

INTRODUCTION

The real problem of postcholecystectomy symptoms is presented by the group who, following cholecystectomy, complain of upper abdominal symptoms compatible with extrahepatic biliary disease, in some instances these symptoms are similar to those experienced preoperatively and are noticed within a short while of operation, whereas in others they may differ from the preoperative symptoms and perhaps not be noticed until some months or more after the operation. Such symptoms may be due to extrabiliary causes or to extrahepatic biliary disorders.