

Partial or Total Nail Avulsion with Phenolisation

Your podiatrist has recommended nail surgery due to a chronic ingrown or impacted toe nails. This procedure is done under local anaesthetic in the podiatrists' clinic and usually takes less than an hour.

The procedure.

- Local anaesthetic – a ring block of the toe requiring two injections.
- Swabbing the toe with Betadine®.
- Application of a tornicot.
- Elevation of the offending nail.
- Splitting of the offending nail.
- Removal of the offending nail.
- Application of Phenol to the exposed nail bed and matrix.
- Flushing the site with Betadine®.
- Removal of the tornicot.
- Application of a pressure dressing.

With all surgery there are risks. When ever you break the skin there is a chance of infection. The application of Betadine® and Phenol reduce this risk dramatically. There is also the possibility of post operative pain, Paracetamol is usually sufficient and is usually only required in the first 24 hours. Bleeding is usually not a problem due to the pressure dressing but post operative bleeding is a possibility.

The surgery has a 90 to 95% success rate. There is a chance that the nail will regrow.

The private health insurance item number is F546 if you would like to check on your cover and rebate.

