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## THYROIDECTOMY

- Thyroidectomy is the removal of most or all of the thyroid gland usually for enlarged gland which is known as goiter.

### Options

- **Open neck removal.**
- **Nonsurgical Option:** Watchful waiting can be considered for asymptomatic enlargement of the thyroid gland.

### Benefits of the operation

Associated symptoms are relieved. Surgery is a quick way to get rid of enlarged gland. It also provides a tissue diagnosis for suspicious conditions.

### Risks of not having an operation

Suspicious conditions cannot be excluded. Side effects of other modalities of management have to be tolerated.

### Possible risks of the operation

Voice changes, spasms, need for windpipe opening and thyroid toxic symptoms development.

### Expectations of the operation

Going home is usually in the next day. Staying longer may be needed when there are complications.

### Call the Surgeon

If there is severe pain, voice changes, spasms, neck swelling and increased drainage from the incision.

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