

Cholelithiasis - General Surgery

Indications

- ❑ Ultrasound documenting gall stones
AND
RUQ pain with fatty foods and normal LFTs

Call the surgeon on call for referrals for indications other than listed above

Pertinent History

Patient is a candidate for anesthesia	YES	NO
Adult patient willing to do no heavy lifting for 6 weeks after the operation	YES	NO
Patent has no serious medical issues that will significantly limit their life expectancy	YES	NO
Patient desires procedure in the next 4 weeks	YES	NO

If any of the above are NO Please call the surgeon on call to discuss case

Patient information

- At the surgery appointment the patient will see the surgeon to go over the procedure and receive informed consent
- If indicated the procedure will be scheduled at a latter date
- The patient does not need to be NPO or on any special diet or prep for the evaluation appointment.
- 90% of procedures are performed laparoscopically
- Plavex and (NSAID) should be stopped 14 days prior to procedure if possible

Provider information

- Pain may not be relieved by procedure if performed for other than the above indication
- Patient with gall stones and “atypical” pain the pain may be relieved < 50% of the time
- For patients with gall stones and no pain surgery is generally not recommended
- Patients with elevated LFTs or dilated common bile duct (>9 mm) or elevated amylase may need an ERCP and urgent operation