



## Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

(Gallbladder Removal Using Cameras and Small Instruments)

### 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 Band-Aids off in 1-2 days.
- You may shower in 24 hours after the operation.
- You may use anti-inflammatory medications (Advil, Motrin, ibuprophen, Aleve) 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 or MiraLAX
- 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 on weekends at **801.596.6650**.