement of blood to gently dislodge the balloon from the stent.
4	After removal of the delivery system, tighten the hemostatic valve.
5	Repeat angiography and visually assess the vessel and the stent for proper expansion.
6	A second balloon inflation may be required to insure optimal stent expansion. In such instances, the Bridge™ Extra Support balloon may be re-inflated up to rated burst pressure or a non-compliant, higher-pressure balloon of adequate size (the same size as the Stent Delivery System balloon or larger) and length may be used to accomplish this. <b>Note:</b> In smaller or diffusely diseased vessels, the use of high balloon inflation pressures may over-expand the vessel distal to the stent and could result in vessel dissection. <b>Do not expand the Medtronic AVE Bridge™ Extra Support Renal Stent beyond 7.4 mm. See Table 4 for specific stent sizes and their corresponding balloon pressures.</b>
7	The final internal stent diameter should be equal to or slightly larger than the proximal and distal reference vessel diameters. A 1.1:1 ("step-up, step-down") angiographic appearance is optimum. If the lesion is aorto-ostial, the distal vessel should be used as the reference diameter.
8	Repeat angiography to evaluate and determine procedure status or termination. <b>Note:</b> Should the need arise for placement of a second stent to adequately cover the lesion length, placement of the stent most distal in the artery should be done prior to placement of the proximal stent, if possible.
9	<b>Note:</b> Observation of the patient and angiographic evaluation of the stent site should be performed periodically within the first 30 minutes after stent placement. If stent placement is associated with the onset of thrombus or suspected thrombus in the region of the stented segment, intra-renal infusions of a thrombolytic agent is recommended.



9.7 *In vitro* Information

Table 4: Bridge™ Extra Support Stent Inner Diameter (mm) vs. Inflation Pressure (ATM)

BRIDGE™ EXTRA SUPPORT STENT INNER DIAMETER (MM) AVERAGE STENT INNER DIAMETER FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT									
System Diameter	4 ATM	5 ATM	6 ATM	7 ATM	8 ATM*	9 ATM	10 ATM	11 ATM	12 ATM**
5.0 mm	4.63	4.74	4.84	4.94	5.00	5.07	5.12	5.17	5.21
6.0 mm	5.54	5.69	5.82	5.93	6.00	6.08	6.14	6.20	6.26
7.0 mm	6.38	6.57	6.77	6.90	7.00	7.11	7.20	7.28	7.36

\*Nominal Deployment Pressure (8 ATM)

\*\*Rated Burst Pressure for devices. DO NOT EXCEED.

**Note:** 95 percent of all data points will fall within  $\pm 7$  percent of table values at nominal deployment pressure. The nominal *in vitro* device specification does not take into account lesion resistance. Stent sizing should be confirmed angiographically.

**Note:** Do not expand the stent beyond 7.4 mm.

**Note:** Balloon pressures should be monitored during inflation. Do not exceed Rated Burst Pressure as specified on product label as this may result in a ruptured balloon with possible intimal damage and dissection.

10. PATIENT INFORMATION (UNITED STATES ONLY)

In addition to the Instructions for Use, the Bridge™ Extra Support is packaged with additional specific information that includes:

- A Stent Implant Card that includes both patient information and stent implant information. All patients will be instructed to keep this card in their possession at all times for procedure/stent identification.

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