

Indications for Surgery

- Pain, gas/bloating, etc.
- Gallstones
- Abnormal HIDA scan
- Jaundice
- Cholangitis
- Perforation
- Fistula (communication between gallbladder and intestine)
- Pancreatitis
- Cancer

Complications & Risks 3-5%

General

- Blood clots (DVT/PE)
- Pneumonia
- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Bleeding
- Infection

Specific

- Potential to convert from laparoscopic (5-10% national, 1.2% UTSA)
- Bile leak
- Retained CBD stone
- Duct injury 0.2-0.6% (national)
- Injury to intra-abdominal structures eg. bowels/vessels
- Exploration not as good with a scope
- Hernia

Alternatives & Post Op Expectations

- Medical: diet, analgesics
- Surgery
 - May have diarrhea with fatty/greasy foods
- Laparoscopic
 - Usually same day surgery
 - Light activity for 2-3 weeks
- Open
 - Hospital 3-5 days
 - Activity restricted six weeks

