

Cholecystectomy

Indications for Surgery

1. Pain, gas/bloating, etc.
2. Gallstones
3. Abnormal HIDA scan
4. Jaundice
5. Cholangitis
6. Perforation
7. Fistula (communication between gallbladder and intestine)
8. Pancreatitis
9. Cancer

Complications & Risks 3-5%

General

1. Blood clots (DVT/PE)
2. Pneumonia
3. Heart attack
4. Stroke
5. Bleeding
6. Infection

Specific

1. Potential to convert from laparoscopic to open procedure (5-10% national, 1.2% UCSA)
2. Bile leak
3. Retained CBD stone
4. Duct injury 0.2-0.6% (national)
5. Injury to intra-abdominal structures eg. bowels/vessels
6. Exploration not as good with a scope
7. Hernia

Alternatives and Post Op Expectations

1. Medical: diet, analgesics
2. Surgery
 - *May have diarrhea with fatty/greasy foods
 - A. Laparoscopic
 - *Usually same day surgery
 - *Light activity for 2-3 weeks
 - B. Open
 - *Hospital 3-5 days
 - *Activity restricted six weeks

