Case Scenario

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Can I still get cervical cancer after having a hysterectomy?

Fractional hysterectomy is a technique to fight against uterus cancer and in such a procedure the uterus is removed and in a total hysterectomy, the cervix is also removed along with the uterus. So you may still has a chance to get cancer. When salpingo-oophorectomy is also applied with total hysterectomy then it makes ovaries less prone to cancer and it does not completely remove the risk factors. You might need to get a consistent vault smear test compared to a cervical screening test however it involves cells from the upper part of your vagina other than that of the cervix 1.

How long shall my stomach stay swollen after hysterectomy?

After hysterectomy stomach gets better and stronger day by day but pain killer will be needed for one or two days. It is more likely that you will get exhausted easily and will feel his or energy draining out. Belly becomes inflamed and swollen and that is common in such treatments. The swelling will take time to go down and you may take up to 6 weeks to fully recover. The recovery time differs for every patient it might take less than six weeks. Light bleeding from the vagina will be experienced and the you are not allowed to have sex until the doctor recommends to have it. It is important to not lift a heavy object while the process of recovery to let the wound heal. The precaution leaf provides you a common notion regarding how much time it will take for you to get well. Nevertheless, every individual pulls through not at the same pace. Also, avoid constipation and for that increase your water intake.

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