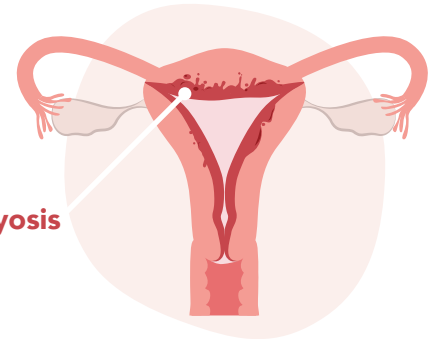


There are many different reasons why a hysterectomy may be performed.

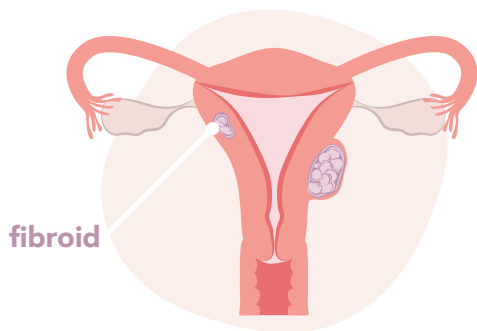
Some **common and important indications** include:



adenomyosis

Adenomyosis

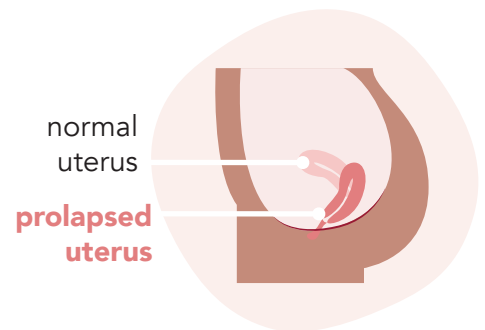
When the inner lining of the uterus (endometrium) grows within the muscular wall of the uterus. It can cause heavy menstrual bleeding, painful periods and may affect fertility.



fibroid

Fibroids

Benign smooth muscle tumours of the uterus, which can cause menstrual abnormalities (e.g. heavy and/or prolonged periods) or uncomfortable and painful pressure on nearby organs (e.g. bladder and bowel).

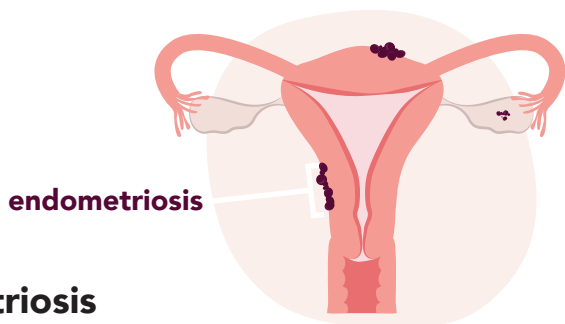


normal uterus

prolapsed uterus

Prolapse

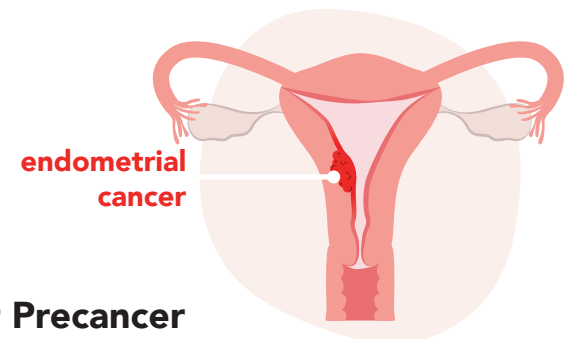
Descent of the pelvic organs (e.g. bladder, rectum and/or uterus) due to relaxation of certain pelvic muscles and tissues. Prolapse can contribute to urinary incontinence and pelvic discomfort.



endometriosis

Endometriosis

Tissue similar to that of the lining of the uterus (endometrium) growing outside the uterus. It can cause pelvic pain, painful periods, and infertility.



endometrial cancer

Cancer or Precancer

Cancerous or precancerous changes in any of the female gynaecological organs (e.g. vagina, cervix, uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries).

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