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Toward **standardization** of laparoscopic resection for
colorectal cancer in developing countries: A step by step
module

Abraham NS et al. Meta-analysis of short-term outcomes after laparoscopic resection for colorectal cancer.

- 12 RCT's 2512 patients
- LR took more than **30%** **longer** to perform
- LR is associated with **30%** **lower morbidity** rate of at least than that of open approach.
- Haemorrhage / blood transfusion, reoperation, cardiorespiratory complications and anastomotic leaks favoured LR.





Challenges in low and medium
economy countries.

Logistic limitation

The absence of laparoscopic colorectal surgery in the hierarchy of medical insurance

The acceptance of the surgical community to change their practice to lengthy technically demanding and expensive surgical procedures.

A medical insurance form from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, General Directorate of Medical Insurance. The form is titled 'طلب علاج اول صوة' (Request for first surgery). It contains fields for patient information: Name, Surname, City, Date of Birth, and Date of Issuance. A large red stamp with the word 'مرفوض' (Rejected) is placed diagonally across the center of the form. At the bottom, there are three signature lines for the Director General, the Director of the General Directorate of Medical Insurance, and the Director of the Health Insurance Directorate.

Economic limitations



Clinical limitations

- Absence of clear guidelines,
- Increased time to perform laparoscopic operations
- Unavailability of trained laparoscopic surgeon and mentors.



Trained team





Segmentation of the procedure

- Segmentation of the procedure into **well organized; adequately detailed and properly structured training model** will fasten the learning curve and master the procedure.



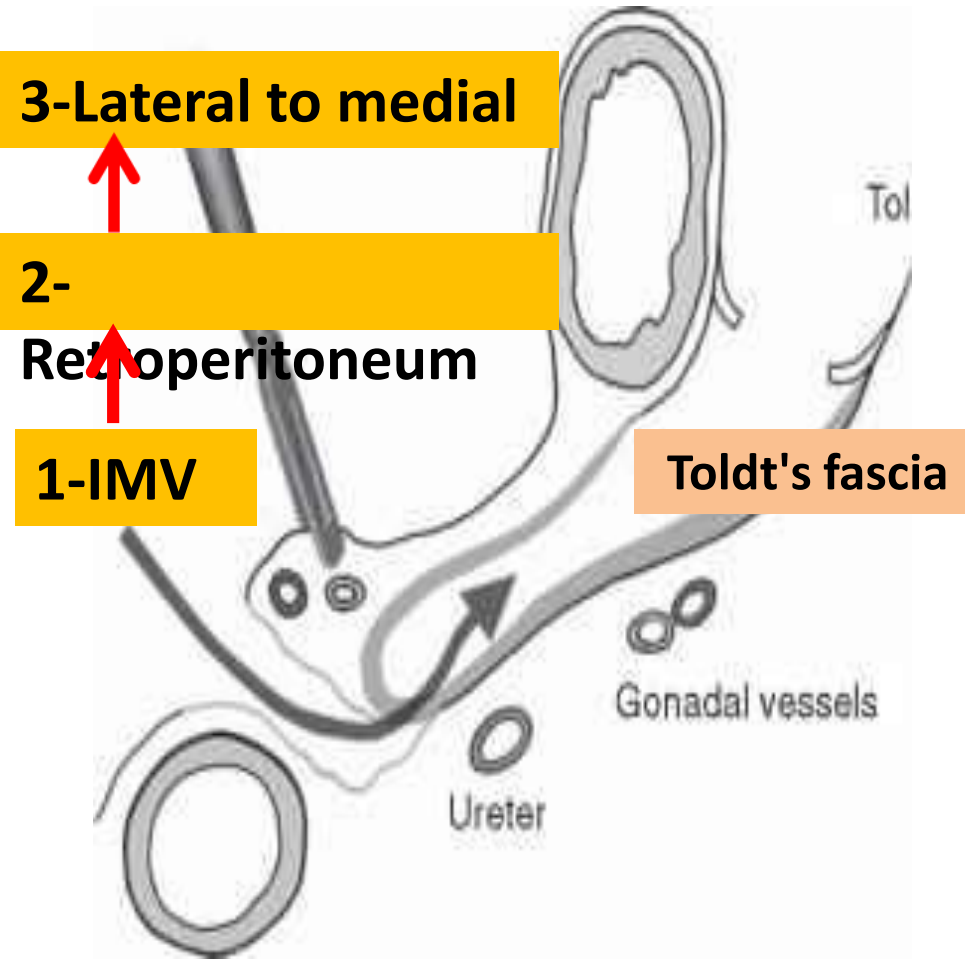
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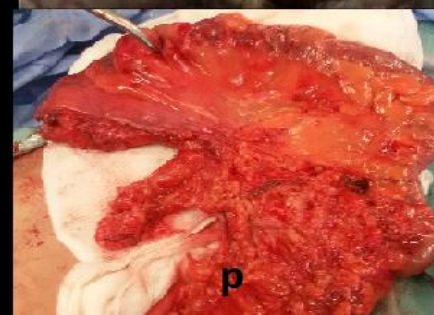
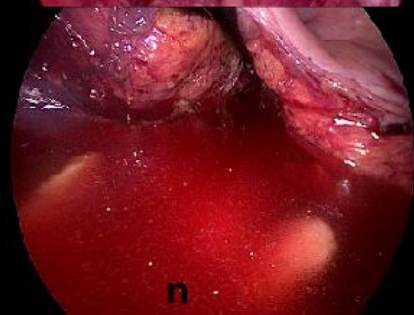
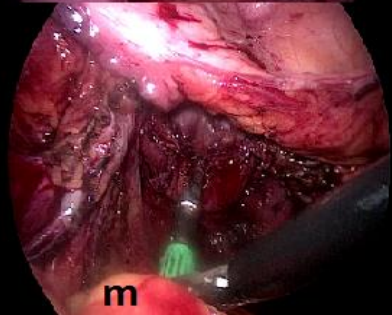
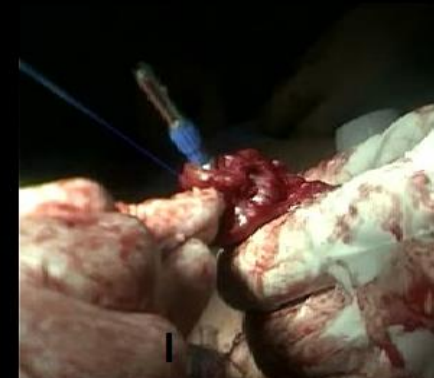
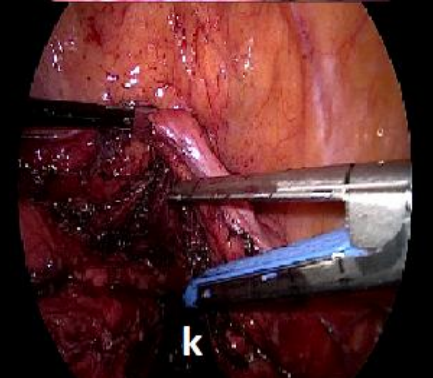
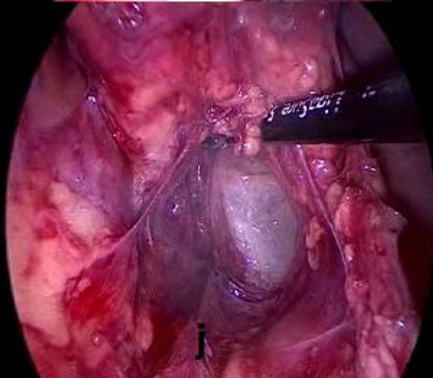
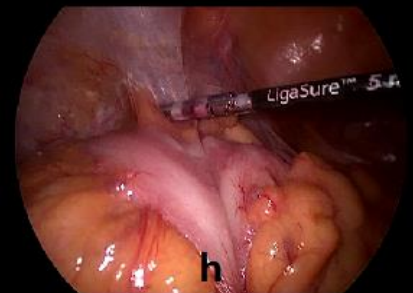
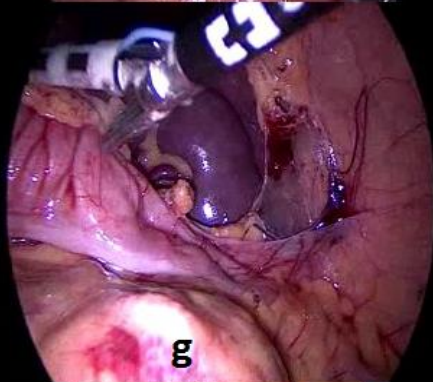
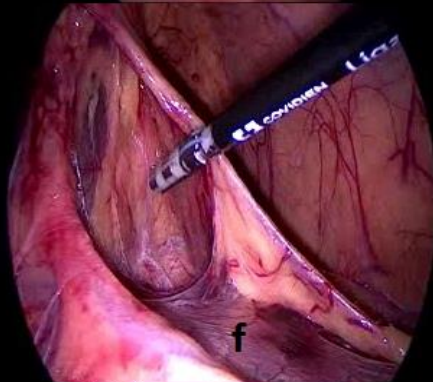
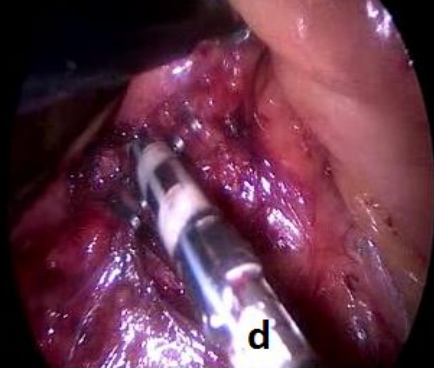
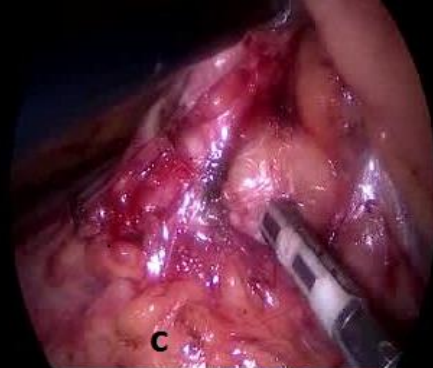
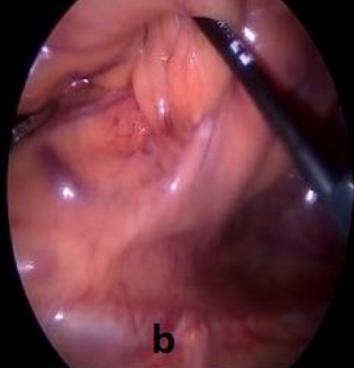
- This study included **50 patients** with carcinoma of the left colon and rectum. It was carried out in department of surgical oncology at **National Cancer Institute**, Cairo University by single surgeon in the period **2012-2016**.

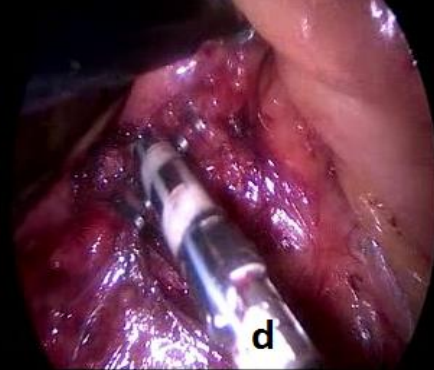
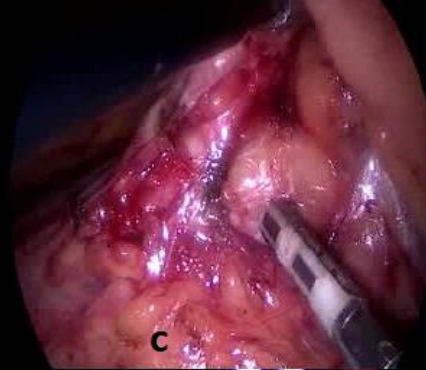
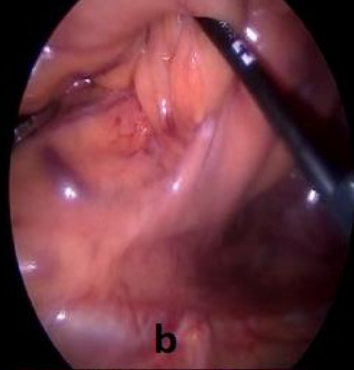


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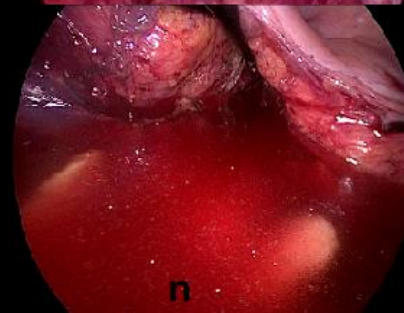
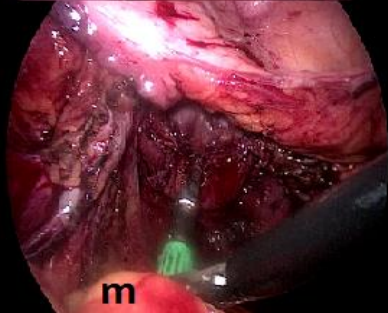
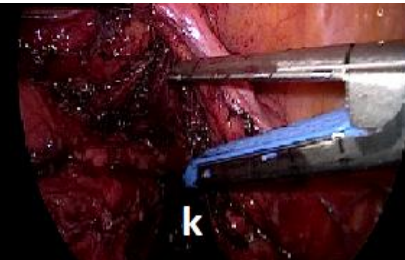
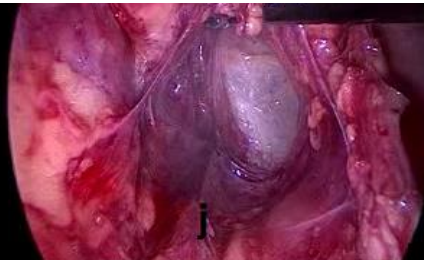
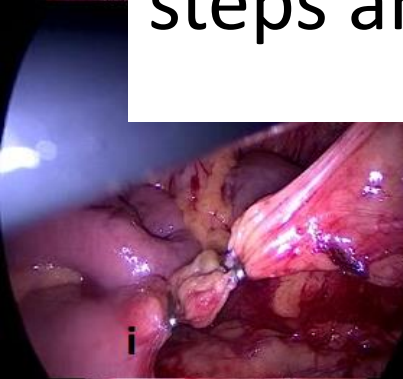
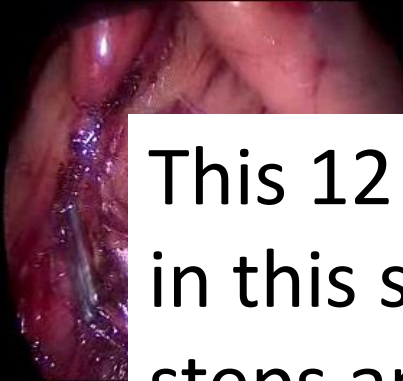
- All laparoscopic procedures were performed according to the principles of **total mesocolic excision** with **central vascular ligation** and **medial to lateral approach**. and **total mesorectal excision** for all mid and low rectal tumors, while **partial mesorectal excision** was done for high rectal tumors.







This 12 steps module was applied for all patients in this study, sticking firmly to the sequence of steps and details of operative work.



Every door opens the next door



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



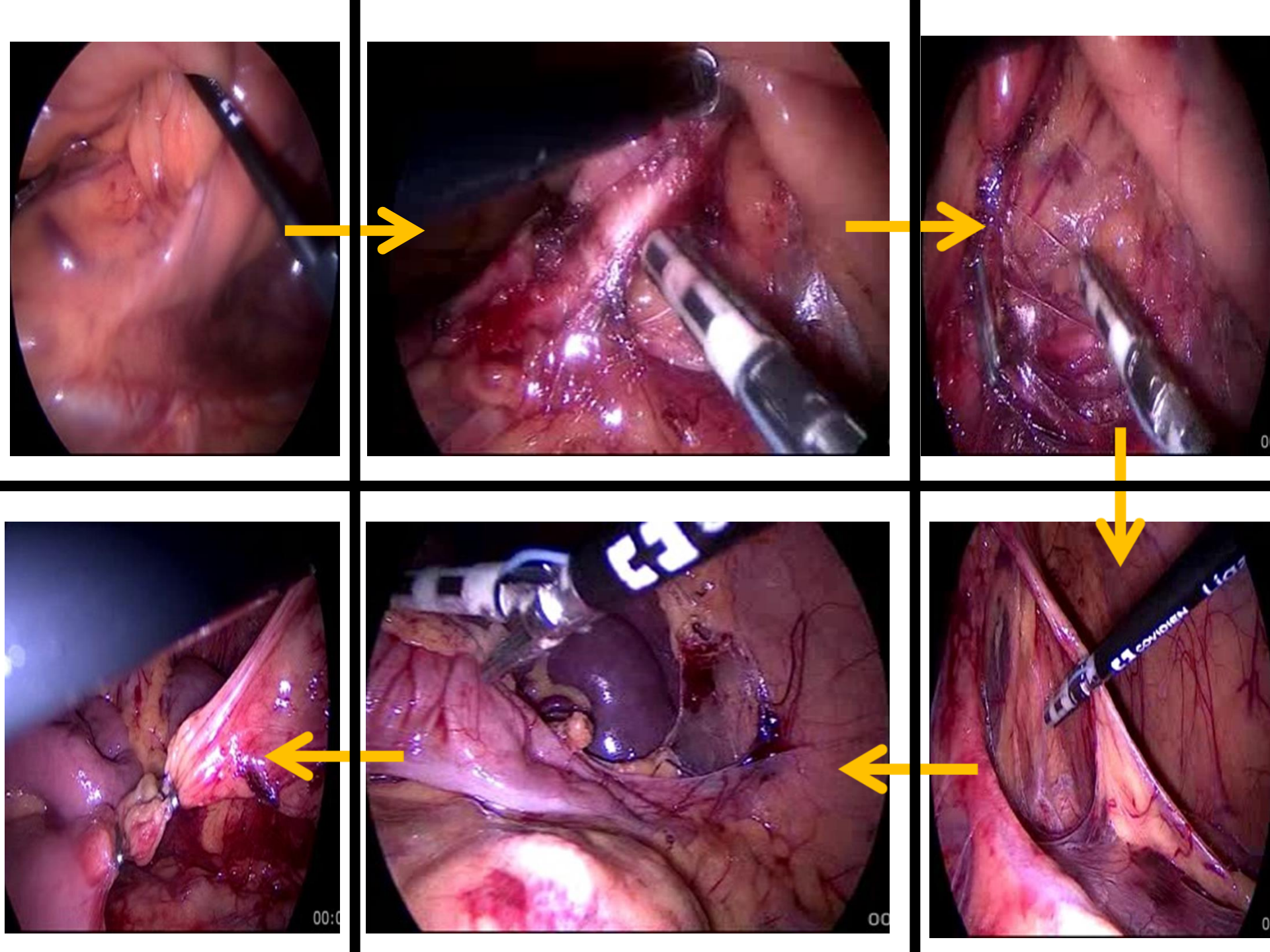
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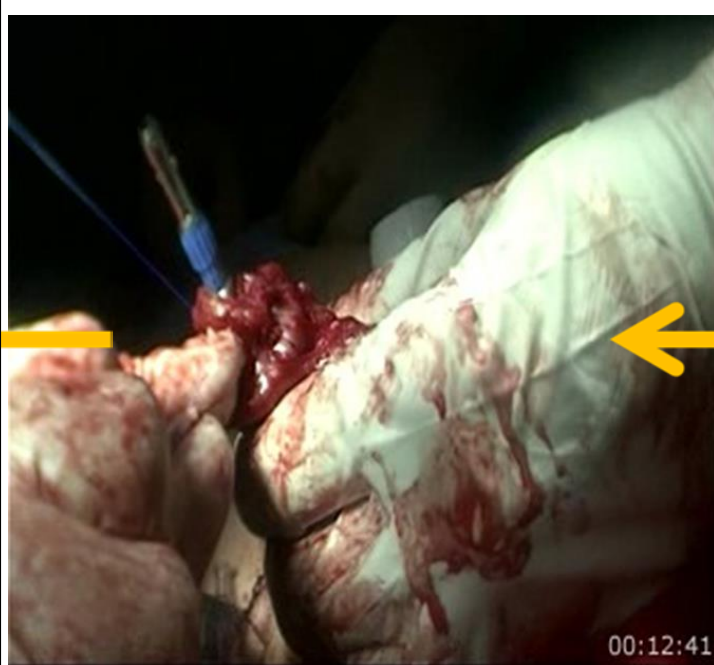
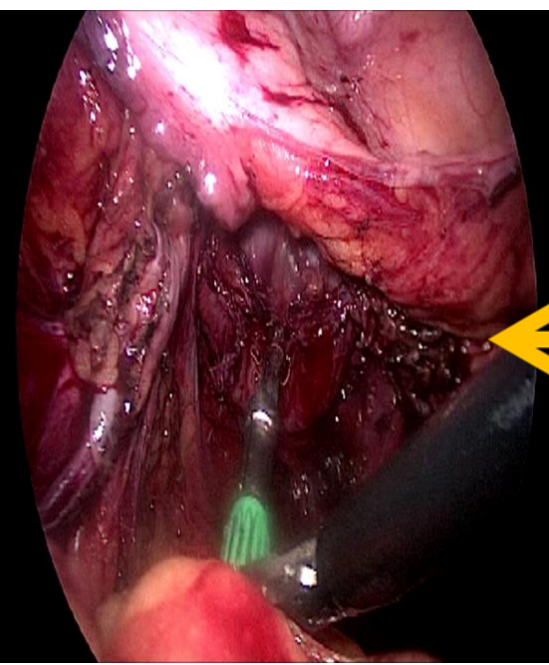
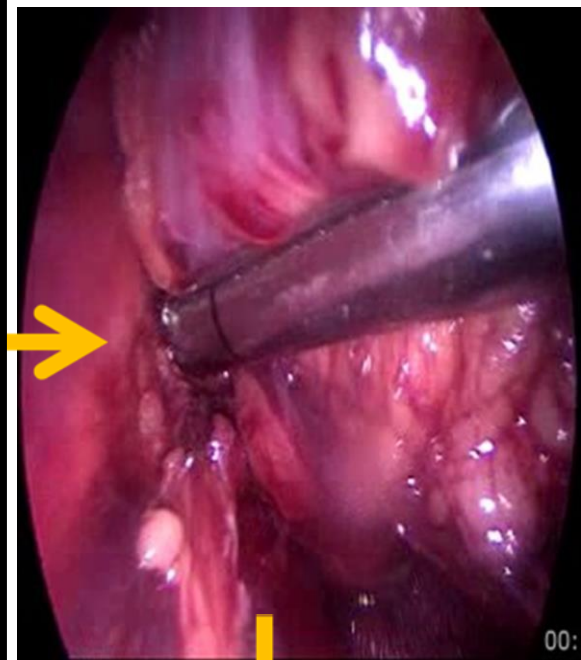
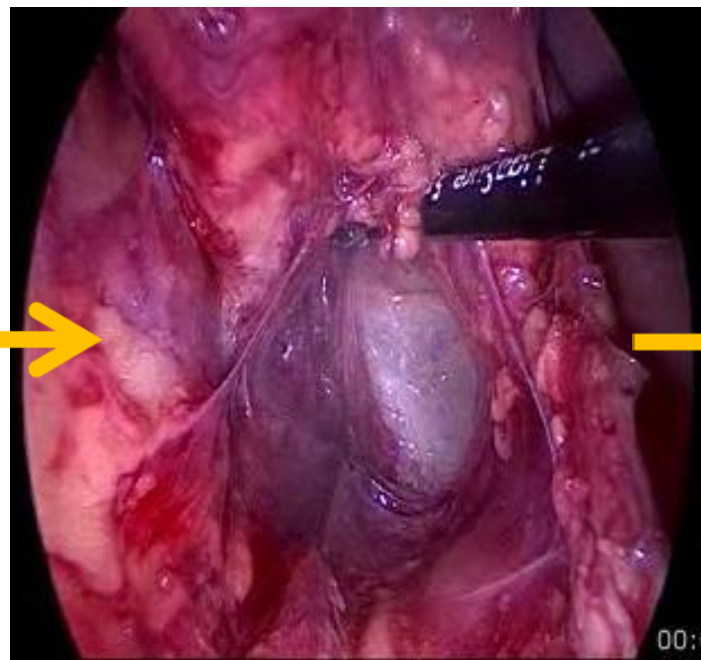
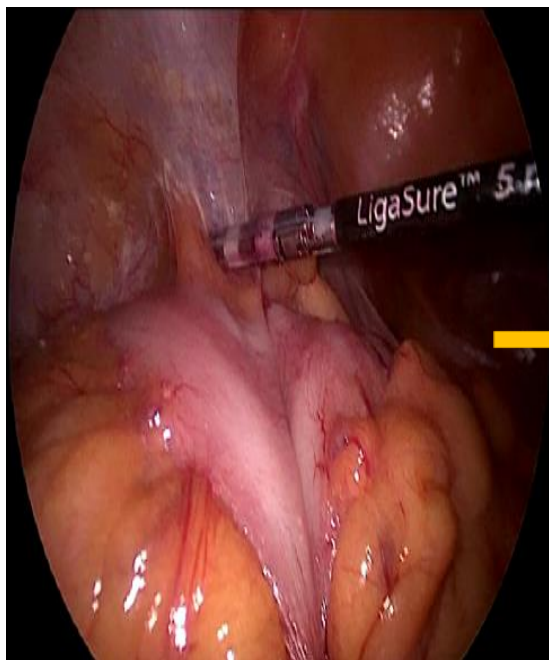


Step 5



Step 4





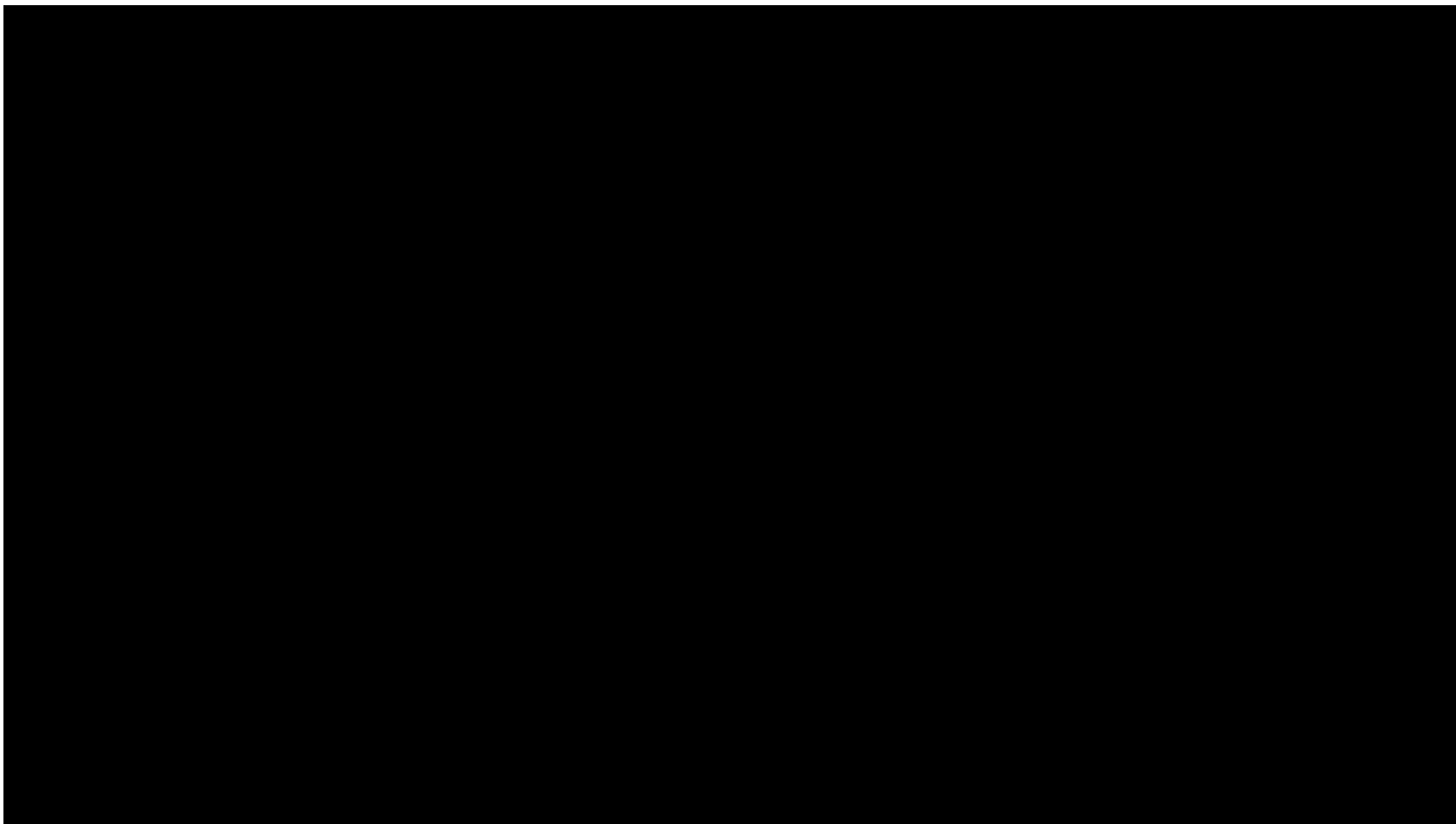


Table (2): Operative characteristics of patients with carcinoma of the left colon and rectum subjected to laparoscopic resection

		Number (%) n=50
Operative procedure		
Laparoscopic left colectomy/sigmoidectomy		18 (36%)
Laparoscopic anterior resection		9 (18%)
Laparoscopic low anterior resection-TME *		15 (30%)
Laparoscopic abdominoperineal resection		8 (16%)
● Operative time (minute)		
Median (range)		180 (100-370)
● Blood loss (ml)		
Median (range)		350 (60-600)
● Conversion rate		
Left ureteric transection		6 (12%)
Failure of progression		1 (2%)
Tumor adherent to urinary bladder		3 (6%)
Tumor adherent to uterus		1 (2%)



* 3 cases had ultralow resection with thorough laparoscopic dissection in the intersphincteric plane.

Tumor Location

Left colon

Sigmoid

Rectum above peritoneal reflection

Rectum below peritoneal reflection

T stage

T1

T2

T3

T4a

T4b

N Stage

N0

N1a

N1b

N2a

N2b

lymph node harvest

Stage

I

IIA

IIC

IIIA

IIIB

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Safety margin

Proximal margin

Distal margin

Close distal margin (less than 2 cm)

Positive circumferential margin

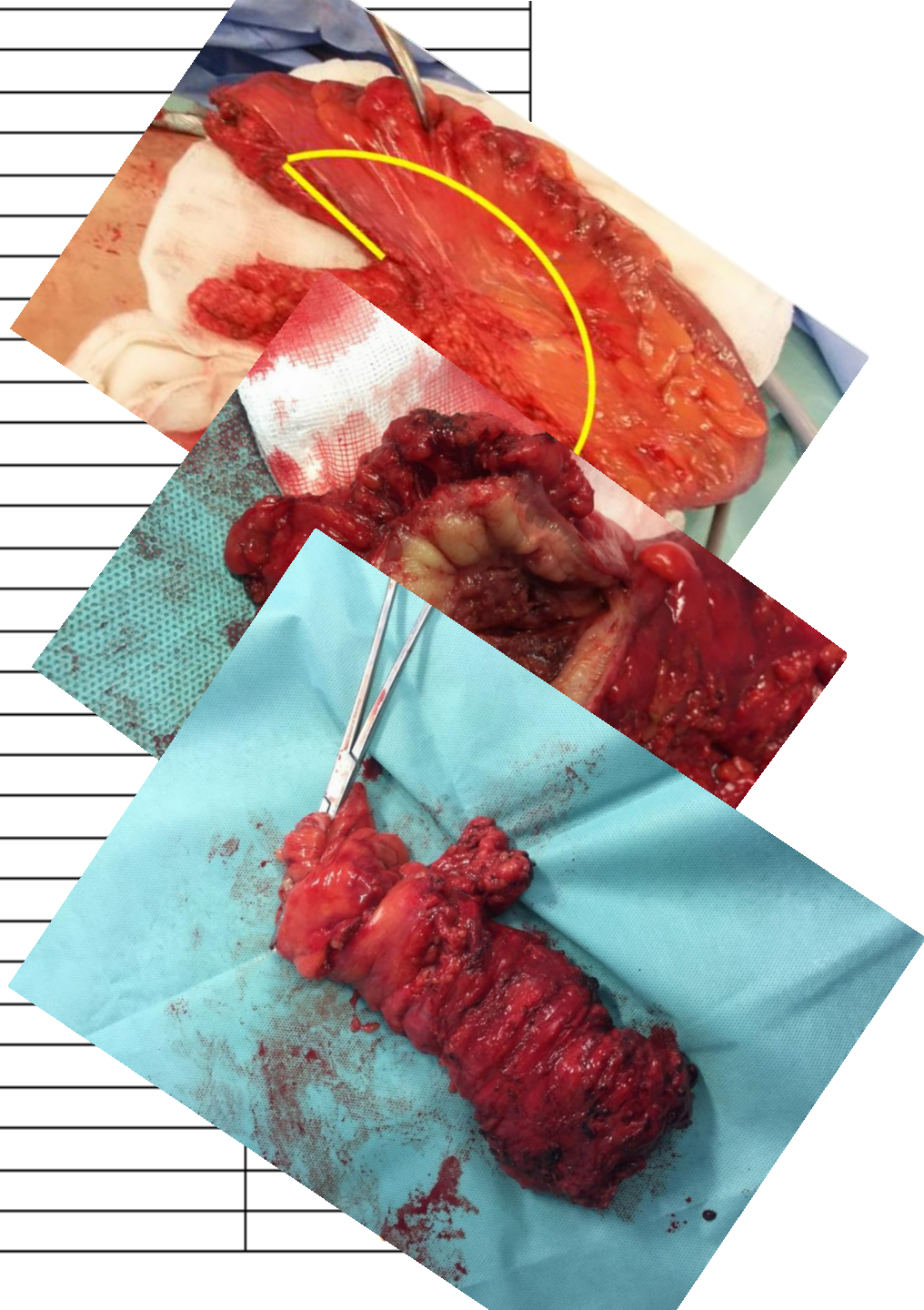


Table (4): Postoperative course characteristics and recurrence incidents of patients with carcinoma of the left colon and rectum subjected to laparoscopic resection

	Number (%) n=50
● Time to flatus (days)	
Mean \pm Standard deviation	2.1 \pm 0.9
Range	1-4
● Time to passing stool (day)	
Mean \pm Standard deviation	3.3 \pm 1.0
Range	2-5
● Hospital stay (day)	
Median (Range)	4 (3-12)
● Postoperative morbidity	5 (10%)
Coloanal dehiscence	1 (2%)
Retrograde ejaculation	1 (2%)
Minor leak	1 (2%)
Trocarr site infection	2 (4%)
Postoperative mortality	0 (0%)
30 days readmission rate	1 (2%)
Recurrence incidents	5 (10%)
Liver	2 (4%)
Peritoneal	2 (4%)
anastomotic	1 (2%)



Why minimal access surgery ?



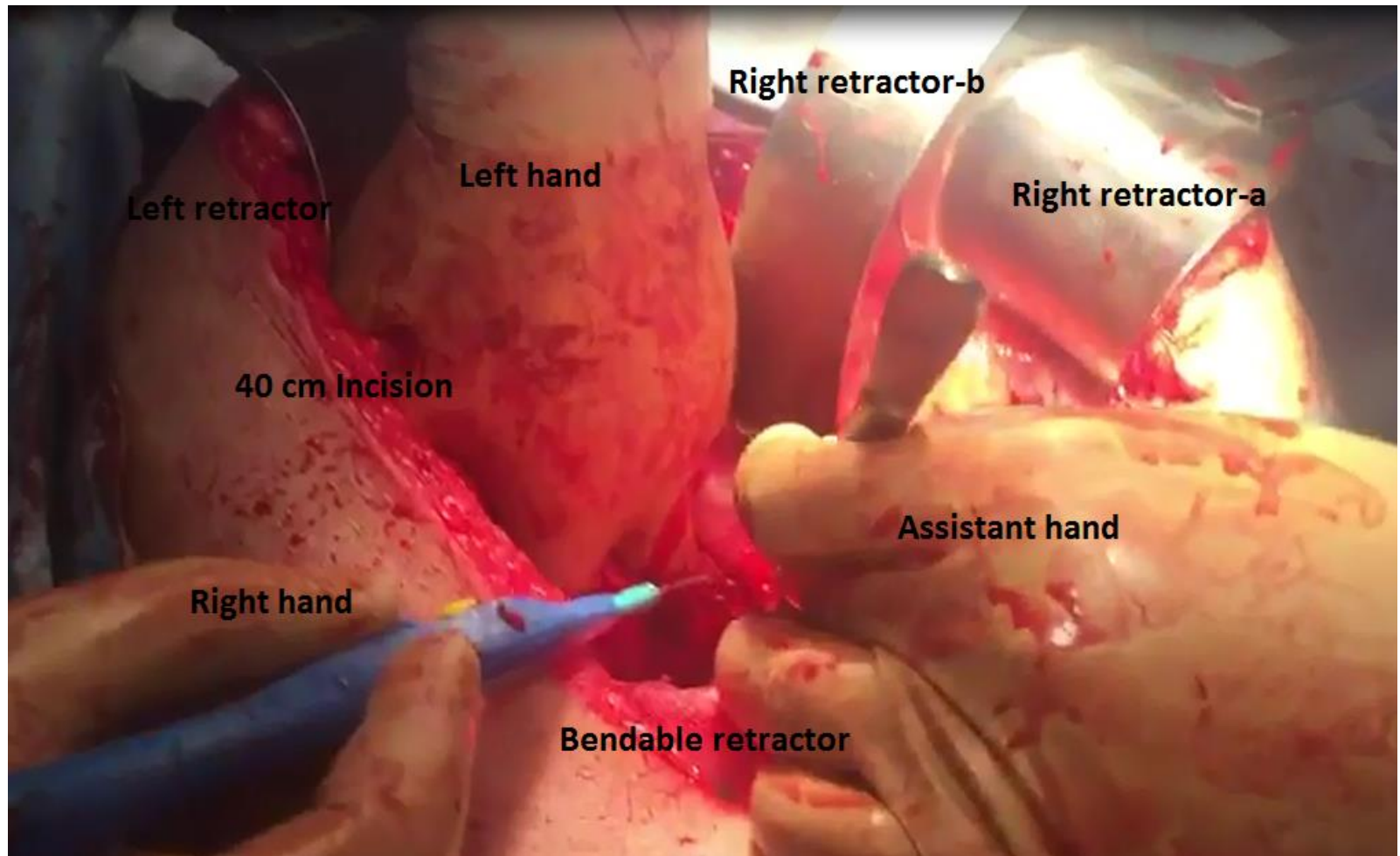
Patient satisfaction



Incisionless surgery



Stress-less surgery



Bloodless surgery



The core of minimal access surgery

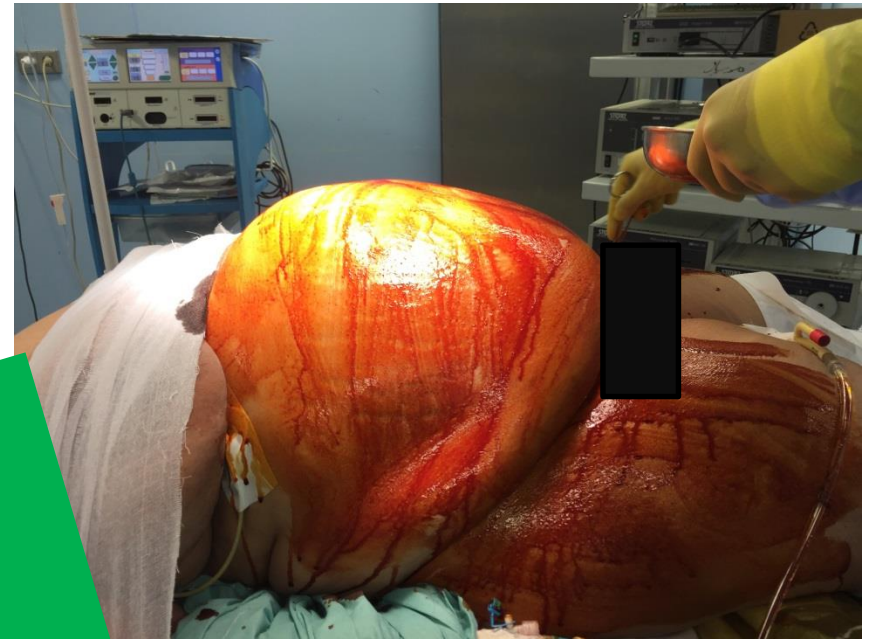
- Minimal access surgery must not be done only for the sake of avoiding **laparotomy scar**.



**Not only
incisionless surgery**

The core of minimal access surgery

- It is to provide the patients with **better quality of surgery**, with functional sparing of autonomic nerves and sphincters.



better quality of surgery

The core of minimal access surgery

- To decrease stress response and tissue trauma.



Stress less surgery

The core of minimal access surgery

- It must demonstrate real benefits in the context of **enhanced recovery**

ERS program



When it is a Necessity ?



Adaptive strategies in developing countries

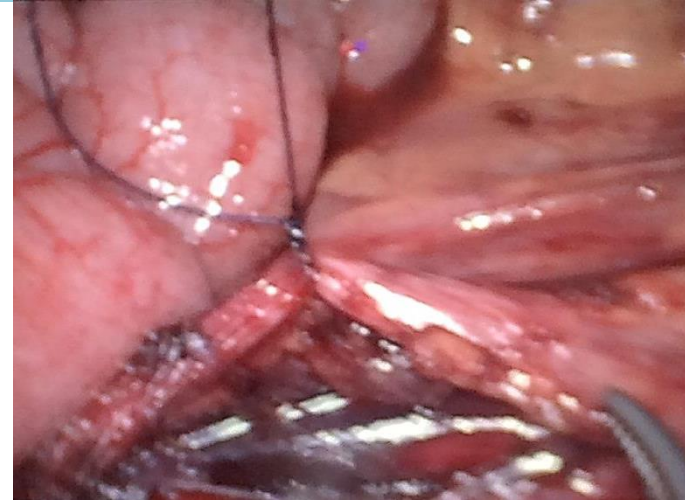
- Establishments of **national training programs** for basic and advanced laparoscopic surgery.



Adaptive strategies in developing countries

Low cost expenses

- **Ligation and endo clips** instead of vascular staplers
- **Bipolar and monopolar energy** instead of expensive energy devices
- **Extracorporeal manual** anastomosis instead of intracorporeal anastomosis when feasible.
- **Reuse and re-sterilizing** of disposable instruments.





Thank you