



The **Rafaelo Procedure** utilises safe and reliable radio frequency technology to reduce, and in most cases, eliminate, the common symptoms of *internal* haemorrhoids.

**The procedure:**

- Is minimally invasive.
- Is a day case procedure.
- It can be carried out using only local anaesthetic (although some patients may choose to have a mild sedative, or even a general anaesthetic).
- Usual takes no longer than 15 minutes.
- Is relatively painless.
- Requires minimal post-operative recovery time.

**What are the risks?** All treatments and procedures have risks.

The risks post procedure and during the following 2 weeks include: -

- Discomfort
- Mild bleeding or spotting
- Anal discharge

Other rarer complications post procedure include: -

- Recurrence of symptoms
- Thrombosis
- Infection
- Ulceration
- Fissure
- Haemorrhage

**Your consultant will discuss these above during initial consultation.**

After the procedure you will be given some painkillers to take home with you. The recovery time from the procedure normally takes between one to seven days and depends on the severity of the haemorrhoids. You may be able to return to work immediately or within a couple of days after the procedure. You will be seen again in clinic between 6 and 8 weeks after the procedure.

**If you experience significant bleeding or pain, go to your nearest A&E Department.**