

What are the risks with

ABDOMINOPLASTY SURGERY?

Any invasive treatment carries its own risks and complications, limitations and the risks should be compared to the potential benefits before undergoing a surgical procedure. Possible risks and complications include:

- anaesthesia risks including depression
- long scars and keloid/hypertrophic scarring
- asymmetry in length and position of scars
- umbilicus placed of centre
- infection
- delayed healing
- skin necrosis and wound breakdown
- fluid build up as in a seroma or bleeding as a haematoma
- swelling and bruising
- pain and discomfort
- potential for resultant dog-ears which could lead to secondary correction
- difficulties in walking and standing
- long recovery time
- umbilical necrosis when the perfusion of the belly button is insufficient
- residual intra-abdominal fat

Also, every procedure has

- residual bulge – the abdomen will not be flat
- development of a blood clot as in a deep vein thrombosis, thromboembolism or pulmonary embolism
- loose skin and skin folds
- skin irregularities/discolouration
- permanent lumpiness and/or volume/profile irregularities
- permanent skin/scar numbness
- stretch marks will remain
- need for further surgery

