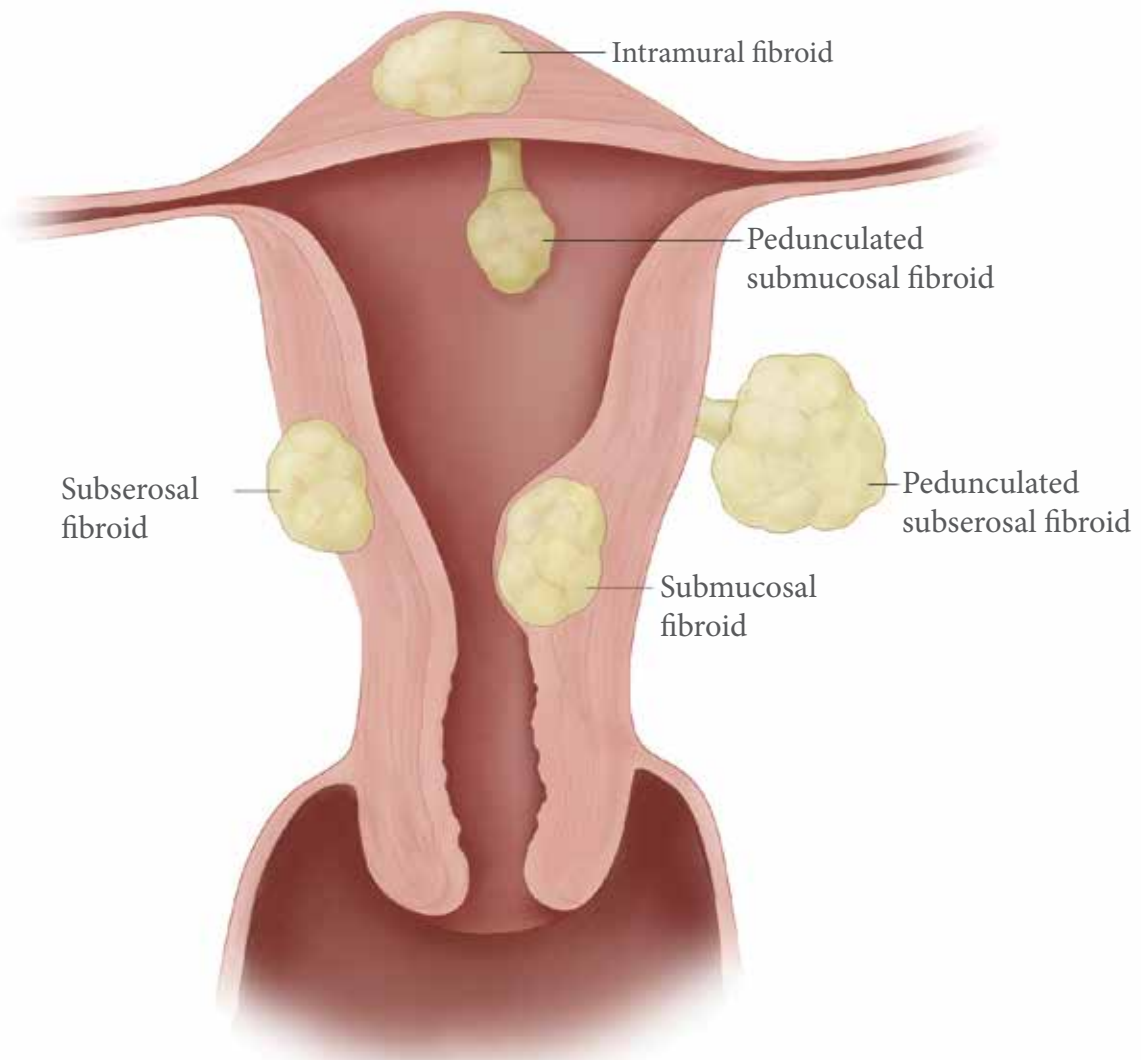




Treating Symptomatic Uterine Fibroids with Uterine Fibroid Embolization



- • • **Uterine Fibroids** are classified according to their location within the uterus. There are three primary types of fibroid tumors: subserosal, intramural, and submucosal. Pedunculated uterine fibroids occur when the fibroid grows on a stalk.



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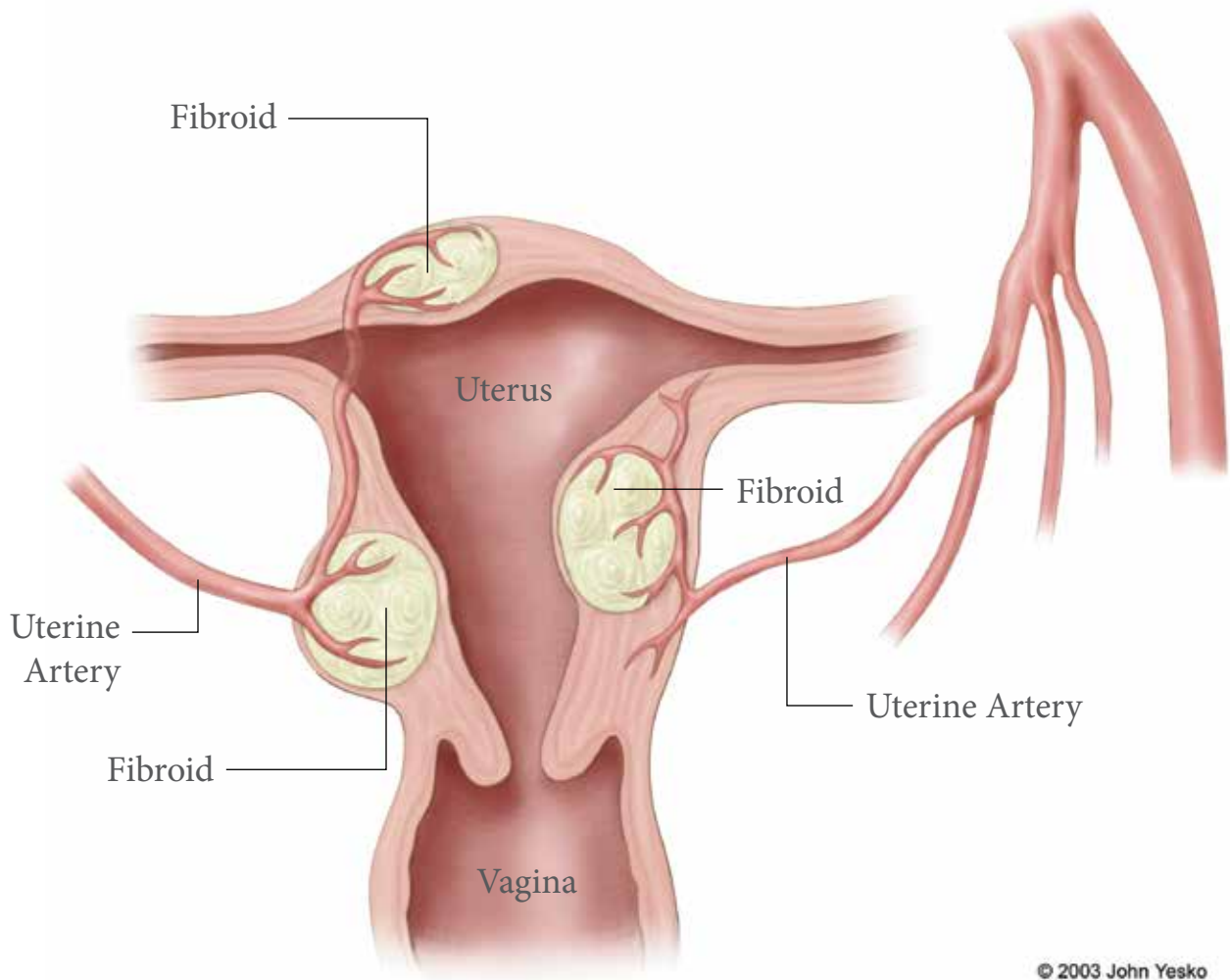


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• • • An Alternative to Hysterectomy

Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE) is performed by interventional radiologists, who work with gynecologists to evaluate candidates for this procedure.



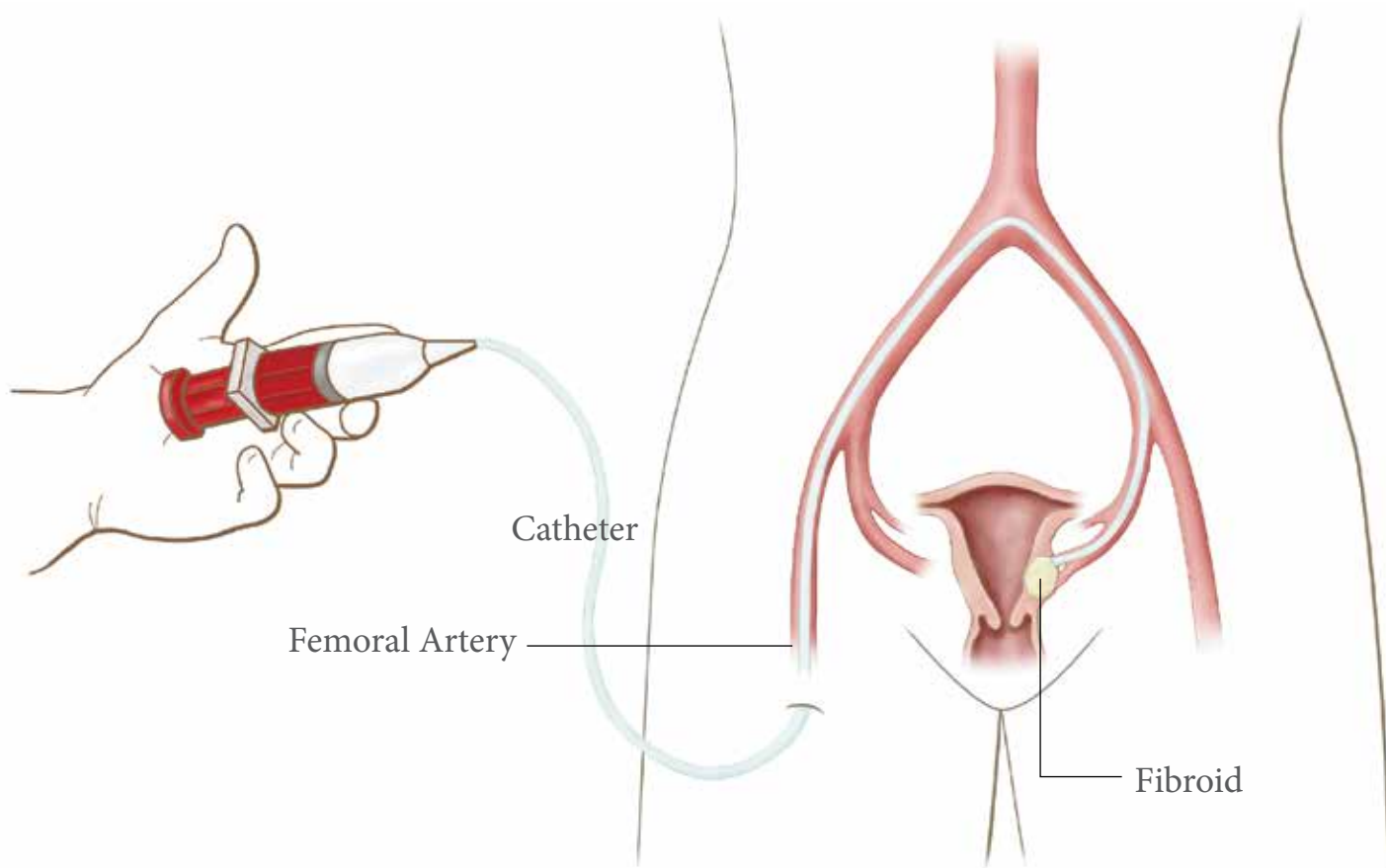
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- • • During UFE treatment, a tiny tube called a **catheter** is inserted into the **femoral artery** at the top of the leg. Patients receive mild sedation and a numbing agent to minimize discomfort.



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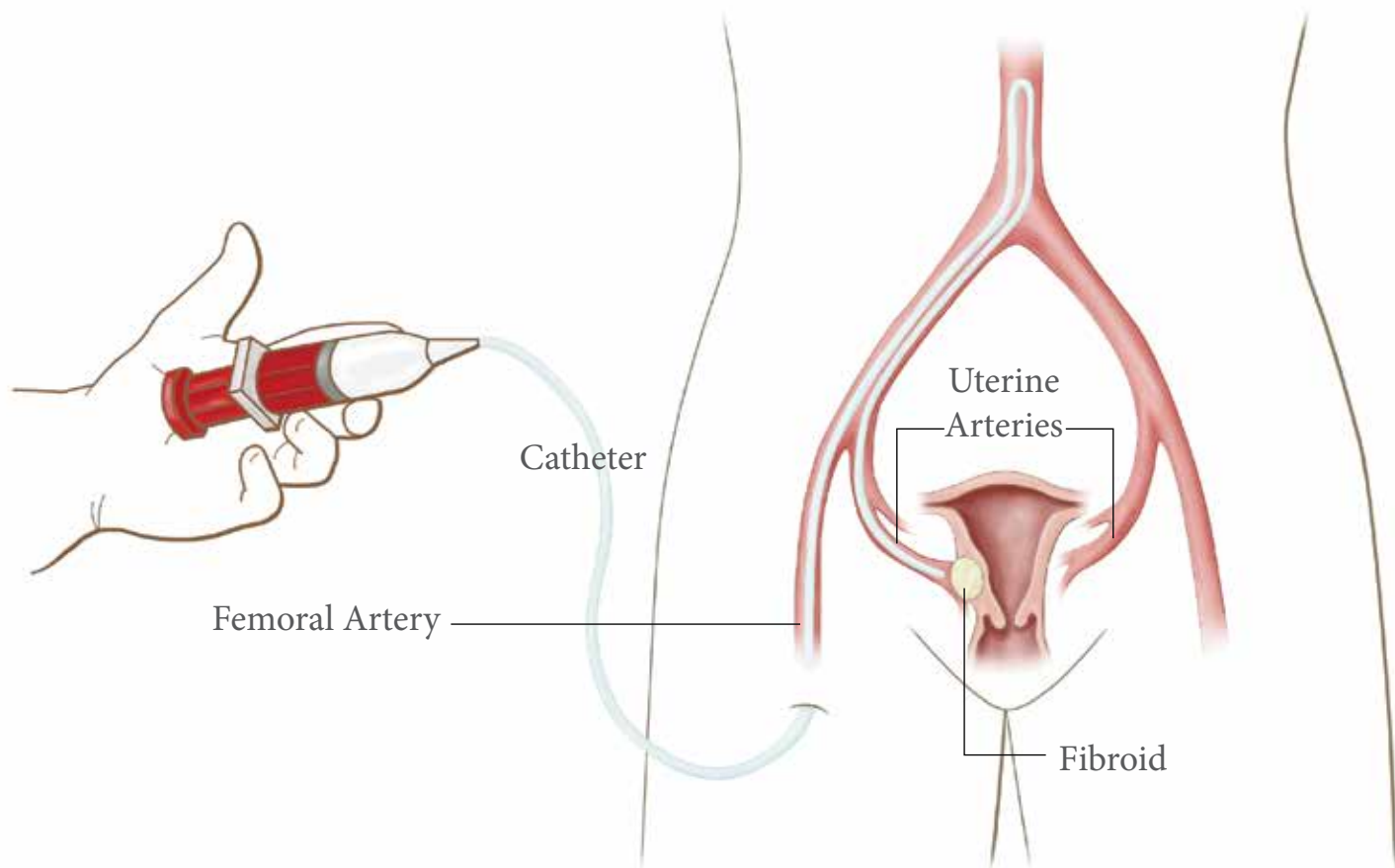
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- ● ● Fibroids are treated from both the right and left uterine arteries so that the blood flow feeding the fibroids is completely blocked.



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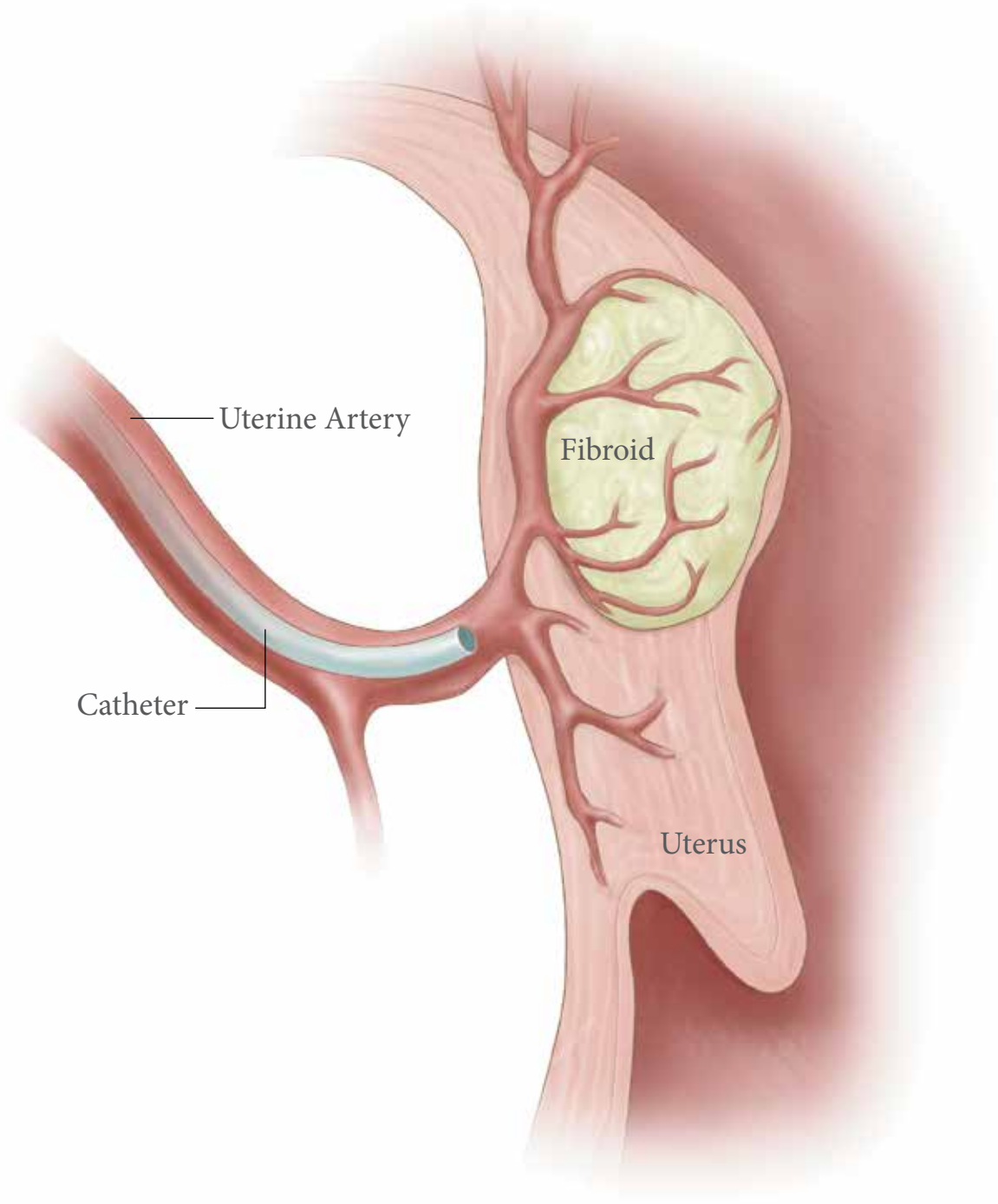
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- • • The catheter is then guided into the **uterine artery** and an arteriogram (an X-ray in which a dye is injected into the blood vessels) is done to map the arteries feeding the fibroids.



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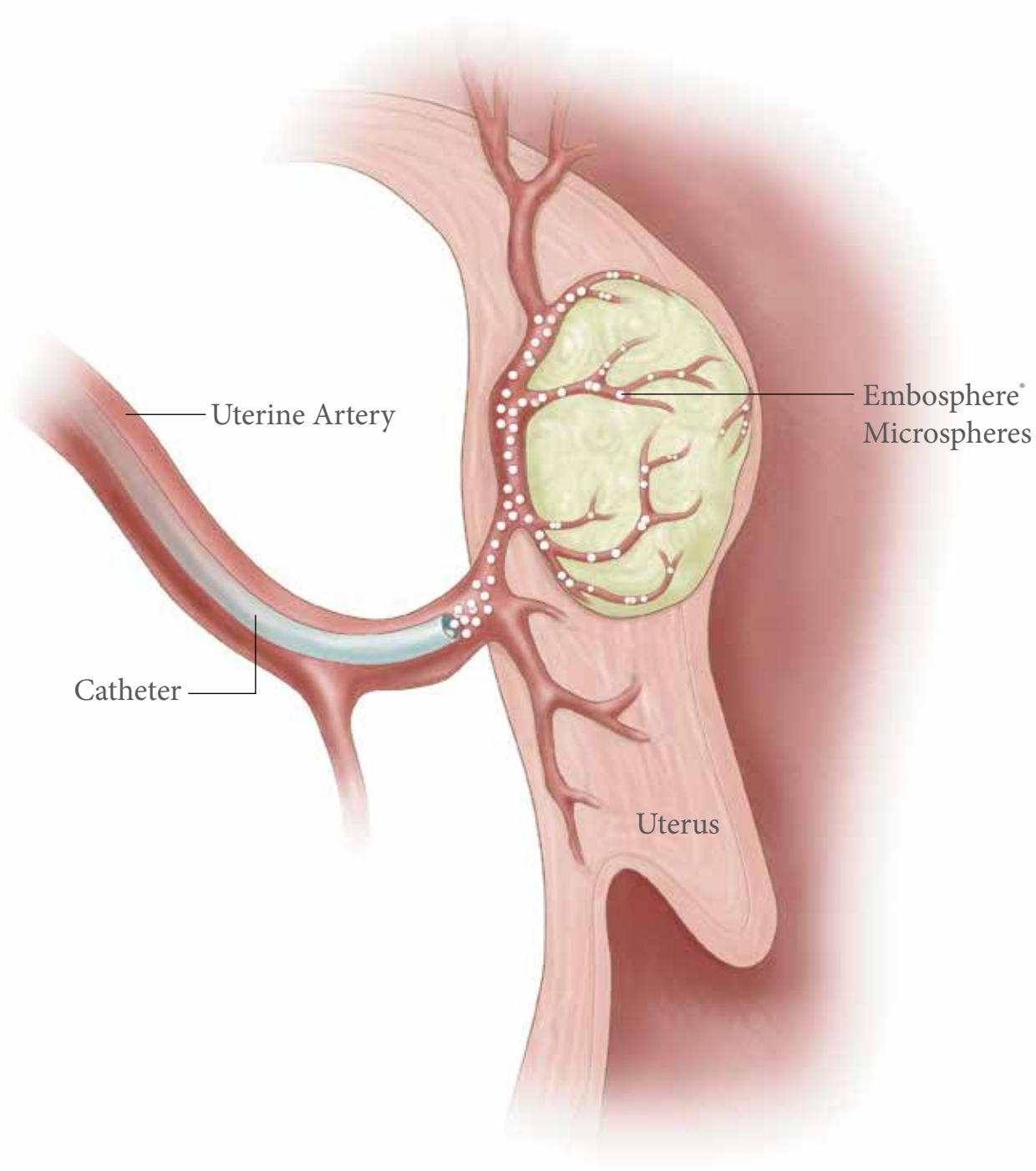
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- • • Next, tiny **Embosphere® Microspheres** are injected through the catheter and into the blood vessels that feed the fibroids, cutting off their blood supply.



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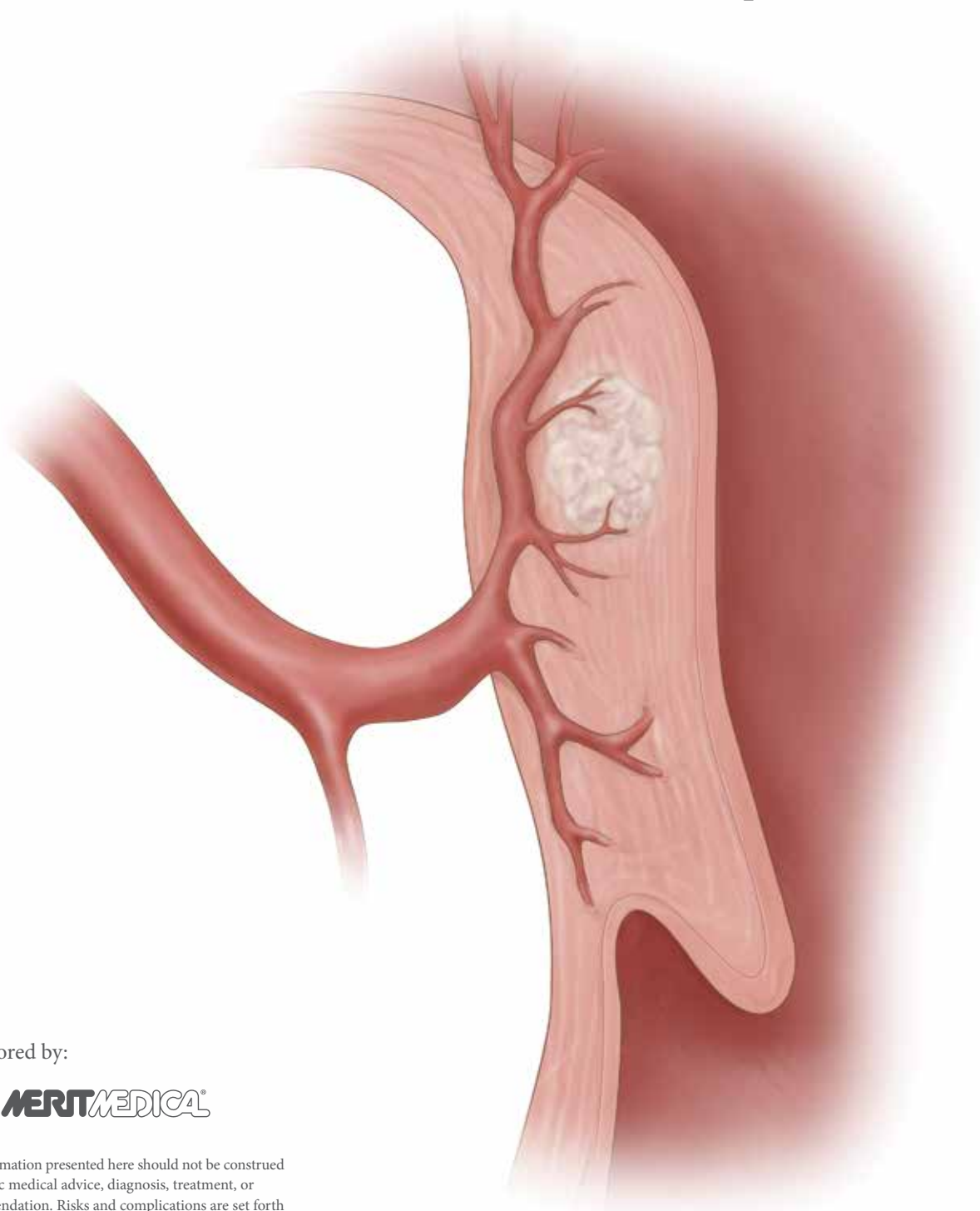
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- • • With their blood supply blocked, the fibroids begin to shrink, but the uterus and ovaries are spared.



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