



Revision Surgery Policy

It is possible that further surgery may be required after an operation. Revision surgery may further enhance or fine tune a patient's result, or may be required to treat unexpected or complex anatomy.

Revision surgery is sometimes required because each patient's healing is different. A patient may unknowingly open their wound, for example, while they are asleep, or when they are awakening from anaesthesia. Such events occur outside the knowledge and/or control of the patient and surgeon, and may affect the post-surgical result.

Dr Shahidi will discuss with patients whether a revision surgery is warranted, as revision procedures also carry some risk. Dr Shahidi will recommend revision surgery in circumstances where the benefits of surgery outweigh the risks. Sometimes, it is only after surgery that certain problems or abnormalities may become evident. If a patient requests that further surgery be performed, but Dr Shahidi feels this is risky, or would provide only minimal benefit to the patient, Dr Shahidi is likely to recommend against this surgery. Sometimes a patient's outcome is limited by their tissues, and further surgery is unlikely to be of much benefit.

Further surgery will lead to extra recovery time and costs being incurred by patients. These costs, which may include, but are not limited to surgical fees, anaesthesia, hospital stay, theatre costs, medicines, bandages, time off work, travel, nursing, and carer leave are the responsibility of the patient. Most importantly, Dr Shahidi **cannot** guarantee the outcome of any revision surgery.

On occasion, Dr Shahidi may reduce his fee for revision procedures. However, Dr Shahidi is not responsible for the fees that will be charged by third parties, for hospital fees, or any other costs.