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# Nephrectomy

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A surgical procedure to completely or partially remove a kidney. With a complete nephrectomy, the attached adrenal gland, perinephric fat, and regional lymph nodes are often removed as well. With a partial nephrectomy, the removed tissue contains the tumor and a rim of normal renal parenchyma only.