

Hi

The best advice I have for anyone approaching surgery is to make sure you know what you want out of the procedure. That goes with all surgery we have FFS and SRS. I had my SRS with Doctor Suporn and can give an account of what the experience was like for me and what to expect for others wanting to use his services.

One of the first things that happens when you get to Thailand is you are greeted at the airport by one of the staff members from Dr Suporn's clinic. She will give you a welcome pack and take you to your hotel, provide you with your itinerary so you know what and when things are going to happen. She will also give you her personal phone number so if you have any problems you can ring day or night. In the pack you get a list of all the clinic staff numbers for that purpose.

The next day you have an interview with Dr Suporn before this happens you are taken through the welcome pack and given your Thai boyfriends (dilators). At this point you provide all copies of your original approval letters and you sign a consent form knowing that the operation is permanent. You are then given a questionnaire which asks you to rate what you consider the most important aspect of the surgery, being appearance, sensation and depth. These are important questions to consider when you go for any surgery. Be firm and tell the surgeon what you want. Remember you are paying the money for this and it is permanent.

After the welcome meeting with the staff at the clinic you meet Dr Suporn, he does a physical examination and then explains what he will do to achieve the outcomes you have listed. In my case sensation and appearance were most important. Dr Suporn will guarantee that you have 6inchs of depth. He uses scrotal skin and in my case because I did not have much of anything skin wise to offer he used skin from the inside of the groin. I can confirm that Dr Suporn delivered on all three appearance is great my GP was amazed, sensation is unbelievable (Dr Suporn gives you two points of sensation clitoris and at your vaginal opening) and he gave me 7.5 inches of depth. He does revisions while you are there if needed. If you need further you can go back any time at additional cost.

Your next step is the first trip to the hospital for x-rays, blood tests, weighing, meeting with the anesthesiologist, temperature and BP are also taken. The next day you are admitted to hospital. The hospital is a top rate private hospital and normally services the upper class of Thailand so the standards are very high much higher than you get at most Australian hospitals. You are given an anemia (not much fun but you learn during the week post op totally necessary). Then it is the day of the operation. You are gotten up early and have to shower with antiseptic scrub. If you are nervous they can give you some sedatives. You are wheeled off to the operating theatre 8am. Dr Suporn has a wonderful bedside manner. I was so nervous and he knew this and then he said you will be okay and pulled a camera out and said smile. I started laughing. Next thing I remember is waking up.

When I first woke up, I was in a lot of pain. I said I was in pain and the anaesthesiologist kept me sedated and gave me morphine plus some anti-nausea drugs. I slept all afternoon waking at 9:00pm. Feeling a lot more comfortable when waking. One of the Suporn staff stay's with you overnight. They make sure you are comfortable and that there are no complications, sleeping in the room with you.

You are never left alone at the hospital obs are done on the half hour or hour depending on how you are travelling; on the dot. Never late. Only problem is the food but you can order in. You are not that hungry and because of the packing it is best to not to eat to much. The packing in your vagina swells and blocks the bowel so it is quite uncomfortable if you eat to much.

When you get the packing out you are given morphine. This done on the last day and is such a relief. It is uncomfortable but the relief makes it worthwhile. You dilate for the first time. It does not hurt at this stage as everything is loss. It is not until week 3 and then 8 that things get hard. But after 3-4 months it settles down.

You are taken to the hotel once you can pass urine. You are then given a post op pack. Lots of goodies to help you with your recovery. Staff visit you everyday and check your obs and dilation. You are given plenty of medication to help in healing, anti-swelling, pain killers, antibiotics. You then see Dr Suporn twice a week. He checks on things and makes sure you are healing well. If needed he will schedule revisions which are done under a local in his private operating room at the clinic. It is first rate. This happens for 3 weeks post op or longer if you stay longer.

My mum came over with us and got sick Dr Suporn saw her and gave her medication antibiotics and anti-swelling throat rinse. She had a bad throat infection. This was done for free. All included with the one off fee I paid.

That is a summary of my experiences. If anyone has any questions drop me a line. I cannot speak more highly of the clinic and the way you are treated. You feel and are safe. You get a great result and it is guaranteed for life (ie Dr Suporn's lol).

I hope this information is of help.

Suporn has pioneered his own method, the "Suporn Technique" or "Chonburi Flap", which in the opinion of many, including myself, is vastly superior to the archaic penile inversion technique.

From Wikipedia:(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suporn>)

Watanyusakul' s form of vaginoplasty has been referred to as the Chonburi Flap or Suporn technique.

Dr. Suporn's method is quite different from the typical sexual reassignment surgery because he does not use a penile inversion method.

Instead, Suporn constructs the vaginal canal with scrotal skin and uses the penile tissues for a labia, clitoris, and other external features. A full thickness inguinal (groin crease) skin graft is used for the vaginal lining in cases where inadequate scrotal skin is available. Dr. Suporn's method generally yields a deeper neovagina than the more standard penile inversion technique.

Also, Susans.org has a lot of info, lists surgeons and has feedback for most.
[www.susans.org/Sex Reassignment Surgery/MTF Surgeons/](http://www.susans.org/Sex_Reassignment_Surgery/MTF_Surgeons/)