

Frequently Asked Questions

What is prolapse?

Pelvic organ prolapse (POP) occurs when the supportive tissues separating the vagina from the bladder and rectum fail, resulting in the bladder or rectal walls bulging into and sometimes through the vaginal opening.

What causes urinary incontinence?

Urinary incontinence is most often related to either a lack of adequate support under the bladder neck or an overactive bladder (OAB). Lack of support leads to stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and most often is treated with a simple outpatient surgical procedure. OAB usually responds to medications and other non-surgical treatments.

What is vaginal mesh?

Synthetic mesh material is used in the surgical treatment of urinary incontinence and vaginal prolapse. The material has been used since 1998, with a large majority of these procedures being successful. However, many women have experienced problems related to the mesh.

How do I know if vaginal mesh is causing a problem?

Most problems with mesh are due to either improper healing of the vaginal tissue over the mesh, resulting in mesh exposure, or the mesh pulling too tight in the vagina wall, resulting in pain.

Can mesh-related problems be corrected?

Yes, they can.

What can be done to correct problems resulting from mesh?

Most often the problem can be corrected by modifying the mesh with a simple office or outpatient surgical procedure. At times, it may be necessary to remove the entire mesh product.

If you have additional questions, our staff can be reached at 251-338-1234.