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:**

1. Hernias happen in the abdominal wall.
2. Muscle or connective tissue.

**AVERAGE LENGTH OF HOSPITAL STAY**

2.4 DAYS for the MIS patient

3.6 DAYS for the open patient

**AVERAGE BLOOD LOSS**

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**

2.3% for an MIS procedure

11% for an open procedure

**HOSPITAL COSTS**

- LESS TIME IN THE HOSPITAL
- LESS BLOOD LOSS
- LOWER TOTAL HOSPITAL COSTS

That means the MIS patient can expect:

- 2.4 DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL
- 32 mL BLOOD LOSS
- 65.2% REDUCTION IN BLOOD LOSS
- 2.3% RATE OF INFECTION
- $26,069 TOTAL COST

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