

First performance of laparoscopy

1901	G. KELLING (<i>coelioscopy</i>)	Dresden ¹⁾
1901	D. EDLER VON OTT (<i>ventroscopy</i>)	St. Petersburg ²⁾

New description of laparoscopy

1910	H. CH. JACOBÆUS (<i>laparoscopy</i>)	Stockholm ³⁾
1911	B. M. BERNHEIM (<i>organoscopy</i>)	Baltimore ⁴⁾
1920	B. H. ORNDOFF (<i>peritoneoscopy</i>)	Chicago ⁴⁾
1921	R. KORBSCH (1927: 1 st atlas of laparoscopy)	Oberhausen ¹⁾
1924	O. STEINER (<i>abdominoscopy</i>)	Atlanta ⁴⁾

Third phase of “laparoscopic discovery”

1923/24	H. KALK	Frankfurt ¹⁾
1928	N. HENNING	Leipzig ¹⁾
1934	J. C. RUDDOCK	Los Angeles ⁴⁾
1939	E. B. BENEDICT	Boston ⁴⁾

Fourth laparoscopic development phase

since 1980	<i>laparoscopic surgical procedures</i>
since 1980	<i>laparoscopic sonography</i>
since 1995	<i>exploratory mini-laparoscopy</i>