

**Dehiscence** a splitting open

**Wound dehiscence** – separation of the layers of a surgical wound: it may be partial or only superficial; or complete separation of all layers and total disruption. Complete dehiscence of an abdominal wound usually leads to evisceration.

**Evisceration**- extrusion of viscera outside the body especially through a surgical incision.

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