

WHAT ARE THE COMPLICATIONS?

As with any surgery, bariatric operations may be accompanied by complications.

These are possible complications that may occur within 30 days:

- Wound and intra-abdominal infection
- Temporary incomplete expansion of the lungs, atelectasis, or pneumonia
- Bleeding which may require blood transfusions
- Pulmonary embolisms (blood clots in the lungs)
- Strokes or heart attacks
- Obstructions at the suture line, leaking of suture line
- Rupture of the new stomach pouch, due to excessive overeating
- Injury to the spleen during surgery
- Occasional vomiting
- Occasional diarrhea

**Occasionally, temporary hair thinning is also a possible side effect of this surgery. It usually occurs in 5–10% of patients at 3-5 months and is lessened by ingestion of protein and vitamins. Using Biotin (over-the-counter) is optional. Once your weight loss stabilizes, hair will re-grow again as normal.

These are the major complications that may occur after 30 days:

- Major ulcers or obstructions
- Strictures (a partial closing down) of surgically created openings (anastomosis)
- Incisional hernias
- Occasional vomiting or diarrhea