

Laporoscopic Cholecystectomy Gallbladder Removal Using Cameras and Small Instruments

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Potential complications (but not limited to these):

- · Conversion to a big incision.
- Injury to the Common Bile Duct.
- Injury to the bowel.
- Bile leakage, bleeding, or wound infection.

Post Operative Information

- The stitches are under the skin and will dissolve on their own.
- Steri-strips will be placed over the incisions.
- Leave the Steri-strips on for 7-10 days.
- You may take the ban-aids off in 1-2 days.
- You may shower in 24 hrs after the operation.
- You may use anti-inflammatory medications (Advile, Motrin, Ibuprophen, Aleve, Nuprin Exe. in addition to the prescription pain medications.
- Avoid using Tylenol or Acetaminophen.
- You may feel like you have been punched in the side or that you have a pulled muscle. Your discomfort will be your guide to your activity.
- You may have some nausea for a few days post-operatively.
- You may not be hungry for a few days after the operation. As long as you are tolerating liquids, you'll be okay.
- Eventually, you will be able to eat or drink anything you want, even without your gallbladder.
- If you feel constipated, use some Milk of Magnesia.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please call my office at 801.965.3566 during the daytime or my answering service at night or weekends at 801.461.5842.

