

Gallbladder removal

A gallbladder removal is usually performed if you have gallstones. These stones can vary in size and often cause no symptoms whatsoever, but can sometimes block the flow of bile and irritate your gallbladder, which can cause pain and nausea. Our Consultants can diagnose and treat symptoms affecting your gallbladder and help you get back to a normal, pain-free life.

Giving you access to fast care for painful gallstones and a prompt recovery

With no waiting lists, you can access prompt treatment at a time that suits you, whether you are paying for yourself or have medical insurance, helping you on your way back to enjoying normal activities. The first step is to have an appointment with one of our Consultants, who will discuss your medical history and any current symptoms to help reach a diagnosis.

Prices & payment

We offer a guide price of:

Gallbladder removal
£5,250

The guide price is based on the usual clinical needs of patients. For more information, please see our [terms and conditions](#).

Personal medical loans

Payment to suit you with 0% and fixed rate interest options.

Following an appointment with your Consultant, you can apply for a loan to cover the cost of your treatment. With interest free finance at Representative 0% APR (fixed) along with longer term fixed rate loans, there is an option for everyone.

Consultants



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FAQs

What does a cholecystectomy involve?

The procedure to remove your gallbladder is performed under general anaesthetic, meaning you will be asleep during the procedure.

Most gallbladder removals are carried out as laparoscopic (keyhole) procedures. Sometimes, your Consultant may need to perform open surgery, and this will be discussed with you during your consultation.

A laparoscopic gallbladder removal is less invasive than open surgery and involves your Consultant making several small incisions in your upper abdomen to use special instruments to access and remove your gallbladder. Open surgery involves making one, larger incision in the upper abdomen to allow the Consultant to access and remove the gallbladder.

Will I need to stay in hospital?

You may be able to go home the same day, but it is possible you will need to stay overnight for observations. If you end up needing open surgery, this stay may increase to three to five days. Your Consultant will be able to discuss this with you during your consultation.

What is the recovery period?

If your gallbladder is removed as a laparoscopic procedure, recovery time is much faster. Most patients are back to doing normal activities within two weeks. Open surgery does take longer to recover from, and it may be six to eight weeks before you are fully recovered.

Do I need my gallbladder?

You can function normally without your diseased gallbladder. After recovery, you should have no adverse effects and be able to go on living life normally. Rarely, some people have issues with bloating and diarrhea after surgery, but this should improve within a few weeks.