



ACUTE APPENDICITIS

Department of Surgery

- Appendicitis is an inflammation of a person's appendix.
- The appendix is a sac at the beginning of the large intestine.
- Symptoms usually include severe pain in the right lower abdomen and a high temperature. Nausea, vomiting, and decreased appetite are also common.
- If the appendix ruptures (burst), the result is peritonitis and blood poisoning.
- Appendicitis is diagnosed by taking the medical history, clinical examination, and laboratory tests.
- Ultrasound or CT scan may be done sometimes.
- Therefore, immediate hospitalization is necessary to treat appendicitis.
- Treatment of appendicitis by removing it surgically (usually laparoscopically, under general anaesthesia).
- Antibiotic treatment may be used without surgery in some cases.