

Special considerations

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During appendectomy , it is important to aspirate the pelvic, paracolic and subhepatic spaces prior to closure of the abdom - - inal wall. This simple measure can reduce the incidence of postoperative abscess, which is common after appendectomy , occurring in up to 30% of patients following appendectomy for a perforated appendix. It can lead to frustration f or patients if not forewarned of the possibility .

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