





## Risk and Complication

1. There are always certain side effects and risks of complications of the procedure. Medical staff will take every preventive measure to reduce their likelihood.
2. Common risks and complications
  - 2.1 Mild bleeding
  - 2.2 Pain which is usually minor and alleviable
  - 2.3 Harvest site pain, haematoma, infection and deformity.
  - 2.4 Nasal obstruction which usually improves within the first week
  - 2.5 Rhinitis which can last up to 8 weeks
  - 2.6 Periorbital and upper cheek bruising with osteotomies which will settle within 3-4 weeks
  - 2.7 Mild residual nasal deformity
3. Uncommon risks with serious consequences
  - 3.1 Severe bleeding
  - 3.2 Septal haematoma
  - 3.3 Infection involving the nasal septum
  - 3.4 Septal perforation
  - 3.5 Infection and extrusion of implanted materials from external skin
  - 3.6 Persistent nasal obstruction
  - 3.7 Nasal adhesions
  - 3.8 Allergic reaction to tapes or splint materials
  - 3.9 Severe nasal deformity: saddle nose, columellar retraction with nasal tip sadding.
  - 3.10 Loss of smell
  - 3.11 Cerebrospinal fluid leak
  - 3.12 Toxic shock syndrome
  - 3.13 Death due to serious surgical and anaesthetic complications
4. Consequences of no treatment
  - 4.1 Persistent nasal deformity
  - 4.2 Persistent nasal obstruction

## Alternative Treatment / Investigation

1. Acceptance of nasal deformity and, hence, no treatment.
2. Medical treatment to improve the nasal airway

## Disclaimer

This leaflet only provides general information pertaining to this operation / procedure. While common risks and complications are described, the list is not exhaustive, and the degree of risk could also vary between patients. Please contact your doctor for detailed information and specific enquiry.

## Reference

Smart patient website by Hospital Authority: Septorhinoplasty (2/2020)

**Patient's Label**  
 Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hospital No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Episode No: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_