Mesh rectopexy: the pros

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BACKGROUND:

- Rectal prolapse is a protrusion of the rectum through the anus.
- It may be full thickness RP (complete) or just mucosal prolapse (partial).
- Female : male is approximately (10:1)
- The definite etiology is unclear but multiple anatomical factors may initiate the prolapse.
- Classifications:
 - **Grade I** : inner (recto-rectal) intussusception of the rectum proximal to the anal canal.
 - Grade II : inner (recto-anal) intussusception into the anal canal.
 - Grade III: prolapse of the rectum beyond the anus (external prolapse)





- Trans abdominal VS trans perineal approaches
- Multiple operations were described for repair
- Controversies exists regarding which is the best approach as well as the best technique.

Symptom	Prevalence
Constipation	25-50 %
Mucous diarrhea	15-35 %
Fecal incontinence	50-75 %
Rectal bleeding	75–100 %
Urinary incontinence	25-30 %
Vaginal vault prolapse	15-30 %
Pain	100 %
Decreased quality of life	100 %







An individualized approach is recommended for every patient, considering age, comorbidity, and the underlying anatomical and functional disorders.











Open versus laparoscopic mesh rectopexy







Comparison of Laparoscopic and Open Surgery for Total Rectal Prolapse

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Randomized trial

Randomized clinical trial of laparoscopic versus open abdominal rectopexy for rectal prolapse

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Many short term advantages in favor of laparoscopic surgery. No SD in recurrence, incontinence or constipation.









posterior versus ventral mesh rectopexy













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Authors	No. of patients	Design	Morbidity (%)	Mortaility (%)	Improvement of continence (%)	Improvement of constipa- tion (%)	New onset of constipation	Recurrence No. (%)	Follow-up (month)
Darzi et al. 1995[34]	29	Prospective	10	0	NS	NS	NS	0 (0)	8*
Himpens et al. 1999[35]	37	Prospective	5	0	92	0	29	0 (0)	NS
Zittel et al. 2000[36]	29	Prospective	14	0	77	0	20	1 (4)	22#
Benoist et al. 2001[22]	14	Retrospective	14	0	100	0	44	0 (0)	47*
Dulucq et al. 2007[37]	77	Prospective	4	0	90	36	30	1 (1)	34*
Makineni et al. 2014[38]	17	Prospective	17	0	100	NS	NS	0 (0)	14*
Dyrberg et al. 2015[39]	81	Prospective	20	1	74	65	13	9 (11)	24#
Madbouly et al. 2018[40]	33	Retrospective	12	0	57	48	0	1 (3)	46*
Matsuda et al. 2019[41]	10	Retrospective	0	0	NS	NS	NS	0 (0)	25#

Table 2. Results of Laparoscopic Posterior Mesh Rectopexy for Rectal Prolapse.

Mortality rates ranged (0-1.2%). Recurrence rates ranged (0-11%). Overall improvement in continence (74-100%), New-onset constipation (5-44%)





• VMR was firstly described by D'Hoore et al., in 2004.

- Anterior dissection only without mobilization of the rectum.
- An autonomic nerve sparing technique.
- The best choice for anterior rectocele, enterocele and intussusception.
- Can be used in concomitant genital prolapse.







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D'Hoore et al. 2004[42]	42	Prospective	5	0	90	74	0	2 (5)	61#
Slawik et al. 2007[43]	44	Prospective	NS	0	NS	NS	NS	0 (0)	54*
Boons et al. 2010[44]	65	Prospective	17	0	85	72	0	1 (2)	19#
Randall et al. 2014[45]	190	Prospective	6	1	93	NS	NS	6 (3)	60*
Formijne Jonkers et al. 2014[46]	40	Retrospective	8	0	73	59	6	0 (0)	42*
Faucheron et al. 2015[47]	175	Prospective	5	0	NS	NS	NS	2 (1)	74#
Emile et al. 2017[48]	25	Randomized	20	0	75	63	0	2 (8)	18*
Madbouly et al. 2018[40]	41	Retrospective	17	0	67	59	0	1 (2)	46*
Tsunoda et al. 2020[49]	58	Prospective	10	0	77	75	0	1 (2)	49#

Table 3. Results of Laparoscopic Ventral Mesh Rectopexy for Rectal Prolapse.

- No reported mortality (only one series 1% (2/190)

- Recurrence rate (0-8%)
- Overall improvement in continence (67-93%)
- Improvement of constipation (59-75%).
- New onset constipation (0-6%)



Mesh rectopexy versus suture rectopexy











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REVIEW



Meta-analysis of laparoscopic mesh rectopexy versus posterior sutured rectopexy for management of complete rectal prolapse

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	LMR	PSR	P value
Recurrence	3.7 %	12.2%	0.009
CCIS	5.5 ± 1.0	6.5 ± 2.3	0.50
CCCS	6.7 ± 3.2	8.2 ± 5.6	0.47
SSI	1.4	0.8	0.71
Operative time	101 ± 27.8	78.2 ± 23.9	< 0.0001
Hospital stay	3.5 ± 1.1	3.5 ± 1.0	0.47





Conclusions LMR seems to be associated with lower recurrence but longer procedure time compared to LPSR. Although no meshrelated complications have been reported by the included studies, no definitive conclusions can be made considering that the included studies were inadequately powered for such outcome. Future high-quality randomised studies with adequate sample size are required.





Synthetic versus biological mesh





Porcine dermal collagen (Permacol[™] or Pelvicol[™]) and porcine intestinal submucosa (Surgisis[©]).

- Cross-linked porcine dermal collagen is the most commonly used mesh with low rate of complications.
- The level of evidence available on the use of biological mesh in VMR is of low quality (level 4) .
- The cost of biological mesh remains a problem.











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Suture rectopexy *versus* ventral mesh rectopexy for complete full-thickness rectal prolapse and intussusception: systematic review and meta-analysis

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Type of mesh	No. of s	tudies		Recurrence		
	CRP	IS	CRP	IS	Total	
Biological	5	2	4 of 97 (4)	16 of 140 (11.4)	20 of 237 (8.4)	
Synthetic P	17	4	49 of <u>1362</u> (3.6) 0.789	23 of 209 (11.0) 0.902	72 of 1571 (4.6)	

Table 4 Comparison between biological and synthetic mesh for mesh rectopexy

Values in parentheses are percentages. CRP, complete rectal prolapse; IS, intussusception. *Pearson's χ^2 test.





Robotic versus laparoscopic mesh rectopexy







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REVIEW

Current status of laparoscopic and robotic ventral mesh rectopexy for external and internal rectal prolapse

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- LVMR and RVMR appear as a safe and effective procedure to correct different rectal prolapse syndromes with a low morbidity rate, acceptable long-term recurrence rates and a good functional outcome.
- Advantages of robotic over laparoscopic surgery including improved dexterity of movement, obliteration of hand tremors, image magnification and instruments with a wide range of movements but it has a higher cost and in need for a steep learning curve.





Conclusion

- Mesh rectopexy includes either posterior or ventral.
- VMR is the autonomic nerve sparing technique and the best choice for anterior rectocele, enterocele and intussusception.
- LVMR has the short term advantages over the open technique with equal rates of recurrence, incontinence or constipation.
- Mesh rectopexy is better than suture rectopexy with a low rate of recurrence but a longer op. time.
- Complication rate is lower with biological mesh but has a higher cost.









