



## F.A.Q – Female Abdominoplasty

Q: Can I have Liposuction Instead of a Tummy Tuck?

A: If you have never had children, are fit and healthy and close to your ideal weight, the answer here will be “yes”.

If you have had children however, you will find that your problems are not limited to a protuberant tummy (pot belly), but that you also have problems of excess skin, loss of skin elasticity and stretch marks.

In this case performing liposuction would remove the excess fat from the area, but the skin will not bounce back and you will be left with sagging tissue in its place. So in effect we are not improving the problem, but making it worse.

Liposuction is not a treatment for weight loss. In fact we cannot perform any surgery on a patient who is overweight as this increases the risk of non healing wounds or post operative infections. Liposuction is an extremely effective treatment for both men and women who are of normal weight with good skin elasticity.

Q: What is the Cost of a tummy tuck?

A: The cost of abdominoplasty or tummy tuck will depend on a few variables. Firstly on whether you require a full abdominoplasty or a mini-abdominoplasty. Dr McGovern will discuss this with you at consultation.

If you have private health insurance, they will rebate some of your costs over and above Medicare. They may also cover your hospital costs depending on your level of cover.

Call us on our free-call number and we will help you to find the total cost for you according to all the above variables.