



Ovarian keyhole surgery the best

WOMEN undergoing a hysterectomy via keyhole surgery are half as likely to suffer complications than those that opt for open abdominal surgery, a study has shown.

The worldwide surgical trial results, which were published yesterday, hopes to provide women with a quicker and less traumatic recovery from uterine cancer treatment.

Brisbane gynaecological oncologist Professor Andreas Obermair, who chaired the study at the Queensland Centre for Gynaecological Cancer, said thousands of women were set to benefit.

He said patients undergoing a hysterectomy or removal of ovaries via the keyhole surgical approach generally left the hospital within one to two days.

“This gives them a recovery rate of two to three weeks and a 50% reduction in post-operative complication rates,” Prof Obermair said.

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