

## **Gastrointestinal Surgery**

Gastrointestinal surgery, which is a large part of the general surgery field, refers to surgeries of the stomach, small intestine, large intestine, liver, pancreas and other abdominal organs. Some of these procedures can in fact be performed laparoscopically.

Typical indications for surgery of the stomach include cancer and reflux (GERD). Typical indications for surgery of the small intestine also include intestinal cancer, lymphoma and bowel obstruction. Colon surgery, which can be performed laparoscopically as well, is typically done for colon cancer, diverticulosis and diverticulitis. The appendix, which is a small tubular structure that protrudes from the colon, is particularly troubling, resulting in appendicitis for which many of us have been treated. Appendectomy as well can be performed laparoscopically