



Urologists recommend imaging after kidney stone surgery (also known as ureteroscopy or shockwave lithotripsy) for many important reasons

What is imaging?

Imaging tests tell your urologist how many stones there are, where they are, and how big they are.

CT



X-Ray



Ultrasound



How do I know if I am stone-free?



Getting imaging after your surgery can help make sure all of the stones were removed from your body.

Why is imaging so important?

Sometimes stones cannot be reached or can get left behind during surgery. Getting imaging afterwards can tell your urologist if there are still stones present, the kidney has returned to normal, and helps find potential problems before they cause permanent harm.



What if I am feeling good after my surgery?



Sometimes after stone surgery, your kidney can become blocked. This is usually painful but not always. Getting imaging even if you don't have any symptoms can help avoid rare but serious side effects like loss of kidney function.



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