

RADICAL ORCHIDECTOMY

What is “Radical Orchidectomy”?

- Removal of a testicle with the spermatic cord through an incision in the groin

Why do I need this?

- To remove a testicular tumour, and determine if a cancer is present and its extent
- Further treatment, such as chemotherapy or radiotherapy may be needed later

How long does it take?

- 30 minutes under a general anaesthetic

What are the risks?

- Wound infection - antibiotics are given
- Haematoma, or blood collection in the scrotum
- Numbness of inner thigh or scrotum

What can I expect after surgery?

- This can be performed as day surgery, or an overnight stay
- Your wound is held together by a dissolvable stitch under the skin
- Avoid heavy lifting and physical exertion for 4 weeks
- Bruising and swelling should settle within 1 - 2 weeks
- You will be given a post-op review appointment about 3 weeks following surgery

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