Facing Gallbladder Surgery?

Learn about virtually scarless surgery with minimally invasive da Vinci Single-Site® Surgery
If you have gallbladder disease and your symptoms get worse, your doctor may suggest surgery. Surgery to take out your gallbladder is called a cholecystectomy. It can be done with open surgery or minimally invasive surgery.

**Open Surgery:** With open surgery, your gallbladder is removed through an open incision (cut). The incision must be large enough for your surgeon’s hands and instruments to fit inside your body and reach your organs.

**Minimally Invasive Surgery:** During traditional laparoscopy, your surgeon operates through either a few small incisions in your abdomen or one small incision in your belly button. Long instruments are used to reach your gallbladder. One of the instruments is a tiny camera that sends images to a video screen to guide surgeons as they operate.
Surgery through the belly button can be done using traditional single incision laparoscopy or da Vinci® Single-Site® Surgery. The da Vinci System features a magnified 3D high-definition vision system and flexible Single-Site instruments. These features enable your doctor to operate with enhanced vision and precision.

If your doctor believes you are not a candidate for da Vinci Single-Site Surgery, ask about multi-port da Vinci Surgery. Your surgeon can take out your gallbladder through a few small incisions (ports) with a 3D HD view inside your body for enhanced vision, precision, and control. It is important to discuss all options with your doctor, as well as the risks and benefits of each.

“From all my doctor was saying, it had to be da Vinci. Why would you want scars? Why would you want the extra pain of those incisions? It was mind-blowing how the experience went so smoothly.”

Kasia, Single-Site Patient
With da Vinci Single-Site Surgery, doctors take out your gallbladder using state-of-the-art precision instruments. Patients who choose da Vinci Single-Site have virtually scarless results, similar to single incision traditional laparoscopy.

Using da Vinci technology, surgery is performed through one incision in the belly button, which dramatically limits visible scarring.

Your doctor controls the da Vinci Surgical System, which translates his or her hand movements into smaller, precise movements of tiny instruments inside your body.

The da Vinci System has brought minimally invasive surgery to more than 3 million patients worldwide.

Risks & Considerations Related to Cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal):
injury to the common bile duct (tube that carries bile from the gallbladder to the small intestine), leaking bile, inflamed pancreas (pancreatitis), retained stones in the common bile duct.
Important Information for Patients

Serious complications may occur in any surgery, including da Vinci® Surgery, up to and including death. Risks include, but are not limited to, injury to tissues and organs and conversion to other surgical techniques. If your doctor needs to convert the surgery to another surgical technique, this could result in a longer operative time, additional time under anesthesia, additional or larger incisions and/or increased complications. Individual surgical results may vary. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for da Vinci Surgery. Patients should talk to their doctor to decide if da Vinci Surgery is right for them. Patients and doctors should review all available information on non-surgical and surgical options in order to make an informed decision. Please also refer to www.daVinciSurgery.com/Safety for Important Safety Information.

da Vinci Surgery with Single-Site® Instruments is cleared for use in gallbladder removal, and for hysterectomy and ovary removal for benign conditions. Patients who are not candidates for non-robotic minimally invasive surgery are also not candidates for da Vinci Surgery, including da Vinci Surgery with Single-Site Instruments. There may be an increased risk of incision-site hernia with single-incision surgery, including Single-Site surgery with the da Vinci System.
Your doctor is one of a growing number of surgeons worldwide offering da Vinci® Single-Site® Surgery.

For more information and to find a da Vinci Surgeon nearest you, visit: www.daVinciSurgery.com