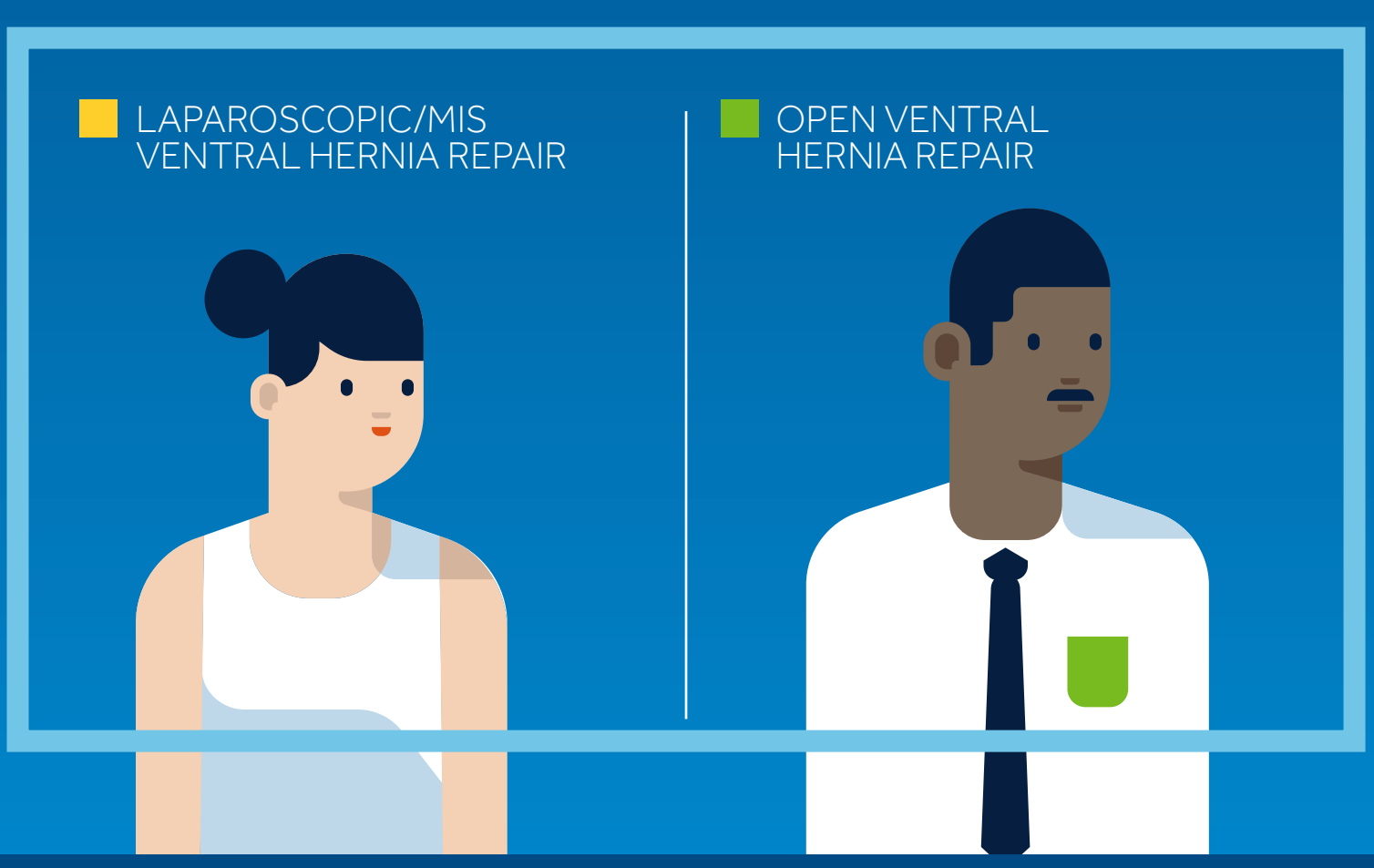
CHOOSE THE TREATMENT **THAT'S BEST FOR YOU.**

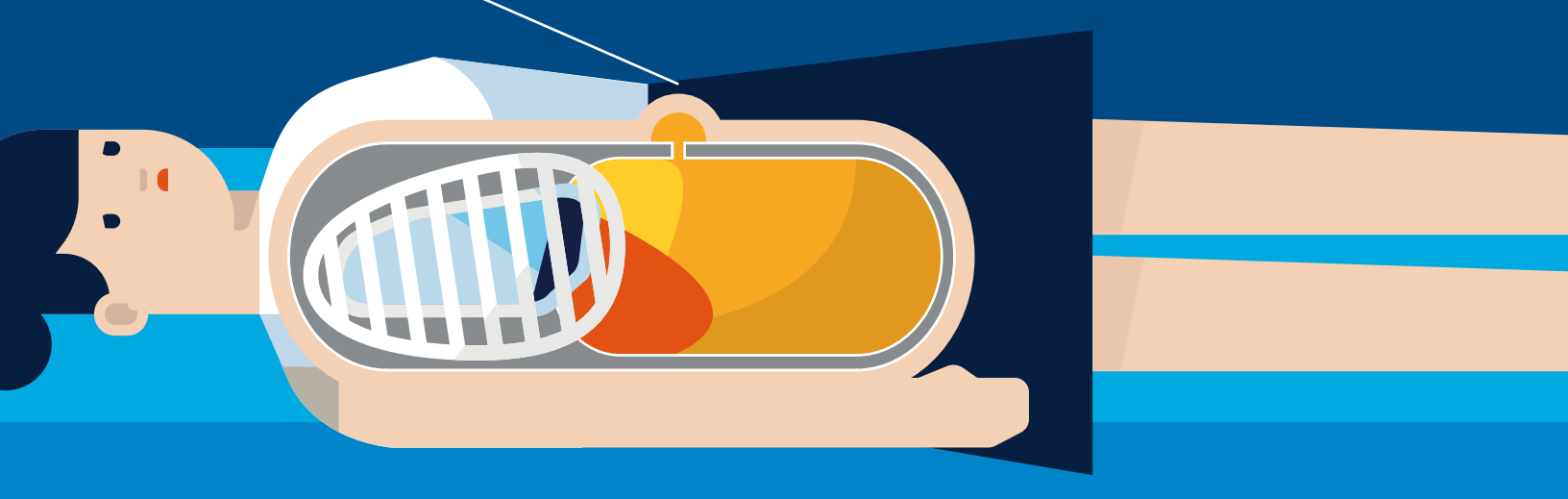
Two patients have ventral hernia repair. One has minimally invasive surgery (MIS) — also called laparoscopic surgery. The other has open surgery. Let's compare their experiences.



WHAT IS A **VENTRAL HERNIA?**

A hernia occurs when tissue or part of an organ bulges through surrounding muscle or connective tissue. Ventral hernias happen in the abdominal wall.

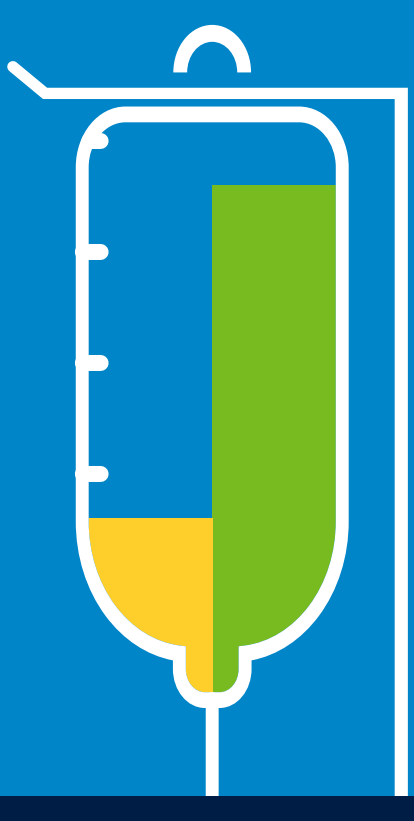
LOCATION:



AVERAGE LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY[1–6]

2.4 DAYS for the MIS patient

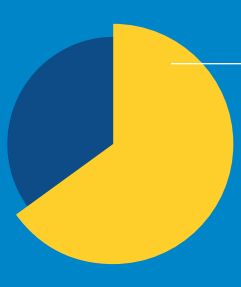
3.6 DAYS for the open patient



AVERAGE BLOOD LOSS[7–9]

32 mL for the MIS patient

92 mL for the open patient



65.2% REDUCTION IN BLOOD LOSS

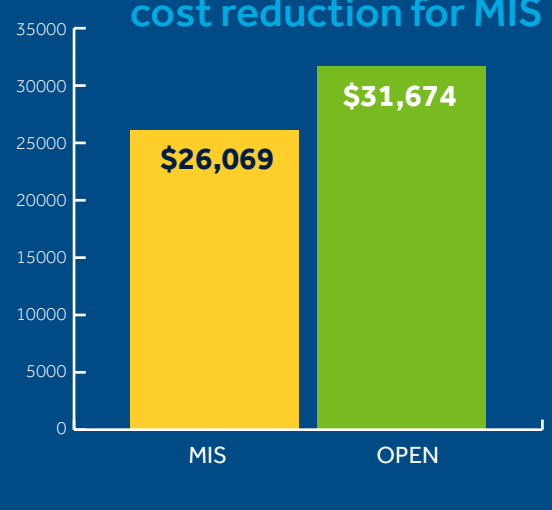
AVERAGE RATE OF INFECTION AT THE SURGICAL SITE[1,4,8,10–15]

2.3% for an MIS procedure

11% for an open procedure

AVERAGE HOSPITAL COST[2,3,16]

Approximately 18% cost reduction for MIS



That means the MIS patient can expect:

- LESS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL[1–6]
- **LESS BLOOD LOSS**[7–9]
- **LESS RISK OF INFECTION**[1,4,8,10–15]
- LOWER TOTAL HOSPITAL COSTS[2,3,16]

Which experience would you choose?

For more information about the benefits of minimally invasive surgery, visit aboutmis.com

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