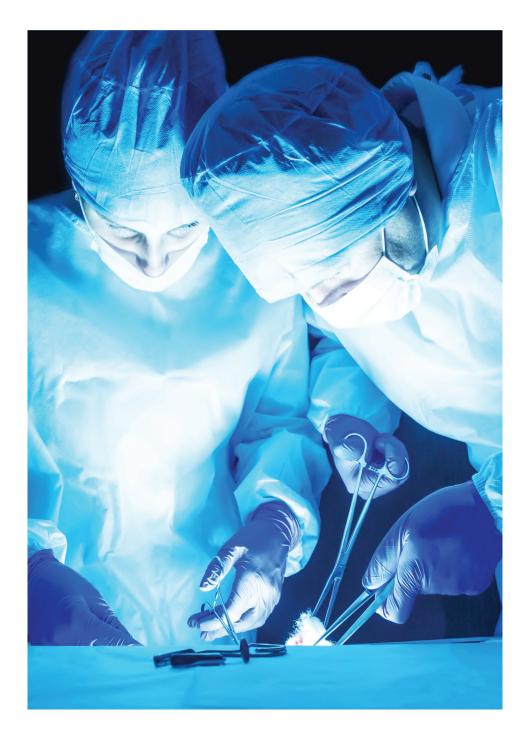


## VARICOCOELE LAPAROSCOPIC DIVISION OF TESTICULAR VEINS





**Digital Version** 



## PROCEDURE

Cut and clip the varicose veins to the scrotum laparoscopically i.e. with the help of a video camera through tubes in very small cuts in the abdomen. Tubes will be put through these cuts to pass the camera and instruments through. The doctor will fill the abdominal area with carbon dioxide gas to allow access for the operation. The gas is allowed to escape before the cuts are closed with stitches or staples.

## **RISKS OF THIS PROCEDURE**

There are some risks/ complications, which include:

(a) Damage to large blood vessels or gut or bladder may occur when the surgeon has inserted a sharp trocar and cannula at the start of the operation, to provide access and gas insufflation.

(b) Rarely the gas which is fed into the abdominal cavity can cause cardiac and respiratory complications.

(c) Deep bleeding in the abdominal cavity could occur and this may need fluid replacement or further surgery.

(d) Infections such as pus collections can occur in the abdominal cavity. This may need surgical drainage.

(e) Damage can occur to the blood supply of the testicle with possible damage to the testicle. As a result, the testicle may shrink and loose function.

(f) A weakness can occur in the wound with the development of a rupture. This may need further surgery.

(g) In some people healing of the wound may be abnormal and the wound can be thickened, and the scar may be painful. (h) Adhesions (bands of scar tissue) may form and cause bowel obstruction. This can be a short term or a long-term complication and may need further surgery.

(i) Increased risk in obese people of wound infection, chest infection, heart and lung complications and thrombosis.

(j) Increased risk in smokers of wound and chest infections, heart and lung complications and thrombosis.





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