

# One-stage buccal mucosal urethroplasty for traumatic anterior urethral stricture: a single-center retrospective cohort analysis

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# Introduction

Management of partial or complete traumatic urethral disruption of the posterior urethra poses a challenge. Buccal mucosal grafts(BMG) are the gold standard for substitution urethroplasty. Here, we evaluate the efficacy and complications arising from one-stage BMG with dorsal onlay augmented anastomotic technique for traumatic anterior urethral stricture, examine early surveillance urethroscopy and long term outcomes among urethroplasty patients.

### Materials and methods

From January 2015 to July 2022, male patients with anterior urethral stricture  $\geq$  2 cm were retrospectively analyzed. All patients underwent one-stage BMG dorsal onlay anastomotic technique by a single surgeon. Preoperative suprapubic catheterization was initially carried out in all patients. Their ages ranged from 18 to 63 years (mean of 42.5 years). Postoperative evaluations including uroflowmetry and early surveillance findings with using a flexible 16.5 Fr cystoscope. The primary outcome was the stricture free survival rate, defined as no stricture recurrence.

# Results

A total of 10 patients with pinhole or blind end anterior urethral stricture were included. The stricture site was bulbar in 9 and pan-urethral in 1; the mean (range) stricture length was 4.3 (2-6) cm. The mean follow-up period was 32.07 months (range 6-49). Following the anterior urethroplasty, we examine the stricture site with using flexible cystosocpe in every 2 weeks and all the patients still had annular stricture in post-operative first month. Two patients had complication with previous buccal mucosa flap grew well but the size shrinkage, then one patient re-do BMG urethroplasty in postoperative first month, another patient re-do in postoperative 3rd month. In our cohort, the postoperative annular stricture could be reconstructed by using the solid sound in every month. The stricture free survival rate was 56% (5/9) after solid

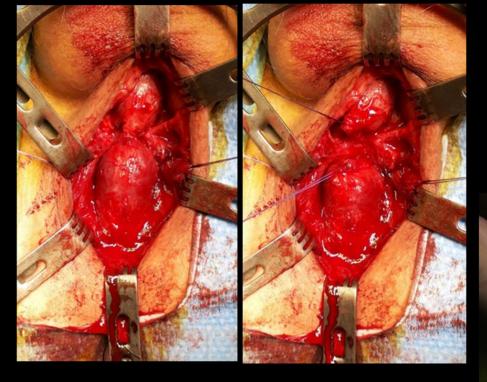
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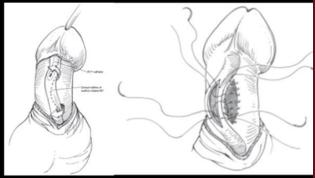
voiding cystourethrography and retrograde urethrography





Urethroplasty with dorsal onlay BMG







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sound reconstruction for 12 months.

Patient	Age at repair	Weight (kg)	Stricture length (cm)	Pre-op Omax (ml/sec )	Blood loss (ml)	Donor site	Post-op catheter (days)	Post-op Omax (ml/sec)	Follow-up (months)
1	18	77.9	3	-	minimal	Left BM	248	22.6	49.4
2	20	53.3	4	-	50	Left BM	104	4.6	25.4
3	24	75.2	3	-	200	Left BM	311	13.3	48.9
4	25	69.0	2	1	minimal	Left BM	214	10.6	62.2
5	43	79.8	2	-	700	Left BM	104	8.7	21.1
6	49	77.1	3	-	400	Left BM	276	9.9	30.3
7	54	65.0	4	-	600	Left BM	55	6.8	31.1
8	55	62.1	3	-	minimal	Left BM	132	22.5	13.5
9	61	75.0	2	-	minimal	Left BM	18	20.6	32.8
10	63	80.4	2	-	minimal	Left BM	119	8.3	6.0

# Conclusions

Early flexible cystoscopic visualization of the urethroplasty site is a feasible and reliable examination for following post-operative status. Even in difficult cases with traumatic urethral pinhole or blind end anterior urethral stricture, the results of one-stage BMG urethroplasty with the combined solid sound reconstruction demonstrate a decrease in the frequency of recurrence of urethral stricture.

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#### Post operative follow-up



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