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P-154 GIANT HIATAL HERNIAS: LAPAROSCOPIC REPAIR WITH OR WITHOUT MESH PLACEMENT; EXPERIENCE OF A SINGLE CENTER IN NORTHERN GREECE

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Aim: A giant hiatal hernia is defined as a type III paraesophageal hernia, where more than 30% of the stomach lies within the thoracic cavity, with or without any other abdominal viscera, such as pancreas, spleen, or colon. It suggests a rare clinical entity, accounting for less than 0.3% of all hiatal hernias. As a consequence, the surgical treatment, and in particular the laparoscopic approach, is considered challenging and demanding. The purpose of this study is to prove, through our center’s experience, that the laparoscopic approach is a safe and effective method of giant hiatal hernia repair.

Material and Methods: 8 patients, 4 men and 4 women, 63.83 years old on average, with giant hiatal hernias, are included in this study. In all cases, laparoscopic hiatal hernia repair was performed, without any conversions, in combination with Nissen fundoplication. In addition, in three cases, a poly-4-hydroxybutyrate mesh (Phasix) was applied.

Results: Two patients were reoperated, one due to persistent dysphagia and one due to ileus. The rest of the patients followed an uneventful postoperative course with a short hospital stay and elimination of their symptoms, during a 12-month follow-up period.

Conclusions: Laparoscopic repair of giant hiatal hernias suggests a challenging operation, which is accompanied by high morbidity and recurrence rates, up to 12% and 10% respectively, as reported in the literature. However, it is a safe and effective procedure when performed in experienced centers.
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Monday, 28 November 2022

09.50 Opening and welcome
Jochen Lange, St.Gallen, CH

10.00 It is leaking! Approaches to salvaging an anastomosis
Willem Bemelman, Amsterdam, NL

10.30 Predictive and diagnostic markers of anastomotic leak
Andre D’Hoore, Leuven, BE

11.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
ETHICON

11.45 Of microbes and men – the unspoken story of anastomotic leakage
James Kinross, London, UK

12.15 LUNCH

12.45 Operative techniques to reduce anastomotic recurrence in Crohn’s disease
Laura Hancock, Manchester, UK

14.15 Innovative approaches in the treatment of complex Crohn Diseases perianal fistula
Christianne Buskens, Amsterdam, NL

14.45 To divert or not to divert in Crohn surgery – technical aspects and patient factors
Pär Myrelid, Linköping, SE

15.15 COFFEE BREAK

15.45 Appendiceal neoplasia – when to opt for a minimal approach, when and how to go for a maximal treatment
Tom Cecil, Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK

16.15 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
Medtronic

17.00 Outcomes of modern induction therapies and Wait and Watch strategies, Hope or Hype
Antonino Spinelli, Milano, IT

17.30 EAES Presidential Lecture - Use of ICG in colorectal surgery: beyond bowel perfusion
Salvador Morales-Conde, Sevilla, ES

18.00 Get-Together with your colleagues
Industrial Exhibition

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

9.00 CONSULTANT’S CORNER
Michel Adamina, Winterthur, CH

10.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
INTUITIVE

11.45 Trends in colorectal oncology and clinical insights for the near future
Rob Glynne-Jones, London, UK

12.15 LUNCH

13.45 VIDEO SESSION

14.15 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

15.00 BD

15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.45 The unsolved issue of TME: open, robotic, transanal, or laparoscopic – shining light on evidence and practice
Des Winter, Dublin, IE
Jim Khan, London, UK
Brendan Moran, Basingstoke, UK

16.30 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

17.15 Lars Pahlman lecture
Søren Laurberg, Aarhus, DK

Wednesday, 30 November 2022

9.00 Advanced risk stratification in colorectal cancer – choosing wisely surgery and adjuvant therapy
Philip Quirke, Leeds, UK

09.30 Predictors for Postoperative Complications and Mortality
Ronan O’Connell, Dublin, IE

10.00 Segmental colectomy versus extended colectomy for complex cancer
Quentin Denost, Bordeaux, FR

11.00 Incidental cancer in polyp - completion surgery or endoscopy treatment alone?
Laura Beyer-Berjot, Marseille, FR

11.30 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

12.00 Less is more – pushing the boundaries of full-thickness rectal resection
Xavier Serra-Aracil, Barcelona, ES

12.30 LUNCH

14.00 Management of intestinal neuroendocrine neoplasia
Frédéric Ris, Geneva, CH

14.30 Poster Presentation & Best Poster Award
Michel Adamina, Winterthur, CH

15.00 SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM
OLYMPUS

15.45 COFFEE BREAK

16.15 Reoperative pelvic floor surgery – dealing with perineal hernia, reoperations, and complex reconstructions
Guillaume Meurette, Nantes, FR

16.45 Salvage strategies for rectal neoplasia
Roel Hompes, Amsterdam, NL

17.15 Beyond TME – technique and results of pelvic exenteration and sacrectomy
Paris Tekkis, London, UK

19.30 FESTIVE EVENING

Thursday, 1 December 2022

Masterclass in Colorectal Surgery
Proctology Day