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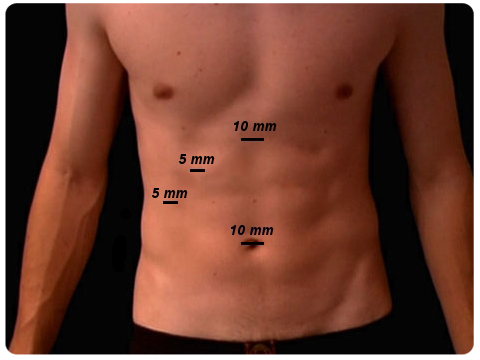
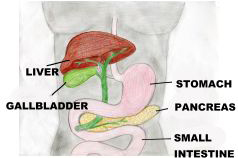
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**GALLBLADDER SURGERY-Common operation to remove the gallbladder containing stones but it can be done for other reasons.**

**The operation also involves an x-ray test to assess the bile duct for stones. If required you may need another procedure, (ERCP).**



**After the surgery: Risks:**

* **Leave dressings for one week and then remove, they will be waterproof 1. Conversion to open surgery 1%-if difficult-due to adhesions or abnormal anatomy**
* **No driving for one week 2. Bile duct injury 1/500 – may require further procedures/operations**
* **No heavy lifting for two weeks 3. Bile leak (may require re-operation in the form of ERCP)**
* **If you have open surgery the recovery time will be longer 4. Need for ERCP (usually if stones in common bile duct), or minor bile leak**
* **See Dr Ahmed in rooms for review 3 weeks after surgery 5. There may be a need to place a stent (plastic tube) to help with the ERCP**
* **Any concerns contact the rooms during business hours. (Subsequent procedure) Dr Ahmed will explain this after the operation.**
* **Please be on a light diet for three weeks (no rich, greasy or heavy food) 6. Irritable bowel syndrome – symptoms may increase if present before surgery**

**- nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, bloating, diarrhoea.**

**7. Normal to have loose bowel motions which will settle down (weeks).**

**8. Injury to other organs/bowel.**