

Stone-free rate (SFR): a new proposal for defining levels of SFR

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Abstract There is a lack of consensus in the definition of stone-free rate (SFR) after ureteric or renal stone surgery. We propose a simple classification to define levels of SFR post-treatment.

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Based on the follow-up modality, the suffix U (USS), C (CT) or X (X-ray) should be included with the SFR level (Table 1). This simple proposal will not only clarify the

Table 1 Definition of stone-free rate (SFR) level

Stone-free rate (SFR) level	Size of stone detected	Evaluation modality	SFR
0	No stones	USS, CT, XR	0U, 0C or 0X
1	≤1 mm		1U, 1C or 1X
2	≤2 mm		2U, 2C or 2X
3	≤3 mm		3U, 3C or 3X
4	≤4 mm		4U, 4C or 4X

size of the stone post-treatment, but also the follow-up modality used to determine it.

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