



Liver Cyst

An enclosed space within the liver that is abnormal in size or shape. The space or cyst may contain either air or fluid. Most simple cysts are solitary cysts but sometimes three or four cysts may be present close to one another.

The origin of these cysts is unknown, but many are congenital, (i.e. present since birth). Some cysts may also arise secondary to trauma. The majority of simple cysts are asymptomatic (not associated with any symptoms). Some individuals with larger cysts may develop symptoms such as fullness, flatulence, vomiting or pain.

Simple cysts do not warrant any further investigation or treatment as most are coincidental findings and the chance of developing cancer in a simple cyst is exceedingly rare.