

COMPLICATIONS OF ANESTHESIA AND GASTRIC REDUCTION DUODENAL SWITCH (Doc-02)

There are potential complications associated with this surgery for the obese patient. The overall complication rate of surgery is approximately 10%. Complications are listed below but are not limited to this list. Complications range from the simply treated tract infection to possible re-operation for a leak at a suture line. Some of the complications may not surface for months after surgery. The **Mortality rate** for surgery is approximately 1% (1-2 in 200 patients).

- Pneumonia
- Atelectasis
- Deep Vein Thrombosis (can form up to 3 months post-op)
- Pulmonary Embolism (can form up to 3 months post-op)
- Stroke
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Phlebitis (IV site irritation)
- Wound infection
- Gastric or intestinal perforation
- Hernia
- Sepsis
- Abscess formation
- Bleeding/Splenectomy
- Biliopancreatic Tree trauma (the ducts from the liver and pancreas)
- Leak from the suture sites of stomach, small bowel, and duodenum
- Bowel obstruction due to scar tissue forming around the small bowels possibly necessitating surgery to open the obstruction.
- Inadequate or Excessive weight loss necessitating re-surgery possibly years later