

After about 2 days you should be well enough to have the tubes removed.



You will be in hospital for 7 days. A doctor will check you every day and when you are better you will be able to go home.

## What happens next:

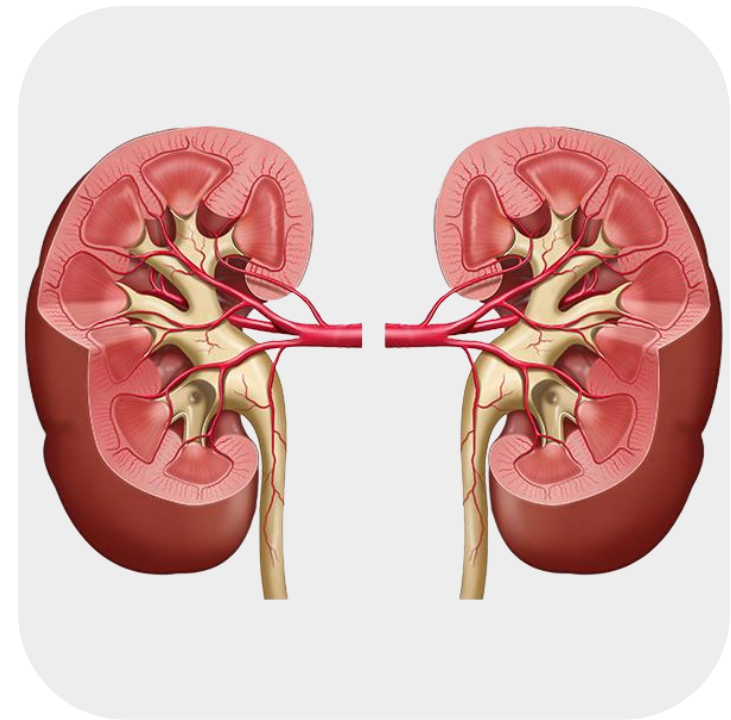


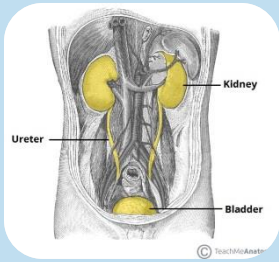
A district nurse will visit you at home to check and dress your wound.



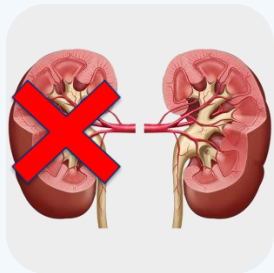
We will give you an outpatient appointment to come back to see the doctor who took your kidney out.

# Having a radical nephrectomy (kidney removal)





Most people have 2 kidneys. Kidneys help your body get rid of waste products in your pee.



If one of your kidneys is not working you might need to have it removed. This is called a nephrectomy. It is an operation done in hospital.



You will need to have a general anaesthetic to have the operation. This means you will be asleep. It is very important you read the leaflet 'Having a general anaesthetic'.



When you come to hospital you will have to change into a gown and wear special stockings.

You will need to wear a bracelet with your name on.



A porter will take you to theatre. The anaesthetist will give you medicine to put you to sleep. You will have your operation.



When you wake up you will have things to help you get better:

- an oxygen mask to help you breathe
- a catheter; a small tube in your bladder to remove pee



You will also have:

- a plastic tube in your side to drain the operation area
- a plastic tube in your arm to give you fluids and medicine

