

Complications of Hysterectomy

For Discussion

If procedure involves laparoscopy - see also laparoscopic complications

If procedure vaginal

Damage to:

- Bladder**
- Ureters**
- Bowel**
- Blood vessels**
- May require laparotomy to repair**

- Bleeding**
- Blood transfusion
- Vault haematoma
- May develop into abscess
- May require vaginal or laparoscopic or laparotomy drainage

- Urinary tract infection**

- Thrombosis**
- Pulmonary embolism

- Fistulae**
- Vesico-vaginal
- Uretero-vaginal
- Recto-vaginal
- Entero-vaginal

If abdominal - as for vaginal plus

- Abdominal wound**
- Haematoma
- Infection
- Abscess
- Hernia
- Scar

- Allergic reaction to antibiotics**

- Nerve damage**

- Risk of adhesions greater than after vaginal or laparoscopic approach**

- Bowel obstruction**

- Post-hysterectomy vaginal vault prolapse after any type of hysterectomy**