

Coccygectomy

Tailbone surgery

General Information

You are having surgery to remove your tailbone (coccyx). The surgery (known as a coccygectomy) takes about 30 minutes.

Your Surgery

- Your surgeon will make an incision (cut) over the top of your tailbone. There are no muscles in this area, only skin and fatty tissue.
- He or she will separate the tailbone from the sacrum (bone above the tailbone).
- Your surgeon will close the incision with stitches and close the skin with special surgery glue.

After Your Surgery

See your “Understanding Spine Surgery” book for more details on caring for yourself at home and medicines to take to relieve pain.

Whom to Call With Questions

Talk with your health care team if you have any questions or concerns.