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Name of proposed procedure (include brief explanation if medical term not clear)	ANAESTHETIC
<p>URETEROLYSIS FOR RETROPERITONEAL FIBROSIS</p> <p>THIS INVOLVES FREEING THE OBSTRUCTION TO THE URETERS AND REMOVING PART OF THE SCAR TISSUE</p>	<p>- GENERAL/REGIONAL - LOCAL - SEDATION</p>

Serious or frequently occurring risks

COMMON

TEMPORARY INSERTION OF A BLADDER CATHETER AND WOUND DRAIN
NEED TO STENT URETERS WITH PLASTIC TUBES (TEMPORARY)
FURTHER PROCEDURE TO REMOVE URETERIC STENT USUALLY A LOCAL ANAESTHETIC

OCCASIONAL

BLEEDING REQUIRING FURTHER SURGERY OR TRANSFUSIONS
LOSS OF KIDNEY FUNCTION MAY NOT BE IMPROVED
NEED TO REPLACE DAMAGED URETER WITH BOWEL IF REQUIRED
RECURRENCE OF OBSTRUCTION CAN OCCUR NEEDING FURTHER SURGERY

RARE

POSSIBILITY OF FINDING CANCER IN THE SCAR TISSUE NEEDING FURTHER TREATMENT
INVOLVEMENT OR INJURY TO NEARBY LOCAL STRUCTURES –BLOOD VESSELS, SPLEEN, LIVER, LUNG,
PANCREAS AND BOWEL REQUIRING MORE EXTENSIVE SURGERY
SCARRING TO BOWEL OR URETERS REQUIRING OPERATION IN FUTURE
INFECTION, PAIN OR HERNIA OF INCISION REQUIRING FURTHER TREATMENT

VERY RARELY

ANAESTHETIC OR CARDIOVASCULAR PROBLEMS POSSIBLY REQUIRING INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSION
(INCLUDING CHEST INFECTION, PULMONARY EMBOLUS, STROKE, DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS, HEART
ATTACK AND DEATH.)
INABILITY TO EJACULATE DUE TO NERVE DAMAGE (MALES ONLY)

ALTERNATIVE THERAPY: PLACEMENT OF PLASTIC URETERAL TUBES, DIVERSION OF URINE USING A PIECE OF