

General Surgery: Suspected Gallstones

Symptoms:

- Right upper quadrant or epigastric pain
- Cramping nature
- Usually lasts 30-60 minutes
- Typical onset after eating, triggered by fatty foods
- Pain radiating to the back
- Pain in right shoulder tip
- Nausea or vomiting

* LFTs if same day emergency admission NOT required

Patient Presentation

Presents with suspected Biliary Colic

GP

History
Examination
LFTs*

Infection
Suspected

Abnormal
LFTs

Emergency referral
to General Surgery
at RIE/SJH via Flow
Centre

Urgent
Referral to General
Surgery at RIE/SJH

History consistent
with biliary colic

Abdominal
Ultrasound

Gallstones
present

Referral to
General Surgery
via SCI Gateway

Urgent:
Abnormal LFTs
Severe Pain

Routine

Clinical Assessment for consideration
of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

