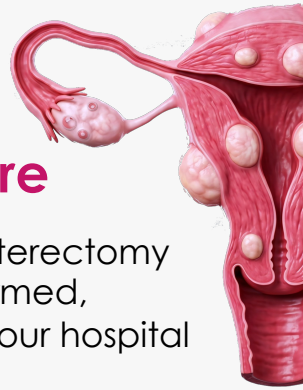


Having fibroid surgery?

Questions to ask before and after your procedure

If you are considering a myomectomy (removal of uterine fibroids) or hysterectomy (removal of the uterus), understanding how your procedure will be performed, how tissue will be removed, and what safety measures are available at your hospital can help you have an informed conversation with your care team.



ASK YOUR SURGEON BEFORE SURGERY

- 1 Is there a chance that endometriosis or an unexpected cancer could be present in my tissue?
- 2 Will my uterus or fibroids need to be cut into smaller pieces for removal?
- 3 If yes, could cutting the tissue cause cells to spread?
- 4 Will my tissue be contained during cutting and removal?
- 5 Will the containment system be FDA cleared for this type of tissue cutting?

ASK YOUR SURGEON AFTER SURGERY

- 1 Was my tissue cut into smaller pieces for removal?
- 2 If yes, what type of containment system was used?
- 3 Was the containment system FDA cleared for this type of tissue cutting?
- 4 Was there any tissue spillage or damage to the containment system?
- 5 When will I receive my pathology results, and did they show endometriosis or cancer?

WHY ASK ABOUT CONTAINMENT AND WHAT IS IT?

During some minimally invasive hysterectomies and myomectomies, tissue may need to be cut into smaller pieces for removal. This is called **morcellation**. If tissue or cells escape during cutting, they can spread within the abdomen or pelvis. **This can include endometriosis, unexpected cancer, or even benign fibroid tissue that may grow and require additional surgery.** A tissue containment system is designed to help keep tissue and cells contained during cutting and removal.

Know the risk. Ask the question. Be part of the conversation about your care.

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