

Fluid Shortage Impact Survey



Dear Urologist,

The University of Kansas Medical Center's Department of Urology is contacting you because you are a urologist. We are recruiting research participants to help us understand the impact of the national IV fluid shortage on urologists. Participation involves completing a survey that will take about 5-10 minutes. No identifiable information will be collected about you, and the survey is anonymous. In addition to the survey questions, we will request age, gender, and training.

There are no personal benefits or risks to participating in this study. Participation is voluntary, and you can stop taking the survey at any time. If you have any questions, please contact KU Endourology research fellow, Lucas Vergamini, at lvergamini@kumc.edu. For questions about the rights of research participants, you may contact the KUMC Institutional Review Board (IRB) at [\(913\) 588-1240](tel:9135881240) or IRBhelp@kumc.edu.

Sincerely,

KU Endourology Research Group:

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Age

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Non-binary

☐ Other

☐ Prefer not to answer

Year of graduation from urology residency

yyyy

Are you Fellowship trained?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Practice (select all that apply)

☐ Academic or University Hospital

☐ Public or Private Hospital

☐ Private Practice

- ☐ Research Only
- ☐ Other

AUA sections where you practice Urology (select all that apply)

- ☐ Mid-Atlantic
- ☐ New England
- ☐ New York
- ☐ North Central
- ☐ Northwestern
- ☐ South Central
- ☐ Southeastern
- ☐ Western

Average number of days spent in the operating room per week

Report in full days. Ex: if Full day on Monday and Morning on Tuesday, then report as 1.5

Average number of surgical procedures completed in the operating room each week

Select the most frequently performed urologic procedures in your practice. (If multiple, select up to 3)

- ☐ General Urology (ex: scrotal cases, circumcision, vasectomy)
- ☐ Urologic Oncology (ex: open and/or robotic cancer cases)
- ☐ Kidney Stone (ex: ureteroscopy and/or percutaneous nephrolithotomy)
- ☐ Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)
- ☐ Reconstruction (Ex: urethral stricture)
- ☐ Male Infertility or Andrology
- ☐ Female Urology (Ex: Incontinence, prolapse)
- ☐ Pediatric Urology
- ☐ Gender Affirmation Surgery

How has the shortage of medical fluids affected your daily practice in urology?

- ☐ No impact
- ☐ Slightly impacted
- ☐ Moderately impacted

- ☐ Significantly impacted
- ☐ Extremely impacted

How did your hospital communicate fluid shortage issues to your urology team? If a specific amount or allotment of fluid was reserved for urology or a percent reduction of normal supply was provided to you, please report that below.

Have you been ASKED to reschedule, delay, or cancel any procedures due to this fluid shortage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Have you rescheduled, delayed, or canceled any procedures due to this fluid shortage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Has the shortage of medical fluids negatively impacted your relationship with patients in clinic?

- ☐ No impact
- ☐ Slightly impacted
- ☐ Moderately impacted
- ☐ Significantly impacted
- ☐ Extremely impacted

Are you using alternative fluids, fluid management solutions, or changing your procedural technique or approach IN CLINIC as a direct result of the fluid shortage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you using alternative fluids or solutions due to the shortage in OR procedures?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you making any intraoperative modifications to your typical surgical approach or technique as a direct result of the fluid shortage in OR procedures?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are there any changes you have made to your practice due to the fluid shortages that you plan on continuing after the resolution of the fluid shortage?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Did the fluid shortage affect management or clinical decision making for urology consults or floor care?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

How concerned are you about the potential long-term impacts of this shortage on patient outcomes in urology?

- ☐ Not concerned
☐ Slightly concerned
☐ Moderately concerned
☐ Significantly concerned
☐ Extremely concerned

As of today, what is the current status of the fluid shortage in your practice?

- ☐ Ongoing impact
☐ Prior impact, now resolved
☐ Never impacted

Please share any additional comments or insights about the national fluid shortage.

Submit

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