

### W18: Improving Continence Before and After Radical Prostatectomy

Workshop Chair: Jose E Batista, Spain 07 October 2015 10:30 - 12:00

Start	End	Торіс	Speakers
10:30	10:45	Introduction. Anatomical and functional concepts of male	Jose E Batista
		continence.	
10:45	10:55	Preoperative physiotherapy: New evidence	Anaïs Bassas
10:55	11:05	Factors from surgical technique	Argimiro Collado
11:05	11:20	Diagnostic workup: How and when	Jose E Batista
11:20	11:35	Postoperative physiotherapy	Kari Bo
11:35	11:50	Review of surgical techniques for incontinence and contracture.	Argimiro Collado
		Effect of radiotherapy	
11:50	12:00	Difficult cases. Questions	All

#### Aims of course/workshop

Despite surgical improvement, radical prostatectomy isn't free of complications, urinary incontinence remaining the most important. When salvage radiotherapy is applied, an additional risk factor is added. Finally, some patients develop a difficult situation: stenosis of anastomosis.

To give a comprehensive management, one should adapt to the resources available or provide a reasonable referral. Ideally this should be done in a team-based approach.

The objectives are:

1. To explain surgical techniques that decrease the risk of incontinence and diagnostic methods and treatment for incontinence.

2. To explain the role of pre and post behavioural therapy to improve the functional outcome

#### Learning Objectives

1. Review current evidence about the usefulness of physiotherapeutic treatment previous to radical prostatectomy in the prevention of incontinence.

2. Outline a diagnostic and management scheme for patients with post- prostatectomy incontinence.

3. Explain the treatment options and timing in post prostatectomy incontinence.

### IMPROVING CONTINENCE BEFORE AND AFTER RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY.

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### INTRODUCTION JE BATISTA .

#### THINGS HAVE CHANGED IN THE LAST YEARS

1- NEW SURGICAL OPCIONS (laparoscopy/ robotics) SEEMED TO REDUCE FUNCTIONAL COMPLICATINOS... BUT PATIENTS ARE STILL COMING ! .

2- TIMING IN PRE AND POSTORPERATIVE CARE (Preoperative management, early postoperative intervention)

**3- NEW THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS** 

**Radical prostatectomy:** 

Impact on

\*Urologic practice \*Resource distribution (Robotic surgery) \*Complications .

Number of procedures; difficult to asses worldwide

Some data (Diebert CM Urol Oncol 2015)

451.707 radical prostatectomies in USA (2002-09)

Personal, social and economic costs of incontinence.

The symptom is denied by patients and urologists

Late consultation

After the impact of diangosis and treatment many patients simply "give up" with incontinence.

Economic impact:

Spain 2011, Male population: 23M.

Diapers : 355 M € Condom catheters : 9 M€

Under reported consequences: i. e. dermatitis



FIGURA 10. Dermatitis causada por incontinencia.

PREOPERATIVE FACTORS

THAT WE CAN NOT CHANGE

(but we can choose and inform)

Evaluating Urinary Continence and Preoperative Predictors of Urinary Continence After Robot Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy			
From the Department of Oncological and Surgical Sciences, Urology Clinic, University of Padua, Padua, Italy J Urol 2010			
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	UNIVARIALE	IVIOLITVARIATE	
AGE	0.024	0.027	
AGE BMI	0.024 0.140	0.027	

### OBESITY

Van Roermund y cols. Urol Int 2009 (BMI>30) Incontinencia 25.8% versus 8.7%





PEROP RISK FACTORS: SUMARY			
FACTOR	CUTOFF RISK VALUE		
age	>65 (Novara J Urol 2010)		
BMI	>30		
Prostatic volume	>90		
Comorbility	+++		
Previous continence	ICIQ-UI SF >8		
Urodynamic study	Hiperactive detrusor.		
Physical activity			
Urethral length			
Previous TURP			

### **PREOPERATIVE FACTORS**

WE CAN CHANGE

CHOOSE AND INFORM

### PHYSIOTHERAPY IN THE PREOPERATIVE OF PROSTATECTOMY

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#### **Patient information**

✓Information about pelvic floor

- ✓ Oral & written information / instructions about exercises
- $\checkmark\ensuremath{\mathsf{To}}$  teach him to be aware of his muscles and how they work
- $\checkmark {\sf Practise}$  of PFM contractions with or without BFB  $\,/$  Knack

✓Routine at home

#### Assessment

- 24h pad-test
- Questionnaires (make it simple) :
  - IPSSICIQ-SF
  - OAB
  - King's Health Questionnaire
- Urodynamics

#### Pelvic Floor Muscle Training (PFMT):

#### preop and postop better than postop only?

Patients 180 males

-Treatment group (n=91)  $\rightarrow$  started PFMT 3 weeks before surgery and continued after RP. -Control group ( n=89)  $\rightarrow$  started PFMT after catheter removal.

Assessed:
 •24h pad-test (daily until continence, 3 consecutive days of 0gr) / 1h pad-test
 •VAS / IPSS / King's Health Questionnaire

#### Results

-Geraerts et al. Influence o

-No difference in duration on postop UI between both groups -Mean time to continence was 30 and 31 days -Media amount of first-day incontinence was 108gr and 124gr

•Conclusion: 3 preop sessions of PFMT didn't improve postop duration o incontinence



Is preoperative and postoperative PFMT better than postoperative PFMT only?

#### •179 males

•Treatment group (n=87):

3 weeks before RP: weekly assisted BFB session and GAH + daily PFMT at home & written instructions
BFB contractions(1,3,5 seconds)+quick

contractions+intense contractions+maximum strength contractions

Control group (n=92)

#### Is preoperative and postoperative PFMT better than postoperative PFMT only?

Continence improvement	Control group	Treatment group
1st w-6th w	10%	38%
1st w-3th month	44%	72%
1st w-6th month	58%	89%
1st w - 1 year	47%	98%

Mean 24hPadTes t	Control Group	Treatment Group
1st w	458	544
6thw	345	285
3rd month	233	115
6th month	165	75
1 vear	152	12

#### Conclusions

-A programme of intensive preoperatory PFMT does not guarantee completely recovery continence, but it considerable REDUCES DURATION AND SEVERITY of SUI after the second s

 Collado et al. Intensive preoperatory pelvic floor muscle training reduce duration and severity of stress ur incontinence after radical prostatectomy: a randomized controlled trial. 2013. Valencia

#### Is preoperative and postoperative PFMT better than postoperative PFMT only?

#### •100 males

-Control group (PFMT without BFB + verbal&written instructions in PFMT before and after surgery) -BFB group (PFMT with BFB 2 to 4 weeks before surgery + PFMT 4 times/day + to resume PFMT after surgery when catheter were removed )

·Continence assessment: personal&phone inte •FOLLOW UP: 6 months after surgery •1 or 0 pad/day 94% (44 of 47) -> BFB group •1 or 0 pad 96% (48 of 50) -> control group

·CONCLUSION:

Preoperative BFB didn't improve outcome of PFM exercises on overall continence or the rate of return of urinary control in mer undergoing radical prostatectomy.

-Bales et al. Effect of preoperative BFB/PFT on continence in men undergoing radical prostat -Urology. 2000 Oct 1;56(4):627-30



Is preoperative and postoperative PFMT better than postoperative PFMT only?

#### Results

•Preop physiotherapist-guided PFMT reduces time to continence by 28% ( it reduces the duration and severity of early incontinence after RRP)

		24h pad-	test	Incontinen	ce severity (>50g)
Patel et al. Preoperative pelvic floor physiotherapy		6w months	3	6w	3 months
Improves continence after radical retropubic prostatectomy.	Treatment group	9g diff	no sign	8/152	no sign diff
int J 0roi 2013 80(10):986-92	Control Group	17g diff	no sign	33/132	no sign diff
•284 males					
-Treatment group (n=152) $\rightarrow$ received physiol	herapist-guided pelv	ic floor muse	le training pro	gram from 4 we	eks preop.
-Control group (n=132) $\rightarrow$ received verbal ins	ruction on PFM exe	rcise by the s	urgeon.		
·Postop all patients received physiotherapist-	uided pelvic floor m	uscle training	<b>]</b> .		

Tienforti et al. BJU 32 males FAVOUR Questionnaires Nº pads/week 6 months nternational 2012 Nº UI episodes/week Geraerts et al. 2013 24h pad test 1h pad test 160 males 12 months No sign diff Questionnaires (IPSS, VAS, King's health Q) Hirschhorn et al. 139 males ICIQ Questionnaire BJU Int 2014 3 months FAVOUR Tobia et al. Arch Esp Urol 2008 38 males Nº pads 2 months No sign diff Collado et al. 2013 179 males 24 h pad test ICIQ Questionnaire 12 months FAVOUR Bales et al. Urol. 100 males Personal and phone interviews 6 months No sign diff 2000 Patel et al. Int J 284 males 24h pad test Urol. 2013 Severity of incontinence 3 months FAVOUR

#### Is preoperative and postoperative PFMT better than postoperative PFMT only?

Contradictory results.

It may be attributable to sample size and/or RCT quality.

We conclude that:

- BFB can help to identify the muscle.
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- BFB is not better than PFM exercises alone. PFMT is better than only oral&written instructions.
- -24h pad test + Questionnaires to evaluate UI severity&duration

We suggest to teach PFM exercises before surgery because:

- patient is pain-free and with a normal sensation (anatomicly intact)
- better propioception
- have time to practise PFM exercises and get confidence with them

















#### **VOIDING PHASE ALTERATIONS**

Detrusor underactivity is prevalent after radical prostatectomy. Chung DE, Can Urol Assoc J. 2012 :

264 urodynamics post-RP. Detrusor underactivity 41% Obstruction 17%

(Overactive detrusor 7%)







Mild alterations are no contraindication to AUS
 Severe alterations warrant treatment



Conservative treatment: (once surgery is ruled out.)

60-70% patients rule out surgery

NEGOTIATE AND CHANGE DEVICE ACCORDING TO ACTIVITY

1st phase: physiotherapy and .

2nd phase: clamps / condom catheters,





### A. Collado. FACTORS DERIVED FROM SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

- Wide variation
- Each surgeron describes his/her technique...but few are willing to reproduce others' results



# **"TEWARI'S COMMANDMEN**Preservation of puboprostatic ligaments Flap "fibromuscular" retrotrigonal flap Preservation of Santorini's plexus and PP ligaments

- Long urethral
- Retro-vesical flap" (Pagano)
- Sutura de "Rocco's suture"
- Tendínou s arc and puboprostátic lig. reanastomosis







A Collado. Surgical options Critical review of "old" and new device. INSTITUTO VALENCIANO DE ONCOLOGIA Valencia, Spain

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### Non adjustable slings

 Moderate incontinence, 24h pad test < 450 mL/d, good urethral function and mobility.

Compresion devices and adjustable slings

- Moderate / severe incontinece, rigid uretrha.

#### <u>AUS</u>

-Severe incontinence, no sphincter function, 24 h pad test > 450ml)

### ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURE



### CLASICAL PITFALLS IN ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURE

- High recurrence raty
- Continence worsening.

BLADDER NECK INCISION AFETER ANASTOMOTIC STRICTURE Oct 1991-Oct 2011 109 procedures	Hereby Microsoft
Grupos de tratamiento Control: blddder neck incision Dilatation: BNI + DILTATION PROTOCOL SINCE NOVIEMBER 2005	

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Control (n=54)	Dilatation (n=55)		
37	39	~-0 8 <b>2</b>	
17	16	p=0.83	
42%	87%	p<0.01	
	Control (n=54) 37 17 42%	Control (n=54)         Dilatation (n=55)           37         39           17         16           42%         87%	

# **Postoperative Physiotherapy in men - what is the evidence?** ICS-15

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# ST Chang: Internal exercises 1984

- The «deer» exercise
  - «important to strengthen rectum and prostata
  - Cures or treats hemorrhoids
  - Cures prostate
     weakness, hypertrophy
     and cancer
  - Strengthens nerves
  - Helps erectile
     dysfunction and
     premature
     ejaculation»



### WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE?

## Conservative management for postprostatectomy UI Anderson et al 2015

- Determine effectiveness of conservative management for UI up to 12 months after transuretral, suprapubic, laprascopic, radical retropulic or perineal prostatectomy
- Lifestyle intervention, PFMT, el.stim, magnetic chair
- 45 trials in men after radical prostatectomy, 4 trials after TURP, one trial after either operation
- 26 trials starting post-surgery
- Trials included 4717 men
- Variation in
  - interventions
  - populations
  - outcome measures
  - definition of cure



### **Results Cochrane 2015**

- No evidence from 8 trials that PFMT was better than control for men who had UI up to 12 months after radical prostatectomy
- No effect of PFMT after TURP
- Limited evidence of el.stim, magnetic innervation or combinations
- Studies on both treatment and prevention for all men after radical prostatectomy showed moderate evidence for reduction of UI, however data not supported by pad tests



### **Conclusion Cochrane 2015**

- Men's symptoms tended to improve over time regardless of intervention
- The value of various approaches to conservative management of postprostatectomy remains uncertain



# Ability to perform a correct PFM contraction

- > 30% of women unable at first consultation Kegel-48, Benvenuti et al -87, Hesse et al-88, Bø et al-88)
- 20% of men at first consultation – 8.6% at 3 months øvergård et al -08



### Effect of exercise training

- Dose response
  - type of exercise
  - duration
  - frequency
  - INTENSITY
  - ADHERENCE
- 8-12 (or fewer) close to maximum contractions x 3/ day, 3-5 times/ week Haskell, ACSM -07, Garber et al -11



### Examples of POSITIVE results



### Radical retropubic prostatectomy Van Kampen et al 2000

- 102 men: RCT training and control (sham)
  - 15 days after surgery
  - PT once a week (biofeedback) as long as needed (el.stim/bladder training) 90 contractions/day
- Results
  - 88% versus 56% continent at 3 months
  - at one year no difference 1 h test or VAS

## Effect on QoL Zhang et al -06

- RCT: 29 men post prostatectomy
  - Control
  - Combined PFMT and support group
- Results
  - Trend towards increased functioning and reduced perception of illness intrusiveness in intervention group
  - Improved UI sign associated with \$\sqrt{u}\$ depression and symptom distress

### Physiotherapist guided PFMT after RP

### Øvergård et al 2008

- RCT: 85 men → 80 after open RP (drop-out 6 %). Starting preoperatively and immediately after catheter removal. Anal palpation
  - Control (written information 10x3 contr/day)
  - 45 min exercise class + home exercise (Bø et al -90)
- Results
  - 3 months: no sign diff
     except preceived problems
     with urinary function
  - 12 months: 92% versus 72% continent (p=.02)





## Early postoperative pelvic floor biofeedback training Ribeiro et al 2010

- 73 $\rightarrow$ 54 men after RP
  - PFMT with biofeedback once /week + home training for 3 months
  - Control
- Results
  - 96.2% versus 75% cured (≤ 1 pad), p=.02
  - Absolute risk reduction: 21.2 (95% CI: 3.45-38.81)
  - Relative risk of recovery: 1.3(95% CI: 1.02-1.69
  - Numbers needed to treat: 5 (95% CI: 2.6-28.6)
- Conclusion: PFMT hastens recovery, improves severity, voiding symptoms and PFM strength

### PFMT with and without biofeedback for persistent postprostatectomy incontinence Goode et al -10

- RCT in 208 men with persisting UI > 1 year after RP. 8 weeks training period
  - PFMT + bladder control strategies
  - Same + in- office biofeedback training + el.stim
  - Delayed treatment
- Results
  - 55% and 51% reduction in incontinence episodes in treatment groups compared to controls
  - Effect durable at 12 months
  - No additional effect of adding biofeedback/el stim

### Role of personal trainer Marchiori et al -10

- 332 incontinent (> 1 pad /day) after RP, starting 1 month after catheter removal
  - Control
  - Follow-up program, individual, once/week; biofeedback, el.stim
- Results
  - Continence recovery 44 ± 2 days versus 76± 4
  - Number of incontinent patients higher in control group at 3,6 and 12 months
- Conclusion: tight followup is important



### Examples of NEGATIVE results



### Verbal versus therapist-directed PFMT after RP Moore et al -08

- RCT 205 men at 4 weeks after RP. All had verbal and written instruction
  - Weekly phone contact
  - Weekly 30 min biofeedback asssited PFMT with
     PT + home training
- Results
  - 8 weeks: 23% versus 20% continent
  - 12 weeks: 28% 32%
  - 16 weeks: 40% 44%
  - 28 weeks: 50% 47%
  - 52 weeks: 64% 60%

# Physiotherapy versus instruction folder Dubbelman et al -10

- RCT in 70 men afer retropubic RP. Power calc: N=96. 82 randomized, 70 completed
  - Preoperative instruction & folder by PT
  - Same + 9 X 30 min with PT + 150 contractions /day postoperatively
- Results
  - 30% versus 27% continent on 1-h and 24 h-pad test (ns)
  - No difference in one hour pad test

# PFMT and bladder training after RP and TURP Glazener et al -10

- RCT in 441 men after RP and 442 after TURP
  - Standard management
  - 4 times with «therapist»
- Results
  - 92% and 85% of RP and TURP group attended «at least one session» (!)
  - RP: absolute risk diff: -1.9% (75.5% versus 77.4%)
  - TURP: absolute risk diff: 3.4% (64.9% versus 61.5%)
  - Resourses better used elsewhere (?)

# Erectile dysfunction Dorey et al -04,-05

- RCT: 55 men aged > 20 with erectile dysfunction
  - Lifestyle intervention (reduce alcohol consumption, stop smoking, reduce weigth, improve fitness, avoid bicycle saddle pressure)
  - Lifestyle + PFMT with
     biofeedback supervized by
     PT (5 x 30 min)
- Results
  - Sign improvement in PFMT group
  - Cross over ; 40% regained normal erectile function, 35.5% improved, 24.5 % failed



### Erectile dysfunction Geraerts et al 2015 (abstract ICS 2014)

- RCT in 33 men who underwent open or robot RP with erectile dysfunction 12 months postprostatectomy
- 3 months of PFMT
- Outcome: International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF-EF) and climacturia
- Results:
  - Significantly better erectile function in PFMT (p=0.02)
  - Climaturia significantly reduced (p=0.02)
  - No effect on orgasmatic function, sexual desire, intercourse satisfaction, overall satisfaction



### Conclusion PFM training for men with UI post-prostatectomy

- Spontaneous recovery, prevalence is still high
- Exercise science?
- There is no easy way to effective training....
- Pre-operative!
- Close follow-up?
- Two RCTs on erectile dysfunction show positive results
- Can we conclude???



Thank you for your attention!



Notes