

Complications

Pre-operative

- There is always the general risk of anesthesia. Any animal undergoing anesthesia can possibly have an adverse reaction to the agent leading to death.

Special Mention: Do a preoperative milk culture so the best perioperative antibiotic can be administered. If this was not done then a sample can be taken at the start of surgery.

Intra-operative

- Haemorrhage
- Traumatized Tissue

Post-operative

- Mastitis and infection: So administer penicillin and streptomycin (Bistrepen)
- Secondary bacterial infection: Apply daily dressing of the wound with povidone iodine dips
- Tissue reaction with suture material
- Teat swelling and fibrous reaction: Can impede subsequent milking, Can administer Flunixin meglumine
- If sutures are left in for too long/teat is handled excessively post-op, it can lead to inflammation & infection