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What is a Laparoscopic Colectomy

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 90 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 Colectomy

How will my hernia be repaired?

Laparoscopic surgery

• Several small incisions are made in the abdomen. Ports or hollow tubes are inserted into the openings. Surgical tools and a lighted scope are placed through the ports. The abdomen is then inflated with carbon dioxide, which allows the surgeon to see the intestines and organs clearly.

• Small instruments inserted through the ports are used to remove diseased colon or a tumor. The colon is sewn or stapled back together in what is called an anastomosis. The skin is closed using sutures, surgical glue or staples and dressings are applied.

• Your surgery may need to be converted to an open procedure for multiple reasons including adhesions, bleeding, inability to see important structures or presence of a large tumor.

• In some bowel resections, the surgeon may need to perform a colostomy. This creates an opening in the skin called a stoma for feces to pass into a pouch or bag. This can be temporary or permanent. This will require admission to the hospital for 1-3 days.

