

RENAL AML EMBOLIZATION:

A minimally invasive strategy to treat large (>4 cm) renal angiomyolipomas

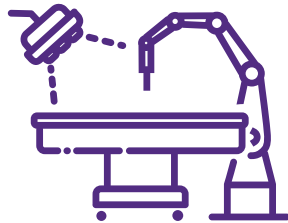


THE CHALLENGE



10.7-21.4% Incidence of postoperative complications in historical/contemporary nephron-sparing surgeries¹

128 mL Mean blood loss resulting from robotic-assisted partial nephrectomy surgery²



15.5% - 23% of robotic and open partial-nephrectomy patients require transfusion^{2,3}

Larger tumor diameter and **greater tumor depth** were associated with bleeding/transfusion²



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Where Renal Artery Embolization Fits

Clinical literature supports selective arterial embolization as particularly useful for patients in whom hemorrhage prevention/control is the primary objective and preservation of renal parenchyma is important.^{4,5}

Renal AML Embolization

- Significantly reduced tumor size without serious adverse events and loss of renal function³
- Is a safe and efficacious treatment and the preferred minimally invasive treatment of AML³

Ideal candidates for renal AML embolization include:

- **Acute or recent AML hemorrhage** — the clearest indication.⁴
- **Symptomatic AML with bleeding risk** (pain, hematuria, prior hemorrhage).³
- **Large AML with high-risk vascular anatomy**, particularly aneurysms/markedly vascular lesions, when intervention is warranted.⁶
- **Patients with bilateral, multifocal, or TSC-associated AMLs**, where preservation of functioning renal parenchyma is especially important.⁶
- **Patients who are poor surgical candidates** or in whom partial nephrectomy would require extensive renal resection.
- **Selected large AMLs (>4 cm)** when treatment is indicated—but size alone should not automatically trigger embolization.

The highest complication rate of renal AML embolization is post-embolization syndrome (pain, fever, nausea), but serious complications are comparatively uncommon.

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