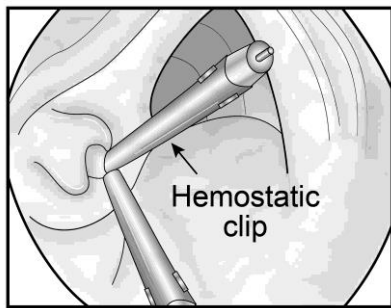
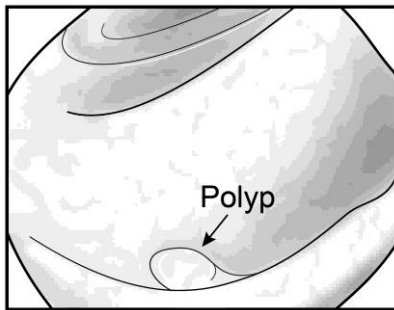


**Hemostatic Clip**

**What is a hemostatic clip?**

Hemostatic clips are used to prevent bleeding in the GI (gastrointestinal) tract. This is often after a polyp(s) has been removed from your colon or to treat a bleeding ulcer. Polyps are small growths of tissue that can be seen during a GI procedure. Although most polyps are benign (non-cancerous), some may have an area of cancer or may turn into cancer later on which is why they are removed. A bleeding ulcer, most often found in the stomach, may be caused by medicine or infection.

After a polyp is removed, or an ulcer is found to be bleeding, a hemostatic clip may be placed. This clip is a small metal device that is used to join the surrounding tissue together to reduce your risk of bleeding. The doctor uses the scope to place this clip during your exam.



**What can I expect?**

The clip will fall out on its own. This usually happens within a few weeks. Some clips are in patients longer. The clip is very small, so you will not notice when the clip passes out in your stool.

**What precautions do I need to take?**

You may not be able to have an MRI while the clip is still in you. If the clip is in your colon, it is important to tell your healthcare provider if you need an MRI. Please keep the clip identification card.

**Who to Call**

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750 University Row  
Madison, WI  
8 am to 5 pm weekdays  
**(608) 890-5000** or **(855) 342-9900**

After clinic hours, please call **(608) 890-5000**. Give your name and phone number with the area code. The doctor will call you back.

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