

Laparoscopic Appendectomy

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The advent of high definition video-laparoscopy has transformed the laparoscopic appendectomy into an elegant, reliable procedure which can be easily performed. Laparoscopic appendectomies can be completed within 20 to 30 minutes. Most cases of acute appendicitis can be treated laparoscopically. The first reported laparoscopic appendectomy was done in 1982. The main advantages are:

- Less post-operative pain
- Faster recovery and return to normal activity
- Shorter hospital stay
- Less post-operative complications
- Minimally sized incisions

Laparoscopic appendectomies and open appendectomies are comparable for complications, postoperative pain control, length of hospitalization, and recovery time. However patients who undergo an open appendectomy have a shorter operative time and lower operating room and hospital charges. Laparoscopic appendectomy has gained acceptance more slowly than laparoscopic cholecystectomy, perhaps because the advantages are much less clear-cut over the open procedure.

To read in detail about the technique used click [here](#)

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