ALGORITHM FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GALLBLADDER POLYPS

Polyp on ultrasound

- >20 mm → "Extended" cholecystectomy *
- 10-20 mm → Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- 6-9 mm
  - Asymptomatic
    - No gallstones → Repeat ultrasound in 6 months
      - Polyp stable → Repeat ultrasound in 6 months, if stable, repeat every 12 months
      - Polyp increases in size → Cholecystectomy
    - Gallstones → Cholecystectomy
  - Symptomatic¶ → Cholecystectomy
- ≤5 mm
  - Asymptomatic → Repeat ultrasound in 12 months
    - Polyp increases in size → Cholecystectomy
    - Polyp stable → Reassure

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