

**AMERICAN BOARD OF UROLOGY  
COMPLICATIONS NARRATIVES INSTRUCTIONS**

The Board is interested in how you approach and manage complications. **Using the Clavien classification table below as a guideline, report all complications of Grade III or higher from your practice log.** Please provide a detailed narrative description of the complication and your management using the following **MANDATORY** format. *The vast majority of candidates do experience some complications and provide narratives; however, if it is your intention to claim no complications considered Grade III or higher on the table below during your practice log period, you are required to submit a signed statement to that effect.*

**COMPLICATIONS NARRATIVE**

**At the top of each page:** Your name, diplomate number and institution: i.e., John Smith, M.D., #15361, Mercy Hospital

Patient's case #:

Age:

Gender:

Date of procedure:

Diagnosis:

Procedure(s) performed:

Brief description of complication:

Narrative: Detailed narrative description of one or more paragraphs

**CLASSIFICATION OF SURGICAL COMPLICATIONS**  
**Definition**

<b>Grade I</b>	Any deviation from the normal postoperative course without the need for pharmacological treatment or surgical, endoscopic, and radiological interventions. Allowed therapeutic regimens are: drugs such as antiemetics, antipyretics, analgesics, diuretics, electrolytes and physiotherapy. This grade also includes wound infections opened at the bedside.
<b>Grade II</b>	Requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than such allowed for Grade I complications. Blood transfusions and total parenteral nutrition are also included.
<b>Grade III</b>	<b>Requiring surgical, endoscopic or radiological intervention.</b>
<b>Grade IIIa</b>	<b>Intervention not under general anesthesia.</b>
<b>Grade IIIb</b>	<b>Intervention under general anesthesia.</b>
<b>Grade IV</b>	<b>Life-threatening complication (including CNS complications)* requiring IC/ICU management.</b>
<b>Grade IVa</b>	<b>Single organ dysfunction (including dialysis).</b>
<b>Grade IVb</b>	<b>Multiorgan dysfunction.</b>
<b>Grade V</b>	<b>Death of a patient.</b>

\*Brain hemorrhage, ischemic stroke, subarachnoidal bleeding, but excluding transient ischemic attacks, CNS, central nervous system; IC, intermediate care; ICU, intensive care unit.

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Send all complications narratives with your notarized Log Verification/Notarization Statement and completed Practice Breakdown no later than the practice log deadline (courier recommended for guaranteed delivery) to:

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