

SINUG (Ibero-American Society of Neurourology and Urogynaecology)

W32, 30 August 2011 09:00 - 12:00

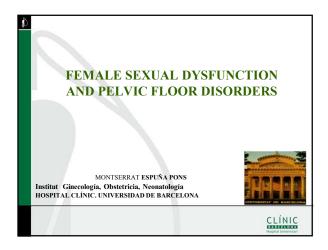
Start	End	Topic	Speakers		
09:00	09:10	Introducción	David Castro Diaz		
09:10	09:35	Future targets for Pharmacological therapy of	 Francisco Cruz 		
		Urinary incontinence			
09:35	10:00	Female sexual dysfunction	 Montse Espuna 		
10:00	10:30	How do I do it? Occult SUI and POP	Paulo Palma		
10:30	11:00	Break	None		
11:00	11:30	The failed sling	 Teresa Mascarenhas 		
11:30	12:00	How I do it? Refractory OAB	David Castro Diaz		
			 Francisco Cruz 		
			 Montse Espuna 		
			 Teresa Mascarenhas 		
			 Paulo Palma 		

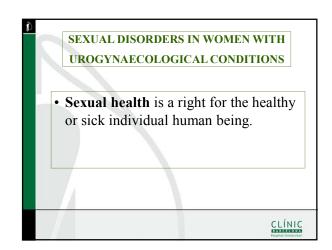
Aims of course/workshop

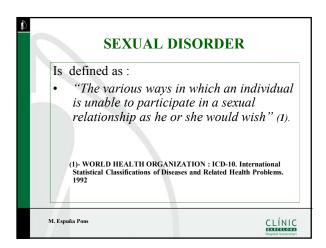
This meeting intends to provide an update on the recent advances in the field of Neurourology and Female Urology. Spanish and Portuguese speaking experts will discuss recent developments in Pharmacology of LUT, Female sexual dysfunction, Occult SUI, Failed mid-urethra sling and refractory OAB. Interaction and discussion with attendants will be encouraged. Target audience is Spanish/Portuguese speaking delegates.

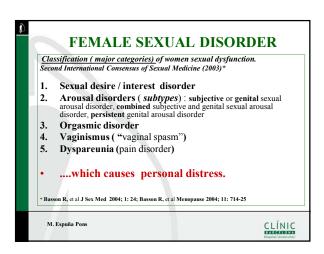
Educational Objectives

To update on recent developments within the field of Neurourology & Urogynaecology





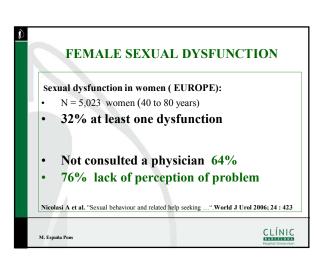


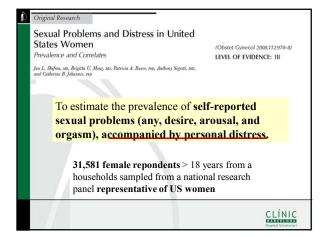


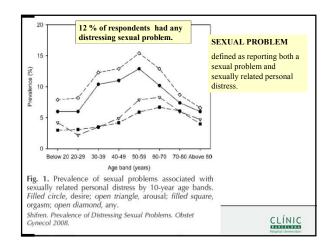
A population-based survey of sexual activity, sexual problems and associated help-seeking behavior patterns in mature adults in the United States of America.

• Less than 25% of men and women with a sexual problem had sought help for their sexual problem(s) from a health professional.

Laumann EO et al. Int J Impot Res. 2009 21(3):171-8







The epidemiology of sexual dysfunctions.

Sexual dysfunctions are highly prevalent in our society worldwide, and that the occurrence of sexual dysfunctions increases directly with age for both men and women.

personal distress about those symptoms appears to diminish as individuals become older.

Derogatis LR and Burnett AL. J Sex Med. 2008;5:289-300

FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION:

In women with LUTS and PFD

M. Espuña Pons

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• In the context of urogynecological clinical practice we have patients sexually active or inactive, with a self perceived "normal sexual life", or with sexual disorders that may be related or not with their pelvic floor dysfunction (PFD).

SEXUAL DISORDERS IN WOMEN WITH

SEXUAL DISORDERS IN WOMEN WITH UROGYNAECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

• Emerging literature

- Pelvic floor disorders negatively impact

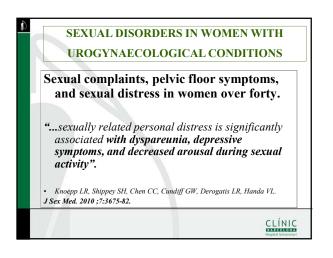
• Sexual activity

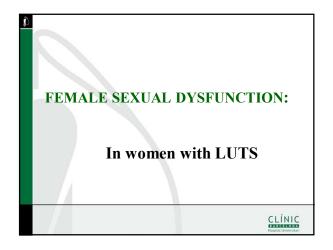
• Sexual function

• Questions to be answered

- Sexual function/activity affected more by one pelvic floor disorder than another?

- Does sexual / activity function changes with treatment?





- Several studies have found reduced sexual activity and function in women with urinary incontinence compared to continent women.

 Weber AM, et al. Sexual function in women with uterovaginal prolapse and urinary incontinence. Obstet Gynecol. 1995;85(4):483–7

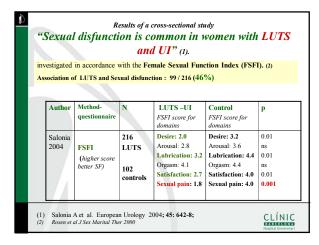
 Barber MD, et al. Sexual function in women with urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse. Obstetrics & Gynecology. 2002;99(2):281–9.

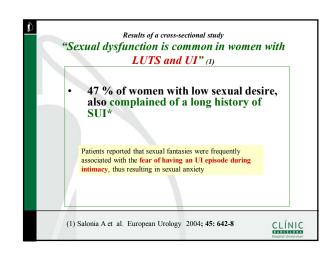
 Salonia A, et al. Sexual dysfunction is common in women with lower urinary tract symptoms and urinary incontinence: results of a cross-sectional study. Eur Urol. 2004;45:642–8.
- **Results of a cross-sectional study

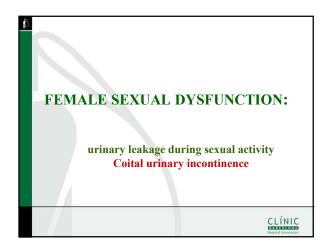
 "Sexual disfunction is common in women with LUTS and UI".

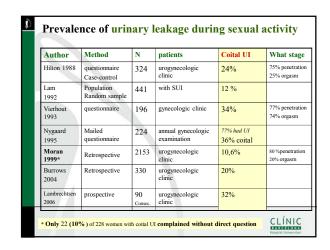
 Salonia A et al. European Urology 2004; 45: 642-8;

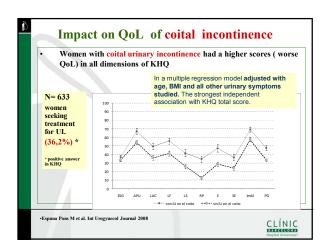
 216 patients with LUTS and 102 age-matched women assessed for yearly routine gynaecological evaluation and without urinary symptoms enrolled as cross-sectional CONTROLS.

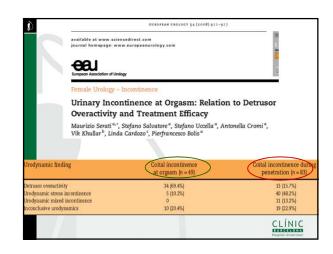












FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION:

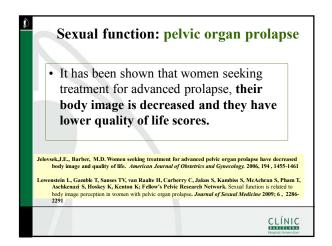
In women with POP

M. Espuña Pons

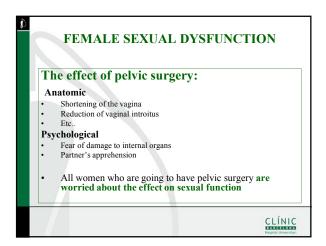
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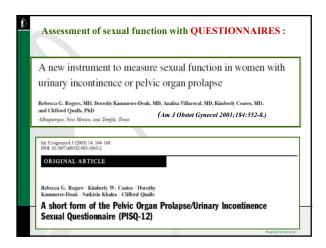
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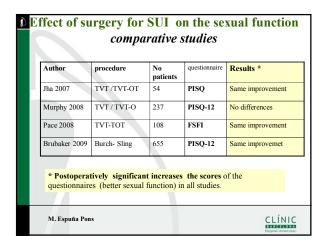
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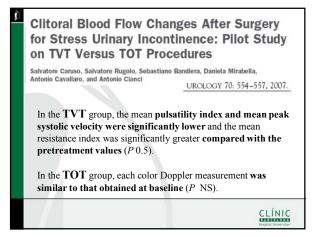


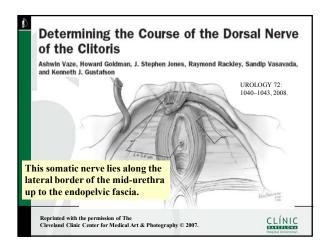
The effect of SUI surgery on the sexual function

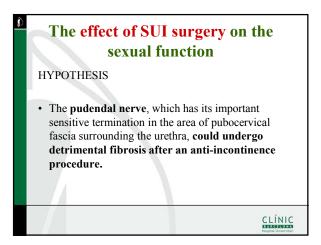
Observation:

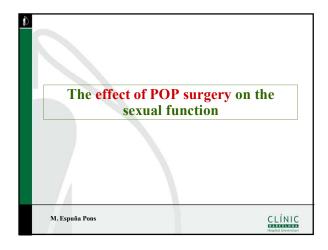
• The presence of a foreign body, such as polypropylene tape, provokes a reaction that compromises the anterior vaginal wall, which is a rich neurovascular area.

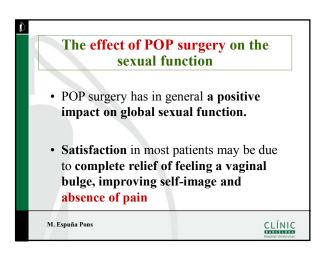
HYPOTHESIS: The surgical techniques that perforate the paraurethral spaces to position a suburethral sling could diminish sexual functioning because of scarring and reduced elasticity of the vaginal wall, resulting in a reduced blood supply to the erectile tissues of the clitoris.











The effect of POP surgery on the sexual function In a prospective study of subjects undergoing serious surgery for polyic ergon

• In a prospective study of subjects undergoing vaginal surgery for pelvic organ prolapse, Pauls et al (1), found no differences in FSFI domain or total scores between the pre- and postoperative period.

 Pauls RN, Silva WA, Rooney CM, Siddighi S, Kleeman SD, Dryfhout V, Karram MM. Sexual function after vaginal surgery for pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2007; 197:622

CLÍNIC

The effect of POP surgery on the sexual function

- The deterioration in sexual function were likely to occur in women with better sexual function scores preoperatively.
- Pauls RN, Silva WA, Rooney CM, Siddighi S, Kleeman SD, Dryfhout V, Karram MM. Sexual function after vaginal surgery for pelvic organ prolapse and urinary incontinence. Am J Obstet Gynecol. 2007;197:622

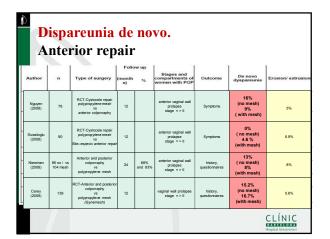
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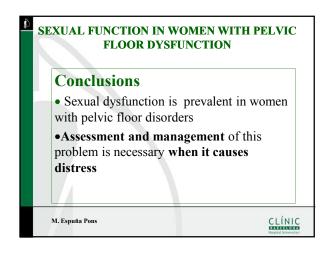
 In women with coital sexual activity and good sexual life before surgery, de novo dyspareunia is an important factor for postoperative deterioration in sexual function.

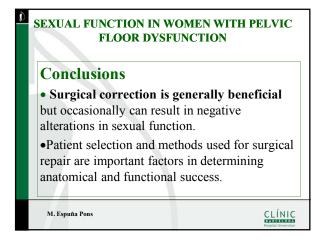
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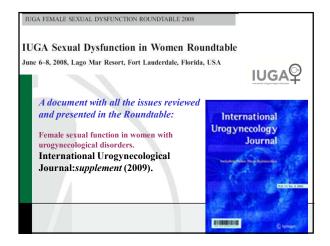
rectocele and dyspareunia						
Autor	technique	Preop	Postop			
Kahn 1997	Levator plication	18%	27%			
Cundiff 1998	Site-specific fascial repair	29%	19%			
Porter 1999	Site-specific fascial repair	67%	46%			
Kenton 1999	Site-specific fascial repair	28%	8%			
Glavind 2004	Site-specific fascial repair	12%	6%			



Dispareunia de novo. Colpoacropexy								
Author	n	Type of surgery	Follow (months)	w up %	Stages and compartments of women with POP		De novo dyspareunia	erosio
North (2009)	22	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy	26.5	100%	Vaginal vault prolapse	Symptoms / questionnaires	0%	5%
Claerhout (2009)	132	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy	12.5	92%	Vaginal vault prolapse	Symptoms / questionnaires	19%	4.5%
Sarlos (2008)	135	Supracervical hysterectomy+LSCP 56 only LSCP	12	75%	55 uterine prolapse and 56 vault prolapse	Symptoms / Questionnaires King's health	1%	1%
Rivore (2007)	131	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy	33	95%	Genital prolapse stage 3 or 4	History/ symptoms	0%	5%
Rozet (2005)	363	Laparoscopic sacrocolpopexy	14.6	90%	Genital prolapse stage 2, 3 and 4	Symptoms / questionnaires	0%	<1%







SINUG WORKSHOP. ICS 2011. GLASGOW

HOW I DO IT?.

REFRACTORY OAB.

P. Arañó. Barcelona.

El concepto de Vejiga Hiperactiva está definido por la ICS como la consulta por parte del paciente de una situación de urgencia con o sin incontinencia de urgencia, generalmente acompañada de aumento de la frecuencia miccional y de nicturia, en ausencia de cualquier condición metabólica o patológica subyacente.

En mas del 50 % de estos paciente aparece en el estudio Urodinámico un Detrusor Hiperactivo definido como la aparición de contracciones involuntarias del detrusor durante la fase de llenado de un Estudio Urodinámico.

El tratamiento de primera línea de esta disfunción es la adopción de medidas conductuales y la indicaión de antimuscarínicos.

Existe un número no despreciable de pacientes en los que los antimuscarínicos no son eficaces o bien se intoleran o bien no pueden ser usados por estar contraindicados. El tratamiento de los pacientes con detrusor hiperactivo no tratable con anticolinérgicos es problemático, existiendo en la actualidad tres opciones:

- Inyección endoscópica de toxina botulínica en vejiga.
- Neuromodulación.
- Ampliación vesical (clamp) + autosondajes post SOS.

En el Protocolo diagnóstico y terapéutico de esta disfunción en nuestro hospital, aparece como siguiente opción a los antimuscarínicos, la inyección de toxina botulínica y la neuromodulación de raices sacras, dejándose los criterios de elección entre ambas opciones a la decisión personalizada en cada caso y en cada paciente.

La opción de ampliación vesical queda muy limitada, pero es algo que se ofrece a los pacientes, los cuales suelen rechazar.

EXPERIENCIA EN NEUROMODULACION DE RAICES SACRAS.

Entre 2007 y 2010 se realizó la prueba de NRS (PNE y Tined Lead) por detrusor hiperactivo en 58 pacientes. Fueron implantados 20 IPGs.

Tras un seguimiento medio de 112 meses (12,8 – 135) se analizaron los cambios antes y después del tratamiento en las variantes de: Diario miccional; Valoración subjetiva de mejoría percibida (1-10); Se analizaron los datos según la prueba no paramétrica de Wilconson para datos apareados.

Resultados: Los cambios en el diario miccional pre/postratamiento fueron estadísticamente significativos (p<0,01) en frecuencia diurna (9/5), frecuencia nocturna (3/2), volumen de micción (144/184). En 7 pacientes desapareció la incontinencia.

Doce pacientes refirieron mejoría percibida > 75 % y cuatro entre el 50 y 75 %. Dos paciente presentaron dolor y en uno se presentó un fallo técnico.

EXPERIENCIA EN TOXINA BOTULÍNICA

Se presenta una evaluación retrospectiva de los casos realizados entre y Noviembre 2010 de inyección de toxina botulínica intradetrusor en pacientes con detrusor hiperactivo no tratable con anticolinérgicos y demostrado urdinámicamente. 61 casos se consideraron como detrusor hiperactivo idiopático y 31 como neurógeno. Se incluyen 100 pacientes (68 mujeres 32 varones) con edad media de 63 años, con síntomas de vejiga hiperactiva de mas de 6 meses de evolución y detrusor hiperactivo con o sin incontinencia.

<u>Evaluación preoperatoria</u> consistió en historia clínica, exploración física, diario miccional, cuestionario de satisfacción (1-10) y estudio urodinámico completo .

<u>Técnica:</u> 1) Profilaxis antibiótica. 2) Anestesia local en mujeres y espinal en hombres. 3) 20 puntos de inyección de 0.5 ml, respetando el trígono vesical, de 100 u de Botox en idiopáticos y 300 u de botox en neurógenos.

<u>Evaluación postoperatoria</u>: A las 3 semanas, 2, 4, y 6 meses. Se realizaron: diario miccional, cuestionario de satisfacción y estudio Urodinámico (con valoración de: desaparición o persistencia de las contracciones no inhibidas del detrusor y en este último caso, volumen infundido en la primera contracción, contracción involuntaria máxima, capacidad cistométrica máxima).

Resultados: Tras un seguimiento de 2 semanas a 6 meses, se observó:

- Desaparición de la hiperactividad en 30 % de los casos.
- Incremento significativo de:capacidad cistométrica máxima.
- Disminución significativa de la contracción máxima del detrusor.
- Disminución significativa de la frecuencia miccional diurna y nocturna.

La variación observada en el volumen a la primera contracción involuntaria, Q.max. y residuo postmiccional no son significativas.

Complicaciones:

- 5 episodios de hematuria macroscópica autolimitada
- 3 retenciones agudas de orina tras un intérvalo medio de 2 semanas.



Refractory Overactive Bladder (anticholinergic treatment)

How I treat it

Smooth muscle involvement

- Ach responsible for 50% of human detrusor contraction in normal conditions. Cowan v Daniel, J Physiol Pharmacol 61: 1236-1246, 1993
- Part of the contraction is atropine-resistant. Bayliss et al. J Urol 162:1833-1839
- In terms of hyperactivity the atropine-resistant component is significantly ncreased. Andersson KE, Amer A. Physiol Rev 84: 935-986. 2004

Noradrenaline (NA)

- Scarce adrenergic innervation in human detrusor. Gosling JA, et al Eur Urol 36 Suppl 1: 23-30. 1999
- In most species α_1 agonists contract the detrusor that is increased in the overactive bladder, which also knows a predominance of β receptors. Periberg S et Caine M. Urology 20: 524-527, 1982
- Presence of receptors β_1 β_2 and β_3 predominantly where β_3 is responsible for muscle relaxation. Periberg S et Caine M. Urology 20: 524-527, 1982

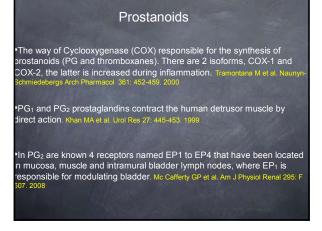
Adenosine triphosphate (ATP)

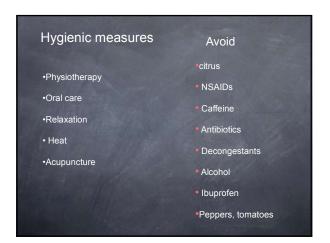
- ATP participates in the excitatory neurotransmitter ACh in the bladder. 3ayliss et al. J Urol 162:1833-1839. 1999
- The initial contractile component is due to release of ATP, whereas the sustained phase is due to the release of ACh
- ATP contraction of the bladder is produced by activation of P2X2 eceptors. O Reilly et al. BJU Int. 87: 617-622. 2001
- In the bladder neck induces a relaxing effect through A2A and P2Y1 eceptors. Hernández, M et al. Br J Pharmacol 157:1463-1473. 2009

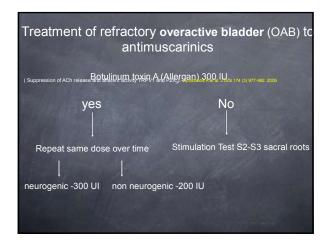
Nitric oxide (NO)

- Main NANC inhibitory neurotransmitter in the lower urinary tract. Andersso
 Pharmacol Rev 45:253-308. 1993
- No evidence of NOSn produced in the detrusor. There has not been consistently demonstrated nerve relaxation produced by NO release. Elliot RA and Castleden CM. Br J Clin Pharmacol 36: 479, 1993
- In the bladder neck NO act during bladder parasympathetic activation resulting in relaxation of the bladder base. Hernández, M et al. Neurourol Urodynam 26: 578-583. 2007

Endothelins • 3 types of isoforms ET-1, ET-2 and ET -3 act through ETA and ETB Aral H et al. Nature 348: 730-732. 1990 • In the outlet obstruction increases the expression of ETA indicating cossible involvement of endothelin receptors in BPH and detrusor hypertrophy associated with this clinical picture. Khan MA et al. Urol Res 27: 445-453. 1999 • ETB endothelin induced relaxation in the pig's bladder neck. Bustamante et al. Abstarct ICS 2011







Refractory Overactive Bladder to anticholinergic treatment New Horizons OAB- therapeutic targets

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P2X_{2/3} receptors blockade

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Andersson NK et al. Curr Opin Urol 19(4): 380-394, 2009 Rewiew

TVP receptors "

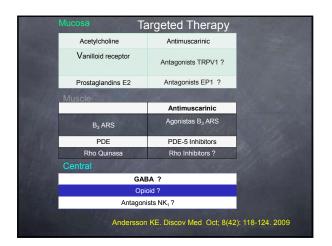
ETA endothelins "

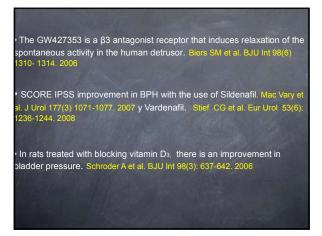
NK1_{1/3} receptors "

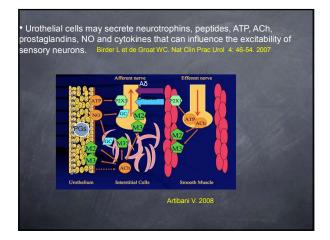
Gene therapy to increase levels of GABA, opioids. Yashimura N et al. J Neuroscience Oct 18:26(42): 10847-10855, 2006

GABA agonists produce clinical improvement in patients with neurogenic oladder. Carbone et al. Eur Urol Supp 2:141(Abstract 555), 2003

Tramadol produces benefits in OAB in rats, in a randomized, double-blind controlled study. Pehrson R et al. Eur Urol 44(4): 495-499, 2003











STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AND MEDICAL
DEVICES

I HAVE NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE
BUSINESS OF THESE DEVICES

ADJUSTABLE MESH FOR THE
TREATMENT OF URINARY
INCONTINENCE

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Stigma
involvement variable
Suffering in secret
disease quality of life
whenever we are required more
provide more and better results

First, prevention

Urgency
Obstruction lower urinary tract
Complications
Conflicting expectations
Inefficiency
technical failure

Urgency Prevention

Study prior to surgery
Avoid excess tension
Associated prolapse
Study after surgery

Obstruction lower urinary tract

Post void residual volume
Low flow
Associated prolapse
Underactive detrusor
Mesh misplaced
Mesh migration
Technical defect
Comorbidities

Complications Prevention

Learning curve
Always the same mesh in series with significance
Test results: clinical exploration Qol Inform patients that there are failures

Inefficiency Prevention

Technical failure

No fewer than 20 procedures / year

Test of cough in operating room

TOT-TVT: TVT Much better hypermobility

Adjustable

Reunión Nacional del Grupo de Urodinámica
La Coruña, Marzo de 2001

SITUACIÓN ACTUAL DE LA CIRUGÍA DE LA INCONTINENCIA
URINARIA FEMENINA
Dr. L. Prieto Chaparro

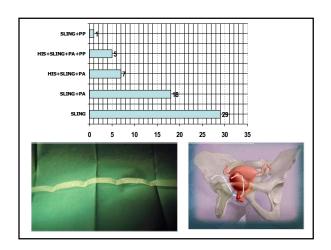
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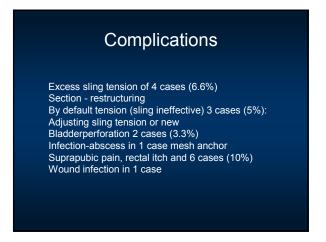
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El sling de malla de prolene en el tratamiento de la incontinencia urinaria de esfuerzo. Tratamiento integral de las alteraciones del suelo pélvico. Resultados a largo
plazo.

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JOSÉ MANUEL QUILEZ FENOLL Y SERGIO BOLLIPER NADAL.

Unidad de Uradinámica. Servicio de Uradogía. Hospital. Universitario de "San Juan". San Juan. Alicante. España.

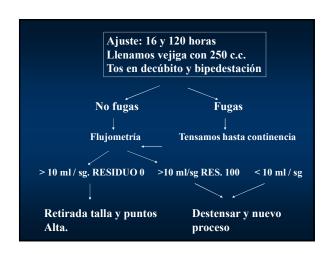




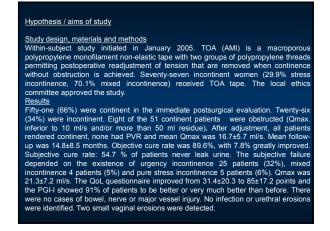
Results
urgency in 19 of 102
11 cases after
4 de novo
continence 91%
(operating failures)

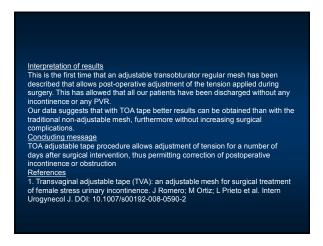


Clinical History
250 ml into bladder
Flowmetry
Residue
Urodynamics
SUIQ Questionnaire
I-QoL questionnaire
ICIQ-SF
PGI-S questionnaire
PGI-I questionnaire











1. Not all meshes are well established on the day of surgery, can improve outcomes. 2. We do not think that is a short-stay surgery and outpatient, to know what the situation is the patient is essential and can be changed if you can avoid a new surgical procedure

3. Add a few threads setting lets you modify a trouble to the patient and the urologist 4. In complex or multi-operator sick is a good alternative

conclusion

- 5. What makes the result in terms of quality of life and from the functional point of view rather than a failure of a surgical procedure for incontinence is
 - Urgency "de novo" OR PERSISTENT
 - OBSTRUCTION
 - COMPLICATIONS

Never forget to follow the patients, not just the result, but because there are complications

How I do it? Occult SUI and POP

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Occult SUI and POP

Occult SUI is defined as urinary leakage which is prevented by POP and only becomes symptomatic after surgical correction of the pelvic anatomy.

Occult SUI and POP

The International Continence Society has been reported that after reduction of the prolapsed organs 30-86% of continent woman with severe POP are at risk of symptomatic SUI.











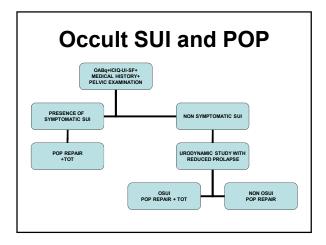
Occult SUI and POP

OUR EXPERIENCE:

- 40% SUI
- 9% URGE INCONTINENCE
- 8% STRESS AND URGE INCONTINENCE
- 43% NON URINARY INCONTINENCE:
 - 76% NON OSUI DURING URODYNAMIC STUDY
 - 24% OSUI DURING URODYNAMIC STUDY

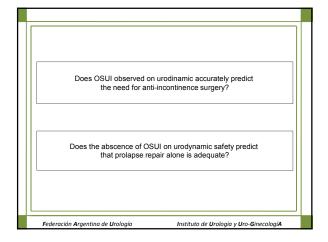
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Predicting the need for anti-incontinence surgery in continent women undergoing repair of severe urogenital prolapse.

Chaikin DC J Urol 2000.

Preoperative urodynamics evaluation is essential, decision to perform concomitant surgery "tailored" to individual urodynamics findings

The Correlation Between Clinical and Urodinamic Diagnosis in Classifying
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A Systematic Review of the Literature

Sanne van Leijsen et al The Netherlands
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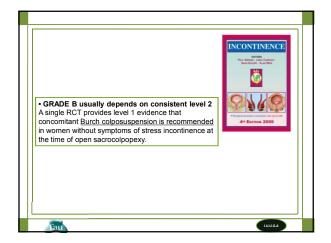
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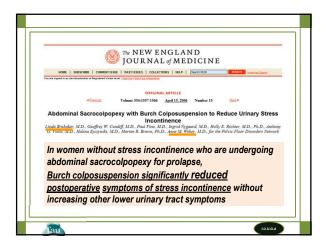
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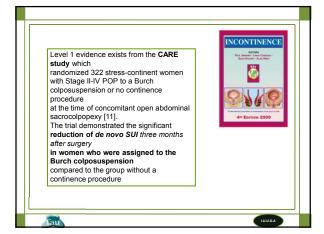
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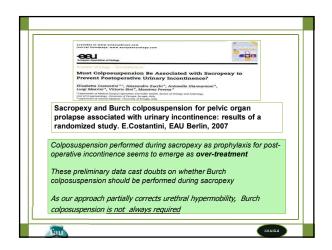
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CONCLUSIONS
There is Level 2/3 evidence that when prolapse repair surgery is performed at the same time as a TVT to treat stress incontinence, the cure rate for the stress incontinence is not adversely affected.









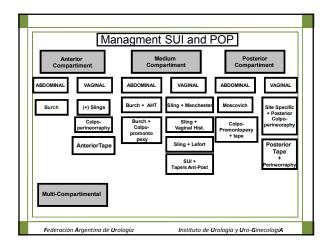
A PROSPECTIVE RANDOMISED CONTROLLED TRIAL COMPARING VAGINAL PROLPSE REPAIR WITHAND WITHOUT TVT IN WOMEN WITH SEVERE GENITAL PROLAPSE AND OCCULT SUI: LONG TERM FOLLOW UP

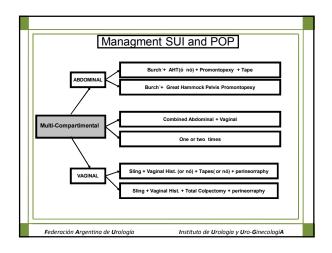
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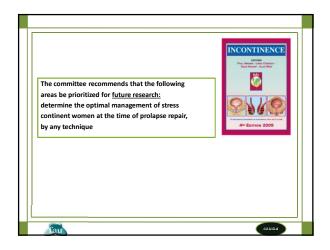
Conluding message: The results indicate that the routine insertion of a mid-urethral sling, TVT, in women with OSUI + POP cannot be recommended







Video
Stage IV POP and Ocult SUI
80 years old
TOT + Vaginal Histerectomy + Total Colpectomy



Literature Conclusions

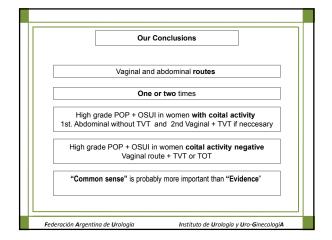
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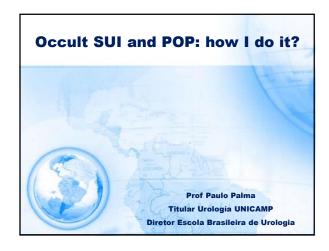
Occult incontinence does not seem to predict the need of anti-incontinence procedure

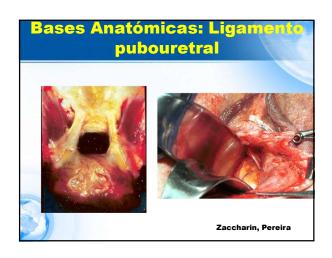
There are some data providing doubt on whether or not an anti-incontinence procedure should be performed during sacrocolopopacy or prolapse repair in both continent and incontinent and women

We have to balance the risk of SUI vs overtreatment and anti-incontinence surgery related complications

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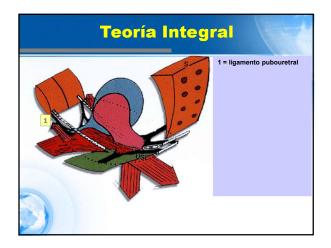






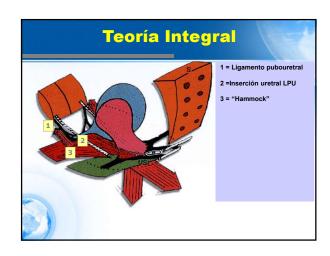


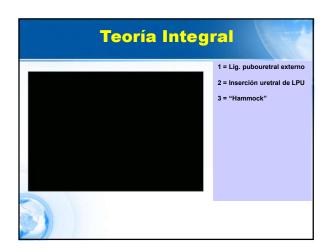


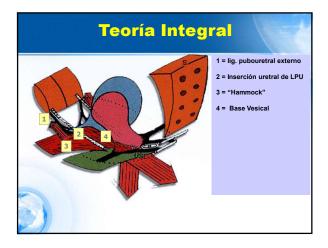


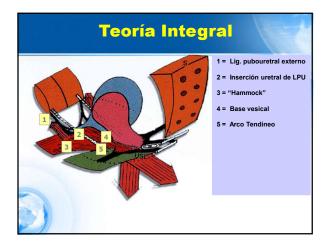








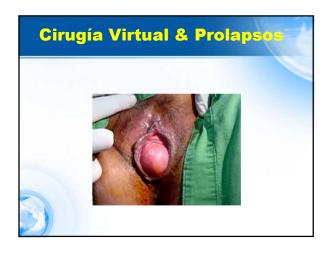


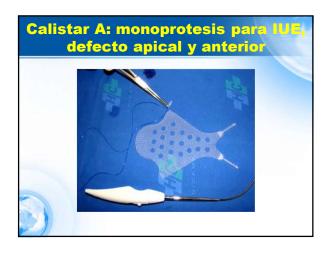
















How I do it? Occult SUI and POP

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Occult SUI is associated with posite anterior vaginal wall prolapes and with utrine descensus in 60% of the case.

Virtual surgery, as proposed by Peter Petros, may help to disclose occult SUI.

When positive, surgical correction of SUI is indicated at the same time.

Although the concept of prophylactic sling is advocated by some researchers (Shlomo Raz), for "de novo" SUI may occur in 30% of patients after mesh repair, The potential risks of complication is the major drawback for this approach.

To overcome this situation, a new mesh (Calistar A – Promedon, Argentina) was developed to treat concomitantly anterior and apical prolapses even when associated to stress urinary incontinence (SUI). It is made of type I macroporous polypropylene with 6 millimeter diameter orifices in the body to improve tissue in growth and to provide flexibility. The suburethral portion of the mesh is attached to two self-anchoring polypropylene arms with a multi point fixation design, especially developed to be anchored at the internal obturator muscle bilaterally, in order to provide a strong suburethral primary fixation. Each arm is attached to a polypropylene stitch, to move it backwards during the procedure, if necessary, for a fine suburethral adjustment. A new tissue anchoring system was also developed, to fix the mesh's arms to the sacrospinous ligament bilaterally, which represent the other anatomical landmark of the procedure. The set also includes a disposable retractable insertion trocar (Fig. 1).

In this study, it is evaluated the safety, feasibility and the results of this technique in a cohort of patients with stage 3 anterior / apical prolapses.

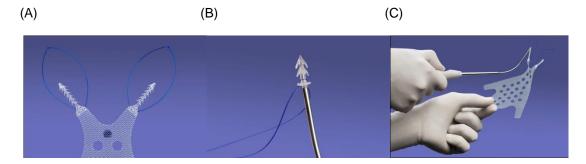


Figure 1. (A) Polypropylene mesh and multipoint fixation arms (B) Tissue anchoring system and trocar. (C) Surgical set.

Study design, materials and methods

From January 2010 to March 2011, 31 patients were enrolled in the study. Only patients with Pelvic Organ Prolapse Quantification System (POP-Q) stage 3 anterior vaginal wall prolapse were included. Concomitant SUI were diagnosed in 19 (61%) patients. The work-up included history, physical examination, stress test, standardized 1-h pad test, POP-Q staging, and

validated questionnaires (International Consultation on Incontinence Questionnaire Short Form – ICIQ-SF; International Consultation on Incontinence Questionnaire Vaginal Symptoms – ICIQ-VS). Sexual function was assessed with the Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI). Follow-up was performed at 1, 3, 6 and 12 months post implant.

The procedure was carried on with the patient in lithotomy position. The anterior vaginal wall was incised from midurethra towards the uterine cervix and the pubocervical fascia is carefully dissected. Blunt dissection was performed until identification of the ischial spines and the sacrospinous ligaments. Then, the retractable insertion guide was primed with the tissue anchoring system and was introduced into the sacrospinous ligament 1.5 cm medial from the ischial spine bilaterally. The same retractable guide was connected to the multipoint fixation arm for fixation of the suburethral part of the mesh bilaterally to the internal obturator muscle, one centimeter above the vaginal fornix. Then the polypropylene stitches were attached to the arms of the implant bilaterally. Stitches were placed at the posterior body of the implant and fixed at the remanents of cardinal ligaments or pericervical ring in order to avoid high cystocele reccurence. Finally, the vaginal incision is closed in the usual manner. Cystoscopy was not mandatory (Fig. 2).

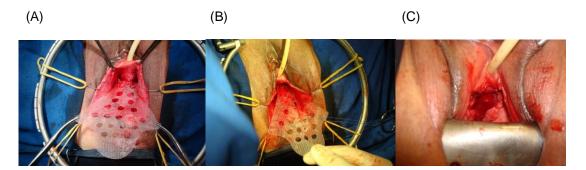


Figure 2. Surgical procedure. (A) Suburethral insertion. (B) Anchoring of mesh to the stitches placed at sacrospine ligaments. (C) Mesh at correct place before vaginal wall suture.

Results

The mean age of patients is 59 ± 8.5 years old. Other demographic data are summarized in Table 1. All surgeries were performed under spinal anesthesia. Severe bleeding and technical or mechanical problems of the device were not observed. Until march 2011, seven patients (22%) completed 12 months follow up but as soon as 11 patients (35%) who completed 6 months follow up showed successful POP-Q staging improvement, as showed in Table 2. Also, all of the patients with concomitant SUI presented negative stress test and improvement of the ICIQ-SF score (Table 2). One patient (3%) presented mesh exposure, diagnosed in the second post-operative day, and were treated with excision and vaginal suture / topical estrogen replacement and antibiotics. This patient presented mesh infection (3%). Urinary retention were observed in one patient (3%), and solved spontaneously at the third day post-operative. One subject who maintained urgency in the post-operative was treated successfully with anticholinergics. The Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI) was 26 ± 1.4 before surgery, 48 ± 21.5 in six months and 49 ± 12.7 in one year follow up.

Table 1. Demographics

Previous gestation (mean ± SD)	3.0 ± 2.6
Stress urinary incontinence - Stamey (%)	54.1%
Previous anti-incontinence surgery (%)	29.1%
Body Mass Index (mean ± SD)	27.7 ± 4.6

Table 2. Follow up

	Pre	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year
N	31	6	7	11	7
Aa POP-Q point	+2 ± 1.5	-2 ± 0.9	-2 ± 0.7	-2 ± 0.8	-2 ± 0.9
Ba POP-Q point	+4 ± 1.7	-2 ± 1.1	-3 ± 0.6	-3 ± 0.7	-3 ± 0.9
C POP-Q point	+1 ± 3.4	-7 ± 3.1	-7 ± 1.5	-7 ± 1.7	-7 ± 2.1
Positive stress test	37,5%	0.0%	0.0%	9%	0.0%
ICIQ-SF score (0-21)	31	6	7	11	7
FSFI	26 ± 1.4			48± 21.5	49 ± 12.7

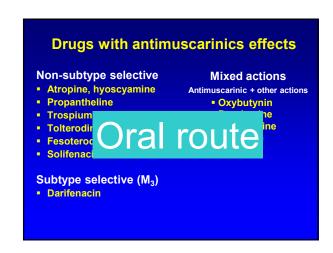
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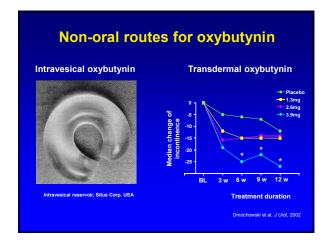
In opposite to the transobturator approach, anchoring the mesh to sacrospinous ligaments allows for a D'Lancey level one correction as showed by the optimal POP-Q point C results in the follow-up. Also, the multipoint fixation arms provided primary and stable suburethral support, keeping the mesh in the proper place and allowing for an effective treatment of SUI, if present.

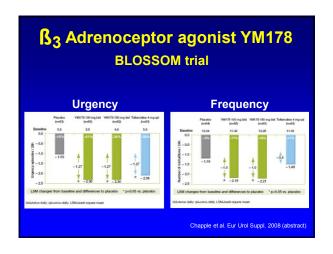
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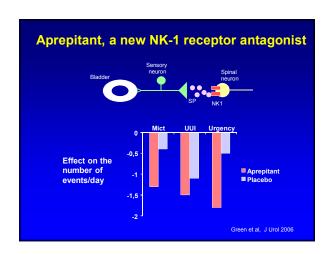
Initial results demonstrate that this technique represents an effective option for the treatment of prolapse and SUI. It introduces the advantages of simultaneous treatment of anterior and apical vaginal prolapses and SUI by a single vaginal incision, building safety and a fully level I correction

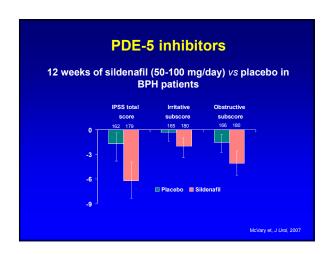


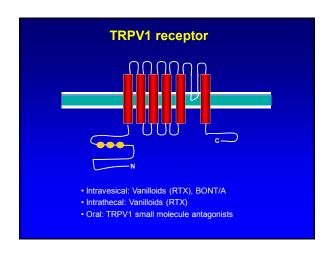


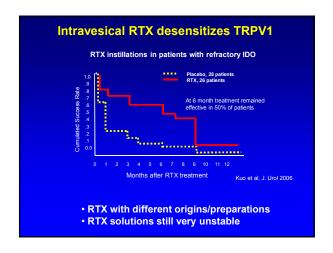


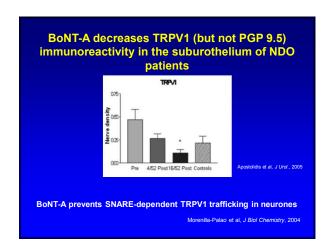


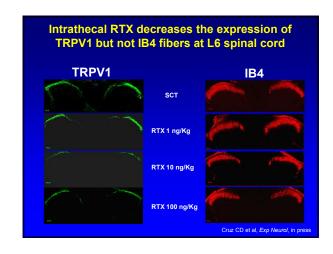


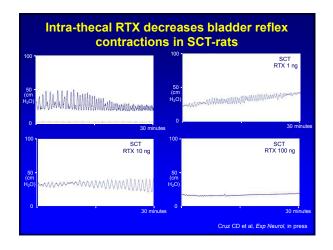


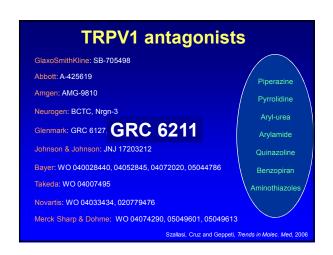


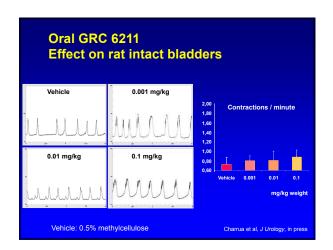


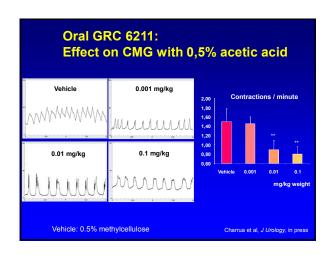


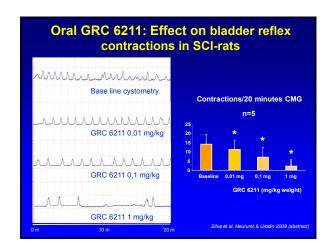


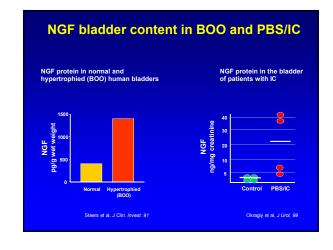


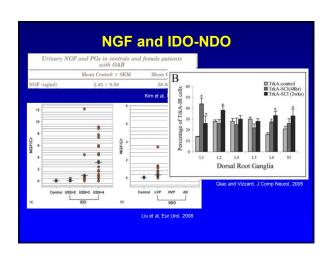


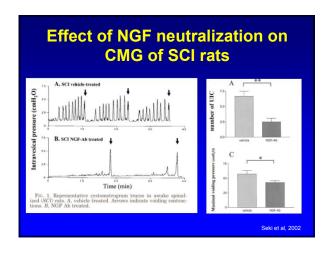


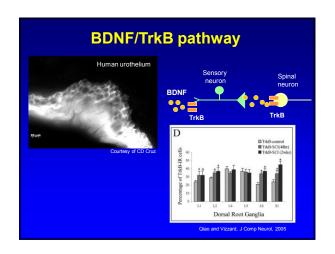


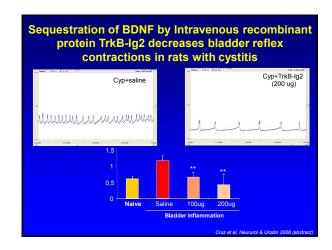


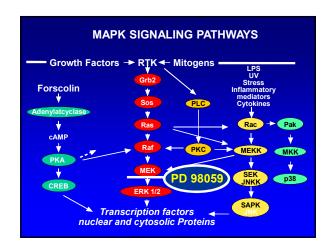


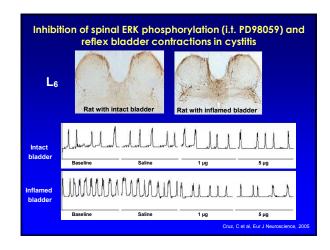


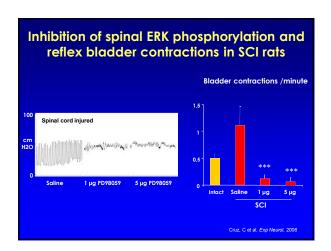


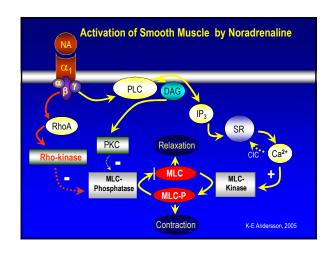


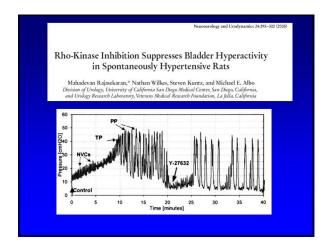






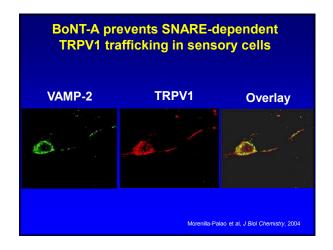






Conclusions

- Oral route is probably the ideal one to deliver compounds for OAB/DO
- B₃ adrenoreceptor agonists, NK1 antagonists and PDE-5 inhibitors are already in clinical trials
- Oral TRPV1 antagonist GRC 6211 is promising
- Neurotrophins and intracellular pathways are emerging as new potential targets



Trends in antimuscarinic therapy

- · Oral route
- Long half-life/slow releasing formulations
- Good intestinal absorption
- High muscarinic receptor subtype selectivity
- Organ selectivity
- Dosage flexibility

Biomechanical overview of pelvic floor dysfunction

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Pelvic Floor dysfunctions in women represent an important health problem. The major risk factor for developing these conditions is vaginal birth.

Biomechanics is considered one of the main topics of current pelvic floor research recommendations. It is only recently that researchers have begun biomechanical analysis to evaluate the mechanism of pelvic floor normal support and its failures as well as sequelae of vaginal birth.

Bioengineering is the science that deals with structure-function relationships. The translation of biomechanics research to clinical settings may contribute to understand the etiology of these complex conditions and improve assessment and treatment of pelvic floor dysfunctions.

The combined technology will allow us to identify mechanisms of pelvic floor disorders, assume preventive strategies and optimize surgical procedures.