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## **My horse needs surgery. What are the risks?**

### **How does Tryon Equine minimize these risks?**

When planning a [surgical procedure](#) for your horse, the anesthesia and recovery from anesthesia can be the most important part of the procedure.

The large size of horses combined with their large muscle mass puts them at increased risk for complications like muscle and nerve damage while laying down under anesthesia. At Tryon Equine Hospital we use state of the art equipment and medications to avoid complications. Your horse is continually monitored by our experienced staff, including, blood pressure, EKG, mechanical ventilation with oxygen, etc. Our experienced surgeons carefully plan and perform procedures efficiently to minimize your horse's time under anesthesia to further reduce anesthetic complications.

Waking up from anesthesia can be the most dangerous part of any surgery for your horse. Horses that have been anesthetized try to stand up before they have regained their balance and control of their legs. At some equine hospitals the horse is left to wake up on their own or attempts are made to "help" the horse from outside the stall. This can lead to struggling and falling with great risk of injury or even fracture. At Tryon Equine Hospital our team of [technicians](#) and [doctors](#) stay with your horse in recovery and we hand assist them in standing up and most importantly staying standing without falling as they recover from anesthesia. Over the last 10 years we have anesthetized several thousand horses and have had great success with anesthesia and recovery from anesthesia with this system.

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