

EPIDIDYMECTOMY

What is “Epididymectomy”?

- Removal of the epididymis, leaving the testis remaining
- The epididymis is a sac which sits behind the testis and is the site where the sperm mature

Why do I need this?

- This is performed for multiple uncomfortable cysts or chronic pain

How long does it take?

- 30 minutes under a general anaesthetic

What are the risks?

- Haematoma, or blood collection in the scrotum
- Wound infection – antibiotics are given
- Atrophy, or shrinkage of the testis
- Ongoing pain after healing has occurred

What can I expect after surgery?

- This can be performed as day surgery, or an overnight stay
- A drain may be left overnight
- Tight supportive underpants are needed to avoid swelling of the scrotum
- Avoid heavy lifting and physical exertion for 1 - 2 weeks
- Your wound is held together by a dissolvable stitch under the skin
- You will be given an appointment about 3 weeks following surgery

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