# Gallbladder Disease

Gallbladder disease is one of the most common gastrointestinal disorders. The spectrum of gallbladder disease ranges from asymptomatic cholelithiasis to gallbladder (or biliary) colic, cholecystitis, choledocholithiasis, and cholangitis. Further complications of gallbladder disease include gallstone pancreatitis, gallstone ileus, biliary cirrhosis, and gallbladder cancer.

Cholelithiasis is the presence of gallstones in the gallbladder. Biliary colic is pain caused by a stone temporarily obstructing the cystic duct. Cholecystitis is inflammation of the gallbladder from obstruction of the cystic duct. Choledocholithiasis is the presence of a stone in the common bile duct. Cholangitis occurs when a gallstone obstructs the biliary or hepatic ducts, causing inflammation and infection.