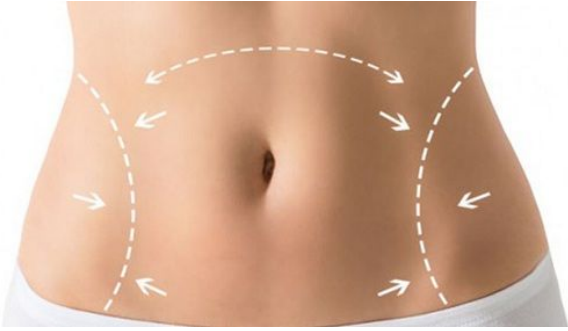


Tummy Tuck Risks



A tummy tuck poses various risks, including:

- **Fluid accumulation beneath the skin (seroma).** Drainage tubes left in place after

surgery can help reduce the risk of excess fluid. Your doctor might also remove fluid after surgery using a needle and syringe.

- **Poor wound healing.**

Sometimes areas along the incision line heal poorly or begin to separate. You might be

given antibiotics during and after surgery to prevent an infection.

- **Unexpected scarring.**

The incision scar from a tummy tuck is permanent, but is placed along the easily hidden bikini line. The length and visibility of

the scar varies from person to person.

- **Tissue damage or death.** During a tummy tuck, fatty tissue deep within your skin in the abdominal area might get damaged or die.

Smoking increases this risk. Depending on the size of the area, tissue

might heal on its own or require a surgical touch-up procedure.

- **Changes in skin sensation.** During a tummy tuck, the repositioning of your abdominal tissues can affect the nerves in the abdominal area, and infrequently, in the

upper thighs. You'll likely feel some reduced sensation or numbness. This usually diminishes in the months after the procedure.

Like any other type of major surgery, a tummy tuck poses a risk of bleeding,

infection and an adverse
reaction to anesthesia.