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HEMORRHOIDECTOMY

Hemorrhoidectomy refers to the operative removal of excess hemorrhoidal tissue. This is generally performed because of bleeding, discomfort, or discharge. If you are reading this information, we have already judged your condition to be too severe for other treatment methods you may have heard about, such as "rubber banding", infrared coagulation, injection, freezing, etc. The operation takes about thirty to forty minutes and is performed at the hospital under local anesthesia with intravenous sedation. You will not experience any discomfort during the procedure. Most patients go home the same day and return to work in approximately fourteen days.

The anal region is quite sensitive and there can be significant discomfort after the operation. Virtually all of our patients in the past have agreed that the short-term pain was worth bearing in exchange for long-term relief from hemorrhoidal difficulties. Careful attention to the detailed instructions that we are providing can make the experience much easier.

Serious complications of this procedure are quite unusual. Although many patients experience a mild fever for a few days, we have never seen an infection. Rare patients will experience a rush of blood on the eighth to tenth day after surgery. This bleeding either stops on its own or is easily controlled. Long-term complications include anal stenosis (narrowing) or the development of "skin tags". These can usually be easily corrected. Despite tales that one may hear, hemorrhoids do not "come back". A properly performed hemorrhoidectomy can, in most cases, offer you dramatic, permanent relief from hemorrhoidal problems.