

## Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

Laparoscopic hysterectomy is done under general anesthesia. This means you are asleep during the procedure. The laparoscope and other tools allow the surgeon to see and operate on the pelvic organs.

### Making the Incisions

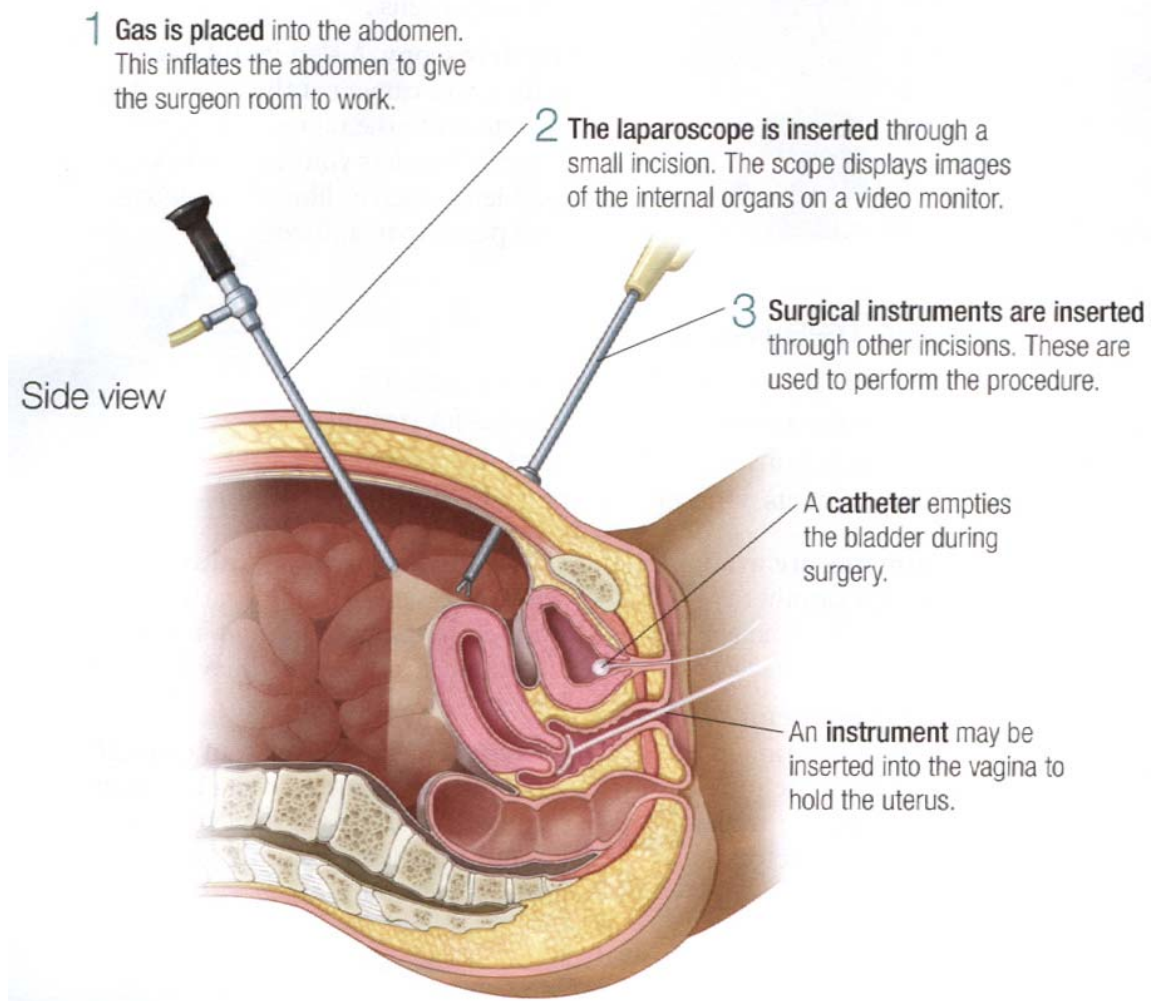
The surgery is done using 3 or 4 small incision. These may be made near the naval or along the waistline or pubic hairline. Each incision is about half an inch long or less. Incisions may be vertical or horizontal.



Possible incision sites

### Starting Surgery

Surgery begins with steps that allow the surgeon to see and work inside the pelvic cavity.



## Types of Laparoscopic Hysterectomy

There are several types of laparoscopic hysterectomy. Depending on your needs, all or part of the uterus may be removed. In some cases, the ovaries and fallopian tubes are also removed. The organs may be removed through the vagina or in pieces through small incisions in the abdomen. Your surgeon will discuss the options with you before surgery.

