

PATIENT INFORMATION FOR CAESAREAN SECTION

Nature of procedure

- Regional or general anaesthesia
- Urinary bladder catheterized
- Abdominal incision
- Urinary bladder dissected away from the lower segment of uterus
- Incision made over uterus
- Delivery of baby and placenta
- Closure of uterine wound and abdominal wound

Risks and complications may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Anaesthetic complications
- Bleeding, may need blood transfusion
- Wound problems
- Infection
- Injury to neighbouring organs especially the bladder, ureters and bowels
- Injury to baby
- Extension of uterine wound or cervical laceration
- Hysterectomy in case of uncontrolled bleeding
- Maternal mortality
- Uterine scar rupture in next pregnancy
- Morbid adhesion of placenta in next pregnancy

Remarks

The information contained is very general. There is individual variation in practice in different units. The list of complications is not exhaustive and other unforeseen complications may occasionally occur. In special patient groups, the actual risk may be different. For further information please contact your doctor.