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English Summary

Background

Acute appendicitis is the most common abdominal surgical emergency. Appendectomy is the most frequent emergency operation that can be done effectively by open or laparoscopic methods.

Aims

Is to compare between the two surgical techniques; Laparoscopic Appendectomy and open appendectomy as regards the length of hospital stay, operative time, need for postoperative pain management and antibiotic therapy, initiation of postoperative oral fluid and solid intake, complications during surgery and after surgery, re-hospitalizations, and reoperations.

Methods

This study was a Randomized prospective study included 30 patients admitted to emergency department of FUH were diagnosed as acute appendicitis. The 30 patients were divided into 2 groups; Group A included 15 patients underwent open appendectomy performed through traditional oblique, right lower quadrant, muscle splitting incision centered over McBurney's point & Group B included 15 patients underwent laparoscopic appendectomy was approached by a three trocar technique; supra or infra-umbilical 10-mm Hasson, left lower quadrant 10-mm & suprapubic 5-mm trocars. Large sized titanium clips were used to secure the appendicular base. **The operative time** was calculated from the skin incision to the skin closure, **Intraoperative** (as Bleeding and injuries of hollow organs) **and postoperative complications** (wound infection and intraabdominal abscess) were documented if present. Time for initiation of oral fluid and solid intake, **the length of postoperative hospital stay** in hours. **Need for post-operative Analgesia** (Number of parenteral and oral doses of NSAID was documented) and **antibiotics** (given only to patients complicated by wound infection according to the result of culture and sensitivity). **Readmission and Reoperation** were documented if present.

Results

Thirty patients (11 males, 19 females) were included in the study. The operative time was 37.6 ± 6.3 minutes in Group A and 49.1 ± 7.5 minutes in Group B. Postoperative initiation of oral fluid and solid intake was significantly earlier (p value is 0.043 and 0.037 respectively) in Group A when compared to Group B. Postoperative Hospital stay was 31.9 ± 6.7 hours in Group A and 25.7 ± 9.1 hours in Group B. None of the patients in Group B, while 3 patients (20.0%) in Group A developed wound infection. Number of doses of intravenous and oral analgesics needed postoperative was significantly less (p values are 0.001 and 0.0001 respectively) in Group A when compared to Group B.

Conclusion

LA was superior to OA as regards the shorter hospital stay, earlier postoperative initiation of oral intake, less need for postoperative analgesics and antibiotics and less postoperative complications. Besides, laparoscopy preserves the option of leaving a macroscopically normal appendix and has its diagnostic value of detection of the cause of acute abdomen in case of a macroscopically normal appendix. Finally, LA provides a safer training model for young residents to improve their laparoscopic skills than laparoscopic cholecystectomy.