

Table 1

Summary of all reported complications

Type of complication		Frequency of complications		
		Surgical audit	Phone interview	Questionnaire
Wound problems	Dehiscence	2	2	7
	Haematoma	3	6	12
	Infection	18	32	48
	Seroma	1	6	11
	Not stated	0	4	5
Infections	Chest	0	1	5
	Peritoneal	3	0	2
	Urinary infection	1	1	4
	Not stated	0	3	7
Bleeding	External	4	11	9
Pain	Mild	2	43	19
	Moderate	0	4	12
	Not stated	0	13	20
Other complications	Cardiac	2	0	0
	PE	1	0	1
	Pulmonary other	1	0	1
	Renal impairment	1	1	1
	Urinary retention	1	0	0
	Neurological	0	1	1
	Nausea and vomiting	1	3	4
	Constipation	0	7	4
	Diarrhoea	0	5	5
	Ileus	2	0	1
	Stoma problems	1	1	8
	Technical complication	8	0	5
	Other	0	5	18
Total		52	149	210

Not stated: The questions about the reported problem were not answered in sufficient detail to enable accurate classification into a one of the other categories.

PE, pulmonary embolism.