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## Thigh Lift Surgery - Thighplasty

The procedure is designed to tighten the skin of the inner thighs and reshape the upper leg, resulting in a smoother appearance and improved balance to the contours of the lower body

### Potential Risks and Complications

Modern surgery is generally safe but does have the potential for risks and complications to occur.

Some possible complications and risks associated with an thigh lift surgery may include:

- Heavy bleeding from an operated site. This may require a blood transfusion
- Infection that may require treatment with antibiotics or further surgery in some cases
- Allergic reaction to sutures, dressings or antiseptic solutions
- The formation of a large blood clot (haematoma) beneath an incision site may require further surgery
- Pain, bruising and swelling around the operated site(s)
- Slow healing, often related to smoking or diabetes
- Short-term nausea following general anaesthesia and other risks related to anaesthesia
- Complications such as heart attack, pulmonary embolism or stroke may be caused by a blood clot, which can be life threatening
- Distortion of the genitalia's contour and appearance, especially in women
- Visible and prominent scars such as keloids and hypertrophic scars. These scars are raised, red and thickened, and may form over healed incisions. They may be itchy, annoying and unsightly but are not a threat to health
- Numbness around operated sites. In most cases this is temporary and will improve over many months
- Skin that does not heal and may require a skin graft
- Restrictive movement to the tightened skin
- Excess fluid accumulation under the skin (known as a seroma) around an operated site that may require one or more drainage procedures with a needle
- The need for at least one blood transfusion for patients who require the removal of a large amount of skin
- Fat that has a poor blood supply may result in a discharge from the surgical wounds or palpable lumps

**Disclaimer:** The above list is not exhaustive and other risks, complications, or outcomes may occur during or after your surgery. If you wish to discuss the potential risks and complications further, please do so at your patient consultation.

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