

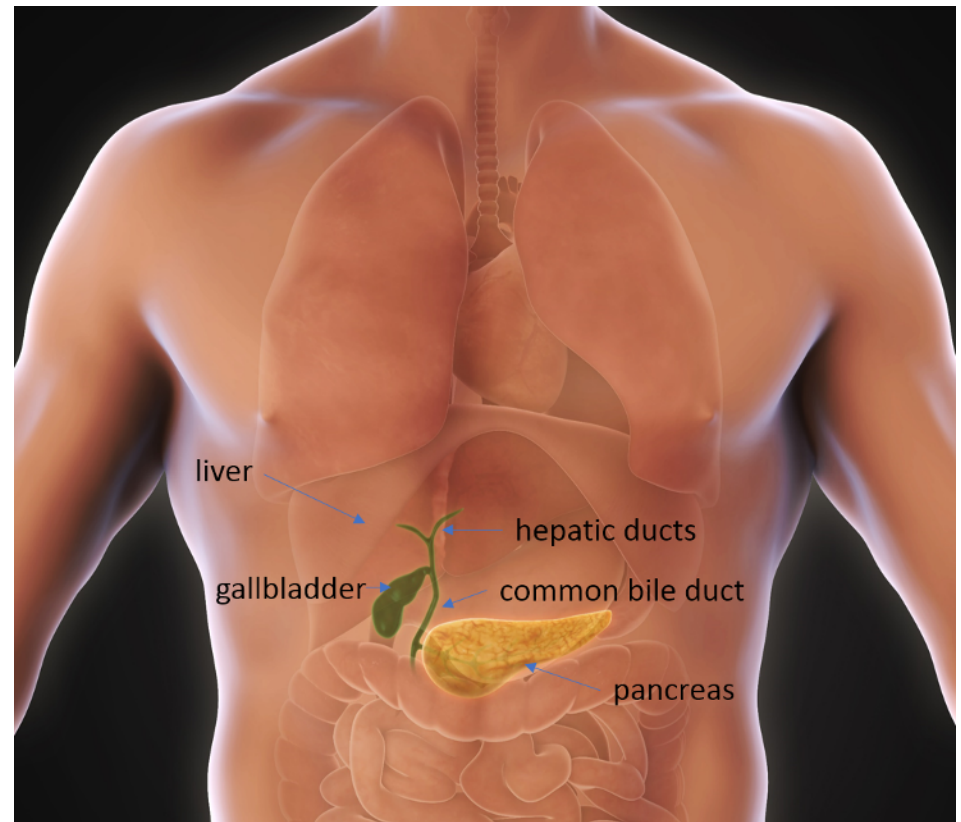
When your doctor recommends surgery, choose Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. Our surgeons are both experienced and compassionate, and our surgical suites are equipped with state-of-the-art technology. That means we can handle even advanced surgical procedures, including robot-assisted procedures.

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LAPAROSCOPIC GALLBLADDER SURGERY



**WHAT IS LAPAROSCOPIC
GALLBLADDER REMOVAL SURGERY
(LAPAROSCOPIC
CHOLECYSTECTOMY)?**



MOST COMPLICATIONS FROM GALLBLADDER SURGERY ARE RARE, WHICH MEANS THEY ALMOST NEVER HAPPEN. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE COMPLICATION, ASK YOUR SURGEON.

HOW IS LAPAROSCOPIC GALLBLADDER REMOVAL DONE?

You will have general anesthesia for your laparoscopic gallbladder removal. This means you are asleep during surgery. When surgery is finished, the surgeon closes your incisions with tiny stitches, staples, surgical tape or glue. These disappear as you heal, so the doctor does not need to remove them later.

Once you are asleep, the surgeon makes an incision near your belly button and inserts a small device called a port. The port creates an opening that your surgeon can use to fill the abdomen with gas. This creates space to do the operation. Next, they insert a small camera through the port. The camera shows the surgery on a screen in the operating room. Once the surgeon can see clearly, they put in more ports to insert long, narrow instruments. Finally, they gently disconnect your gallbladder and take it out through one of the incisions. Most operations need 3 or 4 incisions, but some have more.

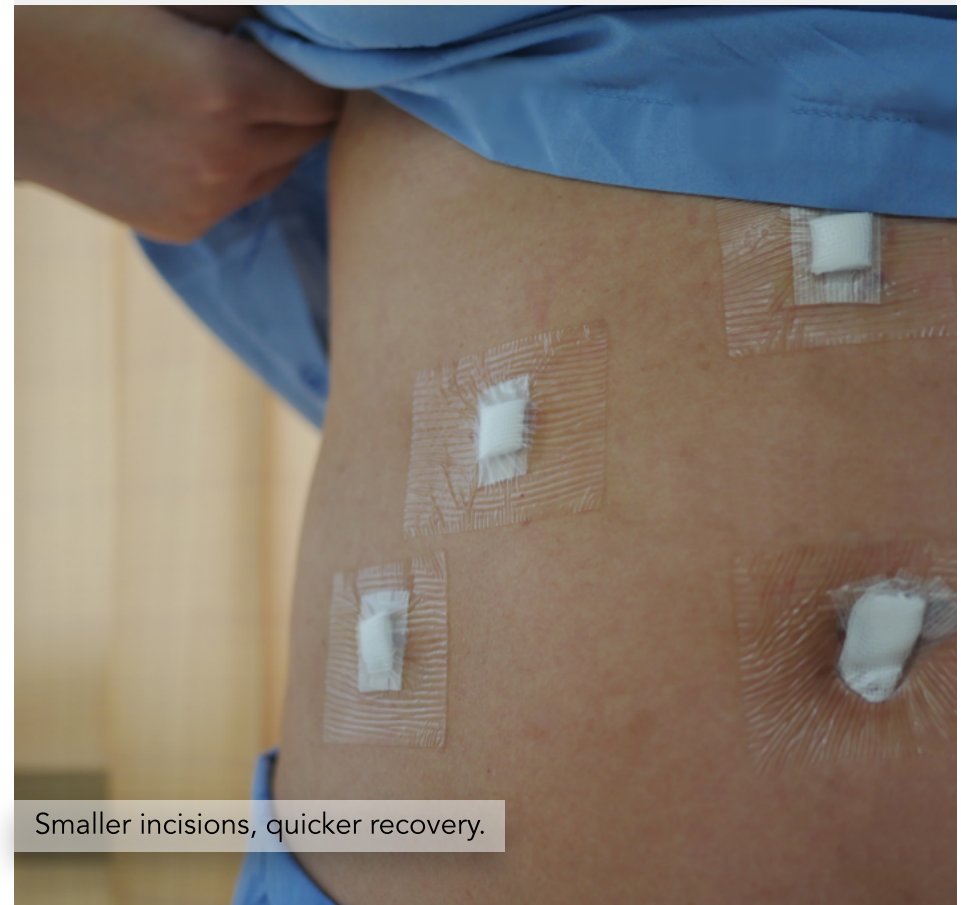
WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF LAPAROSCOPIC GALLBLADDER SURGERY?

- Smaller incision – Several small incisions, each less than one (1) inch long, instead of a 5- to 7-inch incision for open surgery.
- Less pain than after open surgery.
- Quicker recovery than open surgery – You might go home the same day you have your surgery. You can also go back to regular activities more quickly.

IS LAPAROSCOPIC GALLBLADDER REMOVAL FOR YOU?

Laparoscopic gallbladder removal might be the right choice for you because it is the most common type of gallbladder surgery. It might not be an option if:

- You have severe gallbladder problems, or
- You had earlier surgery in your upper abdomen.



Smaller incisions, quicker recovery.