

Hydrocelectomy and/or Spermatocoelectomy

(Removing the fluid around the testicle and/or removing a fluid filled cyst attached to the organ behind the testicle called the epididymis)

Possible indications or reasons for this surgery:

- Remove a large and/or bothersome fluid filled collection from the scrotum

Possible benefits of this surgery:

- Reduce the size of the scrotum
- Improve or relieve scrotal discomfort if present

Other potential available options/alternatives to this surgery:

- Not performing the surgery (may lead to persistence of large fluid collection and/or discomfort)
- Second opinion from another doctor or institution
- Aspiration of fluid with a needle (has a higher chance of recurrence and fluid reaccumulation)

Possible risks/complications/side effects of this surgery:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Injury to muscles and nerves related to your positioning during surgery. This may lead to muscle breakdown, muscle weakness and/or numbness
- Injury to testicle, epididymis, vas deferens, surrounding nerves and blood vessels
- Development of infertility, testicular atrophy or decrease in the size of the testicle, recurrence of hydrocele and/or spermatocele, chronic scrotal pain, wound dehiscence, development of incisional seroma or fluid collection, development of epidermoid inclusion cyst, urinary retention requiring bladder Foley catheter
- Need for additional intervention in the future in the form of additional surgery and/or other medical treatments
- Heart attack, stroke, heart arrhythmias, respiratory insufficiency/failure requiring prolonged breathing tube, blood clots in extremities and/or lungs, kidney insufficiency/failure requiring temporary and/or permanent kidney replacement therapy such as dialysis, eye or corneal abrasion, pneumonia or lung infection, and even a small chance of death during or after surgery

- Anesthetic risks will be discussed with you separately by an anesthesiologist and/or their qualified representative

(Please note that the above mentioned list of risks/complications/side effects of surgery is not all inclusive and is not meant to be exhaustive. Other complications/side effects may arise that are not specifically mentioned here. Please also note that these complications/side effects occur only rarely and not in every patient or in every similar surgical case. Finally, please note that if and when complications do arise, there may be additional surgical and/or medical treatments that may be recommended to you).