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CULDOPLASTY

Description:

This procedure is used to tighten loose supporting ligaments (the utero-sacral ligaments), which lie behind the uterus at the top of the vagina. It can be done with the womb in place or can form part of an operation to support the top of the vagina when the womb is removed. Uncommonly it is sometimes performed to treat troublesome pelvic pain, which is thought to be caused by stretching of these ligaments. Usually it is performed vaginally, but it can be done through an abdominal incision or a telescope.

Expected Outcome:

When performed alone, it may only require one night in hospital. In association with a hysterectomy or repair operation a longer stay will be necessary. Full recovery can take 2-4 weeks when performed alone.

Following your surgery:

Some vaginal bleeding will occur for 7-10 days. Pain is not severe, but may be a minor nuisance for 2-3 days. Intercourse can be resumed usually at 4 weeks, provided there is no bleeding. When performed with another operation intercourse should be avoided until medical review.

Possible Risks and Potential Complications:

All operations carry some degree of risk, including excessive bleeding and post-operative infections, but these are uncommon. Damage to the bowel is possible during the dissection, but all care is taken to avoid this. This can happen as a result of previous pelvic surgery when bowel is trapped near the top of the vagina because of adhesions. Problems due to kinking of the tubes leading from the kidneys (the ureters) is an uncommon occurrence. It is rectified by dividing the stitches.

Notify your Doctor:

If you develop signs of infection, a general ill feeling and fever.
If you have excessive bleeding or discharge, or you develop pain you feel is greater than expected.

You may contact Dr Frazer on 55649300 if you have any concerns