

2025 AUA Review Course: Urologic Trauma, Urethral Stricture Disease, and Male Stress Incontinence

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Urotrauma: AUA Guideline

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Urotrauma Guideline 2020: AUA Guideline

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Case

- S.D. 24-year-old falls from skateboard
- Gross hematuria x 2, voiding easily, no clots, painless
- Large ecchymotic area noted on R flank
- HCT 28, Cr 1.2
- **Stable**



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Adult BLUNT Renal Trauma:

Who Needs Immediate Imaging?

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Renal – whom to image

1. “...Perform diagnostic imaging with IV contrast enhanced CT in stable blunt trauma patients with gross hematuria or microscopic hematuria and SBP < 90mmHG”.

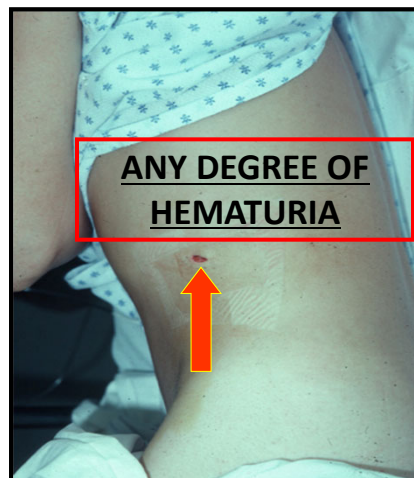
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Also a quick word about nomenclature for this talk...

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Penetrating Trauma: Higher Index of Suspicion



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Renal Imaging for Signs and Symptoms

2. "...Perform diagnostic imaging with IV contrast enhanced CT in stable trauma patients with mechanism of injury or PE findings concerning for renal injury".

(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

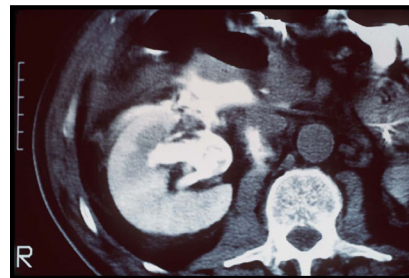
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Renal Trauma Staging (CT): Immediate and Delayed Phases

2 Phase Contrast CT

- Vascular (30-45 sec)
- Excretory (5-10 min)



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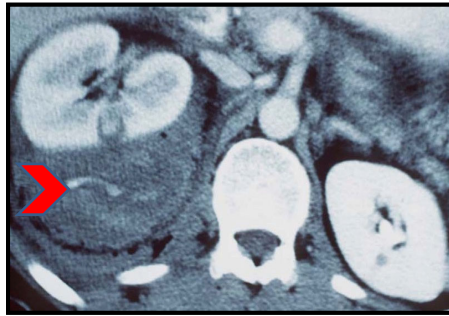
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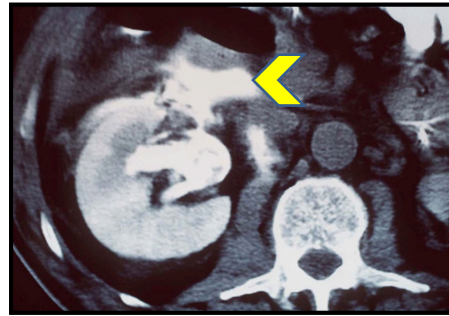
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Renal Trauma Imaging: Abd/Pelvic CT with Immediate + Delayed Views



Intravascular Contrast
Extravasation



Urinary Extravasation



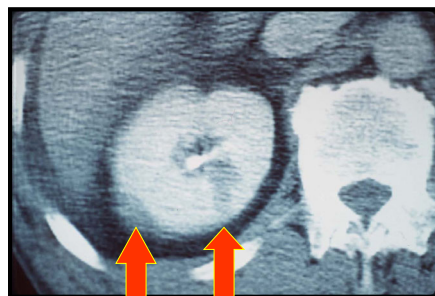
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Grade 1 & Grade 2 Injury: Observation

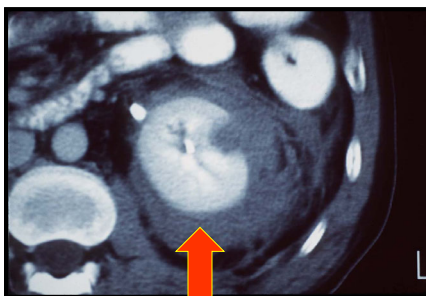
Grade 1



Contusion

Subcapsular hematoma

Grade 2



Perinephric hematoma

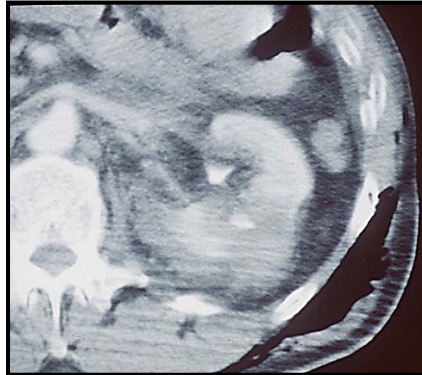
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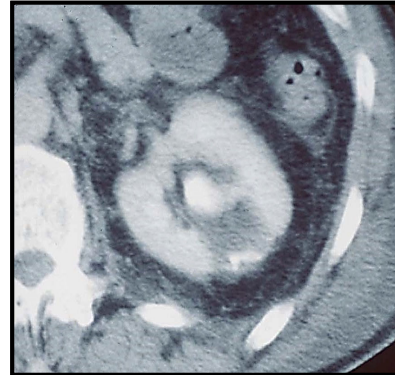
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Blunt Grade 3 Injury: Observe



> 1 cm

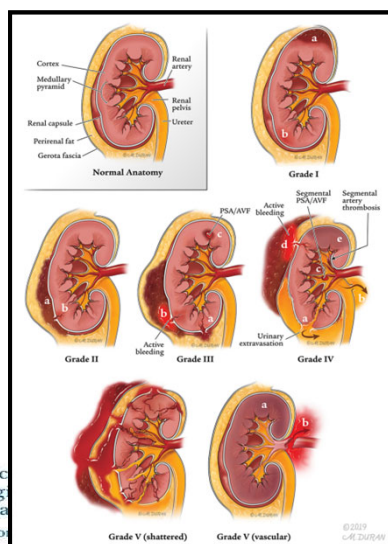


1 week later

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Definitions Evolve Over Time



2018 AAST Update: Here are the Big Ones to Know

Grade IV:

- Laceration into urinary collecting system
- Segmental artery/vein injury or thrombosis
- Renal Pelvis Injury

Grade V:

- Shattered kidney
- Main renal artery or vein injury / avulsion

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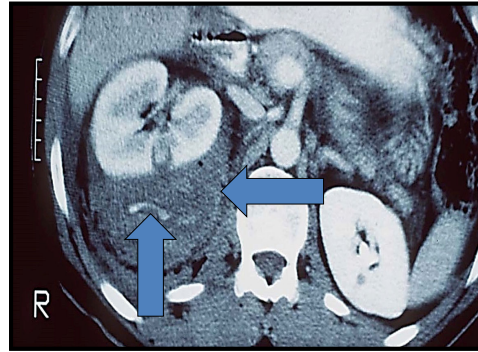
Grade 4 Lacerations More Variable

(And thus more likely “Testable” ...)

Grade 4



Grade 4



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Trauma/Reconstruction/Diversion

American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Grade 4 Renal Injury Substratification Into Grades 4a (Low Risk) and 4b (High Risk)

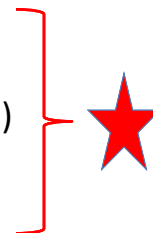
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3 Risk Factors:

1. Perirenal hematoma ≥ 3.5 cm
2. Complex/medial laceration
3. Intravascular Contrast Extravasation (ICE)

Low risk: 0 or 1 risk factor

High risk: ≥ 2 risk factors



Dugi et al, J Urology 2010;183

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High Grade Renal Injuries: Application of Parkland Hospital Predictors of Intervention for Renal Hemorrhage

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Risk factors in 115 patients by intervention

	Intervention	No Intervention	p Value
No. pts	8	107	—
Median gm/dl initial hemoglobin (IQR)	12 (10–14)	14 (12–15)	0.23 (Wilcoxon rank sum test)
No. perinephric hematoma (%):			0.0399 (Fisher exact test)
Greater than 3.5 cm	4 (27)	11 (73)	
3.5 cm or Less	4 (4.0)	96 (96)	
No. laceration (%):			0.45 (Fisher exact test)
None	1 (7.1)	13 (93)	
Medial	3 (8.6)	32 (91)	
Lat	0	25 (100)	
Complex/both	4 (9.8)	37 (90)	
No. vascular extravasation (%):			<0.001 (Fisher exact test)
Yes	6 (27)	16 (73)	
No	2 (2.2)	91 (98)	
No. risk factors (%):			<0.001 (Cochran-Armitage trend test)
0	1 (3.4)	28 (97)	
1	1 (1.5)	66 (99)	
2	2 (18)	9 (82)	
3	4 (50)	4 (50)	

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External Validation of a Substratification of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma Renal Injury Scale for Grade 4 Injuries

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Table 1. Patient Demographics, Stratified by Presence of High-Risk Criteria

Characteristic	0-1 Risk factors (n = 68)	>2 Risk factors (n = 19)	All patients (n = 84)	p Value
Mean age, y (SD)	32.1 (18.9)	34.9 (22.4)	32.7 (19.6)	0.63
Sex, n (%)				0.43
Male	41 (62)	13 (72)	54 (64)	
Female	25 (38)	5 (28)	30 (36)	
Mean ISS (SD)	28.2 (17.3)	27.6 (13.1)	28.1 (16.4)	0.88
AAST Grade 4, n (%)				0.001
Laceration	54 (99)	14 (78)	79 (94)	
Hilar injury	1 (2)	4 (22)	5 (6)	
Severely injured, n (%)	18 (43)	7 (30)	25 (30)	0.79
Intervention, n (%)	4 (6)	10 (56)	14 (17)	<0.001
Nephrectomy	1 (2)	2 (11)	3 (4)	0.05
Angiography only	2 (3)	2 (11)	4 (5)	0.15
Angioembolization	0	5 (28)	5 (6)	<0.001
Mean length of stay, d (SD)	9.4 (12.7)	12.1 (16.3)	10.0 (13.5)	0.52
Readmission, n (%)	2 (3)	3 (17)	5 (6)	0.03
Mean follow-up, mo (SD)	1.9 (3.0)	2.1 (2.4)	2.0 (2.9)	0.76
Renal loss, n (%)	7 (11)	6 (33)	13 (16)	0.11
Death, n (%)	5 (8)	1 (6)	6 (7)	0.77

AAST, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; ISS, Injury Severity Score.

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Guideline Update 2020

Guideline Statement 5b

5b. For hemodynamically unstable patients with radiographic findings of large perirenal hematoma (>4 cm) and/or vascular contrast extravasation in the setting of deep or complex renal laceration (AAST Grade 3-5), surgeons should perform immediate intervention (angioembolization or surgery). (Recommendation; Evidence Strength; Grade C)

****New Guideline Statement 2020****

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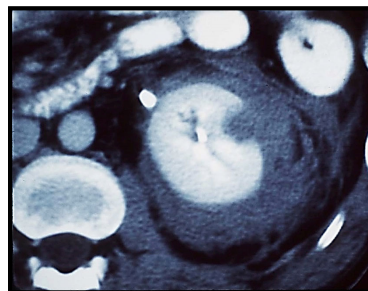
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Renal Trauma Management

4. Should use non-invasive management if hemodynamically stable (**Standard, Grade B**)



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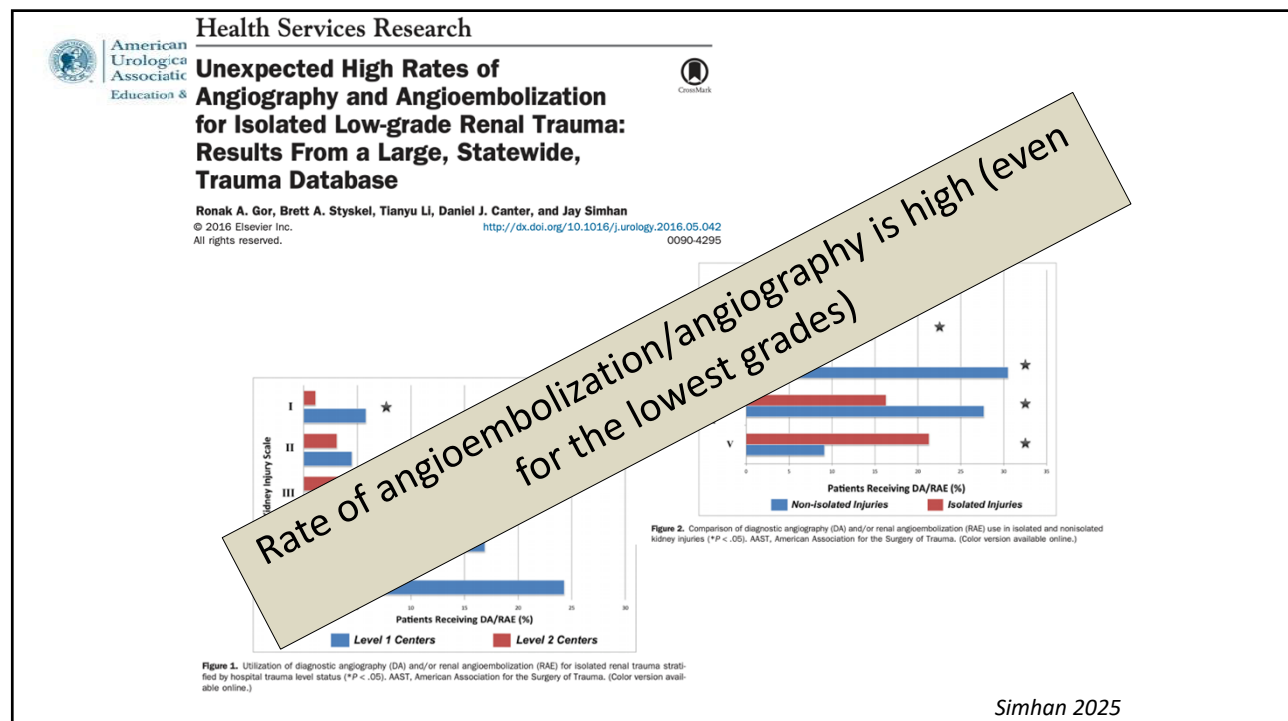
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Renal

5. Must perform immediate intervention (surgery or angioembolization in selected situations) in hemodynamically unstable patients with no or transient response to resuscitation. **(Standard; Evidence Strength: Grade B)**

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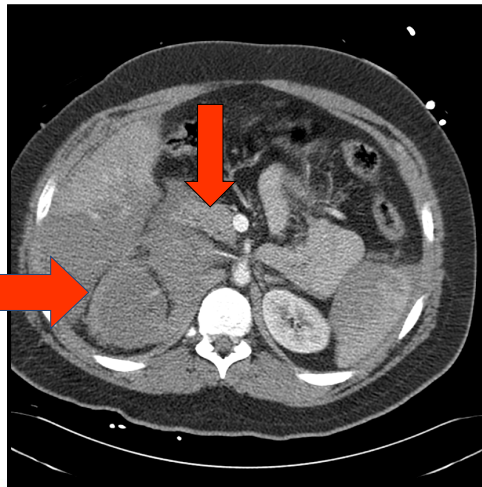
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What Is Your Diagnosis? (Hint: MVA, Deceleration Injury)

Assess the clues:

See Renal Hilum

Right Kidney Lacks
Arterial Inflow



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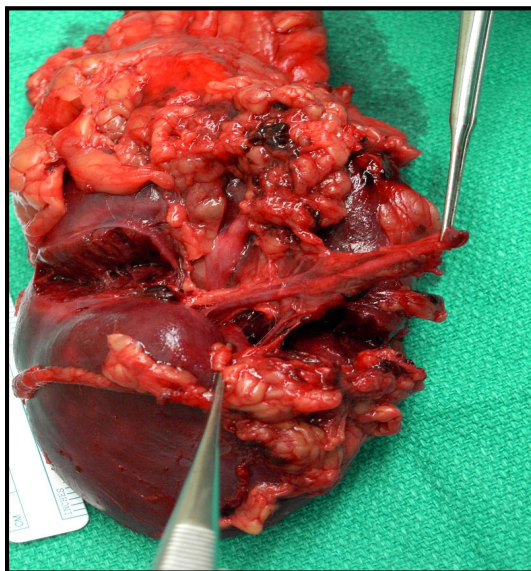
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Renal Pedicle Avulsion



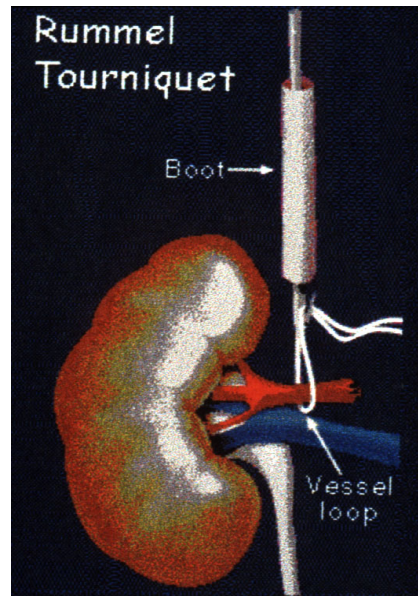
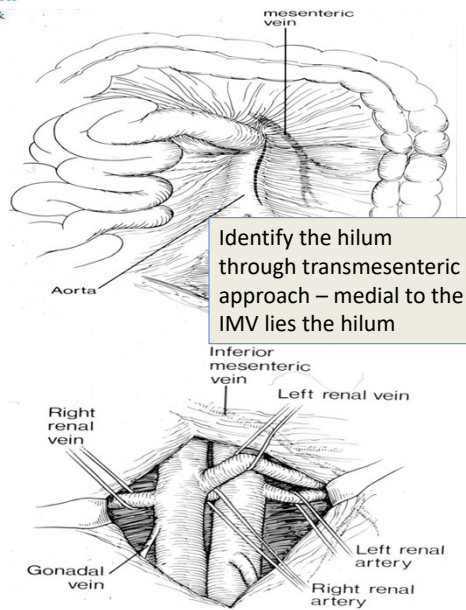
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Vascular control



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Is Follow-up Renal Imaging Necessary?

7. ...Perform follow-up CT imaging for renal trauma patients having either
 - (a) Deep lacerations (AAST Grade IV-V)
 - (b) Clinical signs of complications
(i.e. fever, worsening flank pain, ongoing blood loss, abdominal distention)**(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)**

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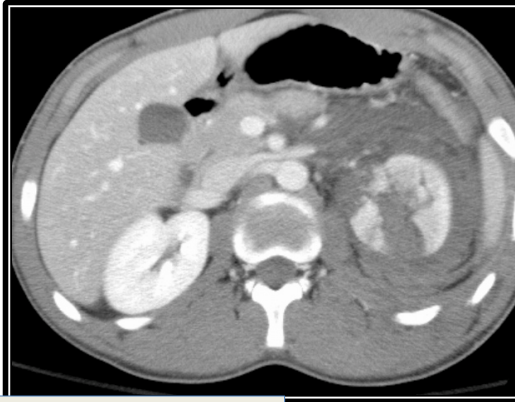
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Grade 3 Renal Injury after MVA

Perinephric hematoma + No extrav. on delayed images

Treatment?

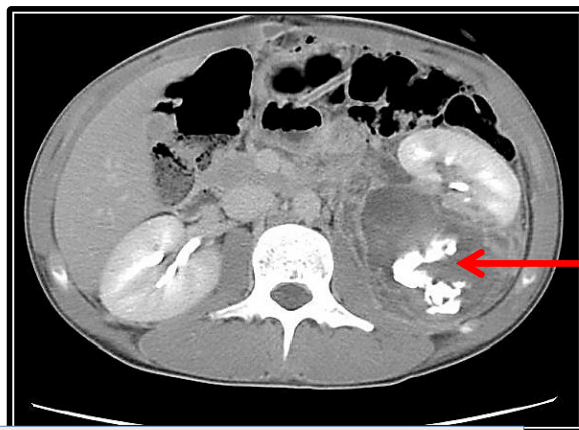


Note: You cannot determine the grade injury with this CT scan image alone – you need to know if there is urinary extravasation or not (if there was extravasation, this would be a grade 4 injury)

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Follow Up CT at 72 Hrs for Fever



Active Urinary
Extravasation

Note: By AUA guidelines, the reason to get imaging is due to clinical deterioration. If Grade IV or V injury (not the case here), should get repeat imaging reflexively.

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Interventions for Renal Injury Complications

8. “Perform urinary drainage in the presence of complications such as:

- enlarging urinoma, fever
- increasing pain
- ileus, urinary fistula or infection”

(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)



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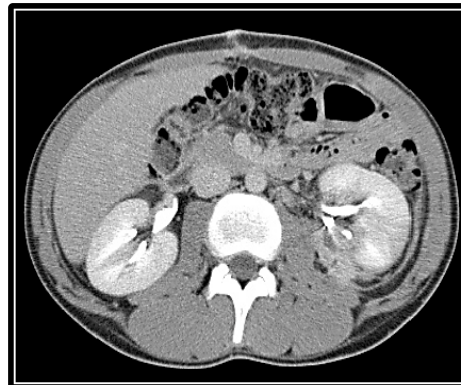
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Post Embolization: Stent, Foley, Drain



1 Month Later

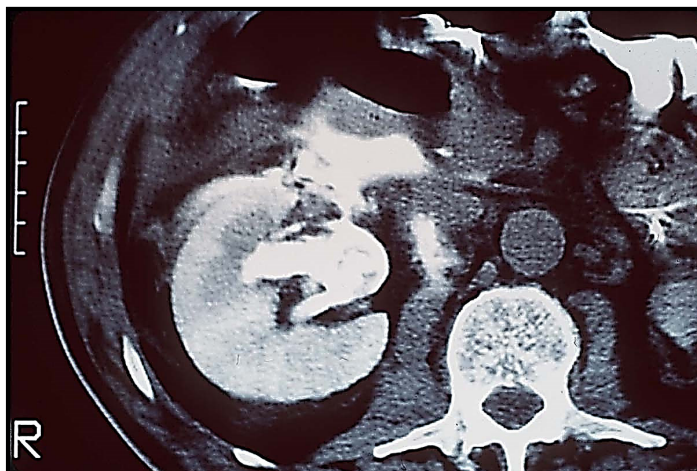
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Urinary Extravasation: Usually Safely Observed – but needs to resolve!



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Nonoperative Management Outcomes of Isolated Urinary Extravasation Following Renal Lacerations Due to External Trauma

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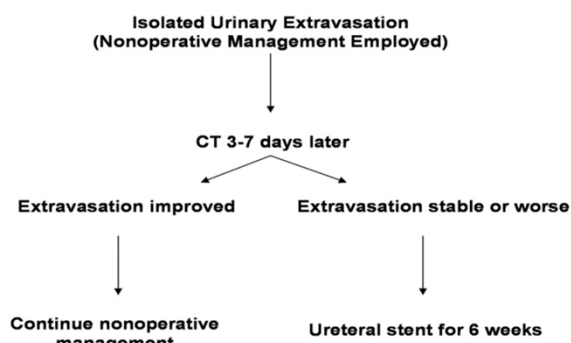


FIG. 1. Management algorithm for isolated urinary extravasation following renal trauma.

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Critical Points for Kidney Trauma

- Know the AAST – Grades dictate treatment
- Stabilize the patient – save nephrons when possible!
- Angiography/Surgery for unstable patients
- Reimage higher grade injuries after 48-72 hrs



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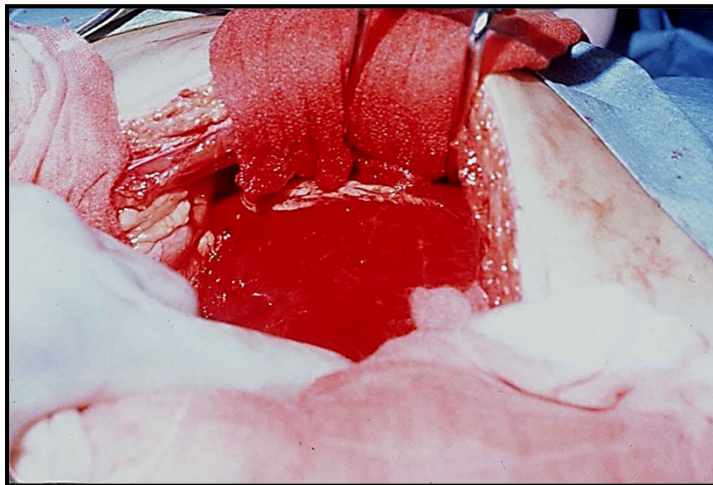
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Intraoperative Consult: Retroperitoneal Hematoma?



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Indications for Renal Exploration

Absolute

- Hemodynamic instability
- **Expanding pulsatile** hematoma
- Major injury solitary kidney

Relative

- Non-viable tissue
- **Persistent** Urinary extravasation
- Renal artery
- Surgery for associated injury

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IntraOp One Shot IVP

- Bolus injection of contrast 2cc/kg
- Plain film after 10 minutes
- Confirms presence of contralateral kidney
- May have to wait longer longer for hypotensive patient. (Spiral CT problem)

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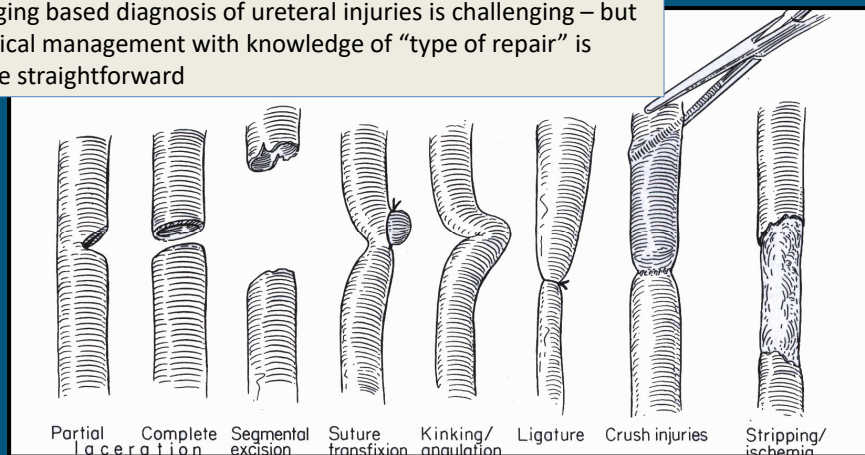
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Many Ureteral Traumas are Iatrogenic

Imaging based diagnosis of ureteral injuries is challenging – but surgical management with knowledge of “type of repair” is more straightforward



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Ureteral Trauma Imaging

9a. Clinicians should perform **IV contrast enhanced abdominal/pelvic CT with delayed imaging** (urogram) for stable trauma patients with suspected ureteral injuries. **(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)**



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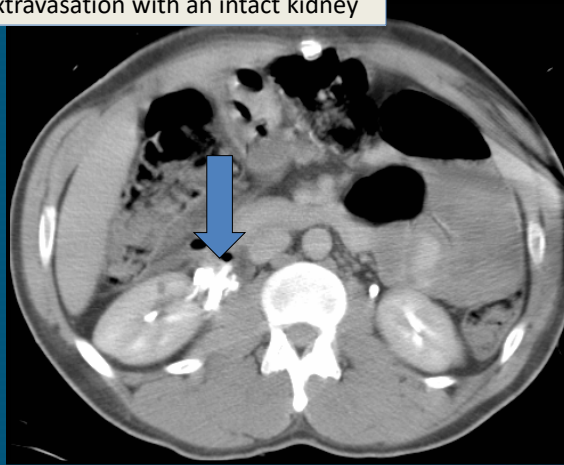
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CT More Sensitive Than IVP: Should Include 10 Minute View

Notice ureteral extravasation with an intact kidney



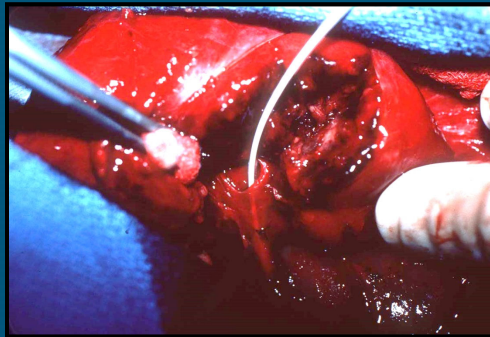
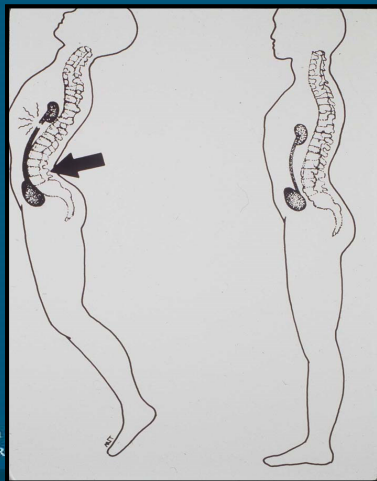
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UPJ Disruption – usually in peds and rapid deceleration event



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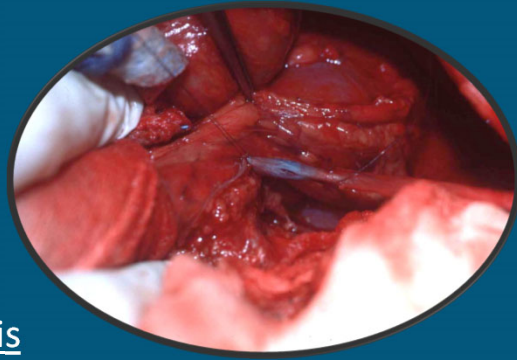
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Ureteral Injury Diagnosis: Surgical Exploration

- IV or intra-ureteral indigo
- Contused or bruised ureter
- Wall discoloration, no capillary refill, no bleeding edge
- Most reliable method is direct inspection



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Ureter

9b. “...Directly inspect the ureters during laparotomy in patients with suspected ureteral injury who have not had preoperative imaging” (Clinical Principle)

- Direct exploration is the “best” method to diagnose intraoperative ureteral injury
- Best imaging study = Retrograde pyelogram



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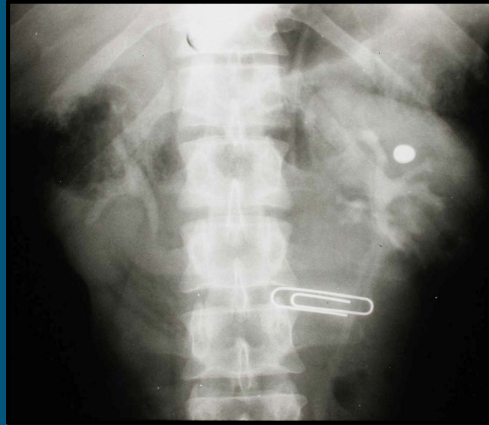
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False Negative IVP

IVP is a notoriously poor study to diagnose traumatic ureteral injury

This patient had a “negative IVP” but was found to have a ureteral transection



LUQ GSW → > 50% Ureteral Transection



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Ureteral Stent for Traumatic Injury

11a. Surgeons **should attempt** ureteral stent placement in patients with incomplete ureteral injuries diagnosed postoperatively or in a delayed setting. **(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)**



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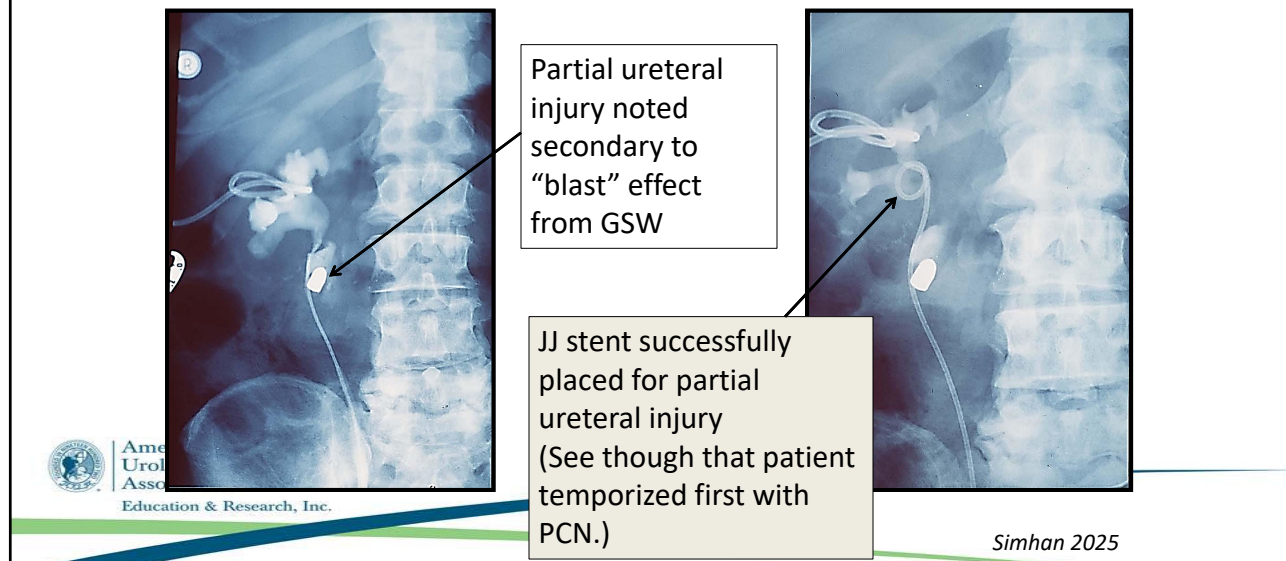
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Endoscopic Management



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Ureteral Contusion

10c. "Surgeons should manage traumatic ureteral contusions at the time of laparotomy with ureteral stenting or resection and primary repair (EPA) depending on ureteral viability and clinical scenario".

(Expert Opinion)

- Stent OK if low-velocity GSW
- Resect and repair if contusion severe

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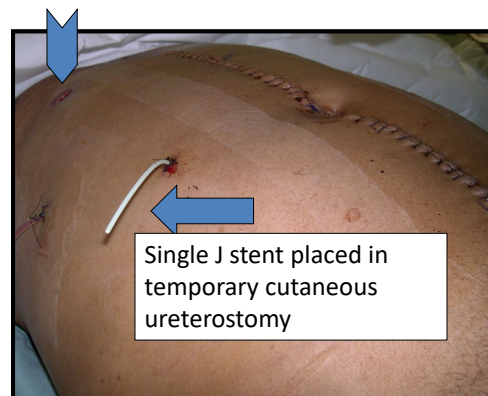
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Timing of Ureteral Repair: When Is Injury Recognized?

- Intraoperative
 - Immediate repair preferred
- < 5 days & stable
 - Retrograde pyelogram + Stent preferred
 - Immediate repair OK if complex
- 5 or more days—complications more likely
 - Stent or nephrostomy
 - Drain urinoma
 - Delayed reconstruction

Ureteral Injury: Damage Control

- Single J stent diversion (distal suture)
- Ligation + PCN, delayed reconstruction



[J Urol 2005;173:1202-1205](#)

PCN for Ureteral Injury

11b. Surgeons should perform percutaneous nephrostomy with delayed repair as needed in patients when stent placement is unsuccessful or not possible.
(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

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Ureteral Fistulae: T or F?

Ureteral fistulae (ureterovaginal and uretero-uterine) often close spontaneously after stent placement alone.

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Ureteral Fistulae: **True**

Ureteral fistula (ureterovaginal and uretero-uterine) often close spontaneously after stent placement alone.

(now in Updated 2020 AUA Guidelines as well –
Guideline 11c)

Br J Urol 1993;65:453

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Principles of Ureteral Repair

- Debride non-viable tissue
- Wide spatulation
- Tension-free
- Watertight closure
- Stent
- Peri-ureteral drainage (+/-)

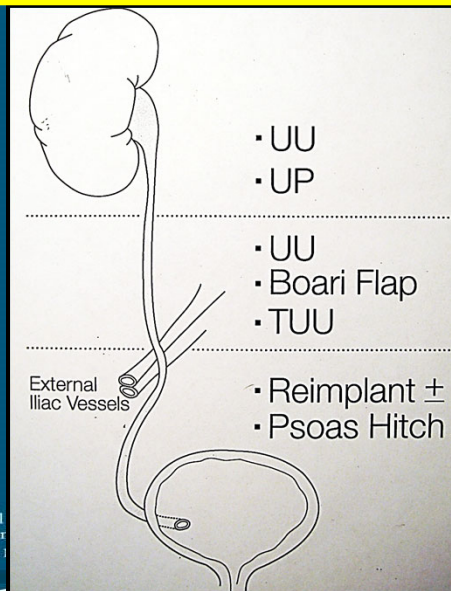
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Involved Ureteral Segments



Repair Type by Injury Location

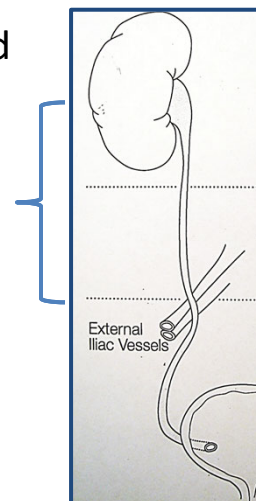
TUU usually a exam distractor;
Not the answer

Following slides represent index cases with examples

Ureteral

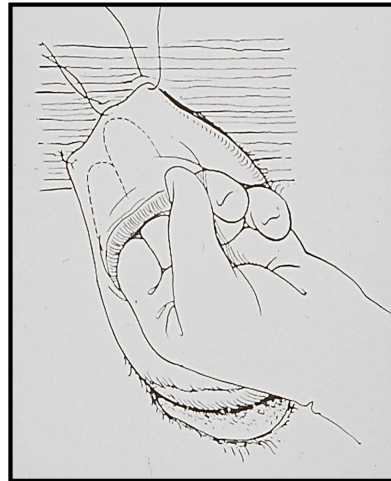
12a. "...Repair ureteral injuries located proximal to the iliac vessels with primary repair [U-U] over a ureteral stent, when possible".

(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)





Ureteral Reconstruction Cases



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Psoas Hitch

58 y/o male, history of right mid-distal stricture
after history of multiple stone related
endoscopic procedures



Note antegrade
contrast administration
terminates at the level
of the iliac vessels

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Psoas Hitch Ureteroneocystostomy

- Highly reliable: 85+% long-term success
 - Hence why distal uretero-ureterostomy doesn't make much sense
- Iatrogenic, traumatic inj
- Caution
 - Genitofemoral nerve
 - Femoral nerve (deep)



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Pearls of Psoas Hitch Reimplant

- Mobilize contralateral superior bladder
- Hitch bladder prior to reimplantation-- straight ureteral tunnel with 2 to 4 sutures (absorbable)
- Refluxing, spatulated anastomosis, stent

Marshall, J Urol, 1997



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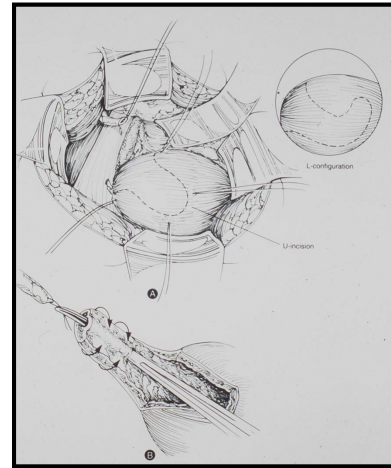
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Boari Flap Reimplant

- Lower 2/3 (L4-5)
- May compromise bladder volume
- **MUST PERFORM HITCH**
- Not too narrow (flap necrosis)
- Planned, delayed repair best

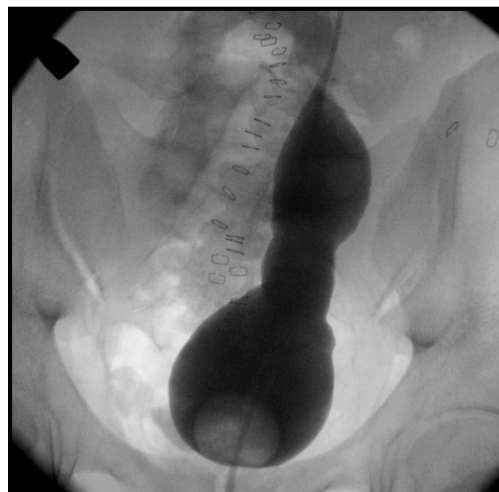


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How High Can a Boari Go?

Prior to extensive mobilization of bladder and Boari reconstruction, adequate capacity (>300 cc) should be ensured and patients ought to be counseled on possible change in voiding patterns



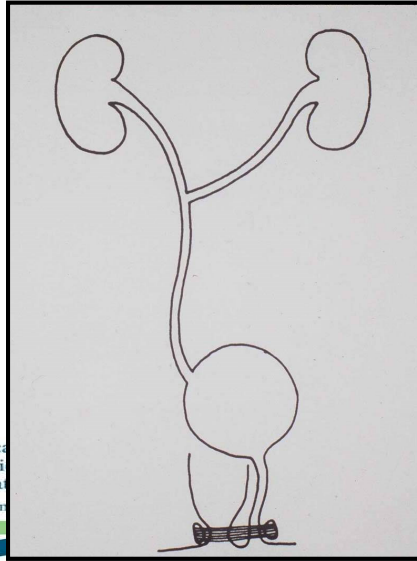
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Transureteroureterostomy



- 96% effective in 25 yr Mayo experience (n=63)
- Complications higher for malignant (47%) vs benign (11%), $p=0.04$
- Above IMA
- End-to-side over stent
- Yo-yo effect → hydro

Iwaszko MR et al. J Urol, 2010.



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Transureterosureterostomy

Indications:

- Planned, Delayed
- Bladder small, fibrotic, pelvic abscess
- Extensive lower ureteral defect

Contraindications:

- Pelvic radiation
- Reflux
- Stone disease
- Cancer, TB, RPF



OFTEN UTILIZED AS A DISTRACTOR ON EXAMINATIONS!

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Retroperitoneal Fibrosis

- Note medial deviation.
Etiology: “peri-aortitis”
- Steroids often first line
- Many “graduate” to ureterolysis – often require omental wrapping



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30F with a History of Failed Robotic Pyeloplasty x2

What about Buccal Graft Ureteroplasty for this (or another situation)?

Answer: Not enough long term data to support this as a “standard of care” treatment in a testing environment



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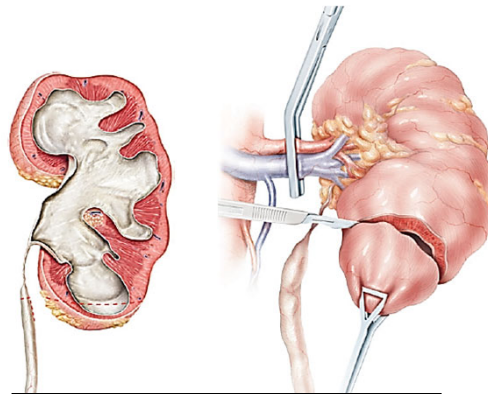
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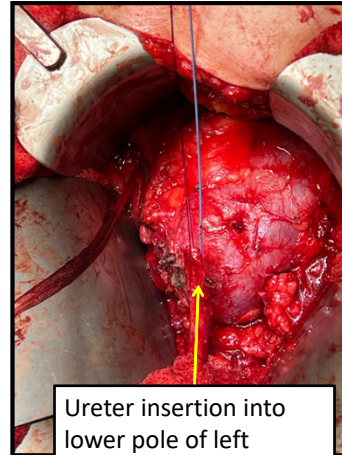
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Ureterocalycostomy



Buzz word on examinations: "Cortical thinning"



Ureter insertion into lower pole of left kidney

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42y/o female. Ureteral avulsion following ureteroscopy



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Use of Ileum as Ureteral Replacement in Urological Reconstruction

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- 80+% successful
- Contraindicated if renal compromise
- Risks: infection, mucus, fistula, stone
- Consider: autotransplant, nephrectomy, appendix



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Ureteroscopic Perforations

13a. “..Manage endoscopic ureteral injuries with a ureteral stent and/or percutaneous nephrostomy tube, when possible”.

(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

13b. “...Manage endoscopic ureteral injuries with open repair when endoscopic or percutaneous procedures are not possible or fail to adequately divert the urine”.

(Expert Opinion)



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Lower Abdominal Trauma

Man's lawsuit claims stripper ruptured his bladder

BY MICHELLE CASTILLO

OCTOBER 4, 2012 / 5:18 PM / CBS NEWS



A man is suing a strip club after one of the strippers allegedly ruptured his bladder when she slid down the stripper pole, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

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Lower Abdominal Trauma

- 34 y/o no significant PMH
- Bar fight 2 days ago. “Kicked multiple times”
- Presents to ER with abd. pain, low urine output and gross hematuria
- PE
 - Diffuse abdominal tenderness, worse in SP area
 - UA - Gross hematuria
 - BMP - Na 149, K 5.6, CO2 17, BUN 35



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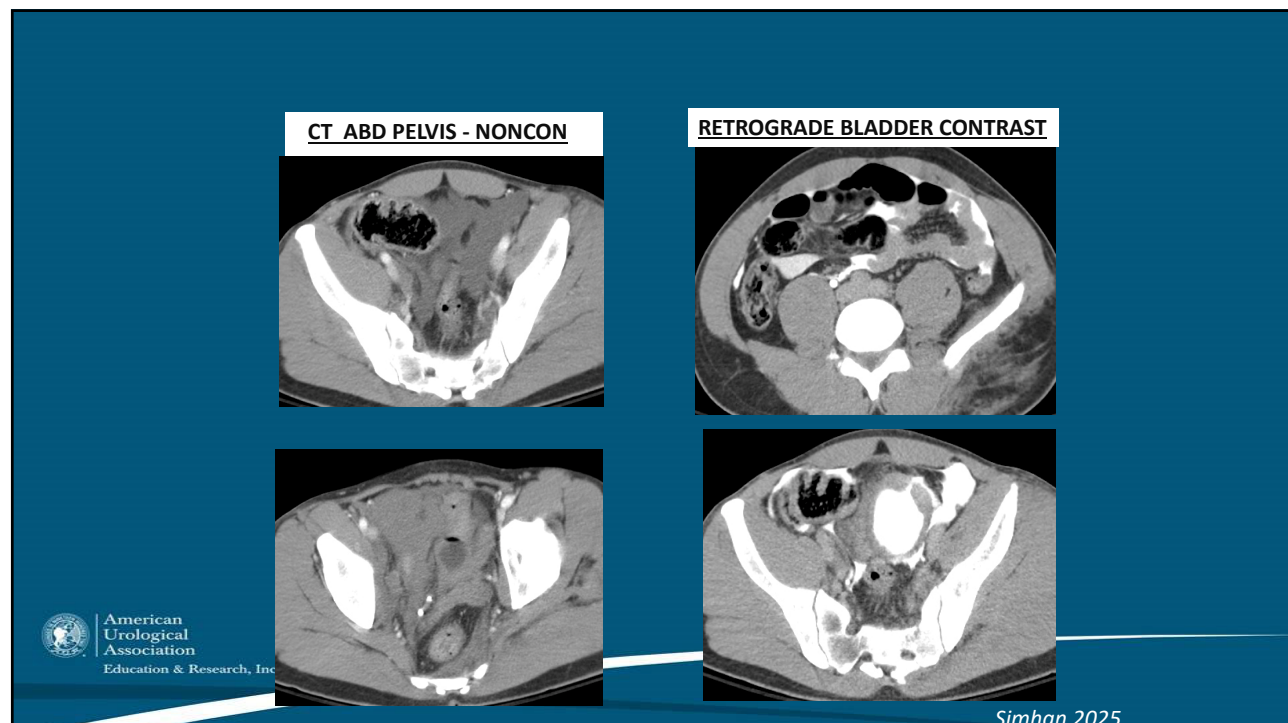
Bladder

14b. “ Perform retrograde cystography in **stable patients with gross hematuria** and a mechanism concerning for bladder injury, or in those with pelvic ring fractures and clinical indicators of bladder rupture”.

(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)

- Retrograde Fill to 350ml or till capacity
- **Clamping Foley during CT Scan is not adequate**

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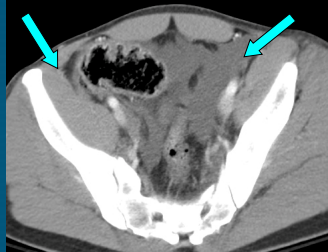
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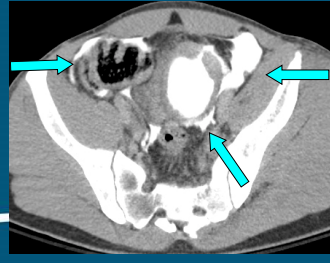
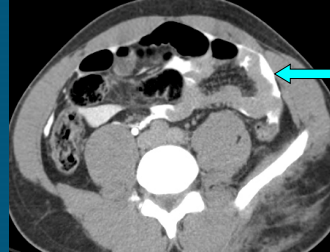
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Intraperitoneal Bladder Injury

Free Fluid in Paracolic Gutters



Contrast Outlines Bowel and Opacifies Cul de Sac

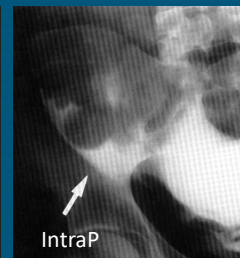
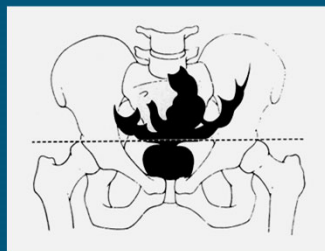


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Plain Film Cystography: IntraP Injury



Intraperitoneal Contrast

- Outlines loops of bowel
- Fills Cul-de-Sac (Pouch of Douglas)
- Fills Paracolic Gutters
- Usually Above Superior Acetabular Line



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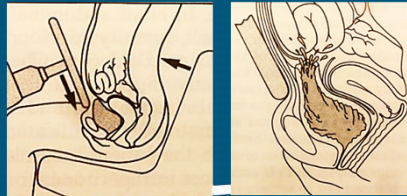
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Bladder

15.” Surgeons must perform surgical repair of intraperitoneal bladder rupture in the setting of blunt or penetrating external trauma”.

(Standard; Evidence Strength: Grade B)

- Blunt bladder injuries to the dome – mean 6 cm



Bladder

18. “Clinicians should perform urethral catheter drainage **without suprapubic** (SP) cystostomy in patients following surgical repair of bladder injuries.

(Standard; Evidence Strength: Grade B)

Pelvic Fracture Case



- 36 yo , no PMH
- MVA – restrained driver
- Pelvic and leg pain
- X-rays – Pelvic FX
- X-rays – R femur FX
- Foley placed easily – gross hematuria

Note if Foley did not go in easily – then the concern is a pelvic fracture urethral injury – more on that later...

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Indications for Imaging?

Much higher chance of bladder injury with gross hematuria than microheme... but the rate is not 100%



- Pelvic Fracture + Gross Hematuria
–82/285 (29%)
- Pelvic Fracture + Microhematuria
–3/503 (0.6%)

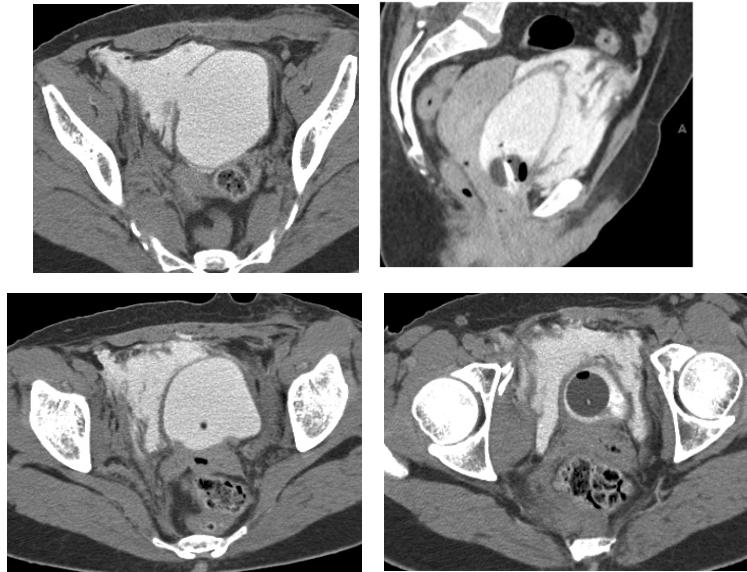
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CT Cystogram

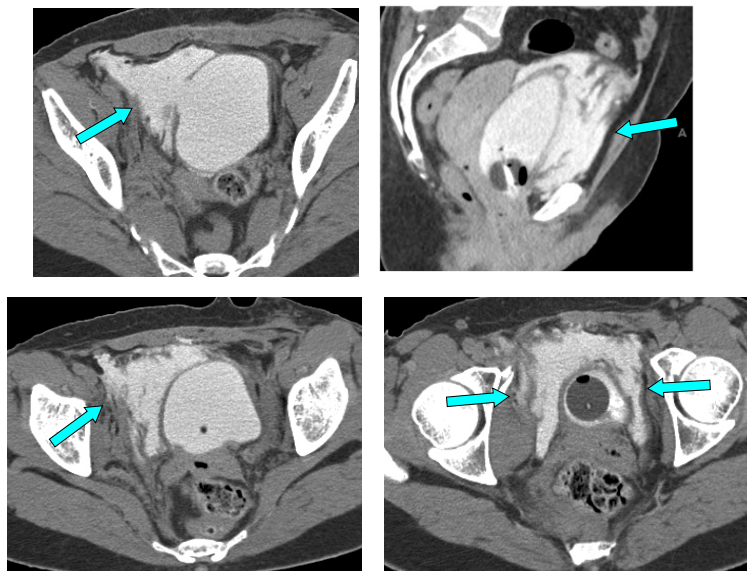


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Extraperitoneal Injury



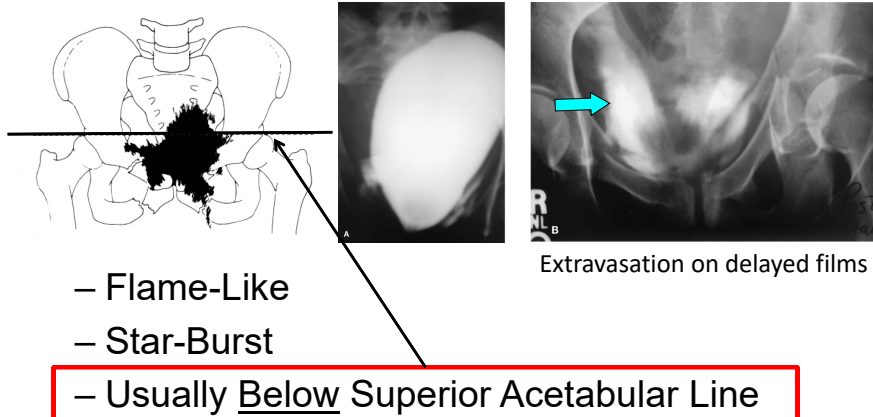
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Plain Film Cystogram: ExtraP Injury



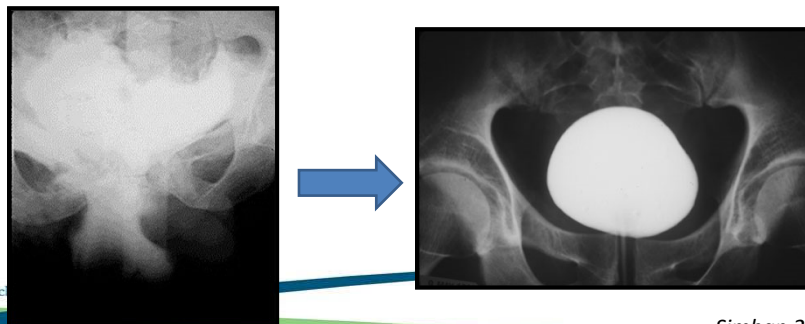
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Extraperitoneal Bladder Rupture

16. Catheter drainage as treatment for patients with **uncomplicated** extraperitoneal bladder injuries. (**Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C**)



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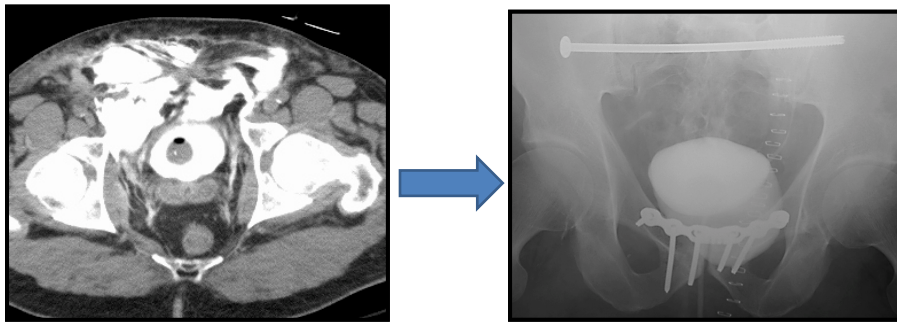
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Complicated Bladder Trauma

17. **Should** perform surgical repair in patients with complicated extraperitoneal bladder injury.
(Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C)



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Current Management of Extraperitoneal Bladder Injuries: Results from the Multi-Institutional Genito-Urinary Trauma Study (MiGUTS)



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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CD = catheter drainage
CT = computerized tomography
EBI = extraperitoneal bladder injury
ISS = injury severity score
NTDB = National Trauma Data Bank

Purpose: We studied the current management trends for extraperitoneal bladder injuries and evaluated the use of operative repair versus catheter drainage, and the associated complications with each approach.

Materials and Methods: We prospectively collected data on bladder trauma from 20 level 1 trauma centers across the United States from 2013 to 2018. We excluded patients with intraperitoneal bladder injury and those who died within 24 hours of hospital arrival. We separated patients with extraperitoneal bladder injuries into 2 groups (catheter drainage vs operative repair) based on their initial management within the first 4 days and compared the rates of bladder injury related complications among them. Regression analyses were used to

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The Role of Surgery in the Management of Complex Extraperitoneal Bladder Injury

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- Vaginal laceration
- Bladder neck injury
- Persistent gross hematuria w clots
- Concomitant rectal injury
- Bone fragment/foreign body in bladder (e.g. from pelvis) – rare
- Undergoing exploration for another injury (orthopedic or abdominal)



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Lucas and Simhan, Curr Trauma, 2017

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Foley Alone After Bladder Repair

No SPT Required – by Guidelines!



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Extraperitoneal Injury

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Extraperitoneal Injury

“Complex” Extraperitoneal

Iatrogenic Injury

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- 46 yo
- Penis slipped out vagina during intercourse
- Immediate pain and penis swelling
- Immediate detumescence
- Presents to ER 6 hrs after injury at 2 AM

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Genital

26. Clinicians **must** suspect penile fracture when a patient presents with penile ecchymosis, swelling, cracking or snapping sound during intercourse or manipulation and immediate detumescence.

(Standard; Evidence Strength: Grade B)



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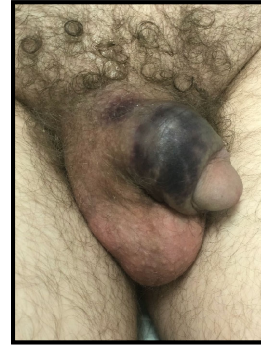
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However, what if...

- Penis slipped out vagina during intercourse
- “Mild” pain
- “Mild” bruising
- “Unsure if rapid detumescence”



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Penis

28. “Clinicians may perform ultrasound in patients with equivocal signs and symptoms of penile fracture”. **(Expert Opinion)**

- US – most commonly used and wide availability
- MR for equivocal US
- Equivocal imaging → Exploration

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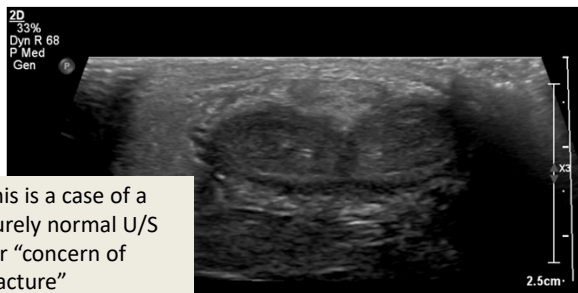
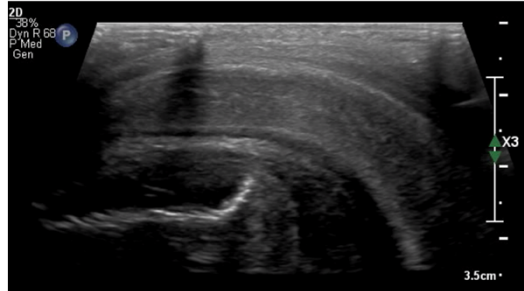
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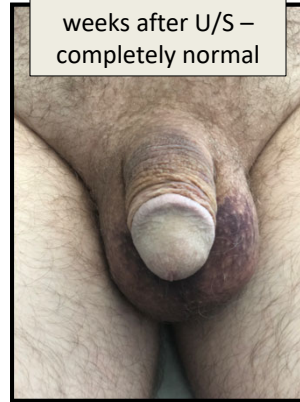


Ultrasound



This is a case of a purely normal U/S for “concern of fracture”

Penile exam several weeks after U/S – completely normal



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Coming back to this case...



How is the urethra evaluated?

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Penile Fracture and Urethral Injury

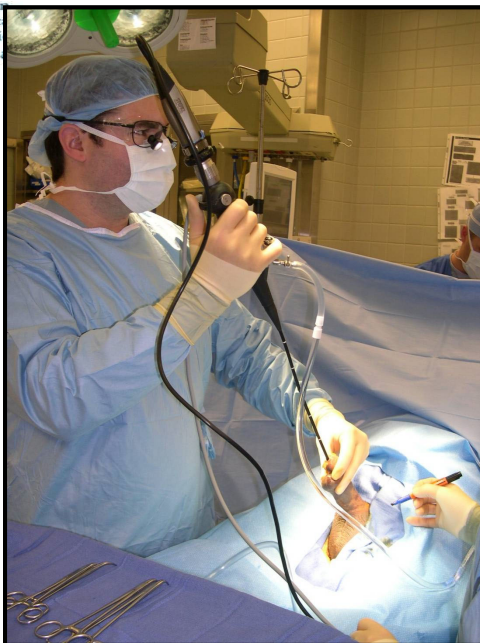
29. “Clinicians must perform evaluation for concomitant urethral injury in patients with penile fracture or penetrating trauma who present with:

- blood at the urethral meatus
- gross hematuria
- inability to void.

(Standard; Evidence Strength: Grade B)

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- Cystoscopy is one way to perform an “on table” OR evaluation
- Other ways include a Retrograde Urethrogram either preop or intraop

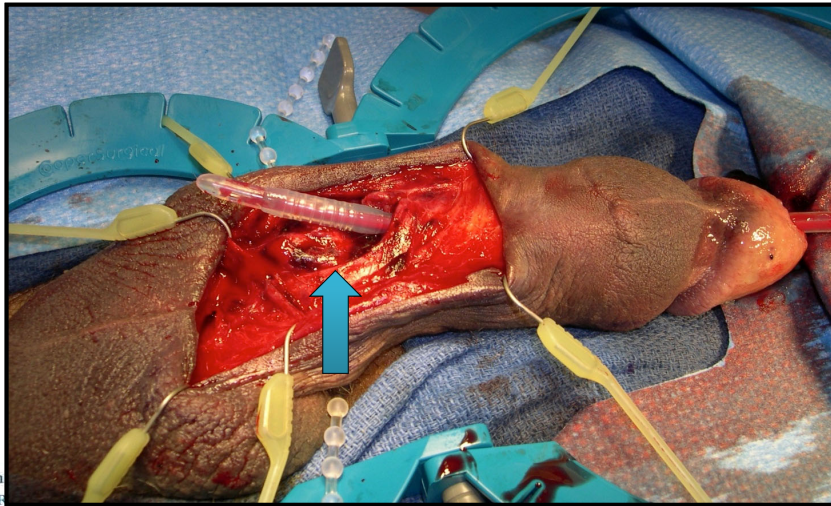
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Complete Urethral Rupture & Fracture of Both Corpora

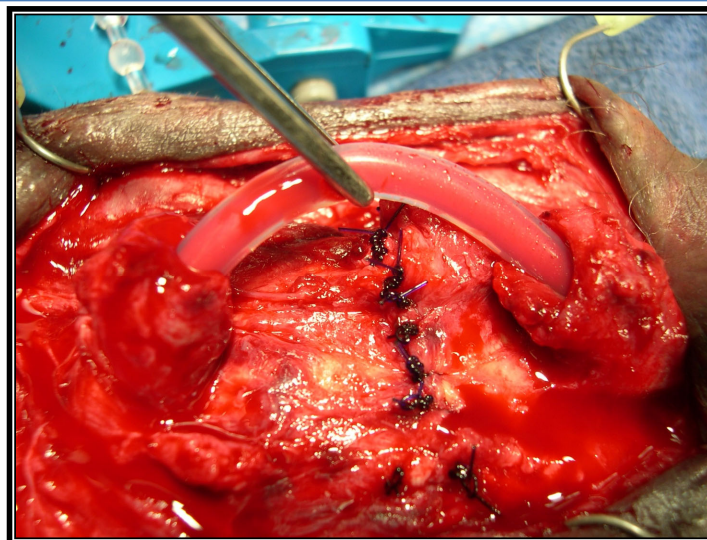


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Corpora Repaired



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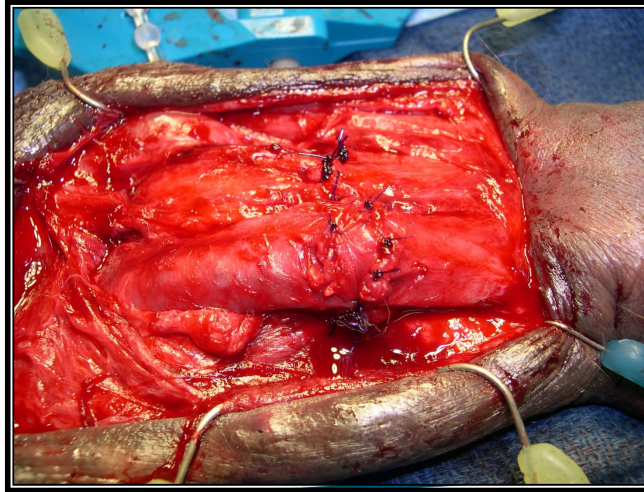
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Urethra Mobilized & Repaired



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27. "Surgeons should perform prompt surgical exploration and repair in patients with acute signs and symptoms of penile fracture".
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Does Timing of Presentation of Penile Fracture Affect Outcome of Surgical Intervention?

Ahmed El-Assmy, Hossam S. El-Tholoth, Tarek Mohsen, and El Housseiny I. Ibrahim

- 180 patients: 1986-2010
- Divided into two study groups
 - Group I: “**Early**” presentation, <24 hours
 - F/u 105 months
 - Group II: “**Delayed**” presentation, >24 hours
 - F/u 113 months

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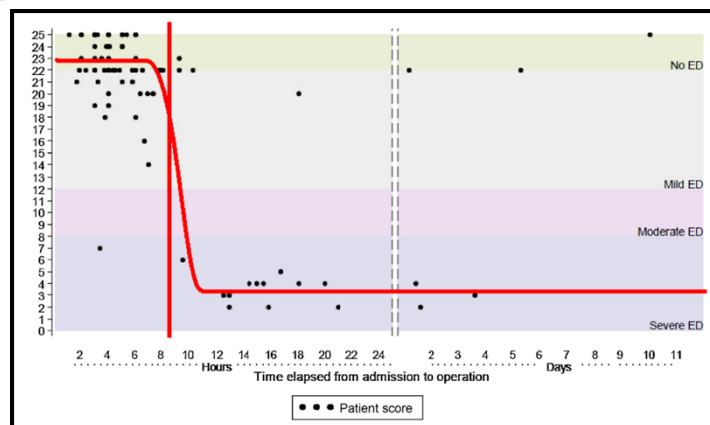
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Delaying Surgical Treatment of Penile Fracture Results in Poor Functional Outcomes: Results from a Large Retrospective Multicenter European Study

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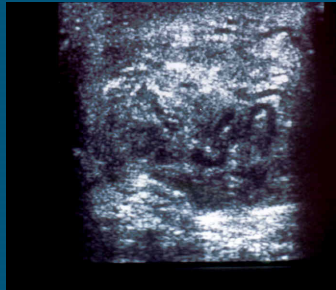


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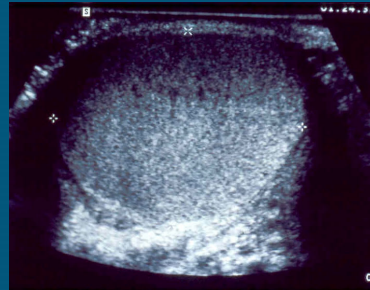
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Ultrasound Echo Pattern – Blunt Injury Eval



Heterogeneous
echo pattern –
Suggests rupture

Proceed to OR



Normal homogenous
contralateral testis

Buckley and McAninch, J Urol, 2006

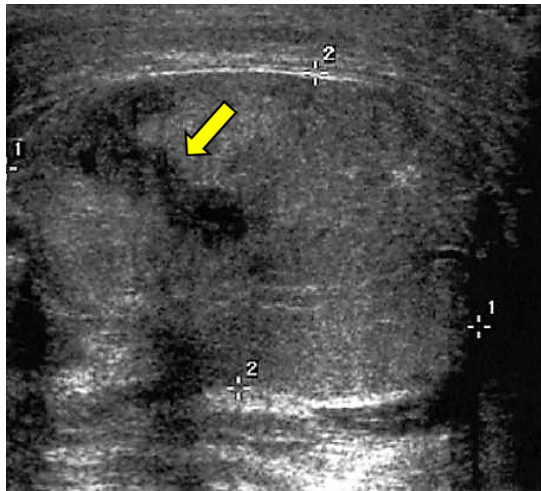


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Scrotal Ultrasound for Blunt Testis Trauma



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GSW Scrotum

- Physical Exam often unreliable with penetrating scrotal injuries
- Scrotal GSW that penetrate the Dartos or present with scrotal swelling should be explored.

BJUI Gunshot wounds to the scrotum: a large single-institutional 20-year experience

Jay Simhan, Jason Rothman, Daniel Canter, Jose M. Reyes, William I. Jaffe, Michel A. Pontari, Leo R. Doumanian and Jack H. Mydlo

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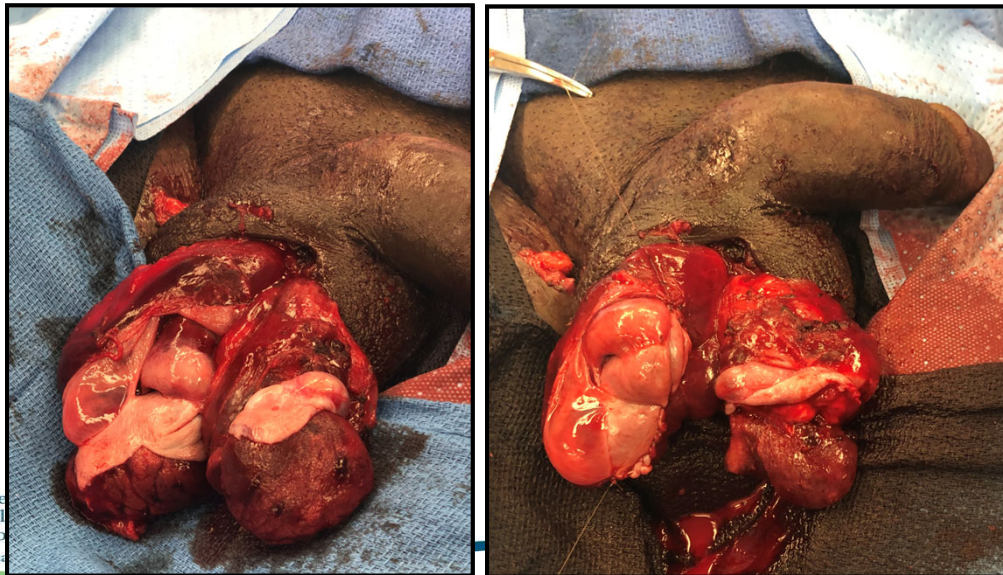


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Explore Both Testicles!



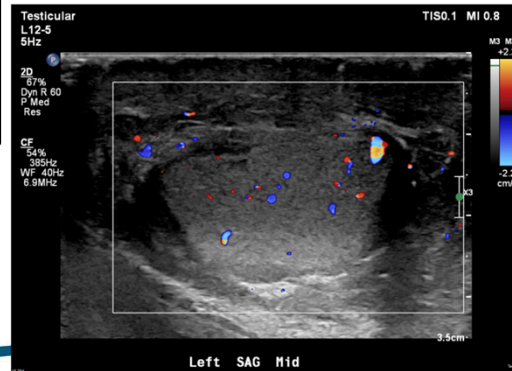
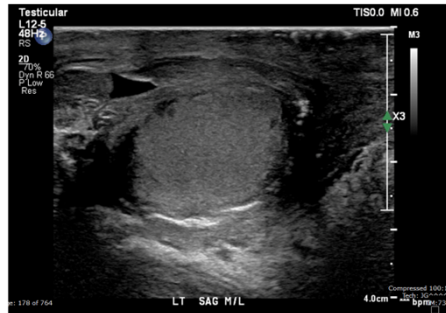
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Ultrasound at 3 months



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Urethral Trauma/Stricture Management



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How Do We Decide on Management? (Simplified)

- Patient factors (h/o prior DVIU, etc)
- Etiology (Trauma vs. Iatrogenic vs. Inflammatory vs. etc.)
- Location (Fossa vs. Penile vs. Bulbar vs. Membranous)



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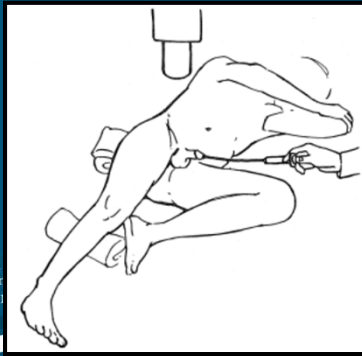
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Urethral Trauma Imaging

19. **Should** perform retrograde urethrography in patients with blood at the urethral meatus after pelvic trauma. (**Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C**)

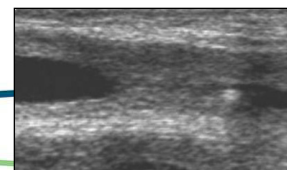


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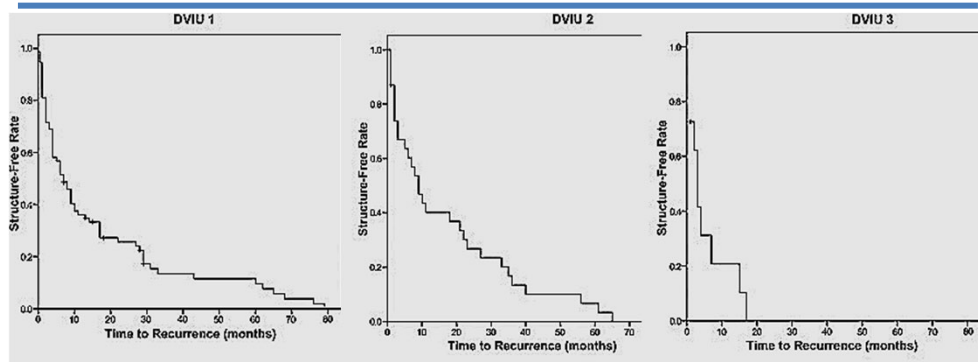
Urethral Stricture Imaging

3. **Should** use Cystoscopy, RUG, VCUG, or Ultrasound to make a diagnosis of urethral stricture (**Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C**)

Of note, Ultrasound better at detecting stricture length than RUG/VCUG (probably better for operative planning)*



Urethrotomy is Futile



Characteristic study demonstrating more DVIUs results in poorer long term urethral patency.



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Santucci et al: Urethrotomy Has a Much Lower Success Rate Than Previously Reported . J Urol **183**: 1859-1862, **2010**

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Urethrotomy: Complications

Quint , Stanisc (1993)	Hemorrhage	20%
Giannakopolous et al (1997)	Perineal hematoma	20%
Giannkopolous et al (1997)	Scrotal hematoma	13.4%
Boccon-Gibod, Le Portz (1982)	Urethral stricture	10%
Quint , Stanisc (1993)	Urethral perforation	10%
Giannakopolous et al (1997)	Epididymo-orchitis	8.8%
Giannakopolous et al (1997)	Meatal stenosis	8.8%
Shaw et al (1979)	Urinary incontinence	8.7%
Shaw et al (1979)	Fever	3.6%

Historic Data – but Urethrotomy is NOT benign!

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Dilation = DVIU \neq Urethroplasty

11a. Should **offer urethroplasty** instead of repeated endoscopic management for recurrent anterior urethral strictures following failed dilation or DVIU (**Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C**).

Note 11b – drug coated balloons also OK if recurrent bulbar and <3 cm.

16. Should **offer urethroplasty** as **initial treatment** with long (≥ 2 cm) bulbar strictures (**Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Strength: Grade C**)



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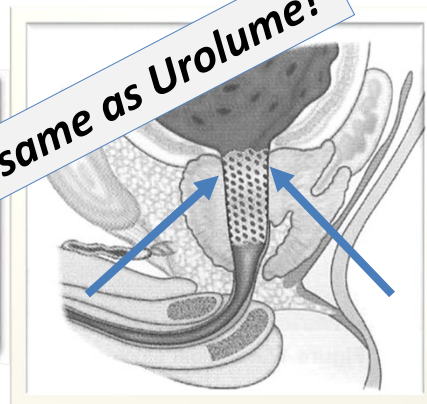
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What is Optilume?



Optilume is NOT the same as Urolume!



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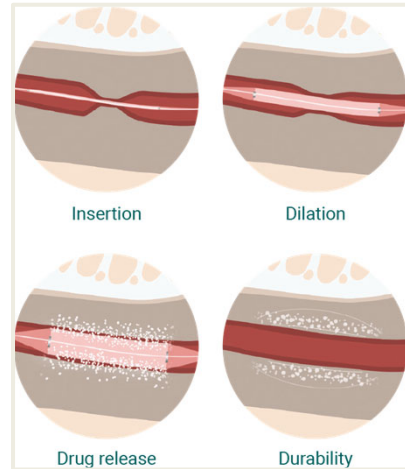
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What is Optilume?

Optilume is a drug coated balloon that is used during urethral dilation

Optilume dilation is suggested following an initial standard dilation in same setting



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One-Year Results for the ROBUST III Randomized Controlled Trial Evaluating the Optilume® Drug-Coated Balloon for Anterior Urethral Strictures

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Purpose: The Optilume® drug-coated balloon (DCB) is a urethral dilation balloon with a paclitaxel coating that combines mechanical dilation for immediate symptomatic relief with local drug delivery to maintain urethral patency. The ROBUST III study is a randomized, single-blind trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of the Optilume DCB against endoscopic management of recurrent anterior urethral strictures.

Materials and Methods: Eligible patients were adult males with anterior strictures ≤12Fr in diameter and ≤3 cm in length, at least 2 prior endoscopic treatments, International Prostate Symptom Score ≥11 and maximum flow rate <15 ml per second. A total of 127 subjects were enrolled at 22 sites. The primary

Table 2. Primary efficacy end point results

End Point	Standard of Care	Optilume DCB	Difference* (95% CI)	p Value*
No. pts	48	79		
% Stricture-free (No./total No.)	26.8 (11/41)	74.6 (50/67)	44.4 (27.6–61.1)	<0.0001
No. subject accountability:				
Pass urethral lumen test at 6 mos	11	50		
Failed urethral lumen test at 6 mos†	12	15		
Repeat intervention prior to 6 mos‡	18	2		
Missing cystoscopy at 6 mos	7	12		



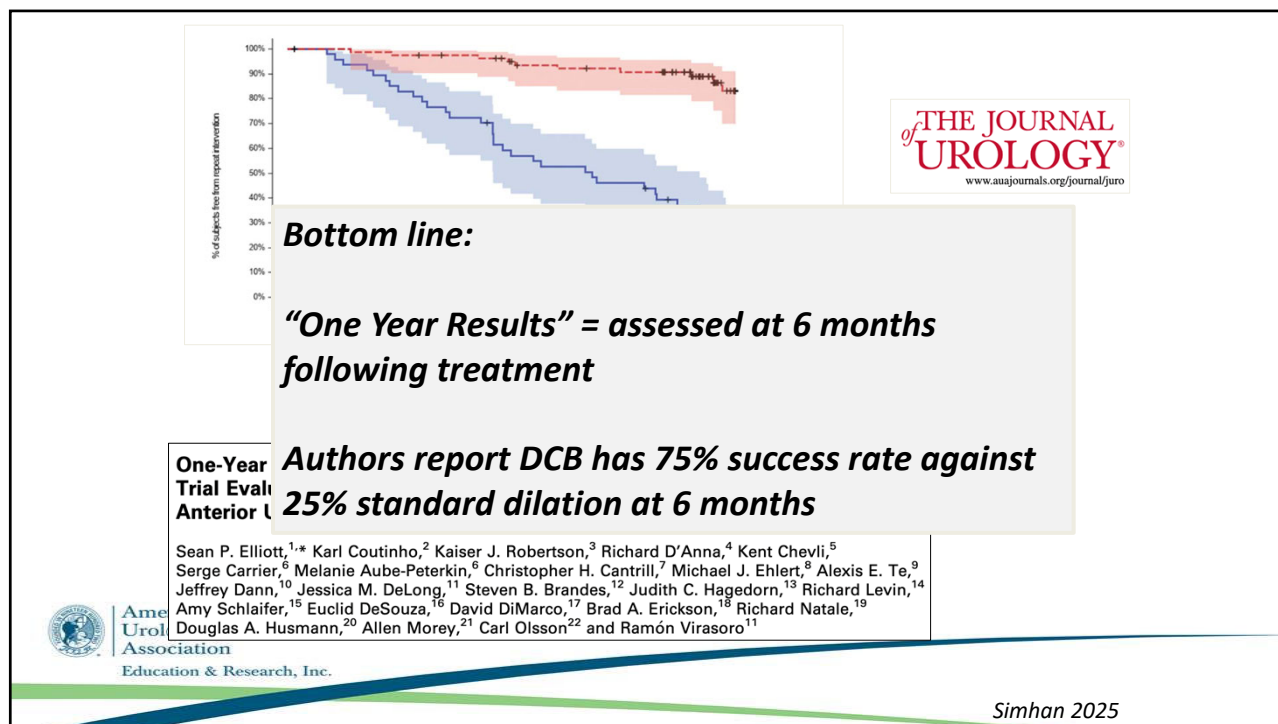
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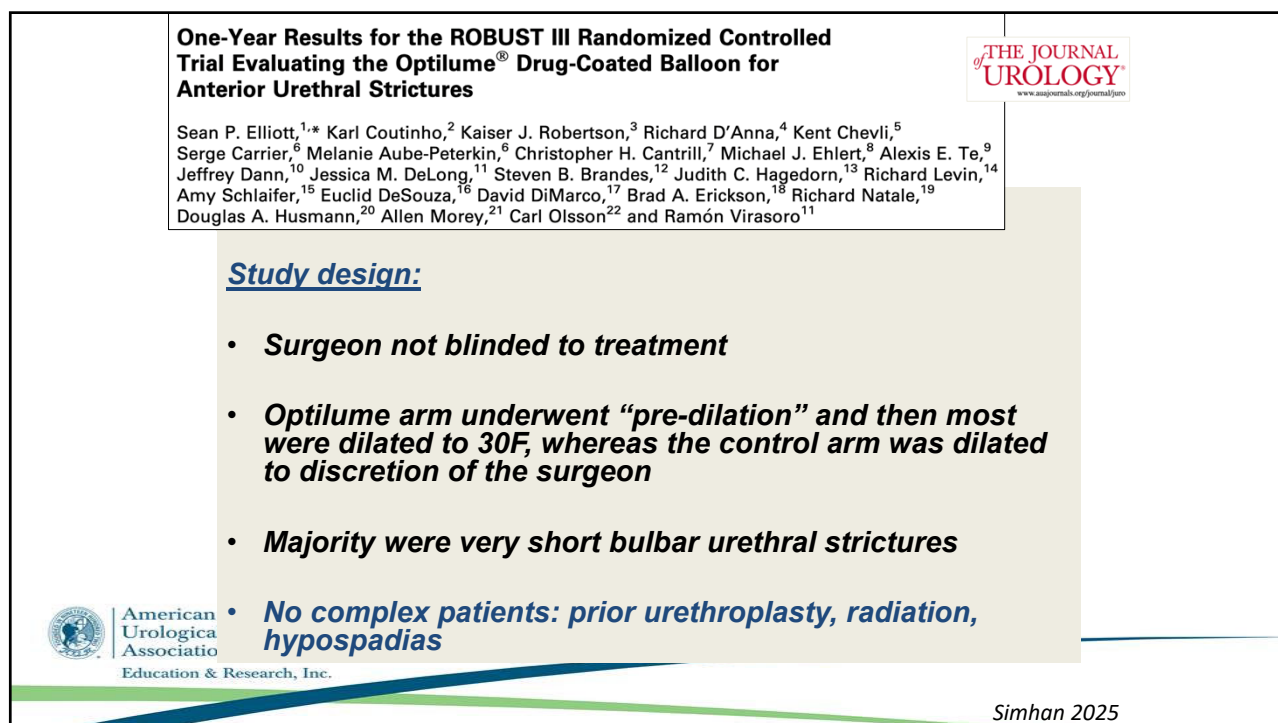
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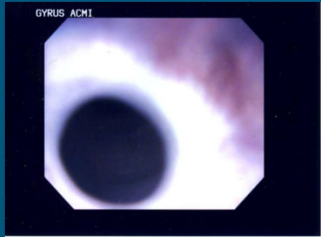


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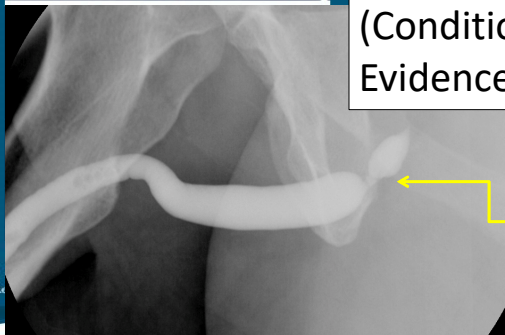
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Who can get DVIU/Dilation then?



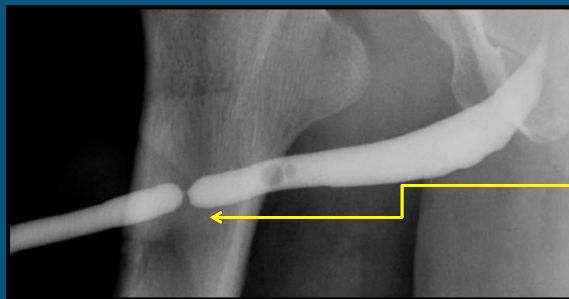
7. May offer dilation, DVIU or urethroplasty for initial treatment of short (<2 cm) bulbar urethral stricture (Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Grade C)



Short (1 cm) Bulbar urethral stricture

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What about SHORT penile strictures?



Short (0.5 cm) Penile urethral stricture

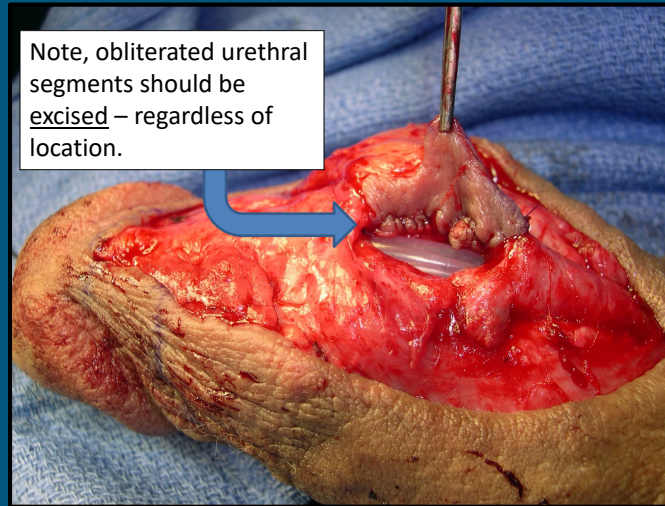
15. Should **offer urethroplasty** to patients with penile strictures, given the expected high recurrence rates with endoscopic treatments. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Grade C)

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Dorsal Plate Excision + Penile Flap Onlay



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Urethral Anatomy

Vascular Anatomy of Genital Skin and the Urethra: Implications for Urethral Reconstruction

Steven B. Brandes

* Urethral Reconstructive Surgery: 2008

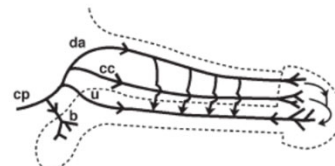
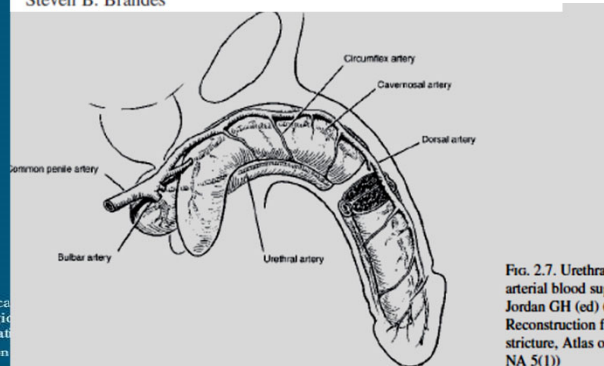


FIG. 2.8. Bipedal arterial blood supply of the urethra (cp, common penile; da, dorsal artery of the penis; cc, central cavernosal; u, urethral; b, bulbar artery)

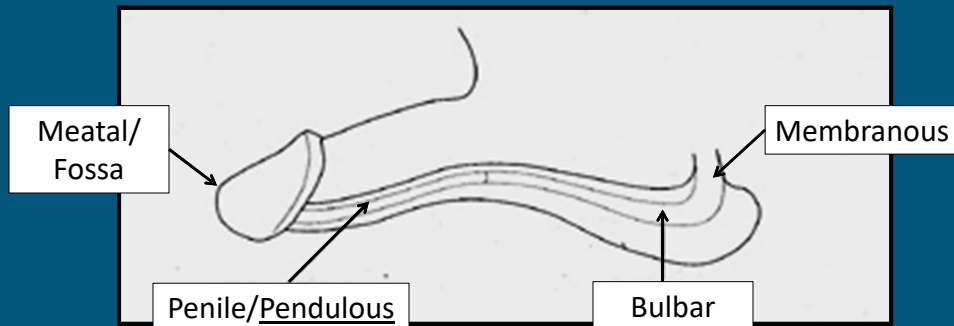
FIG. 2.7. Urethral and penile arterial blood supply. (From Jordan GH (ed) (1997) Reconstruction for urethral stricture, Atlas of Urol Clin of NA 5(1))

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Urethral Anatomy Simplified



Surgical management varies based on location – will review basics here...



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Meatal/Fossa Strictures

- Often Lichen sclerosus (LS, formerly BXO) related
- Biopsy for LS/BXO mgmt to r/o penile SCC (AUA Stricture Guidelines, #30)
- Meatotomy / Dilation are acceptable first line management options (AUA stricture guideline, #13)
- Urethroplasty for recurrent meatal/fossa strictures (AUA stricture guideline, #14)



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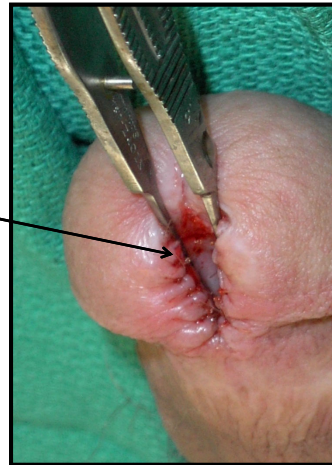
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Lichen Sclerosus

Extended Meatotomy is an acceptable treatment for most LS patients (AUA guideline)

Most patients need topical steroidal ointment as well (Clobetasol 0.05% bid)



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Transurethral ventral buccal mucosa graft inlay for treatment of distal urethral strictures: international multi-institutional experience

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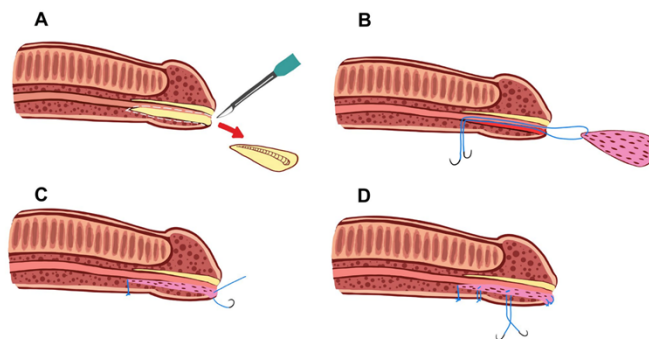


Fig. 1 Surgical steps a transurethral resection of a shallow wedge of the scar tissue ventrally and ventro-laterally. **b** Placement of a double-armed absorbable suture through the buccal graft and through the proximal apex of the urethrotomy (inside-out), **c** external apical suture tying, meatal BMG edge fixation and **d** inside-out quilting of the graft with additional absorbable double-arm sutures



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More extensive LS Case – Avoid Genital Skin!

Panurethral stricture noted from an etiology of lichen sclerosus



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More extensive LS Case – Avoid Genital Skin!

1st stage –
BMG Onlay



2nd stage –
BMG Onlay



Two stage reconstruction is done with buccal mucosa graft harvest in advanced cases of LS – and is often done in reoperative hypospadias cases in adults. (Genital skin usage during urethroplasty is contraindicated for LS patients)



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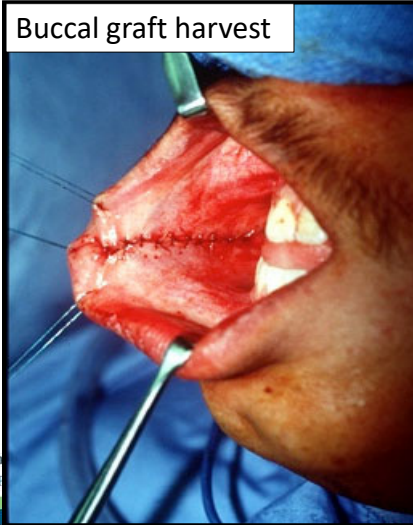
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Penile Strictures Necessitate Grafts and/or Flaps

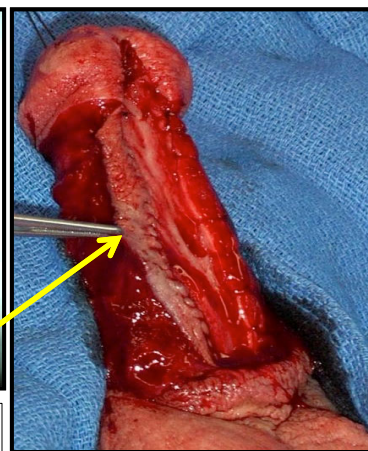
Buccal graft harvest



Penile skin flap



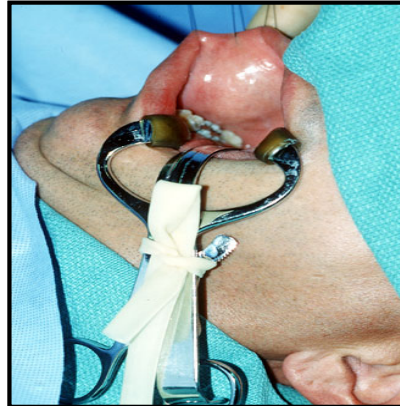
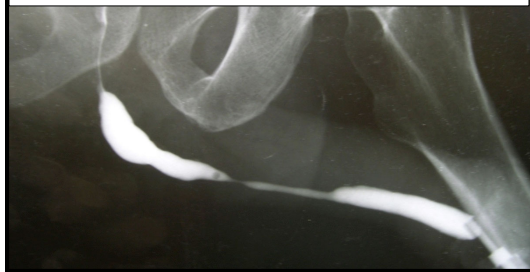
Penile Strictures Necessitate Grafts and/or Flaps



Penile stricture cases often require either penile skin flaps or buccal grafts – this case repaired with extended meatotomy and penile skin flap urethroplasty

If Graft Performed, BMG should be first choice
(AUA Guideline #19A); Lingual OK too (#19B)

RUG demonstrating 4 cm penile stricture



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Bulbar Urethral Strictures 25 Year Meta-Analysis: Excision and Primary Anastomosis

Series	n	Success rate (%)
16	1234	93.8



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ICUD Consultation 2010 (Marrakech, Morocco)

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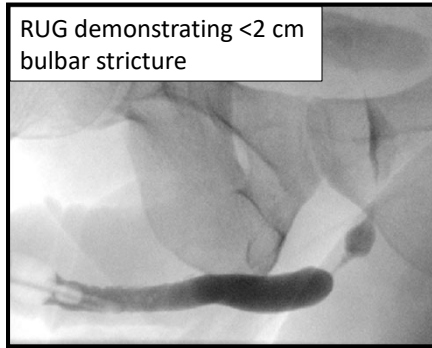
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Bulbar Strictures (≤ 2 cm) can undergo Excision with Primary Anastomosis Safely

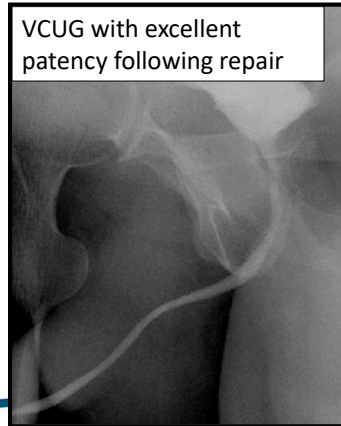
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RUG demonstrating <2 cm bulbar stricture



s/p EPA

VCUG with excellent patency following repair



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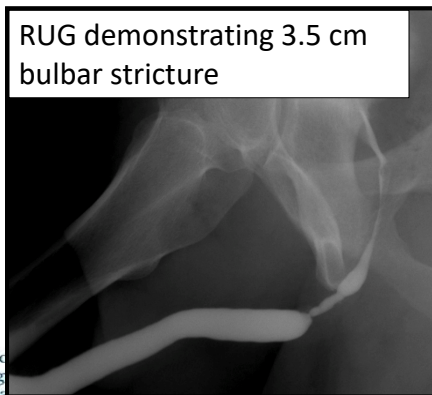
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Bulbar Strictures (> 2 cm) should undergo substitution (e.g. graft and/or flap)

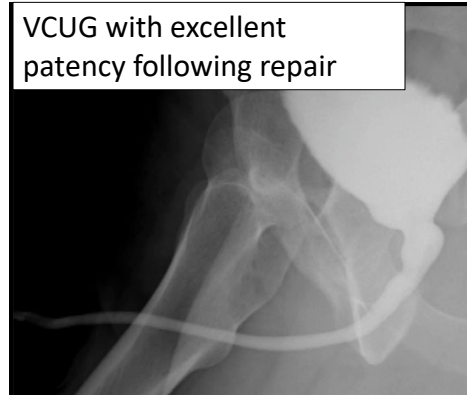
Pre-op

RUG demonstrating 3.5 cm bulbar stricture



s/p Ventral BMG Repair

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Urethral Strictures – Summary

- Complete obliteration requires excision of segment (regardless of location)
- Penile strictures require grafts and/or flaps
- Bulbar strictures ≤ 2 cm consider EPA strongly ; > 2 cm don't EPA
- Know when DVIU is acceptable – all other times, must consider urethroplasty



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Pelvic Fracture Urethral Injury (PFUI) “Controversial”

- Immediate primary repair? - NEVER
- Endoscopic realignment?
- Suprapubic tube + delayed reconstruction?



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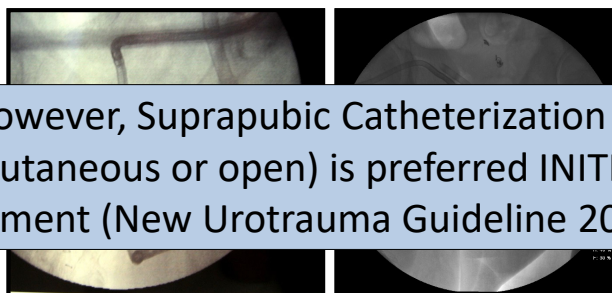
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Urethral Trauma Management

22. May perform primary realignment (PR) in hemodynamically stable patients with pelvic fracture associated urethral injury. (**Option; Evidence Strength: Grade C**)



However, Suprapubic Catheterization (percutaneous or open) is preferred INITIAL treatment (New Urotrauma Guideline 20B)

should not perform prolonged attempts...



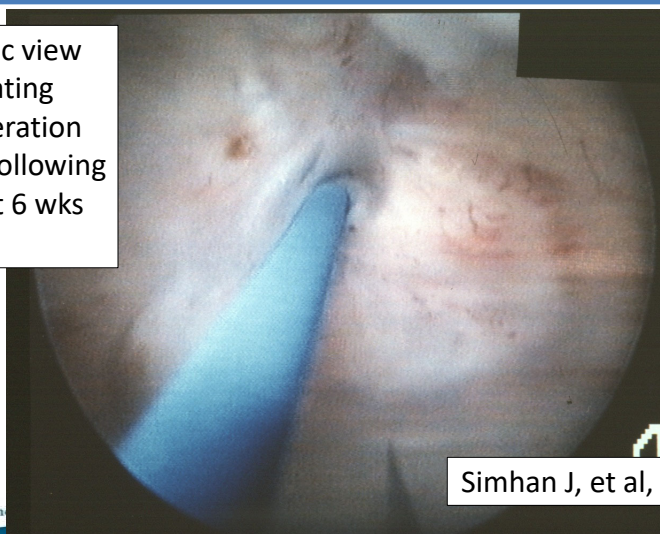
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6 Wks After Realignment – Patients MUST be monitored for Development of Stricture

Cystoscopic view demonstrating near obliteration of lumen following realignment 6 wks prior



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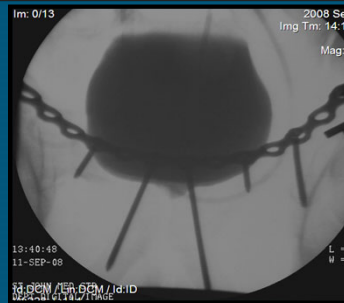
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Pelvic Fracture Urethral Injury

May place SP in patients undergoing open reduction internal fixation (ORIF) for pelvic fracture. **(Expert Opinion)**



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A multicenter prospective cohort study of endoscopic urethral realignment versus suprapubic cystostomy after complete pelvic fracture urethral injury

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Conclusions

In this prospective multi-institutional study of PFUI, EUR was not associated with a lower rate of urethral obstruction or need for urethroplasty when compared to SPT placement. Given the potential risk of EUR worsening injuries, clinicians should consider SPT placement as initial treatment for PFUI when simple retrograde cystoscopy is not successful in placement of a urethral catheter.

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Endoscopic Realignment is Dead (or close to dead)



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Obliterated posterior
segments from PFUI warrant
delayed urethral
reconstruction – and never
delayed endoscopic
realignment (AUA Stricture
Guidelines, #24)



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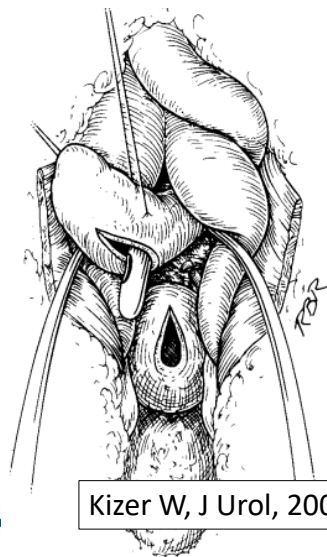
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Posterior Urethroplasty Steps

Perineal

1. Urethral Mobilization
2. Corporal Splitting
3. Inferior Pubectomy
4. Urethral Rerouting

Recognize that #3 and #4 above rarely done in practice – but need to know steps for “gaining urethral length” for examinations



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Urethral Reconstruction for Traumatic Posterior Urethral Disruption: Outcomes of a 25-Year Experience

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- 134 delayed posterior urethroplasty after trauma
- 115 (84%) -- no additional procedures
- 124 (93%) -- ≤ 1 VIU

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Urotrauma: Conclusions

- Organ salvage increasingly achievable
- Multi-disciplinary evidence-based approach
- Timely interventions
- Interface with diagnostic and interventional radiology, trauma and orthopedic surgeons, plastic and reconstructive surgery

Surgical Management of Male Incontinence

Urinary and Sexual Function After Radical Prostatectomy for Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer

The Prostate Cancer Outcomes Study

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Context Patients with prostate cancer and their physicians need knowledge of treatment options and their potential complications, but limited data on complications are available in unselected population-based cohorts of patients.

Objective To measure changes in urinary and sexual function in men who have undergone radical prostatectomy for clinically localized prostate cancer.

Design The Prostate Cancer Outcomes Study, a population-based longitudinal cohort study with up to 24 months of follow-up.

Setting Population-based cancer registries in 6 geographic regions of the United States.

Participants A total of 1291 black, white, and Hispanic men aged 39 to 79 years who were diagnosed as having primary prostate cancer between October 1, 1994, and October 31, 1995, and who underwent radical prostatectomy within 6 months of diagnosis for clinically localized disease.

Main Outcome Measures Distribution of and change in urinary and sexual function measures reported by patients at baseline and 6, 12, and 24 months after diagnosis.

Results At 18 or more months following radical prostatectomy, 8.4% of men were incontinent and 59.9% were impotent. Among men who were potent before surgery, the proportion of men reporting impotence at 18 or more months after surgery varied according to whether the procedure was nerve sparing (65.6% of non-nerve-



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PROSTATE CANCER IS THE MOST frequently diagnosed solid tumor in US men. An estimated 179 300 men will be diagnosed as having the disease in 1999,¹ and in more than 70% of these patients, the disease will be clinically localized.² Treat-

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Platinum Priority – Prostate Cancer

Editorial by Thomas E. Ahlering on pp. 226–227 of this issue

Urinary Incontinence and Erectile Dysfunction After Robotic Versus Open Radical Prostatectomy: A Prospective, Controlled, Nonrandomised Trial

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Table 1a – Urinary incontinence at 12 mo for comparisons of open and robot-assisted laparoscopic surgery, as reported by patients

	<1 pad ^a	1 pad ^a	2–3 pads ^a	4–5 pads ^a	≥6 pads ^a
Robot-assisted surgery, %	175 (10)	230 (13)	103 (6.0)	19 (1.1)	14 (0.8)
Open surgery, %	96 (13)	85 (12)	40 (5.6)	12 (1.7)	7 (1.0)



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Incontinence Management Is Controversial – But... There are Guidelines!

Incontinence after Prostate Treatment: AUA/SUFU Guideline



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Important Factors to Consider

- Etiology (prostate cancer, prostate surgery – TURP, etc)
- H/o radiation
- Degree of stress incontinence
- Degree of bother (IPSS)
- Presence of urge incontinence (?)



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Evaluation of SUI

9. Clinicians should evaluate patients with incontinence after prostate treatment with history, physical exams and *appropriate* diagnostic modalities to categorize severity of incontinence and degree of bother.

(Pad weight vs. pad count)

Correlation of Patient Perception of Pad Use with Objective Degree of Incontinence Measured by Pad Test in Men with Post-Prostatectomy Incontinence: The SUFU Pad Test Study

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Evaluation of SUI

14. Cysto – should be performed prior to index surgery.

15. UDS – optional prior to index surgery

****If anti-incontinence surgery already performed and recurrent SUI, then consider UDS**



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Patient Selection Simplified

- Patient goals?
- Degree of bother?
- Pad Count ≥ 3
- Radiation History

The “worst of the worst” pt that is motivated and bothered tends to be a future AUS recipient

Don't forget, these patients could also have predominant urgency (in that case, follow OAB guidelines covered elsewhere)

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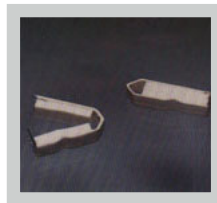
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Treatment Options

Non-invasive:

Clamps

Pads



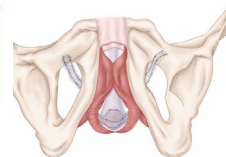
Invasive:

Urethral bulking agents

Adjustable Balloons

Sling

Artificial Urinary Sphincter



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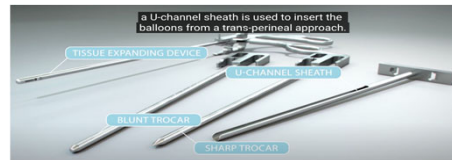
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An Additional Passive Device

Adjustable Continence Therapy for Men



Clinicians may offer adjustable balloon devices to **non-radiated patients with mild to severe** SUI after prostate treatment.
(Conditional Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade C)



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Treatment Reccs – Based on Guidelines (and Experience)

- AUS is first-line in radiated patients
- AUS is first-line in sling failures
- Sling is an option in mild/moderate **AND** non-radiated
- Adjustable continence balloons in non-radiated
- If sling fails, most will proceed to AUS



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AdVance Sling Erosion



Mostly described in the XRT patient – hence why guidelines are more insistent on AUS in radiated patients

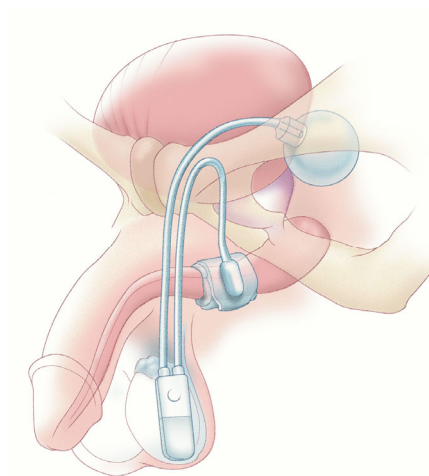


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Artificial Urinary Sphincter



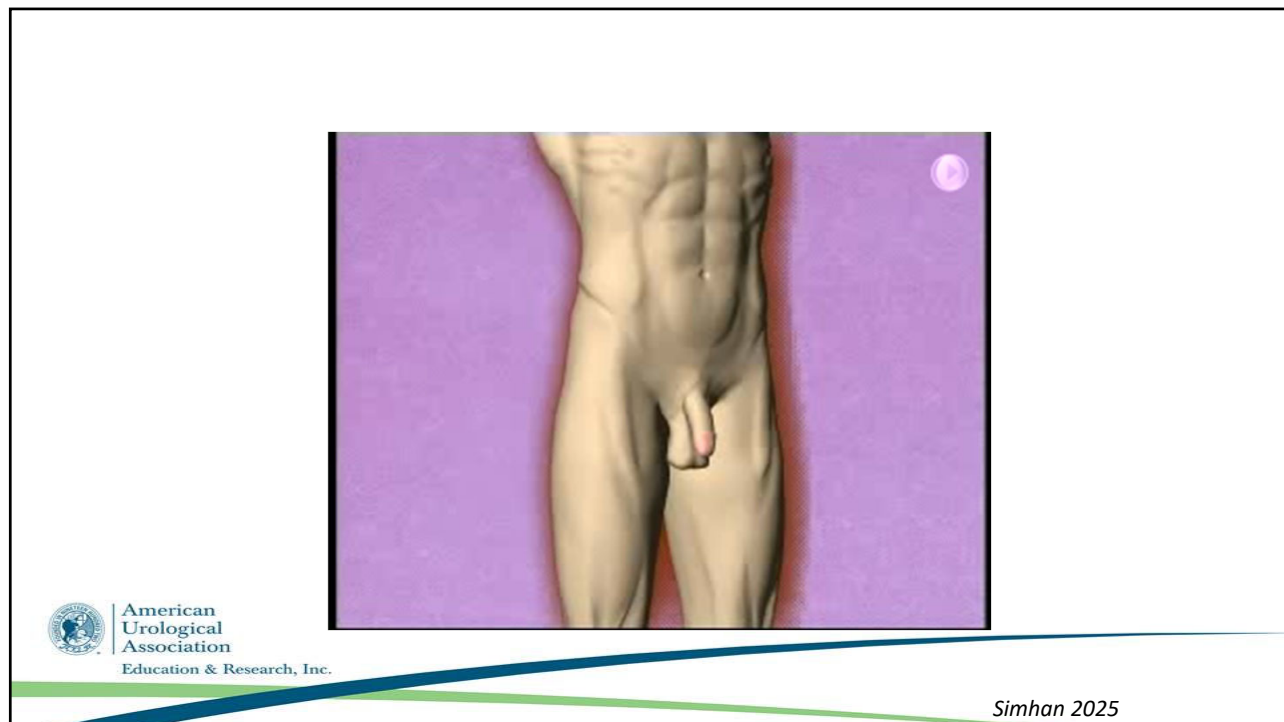
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Platinum Priority – Review – Incontinence
Editorial by Jaspreet S. Sandhu on pp. 690–691 of this issue

**The Artificial Urinary Sphincter After a Quarter of a Century:
 A Critical Systematic Review of Its Use in Male Non-neurogenic
 Incontinence**

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Table 4 – Pooled analyses of artificial urinary sphincter outcomes^{*}

Outcomes	Results, % [range]	No. of included participants (no. of studies)
Infection/erosion	8.5 [3.3–27.8]	562 (10)
Mechanical failure	6.2 [2.0–13.8]	562 (10)
Urethral atrophy	7.9 [1.9–28.6]	456 (6)
Reintervention (for any reason)	26.0 [14.8–44.8]	549 (10)
No. of patients social continent (≤ 1 pad/24 h)	79.0 [60.9–100]	262 (7)
No. of patients completely dry (0 pads/24 h)	43.5 [4.3–85.7]	336 (7)

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Management of Artificial Urinary Sphincter Dysfunction

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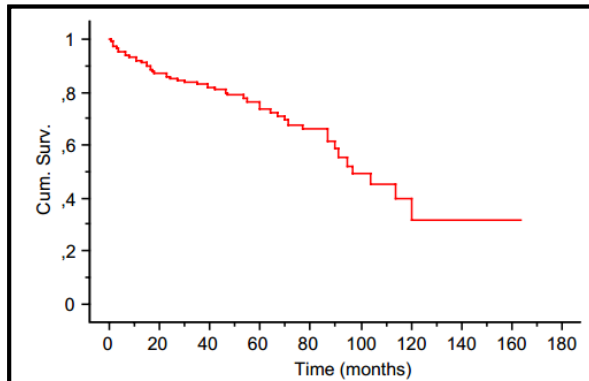


Fig. 5. Kaplan–Meier analysis of sphincters was based on the presence of at least one failure. The half-time failure was 8 years.



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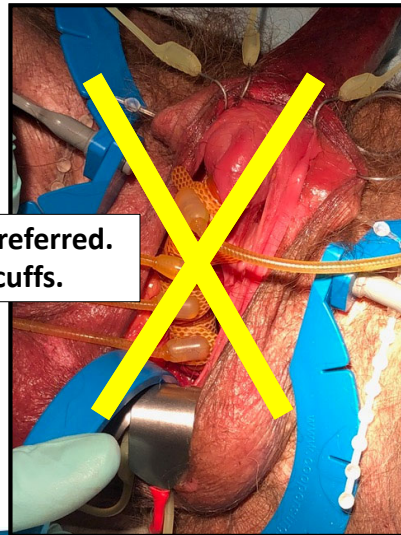
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Where is the Best Place to Implant AUS Cuff?

Perineal >>>> Penoscrotal



**Guideline 19: Perineal Approach is Preferred.
Single cuffs are preferred to double cuffs.**



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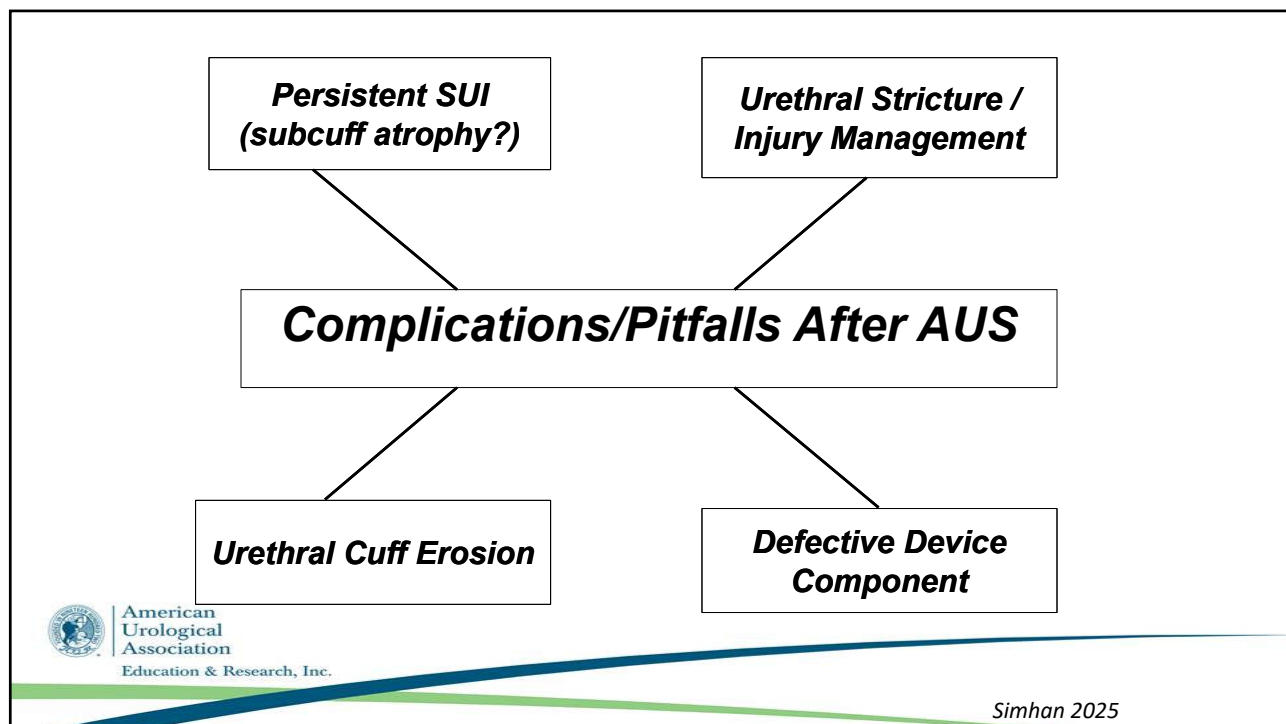
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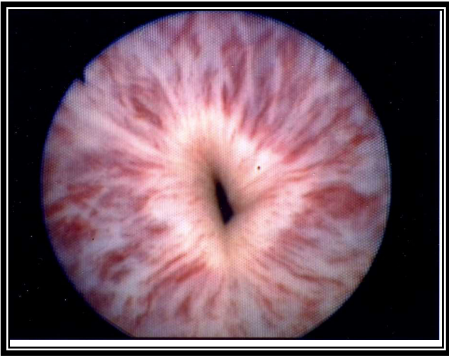
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Reoperative AUS Surgery: Recurrent SUI

- **74 yrs old**
- **s/p AUS 4 years ago**
- **4.0 cm cuff**
- **Leaks 4 ppd**
- **History of XRT**



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Efficacy of Pressure Regulating Balloon Exchange in Men With Post Artificial Urinary Sphincter Persistent or Recurrent Stress Urinary Incontinence



Rachel A. Moses, Sorena Keihani, James R. Craig, Jacob Basilius, James M. Hotaling, Sara M. Lenherr, William O. Brant, and Jeremy B. Myers

- **22 patients**
- **PRB exchange for persistent SUI**
- **Decrease in avg PPD from 4.0 to 1.0**
- **Change to 71-80 cm H₂O balloon**
- **2 year delay in eventual revision**



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Cuff Location - Prior Penoscrotal AUS



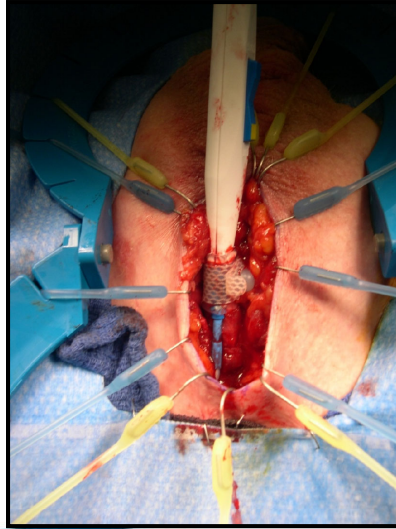
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Cuff Relocated Proximally

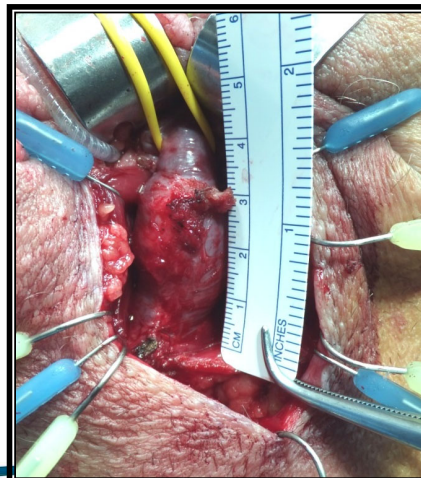
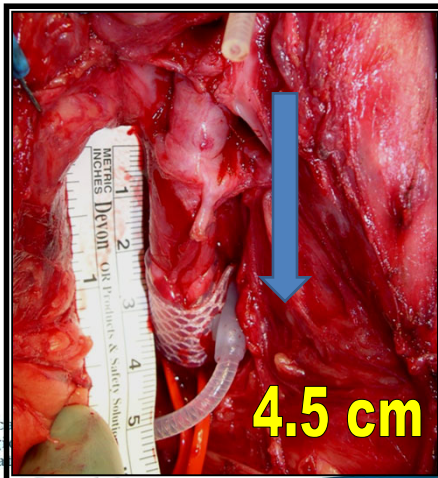


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Perineal Incision → Exposure to Proximal Bulb



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Device Revisions

- Can get imaging to see if PRB full.
 - If full, can tighten cuff / reposition it OR increase PRB balloon pressure
 - If empty, do complete device exchange (tandem cuff has risks)
- But, what if current cuff size is already small?

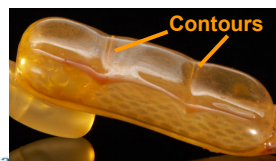
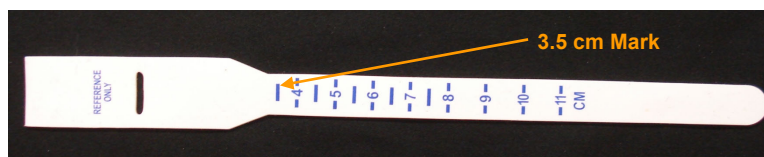
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Does Cuff Size Matter? Yes!

Accessory Kits

- Cuff Sizer updated with 3.5 cm marking



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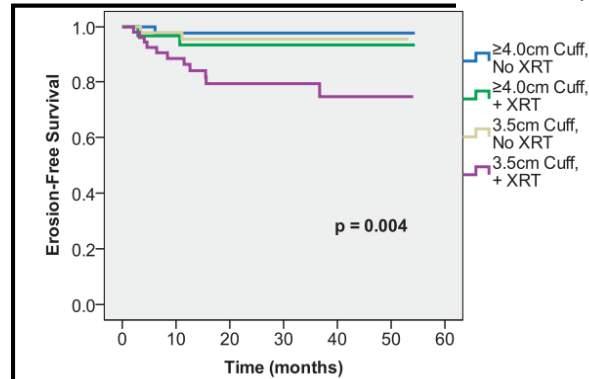
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3.5 cm Artificial Urinary Sphincter Cuff Erosion Occurs Predominantly in Irradiated Patients

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Mechanical failure rates of artificial urinary sphincter components: Is the 3.5-cm urethral cuff at higher risk?

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TABLE 3 Cuff failures stratified by cuff size

	3.5-cm	4.0-cm	4.5-cm	5.0-cm
Number of failed cuffs that were a primary implant (n)	1	2	1	1
Number of failed cuffs that were a revision implant (n)	15	5	2	0
Number of failure incidents (n)	16	7	3	1
Total number placed (n)	166	314	325	50
Overall failure rate	9.64%	2.23%	0.92%	2.00%



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Pain, SUI, and Drainage 1 year After AUS

This is an AUS erosion.
(scrotal swelling, fever,
drainage, perineal pain)

Question stems often
highlight risk factors for
erosion

These include:
Radiation history,
Prior urethroplasty
“Tight” cuff (aka 3.5 cm)

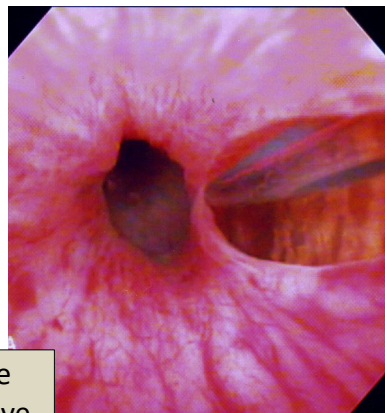
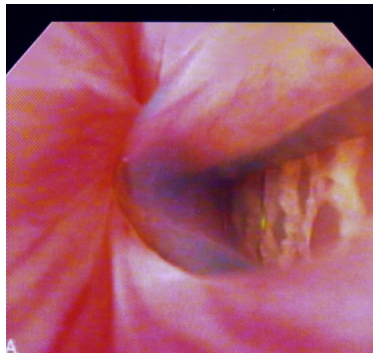


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AUS Cuff Erosion Mandates Total Device Removal. How to Manage Urethra? (Only do re-do AUS 3 mo later)



Guidelines give some leeway to suture
urethra, perform urethroplasty, or leave
long-term foley.

Must not replace AUS in same setting!



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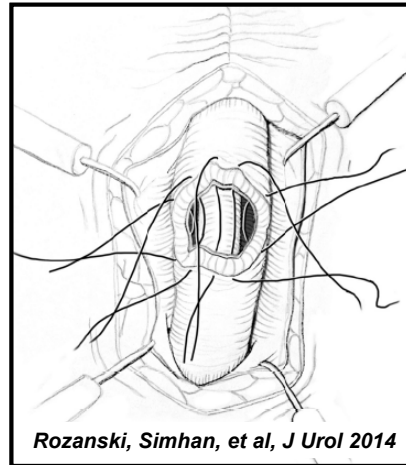
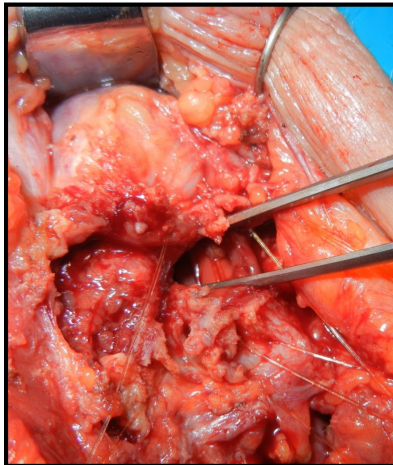
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In the real world... this is a damage control procedure...



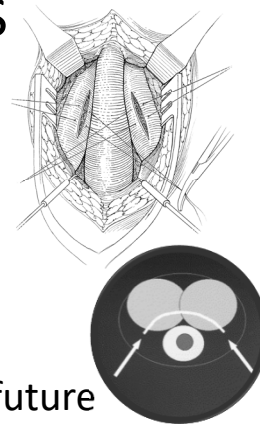
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Transcorporal AUS

- Bailout strategy
- Use in post erosion cases or post-urethroplasty
- Adds “bulk” to urethra to mitigate future erosion risk (but compromises corpora for erections)



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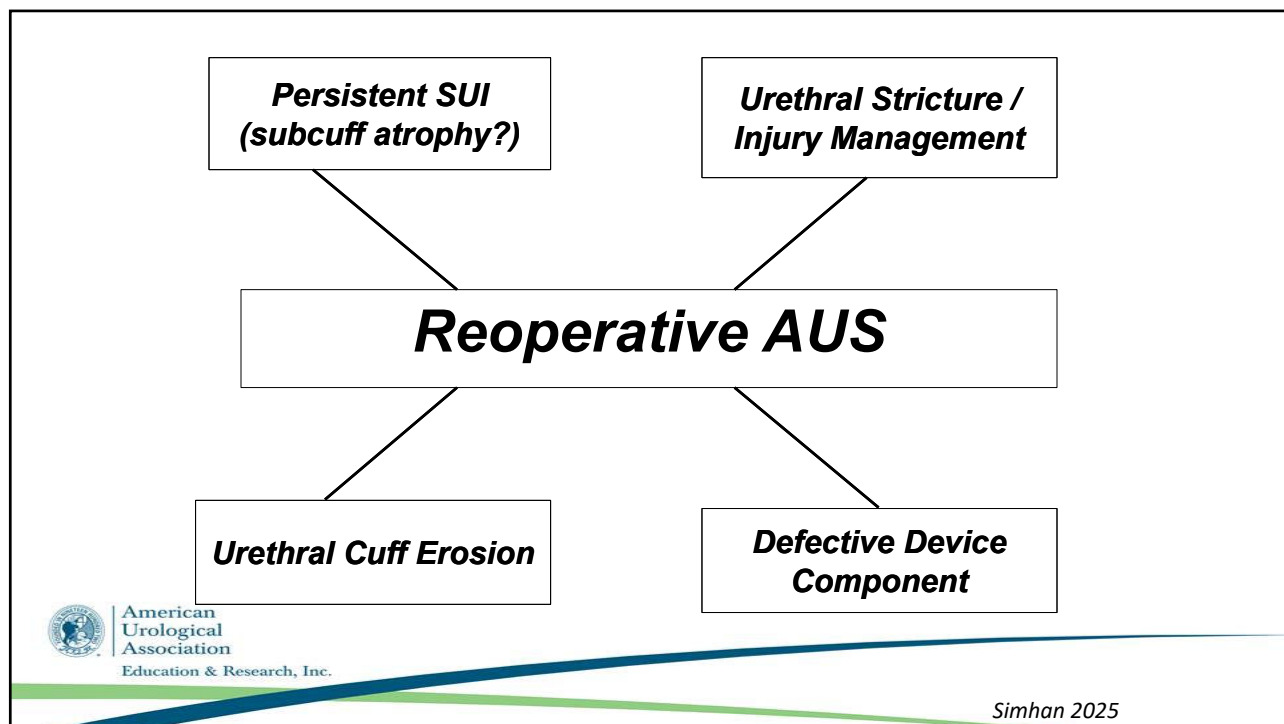
Transcorporal AUS is often not done in the index setting and only to add luminal “bulk” post-erosion or after numerous revisions.

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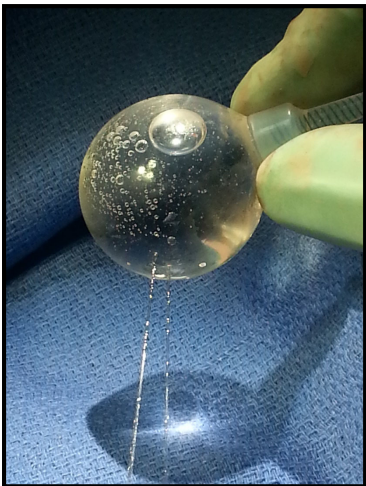
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Revision vs. Replacement?

Generally – device components that are defective require exchange. If device has been present for >2 yrs, suggest complete device removal and replacement

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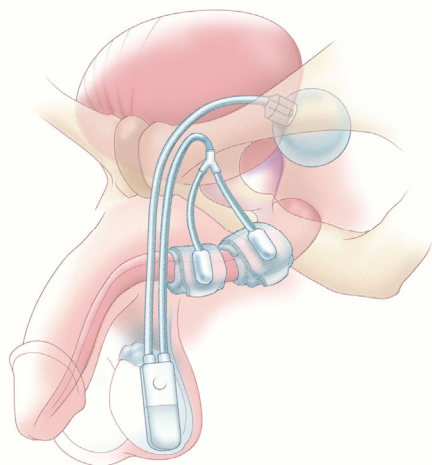
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Tandem Cuff?



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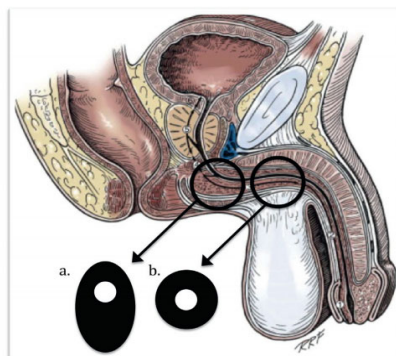


Figure 3. Transection schematic shows difference in tissue bulk between proximal (a) and distal (b) bulbospongiosus muscle. Modified from Jordan and McKammon.⁷ Used with permission from Elsevier.

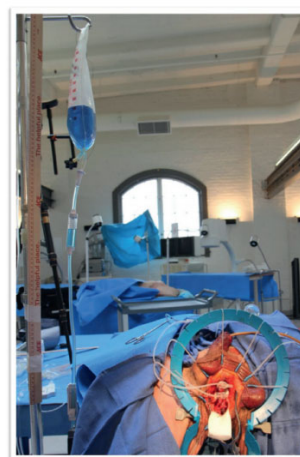


Figure 1. Measuring RLPP across tandem cuffs



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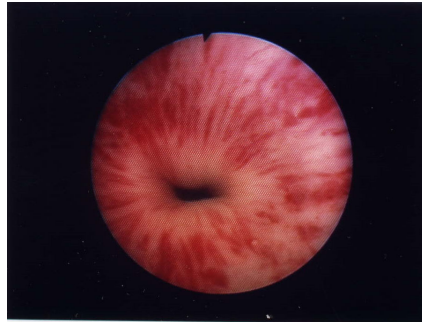
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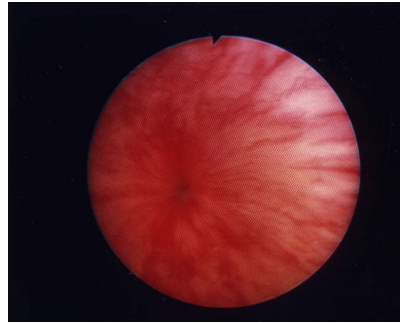
Which is Better?

Although some surgeons place tandems, the data supports it less

Pre-op: Tandem 4.5 cm cuff



Post-op: 4.0 cm cuff

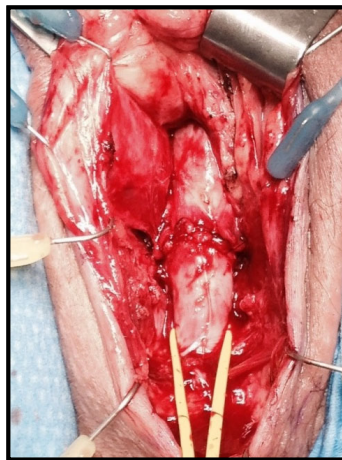


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What if there is a urethral injury at the time of AUS dissection?



Urethral injuries can occur –
but this mandates that the
procedure is aborted and
that the urethra is fixed.



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Persistent Incontinence After AUS Placement

Cystoscopy – assess the cuff for coaptation vs. erosion... THEN...
Urodynamics... THEN...

- Then – you should develop surgical plan (or treat OAB if urgency predominant!)
 - Move cuff to different position and re-size
 - Downsize cuff in same position
 - Add a cuff (we avoid at our center)

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Male Incontinence Closing Thoughts

- Injectables – rarely used
- Male Urethral sling
 - Sling position, patient selection (be selective)
- AUS – “Gold Standard”
 - Use perineal incision (Proximal cuff)
 - Small cuffs → erosions. Tandems → con’td incont.
 - Recurrent SUI? Downsize vs. reposition vs. PRB modification
 - Transcortical cuff (reserve for erosions/prior urethral surgery)

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Good Luck!



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MCQ #1

A 27M sustains a renal injury after a MVC that involves the collecting system with urinary extravasation. Notably, the size of perinephric hematoma is 4.5 cm and the laceration occurs in the medial aspect of the kidney. The patient appears to be hemodynamically stable. Initial management should be:

- A. OR for exploration with possible JJ stent
- B. Angioembolization with possible PCN placement
- C. Observation
- D. JJ stent immediately followed by admission with observation of renal injury



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MCQ #2

A 49F sustains a 2 cm ureteral avulsion in the distal ureter. Best long term management is: :

- A. Ureteroureterostomy
- B. Ureteral reimplantation
- C. Psoas hitch with ureteral reimplantation
- D. Buccal graft ureteroplasty



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Question 3

A 32M sustains significant penile swelling and bruising with rapid detumescence following a traumatic masturbation event. He has not other complaints upon presentation. The appropriate next step is:

- A. Urinalysis
- B. Ultrasound
- C. MRI
- D. Operative exploration



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MCQ#4

A 24M with a history of hypospadias correction presents with an obliterated penile urethral stricture. Which operative technique is most preferred as an initial treatment?

- A. DVIU
- B. Excision with primary anastomosis
- C. Ventral onlay urethral reconstruction
- D. 2 Stage urethral reconstruction



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MCQ #5

An 18M falls off a ladder and sustains an open fracture of his tibia and a pelvic fracture. He presents to the emergency room with blood at the urethral meatus, abdominal pain from a palpable bladder, tachycardia, and hypotension. Retrograde urethrogram demonstrates a grade III urethral injury. In this setting, which option is the best urologic management?

- A. Observation
- B. One pass Foley attempt
- C. Suprapubic tube placement
- D. Operative realignment



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