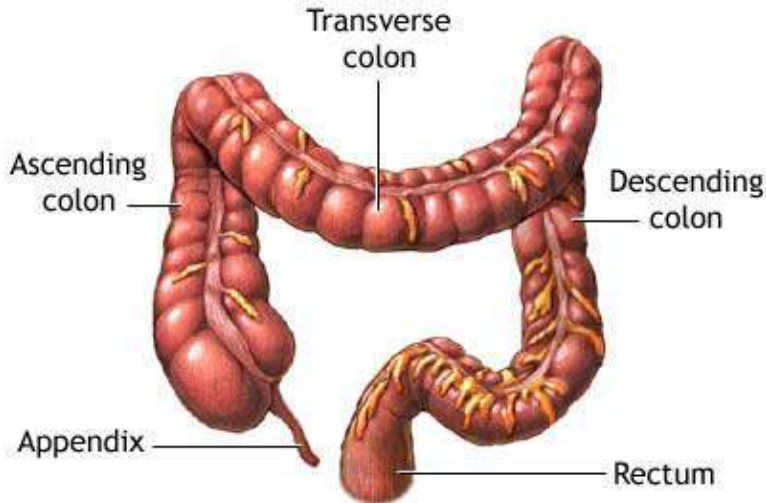


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Laparoscopic (Minimally Invasive) Colon Surgery



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Proposed surgery: Laparoscopic / open _____

Major risks of surgery:

- 1% risk of death
- 1 – 2% risk of serious bleeding
- 4 – 7% anastomotic leakage requiring antibiotics, drains and possible repeat surgery. If a second surgery is required, a temporary or permanent stoma (bag) may be required. *This is a small possibility about 2% of all patients will have this problem.*
- A temporary ileostomy may be required.

Prior to surgery other tests may be needed:

Expected length of stay in hospital:

After surgery you will be drinking fluids and ambulating. We will encourage to get out of bed and be active. You will likely be discharged from hospital prior to having a bowel movement.

At home you can expect to be tired for 4 – 6 weeks and have some fatigue. There will be no restrictions on diet and activity. This is normal and to be expected.