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**The one-time, five-minute procedure
for heavy menstrual bleeding**

NovaSure[®]

Endometrial Ablation

2 million+ MILLION NovaSure PROCEDURES

Over two million women have been treated with the NovaSure® endometrial ablation procedure.¹

NovaSure endometrial ablation (EA) is the simple, one-time, five-minute procedure that has been used to treat over two million women—without hormones or hysterectomy.

The NovaSure procedure is for premenopausal women with heavy periods due to benign causes who are finished childbearing. Pregnancy following the NovaSure procedure can be dangerous.

NovaSure endometrial ablation is not for those who have or suspect uterine cancer; have an active genital, urinary or pelvic infection or an IUD. Rare but serious risks include thermal injury, perforation, infection and other problems. Temporary side effects may include cramping, nausea, vomiting, discharge and spotting.

Talk to your doctor for more information. NovaSure endometrial ablation is not a sterilization procedure and not for women who may be pregnant.

This brochure contains information about heavy menstrual bleeding, as well as treatment options, including the NovaSure procedure.

Talk to your doctor.

Your doctor can explain the various treatment options for heavy periods and help you decide if NovaSure endometrial ablation is right for you.



Do heavy periods affect your life?

It's estimated that heavy menstrual bleeding affects 1 out of every 5 women—that's about 10 million women!²

Many women begin to experience heavy and/or irregular bleeding in their 30s and 40s, as they begin to get closer to menopause. Heavy periods take a physical, social, and emotional toll as well.

Studies show heavy periods mean more than heavy bleeding. They can affect women in numerous ways:

Physical:

- Many feel tired and nauseated.
- Many experience bad cramps.
- Many have headaches.

Social:

- More than 60% have had to miss social or athletic events.³
- About 80% report avoiding sex.²
- 33% have been forced to miss work.³

Emotional:

- 77% have depression or moodiness.²
- 75% feel anxious.³
- 57% report a lack of confidence during their period.³

What is NovaSure endometrial ablation?

NovaSure endometrial ablation is a one-time, five-minute procedure that can lighten or end your heavy periods. No pills. No hormonal side effects. For 90% of women, menstrual bleeding is dramatically reduced or stopped.³ It's a simple procedure that can be done in your doctor's office, usually for the cost of a copay.

The benefits of the NovaSure procedure:

- One-time procedure.
- The procedure is quick—it usually takes less than five minutes.
- It can be performed in a doctor's office with no general anesthesia.
- 91% of women returned to normal or light periods, or had no periods at all.³
- 40% reported that their periods stopped completely.³
- 97% of patients from the initial clinical trial experienced no post-procedural pain.⁴
- Most women feel back to themselves within a day or so.³
- There are no incisions (cuts into your body).
- It can be performed at any time during your cycle, even if you're bleeding.
- You don't need to prepare by taking any pre-treatment medicine.

Choosing the right treatment for you.

There are several treatment options available.

The chart below highlights the advantages and disadvantages of the most common options.

Your doctor can help you decide which treatment may be right for you.

	NovaSure Endometrial Ablation	Hormone Releasing IUD	Hormone Therapy	D&C <i>(Dilation and Curettage)</i>	Hysterectomy <i>(Removal of the Uterus)</i>
Procedure Description	Simple, safe procedure that removes uterine lining while preserving the uterus to reduce or eliminate bleeding	Device inserted into the uterus that releases a steady amount of progestins, which can help control bleeding	Estrogen/progestin used for select low-risk patients	Surgical procedure used to temporarily control heavy bleeding by scraping the inside of the uterus	Permanent, surgical option for women not responsive to other treatments
Procedure Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 90% of women, menstrual bleeding is dramatically reduced or stopped • One-time, five-minute procedure • Can be done in your doctor's office, usually for the cost of a copay • Rapid recovery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces problem bleeding in about 70% of patients⁵ • Contraceptive • Effective for 5 years • Retain fertility (when IUD is removed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces problem bleeding in about half of patients⁹ • Self-administered • Contraceptive • Retain fertility (when therapy is stopped) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic tool that can provide tissue sample to test for cancer of the uterus • Retain fertility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminates problem bleeding • One-time procedure
Procedure Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only appropriate for women who have completed childbearing • Requires anesthesia: local or general • Non-reversible • Risk of complications associated with minimally invasive procedures • Contraception required due to pregnancy risk. Pregnancy following the NovaSure procedure can be dangerous. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be removed and replaced every 5 years • 70% of women experience intermenstrual bleeding/spotting⁶ • 30% of women experience hormonal side effects⁶, which may include depression⁷, acne⁷, headaches⁷, nausea, weight gain and hair loss^{6,7,8} • Other side effects include abdominal pain, infection and difficulty inserting the device, requiring cervical dilation⁹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hormonal side effects may include nausea, headaches and weight gain⁹ • Results may vary depending on hormone⁹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires local, general or regional anesthesia • Reduction in bleeding is temporary¹¹ • Risk of complications associated with minimally invasive procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost • Involves major invasive surgery • Risk of complications associated with major surgery • Requires general or regional anesthesia • 2- to 8-week recovery time • May result in early onset of menopause/ possible need for future hormone treatment¹² • Non-reversible; lose fertility

How does the NovaSure procedure work?

The NovaSure endometrial ablation (EA) procedure can reduce or stop menstrual bleeding. It works by permanently removing the endometrium, or the lining of the uterus (the part that causes the bleeding), with a quick delivery of radiofrequency energy.

The NovaSure Procedure



Your doctor opens your cervix (the opening to the uterus) slightly, inserts a slender wand and extends a triangular-shaped netted device into the uterus.



The netting expands, fitting to the size and shape of your uterus.



Precisely measured radiofrequency energy is delivered through the netting for about 90 seconds.



The netted device is pulled back into the wand, and both are removed from the uterus.

No part of the NovaSure device remains inside your body after the procedure.

Are women satisfied with the NovaSure procedure?

In a clinical study, 12 months after the NovaSure procedure:³

93%

of patients were satisfied with the results³

97%

said they would recommend the procedure to a friend³

Nearly 7 out of every 10 endometrial ablations performed are the NovaSure procedure.

What can I expect?

Most women who have had the NovaSure procedure have lighter periods or no periods afterwards.

In a clinical study, 9 out of 10 women returned to normal or light periods and 4 out of 10 stopped bleeding altogether.³

Impact on Quality of Life ³		
Answered “Always,” “Frequently” or “Sometimes”	Before NovaSure	After NovaSure
Do you lack confidence due to your periods?	57%	16%
Do you have a problem working due to your periods?	66%	10%
Do your periods cause you to spend less time at work or other activities?	61%	9%
Do you feel anxious due to your periods?	75%	24%
Do your periods cause you to miss social activities?	63%	9%
Do your periods cause you to miss athletic activities?	66%	9%
Are you unable to work outside of your home due to your periods?	33%	6%
Do you have less energy or a total lack of energy?	84%	24%
Do you experience painful periods?	57%	21%
Do you have PMS symptoms?	65%	36%

...and more

Many women who've had the NovaSure procedure say they are now able to spend more time at work and daily activities, and miss out on fewer social and athletic outings because of heavy periods. They also report improved energy levels, better moods and a boost in self-confidence. And many also had a significant reduction in painful periods and PMS symptoms like irritability.³

Frequently asked questions

Is NovaSure endometrial ablation right for me?

Women with heavy or long-lasting periods who do not wish to have children in the future may be candidates for the NovaSure procedure.

Your doctor can help you decide if the NovaSure procedure is right for you. But if you're sure you don't want any children in the future, and your doctor rules out more serious causes of heavy bleeding, you may be a good candidate for the NovaSure procedure.

Can I still become pregnant after the NovaSure procedure?

Because NovaSure endometrial ablation treats the lining of the uterus, your chances of getting pregnant after the procedure will be reduced. However, it is still possible to get pregnant if you're sexually active. A pregnancy after an ablation is very dangerous for both the mother and the fetus, since the uterine lining would not be able to properly support fetal development. It's very important to talk to your doctor about what birth control you will use after the NovaSure procedure.

What can I expect after the NovaSure procedure?

Immediately after the NovaSure procedure, some women experience some cramping, mild pain, nausea and/or vomiting. Most women feel back to themselves and can resume normal activities within a day or so. Be sure to follow any instructions from your doctor, no matter how good you're feeling.

A watery and/or bloody discharge following the NovaSure procedure is normal. It could start anywhere from immediately after the procedure to a couple of weeks afterwards. The discharge may last only briefly, or for up to a couple of months.

It could even come and go, increasing after certain activities. This is quite normal and can be expected with any endometrial ablation procedure.

Are there any risks I should know about?

Your doctor will explain the risks of all treatment options. Some of the risks associated with the NovaSure endometrial ablation procedure are perforation of the uterus, bleeding, infection, abnormally slow heart beat, injury to organs within the abdomen or around the uterus or complications leading to serious injury or death. These problems are very rare and reported at a rate of less than 0.05%.

Tell your doctor if you have a cardiac pacemaker or any other electrical device in your body.

Very few patients experience complications following the NovaSure procedure. But you should call your doctor right away if you develop:

- A fever higher than 100.4°F.
- Worsening pelvic pain that is not relieved by ibuprofen or other prescribed medicine.
- Nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, dizziness.
- Bowel or bladder problems.
- A greenish vaginal discharge (reddish, yellowish or brownish is normal).

When will I know what my periods will be like after the NovaSure procedure?

Every woman is different. But plan to give your body about 3 months to fully heal on the inside and resume its normal cycle. Then, you and your doctor should be able to tell what your cycle and your periods will be like from that point on.

Talking to your doctor about heavy menstrual bleeding

Studies have shown that many women who suffer from heavy periods do not bring the subject up with their doctors or seek treatment.

Heavy periods are a problem that affects 1 out of every 5 women.

If getting the conversation started seems hard once you're at your doctor's office, try one of these openers:

- "I'd like to ask you a few questions about my menstrual cycle..."
- "I've noticed that my periods are different than they used to be..."
- "I've heard that a lot of women are getting treated for heavy periods—is this something I should consider?"

If you suffer from heavy menstrual bleeding and do not wish to have any children in the future, be sure to ask your doctor if NovaSure endometrial ablation may be right for you.

To find a physician in your area who performs the NovaSure procedure, go to www.novasure.com



Heavy menstrual bleeding checklist

Do any of the following statements apply to you?

- My period affects my quality of life.
- I am bothered by the amount of bleeding or level of pain I have during my periods.
- My period makes me feel depressed, tired or moody.
- I am afraid of having an embarrassing accident.
- I have PMS symptoms, such as headaches, during my period.
- I bleed more than once a month.
- My period lasts too long.
- My period affects my social, athletic or sexual activities or causes me to miss work.
- My life would improve if I could decrease or completely eliminate my period.
- I would like to learn about a simple procedure that can help me get back to living.

Use the space below to write down any additional questions or concerns:

Bring this checklist with you to your next doctor's appointment.

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“I am not having the prolonged heavy periods
that took almost all of my energy.”

- NovaSure patient

To find out more about the NovaSure procedure:

- Talk to your doctor
- Visit novasure.com
- Visit changethecycle.com

Important Safety Information

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