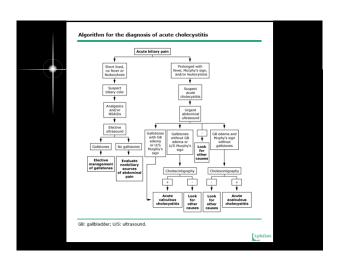


Acute cholecystitis

- Symptoms: right upper quadrant pain, fever, and leukocytosis associated with gallbladder inflammation.
- Complications of acute cholecystitis:
- 1. Gangrene
- 2. Perforation
- 3. Cholecystoenteric fistula
- 4. Gallstone ileus
- 5. Emphysematous cholecystitis



Early versus delayed laparoscopic cholecystectomy for acute cholecystitis.

- The total hospital stay was about four days shorter in the early group compared with the delayed group.
- Early laparoscopic cholecystectomy during acute cholecystitis seems safe and shortens the total hospital stay.

Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2006 Oct 18;(4):CD005440.

Percutaneous transhepatic cholecystostomy and delayed cholecystectomy in critically ill patients with acute calculus cholecystitis.

- The main indications for PTHC
- 1. severely sick and high-risk patients was biliary sepsis and septic shock
- 2. severe comorbidities
- Conclusion: The use of PTHC in critically ill patients with acute cholecystitis is both safe and effective.

Am J Surg. 2002 Jan;183(1):62-6.

Risk of gangrenous cholecystitis in acute cholecyatitis

- Older male patients (age older than 50 years)
 with history of cardiovascular disease,
 leukocytosis greater than 17,000 white blood
 cells/mL, and acute cholecystitis have
 increased risk of gallbladder gangrene.
- Urgent laparoscopic cholecystectomy with low threshold for conversion to open cholecystectomy should be considered in these patients at high risk for gallbladder gangrene.

Surgery. 1999 Oct;126(4):680-5; discussion 685-6.

