

### Case Study #2 - Santiago

93yo female presents 0900 Day 1 to OR for lap chole for symptomatic cholelithiasis. Procedure completed. Pt slow to wake in PACU and decision made to observe overnight in extended recovery.

Pt continues with post-op N&V on Day 2. Unable to ambulate post surgery. Unable to advance diet. Decision made to admit patient. PLAN: PT/OT evaluation, TED hose fitting for edema, electrolyte screen, d/c narcotics, antiemetic, IVF.

Day 3 – patient begins to improve. Ambulating with PT/OT. No vomiting. Tolerating diet progression. Evaluation done because pt lives at home alone. Decision made safe for discharge.

**What is the correct placement decision for this case -- inpatient, ER discharge, or outpatient with observation services?**

**ANSWER: Outpatient with observation services. Course is unknown in ER however pt does require monitoring, nursing services, and use of a bed and has not had a procedure that includes those services. Attending physician needs input from another provider before determining what additional services this pt will require.**