SnapChole

Invitation to participate in SnapChole

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Dear Colleague,

We invite your hospital to join SnapChole, an international prospective snapshot study of care and recovery in adults with Tokyo Guidelines 2018 Grade II or III acute calculous cholecystitis. By bringing together consecutive cases across hospitals, the study will describe management pathways, timing, escalation and outcomes, alongside an optional patient-reported assessment of recovery.

Each centre will identify consecutive eligible patients during one predefined 90-day enrolment window within the planned March–August 2027 recruitment period, with follow-up through 90 days and final follow-up extending into November 2027. The optional patient-reported outcomes component uses the published Gastrointestinal Quality of Life Index at baseline and 90 days. Treatment decisions remain entirely with the clinical team.

Participating centres appoint a local investigator, review the relevant protocols, obtain the applicable local approvals and data-sharing arrangements, and prepare their team for data collection and validation. Questionnaire participation requires its own ethics and consent arrangements. Local enrolment begins only after the necessary requirements and site activation are confirmed.

Contributors to recruitment, data collection and local validation will be recognised through the SnapChole Collaborative investigator list, supplied to the publisher for PubMed indexing as investigators or collaborators. Named manuscript authorship will follow ICMJE criteria and reflect contributions to the specific publication.

Register your centre at **https://redcap.link/snapcholecenter**

Study information and current documents are available at https://snapchole.com. For onboarding or local requirements, please contact gary.bass@pennmedicine.upenn.edu.

Participating centres will receive a confidential summary of their own audit findings.

With best wishes,

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