

The Role of Surgery in the Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Who, When, and Where to Send to Surgery

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Who to Send to Surgery



Penetrating Disease



Cancer or Dysplasia



Refractory to medical therapy



Toxic Colitis



Obstructing Disease

When to Send to Surgery



Penetrating Disease



Cancer or Dysplasia



Refractory to medical therapy



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Obstructing Disease

Where to Send to Surgery



High Volume/Experience



Specialized Surgeons



Multidisciplinary Access



GI Pathologists

Focus on Challenging and Controversial Topics



Dysplastic Lesions in Ulcerative Colitis



Stricturoplasty vs Resection for Fibrostenotic Crohn Disease



Perianal Crohn Disease

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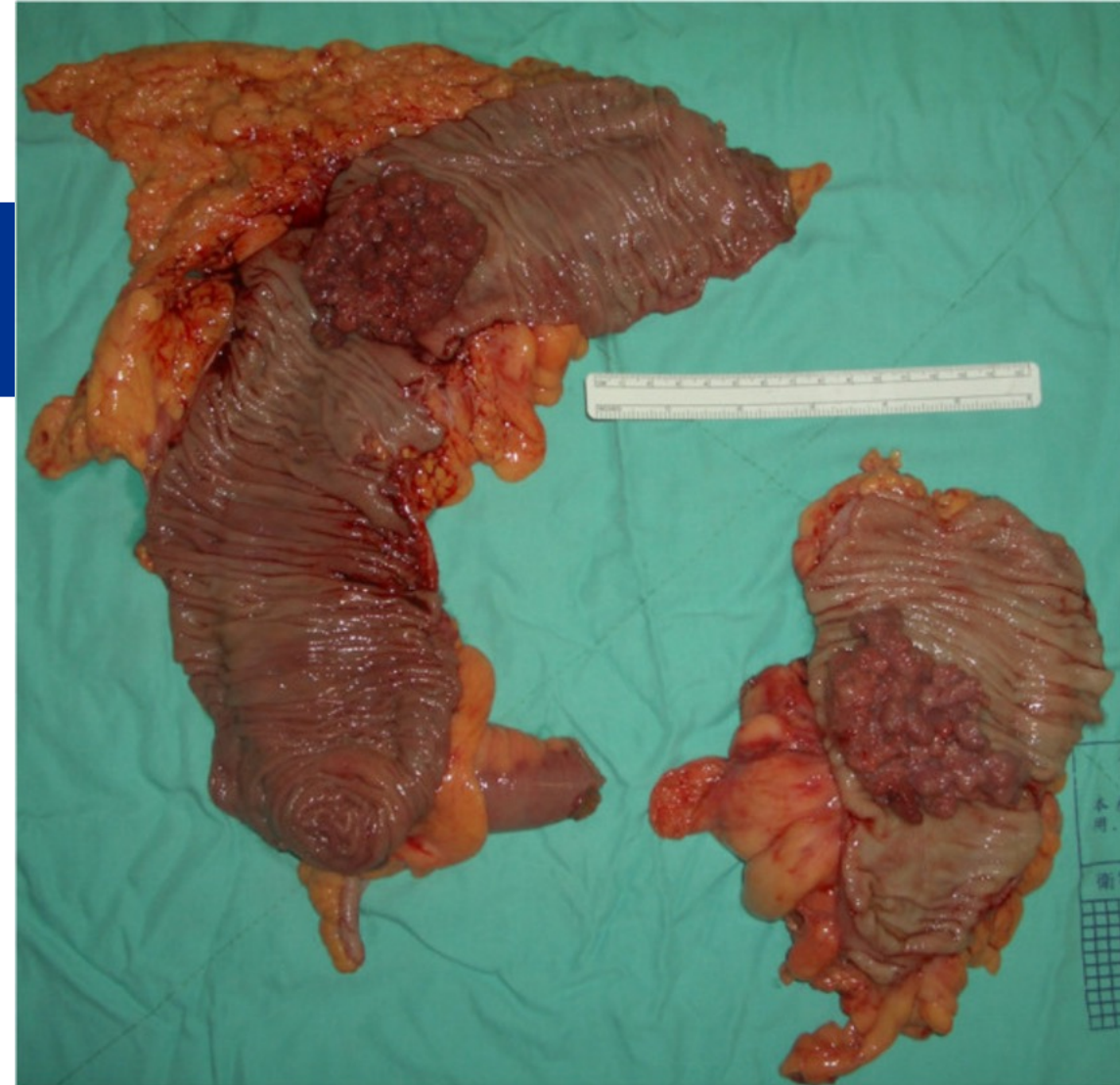


Dysplastic Lesions in Ulcerative Colitis

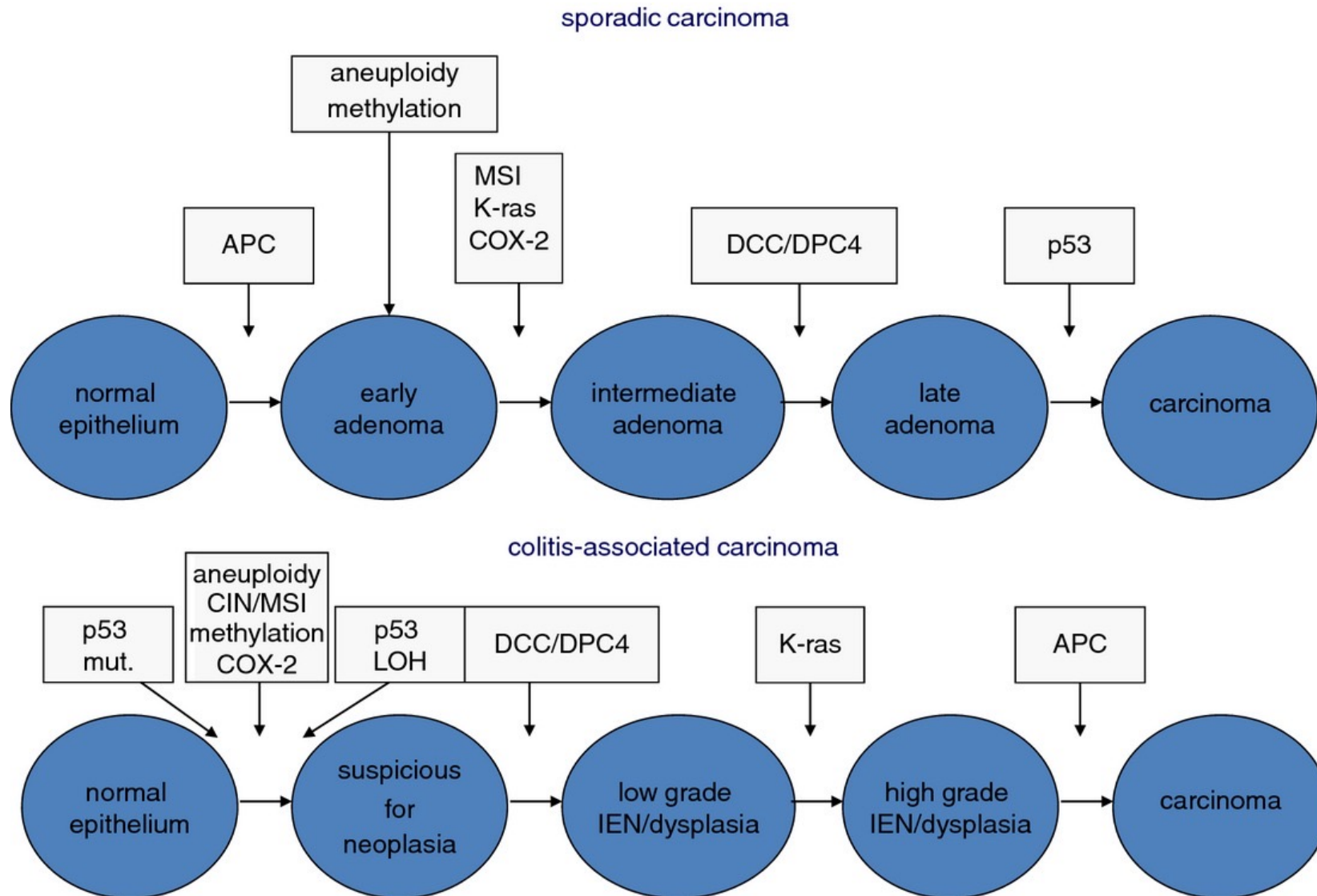
Carcinoma

Increased in UC and CD

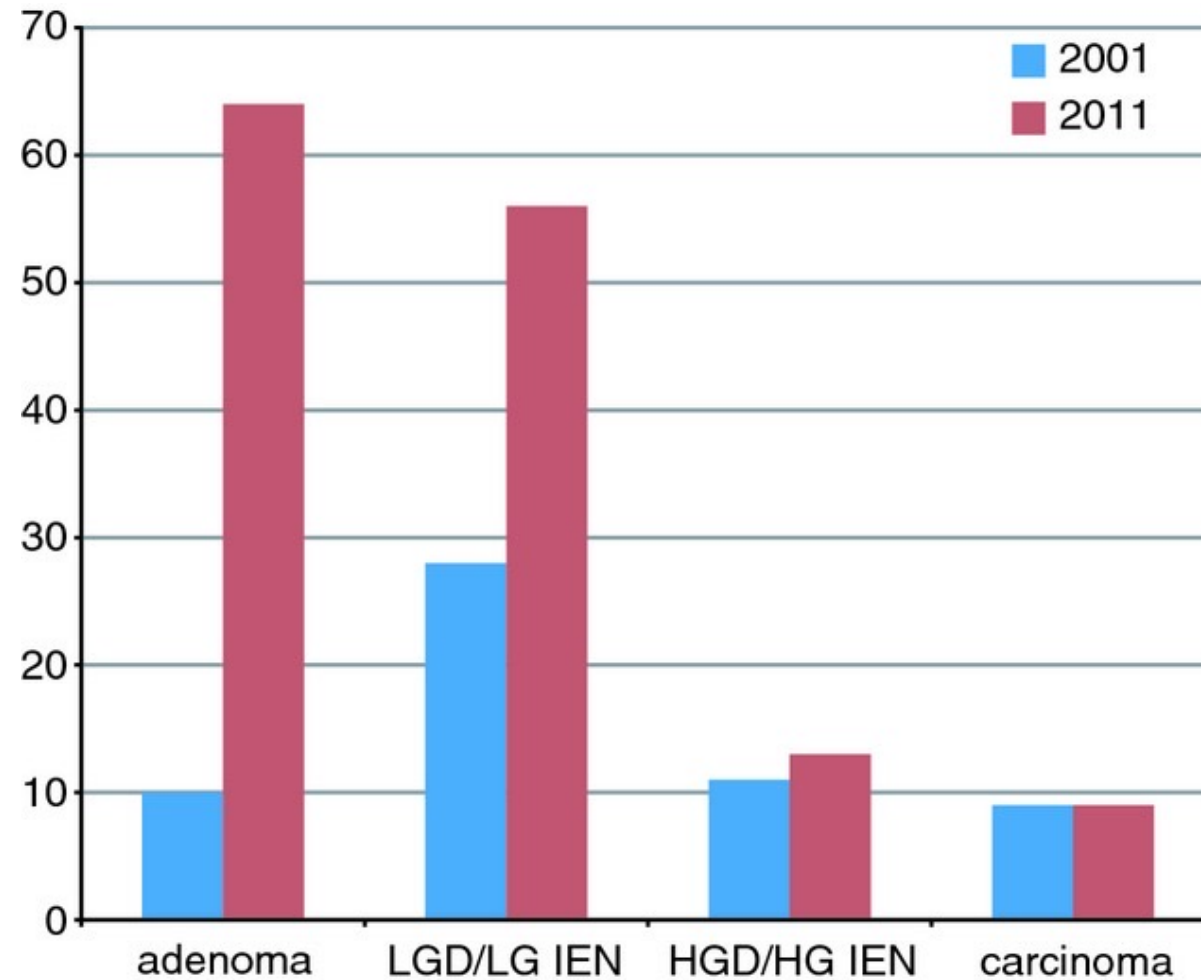
- 95/100,000
- UC
 - 2% at 10 years
 - 8% at 20 years
 - 18% at 30 Years
- CD
 - 8% at 22 years



IBD Cancer pathway may be different from sporadic CRC



Improved Detection with Improved Technology



Evolution of dysplasia detection and management

Time period	Detection Strategy	Management Approach
Pre-colonoscopy (pre-1970) • CRC natural history of IBD	No strategy to detect dysplasia	Proctocolectomy with ileostomy
Early colonoscopy (1970s-90s)	Most dysplasia is “invisible” Random biopsies	Restorative proctocolectomy vs ileostomy
Early 2000s	Most dysplasia is visible Random biopsies	LGD→polypectomy vs colectomy HGD→laparoscopic restorative proctocolectomy
Present • High Definition endoscopy • Chromoendoscopy • EMR and ESD • High tech tools for resection	Most dysplasia is visible Targeted biopsies with improved visualization	Endoscopic resection of discrete lesions Surgery for select cases (MIS)

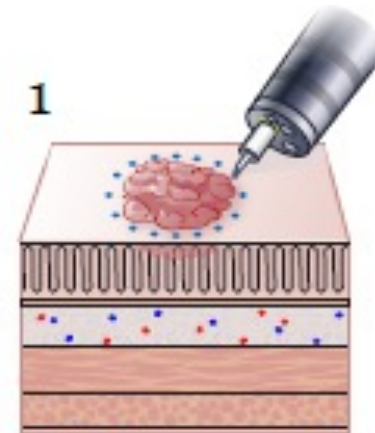
Visible Dysplasia

Resectable

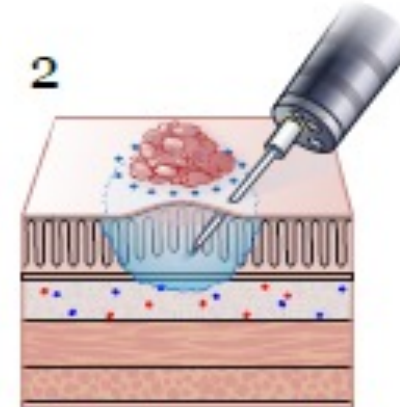
- Distinct margin on endoscopy
- Lift and hot snare
- Complete removal
- Negative margins on histology
- Negative biopsies from the periphery and base

Non-resectable

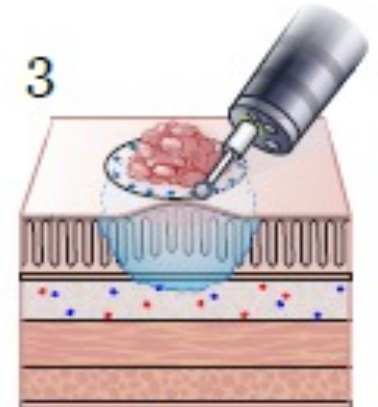
- Large size (>2cm)
- Inability to lift
- Poorly delineated margins



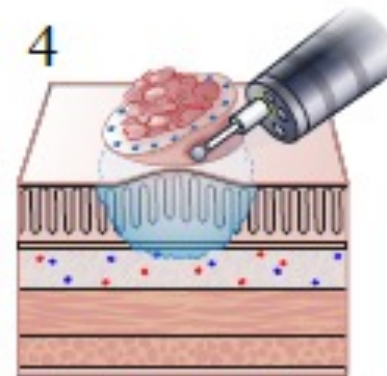
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Mark around
the tumor



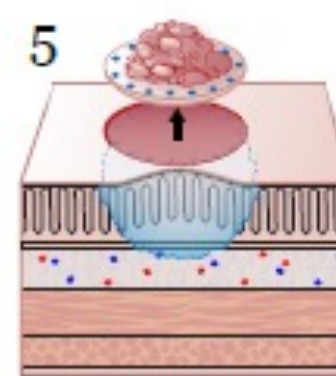
2
Inject special
fluid under the
tumor to lift it



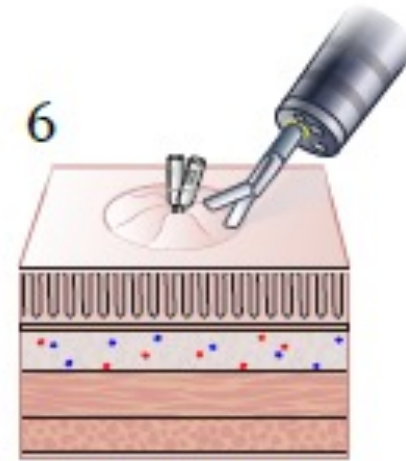
3
Cut the area
around the tumor



4
Shave off
the tumor



5
Remove
the tumor



6
Stitch the area,
if needed

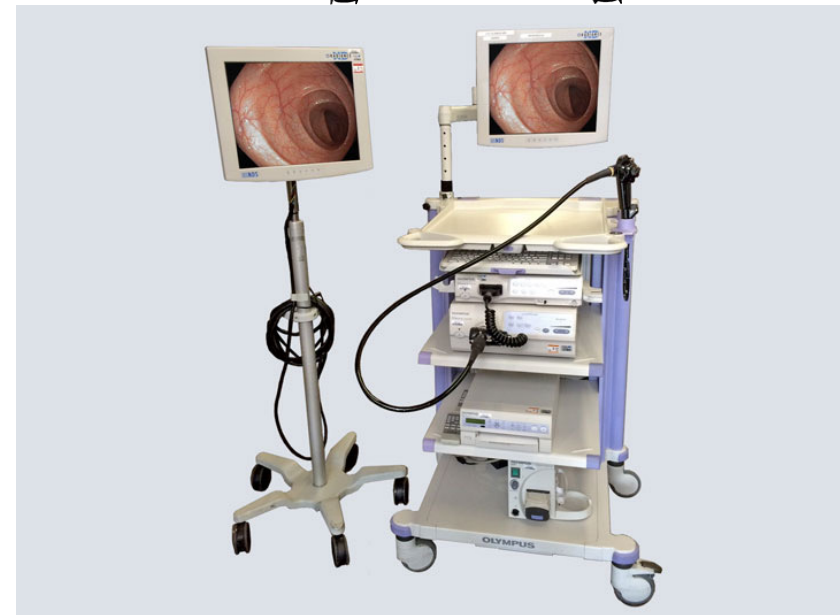
Visible Dysplasia

Colectomy

- HGD
- CRC
- Multifocal LGD
- Incompletely resected dysplasia
- Recurrent

Continued Surveillance

- Completely resected LGD
 - 6% annual incidence of any dysplasia
 - 0.5% annual incidence of CRC



Challenges in Management of Invisible Dysplasia



Uncertainty

Histological interpretation
Likelihood of progression to CA
Ability to do effective surveillance
Strategy to prevent progression
Lesions not seen



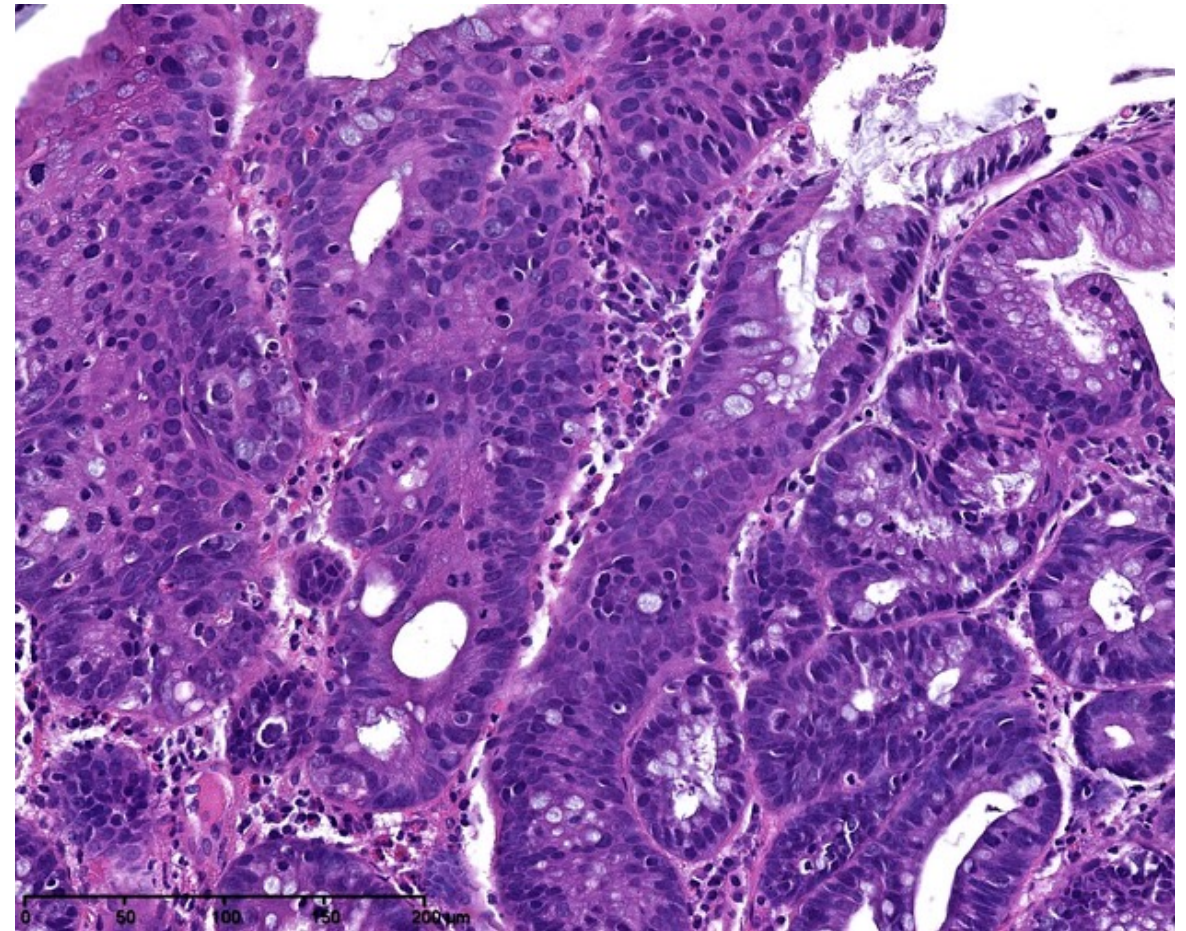
Treatment options

Colectomy

- What if pathologic interpretation was wrong
- What if lesion is small and endoscopically resectable?

Surveillance

- What if endoscopist can't find the lesion again and patient progresses to CA?
- Timing of interval frequency for surveillance



A Management of visible and invisible dysplasia within a colitis field*		
Endoscopic assessment	Management	Next colonoscopy and comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < 2cm + resectable (clear border, no features of submucosal invasion or fibrosis) + no histologic features of invasive cancer 	Endoscopic resection with continued surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3–6 months: high-grade dysplasia or incomplete resection • 12 months: > 1cm, low-grade dysplasia (LGD) • 24 months: < 1cm or pedunculated, LGD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large (≥ 2cm) • Complex (i.e. lateral spreading, highly irregular or indistinct border) • Incomplete resection after several attempts • Local recurrence 	Endoscopic resection with intensive surveillance vs surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every 3–6 months for first year (if resect) • Decision to resect based on lesion details, local expertise, disease activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unresectable due to size, location, features of invasive cancer or submucosal fibrosis • Invasive cancer on histology 	Surgery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invisible dysplasia (non-targeted biopsy) or subtle/ poorly delineated lesion (targeted biopsy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm histology with second pathologist • Treat inflammation • Perform dye spray chromoendoscopy (DCE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use DCE to unmask subtle lesions. If no lesion seen, take extensive non-targeted biopsies in area of prior dysplasia. Use box A or B to manage.

B Management when no visible dysplasia is detected on DCE*		
Histologic assessment	Management	Next colonoscopy and comments
• Persistent high-grade or multifocal invisible dysplasia	Surgery	
• Persistent unifocal low-grade invisible dysplasia	Intensive surveillance with DCE **	• 3–6 months if prior high-grade or multifocal dysplasia; 6–12 months if prior low-grade dysplasia. Continue intensive surveillance until 2 consecutive negative high quality DCE exams.
• No histologic dysplasia		

*Consider expert opinion if uncertainty; ** Although intensive surveillance proposed, long-term management is uncertain. Discuss risks and benefits of surgery vs surveillance based on current and past inflammatory burden, quality of mucosal visualization, mucosal details from where dysplasia initially detected, and other CRC risk factors.

Third European Evidence-based Consensus on Diagnosis and Management of Ulcerative Colitis. Part 1: Definitions, Diagnosis, Extra-intestinal Manifestations, Pregnancy, Cancer Surveillance, Surgery, and Ileo-anal Pouch Disorders

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8.5.3. Management of endoscopically visible dysplasia

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Polypoid dysplasia can be adequately treated by polypectomy provided the lesion can be completely excised, and there is no evidence of non-polypoid or invisible dysplasia elsewhere in the colon [EL 2]

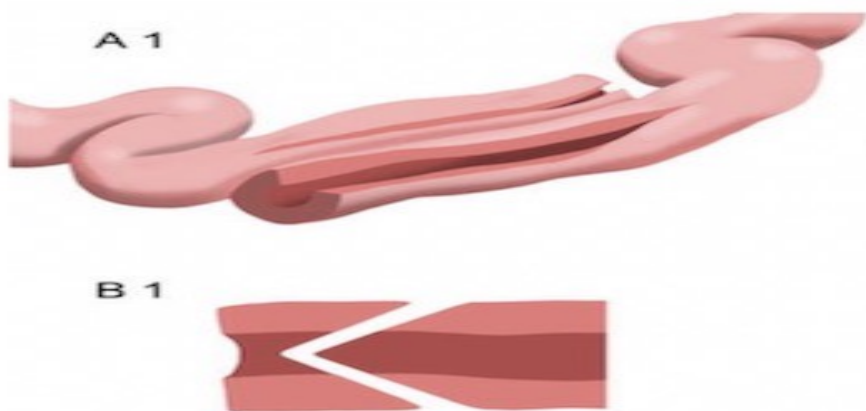
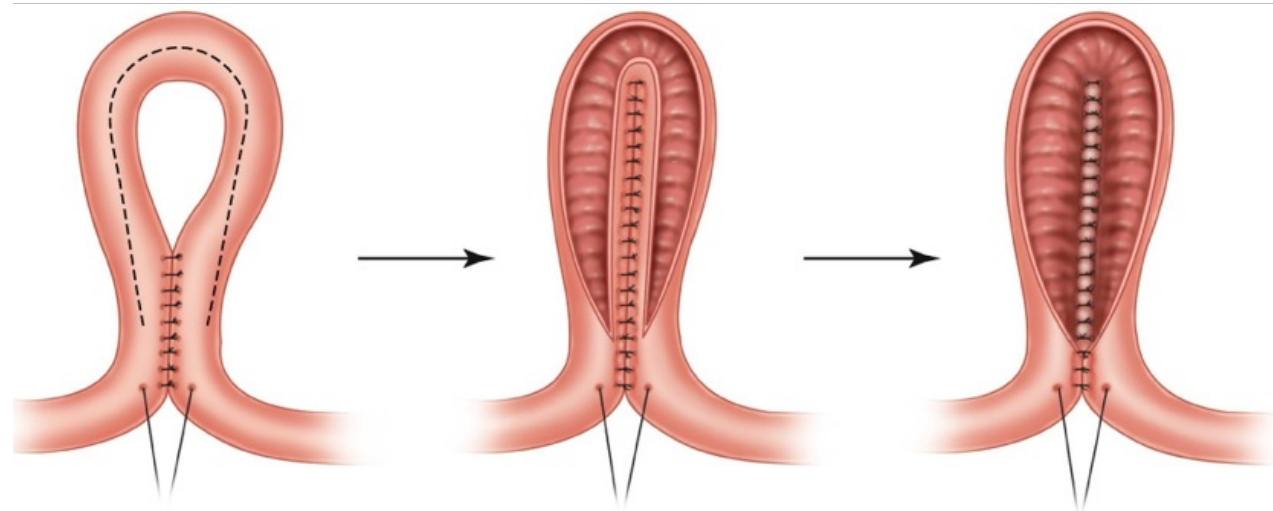
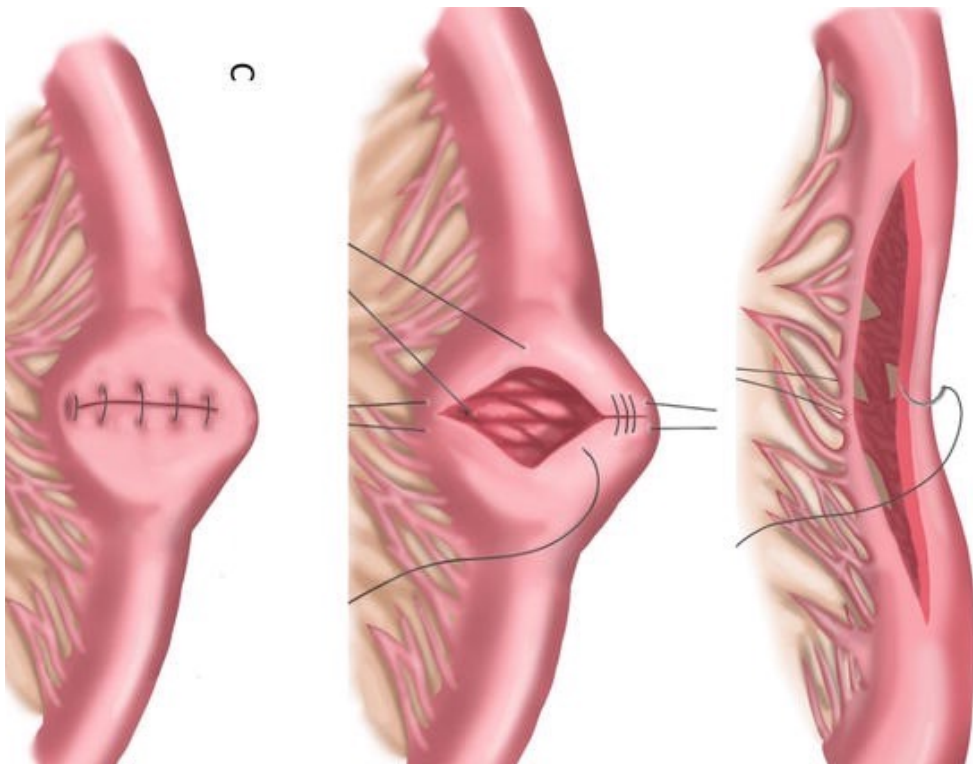
ECCO statement 8M

Non-polypoid dysplastic lesions can be treated endoscopically in selected cases. If complete resection can be achieved, with no evidence of non-polypoid or invisible dysplasia elsewhere in the colon, continued surveillance colonoscopy is reasonable [EL 5]. Every other patient with non-polypoid dysplasia should undergo colectomy, regardless of the grade of dysplasia detected on biopsy analysis [EL 2]

Focus on Challenging or Controversial Topics




Stricturoplasty vs Resection for Fibrostenotic Crohn Disease



Strictureplasty versus bowel resection for the surgical management of fibrostenotic Crohn's disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis

update

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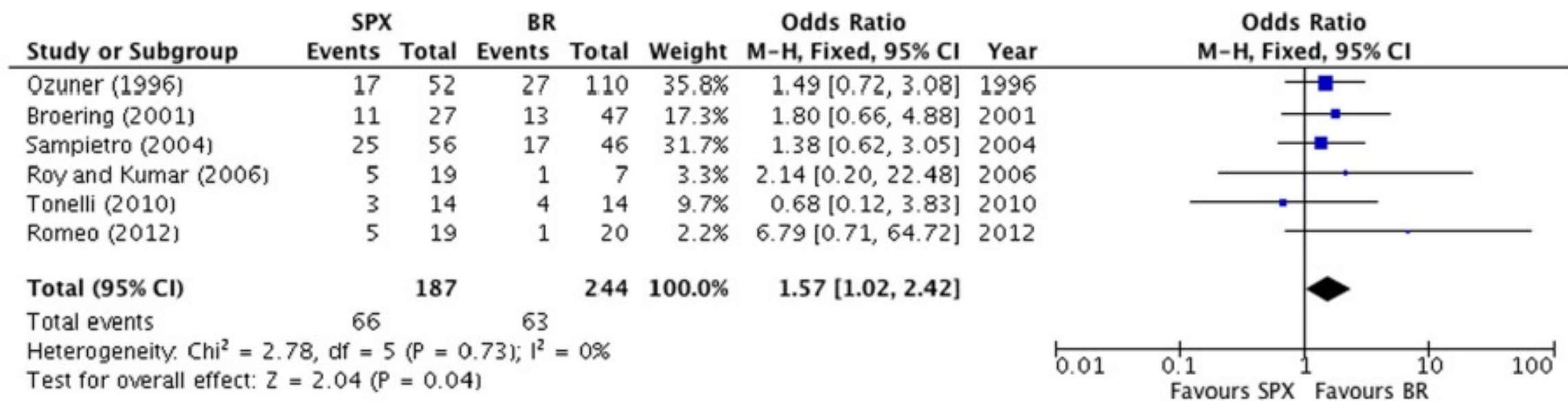


Fig. 2 Forest plot comparing overall recurrence in patients with SPX vs BR

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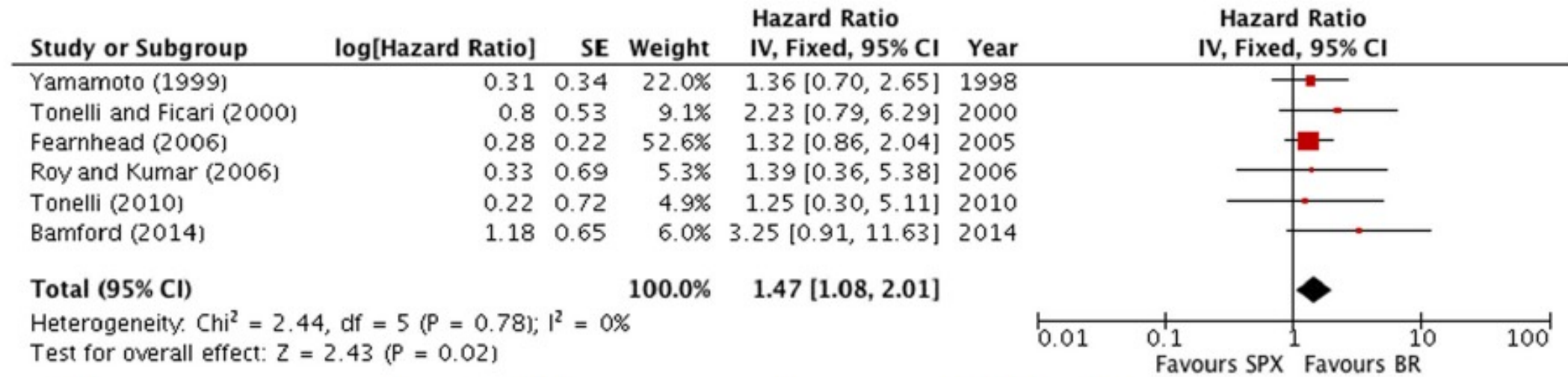


Fig. 3 Forest plot comparing recurrence-free survival (time to recurrence) in patients with SPX vs BR

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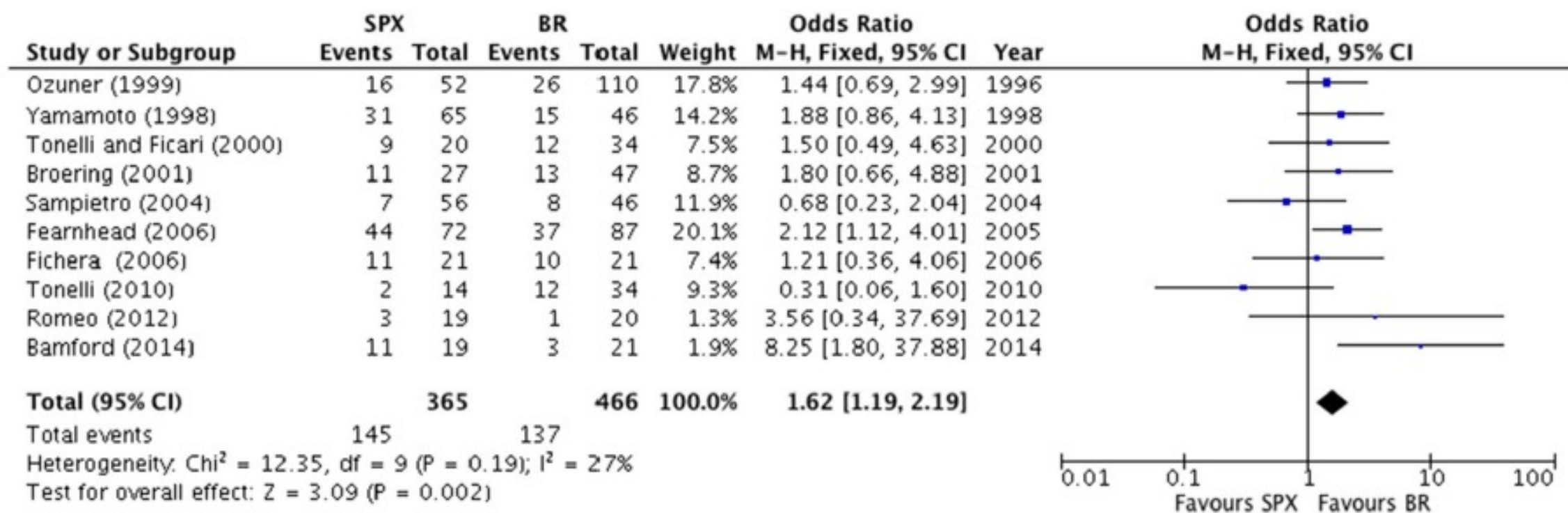


Fig. 4 Forest plot comparing surgical recurrence in patients with SPX vs BR

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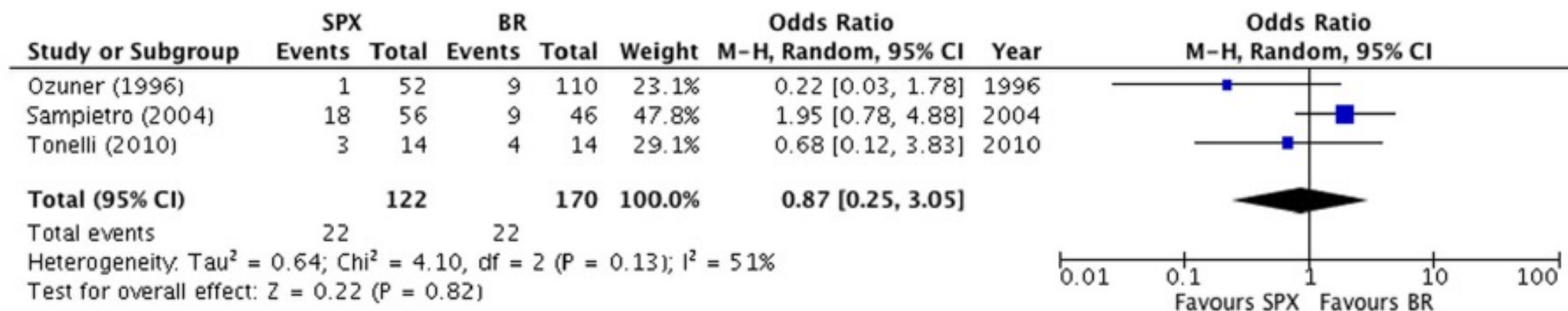


Fig. 5 Forest plot comparing medical recurrence in patients with SPX vs BR

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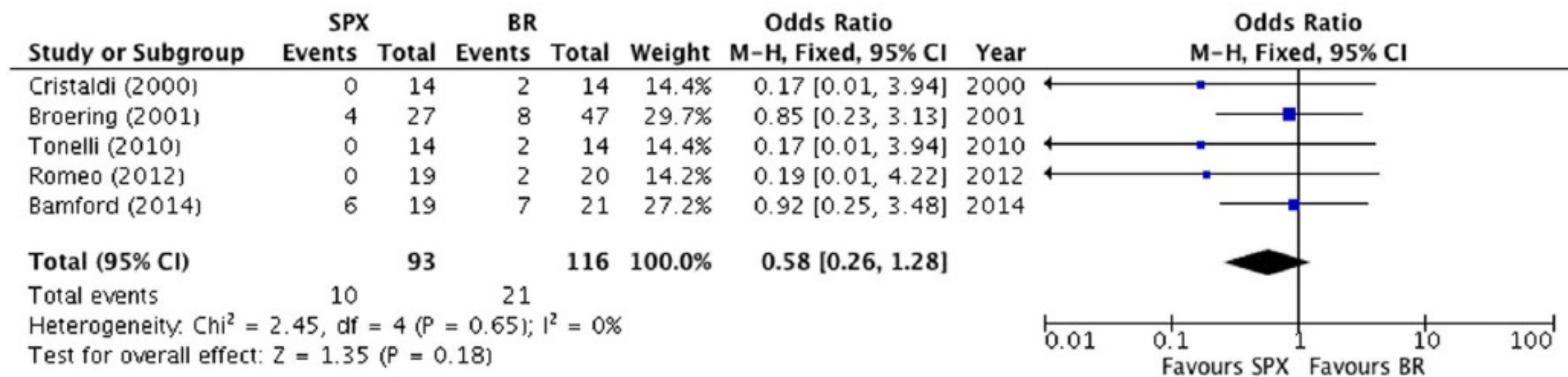


Fig. 6 Forest plot comparing overall morbidity in patients with SPX vs BR

Summary

Compared to strictureplasty, bowel resection for fibrostenotic crohn's disease results in improved

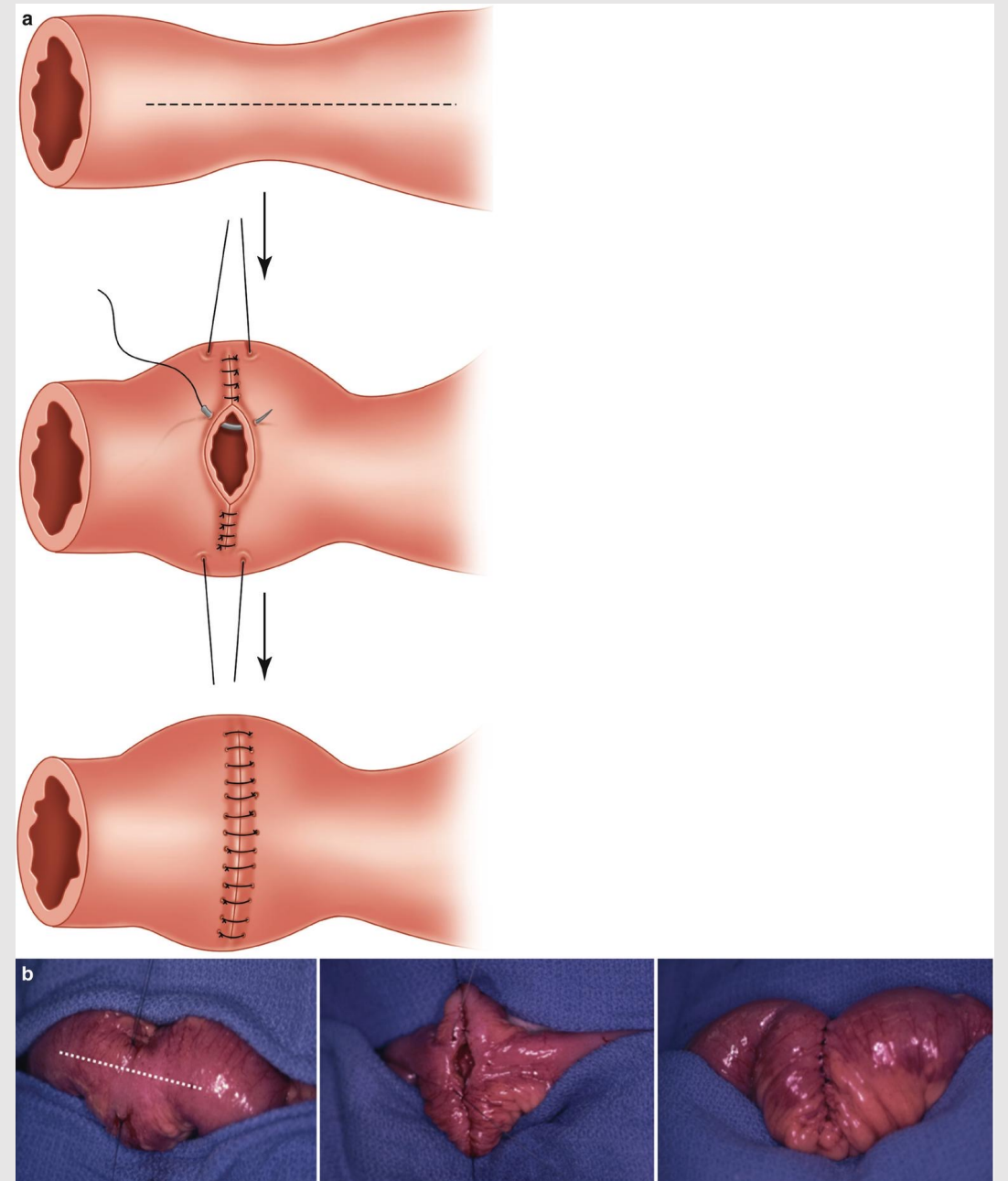
- Overall recurrence
- Recurrence free survival
- Surgical recurrence

But with

- Higher morbidity*

And

- No difference in medical recurrence



Focus on Challenging or Controversial Topics



Perianal Crohn Disease



20% of patients with CD will present with some anal or perineal involvement



Risk increases with time



Anus or perineum eventually involved in 60 to 80% of patients



Fissure
Skin tag or hemorrhoid
Cavitating ulcer
Fistula
Abscess
Anorectal stricture
Carcinoma



Exam under anesthesia



Stages of Therapy

Control of the Acute Disease

Drainage of abscess

Placement of non-cutting seton

Stabilization

Antibiotics

Immunomodulators

Operative Management

Risk of incontinence

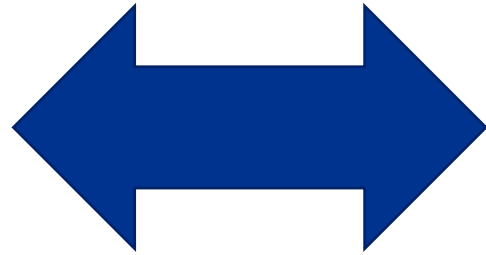
Risk of recurrence



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Medical



Surgical



CURE



CONTINENCE

Surgical Options

Drain Abscess

Seton

- Short term
- Long term

Fistulotomy

LIFT

Modified LIFT

Rectal
advancement
flap

Dermal
advancement
flap

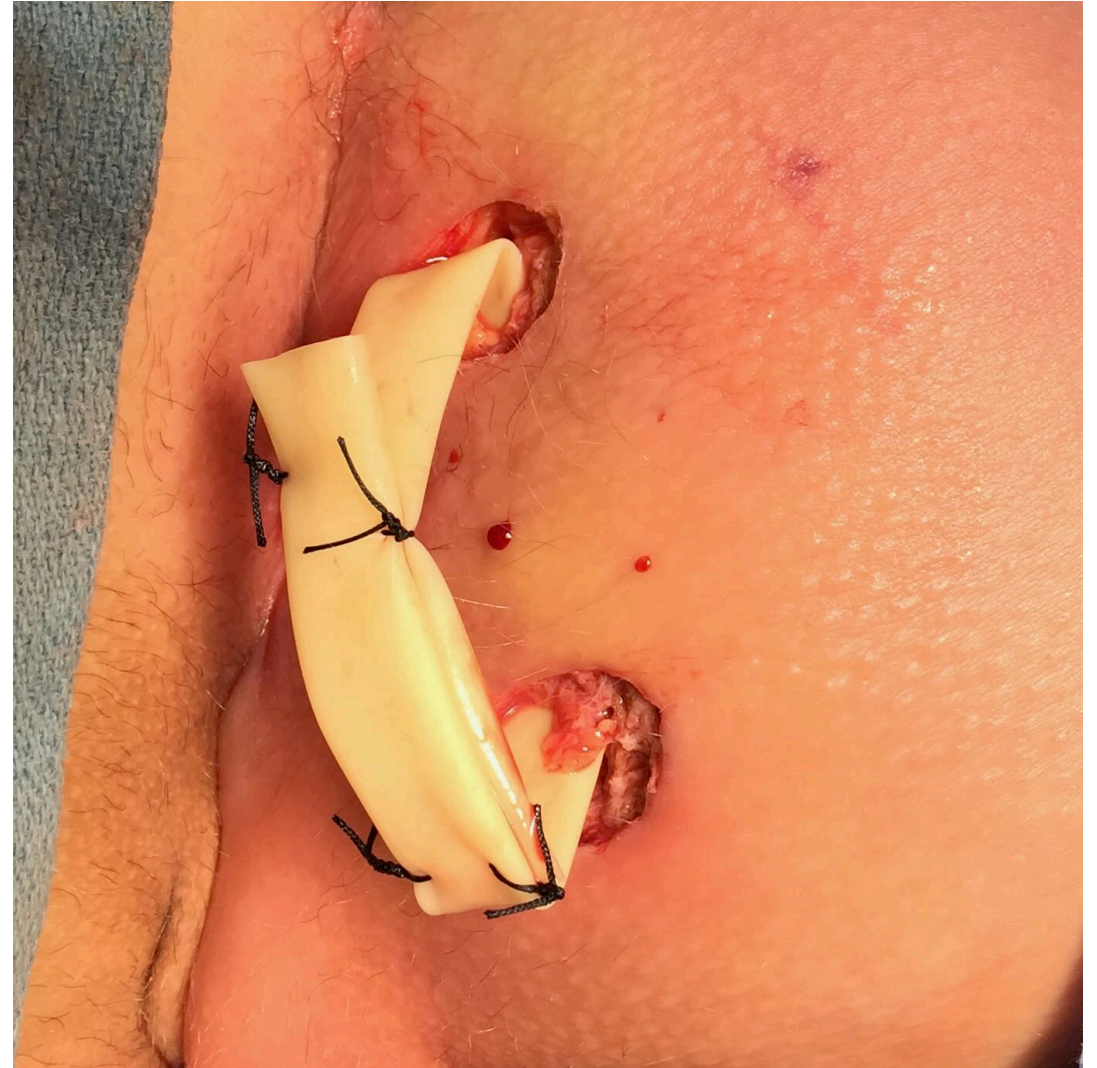
Stem cell
injection

Stoma/APR

RVF

- Martius flap
- Gracilis muscle flap

Drain Abscess

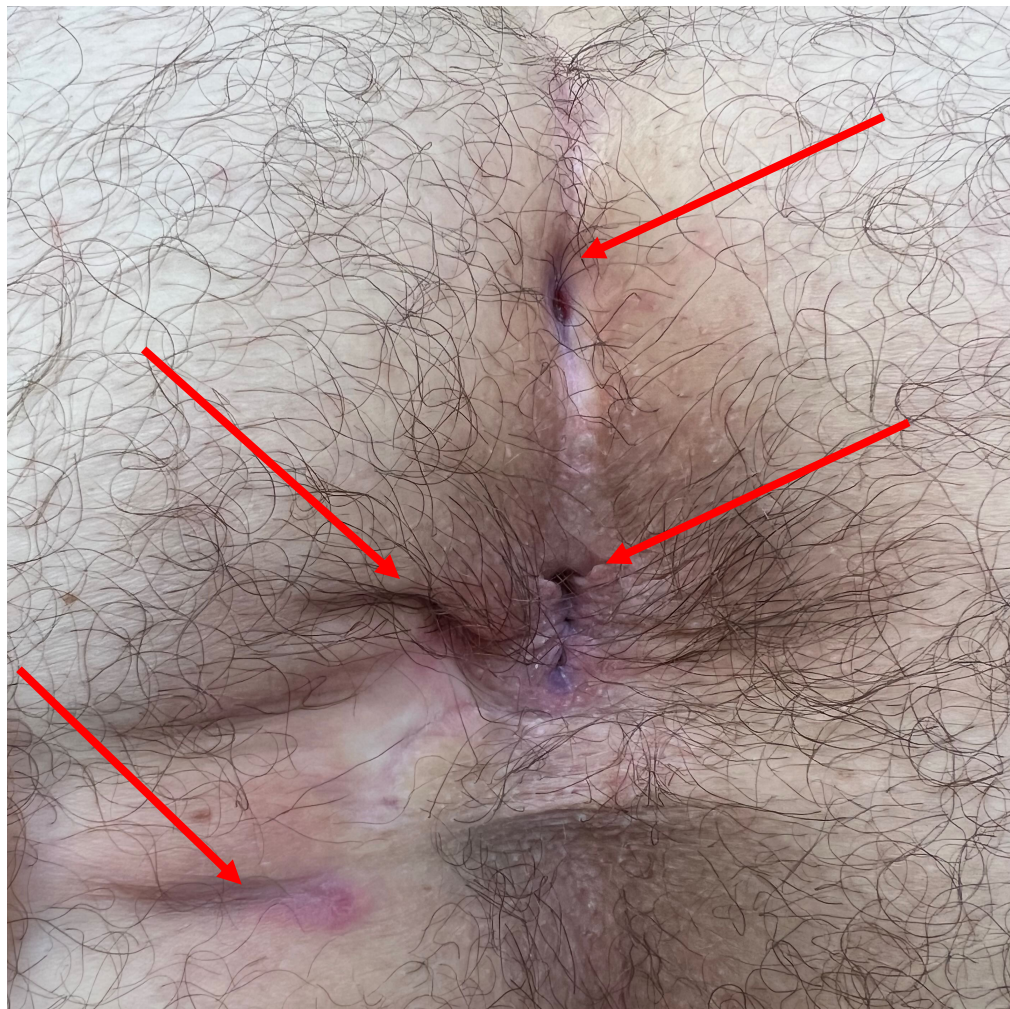


Seton

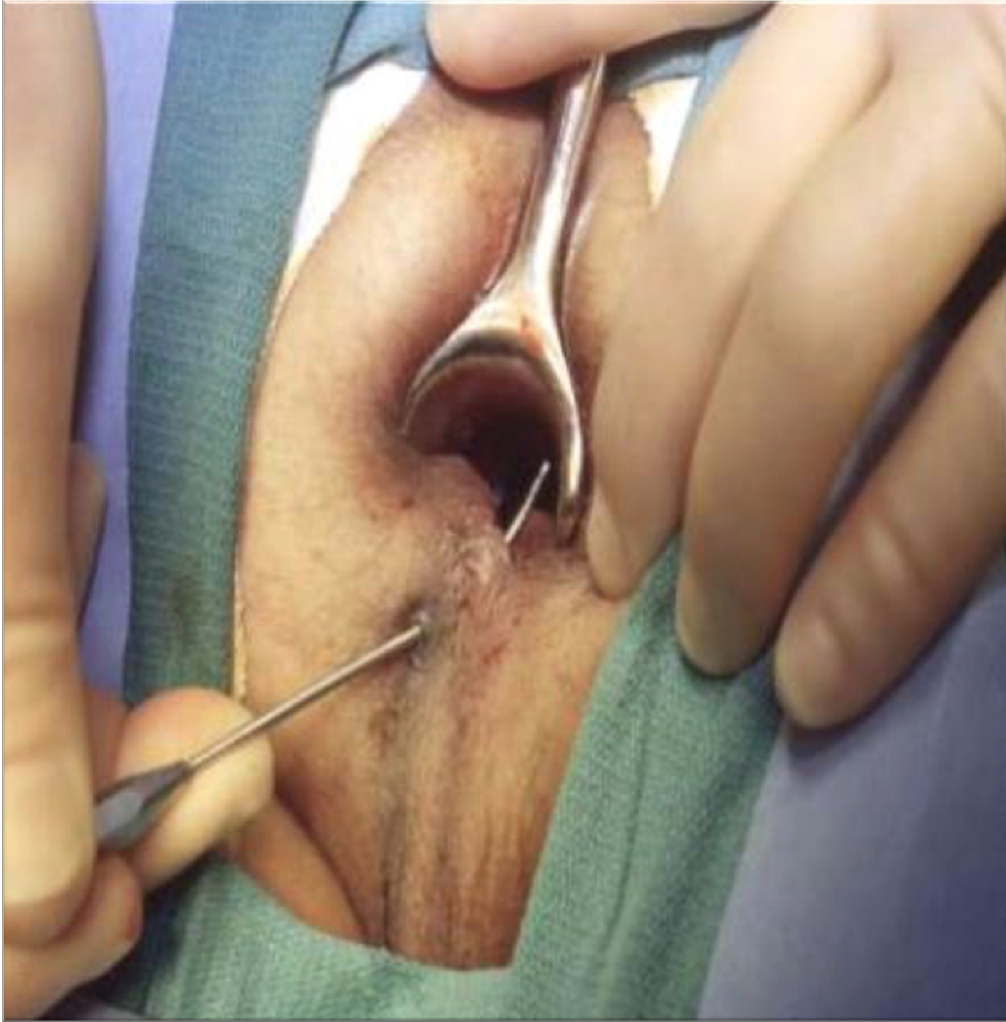
- Short term
- Long term



Chronic Fistulas, Recurring Abscesses

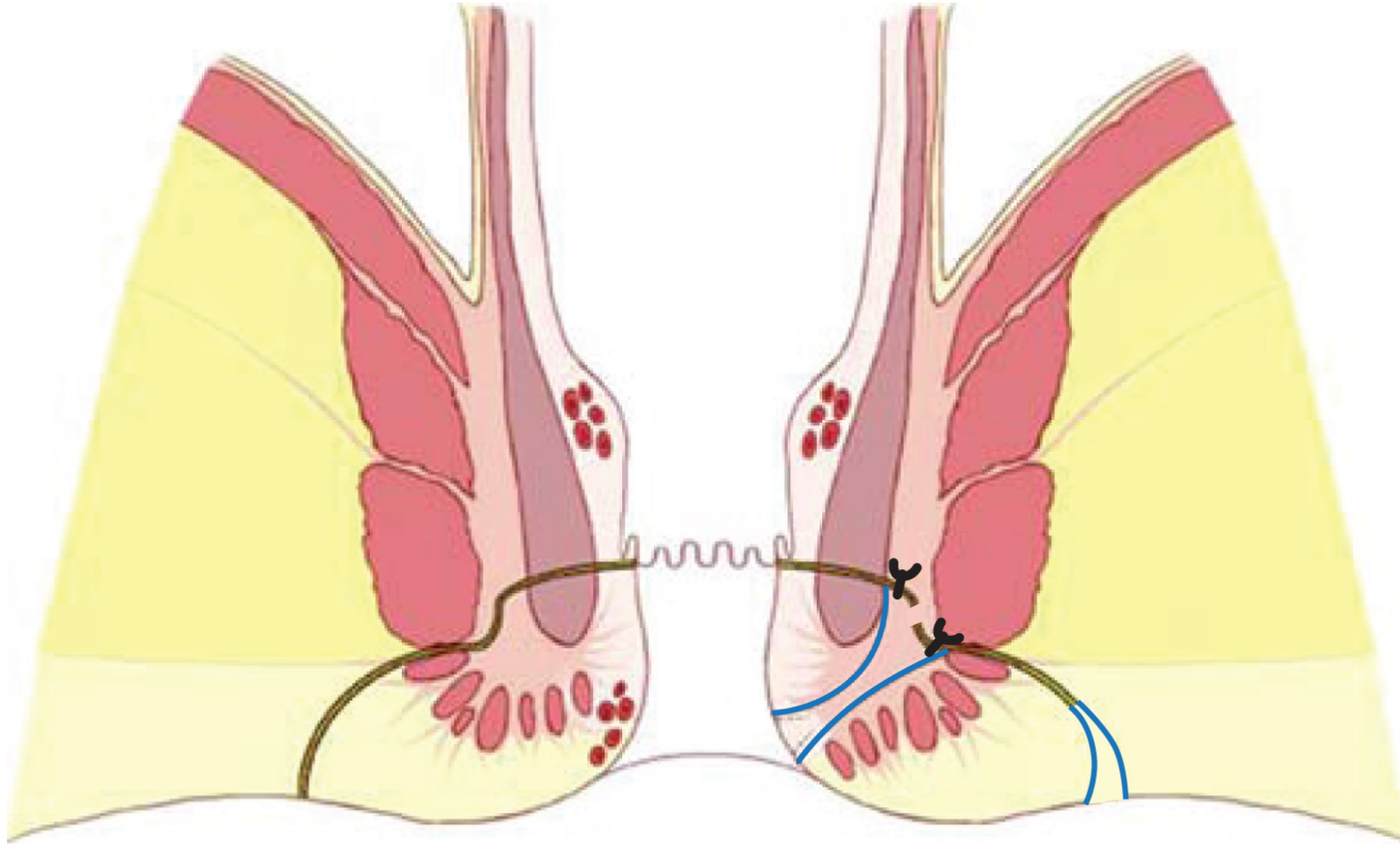


Fistulotomy



LIFT

Ligation Intersphincteric Fistula Tract (LIFT)



LIFT Procedure

(Ligation of the Intersphincteric Fistula Tract)

**Disrupt the
fistula (cure)**

**Don't divide
sphincter
complex
(continence)**

Initial Results

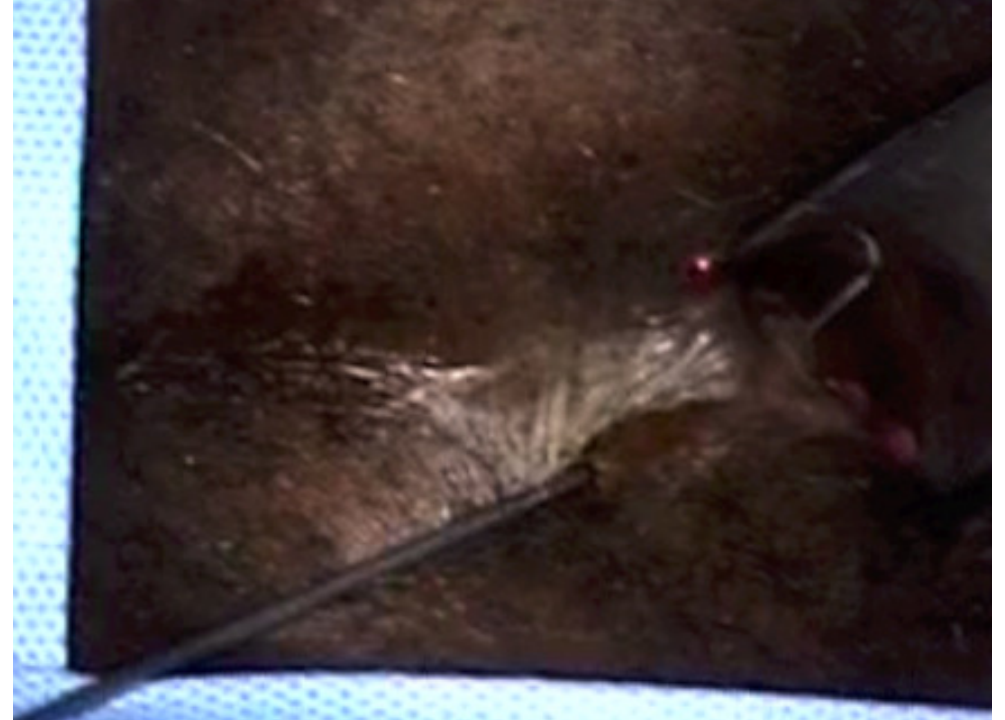
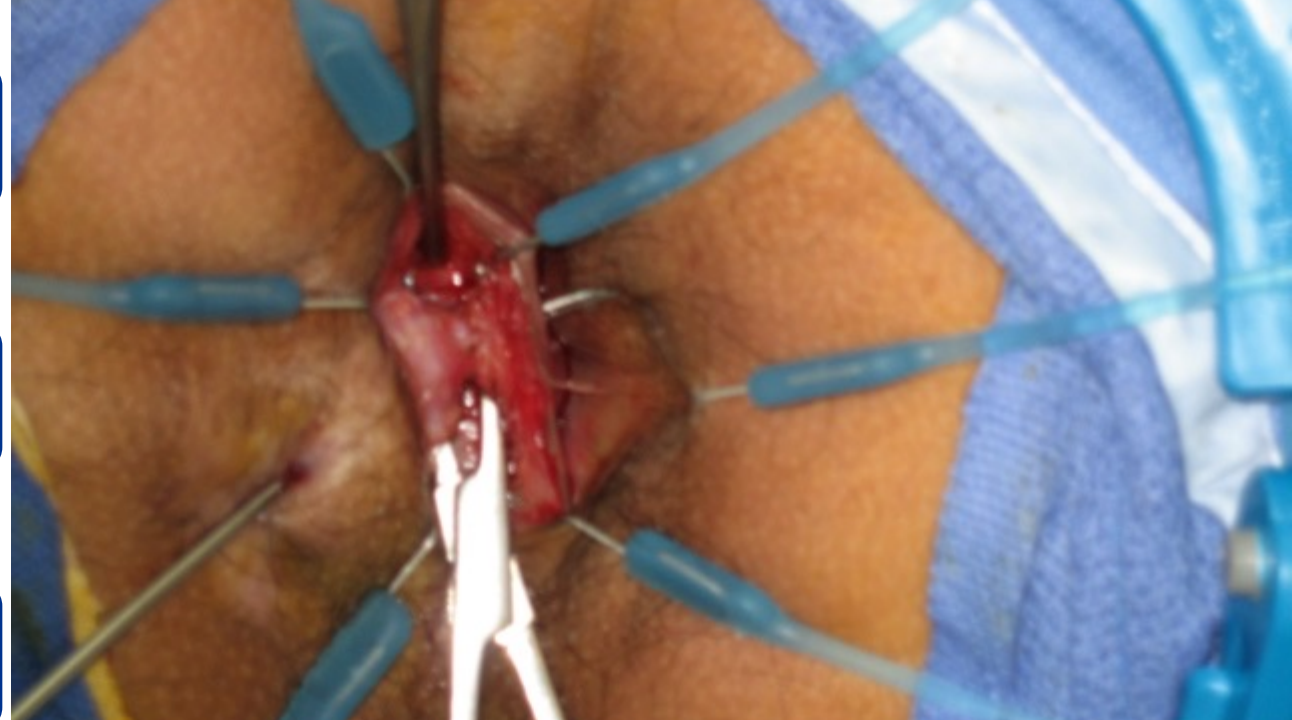
- **Success >90%**

Long-term results

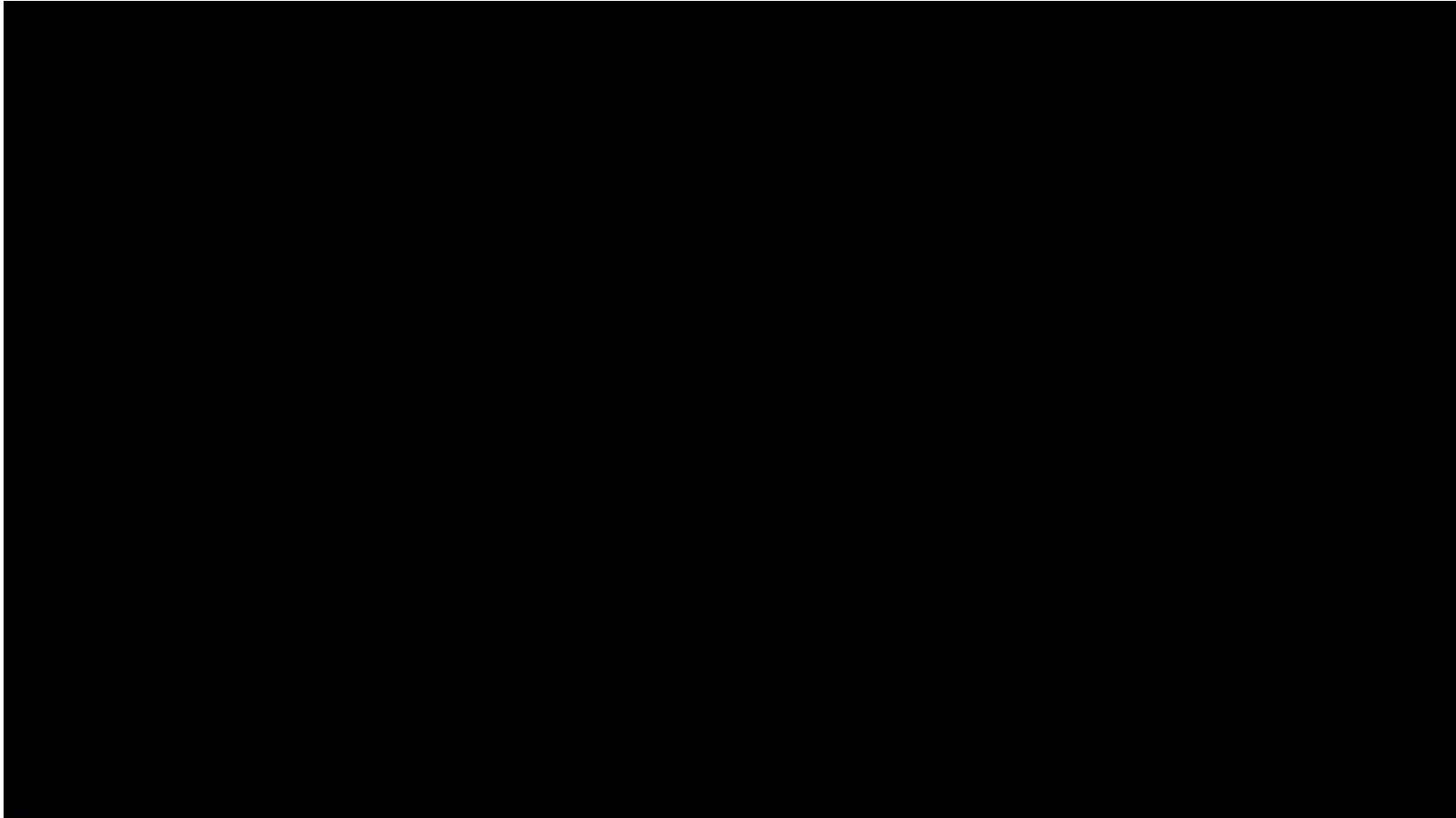
- **Success ~45%**

Challenging when:

- **Multiple**
- **Deep**
- **Suprasphincteric/Extrasphincteric**
- **Bifurcated**
- **Abscess**
- **Recurrent**

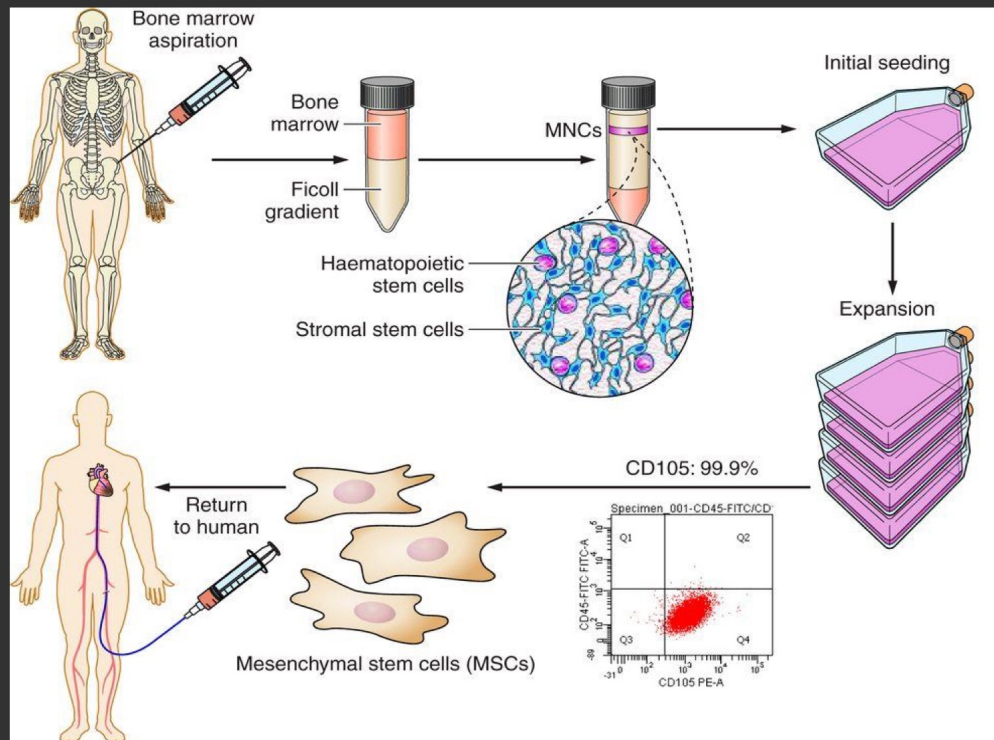


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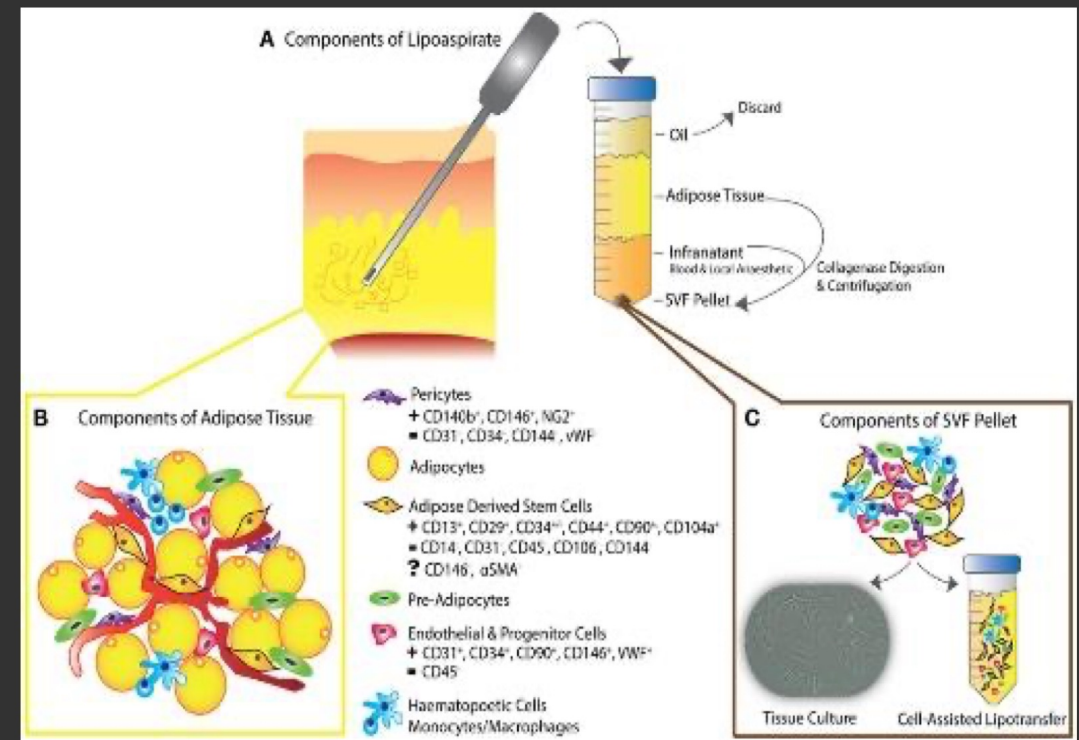


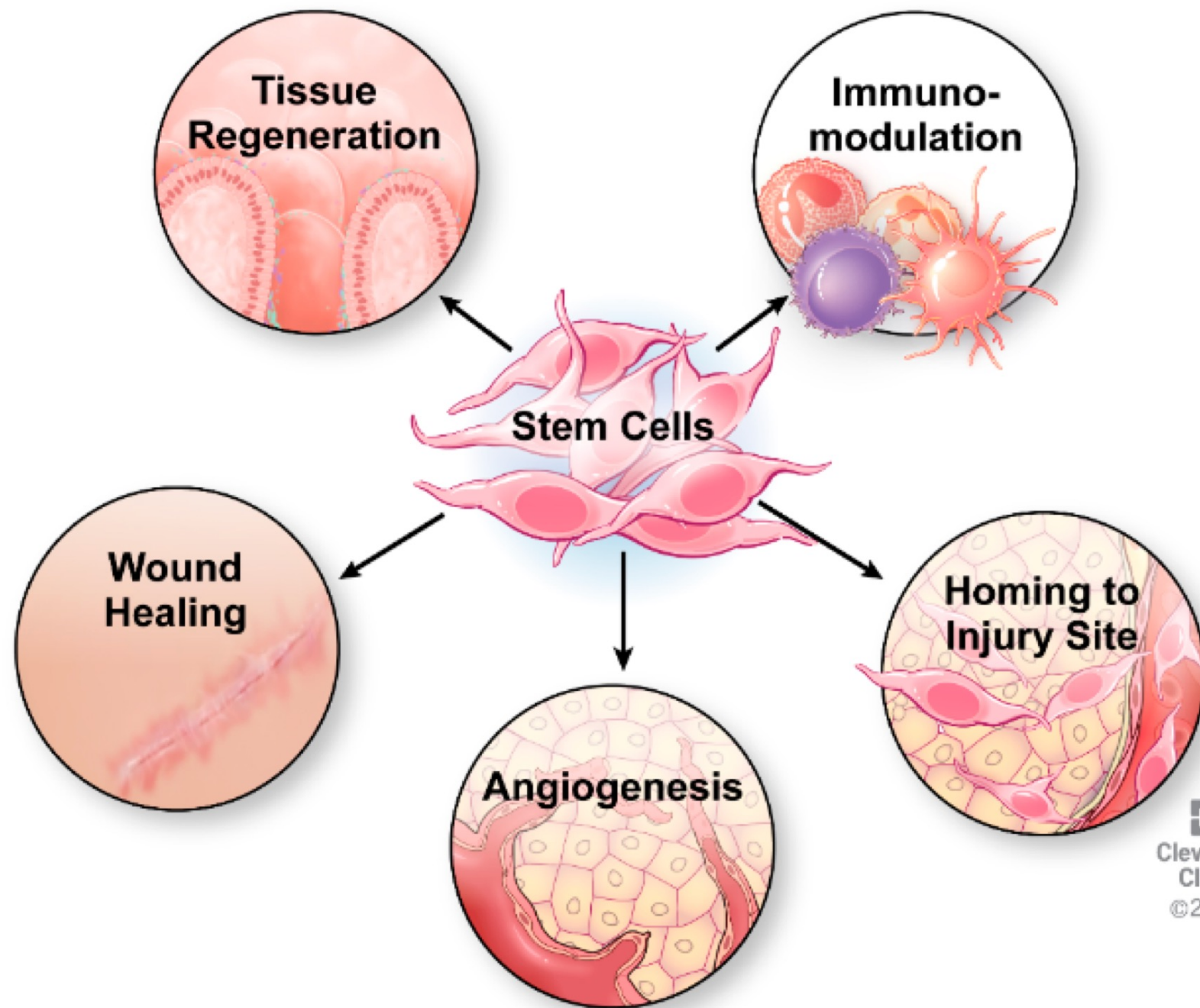
Stem cell injection

Bone marrow (mesenchymal)



Adipose tissue (Fat)



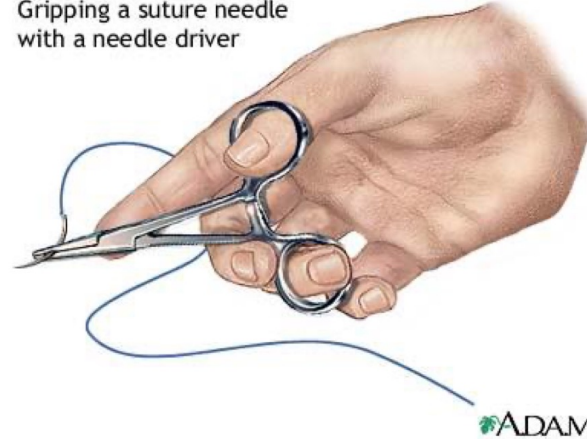


Curette and clean



Closure of Internal opening

Gripping a suture needle with a needle driver



Injection of stem cells

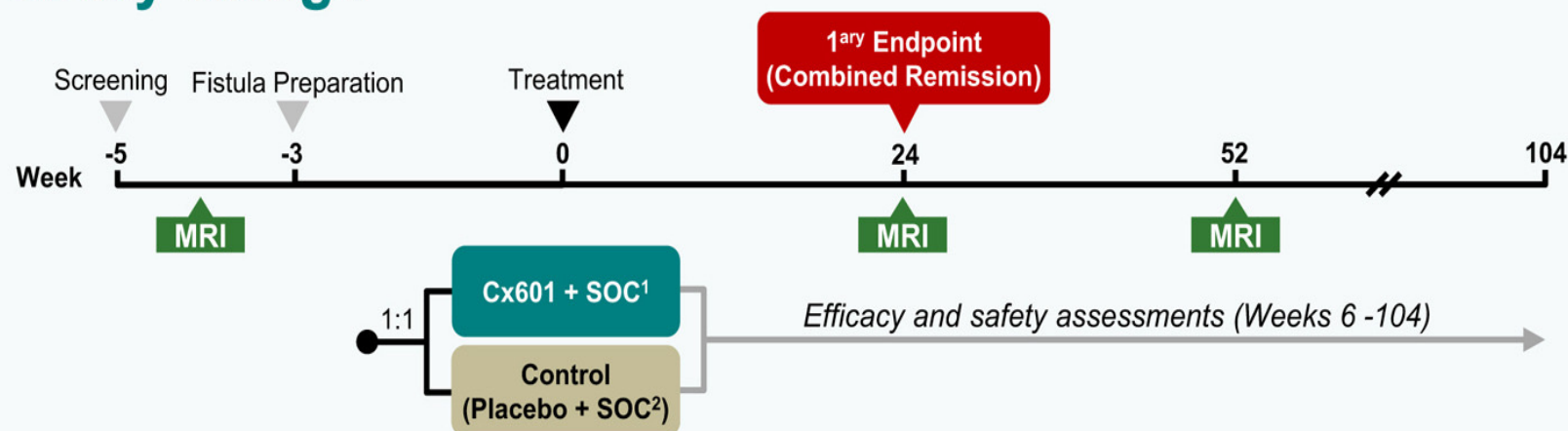


ADMIRE CD Study: Cx601 for Complex Perianal Fistulas in Crohn's disease

Treatment

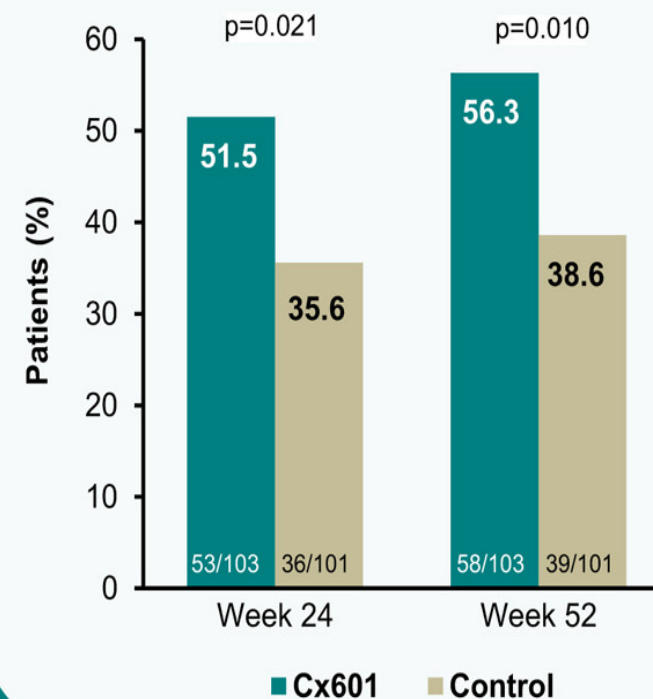
Cx601 is a suspension of allogeneic expanded adipose-derived stem cells (eASC) injected locally, and has been shown to be efficacious and well tolerated in Crohn's disease patients with treatment-refractory complex perianal fistulas

Study design



Efficacy


Combined Remission²

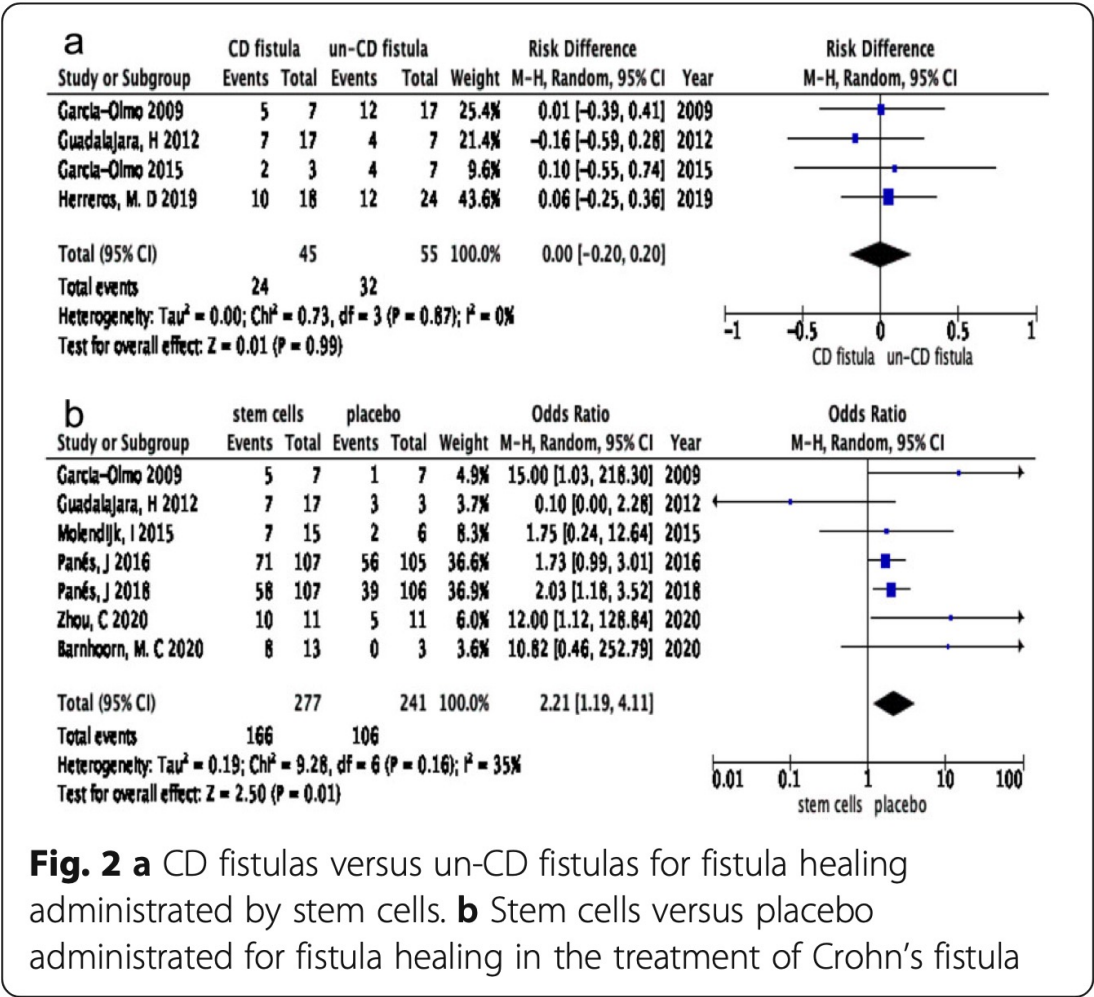


Gastroenterology

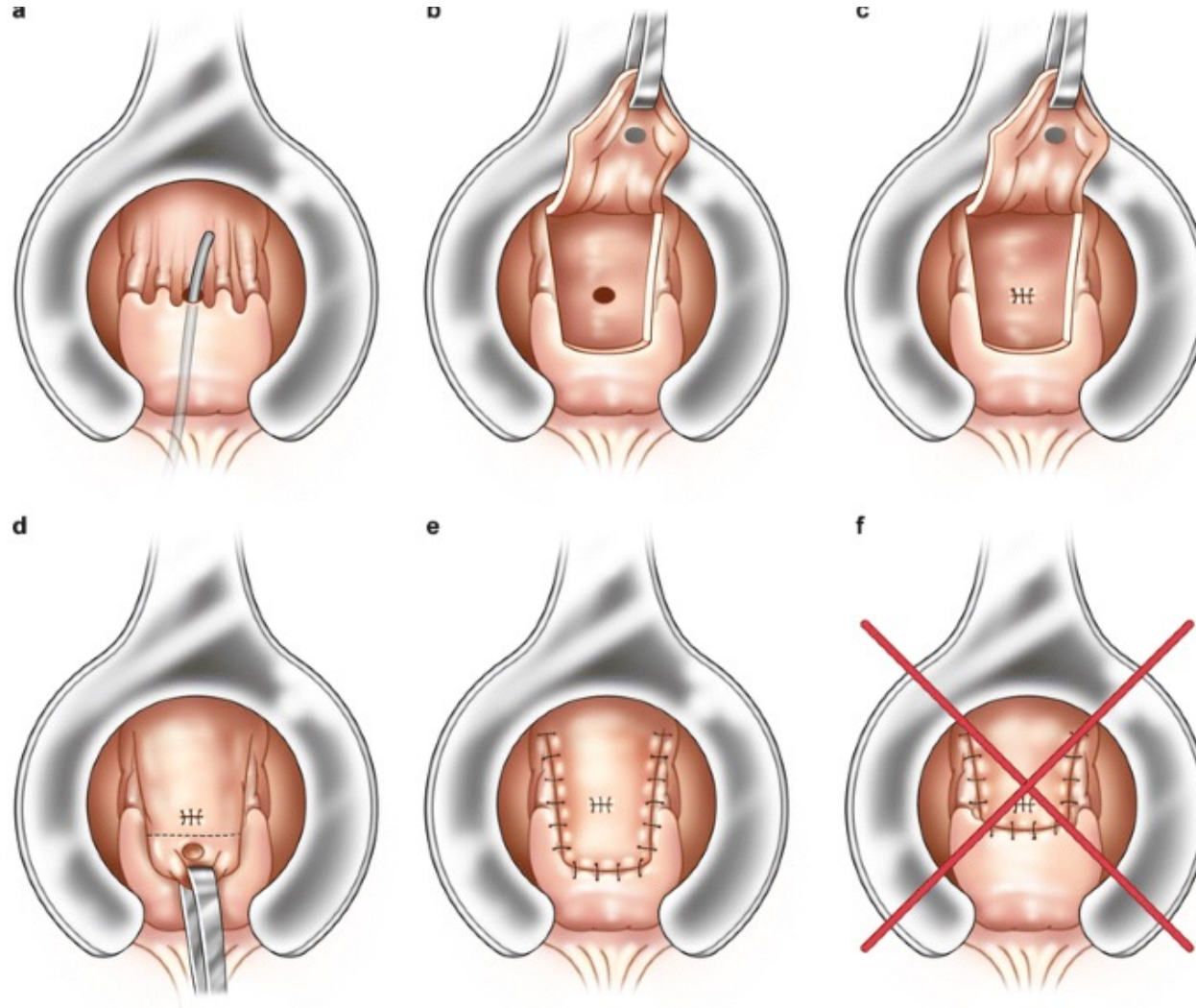
1. Standard of care; 2. mITT population (modified intention to treat)

Efficacy of stem cells therapy for Crohn’s fistula: a meta-analysis and systematic review

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Rectal advancement flap



Stoma/APR

- If all else fails
- Often still anal leakage due to mucus
- Avoids a perineal stoma
- Not without its own problems



Summary: Surgical Treatment of Anal Crohn's Fistula



Complex Problem



Coordinated care
between GI and Surgery



Treat symptoms

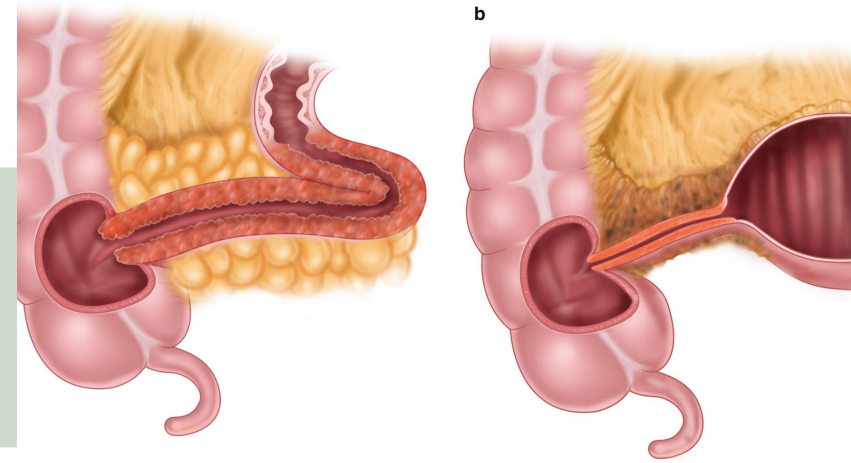


Preserve anal function,
eye to future problems

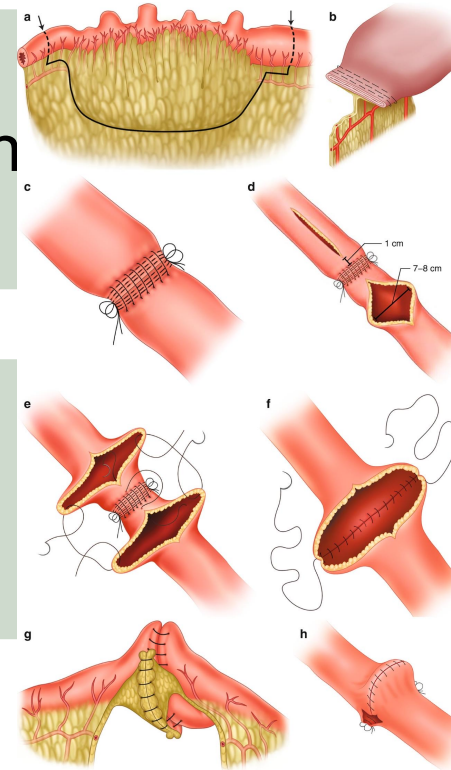
Future controversial discussions



Primary surgery for terminal ileal CD



Kono-S or other configuration for ileocolic reconstruction



Mesenteric excision in CD recurrence

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