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Patient information

Free flap reconstruction of limb injuries

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Why am I having a free flap?

You have been offered a free flap reconstruction of your limb injury because the incident that led to your injury has caused there to be a skin and soft tissue defect on your limb that cannot be directly closed or covered by another method at present. There is also possibly a fracture of the bone underneath the defect, sometimes with bone loss. If this defect and the underlying structures are not covered, there is a high risk of infection that could become limb or life threatening.

What is a free flap?

A free flap is a block of "spare" tissue from a part of your body that is at a distance from your limb injury. This block of tissue can include muscle, fat and skin with blood vessels. Common places for this block of tissue to come from are your thighs, your calves or your back.