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# Drain and Delay Surgery is Better

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### The struggle is real...













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### No disclosures

#### Case report

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• Labs

- Cr 2.2, K 6.0, HCO3 12
- EKG A-V paced, CE negative
- WBC 16K
- LFTs Alk Phos 400, T bili 1.2, D/ 0.2 nl LFTs

RUQ US

- Peri cholecystic fluid
- GB wall thickening 1.5cm, stones
- Normal CBD





# Imaging









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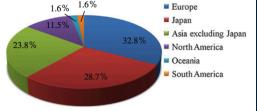
# The 72-hour Rule

- Perceived Pathologic boundary
  - Early edematous versus late chronic fibrotic inflammation
- No real consensus in the literature Early (24 hours  $\rightarrow$  7 days)
- Earlier data suggest increased conversion rate
   Improved with standard approach to lap chole
- Gomes et al Ann Gastroenterol (2012)
  - Surgical findings and histopathologic (NS)
    - OR time
    - Conversion
    - Morbidity
    - Mortality





 Developed in 2007 to establish guidelines for treatment of acute cholangitis and cholecystitis



- Some inherent problems in the guidelines:
   Low diagnostic sensitivity
  - Dichotomy is thought and practice
- Establish diagnostic criteria and severity assessment criteria through a review of cases of cholangitis and cholecystitis
  - Best available evidence

Toshio et al. J. Hepatobiliary Pancreat Surg. 2007. Jan;14(1):46-51



- Refined in 2013
- Based on grade of cholecystitis
  - Grade I inflammatory changes with no organ dysfunction
  - Grade II leukocytosis, a palpable mass and/or local inflammation and no organ dysfunction
  - Grade III organ dysfunction(CV hypotension, neurologic changes, respiratory failure, oliguria, hepatic dysfunction, thrombocytopenia





- The usefulness of PTGBD as drainage method for high risk patients is endorsed by many case series (level 4)
- No RCT showing superiority to conventional treatment (level 2b)
- Grade III patients should undergo cholecystostomy tube as <u>initial treatment</u>
  - Antibiotics
  - Delayed cholecystectomy



Do not account for overall co-morbidities or conditions



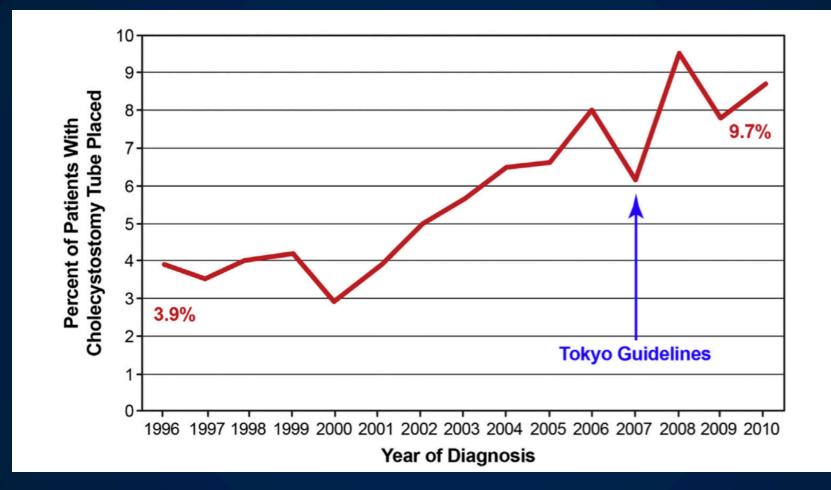


# Evidence to support GB Drainage

*Kiviniemi et al. Int Surg.* 1998;83:299-302 Sugiyama et al. World J Surg. 1998;22:459-63 Chopra et al. AJR Am J Roentgenol. 2001;176:1025-31 Akhan et al. Euro J Radiol. 2002;42:229-36 Donald et al. Gut. 1994;35:692-5 Hultman et al. Am Surg. 1996;62:263-9 Melin et al. Br J Surg. 1995;82:1274-7 Davis et al. Arch Surg. 1999;134:727-31







Dimou et al. J Am Coll Surg 2017;224:502e514



# Elderly and Emergency Cholecystectomy

Prospective study looking patient frailty and response to emergency cholecystectomy

- Cholecystitis graded by revised Tokyo guidelines (2013)
- Frailty score assessed by the Geriatric Assessment (GA)
- Deficits in 2 or more of the GA domains indicated increase risk. Set the definition of frailty.





### Geriatric Assessment

| TEST                          |                         | NUMBER OF<br>ITEMS | RANGE | CUT-OFF<br>SCORE |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| ADL                           | Functional status       | 6                  | 0-6   | <5               |
| IADL                          |                         | 8                  | 0-8   | ≤7               |
| BOMC Test                     | Cognitive<br>assessment | 6                  | 0-28  | >10              |
| CDT-test                      |                         | 7                  | 0-7   | >3               |
| Charlson<br>Comorbidity Scale | Comorbidity             | 19                 | 0-37  | >3               |
| Geriatric<br>Depression Scale | Depression              | 15                 | 0-15  | >5               |
| MNA                           | Nutritional assessment  | 18                 | 0-30  | <24              |
| Polypharmacy                  | Polypharmacy            | 1                  | 0-∞   | ≥5 drugs/day     |

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# Study population

Patients > 65 year old

- 66 elective pts
- 60 emergency pts

# % of successful Lap cholecystectomy

- 86% elective pts
- 70% emergency pts

Grades of cholecystitis

- Grade I 3.3%
- Grade II 65%
- Grade III 31.7%
- Frailty frequency

   <u>– Elective pt</u>s 51.5%
  - Emergency pts 76.7%

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### Patient outcomes

Discharge

#### • 30-Day Morbidity

- Elective pts, 100% to home Elective pts 10.6%
- Emergency pts, 8.3% to Emergency pts 36.7%
   SNF
- Mortality
  - Elective pts, none
  - Emergency pts, 5%

\*\*Frail status was a significant independent risk factor for post op complications in emergency patients

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#### • LOS

- Elective pts
  - Frail group had NS longer LOS (5.6 v 4 days)
- Emergency pts
  - Sig longer LOS in frail pts (10.3 v 6 days, P=0..03)







- Prospective study comparing ELC to delayed LC after PTGBD
  - 150 patients
  - Grade II acute cholecystitis (Tokyo guidelines)
  - Presented more than 72 hours after onset of symptoms
  - DLC performed > 6 weeks after PTGBD
  - Average ~ 50 yo in both groups
  - All ASA I or II

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- Sepsis resolved in both study populations
- Conversion to open

   ELC 24%, DLC 2.7% (P <0.001)</li>
- Operative times
  - ELC 87 ± 33 min, DLC 38 ± 8 min (P<0.001)
- Intraoperative blood loss

   ELC 41 ± 51 mL, DLC 26 ± 24 mL (P < 0.008)</li>
- Postop LOS
  - ELC 51.7 ± 49 hrs, DLC 10.7 ± 5.7 hrs (P<0.001)</p>
- Postop complications

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|  | ELC $(n = 75)$    | $PTGBD^{a} (n = 75)$ | Р        |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Conversion                                     | 18 (24.0 %)       | 2 (2.7 %)            | <0.001*  |
| Conversion due to difficult dissection         | 14 (18.7 %)       | 1 (1.3 %)            | <0.001*  |
| Conversion due to bleeding                     | 4 (5.3 %)         | 1 (1.3 %)            | 0.367    |
| Intraoperative bleeding (ml)                   | $41.73\pm51.09$   | $26.33 \pm 23.86$    | 0.008*   |
| Operative time (min)                           | $87.8\pm33.06$    | $38.09 \pm 8.23$     | <0.001*  |
| Subtotal cholecystectomy                       | 13 (17.3 %)       | 0 (0.0 %)            | <0.001*  |
| Postoperative hospital stay (h)                | $51.71 \pm 49.39$ | $10.76\pm5.75$       | <0.001*  |
| Combined PTGBD and postoperative complications | 20 (26.7 %)       | 9 (12.0 %)           | 0.023*   |
| Postoperative complications                    | 20 (26.7 %)       | 2 (2.7 %)            | <0.001*  |
| Bleeding                                       | 0 (0 %)           | 0 (0 %)              | _        |
| Bile duct injury (leak)                        | 8 (10.7 %)        | 0 (0.0 %)            | 0.006* 🖕 |
| Subhepatic collection                          | 5 (6.7 %)         | 0 (0.0 %)            | 0.058    |
| Wound infection                                | 7 (9.3 %)         | 2 (2.7 %)            | 0.166    |
| Bowel injury                                   | 2 (2.7 %)         | 0 (0.0 %)            | 0.497    |
| Ileus  | 3 (4.0 %)         | 0 (0.0 %)            | 0.245    |
| Choledocholithiasis                            | 1 (1.3 %)         | 0 (0.0 %)            | 1.000    |
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