

Eligibility criteria for laparoscopic liver resection

Southern Cross will only reimburse the cost of laparoscopic liver resection under a member's policy when criteria 1, 2 and 3 below are met for that member.

1. Patient selection is approved by a multidisciplinary liver team consisting of, but not limited to:
 - at least 2 hepatobiliary surgeons
 - anaesthesiologist
 - hepatologist / gastroenterologist
 - (if cancer-related) medical oncologist
 - (if cancer-related) hepatobiliary radiologist / pathologist
2. Planned liver resection is classified as low complexity:
 - anterolateral segments (S2, 3, 4b, 5, or 6) or
 - left lateral section.
3. Surgeon must meet the following criteria:
 - Documentation that surgery for hepatobiliary disorders represents a significant portion (>50%) of their current surgical practice.
 - If a new provider, have a case list documenting at least 50 liver resections procedures (including open resections) during fellowship training.
 - Possess the skills and privileges to perform liver resection via laparotomy (open) before requesting laparoscopic.
 - Have completed a hepatobiliary fellowship in a high-volume centre that routinely performs minor, major, and complex major liver resections following residency in general surgery.
 - Documentation that a surgeon is a member of Australia and New Zealand Hepatic, Pancreatic, and Biliary Association (ANZHPBA).
 - Contract that all complications (CD grade 3 or greater) are discussed in a quality assurance / mortality and morbidity conference with at least one other HPB surgeon present.

Please also ensure you are familiar with all **policy exclusions**, including:

- Acute care
- Congenital conditions
- Cosmetic treatment/procedures
- Health screening
- Treatment of any condition not detrimental to health
- Unapproved healthcare services.

Refer to the relevant policy document for specific conditions and exceptions that apply to these exclusions.