

## OVARIAN CYSTECTOMY

Ovarian cystectomy is a procedure that is done when a cyst is removed from the ovary. A cyst is a fluid-filled structure on the surface of the ovary. There are many different types of ovarian cysts and most of them are benign (not cancer). Many women have cysts on their ovaries at some point in their life.

This procedure can be done by way of a laparoscopy or a laparotomy. A laparoscopy is when you insert a telescope into the belly button through a small incision. There are usually other incisions made to allow for surgical instruments to be inserted. Your doctor will be able to remove the cysts through these incisions.

Also, this procedure can be done by making a small incision in your lower abdomen. Your doctor can identify your ovaries and the cysts and then remove them. This procedure may be done as part of another procedure such as a hysterectomy.

This procedure may be done to analyze the cyst to see if it is cancerous or not. It also may be done to provide some relief to the patient. Also, these cysts can rupture, bleed, or twist (torsion) and they may need to be removed for that reason.