

Overview of NoLap

Definition of NoLap patient

A NoLap patient is a patient who presents with acute abdominal pathology needing surgical intervention which would meet NELA inclusion criteria, where a decision is made that they will not undergo emergency surgery.

Inclusion criteria for Year 1 NoLap*

- Patients aged 18 years and over,
- Diagnosis of bowel perforation or suspected bowel ischaemia, for which surgery is indicated
- DID NOT undergo abdominal surgery (laparoscopic or open) during this hospital episode

Exclusion criteria for Year 1 NoLap*

- Patients under 18 years of age
- Patients who undergo emergency or elective abdominal surgery (laparoscopic or open) during this hospital episode
- Patients whose bowel perforation or ischaemia management involved/included interventional radiology or endoscopic procedures (drainage of collection, stent insertion or removal) **
- Patients who are excluded from NELA (see NELA exclusion criteria)

NB: patients who are offered a period of conservative treatment are not automatically “no-lap” patients if surgery may ultimately be offered. However, it is recognised that a period of conservative treatment might be offered before it is decided that surgery is not in the patient’s best interest.

**Subject to change in subsequent years*

***This group of patients will be considered in future work.*