Two patients have ventral hernia repair. One has minimally invasive surgery (MIS) — also called laparoscopic surgery. The other has open surgery. Let’s compare their experiences.

**WHAT IS A VENTRAL HERNIA?**

A hernia occurs when tissue or part of an organ bulges through surrounding muscle or connective tissue. Ventral hernias happen in the abdominal wall.

**LOCATION:**

**TWO PATIENTS HAVE VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR.**

**LAPAROSCOPIC/MIS VENTRAL HERNIA REPAIR**

- **Open Ventral Hernia Repair**

**AVERAGE LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY**

- **2.4 DAYS** for the MIS patient
- **3.6 DAYS** for the open patient

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Further, Together
AVERAGE BLOOD LOSS

92 mL on average for open patient

32 mL on average for laparoscopic patient

65.2% reduction in blood loss

AVERAGE HOSPITAL COST

Approximately 18% cost reduction for MIS

$26,069

$31,674

AVERAGE RATE OF INFECTION AT THE SURGICAL SITE

2.3% for an MIS procedure

11% for an open procedure

That means the MIS patient can expect:

• Less risk of infection
• Less time in the hospital
• Lower total hospital costs
• Less blood loss

Which treatment would you choose?

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