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Hernia & Mesh

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Objectives

- Definition
- Anatomy
- Precipitating factors
- Types
- Management and repair
- Mesh
- Types and difference
- Application







Clinical types of Hernia

- 1. **reducible hernia** is one in which the contents of the sac return to the abdomen spontaneously or with manual pressure when the patient is recumbent.
- 2. **irreducible hernia** is one whose contents or part of contents cannot be returned to the abdomen, without serious symptoms. hernias are trapped by the narrow neck



Clinical types continued...

incarcerated hernia: is one whose contents cannot be returned to the abdomen, with severe symptoms.

strangulated hernia: denotes compromise to the blood supply of the contents of the sac.

incarcerated hernia and strangulated hernia are the two stages of a pathologic course

- Richter's hernia: (intestinal wall hernia) a hernia that has strangulated or incarcerated a part of the intestinal wall without compromising the lumen.
- Sliding hernia: is one in which the wall of a viscera forms a portion of the wall of the hernia sac. It is may be stomach (hiatal hernia) colon, cecum or bladder. Belongs to irreducible hernia



Indirect Inguinal Hernia

Hernia through the inguinal canal

Direct Inguinal Hernia

The sac passes through a weakness or defect of the transversalis fascia in the posterior wall of the inguinal canal

Femoral Hernia

Hernia medial to femoral vessels under inguinal ligament

Umbilical Hernia

Hernia through the umbilical ring

Epigastric Hernia

Protrusion of extraperitoneal fat through the linea alba anywhere between the xiphoid process and the umbilicus

Incisional Hernia

Hernia through an incisional site



upper abdomen at midline

 at site of previous surgical incision

Direct inguinal near the opening of the inguinal canal

- at the navel

Indirect inguinal

 at the opening of the inguinal canal Femoral
 occur in the femoral canal







INDIRECT HERNIA

Inguinal Hernias - Anatomy



Causes of Hernias

 Any condition that increases the pressure of the abdominal cavity may contribute to the formation or worsening of a hernia.

o Obesity

- Heavy lifting
- Coughing
- Straining during a bowel movement or urination
- Chronic lung disease
- Fluid in the abdominal cavity

• Hereditary



Groin Hernias

• Incidence:

- Groin hernias are found in 5% of male population.
- Represents 86% of all hernia cases.
- It occurs 5 times more often in males than females.
- Inguinal 96% (indirect 75%, direct 25%).
- Femoral 4%.



Indirect Versus Direct inguinal hernias

Indirect Inguinal Hernia	Direct Inguinal Hernia
Pass through inguinal canal.	Bulge from the posterior wall of the inguinal canal
Can descend into the scrotum.	Cannot descent into the scrotum.
The defect is not palpable (it is behind the fibers of the external oblique muscle).	The defect may be felt in the abdominal wall above the pubic tubercle.
After reduction: the bulge appears in the middle of inguinal region and then flows medially before turning down to the scrotum.	After reduction: the bulge reappears exactly where it was before.
Common in children and young adults. The most common hernia	Common in old age.



How Repair?

- 1. Open primary repair
- 2. Open repair with mesh
- 3. Laparoscopic repair with mesh



How I DO It

- Open with primary repair
 Thin young woman
 Reoccurrence
 - o Smaller than a finger tip



How I do It

Open with mesh

- o Small defect
- Larger than fingertip
- o Mesh
- Wound infection a bit higher
- o Less pain





MESH DESIGN

- Knitted, interlocks each fiber junction
- Two way elastic, adaptation to various stresses



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Application of Mesh











In humans the intra-abdominal pressure ranges from 0,2kPa (resting) to 20 kPa (maximum).



REGULAR MESH

- Polypropylene
- Monofilament
- **Synthetic**
- Non absorbable
- retains its strength indefinitely
- Pore Size: 0.85mm
- 120 Gr/Sqm Weight
- Burst Strength: 12Kg/SqCm = 1176 Kpa



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LIGHT MESH

- Polypropylene
- Monofilament
- **Synthetic**
- Non absorbable
- retains its strength indefinitely
- Pore Size: 1.5-2mm
- **55** Gr/Sqm Weight
- Burst Strength: 10 Kg/SqCm = 980 Kpa



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COMPOSITE MESH

- Polypropylene + PGA
- **Synthetic**
- 50% absorbable + 50% Absorbable
- retains 50% Strength
- Pore Size: 1.2 mm
- **55** Gr/Sqm Weight
- Burst Strength: 10 Kg/SqCm = 980 Kpa

