

Informed Consent Handout – Laparoscopy

Laparoscopy is performed for a variety of reasons and you have discussed with Dr. Reilly the reasons you are having a Laparoscopy performed. This handout explains the risk of Laparoscopy as performed by Dr. Reilly. It is based on published studies of Laparoscopy and Dr. Reilly's complication rates. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Dr. Reilly's office at (519) 787-7418 or Palmerston Hospital at 519-343-2030 to book an appointment to review your questions. The information below is summarized in a chart on the other side of this page.

Dr. Reilly started independent practice in August 2005. Between August 2005 and Dec 31, 2016 Dr. Reilly has performed 639 Laparoscopies. 93% of his patients experienced no complications.

The most common complications of Laparoscopy are bleeding and infection. These can range from a minor issue that does not require any treatment to death. Dr. Reilly's patients experience excessive bleeding 1.3% of the time and infections occur at a rate of 5%.

Because Dr. Reilly is operating in the abdomen, there is a risk of damaging or interfering with the bladder, bowel, uterus, or important blood vessels. Damage to these organs may result in additional surgery, long-term disability, and/or death. In published studies the rate of bladder injury is 0-9% but Dr. Reilly has not yet had a patient experience this. Some patients are temporarily unable to empty their bladder after Laparoscopy. This is called urinary retention. Dr. Reilly's patients experience urinary retention at a rate of 0.3%. Risk of bowel injury is 0-1% in studies and 0.3% in Dr. Reilly's patients. Dr. Reilly has not yet had a patient experience damage to the uterus. One patient experienced damage to an important blood vessel in her abdominal cavity, so the risk of that injury is 0.2%.

Sometimes complications from Laparoscopy or an inability to complete the surgery result in the need for an incision (surgical cut) in the abdomen to be made. This is called a laparotomy. Dr. Reilly has needed to do this 0.8% of the time.

Summary

639 Tubal/Operative, DX Laparoscopy Performed

Complication	# of Patients	% of Patients	% in Studies
None	594	93%	
Bleeding	8	1.3%	
Infection	32	5%	
Bladder Injury	0	0%	0 - 9%
Bowel Injury	2	0.3%	0 - 1%
Urinary Retention	2	0.3%	
Vascular Injury	1	0.2%	
convert to Laparotomy	5	0.8%	
Uterine Injury	0	0%	

Additional Resources

http://laparoscopy.blogs.com/prevention_management_3/2010/07/complications-of-laparoscopic-gynecologic-surgery.html