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- Preventing, Avoiding and Managing
Complications in MIGS**

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Course Description

This course embraces all possible complications that may occur during minimally invasive surgery performed for easy or complex benign conditions such as deeply infiltrating endometriosis or oncological diseases. The different topics will begin with fundamental anatomical concepts and proceed to standard techniques and tips and tricks to perform a safe and successful surgery in easy or difficult cases. Moreover, surgical videos will be highlighted in each presentation to demonstrate complications and troubleshooting to help the learner better understand how to prevent and manage them independently or as part of a multidisciplinary team. Every presentation will end with a strategic algorithm which the learner will be able to easily recall and apply to future scenarios when faced with different types of complications.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the participant will be able to: 1) Implement a stepwise algorithm to promptly recognize and address surgical complications; 2) Select the proper surgical procedures to manage vascular, bowel or genitourinary tract injuries; and 3) Apply surgical tips and tricks to reduce complications during difficult minimally invasive gynecologic surgeries.

Course Outline

2:30 pm	Welcome, Introduction and Course Overview	G. Roviglione/L.C. Yang
2:35 pm	Knowing Your Enemy: Surgical Strategies to Minimize and Treat Complications in Laparoscopic Entry in Simple and Complex Cases	L.C. Yang
3:00 pm	To Resect or Not to Resect? How to Safely Manage Bowel Adhesions and Build Confidence When Tackling Deeply Infiltrating Endometriosis of the Bowel	M.N. Wasson
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4:40 pm	Questions & Answers	All Faculty
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

Knowing Your Enemy: Surgical Strategies to Minimize and Treat Complications in Laparoscopic Entry in Simple and Complex Cases

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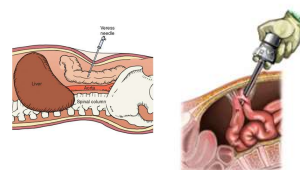
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Objectives

- Describe preventative strategies for safe peritoneal access
- Incorporate tips and tricks for entry techniques into existing surgical practice
- Review management of entry-related complications

Abdominal Access Complications

- Primary peritoneal access injury occurs in <1% of patients
- **Trocar** = most common device cited in malpractice claims associated with LSC procedures
- **>50%** of LSC complications occur during initial peritoneal access¹⁻⁵



MAUDE Database – Trocar Injury/Fatality

- Data collection 1997-2002
 - 31 fatal injury cases
 - 1353 nonfatal injury cases
- Most fatalities involved vascular injuries
- Other fatalities: **unrecognized** bowel injury
- Cholecystectomy most frequently associated with both fatal and nonfatal trocar injuries

Fuller et al., J Minim Invasive Gynecol 2005; 12(4): 302-7

Complication Types

Intraoperative/Immediate Postoperative/Delayed



Abdominal Access Complications

Extraperitoneal port placement
Failed or difficult peritoneal entry
Visceral injury
Omental injury
Minor or major vascular injury
Insufflation/pneumoperitoneum-related complication
Death
Nerve injury
Trocar site hernia
Trocar site hematoma
Trocar site infection
Trocar site metastasis

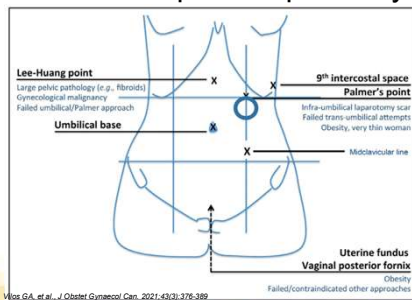


Abdominal Access = Key to Laparoscopic Success

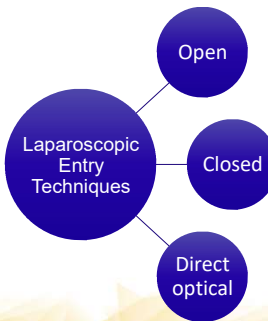
- Surgical decision-making:
- Choosing the **site** for primary trocar entry
- Choosing the **technique** for primary trocar placement



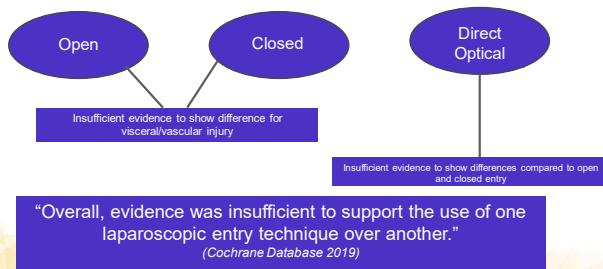
Sites for Laparoscopic Entry



Voss GA, et al. J Obstet Gynaecol Can. 2021;43(3):376-389



Choosing Your Entry Approach



Summary of Cochrane Database of Systematic Review (2019)

Outcome	Open vs. Closed (any)	Open vs. Direct Vision	Open vs. Veres	Closed: Direct vs. Veres	Closed: Direct Vision vs. Veres
Vascular Injury	Insufficient evidence	*	*	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence
Visceral Injury	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	*	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence
Omental Injury	Open favored	*	Open favored	Direct favored	*
Trocar site infection	Insufficient evidence	*	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	*
Trocar site bleeding	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	*	Insufficient evidence
Failed entry	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	Insufficient evidence	Direct favored	*
Incisional hernia	Insufficient evidence	*	Insufficient evidence	*	*
Extraperitoneal insufflation	Open favored	*	Insufficient evidence	Direct favored	*

* indicates no data

Pegun K. Contemporary OB/GYN 2020;66(11)



Risk Factors

- History of prior abdominopelvic surgery
 - C-section
 - Hernia repair with mesh
 - Laparotomy
- Extremes of BMI
- Pregnancy
- Large abdominal/pelvic mass

Zero Risk Factors ≠ Zero Complications



Risk of Adhesions with Prior Surgery

Group	Rate of Umbilical Adhesions	Rate of Severe Adhesions w/ Potential for Bowel Injury
No prior surgery	0.68%	0.42%
Prior LSC	1.6%	0.8%
Prior laparotomy (horizontal suprapubic)	19.8%	6.87%
Prior laparotomy (midline)	51.7%	31.46%

Audebert AJM and Gornel V. Fertil Steril 2000;73(3):631



Closed Entry

- In obese pts, the umbilicus is shifted caudally from the aortic bifurcation¹⁰

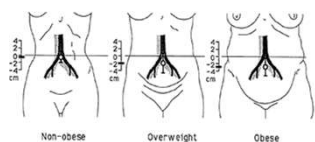
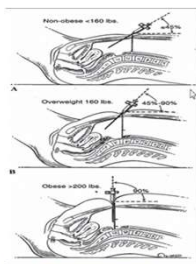


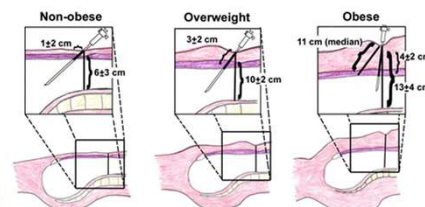
Figure 1. Location of the umbilicus in relation to the major vessels in non-obese, overweight, and obese patients. In non-obese, the umbilicus is at the aortic bifurcation. In overweight and obese patients, the umbilicus is shifted caudally. Hurd WW et al., Obstet Gynecol 1992



Hurd WW et al., Obstet Gynecol 1992

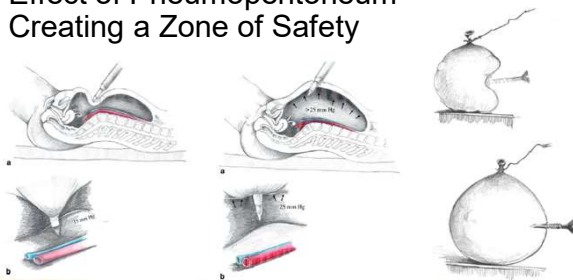
Closed Entry

- In non-obese pts, the distance from the anterior abdominal wall to aorta may be as little as 2 cm¹⁰



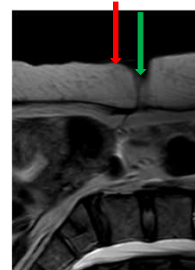
Hurd WW et al., Obstet Gynecol 1992

Effect of Pneumoperitoneum – Creating a Zone of Safety



Open Entry

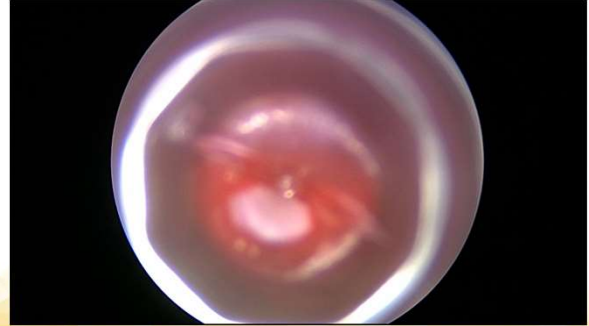
- Choose your incision wisely: **infraumbilical** vs **intraumbilical**
- Intraumbilical incision affords entry at the thinnest aspect of the umbilicus
- Elevate the abdominal wall and provide adequate traction
- Avoid pushing the fascia away – it's closer than you think!



Open Entry Technique (VIDEO)

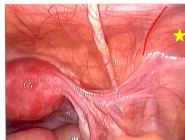


Direct Optical Entry Technique (VIDEO)



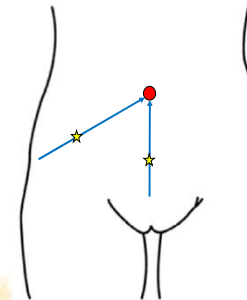
Accessory Trocar Placement

- Know your abdominal wall landmarks
- Direct visualization is essential
- Bladder decompression (if suprapubic trocar placement)
- Maintain perpendicular angle of insertion



"Rule of 1/3s"

- 1/3 distance between **ASIS** and **umbilicus**
- 1/3 distance between **pubic symphysis** and **umbilicus**



Accessory Trocar Placement (VIDEO)

Clinical Challenges - Pregnancy

- Gravid uterus – transient truncal obesity
- Abdominal wall anatomy is relatively unchanged
- Potential risk of injury to underlying gravid uterus – consider open entry technique or intraoperative guidance of Veress needle insertion
- Shift trocar placement **cephalad**
- Use of an angled 30 degree scope and "port hopping"

Inadvertent Perforation of a Gravid Uterus During Laparoscopy

Rebecca J. Post, MD, Esther Friedrich, MD, Kevin E. Amoye, DO, Ramen H. Chemoit, MD

- Case 1: 19 wks GA - Veress needle placed 10 cm above umbilicus (uterine fundus 2 cm below umbilicus)
- Case 2: 32 wks GA – direct optical trocar insertion at subxiphoid
- Case 3: 18 wks GA twins – Veress needle placed 5 cm above umbilicus
- Rare risk of accidental gravid uterine perforation
- Management:
 - Consultation with OB/MFM
 - Surgical repair may not be necessary (~operative fetoscopy) if hemostatic with minimal fluid leak



Clinical Challenges – Obesity

- Umbilicus = thinnest entry point, however, distortion of umbilical location due to panniculus
- Use caution with Veress (umbilical) entry given risk of failed entry
- Consider LUQ entry
- Extra long trocars may be necessary

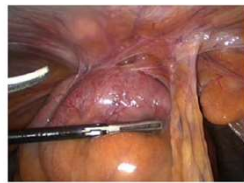


Clinical Challenges – Distorted Abdominal Wall

Abdominoplasty



Hernia repair with mesh



Maysorn et al., Hernia 2011;15(4):463-8



Clinical Challenges – Prior Surgeries/Adhesions

VIII. PAST SURGICAL HISTORY	
Past Surgical History	Date
Procedure	
• Cholecystectomy (p-47600)	
• LSC (1996)	
• Anes-intraper w/lap, tubal lig (p-00851)	
• Salp-ooph cns/part unilab-sp (p-58720)	
• Salpingo-Oophorectomy, Unilateral, L ovary removed (benign cysts), 2005 (attempted LSC converted to open)	
• Supracervical abd hysterectomy (p-58180)	
• Supracervical Hysterectomy - Sept 2011	
• Other (p-oth)	
• incisional hernia repair w/ mesh (2007)	
• Other (p-oth)	
• recurrent incisional hernia (following hysterectomy)	
• Other (p-oth)	
• attempted endometrial ablation Novasure	
• Other (p-oth)	
• bowel injury during incisional hernia repair with mesh	
• Other (p-oth)	
• adhesions	



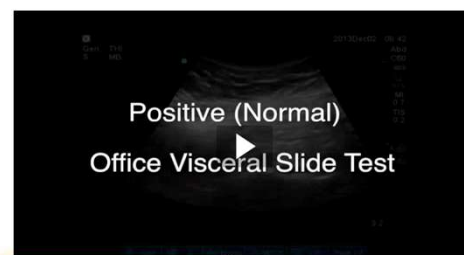
Prevention Strategies – Visceral Slide Test

- Visceral slide assessment w/ ultrasound has high **negative predictive value** for the absence of **periumbilical bowel adhesions**
- Useful tool to detect adhesion-free areas for safe laparoscopic entry

Ultrasound Visceral Slide Assessment to Evaluate for Intra-abdominal Adhesions in Patients Undergoing Abdominal Surgery – A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
Tobias Limberg, MD, MSc, Katherine Chaves, MD, Nicholas Jones, MD, Zhiqun Zhao, MSc, and Amanda Yunker, DO, MSc



Visceral Slide Test (VIDEO)



Ensuring Safety After Entry – Stop and Survey!

- Direct inspection beneath trocar entry site
- 360 degree survey
- Delay Trendelenburg positioning until survey complete



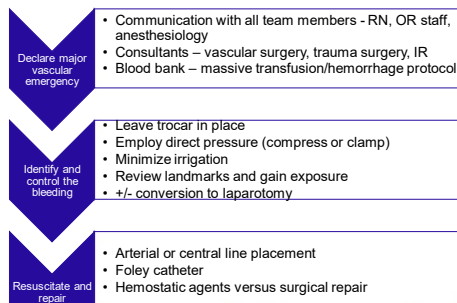
Intraoperative Entry Complication - Vascular

- Timing: **entry**, dissection, adhesiolysis, procedural
- Vessels at risk:
 - **Anterior abdominal wall**
 - Inferior epigastric artery
 - Superficial circumflex iliac artery
 - **Posterior abdominal wall**
 - Aorta
 - IVC
 - External, internal, and common iliac arteries/veins
 - **Other:** omental, mesenteric



Recognition of Vascular Injury

- Retroperitoneal hematoma superior to sacral promontory
- Active bleeding from vessels
- Free blood in the abdominal cavity
- Hemodynamic instability



Intraoperative Complication – GI Tract

- Incidence of bowel injury during GYN surgery: 0.13-0.54%
- 37.3-55% of bowel injuries are entry-related
- Delayed diagnosis:
 - 41% of bowel injuries at GYN laparoscopy
 - Mortality rate = 3.2%



Elbass HM and Abu-Zidan FM. Afr Health Sci 2017;17(4): 1237-1245



Injury Type	Management
Superficial sharp, small thermal injuries	Primary oversewing, 3-0 delayed absorbable
Partial thickness seromuscular Full-thickness, less than 1 cm	Primary interrupted, 2-0 or 3-0 delayed absorbable Two-layer closure, with or without closed-suction drain placement
Full-thickness, more than 1 cm	Primary repair or resection and re-anastomosis, with or without closed-suction drain placement
Large, delayed, necrotic, grossly infected, complicated	Resection and re-anastomosis, plus or minus diverting proximal ostomy, plus closed-suction drain placement



Intraoperative Entry Complication – GI Tract

“introduction of the laparoscope revealed that the 10-mm trocar had been placed within the lumen of the stomach”



Nesher CH et al., JMG 2005; 12:171-173



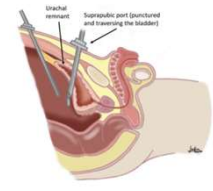
Gastric perforation



Intraoperative Entry Complication - Bladder

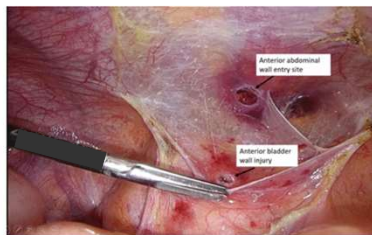
• Insertion of suprapubic trocar into bladder

- If bladder is not drained
- Adhesions
- Anatomic variant – urachal remnant/diverticulum



Lim CL, et al. BMJ Case Rep 2021;14:e239361.

- Most common injury site: bladder dome



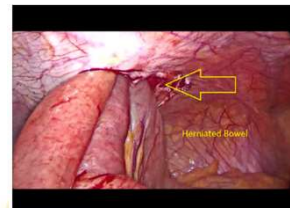
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Management:

- Develop Space of Retzius to isolate injury site
- Expectant management or primary repair
- Urinary catheter decompression



Trocar Site Hernia



Leal et al., JMG 2022;29(3):338-339



Tosun et al., J of Case Reports 2015;5(2):420-22

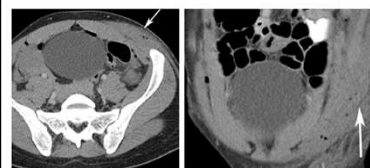
Diagnosis and Management



- Risk factors: trocar size ≥ 10 mm, advanced age, obesity, malnutrition
- Surgical repair – LSC or laparotomy with possible bowel resection



Trocar Site Hematoma



Hindman NM, et al., Radiographics 2014;34:119-138

• Conservative management:

- Pressure dressing
- Serial Hgb
- Close surveillance

• Surgical management:

- Rare
- Hemodynamic instability
- Rapid expansion or superinfection



Key Lessons

- Preoperative planning and preparation is paramount
- Rely on fundamentals and knowledge of anatomy to navigate challenging surgical scenarios
- Stay vigilant and anticipate the worst case scenario



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To Resect or Not to Resect? How to Safely Manage Bowel Adhesions and Build Confidence when Tackling Deeply Infiltrating Endometriosis of the Bowel

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Objectives

- Avoid bowel injury during MIGS
- Effectively treat injury to decrease morbidity and mortality risk
- Evaluate large and small intestines for pathology



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Background



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Gastrointestinal Injury during Laparoscopy

- 0.03-0.18%
- Small bowel most common
- High morbidity and mortality



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Etiology

- Abdominal entry
- Dissection
- Electrosurgery
 - Direct application
 - Direct coupling
 - Capacitive coupling
 - Insulation failure
- Trauma



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Sequelae

- Bowel obstruction
- Bowel perforation
- Wound dehiscence
- Repeat laparotomy
- TPN
- Pneumonia
- Sepsis
- ICU



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Delayed Diagnosis Presentation

- Peritonitis
- Intra-abdominal abscess
- Enterocutaneous fistula



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Thermal Injury Presentation

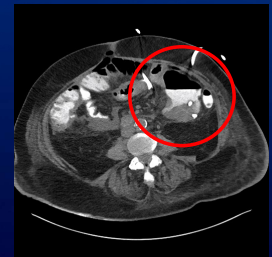
Sign	Large Intestine	Small Intestine
Normal or Low Temp	61.2%	50.6%
High Temp	38.8%	49.3%
High HR	63.3%	54.3%
Low BP	42.9%	18.5%
Low Hg	77.6%	63.0%
Low WBC	40.8%	22.2%
High WBC	49.0%	39.5%
Bandemia	51.0%	37.0%
High Crt	24.5%	6.2%



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Diagnosis

- High index of suspicion
- Abdominal imaging
- Exploratory surgery
 - → identification
 - → resection
 - → reanastomosis



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Prevent Delayed Injury



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Assessing for Injury

- Small Intestine
 - Run the bowel



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Assessing for Injury

- Small Intestine
 - Run the bowel
- Large Intestine
 - Air bubble test
 - Methylene blue enema
 - Proctoscopy
 - Indocyanine green fluorescence



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Small Bowel Injury

- Serosa
 - Expectant
- <2 mm muscularis
 - Expectant
- ≥2 mm muscularis
 - Primary Repair in 1 or 2 layers
 - Transverse plane
- Transection
 - Resection and reanastomosis



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Large Bowel Injury

- Serosa
 - Expectant
- Outer longitudinal muscularis fibers
 - Expectant
- Circular muscularis fibers exposed or breached
 - Primary Repair in 1 or 2 layers
 - Transverse plane
- Transection
 - Resection and reanastomosis



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Imaging for Gastrointestinal Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis



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"Preoperative TVUS-BP was accurate in identifying all sites of ovarian and deep endometriosis that were evaluated. It had significantly higher sensitivity than DL in detecting rectosigmoid endometriosis..."



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Original Investigation

Pelvic MRI for Endometriosis: A Diagnostic Challenge for the Inexperienced Radiologist. How Much Experience Is Enough?

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Radiologist Experience Matters!

Purpose: The purpose of this study was to investigate the impact of radiologist experience on diagnostic performance of pelvic magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) for the evaluation of endometriosis and different localisations of deep pelvic endometriosis (DPE).

Materials and methods: In this prospective study all pelvic MRI examinations performed for pelvic endometriosis from December 2016 to August 2017 were evaluated by readers with different experience levels; junior resident (0–6 weeks of experience in female imaging), senior resident (7–24 weeks), fellow (6–24 months), and expert (10 years) in female imaging for the presence of endometriosis and DPE. Their evaluations were compared with surgery confirmed with pathology. Diagnostic performances of readers with different levels of experience were studied by the means of receiving operating characteristic curves and areas under the curve (AUC) were compared with the ones of the expert reader.

Results: Of 174 patients evaluated, the standard of reference was available for 59, consisting the final population of the study. The AUC for endometriosis, DPE for the posterior and anterior pelvic compartment, for rectosigmoid DPE and for overall evaluation were 0.983, 0.921, 0.615, 0.862, and 0.914 for the expert reader, 0.966 ($p = 0.176$), 0.805 ($p = 0.001$), 0.605 ($p = 0.91$), 0.872 ($p = 0.317$), and 0.849 ($p = 0.0009$) for the fellow level, 0.877 ($p = 0.002$), 0.757 ($p < 0.001$), 0.585 ($p = 0.761$), 0.744 ($p = 0.239$), and 0.787 ($p = < 0.001$) for the senior resident level and 0.861 ($p = 0.177$), 0.649 ($p < 0.001$), 0.648 ($p = 0.774$), 0.862 ($p = 1$), and 0.721 ($p < 0.001$) for the junior resident level.

Conclusions: According to our results, interpretation of pelvic MRI for DPE should be performed by specialists as; even the performance of radiologists with up to 2 years of experience in female imaging was statistically inferior to that of experts.

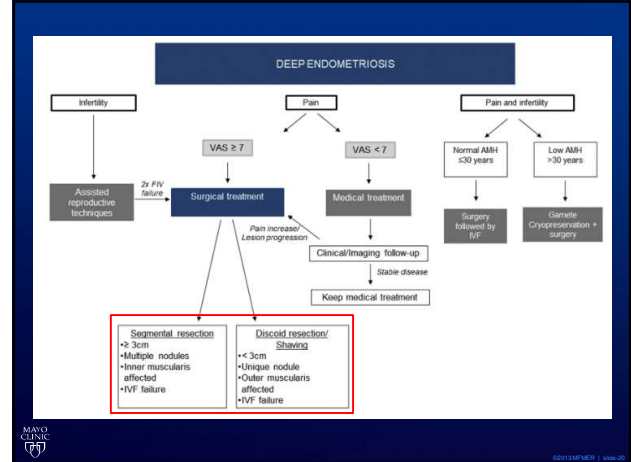
Keywords: Endometriosis; Magnetic resonance imaging; Pelvis; Comparative study.

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Number	Bowel segment involved	Points to be noted on the MRI report
1.	Stomach	1. Relationship to surrounding organs 2. Complications
2.	Small bowel	1. Location 2. Single or multifocal involvement 3. Length of segment/segments involved; 4. Lesion size 5. Adjacent structures involved 6. Proximity to the cecum/ileocecal valve 7. Relationship to the base of the appendix
3.	Rectosigmoid colon	1. Exact site 2. Distance of the distal-most extent of disease from the anal verge 3. Unifocal disease with lesion size $>/< 3$ cm 4. Multifocal (nodules in 2 cm length of bowel wall) 5. Satellite nodules (nodules > 2 cm apart) 6. Entire length of bowel segment involved 7. Degree of circumference ($>/< 1/2$ or $1/3$) of rectosigmoid colon involved.



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Surgical Treatment



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Surgical Treatment

- Serosal shaving
- Discoid Resection
- Segmental Resection



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Surgical Treatment

- Serosal shaving
 - Minimal involvement of the muscularis
- Discoid Resection
- Segmental Resection



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Surgical Treatment

- Serosal shaving
- Discoid Resection
 - Muscularis involvement
 - <3 cm
 - <50% bowel circumference
- Segmental Resection



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Surgical Treatment

- Serosal shaving
- Discoid Resection
- Segmental Resection
 - >3 cm
 - >50% bowel circumference
 - Multifocal lesions



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Tips for Success



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Prevention

- Rectal probe



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Prevention

- Rectal probe
- Identify safety zones
- Work Lateral to Medial



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Rules to Live By

- Avoid electrosurgery on bowel wall
- Bluntly manipulate
- Bowel graspers if needed
- If in doubt...oversew and reinforce



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Take Home Messages

- Preparation is key
- Have a high index of suspicion
- Needs of the patient come first
 - When in doubt, bring your friends with you
 - Conversion is not a failure



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Questions



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**"The water under the bridge falls safely into the lake":
how to prevent or manage ureteral or bladder lesions in minimally invasive surgery**

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NO DISCLOSURES

**BLADDER ENDOMETRIOSIS:
PRE AND INTRA-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT**

surface of bladder
uterus

**BLADDER ENDOMETRIOSIS:
MRI IMAGING**

Figure 2a

**Laparoscopic treatment of
Bladder Endometriosis**

Laparoscopic Scissors
Bladder
Uterus

(Salvatore M, Landi S, Ceccaroni M, et al., Minerva Ginecol 2007; 59:19-25)

Distribution of endometriotic lesions in endometriosis stage IV supports the menstrual reflux theory and requires specific preoperative assessment and therapy

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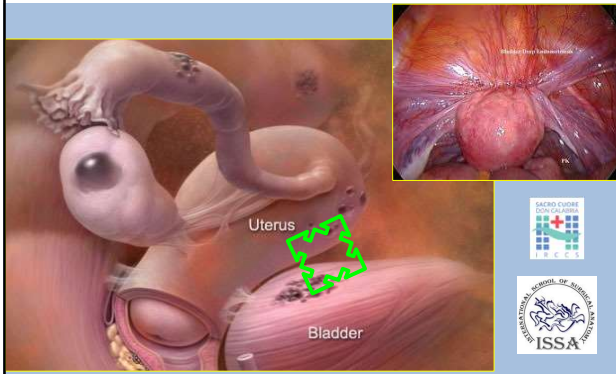
1548 consecutive patients (2006-2009)
10466 lesions analyzed

Prevalence	
1 Left anterior broad ligament	89.91%
2 Right posterior broad ligament	70.26%
3 Left ovary	62.24%
4 Douglas pouch	58.27%
5 Left anterior ligament	56.34%
6 Right ovary	45.19%
7 Right broad ligament	45.66%
8 Bladder (anterior)	42.31%
9 Sigma Rectum (muscularis propria)	34.76%
10 Rectovaginal ligaments	21.51%
11 Root of the broad (muscularis propria)	21.51%
12 Left parametrium	14.53%
13 Vagina	12.34%
14 Left Fallopian tube	11.82%
15 Right parametrium	10.92%
16 Omentum (adenomyosis)	10.01%
17 Peritoneum	9.82%
18 Left anterior broad ligament	9.56%
19 Right Fallopian tube	6.72%
20 Right anterior broad ligament	5.88%
21 Left ovary	5.88%
22 Left round ligament	4.26%
23 Bladder (muscularis propria)	4.26%
24 Right round ligament	3.62%
25 Right ovary	3.62%
26 Diaphragm	0.14%

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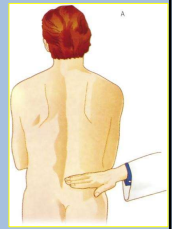
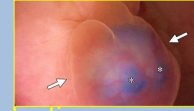
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Bladder Endometriosis: ventral spread of adenomyosis

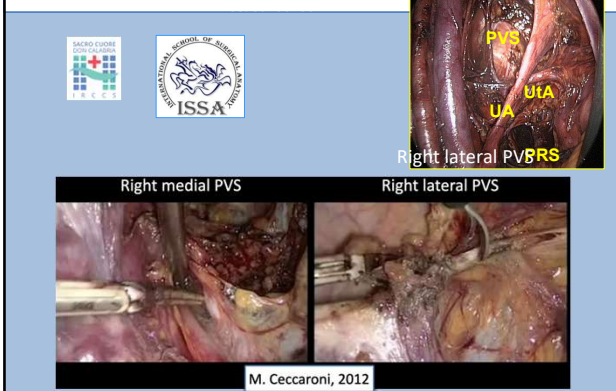


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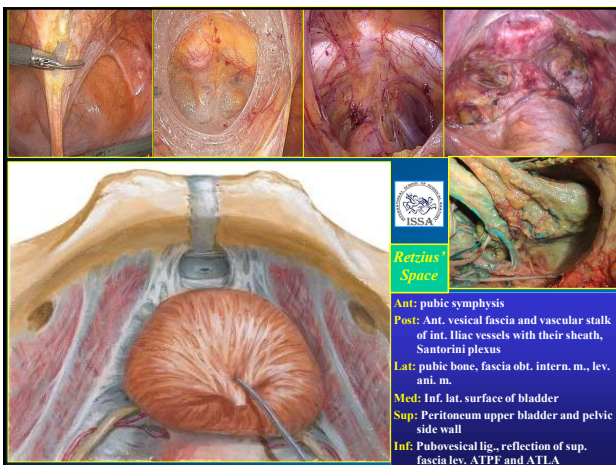
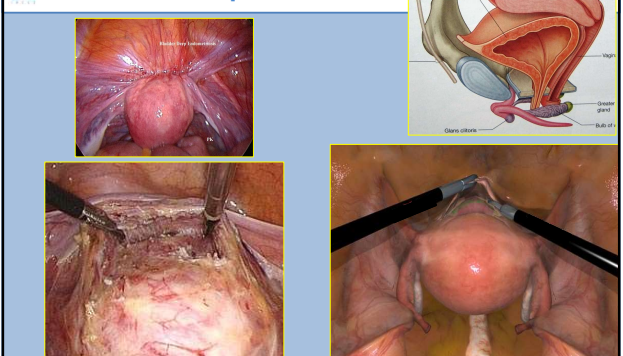
- Clinical findings
 - Ureteral trigger-points pain
 - Positive Giordano's sign
 - Pyelectasia
 - Bladder profile alteration
 - Pelvic mass
- CA125
- Uro CT
- Cystoscopic evaluation
- Transabdominal sonography(TAS)
- Transvaginal sonography(TVS)
- Magnetic resonance imaging(MRI)



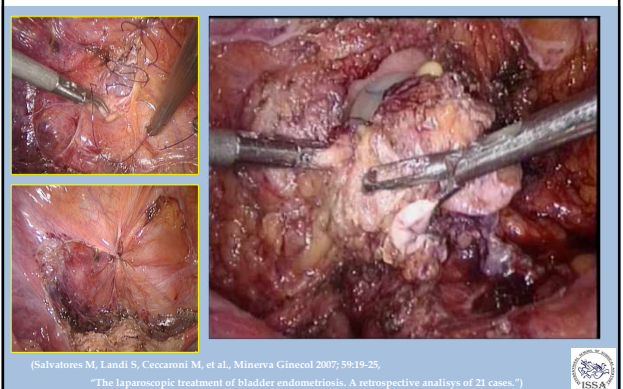
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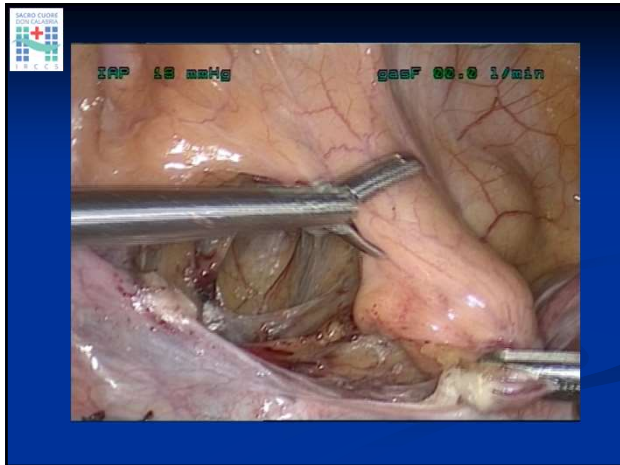
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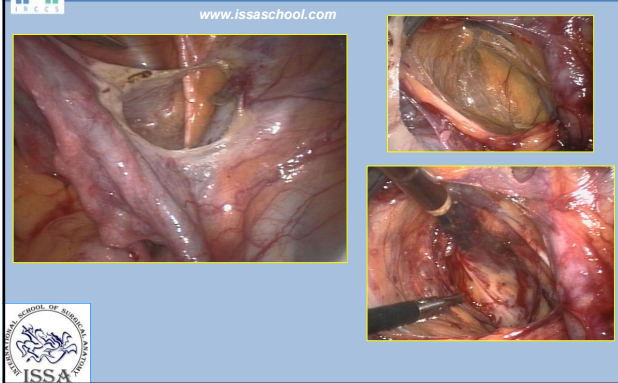
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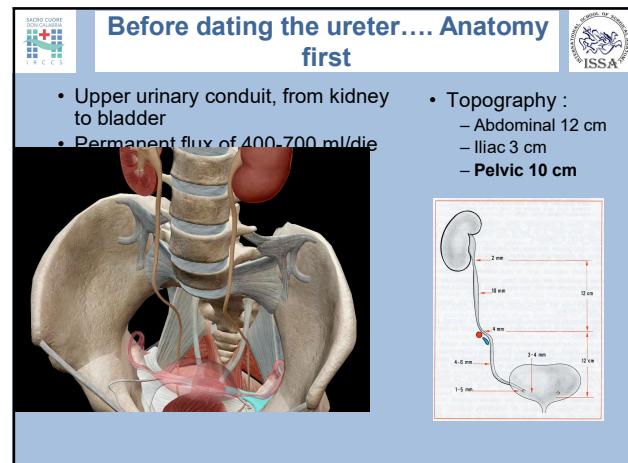
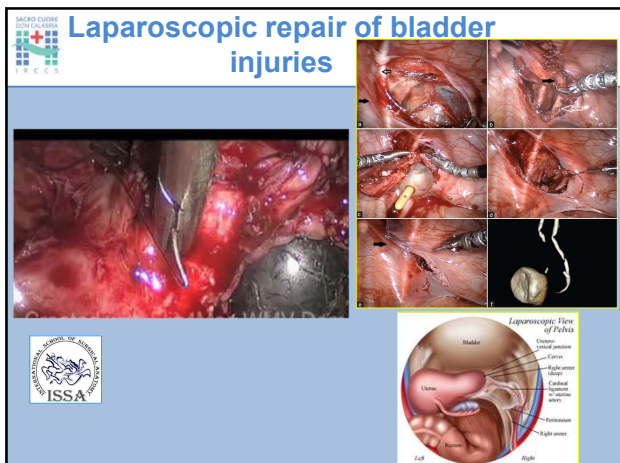
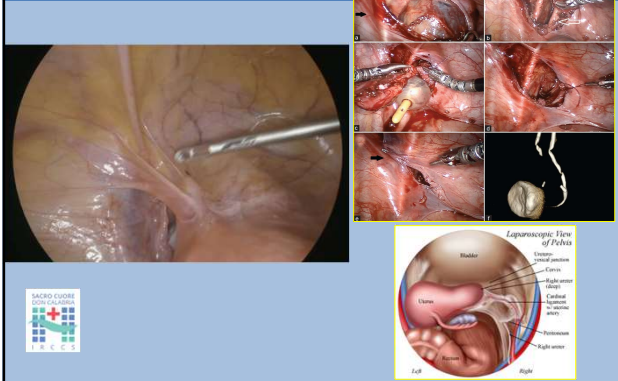
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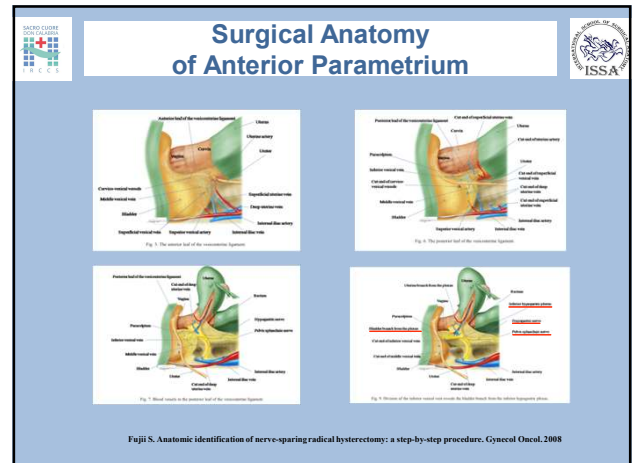
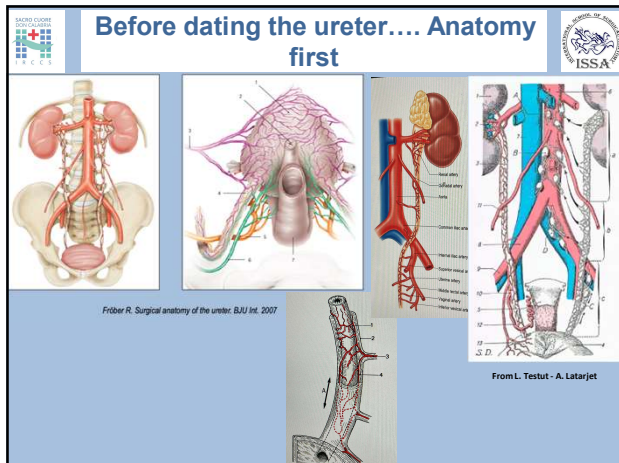


Laparoscopic surgical anatomy of para-vesical spaces



Laparoscopic repair of bladder injuries





BACKGROUND URINARY TRACT ENDOMETRIOSIS

- Urinary tract endometriosis (UTE), once considered a rare clinical entity is now increasingly recognized.
- Despite the true incidence is not precisely determined, recent estimates point to a prevalence of UTE ranging from 0.3% to 6% of cases with endometriosis.
- The most serious urological complication of endometriosis is hydronephrosis secondary to ureteral involvement.
- It has been reported that up to 47% of patients with ureteral endometriosis required nephrectomy at the time of diagnosis.

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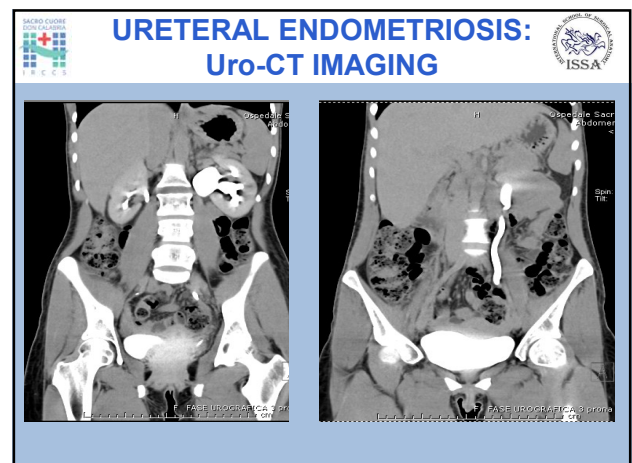
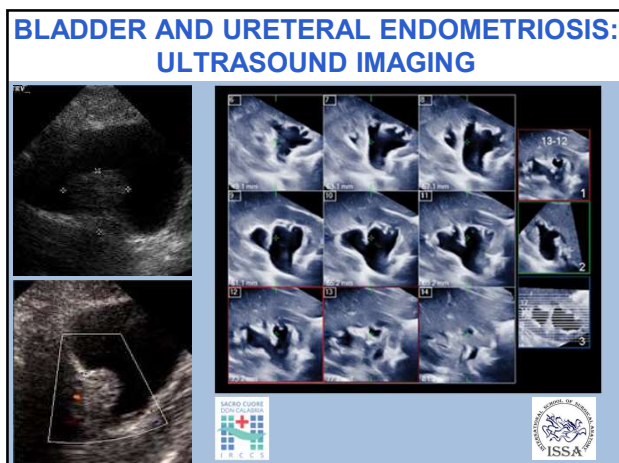
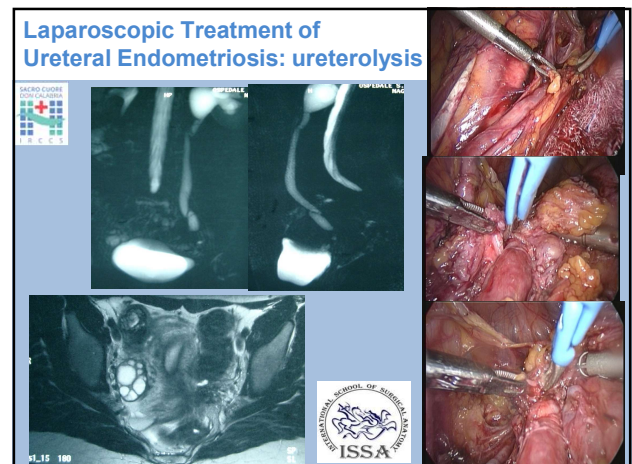
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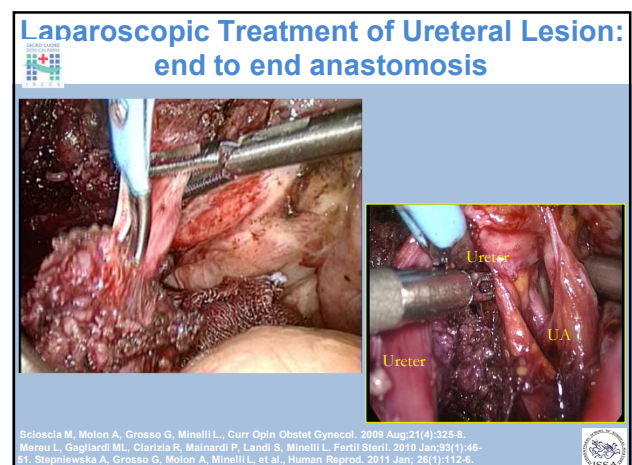
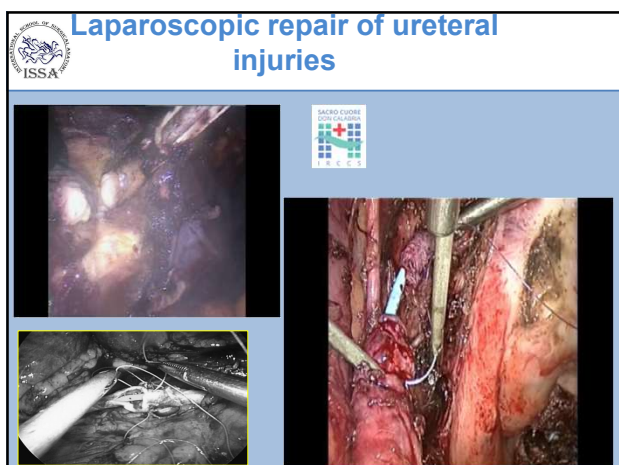
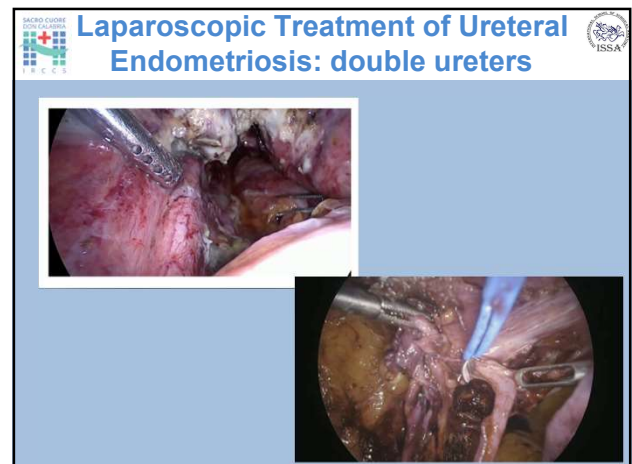
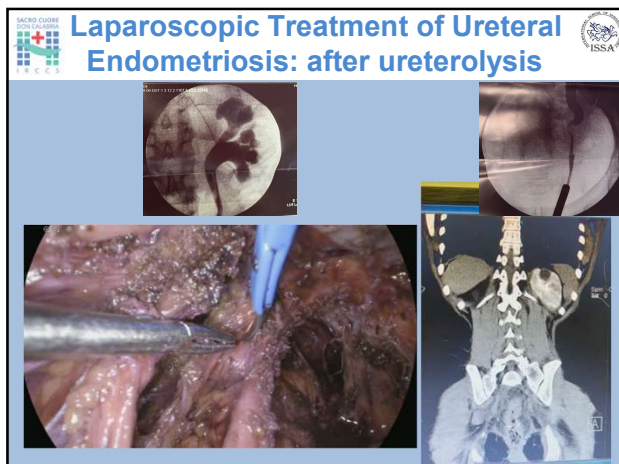
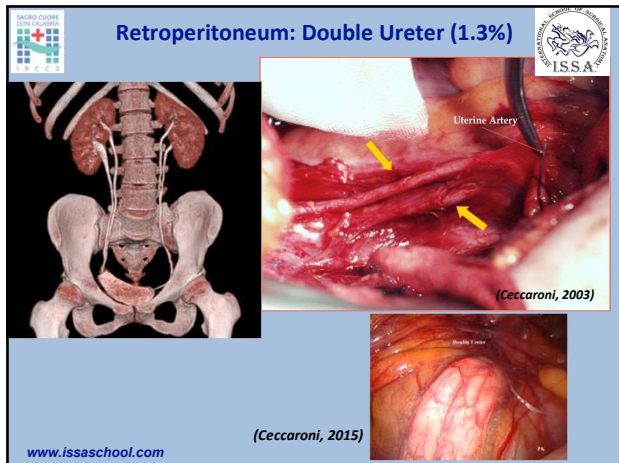
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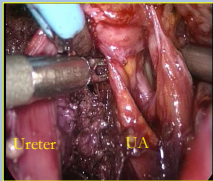
Laparoscopic Treatment of Ureteral Lesion end to end anastomosis

End-to End outcomes

Ureteroureteral anastomosis for endometriosis involving the ureter:
Case series and literature review
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Recent Review identified 151 published cases



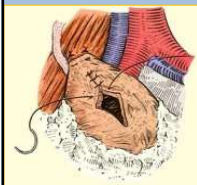
75 Laparoscopic
18 Laparotomy
1 Robotic
57 Unspecified
Operative time 300 min
Recurrence of obstructive uropathy occurred in 11 cases (7.3%)



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Technique: ureteral reimplantation

- Eradication of parametrial endometriosis with distal ureterectomy
- Closing of the vesical outflow (clips or sutures)
- Development of medial paravesical spaces
- Development of Retzius' and Bogros' spaces
- Bladder opening and creation of mucosal tunnel
- Pons hitch
- Double-J stent inserted (if not present)
- Uretero-vesical anastomosis completed using six interrupted sutures in 3/0 Monocryl, or three running sutures (Lich-Gregoire technique)
- Bladder incision was then closed longitudinally with a double suture in 2/0 Monocryl

- Patient's mobilization on day 2
- Pelvic drain removed on day 3 after endovenous blue test
- Foley catheter removed on day 7 after cystography
- If leakage, Foley catheter kept in place for 7-15 days more
- Double-J stent removed after 40 days

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In Summary

- The ureter is mostly a friendly helpful anatomic landmark, but sometimes friends do not do so nice things
- Deep knowledge of macro- and micro-anatomy of the ureter and surrounding anatomy is needed
- Ureterolysis is one of the basic principal skills that gynecologic surgeon needs to master
- Ureter injury is now extremely rare in experienced hands at laparoscopic hysterectomy
- Ureteral endometriosis is often extrinsic, but if intrinsic, then either end-to-end anastomosis or reimplantation are required

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THE PREVENTION

APPARENTLY THEY'RE BETTER THAN THE CURE



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How To Prevent Visceral, Vascular Or Neural Complications In MIS: A Roadmap

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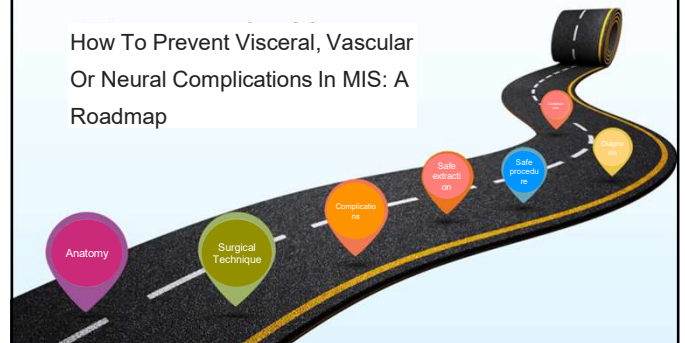
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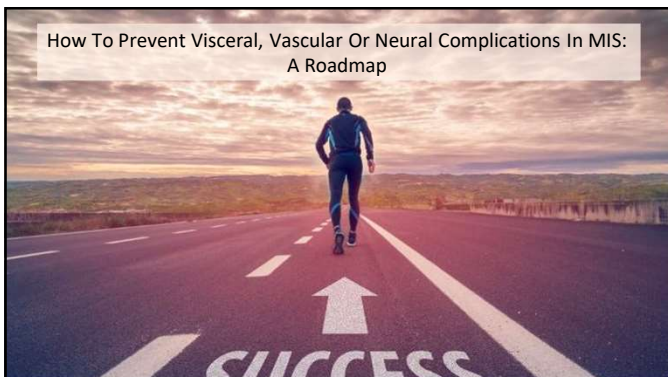
How To Prevent Visceral, Vascular Or Neural Complications In MIS: A Roadmap

- To describe adequate peri-operative management to prevent complications
- To review general complications profile, and the main resources and techniques for a safe pelvic procedure
- To propose a roadmap to guide standardized pelvic approaches and to reduce complications

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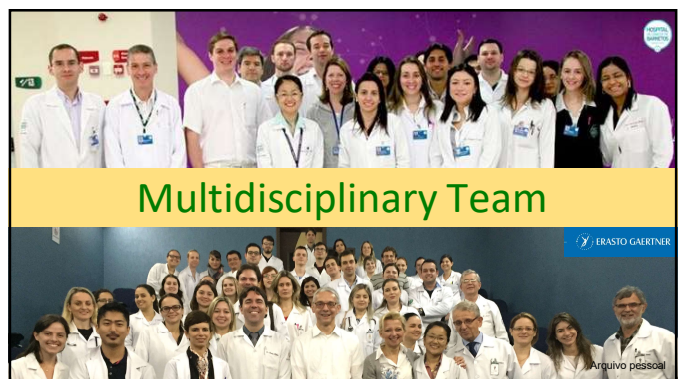
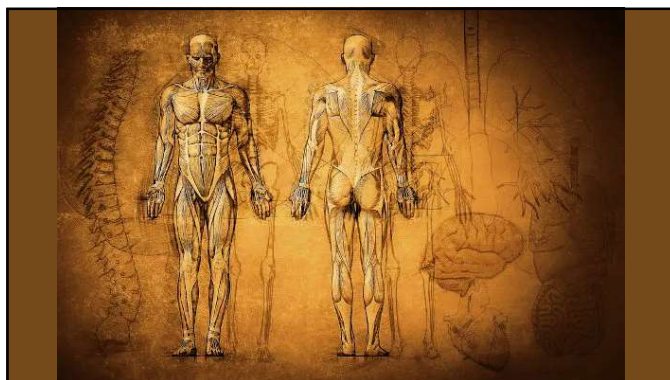
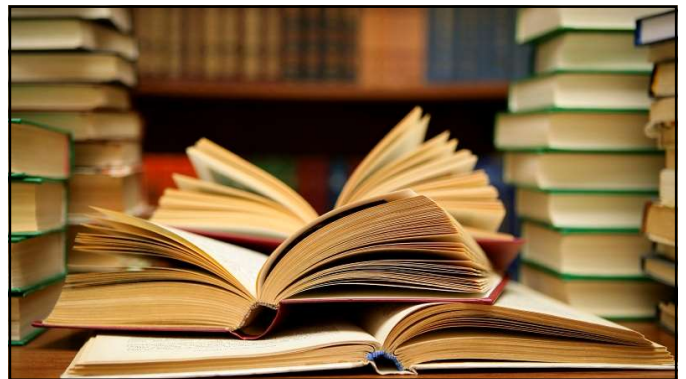
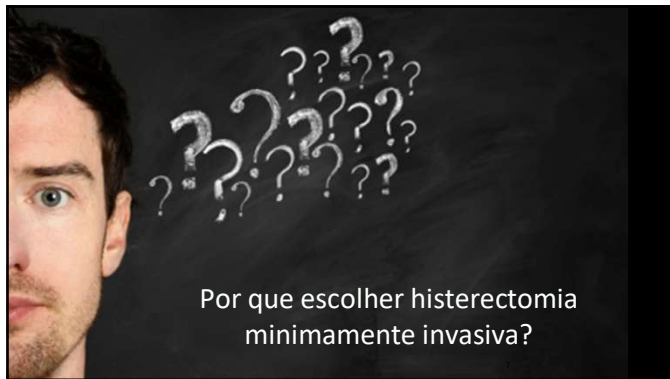
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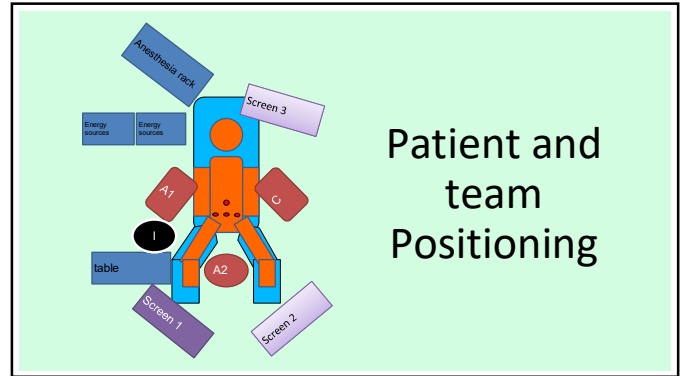
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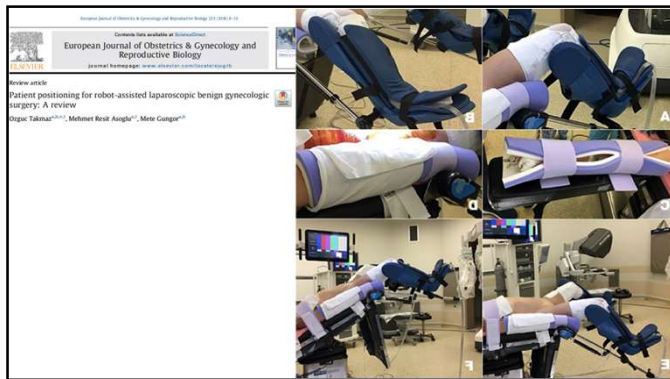
Pre-operatively:

- Review anatomic key elements and surgical technique
- Understand limitations and most common complications
- Organize team and instruments/equipments
- Adequate patient selection
- **Understand that laparotomy does not reduce complications**



Surgical Team





Classification of nerve injury according to the degree severity

Classification	Sunderland [30]	Seddon [31]	Nerve pathology	Pathophysiology	Prognosis
I	Neuropria (Class I)		Possible demyelination at the site of injury No Wallerian degeneration	Focal conduction block	Full recovery within 1 day up to 12 weeks
II	Axonotmesis (Class II)		Some axon injury with Wallerian degeneration Intact endoneurium, perineurium, and epineurium	Complete loss of nerve function at the site of injury and distally	Full recovery (slowly up to 4 months)
III			Axon and endoneurium disruption with Wallerian degeneration Intact epineurium and perineurium	Complete loss of nerve function at the site of injury and distally	Variable (full to incomplete within weeks to months)
IV			Axonal, endoneurium, and perineurium disruption Intact epineurium	Complete loss of nerve function at the site of injury and distally	Unlikely for recovery without surgical intervention
V	Neurotmesis (Class III)		Complete transection or tearing of the nerve (disruption in all nerve layers)	Complete loss of nerve function at the site of injury and distally	No recovery without surgical intervention

Proper patient positioning with appropriate relative angles and padding of upper and lower limb sensitive areas: side view.

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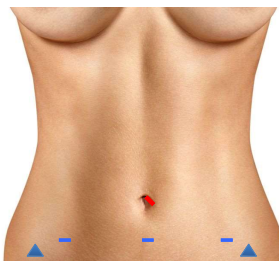
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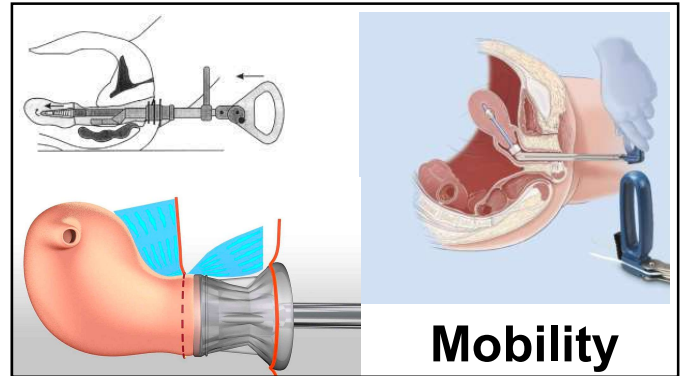
- Adequate ergonomics and use of energy
- Anatomical landmarks identification
- Provide a good uterus mobilization
- When facing a difficult case in the lateral or posterior aspects: pelvic spaces development



Trocar positioning rationale

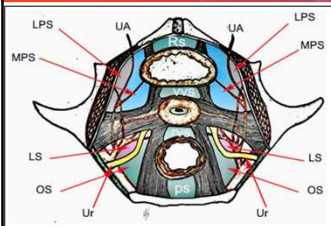


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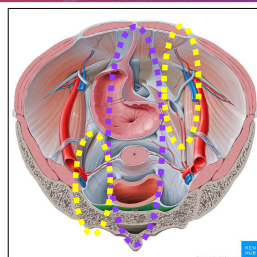


Uterus mobility without manipulator Video

Drive safely through the pelvis – map your pelvic roads



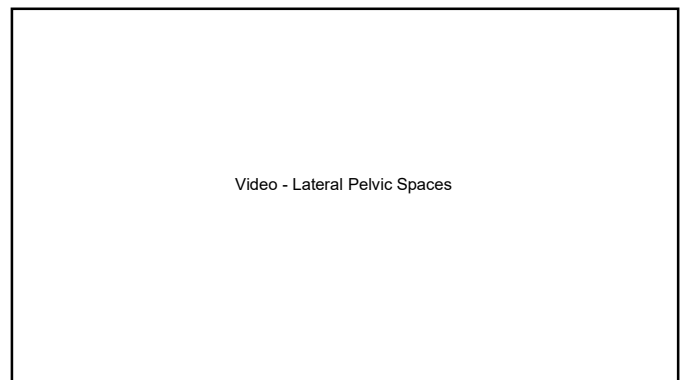
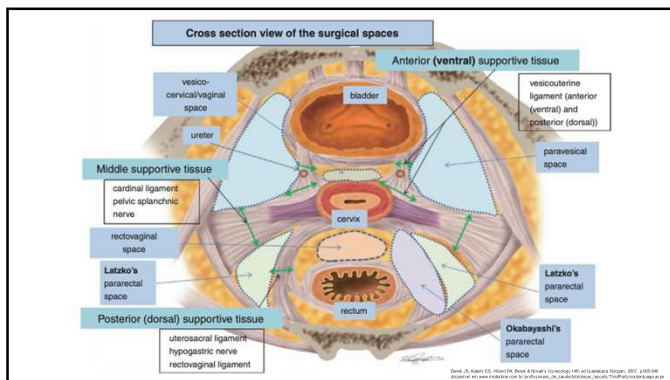
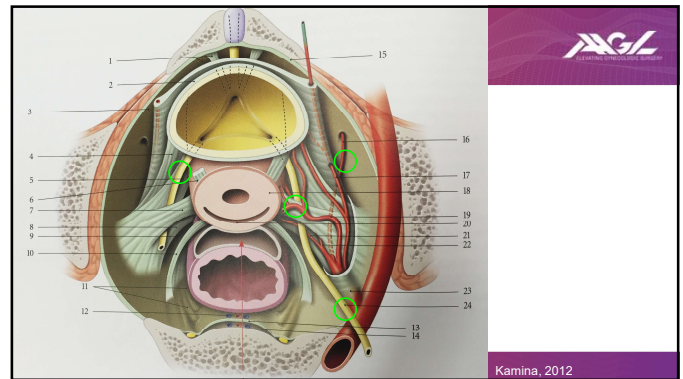
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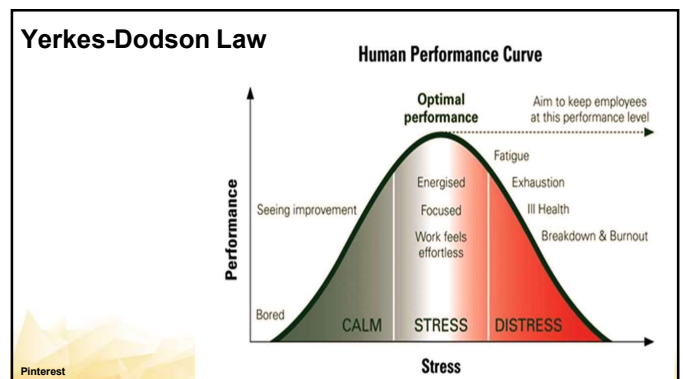
Application of Avascular Spaces			Attention during Dissection
Oncogynecology/Gynecology	Urogynecology	Obstetrics	
Pelvic lymphadenectomy; RH, RVH, SLNB	Burch colposuspension; paravaginal repair	Cesarean hysterectomy; LA/A cerclage	CORM
Anterior exenteration, RH, DE treatment, RVH, SLNB	Ureteric reanastomosis; paravaginal repair	Cesarean hysterectomy; LA/A cerclage	CORM
Pelvic lymphadenectomy; RH, uterine artery ligation, nerve-sparing procedures, RVH, sentinel lymph node biopsy, SLNB	Ureter surgery for DIE or GC	Internal iliac artery ligation	Lateral sacral/hemorrhoidal vessels, pelvic splanchnic nerves
Nerve-sparing procedures, RH, LLUNA procedure, bowel resection for DIE or GC, RVH, SLNB	Ureter surgery for DIE or GC		Middle rectal vessels, TP, hypogastric nerves
Nerve-sparing procedures during DIE or GC	Ureter surgery for DIE or GC		Vesico-uterine ligament vessels
Anterior exenteration, pelvic anterior peritonectomy, bladder endometriosis	MESH removals, ureteric re-implantation, retropubic TVT, anterior vaginal compartment repairs, Burch colposuspension, MMK procedure		Veins of Santorini, Dorsal vein of clitoris



Application of Avascular Spaces			Attention during Dissection
Oncogynecology/Gynecology	Urogynecology	Obstetrics	
TLH, RH, RVH, nerve-sparing procedures, management of DIE, vaginal cuff resection	Vesico-uterine/vaginal fistula repair, bladder/ureter endometriosis, transvaginal cystocele operations, sacrocolpopexy	CS, Cesarean hysterectomy, LA/A cerclage, CS scar ectopic excision	uterine artery, superficial uterine vein, ureter branch of the uterine artery, superior vesical vein, cervicovesical vessels
RH, rectovaginal fistula repair, treatment of pelvic adhesions, bowel resection for DIE	Sacrocolpopexy, uterosacral ligament suspension,		Vaginal, presacral veins, middle rectal vessels
bowel resection for DIE, presacral neurectomy, TME for GC, initiation of para-aortic lymphadenectomy	Sacrocolpopexy, hysterocolpopexy,		Common iliac, middle sacral vessels, inferior mesenteric artery, ureters, superior hypogastric plexus, hypogastric nerves



- How To Prevent Visceral, Vascular Or Neural Complications In MIS: A Roadmap
- Yerkes-Dodson Law and PERFORMANCE
 - COMPLICATIONS are more frequent than we would expect
 - Most COMPLICATIONS are related to simple steps and regular procedures
 - COMPLICATIONS should be adequately prevented, detected and promptly managed



Average incidence rates of intra- and postoperative complications in gynecological laparoscopic procedures (in percent)

Variable	Conventional laparoscopic surgery	Robotic-assisted laparoscopic surgery
Overall (intra- and postoperative period)	0.5–13%	3.2–18.4%
Intraoperative	1.9%	3.2%
Vascular injury	0–1.7%	0–1.7%
Intestinal injury	0.13–0.5%	0.6–2.8%
Urinary tract	0.5–1.7%	1.2–3.5%
Postoperative	13–34%	18.4%
Clavien-Dindo grade 0–2	9%	13.2%
Clavien-Dindo grade 3–4	4%	5.2%
Vaginal cuff dehiscence	0.6–1.3%	1.6%
Port-site metastasis	1.0–1.2%	1.4–1.9%

Mortality of minimally invasive surgical procedures in gynecology (data pooled from [22, 23])

Procedure type	Procedures (n)	Deaths (n)	Deaths, % (95% CI)	Deaths, odds (95% CI)
All MIS procedures	39 183	77	0.26 (0.21–0.33)	1:381 (1:306–1:474)
Any hysterectomy	38 619	77	0.26 (0.21–0.33)	1:379 (1:304–1:472)
Radical hysterectomy	3369	0	0.05 (0.01–0.28)	1:2049 (1:136–1:11 832)
Hysterectomy + lymph nodes	3501	11	0.31 (0.29–0.93)	1:325 (1:109–1:349)
Ovarian cancer	418	0	0.15 (0.01–2.28)	1:665 (1:44–1:10 971)

Conventional laparoscopy:

All laparoscopic procedures	9365	13	0.35 (0.23–0.57)	1:289 (1:175–1:476)
Any hysterectomy	8862	13	0.36 (0.23–0.56)	1:281 (1:169–1:469)
Radical hysterectomy	2442	0	0.05 (0.01–0.4)	1:1862 (1:247–1:13 771)
Hysterectomy + lymph nodes	1334	0	0.05 (0–1.38)	1:2217 (1:63–1:79 448)

RALIS:

All robotic procedures	27 971	54	0.21 (0.16–0.27)	1:476 (1:365–1:619)
Robotic hysterectomy	27 930	54	0.21 (0.16–0.27)	1:476 (1:365–1:626)
Radical hysterectomy	927	0	0.07 (0–1.06)	1:1496 (1:94–1:23 933)

Surgery (CLS + RALIS) for benign indications:

All MIS procedures	124 216	15	0.02 (0.01–0.03)	1:6205 (1:3966–1:10 562)
MIS hysterectomy	119 721	15	0.01 (0.01–0.02)	1:6814 (1:4129–1:11 275)
Laparoscopic hysterectomy	114 790	15	0.01 (0.01–0.02)	1:6799 (1:4309–1:11 249)
All other procedures	5458	0	0.02 (0–1.45)	1:5430 (1:409–1:435 052)
All laparoscopic procedures	118 758	15	0.02 (0.01–0.03)	1:6512 (1:3971–1:10 680)
Sacrocolpopexy (MIS)	864	0	0.08 (0–2.8)	1:1246 (1:361–1:44 700)
Sacrocolpopexy (laparoscopy)	757	0	0.07 (0–5.65)	1:1343 (1:18–1:107 855)
Abdominal surgery	1960	0	0.04 (0–2.3)	1:2245 (1:45–1:113 372)

Thermal effects depending on ESD type:

Energy modality (ESD type)	Working temperature range (°C)	Thermal spread within tissue (mm)
Monopolar	100–400	2–12
Bipolar (conventional)	60–120	2–4
Bipolar (shearwave)	60–100	1–7
Ultrasonic	60–100	1–4
Hybrid (bipolar ultrasonic)	100–120	2–3

ESD = energy-based surgical device

Complications in laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery: adhesions, complications, infection and oral lesions
→ see pp 16–18 (table)

MAUDSLEY AND ROBERTSON: COMPLICATIONS OF HYSTERECTOMY
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Common Complications of Hysterectomy

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n=385

TABLE I.—BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH HYSTERECTOMY

	Abdominal		Vaginal	
	No.	%	No.	%
Preoperative	25	8.8	4	3.9
Postoperative	82	28.8	40	39.6

TABLE II.—ANEMIA ASSOCIATED WITH HYSTERECTOMY

	Abdominal		Vaginal	
	No.	%	No.	%
Preoperative	24	8.4	3	2.9
Postoperative	20	7.0	10	9.9

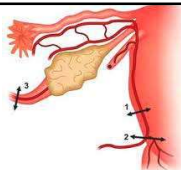
TABLE III.—URINARY TRACT INFECTION ASSOCIATED WITH HYSTERECTOMY

	Abdominal		Vaginal	
	No.	%	No.	%
Preoperative	16	5.6	8	7.9
Postoperative	74	26.0	48	47.5

Review > Clin Anat. 2017 Oct;30(7):946–952. doi: 10.1002/ca.22962. Epub 2017 Aug 22.

Anatomical complications of hysterectomy: A review

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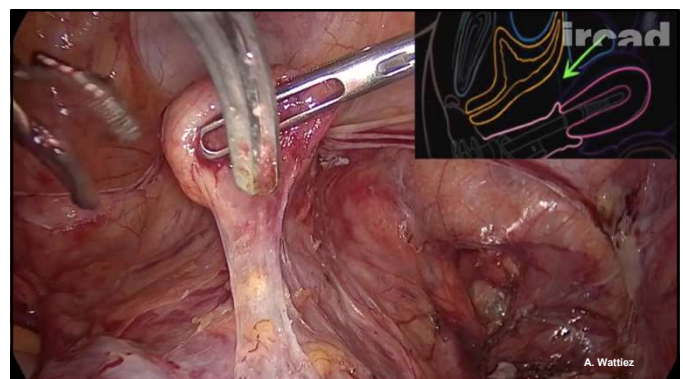
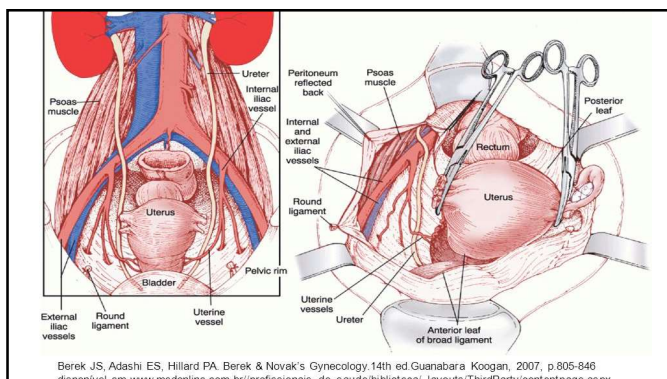
GU tract injuries 1-2% (5,000 cases/year in the USA)

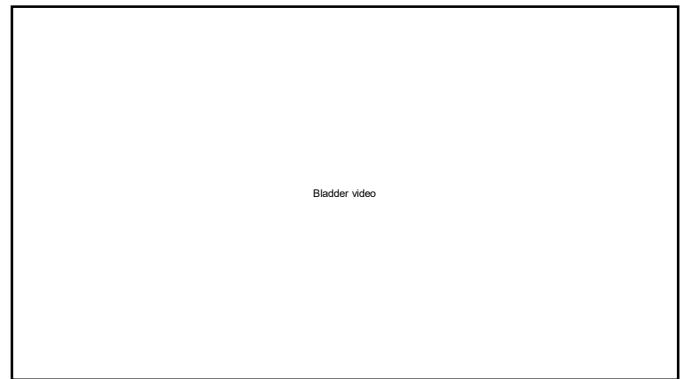
- 0.3-1.2% open
- 0.2-8% laparoscopy
- 0.7-4% vaginal


Bladder - most frequent, mainly during vesico-vaginal space development

Ureter (66% are not detected during the procedure)

****Bladder catheter + adequate plane exposure**





 BMC International journal of Research and Communications	Predictive of major complications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endometriosis • Uterus >1,000cc • BMI>30 • ASA 3-4 			
<p>Complications after benign hysterectomy, according to procedure: a population-based prospective cohort study from the Danish hysterectomy database, 2004-2015</p> <p>1 Abstract 2 Introduction 3 Methods 4 Results 5 Discussion 6 Conclusions 7 Acknowledgements 8 References 9 Appendix 10 Supplementary Materials</p>				
Table 4. Multivariate log-binomial regression for major and minor complications within 30 days of elective benign hysterectomy in Denmark from 2004 to 2015 according to surgical method, stratified by calendar periods				
Method	2004–2009	2010–2015		
	Coded ^a	Imputed ^b	Coded	Imputed
Major complications: multivariate RR (95% CI) by calendar periods				
AH	1.80 (1.56–2.07)*	1.79 (1.55–2.06)*	1.85 (1.55–2.20)*	1.82 (1.53–2.16)*
LH	0.96 (0.75–1.22)	0.95 (0.75–1.22)	0.72 (0.60–0.87)*	0.72 (0.60–0.86)*
VHfp	0.76 (0.47–1.23)	0.77 (0.48–1.24)	0.39 (0.25–0.61)*	0.39 (0.26–0.61)*
VHnp	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Minor complications: multivariate RR (95% CI) by calendar periods				
AH	1.37 (1.23–1.54)*	1.35 (1.21–1.51)*	1.32 (1.15–1.53)*	1.30 (1.13–1.50)*
LH	1.26 (1.06–1.49)**	1.25 (1.05–1.48)**	1.55 (1.36–1.77)*	1.53 (1.33–1.74)*
VHfp	0.93 (0.67–1.31)	0.94 (0.67–1.32)	0.90 (0.67–1.21)	0.90 (0.67–1.20)
VHnp	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref

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Comparing between laparoscopic and abdominal hysterectomy outcomes by time

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Table 3 Outcomes by procedure type

Outcome	Laparoscopic (n = 66,560)	Abdominal (n = 43,261)	p-value
Wound	1378 (2%)	1852 (4%)	<0.001
Cardiac	21 (0.03%)	49 (0.1%)	<0.001
Renal	35 (0.05%)	64 (0.2%)	<0.001
Pulmonary	129 (0.2%)	265 (0.6%)	<0.001
Clotting	198 (0.3%)	238 (0.6%)	<0.001
Sepsis	244 (0.4%)	367 (0.9%)	<0.001
UTI	1268 (1.9%)	770 (1.8%)	0.13
Bleeding	744 (1.1%)	3381 (7.8%)	<0.001
Return to OR	798 (1.2%)	775 (1.8%)	<0.001
LOS ≥ 3 days	1873 (2.8%)	18,376 (42%)	<0.001
Composite	4008 (6%)	6216 (14%)	<0.001

Best Practice & Research Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Robot-assisted laparoscopy in benign gynecology: Advantageous device or controversial gimmick?

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	Robotic	Laparoscopic	Vaginal
Costs	Same	Same	Reduced
Surgical time	154.63 ± 36.57	185.65 ± 42.98	
QOL	Same	Same	Same
Conversion to laparotomy rate	1%	5%	



Strategies to overcome a large uterus

- Higher port placement
- Open or direct vision trocar first entry
- Advanced energy device
- Adequate uterine mobilization
- Ureters: always seen, sometimes dissected rule
- Morcellation (protected whenever possible)
- TEAM WORK!!!!**

Canadian Task Force

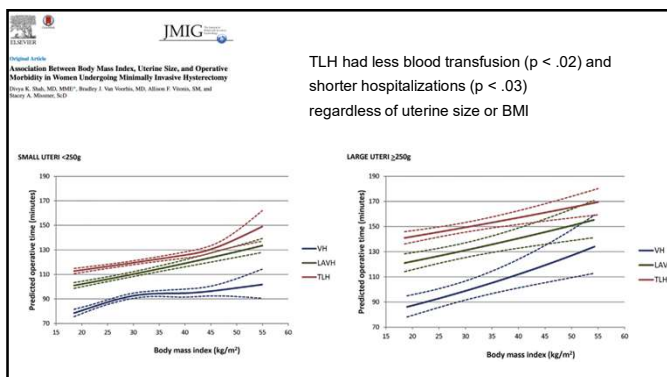
ACS NSQIP database

2005-2012

Total hysterectomy (laparoscopy-assisted vaginal, laparoscopy or vaginal) for benign conditions

n=36,757

Characteristics of 36 757 women undergoing minimally invasive hysterectomy	All n = 36 757	VH n = 10 301 (27.9%)	LAVH n = 10 057 (27.4%)	TLH n = 16 450 (44.8%)
Uterine size >250 g				
No	31 228 (85.0)	9665 (94.3)	8633 (85.8)	12930 (78.6)
Yes	5529 (15.0)	585 (5.7)	1424 (14.2)	3520 (21.4)
Postoperative diagnosis				
Myomas and uterine pathology	11 499 (31.3)	3670 (35.7)	3182 (31.6)	6667 (40.4)
Bleeding	8612 (23.4)	2308 (22.5)	2487 (24.7)	3817 (23.2)
Prolapse	6439 (17.5)	4470 (43.6)	845 (8.4)	1124 (6.8)
Endometriosis or pelvic pain	5617 (15.3)	906 (8.8)	1988 (19.8)	2723 (16.6)
Other gynecologic conditions	2716 (7.4)	742 (7.2)	855 (8.5)	1119 (6.8)
Adnexal pathology	1147 (3.1)	63 (0.6)	449 (4.5)	635 (3.9)
Nongynecologic conditions	296 (0.8)	13 (0.1)	108 (1.1)	175 (1.1)
Prophylactic	451 (1.2)	78 (0.8)	143 (1.4)	210 (1.3)



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SEER cohort

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2014-2015

Hysterectomy for benign conditions

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n=27,167

Complications were related to uterus size

Uteri >500cc were >30% more likely to have complications (vs <100cc), **OR 1.34, p<0.001**
 >700cc almost 60%, **OR 1.58, p<0.001**
 >1,000cc more than >80%, **OR 1.85, p<0.001**

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TABLE 1
Demographics and surgical characteristics of women undergoing hysterectomy for nongynecologic cancer reasons from 2014 through 2015, stratified by uterine weight

	≤100 g 8625 (31.8%)	101–500 g 15,023 (55.3%)	>500 g 3519 (13.0%)
Admit year, n (%)			
2014	3812 (44.2)	6761 (45.0)	1620 (46.0)
2015	4813 (55.8)	8262 (55.0)	1899 (54.0)
Procedure type, n (%)			
Abdominal	1283 (14.9)	3585 (23.9)	2608 (74.1)
Vaginal	2464 (28.6)	2010 (13.4)	37 (1.1)
Laparoscopic	4878 (56.6)	9428 (62.8)	874 (24.8)

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Complications were higher in laparotomy

TABLE 2
Incidence of postoperative complications after hysterectomy, stratified by surgical approach

Complication, n (%)	Overall 27,167	Abdominal 7476 (28%)	Vaginal 4511 (17%)	Laparoscopic 15,180 (56%)
Gastrointestinal	296 (0.8)	127 (1.7)	30 (0.7)	69 (0.5)
Genitourinary	75 (0.3)	22 (0.3)	14 (0.3)	39 (0.3)
Infectious	1403 (5.2)	439 (5.9)	271 (6.0)	693 (4.6)
Cardiac	17 (0.1)	10 (0.1)	2 (0.0)	5 (0.0)
Vascular	864 (3.2)	576 (7.7)	78 (1.7)	210 (1.4)
Respiratory	68 (0.3)	43 (0.6)	8 (0.2)	17 (0.1)
Neurological	378 (1.4)	105 (1.4)	71 (1.6)	202 (1.3)
Readmission	860 (3.3)	283 (3.9)	122 (2.9)	455 (3.1)
Death	10 (0.0)	7 (0.1)	1 (0.0)	2 (0.0)
Any complication, n (%)	2822 (8.1)	1153 (15.4)	436 (9.7)	1233 (8.1)

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Complications were higher in laparotomy

Open hysterectomy = 15% complications

Open hysterectomy + uterus <250cc = OR 2.05
 Open hysterectomy + uterus 250-500cc = OR 1.76
 Open hysterectomy + uterus >500cc = OR 1.35

VS

Laparoscopic hysterectomy 8% complications

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FIGURE
Abdominal hysterectomy had higher probability of complications compared to laparoscopic hysterectomy

Predicted probability of complication, percent, after hysterectomy, stratified by surgical approach.

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Urinary Tract Injury in Gynecologic Laparoscopy for Benign Indication
 A Systematic Review

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Table 1. Incidence of Laparoscopic Lower Urinary Tract Injury by Type of Procedure

Procedure Type	No. of Surgeries	Total LUT Injury		Ureter Injury		Bladder Injury		No. of Studies
		n	% (95% CI)	n	% (95% CI)	n	% (95% CI)	
TLH	86,683	122	0.1 (0.1–0.2)	31	0.04 (0.03–0.05)	91	0.1 (0.1–0.1)	37
LAVH	24,257	247	1.0 (0.9–1.2)	50	0.2 (0.2–0.3)	197	0.8 (0.7–0.9)	42
LSH	5,452	19	0.4 (0.2–0.6)	6	0.1 (0.1–0.3)	13	0.2 (0.1–0.4)	10
LH NOS	1,590	28	1.8 (1.2–2.6)	3	0.2 (0.1–0.6)	25	1.6 (1.1–2.3)	8
Adnexal surgery	6,905	9	0.1 (0.1–0.3)	6	0.09 (0.04–0.2)	3	0.04 (0.01–0.1)	10
Endometriosis resection	4,275	17	0.4 (0.3–0.6)	17	0.4 (0.3–0.6)	0	—	7
Major surgery NOS*	1,644	8	0.5 (0.2–1.0)	0	—	8	0.5 (0.2–1.0)	4
Minor surgery NOS†	2,257	3	0.1 (0.04–0.4)	0	—	3	0.1 (0.04–0.4)	7
NOS	3,235	5	0.2 (0.1–0.4)	1	0.03 (0.0–0.2)	4	0.1 (0.1–0.3)	4
Total	140,444	458	0.33	114	0.08	344	0.24	90

Nerve sparing key points			
Radical hysterectomy			
Nerve at risk	Anatomico-surgical « hot-spot »	Consequences of damage	How to avoid
Hypogastric nerve and inferior hypogastric plexus	US ligament division	Complex urinary, and sexual disorders	Check and retract laterally from the US
Splanchnic (usually + hypogastric)	Cardinal ligaments section		Keep dissecting cranially from the DUV
Vesical branches of the plexus	Bladder pillar and vesico vaginal ligament		Keep dissecting medially to the vesical nerve

Courtesy of E Leblanc



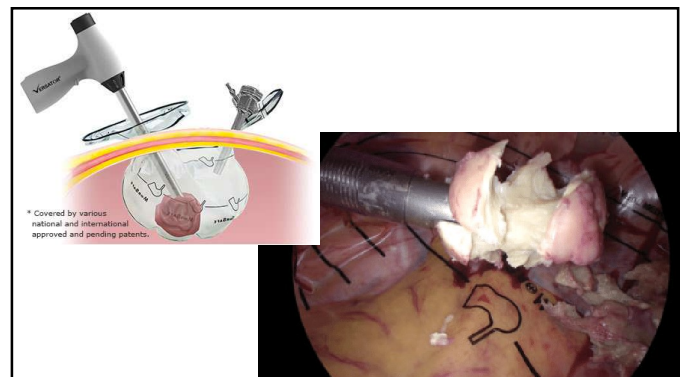
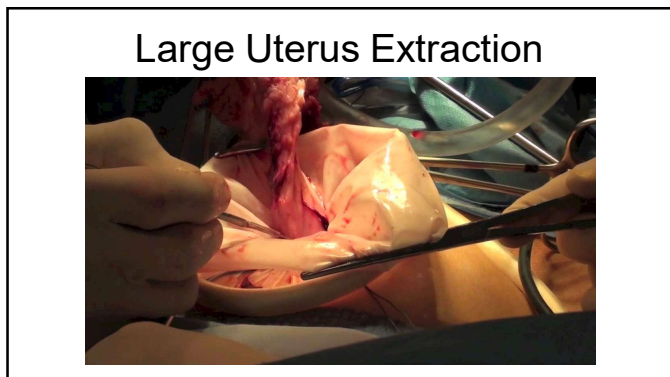
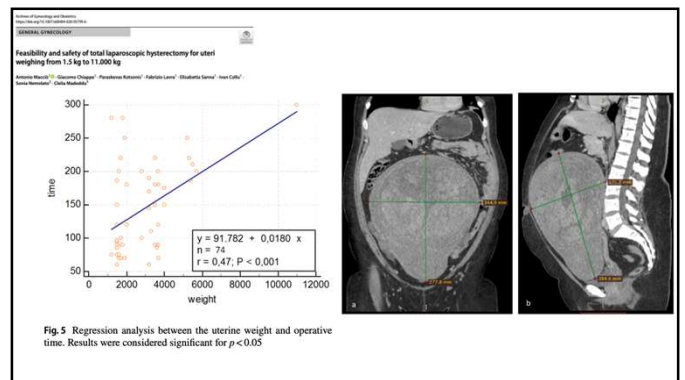
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GENERAL GYNECOLOGY

Feasibility and safety of total laparoscopic hysterectomy for uteri weighing from 1.5 kg to 11,000 kg

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N=78
Median weight = 2,000g
 Estimated blood loss = 100 mL (range 10–700 mL)
 Operating time = 135 min (range 60–300 min)
 Hospital stay = 2 days (range 2–5 days)
 Conversion to laparotomy in 4 patients (5.1%)
 One intraoperative complication = ureteral injury (grade III) - uterus 11,000g
 “extracorporeal intrauterine morcellation” through a low transverse minilaparotomy



CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY & IMPLICIT BIAS

The California Medical Association (CMA) announced new standards for Cultural Linguistic Competency and Implicit Bias in CME. The goal of the standards is to support the role of accredited CME in advancing diversity, health equity, and inclusion in healthcare. These standards are relevant to ACCME-accredited, CMA-accredited, and jointly accredited providers located in California. AAGL is ACCME-accredited and headquartered in California.

CMA developed the standards in response to California legislation ([Business and Professions \(B&P\) Code Section 2190.1](#)), which directs CMA to draft a set of standards for the inclusion of cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) and implicit bias (IB) in accredited CME.

The standards are intended to support CME providers in meeting the expectations of the legislation. CME provider organizations physically located in California and accredited by CMA CME or ACCME, as well as jointly accredited providers whose target audience includes physicians, are expected to meet these expectations beginning January 1, 2022. AAGL has been proactively adopting processes that meet and often exceed the required expectations of the legislation.

CMA CME offers a variety of resources and tools to help providers meet the standards and successfully incorporate CLC & IB into their CME activities, including FAQ, definitions, a planning worksheet, and best practices. These resources are available on the [CLC and IB standards page](#) on the CMA website.

Important Definitions:

Cultural and Linguistic Competency (CLC) – The ability and readiness of health care providers and organizations to humbly and respectfully demonstrate, effectively communicate, and tailor delivery of care to patients with diverse values, beliefs, identities and behaviors, in order to meet social, cultural and linguistic needs as they relate to patient health.

Implicit Bias (IB) – The attitudes, stereotypes and feelings, either positive or negative, that affect our understanding, actions and decisions without conscious knowledge or control. Implicit bias is a universal phenomenon. When negative, implicit bias often contributes to unequal treatment and disparities in diagnosis, treatment decisions, levels of care and health care outcomes of people based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability and other characteristics.

Diversity – Having many different forms, types or ideas; showing variety. Demographic diversity can mean a group composed of people of different genders, races/ethnicities, cultures, religions, physical abilities, sexual orientations or preferences, ages, etc.

Direct links to AB1195 (CLC), AB241 (IB), and the B&P Code 2190.1:

[Bill Text – AB-1195 Continuing education: cultural and linguistic competency.](#)

[Bill Text – AB-241 Implicit bias: continuing education: requirements.](#)

[Business and Professions \(B&P\) Code Section 2190.1](#)

CLC & IB Online Resources:

[Diversity-Wheel-as-used-at-Johns-Hopkins-University-12.png \(850×839\) \(researchgate.net\)](#)

[Cultural Competence In Health and Human Services | NPIN \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Cultural Competency – The Office of Minority Health \(hhs.gov\)](#)

[Implicit Bias, Microaggressions, and Stereotypes Resources | NEA](#)

[Unconscious Bias Resources | diversity.ucsf.edu](#)

[Act, Communicating, Implicit Bias \(racialequitytools.org\)](#)

<https://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/implicit-bias-training>

<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/racial-and-ethnic-disparities-in-obstetric-and-gynecologic-care-and-role-of-implicitbiases>

<https://www.contemporaryobgyn.net/view/overcoming-racism-and-unconscious-bias-in-ob-gyn>

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34016820/>