

POLICY

Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy in Non-Hospital Facilities

Purpose

This policy outlines the requirements for NHMSFAP facilities to perform laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

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Standard instruments: The majority of cases can be completed with a standard set of laparoscopic instruments.

Conversion to open procedure: Facilities must have a basic set of sterile laparotomy instruments to allow conversion to an open procedure should the need arise.

Redundancy: A second set of sterile laparoscopic instruments including laparoscope, light source with cord and insufflator must be available should the procedure start and an instrument fails or becomes contaminated.

Common instruments on hold: There are common scenarios

- f. Fascial closure device (disposable or reusable) to deal with port site bleeding.
- g. MIS suction needle tip: This 5 mm instrument with a hollow needle tip is used to decompress a gallbladder that is too distended to grasp.