**Complications**

* A small number of horses, post- removal of MT 4, may develop osteoarthritis of the tarsometatarsal joint, particularly where a fracture line has broken into this joint pre- surgery, the horse has had pre- existing osteoarthritis in this joint, or there has been infection in this joint subsequent to the fracture.
* Often affected joint may collapse and ankylose over time with return to soundness in the horse.
* In others the lameness is mild and can be controlled by intra- articular corticosteroids or systemic NSAIDs.
* Suspensory desmitis
* Post-operative infection (inflammation of the bone lining and formation of a bony lump)
* Complications of partial splint bone removal include:
  + New bone formation at the distal end of the proximal fragment, resulting in chronic lameness
  + Osteitis
  + Wound infection.