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What is a Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy?

How will the day go for me?

Date of procedure: _____

Arrival Time: The hospital staff will contact you the day before your procedure and give you an exact time of arrival. If you have not been contacted by 4:00 PM please call the hospital at (580) 251-8449 or our office at (580) 255-9797.

Expected length of procedure: There will be 30 minutes of prep time. The surgery will take approximately 30 minutes and you will be in recovery for 30 additional minutes.

What happens after I arrive?

- You will check in at Admissions and Outpatient Services (see map included in packet).
- Pre-op laboratories/imaging will be completed if not previously performed.
- A nurse will confirm your history, start your IV and fluids will be given.
- The surgeon will visit with you prior to your procedure and answer any questions you might have.
- Anesthesia will arrive to review your history and take you to the operating room.
- Anesthesia will be administered and the surgery will begin.

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

How will my gallbladder be removed?

Laparoscopic surgery

- The surgeon will make several small incisions in the abdomen. Ports (hollow tubes) are inserted into the openings. Surgical tools and a lighted camera are placed into the ports.
- The abdomen is inflated with carbon dioxide gas to make it easier to see the internal organs. The gallbladder is removed, and the port openings are closed with dissolvable sutures and glue.
- Your surgeon may start with a laparoscopic technique and need to change (convert) to an open laparotomy technique. This would require admission to the hospital and a longer recovery.

