LESS PAIN. AND A SMALLER SCAR.

Let’s look at two patient experiences. One has a minimally invasive laparoscopic appendectomy. The other has a traditional open procedure.

**LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY**

**LAPAROSCOPIC APPENDECTOMY**

3.2 DAYS in the hospital, on average

**OPEN APPENDECTOMY**

4.7 DAYS in the hospital, on average

**AVERAGE RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITY**

Back to normal activity in nearly half the time

9.5 days for the patient who has a laparoscopic procedure

17.6 days for the patient who has an open appendectomy


**AVERAGE RATE OF SURGICAL SITE INFECTIONS**

- **2.9%** for laparoscopic appendectomies
- **8.9%** for open appendectomies

**67% lower rate of infection for laparoscopic appendectomies**

**SPENDS 1.5 FEWER DAYS in the hospital, on average**

**HAS LESS PAIN ON THE DAY OF THE SURGERY**

— and less pain after a week

**RETURNS TO NORMAL ACTIVITY 8 DAYS FASTER, on average**

**HAS A 3X SMALLER SCAR**

on average, for the patient who has the open appendectomy

Which experience would you want?