

Gallstones

RFQs

- Have you had a fever?
- Have you noticed any yellow jaundice?
- Does your pain persist between episodes?

Provide

Your pain is almost certainly caused by gallstones that are caught at the top of the gallbladder, or in the gall duct. It will be worse after fatty meals. Avoid fatty meals if you can. I'll refer you to a surgeon if you like. We can take out your gallbladder, usually with keyhole surgery. Would you like me to give you some tablets (hyoscine) to use if you are getting more pain after eating? They may cause a dry mouth, or a slight blurring of your vision, but are designed to relax your gall duct and usually help the pain.

Safety net:

Whilst you are waiting for your surgery: watch out for things getting much worse. We need to see you urgently if you have yellow jaundice, or a fever.