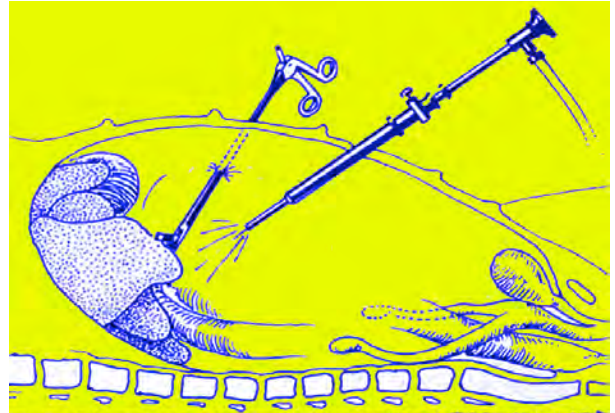


Laparoscopy

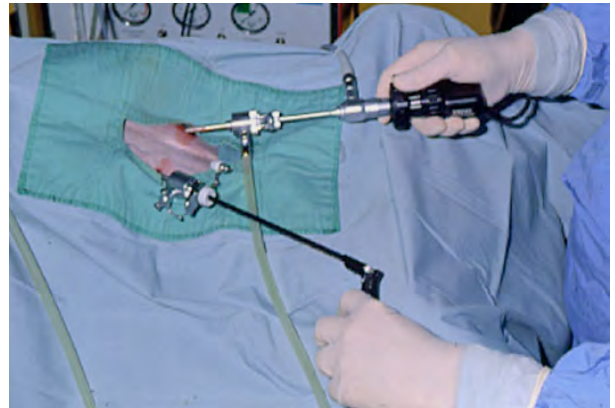
Advantages:

- Minimally invasive
- Discharged day of procedure
- Most cases, no recovery time
- Few complications
- Improved accuracy of kidney biopsy vs ultrasound-guided
- Improved accuracy of liver biopsy vs tru-cut/needle



Indications:

- Abdominal exploration
- Liver, pancreas, spleen, intestinal biopsy
- Gall bladder aspiration
- Unexplained abdominal effusion
- J-tube placement



Available for:

- Cats
- Small and large breed dogs

Preparation for procedure:

- If liver or kidney biopsy, platelet count, PT/PTT, and/or ACT
- Routine preparation for anesthesia

Risks/complications:

- Hemorrhage after biopsy
- Performed on >300 cases at Colorado State University CVM, 1-2% complication rate

