Eligible patients with mild biliary pancreatitis

Randomization

Early laparoscopic cholecystectomy < 72 hours after randomization

Interval laparoscopic cholecystectomy 25 – 30 days after randomization

All discharge criteria are met:
1) The treating physician anticipates that the patient can be discharged within 1 - 2 days;
2) No need of opioid analgesics;
3) Declining CRP levels and < 100 U/L mg/dL;
4) No evidence of local or systemic complications (e.g. no fever);
5) The patient has resumed oral intake.

Informed consent

Randomization