

## W5: Neurogenic detrusor overactivity: What to do after 15 years of Botulinum toxin?

Workshop Chair: Michele Spinelli, Italy  
13 September 2016 11:00 - 12:30

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### Aims of course/workshop

Neurogenic bladder is a term applied to a malfunctioning urinary bladder due to neurologic dysfunction or insult emanating from internal or external trauma, disease, or injury. Symptoms of neurogenic bladder range from detrusor underactivity to overactivity (depending on the site of neurologic insult), sphincter underactivity or overactivity and loss of coordination with bladder function. Treatment options have evolved rapidly in the last 20 years. The aim of this workshop will be to give participants the most complete overview (features, diagnosis and management) of neurogenic bladder focusing especially on therapeutical options and their latest trends.

### Learning Objectives

After this workshop participants should be able to:

1. Have an overview of the management of neurogenic bladder
2. Know what current treatment options are available
3. Learn about current research and potential new therapeutical approaches

### Target Audience

Urologists, Neurourologists, Neurologists

### Advanced/Basic

Advanced

### Suggested Reading

- Mehnert T and Kessler. T. The management of urinary incontinence in the male neurologica patient. Current opinion in urology, Vol : 24(6)-2014
- Jhang J-F and Kuo H-C: Botulinum Toxin A and Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction: Patophysiology and Mechanisms of Action. Toxins 8 (120) -2016
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- European Association of Urology- Guidelines
- Textbook of the neurogenic bladder- J. Corcos; D. Ginsberg; G. Karsenty, Taylor and Franc

### Michele Spinelli

*In last 20 years urologists involved in study and treatment of neurogenic bladder had the occasion to assist at a revolution of care.*

*Starting from reflex voiding in neurogenic bladder by means of different triggers, introduction of larger use of intermittent catheterization has permitted to resolve voiding difficulties at low pressure and complete.*

*The concept of restoring micturition cycle in a "physiological approach", with conservation of anatomy became in last decades the goal. In the field of pharmacological and medical modulation we assisted to possibility of escape surgical approaches using less invasive and reversible approaches as second line treatment.*

*The era of Botulinum toxin injection and the era of electrical neurostimulation and modulation are today considered main revolutions in functional urology.*

*But what we are looking for future?*

*We have a population long term treated with botulinum toxin asking something different and in this population we have patients becoming less responder.*

*On the other hand in last ten years we assisted to nothing new in term of treatment, only to the on labelling of botulinum toxin with a low dosage.*

*Are we going back to necessity of augmentation surgery?*

*What is going on in neuromodulation?*

*Is precocious approach in neuromodulation one of the new target?*

## **TBC**

### **Julien Renard**

One of the main complaints of neurological patients, whatever the main etiology might be (medullar lesion, Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Myelomeningocele...) is often linked to urological symptoms. In fact profound alterations of lower urinary tract control cause various symptoms. Among these, urinary incontinence is often the only apparent sign since urgency can be reduce or absent because of sensory deficits (1). Type of incontinence is in most of cases urge and due to neurogenic detrusor overactivity which requires a specific management. Antimuscarinic drugs often offer the first line of treatment but unfortunately can either be of insufficient effect for symptom management or cause side effects which are too much of a burden for patients (dryness of mouth, constipation). In this context, the advent of botulinum toxine has changed the game. Approved in 2011 by the Food and Drug Administration, the main indication for detrusor injection of botulinum toxin is the treatment of neurogenic detrusor overactivity in patients who have an inadequate response or intolerance to antimuscarinics. Recently the range of BoNT-A injections has increased, in some cases however in course of evaluation, to patients with painful bladder symptoms, idiopathic detrusor overactivity and voiding dysfunction.

Its mechanism of action involves the motor nervous system including the inhibition of neuromuscular junctions by blocking acetylcholine release. However its action is not only limited to this aspect. Botulinum toxin injection, in fact, also regulated the sensory nerve function by blocking neurotransmitter release and reducing receptor expression in the urothelium. In addition recent studies revealed an anti-inflammatory effect and globally in an improvement of urothelium function helping restore bladder function (2)

From a technical point of view, injections require a cystoscopic (rigid or flexible) intervention that needs to be repeated every 6-9 months. The procedure can be performed in local anesthesia in most patients.

In terms of effect, intradetrusor injection determines in neurogenic detrusor overactivity patients, an improvement in daily incontinence and catheterization episodes, in maximum cystometric capacity, reflex volume and maximum detrusor pressure. In overactive bladder patients, it leads to significant improvement in bladder diary (daily frequency and urgency) and daily incontinence. (3)

Today two types of toxins are available on the market:

- Onabotulinumtoxin A ( Botox, Allergan Inc, Irvine, Ca)
- Abobotulinumtoxin A ( Dysport , Ipsen bipharmaceuticals, Inc, BAsking Ridge, NJ)

Botox has been in the last years the main product used in larger studies. However some authors have challenged its superiority by comparative studies which concluded to similar effects between the two products but longer intervals between injections for Dysport (4)

One other open debate lies in the required dose necessary for management of neurogenic detrusor overactivity which range in the literature from 50 U to 300 U. Nowadays guidelines however recommend doses of 200 U for correct management.

### **Michele Spinelli / Julien Renard**

Surgical management of patients with neurogenic bladders represents the last line of treatment for neurological patients. In fact, usually these procedures represent a heavy surgery which is not facilitated by the general condition of patient. However, if followed regularly and correctly, if patient is compliant there is usually no need for this management. In fact Urinary diversions, although once frequently employed are only required in special circumstances ( S. Herschorn) and that is in the case of failure of conservative management and medical management ( intermittent catheterization, anticholinergic medications, beta3 agonist

therapy) which leads to complications of the upper urinary tract ( hydronephrosis, uretero-renal reflux bladder wall thickening and concomitant progressive renal deterioration, urosepsis) . Indications is found also in the case of unmanageable incontinence, inability to catheterize per urethra or in the cases of infectious complications linked to lower urinary tract (bladder diverticula).

After posing a correct indication, the main burden for physician and patient will be to choose a urinary diversion suitable. Two main types can be offered. Non continent diversion such as ileal conduit or colon conduit, or ileo vesicostomy. Continent diversions such as continent catheterizable pouch (Indiana, Koch, T pouch, Duke pouch, others) or catheterizable continent stoma with or without augmentation cystoplasty (Mitrofanoff, Hemi-Koch)

The main advantages of these diversions will be to restore low pressure urinary storage and protect the upper tract. Furthermore it should improve the quality of life providing a reliable state of continence.

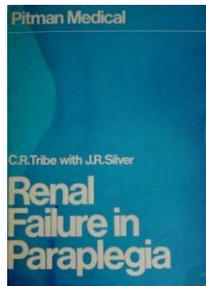


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Stoke Mandeville  
Retrospective study on 150 pts.  
1945-1963



PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH	NO OF CASES
1. Renal failure	69
2. Cerebral haemorrhage	7
3. Carcinoma of bladder	7
4. Toxaemia from pressure sores	3
5. Septicaemia and atheroarteriosclerosis	3
6. Meningitis	2
7. Post-operative shock	2
8. Lung abscess	1

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Long-term survival in spinal cord injury: a fifty year investigation

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The aims of this study were to examine long-term survival in a population-based sample of spinal cord injury (SCI) survivors in Great Britain, identify risk factors contributing to deaths and explore trends in cause of death over the decades following SCI. Current survival status was successfully identified in 92.3% of the study sample. Standardised mortality ratios (SMRs) were calculated and compared with a similar USA study. Relative risk ratio analysis showed that higher mortality risk was associated with higher neurologic level and completeness of spinal cord injury, older age at injury and earlier year of injury. For the entire fifty year time period, the leading cause of death was related to the respiratory system; urinary deaths ranked second followed by heart disease related deaths, but patterns in causes of death changed over time. In the early decades of injury, urinary deaths ranked first, heart disease deaths second and respiratory deaths third. In the last two decades of injury, respiratory deaths ranked first, heart related deaths were second, injury related deaths ranked third and urinary deaths fourth. This study also raises the question of examining alternative neurological groupings for future mortality risk analysis.

**Keywords:** mortality; spinal cord injury; survival analysis



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Quantity of life  
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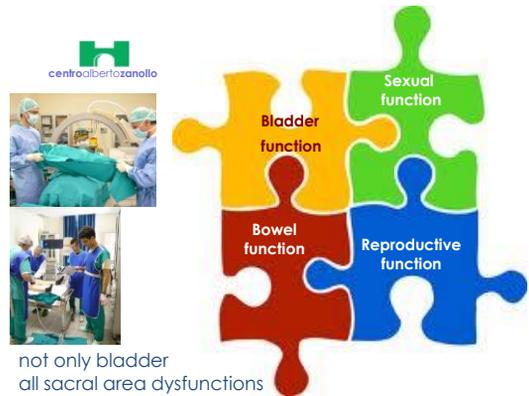
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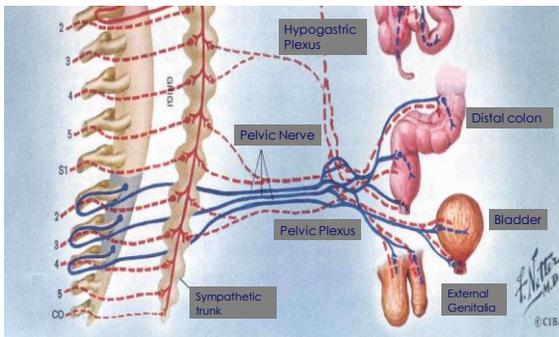
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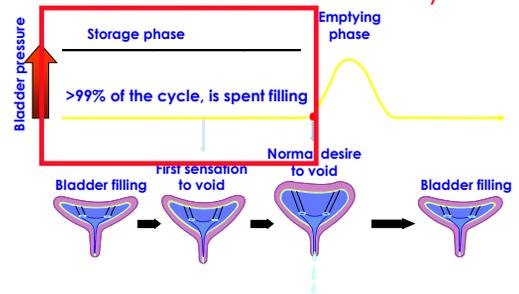
not only bladder  
all sacral area dysfunctions

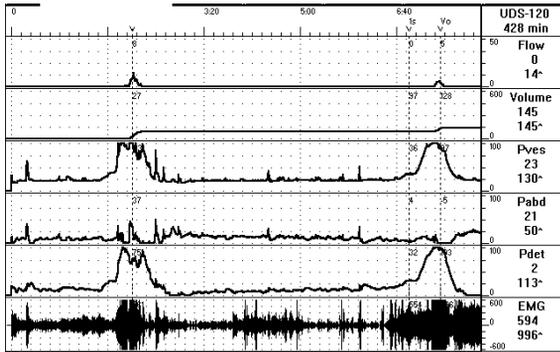
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for study and treatment of neurogenic bladder and sacral area dysfunctions



### The Normal Micturition Cycle





## Goals

- permit adequate storage at low intravesical pressure
- realize emptying at low intravesical pressure
- preservation of upper urinary tract
- control of infections
- continence control without catheter or stoma

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## treatment modalities to facilitate bladder emptying

- external compression
- initiation of reflex contraction
- pharmacological manipulation
- bladder neck incision or resection
  - external sphincterotomy
  - alfa-sympaticolitic drugs
  - relaxants of striated muscle

## • intermittent catheterization

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## Sir Ludwig Guttman

### Intermittent catheterization : history

- 1<sup>st</sup> February 1944 : opening of the National Spinal Injuries Centre in Stoke Mandeville

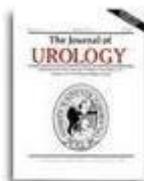
– « From the author's personal observations it would appear that neither urethral catheterisation (indwelling) nor suprapubic cystostomy had yet proved a safeguard against ascending urinary infection »

- Non touch intermittent catheterization
  - Sterile, by MD, every 6 hours
- First publication in 1947: decrease of UTI, no urethral stricture, no urethral fistulae
  - Earlier return to micturition



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Clean, intermittent self-  
catheterization in the  
treatment of urinary tract  
disease. J Urol. 1972  
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## • Antimuscarinic agents



## • Surgery



- Lifestyle modifications
- Bladder retraining FES
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- **Pharmacological “modulation”**
- Intravesical vanilloids

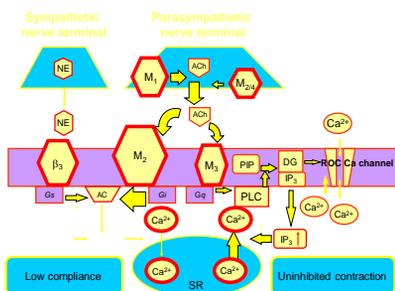
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antimuscarinics

- antimuscarinic (anticholinergic) drugs have been the mainstay of oral medical therapy for NDO
- limited by the high incidence of side effects and lack of selectivity
  - dry mouth
  - constipation
  - blurry vision

Muscarinic Receptors



	tertiary*	quartary #
Oxybutynin	x	
Tolterodine	x	
Propiverin	x	
Trospiumchlorid		x
Solifenacin	x	
Darifenacin	x	
Fesoterodin	x	

\* CNS penetration, metabolism via cytochrome system  
# no CNS penetration, renal elimination unchanged



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TREATMENT OF NEUROGENIC DETRUSOR OVERACTIVITY (NDO) BY COMBINED LOW DOSED ANTIMUSCARINICS: FOUR YEARS EXPERIENCE

**Introduction:** aim of study  
Primary aim: treatment of neurogenic lower urinary tract dysfunction after spinal cord injury (SCI) in bladder emptying by intermittent catheterization (IC) avoiding bladder overdistension and treatment of neurogenic detrusor overactivity (NDO) to increase the pressure generated to control upper urinary tract and bladder emptying.  
Secondary aim: quality of life improvement in NDO patients.

**Study design, patients and methods:**  
Starting from September 2007 we introduced a protocol of treatment with antimuscarinics in patients with NDO with insufficient treatment response after monotherapy at high doses of trospium (15 mg qd) and propiverin (60 mg bid) with a daily void volume reduction of 2 volumes. Antimuscarinics treatment with the same regimen as the dosage.

All patients demonstrated NDO at bladder diary and urodynamic and started with trospium (7.5 mg qd, 2 mg, every 8 hours) and propiverin (60 mg bid) up to our experience it was combined low dosed antimuscarinics in NDO refractory to high dosage of a single drug.

**Results:**  
56 patients continue in the use of combined antimuscarinic treatment maintaining a significant decrease of incontinence from an average of 4 to 1 event per day. Mean bladder capacity at bladder diary increased with combined treatment of 160 ml from the value with monotherapy. In this population 13 patients stopped temporary reinjection of botulinum toxin in detrusor muscle and they don't require different treatment for NDO and are satisfied. No subjective increase of side effects related to antimuscarinics were noted.  
29 patients stopped the treatment due to suboptimal results an were treated with second line options.

**Conclusions:**  
The combination of antimuscarinic agents at low dosage is an effective treatment strategy in patients who have failed with high dosage monotherapy.

**Limitations of study:**  
Lack of blinding. Other options of approach in NDO with antimuscarinics. In most of sub-optimal results are reported two main studies reported a doubling of the recommended dosage of a single drug (1) and a subsequent experience in combined high dosage (2).

**Future experience:** we need to start with a combined treatment but using a low dosage.

**Our results:** are encouraging especially in a group of patients with a short time after SCI failure to decide further treatment by botulinum toxin injection or neurostimulation. A combined treatment is actually proposed as an option before to decide second line treatments. Different combinations with different antimuscarinic drugs could be evaluated in the future.

**Conflict of interest:**  
No conflict of interest.

**References:**  
1. The NDO treatment in uM. Neurogenic bladder treatment by doubling the recommended antimuscarinic dosage Neurourol. 2010; 25(2):164-167.  
2. - de A. Anticholinergic treatment of neurogenic detrusor dysfunction by combined high-dose antimuscarinics without increased side effects. Eur Urol. 2008; 54(1):103-108.

**Keywords:**  
Bladder; Neuro; Clinical Trial; In Subjects; Humans; Effect; not Report; observation of results in approved treatments; Helsinki; You Informed Consent; No



experience from Sept.2007



Treatment of neurogenic detrusor overactivity (NDO) by combined low dosed antimuscarinics

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Ossibutinina 2,5 mg.  
+  
Cloruro di trospio 20 mg. 2/die

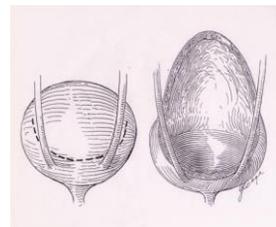
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## Augmentation Cystoplasty

- Enlargement of the bladder using an intestinal segment
  - Increase bladder capacity and compliance
  - Eliminate or decrease involuntary contractions
    - increase threshold volume at which involuntary contractions occur

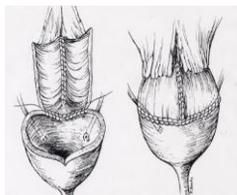
## Augmentation Cystoplasty Technique

- Create a large opening in the bladder
  - Clam
  - Anterior flap (posterior incision)
  - Posterior flap (anterior incision)
- Addition of a bowel segment
  - Ileum
  - Cecum (ileo-cecal), sigmoid
  - Stomach
- Can be combined with a catheterizable stoma



## Augmentation Cystoplasty Technique

- Bowel segment must be detubularized
  - increase surface area
  - eliminate peristalsis
- Ileal cystoplasty
  - 25 - 30 cm. of ileum
  - detubularized into "U" or "S" shape
  - "W" for larger segments

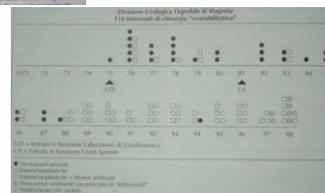


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110 pts.

81 EC  
10 EC + AS  
6 EC + MIT



## Augmentation Cystoplasty Complications

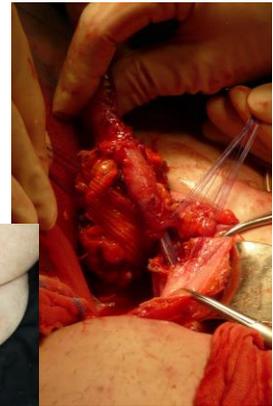
- Recurrent UTI
- Persistent mucus
- Stone formation
  - 35% for large and 13% for small intestine (Flood)
- Incomplete emptying
  - Requires intermittent catheterization
  - All patients should be willing to accept this

## Augmentation Cystoplasty Complications

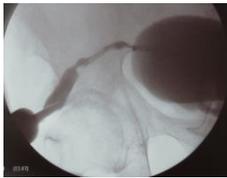
- Metabolic disturbances
  - Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis with small and large intestine
- Perforation
  - 5% in long term
  - ? more common in patients who catheterize
- Tumor
  - Minimal risk in detubularized, effectively emptied, uninfected cystoplasty



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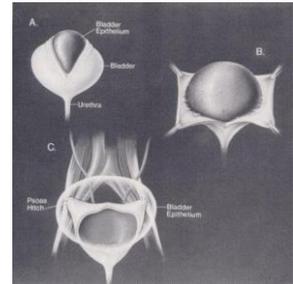


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## Autoaugmentation

- Detrusor myotomy
  - No addition of bowel segment
  - Detrusor muscle dissected off of the anterior, superior and lateral surfaces of the bladder to create a large diverticulum
- Stohrer, et al.
  - 52 pts with NVD
  - Mean I/u 6.4 yrs (min 4 yrs)
  - MCC 132 to 320 ml
  - Compliance 9 to 25 ml/cmH2O
  - Pdetmax 95 to 48 cmH2O
  - PVR 45 to 163 ml
  - 4 failures, 9 LIFU
  - Level 4 evidence



don't modify the anatomy!  
try to modulate neurogenic dysfunction



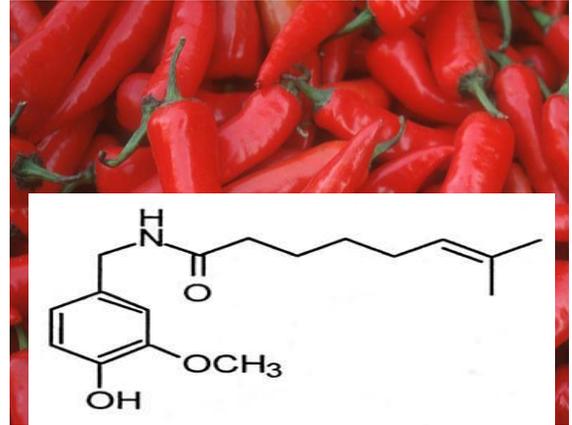
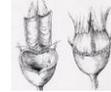
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- **Pharmacological "modulation"**  
Intravesical vanilloids

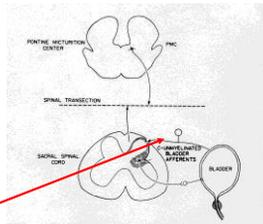


- Surgery



## Vanilloids

- Capsaicin and Resiniferatoxin
- Activate nociceptive sensory nerve fibers via vanilloid receptor (VR1)
  - Transducer of painful thermal stimuli and acidity
- Activation of VR1 selectively excites and subsequently desensitizes C-fibers



## Vanilloids

- Interesting concept
- Many small series
- Best concentrations and delivery methods for each not established
- No interest by companies

- Antimuscarinic agents



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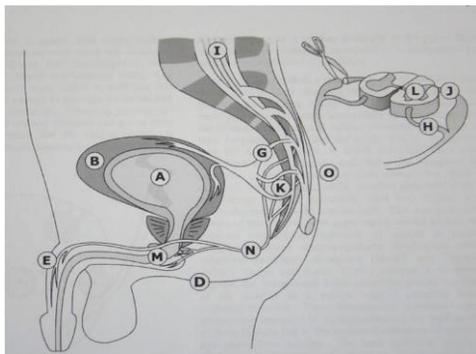


- **Electrical stimulation and modulation**



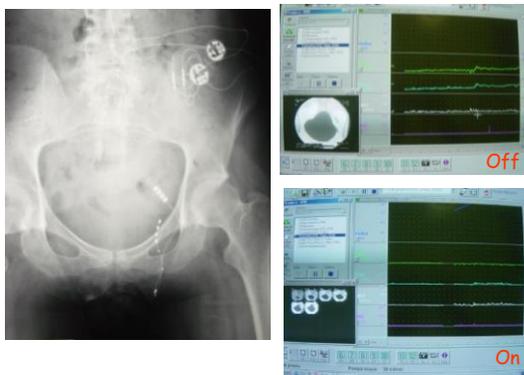
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porte di ingresso e indicazioni

Sacral anterior roots stimulation  
for bladder control in paraplegia  
Paraplegia 20:365-381,1982



- Lifestyle modifications
- Bladder retraining FES
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#### • Pharmacological “modulation”

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#### • Electrical “modulation”

- Botulinum toxin
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### Botulinum toxine A

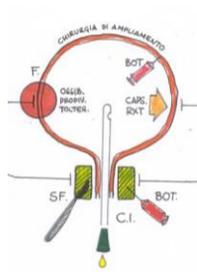
- Botox ( Allergan)
  - Vacuum dried
  - 100U vials
- Dysport ( Ipsen)
  - Freeze dried
    - More disruptive
  - 500 U vials
- Come from different bacterial strains
  - clostridium botulinum
- Dose comparison depending on indication
  - 1 Botox unit = 2-5 Dysport units !!!!



### Effects of Botulinum Toxin Type A on Detrusor-Sphincter Dyssynergia in Spinal Cord Injury Patients

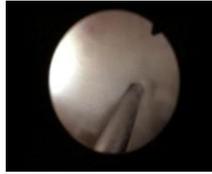
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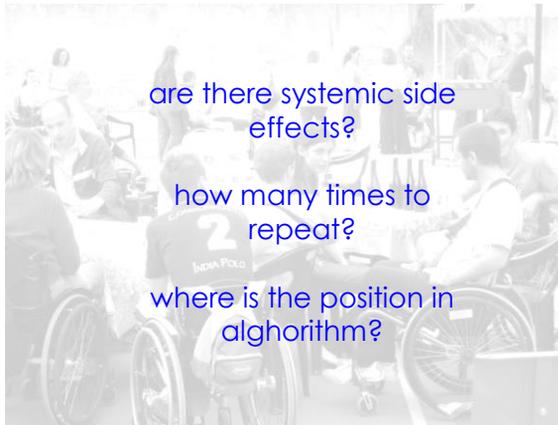


1994 BTA in the sphincter

M. Spinelli, G. Tagliabue, P. Politi, L. Zanollo, A. Zanollo  
 Treatment of detrusor-sphincter dyssynergia due to upper motor neurolesion using botulinum toxin  
 Urodynamic 7:140-141,1997  
 European Urology 1998



- Detrusor external sphincter dyssynergia
  - **Neurogenic detrusor overactivity**
    - Pelvic floor spasticity in women
  - Non-neurogenic overactive bladder
    - Benign prostatic hyperplasia
    - Interstitial cystitis



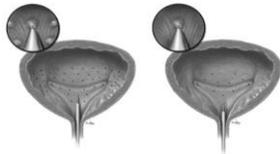
are there systemic side effects?

how many times to repeat?

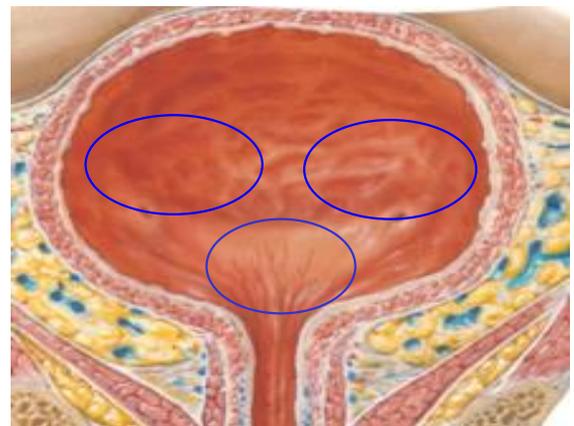
where is the position in algorithm?



### Injection technique



- Rigid or flexible scope
- Feasible under local anesthesia
  - Cohen BL et al. J Urol 2007
- Trigone sparing or including the trigone?
  - Karsenty G et al. J Urol 2007
  - Spinelli M et al. Eur Urol 2007
  - No induction of VUR at 6 weeks
  - No local or systemic side effects
  - Efficacy remains to be evaluated



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# new technologies



Radiofrequency rhizotomy

microanastomosi intradurale tra radici lombari sane e radici motorie sacrali

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Consensus sept.2009, Beaumont Hosp.,Michigan

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# Sacral Rhizotomy



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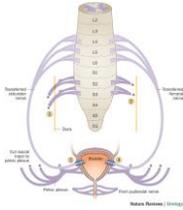
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## Sacral Rhizotomy



### Sacral Rhizotomy

• Background – open surgery



- Munro (1945) - anterior rhizotomy with occasional improved vesical function
- Mierovisky (1950) - sacral rhizotomy S2 to S5, detrusor areflexia, sexual dysfunction, urethral and anal sphincter dysfunction
- Misak et al. (1962) – comparative study between rhizotomy and alcohol injection in subarachnoid space with advantage of rhizotomy

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### Sacral Rhizotomy

• Background – anesthetic block



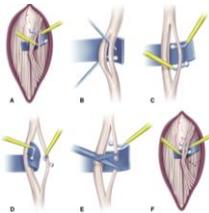
- Heimburger et al. (1948) – improved vesical capacity after lydocaine injection in the sacral foramen
- Rockswold et al. (1974) – anesthetic unilateral S3 block decrease detrusor contraction

## Sacral Rhizotomy



### Sacral Rhizotomy

• Background – selectivity



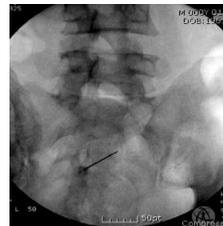
- Tockzek et al. (1975) – identification of sacral roots by electrical stimulation and cystometry
- Törrens & Griffith (1976) – good results with selective sacral rhizotomy
- Gasparini et al. (1992) -selective sacral rhizotomy 94% increase vesical capacity

## Sacral Rhizotomy



### Sacral Rhizotomy

• Percutaneous Radiofrequency



- Mulcahy & Young (1978) – first study in percutaneous radiofrequency
- Ferreira & D'Ancona (2011)\*
- Cho & Lee (2012)
- Kim JH et al. (2015)

\*Ferreira RS, D'Ancona C. Actas Urol Esp, 35(6):325-330, 2011

## Sacral Rhizotomy

### • Percutaneous Radiofrequency



- Prospective study
- n = 12 SCI patients
- Percutaneous radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy is performed in 8 patients
- Follow-up: 12 months

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## Percutaneous Radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy Patients and Methods

### Inclusion criteria

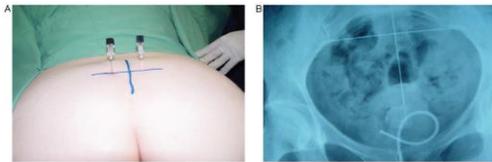
- SCI and NDO, refractory to antimuscarinic drug
- ASIA score A
- Age  $\geq 18$
- Positive S3 bilateral anesthetic blockade

### Exclusion criteria

- Negative of S3 bilateral anesthetic blockade response
- Presence of ulcer pressure in sacral region

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## Percutaneous Radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy S3 bilateral anesthetic blockade

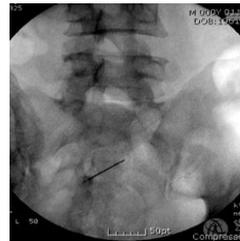


Urodynamic parameters at baseline and after S3 bilateral anesthetic blockade

	Baseline	30' after S3 bilateral anesthetic blockade	p
MCC (mL)	99.2 ( $\pm 57.9$ )	330.5 ( $\pm 139.3$ )	< 0.05
P <sub>det</sub> MCC (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	90.0 ( $\pm 25.0$ )	46.0 ( $\pm 21.0$ )	< 0.05

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## Percutaneous Radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy RF Ablation Technique



- S3 stimulation: 0.1V / 30 Hz / 1.0 ms
- S3 RF ablation: 70 °C

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## Percutaneous Radiofrequency Sacral Rhizotomy

### Demographic data.

Patient	Gender	Age	Neurological level of injury	ASIA score	Voiding method	Time since injury (mo)
1	F	27	T8	A	CIC	72
2	M	28	C6/C7	A	CIC	72
3	M	40	T9	A	CIC	60
4	F	41	C5/C6	A	CIC	24
5	M	22	C5/C6	A	CIC	60
6	F	37	T12	A	CIC	96
7	M	33	L1	A	CIC	20
8	F	23	C5	A	CIC	24

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## Percutaneous Radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy Results

### Urodynamic parameters at baseline, 6 and 12 months after percutaneous radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy.

	Baseline (n = 8)	6 mo (n = 8)	12 mo (n = 8)
MCC (mL)	100.2 ( $\pm 57.1$ )	313.7 ( $\pm 103.1$ ), p < 0.05	289.2 ( $\pm 133.4$ ) p < 0.05
P <sub>det</sub> MCC (cm H <sub>2</sub> O)	82,4 ( $\pm 31.77$ )	64.5 ( $\pm 18.8$ ) p < 0.01	69.9 ( $\pm 28.7$ ) p < 0.02

- Increased bladder capacity
- Reduced maximum detrusor pressure
- Reduced autonomic dysreflexia
- Erectile dysfunction (1 patient)
- Detrusor overactivity after 12 months

Ferreira, RS, D'Ancona C. Actas Urol Esp, 35(6):325-330, 2011

**Conclusion** 

- Safe procedure
- Low incidence of morbidity
- Good results up to 12 months of follow-up
- Decrease autonomic dysreflexia
- However, further studies are needed with greater number of patients

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**Radiofrequency Sacral Rhizotomy for the Management of Intolerable Neurogenic Bladder in Spinal Cord Injured Patients**

Kang Hee-Choo, M.D., Sang Seok Lee, M.D.

Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Chungnam National University School of Medicine, Daejeon 301-172, Korea

- Prospective study
- n = 12 SCI patients
- Percutaneous radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy
- Follow-up: 4 weeks

Cho, KH and Lee, SS. Ann Rehabil Med, 36(2):213-9,2012

**Results** 

**Characteristics of the Patients with Spinal Cord Injury**

Patient	Age/ Sex	Level (ASIA impairment scale)	Time since injury (months)	Voiding method
1	34/F	C4 (B)	60	CIC
2	46/M	C6 (D)	12	Self voiding
3	52/M	T10 (A)	7	CIC
4	53/M	T5 (A)	88	CIC
5	28/M	T4 (A)	28	CIC
6	69/M	L1 (A)	39	Diaper voiding
7	60/M	C4 (A)	76	CIC
8	49/M	T10 (A)	16	CIC
9	37/M	T4 (B)	120	Self voiding
10	51/M	T8 (A)	34	CIC
11	62/M	T3 (A)	142	CIC
12	55/M	C4 (A)	32	CIC

ASIA: American spinal injury association, CIC: Clean intermittent catheterization

Cho, KH and Lee, SS, Ann Rehabil Med, 36(2):213-9,2012

**Results** 

**Comparison of urinary volume and incontinence**

Parameter	Before	After
Average CIC volume of each time (ml)	304±109	467±134*
Total amount of incontinence (ml)	255±68	65±91*

Values are mean±standard deviation  
CIC: Clean intermittent catheterization  
\*p<0.05

Cho, KH and Lee, SS, Ann Rehabil Med, 36(2):213-9,2012

**Results** 

**Comparison of cystometrogram findings before and after RSDR**

Patient	Before		After	
	Maximal bladder capacity (ml)	Trabeculation (Grade)	Maximal bladder capacity (ml)	Trabeculation (Grade)
1	100	0	270	0
2	300	1	500	1
3	540	1	600	1
4	300	1	750	1
5	550	0	300	0
6	200	3	250	3
7	300	1	480	1
8	180	3	250	3
9	300	1	380	1
10	160	1	240	1
11	330	3	200	3
12	250	3	130	3

Cho, KH and Lee, SS, Ann Rehabil Med, 36(2):213-9,2012

**Conclusion** 

- It is safe
- There are few complications
- Decreases the incontinence
- Increases bladder volume
- Limitation – long term effects on the detrusor
- Further studies are needed with greater number of patients and longer follow-up

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**Short-Term Effect of Percutaneous Bipolar Continuous Radiofrequency on Sacral Nerves in Patients Treated for Neurogenic Detrusor Overactivity After Spinal Cord Injury: A Randomized Controlled Feasibility Study**  
 Bin Hyun Kim, MD<sup>1</sup>, Saang Ho Ahn, MD<sup>2</sup>, Yun Won Cho, MD<sup>1</sup>, Saeng Gyu Kwak, PhD<sup>1</sup>, Hyeon Saeng Kim, MD<sup>1</sup>

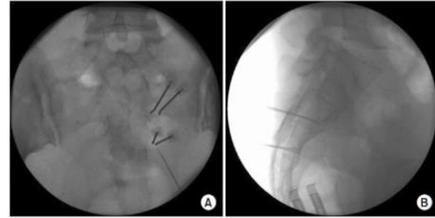
<sup>1</sup>Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Yeungnam University College of Medicine, Daegu  
<sup>2</sup>Department of Medical Statistics, Catholic University of Daegu School of Medicine, Daegu, Korea

- Prospective and randomized study
- n = 10 SCI patients
- Percutaneous bipolar continuous radiofrequency sacral rhizotomy
- Follow-up: 12 weeks

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**Percutaneous bipolar continuous radiofrequency on sacral nerves**

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A - The anteroposterior view of bipolar radiofrequency on right S2 and S3 nerve root.  
 B - Lateral view of bipolar radiofrequency on the right S2 and S3 nerve roots

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**Percutaneous bipolar continuous radiofrequency on sacral nerves**

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**Theory :**

- bipolar RF is more effective than monopolar
- bipolar RF generates current between two closely placed electrode tips
- generates a high RF electric field
- more rapid tissue heating
- ability to generate larger lesions than monopolar

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**Results**

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**Patient's demographic and clinical data**

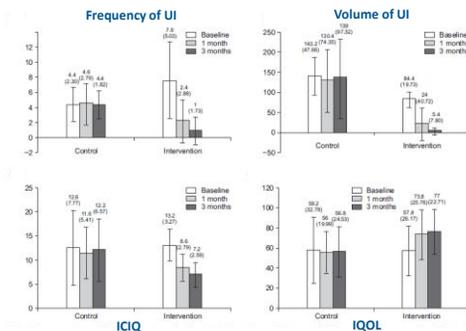
Patient no.	Age/sex	NLI (AIS)	UDS parameter				ICIQ	IQOL	Incontinence	
			RDV	MDP	V at MDP	MCC			Frequency	Volume (mL)
<b>Intervention</b>										
1	M/53	C4 (A)	286	66	344	402	7	101	5	100
2	M/32	C5 (B)	179	67	595	600	10	85	2	70
3	F/48	C4 (B)	66	77	260	300	12	33	10	57
4	F/40	T6 (A)	209	112	230	500	11	44	15	100
5	M/37	T12 (A)	253	78	180	360	18	28	6	95
<b>Control</b>										
1	M/46	C4 (A)	162	153	189	315	7	100	7	221
2	M/36	C6 (A)	215	48	298	400	10	37	2	125
3	F/31	T8 (A)	232	41	277	320	12	71	5	150
4	M/52	T6 (B)	49	50	101	275	12	91	2	120
5	M/37	T11 (A)	250	31	171	345	17	30	6	90

NLI, neurological level of injury; AIS, American Spinal Injury Association Impairment scale; UDS, urodynamic study; MCC, maximum cystometric capacity; MDP, maximum detrusor pressure during filling; RDV, reflex detrusor volume at first contraction; V, volume.

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**Results**

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**Values of UDS parameters at baseline and follow-up**

Variable	Control group			Intervention group			Z (p-value)
	Baseline	3 mo	Post-Pre	Baseline	3 mo	Post-Pre	
RDV (mL)	181.60±81.09	205.80±42.33	9.75±13.65	198.60±84.67	285.00±70.15	85.75±92.59	-2.310 (0.029)*
MDP (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	64.60±49.97	77.00±23.82	-5.25±15.65	80.00±18.72	63.50±14.06	19.75±17.12	-1.440 (0.200)
Volume at MDP (mL)	207.20±163.90	222.80±48.01	13.25±16.38	321.80±163.92	373.30±63.89	19.75±100.31	-2.310 (0.029)*
MCC (mL)	331.00±46.02	351.30±46.23	-2.50±8.89	432.40±118.67	472.80±39.63	-82.25±61.44	-1.443 (0.200)

Values are presented as mean±standard deviation.  
 UDS, urodynamic study; RDV, reflex detrusor volume at first contraction; MDP, maximum detrusor pressure during filling; MCC, maximum cystometric capacity.  
 \*Statistically significant at the p<0.05.

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Percutaneous is more cost-effective



Percutaneous RF & neuromodulation therapy:

- \$1,800 test sacral nerve stimulation
- \$23,000 sacral nerve stimulation implant
- \$300 - \$400 bipolar RF

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### Advantages

- Minimally invasive
- Outpatient procedure
- Low cost
- High success rate in short and mid-term follow-up

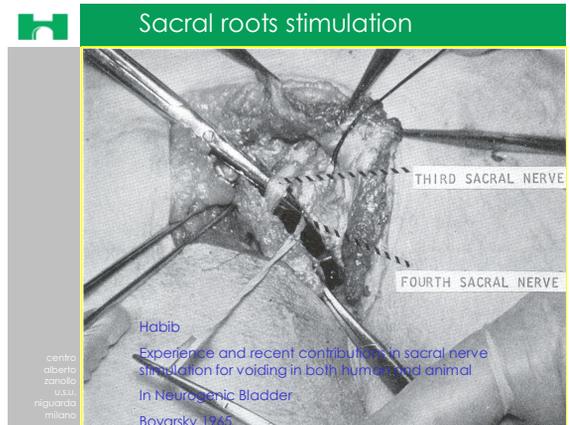
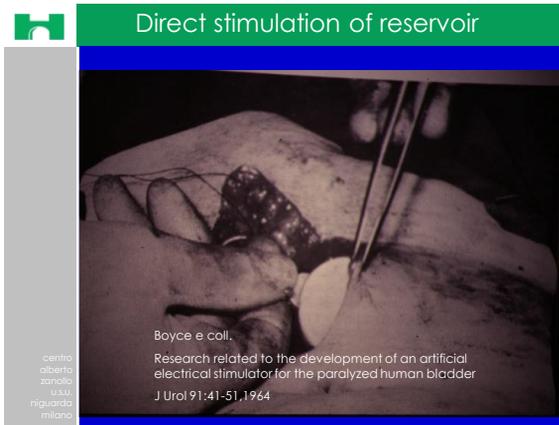
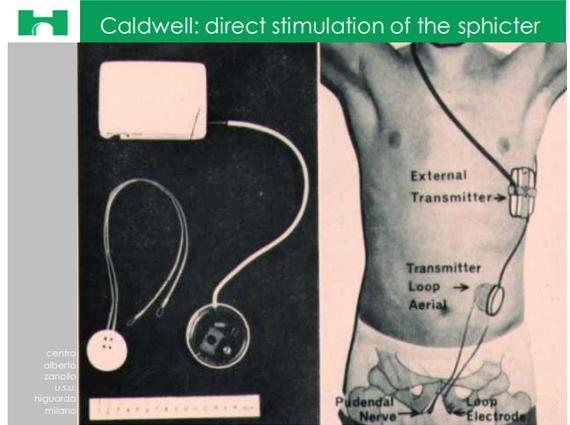
### Disadvantages

- Erectile dysfunction
- Lower limb atrophy
- Urethral and anal sphincter dysfunction
- Recurrent NDO in long-term follow-up

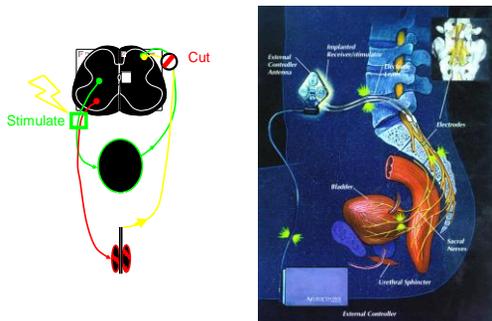
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Sacral Root Stimulation: Brindley Approach



The Brindley era

the revolution!

**DIRECT STIMULATION OF SACRAL ROOTS IN HUMANS**

LARGE (A) AFFERENT FIBERS

SMALL (C) AFFERENT FIBERS

PARASYMPATHETIC (PREGANGLIONIC FIBERS)

SOMATIC EFFERENT FIBERS

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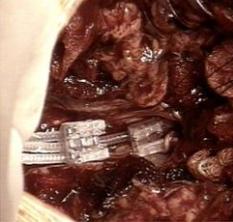
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## The Brindley era

**SACRAL ANTERIOR ROOT STIMULATORS FOR BLADDER CONTROL IN PARAPLEGIA**  
 By G. S. Brindley, M.D., F.R.C.P., C. E. Foley, M.D., F.R.C.S., and D.N. Richardson, M.D., M.R.C.P.  
*M.R.C. Neurological Prosthetic Unit and Neurological Clinic, The Handley Hospital, London, England.*

**Abstract:** Nine men and a woman with spinal injuries have received individualized implants to stimulate the S2-S4 and S4 anterior roots. By activating these roots on a daily four-hour basis at rest with properly adjusted electrical stimuli, and the majority of them can achieve continence. Follow-up are from two months to a 1985.

**Key words:** Paraplegic implant, stimulator, bladder, sacral roots.



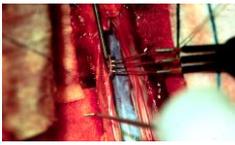
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**The first 500 patients with sacral anterior root stimulator implants: general description**  
 G.S. Brindley MD FRCP FRCS  
*Spinal Injuries Unit, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore HA7 4LP, UK.*

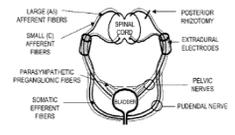
The first 500 patients to have sacral anterior root stimulators implanted for bladder control are described. Of 479 survivors, 424 were using their stimulators when last followed up between 3 months and 16.1 years (mean 4 years) after implantation.



## Sacral anterior root stimulation (SARS) with posterior sacral rhizotomy (PR)

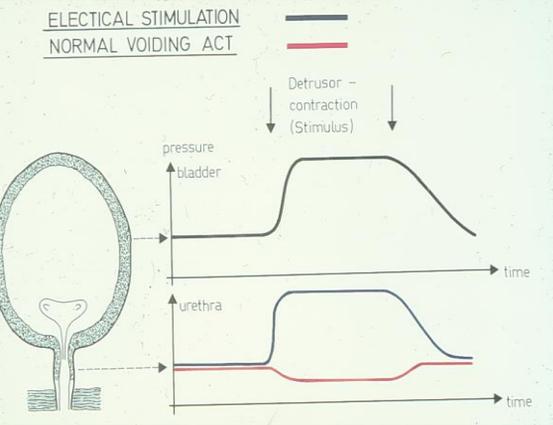


PR to avoid neurogenic detrusor overactivity



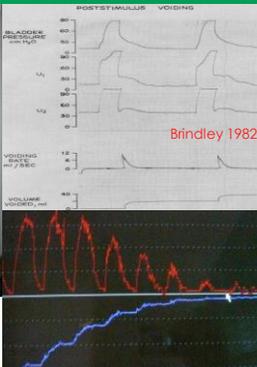
SARS with intradural hook electrode      SARS with extradural cuff leads



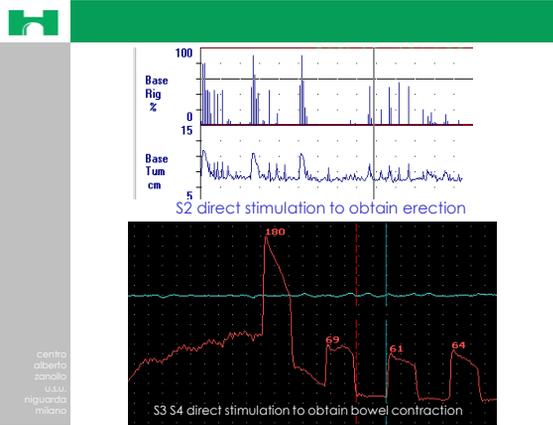



### POSTSTIMULUS VOIDING





Brindley 1982



### effect parameters related

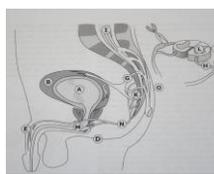
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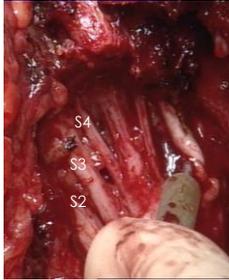
only SCI complete lesion

invasive

PR non accepted

long term wallerian degeneration

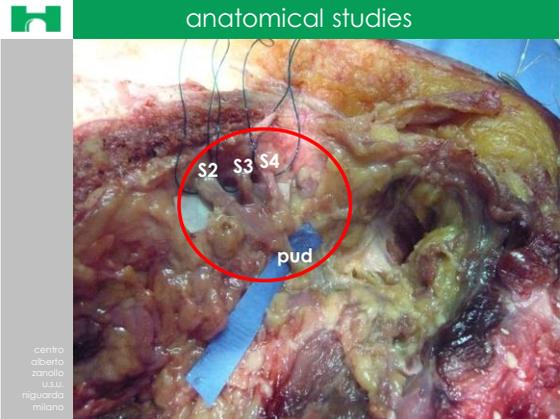
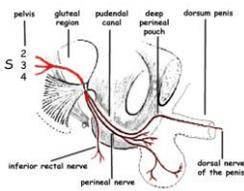


anatomical and functional knowledge of "sacral box"

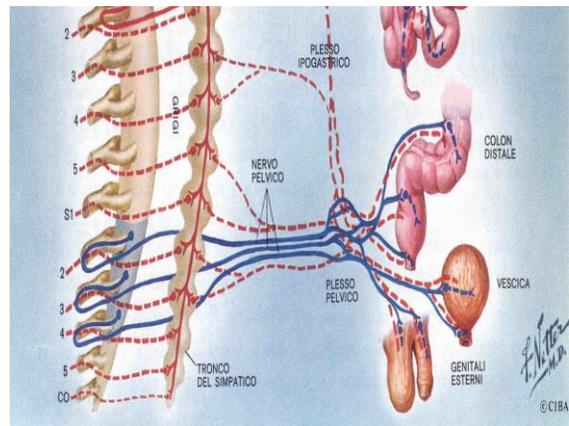
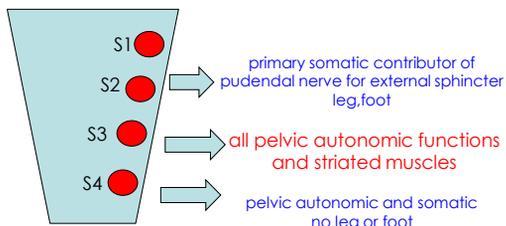


The electrical box of "pelvic area"

- S1
- S2
- S3
- S4



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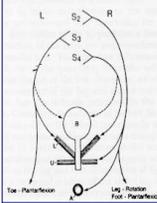


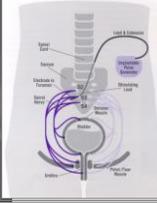


# from neurostimulation to neuromodulation

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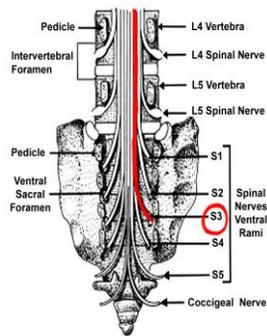
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- ✓ contraction of levator ani,  
external anal, sphincter  
muscle  
(Pudendal nerve)
- ✓ sensation in labia majora,  
vagina, penis, scrotum  
(perineal branch of  
Pudendal nerve)  
and into rectum  
(inferior rectal nerve)
- ✓ flexion of the toes  
(tibial branch of sciatic  
nerve)




## sacral neuromodulation indications

- urge incontinence
- voiding difficulties
- urgency frequency
- faecal incontinence
- pelvic pain
- idiopathic ?



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## Paradox 1



How does sacral neuromodulation  
suppress voiding in patients with  
incontinence, but promote  
voiding in patients with  
“non-obstructive” urinary retention?

De Groat ISPIN 2003

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## Paradoxe2

treatment for everything!

“If I enter in an “electrical system”  
and I have success with a modulation  
it means that I have an undisclosed  
neurogenic situation”

Spinelli 2003

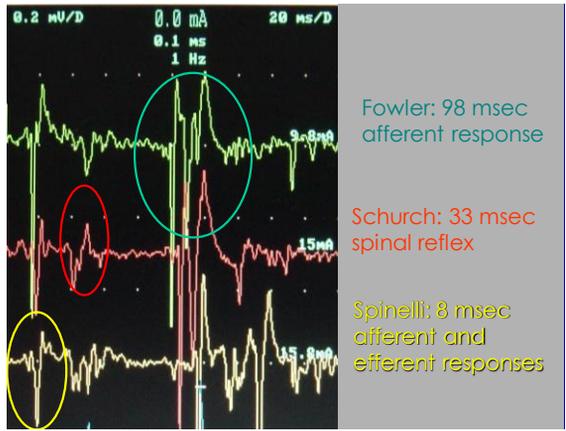
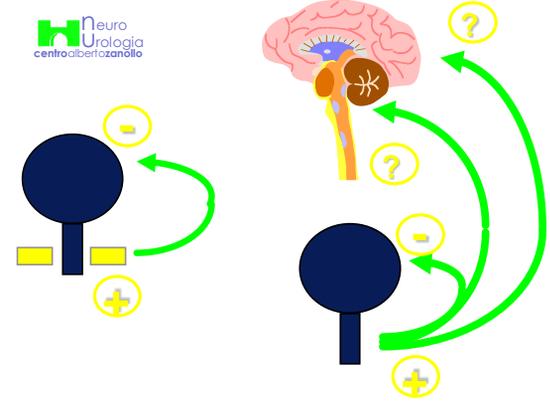
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**Abstract** Sacral trigeminal neuromodulation (STN) applied for the treatment of urinary incontinence has proved to be effective in patients with chronic urinary retention. This led to the following neurophysiological mechanisms that may be elucidated in an experimental study on the neurophysiological basis of central neuromodulation. The objective was to investigate the mechanisms responsible for inhibition of micturition in chronic urinary retention. In the study group of patients with urinary retention the neural pathway of central nervous system was experimentally investigated by means of STN neuromodulation after TMS (transcranial magnetic stimulation) over the motor cortex, parietal cortex, and motor cortex of the face and limbs. The effect of various responses of parasympathetic, sympathetic, somatic, and motor systems (including bladder tone) was studied by functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) of motor cortex, parietal cortex, and motor cortex of the face and limbs. Stimulating the parietal cortex and motor cortex of the face and limbs led to an increase in bladder tone and an increase in bladder tone. The results of this study suggest that STN neuromodulation may have a beneficial effect on the neural pathway of central nervous system. The results of this study suggest that STN neuromodulation may have a beneficial effect on the neural pathway of central nervous system.



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• to cause muscle contraction

• to produce sensation

• to activate reflexes

• to modulate some function of central nervous system (neuromodulation)

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direct stimulation only of the efferent pathway

stimulation of afferent and efferent pathway with modulation of CNS

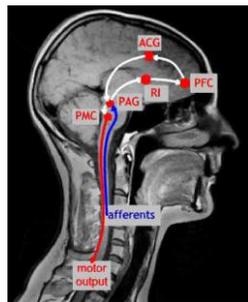
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Spinelli 1995

bladder control system

to void or not to void = voluntary control

### Working model: normal function

- Afferents synapse in PAG
- Sensation registered in RI
- Decision to void in PFC
- Motor output in ACG
- For voiding, motor output activates PMC (via PAG)
- PMC sends motor output to bladder and urethra



### sacral neuromodulation indications

# LUTS

motor and sensory

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Selection of patients

predictive factors  
psychological evaluation  
neurophysiological evaluation

### Method

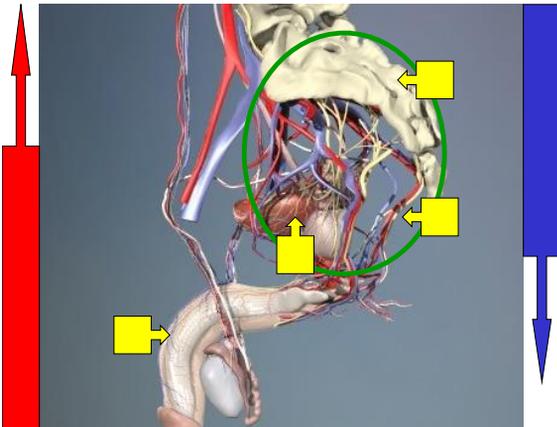
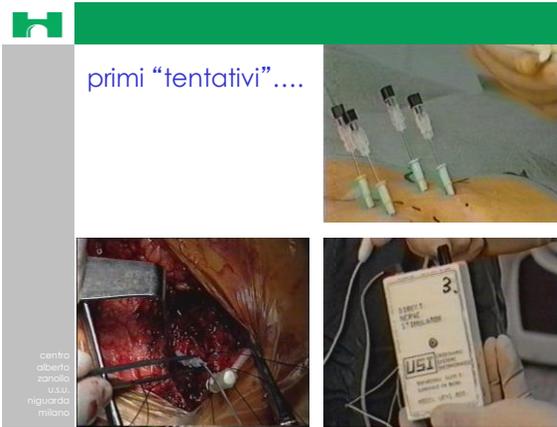
from PNE and one stage implant to SPI two stage  
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sacral and pudendal

Outcome

parameters?

### method

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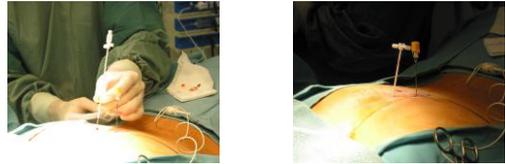
First description of the minimally invasive technique

**European Urology** European Urology 41 (2003) 70-74

**New Percutaneous Technique of Sacral Nerve Stimulation Has High Initial Success Rate: Preliminary Results**

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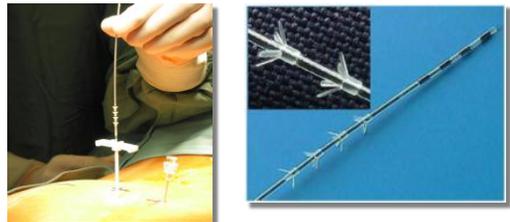
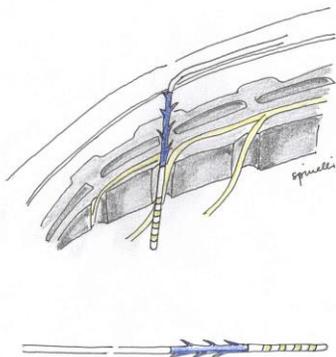
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**NEW SACRAL NEUROMODULATION LEAD FOR PERCUTANEOUS IMPLANTATION USING LOCAL ANESTHESIA: DESCRIPTION AND FIRST EXPERIENCE**

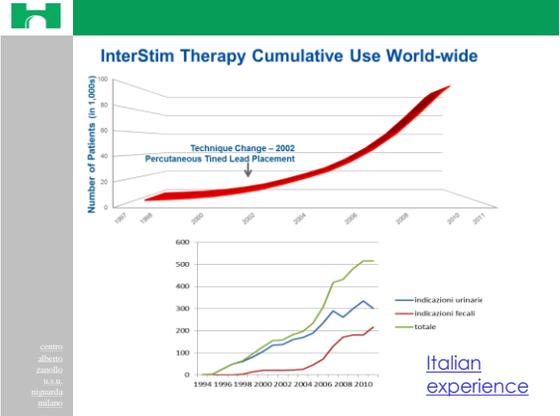
MICHELE SPINELLI<sup>1,2,3</sup>, GIANLUCA GIARDIELLO<sup>4</sup>, MARTIN GERBER<sup>5</sup>, ANDREA ARDUINI<sup>6</sup>, UBI VAN DEN HOMBERGH<sup>7</sup> AND SILVIA MALAGUTI

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SPI (sacral percutaneous staged implant) technique Spinelli e coll. JUrol. November 2003



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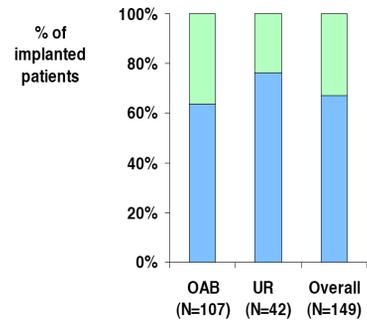
### Sacral Neuromodulation (Interstim®)

- Frequency / Urgency ≤ 50-80%
- Urinary Incontinence ≤ 50-80%
- Urinary Retention > 80%
- Chronic constipation > 70%
- Faecal incontinence > 90%



literature data thanks to Dr. Elnel

Good results Insufficient results



van Voskuilen AC, et al., Eur Urol 2006; 49:366-72

### SNM Concerns

- Not approved for neurogenic LUTS
  - ? of indications/studies
  - ? of financial reimbursement if done
  - ? about MRI safety

### literature



## Interstim for Neurogenic LUTS

- Review of neurogenic patients tested with SNS
- 33 patients tested, 28 implanted

Wallace et al, AJOG, 2007

## SNM for Neurogenic LUTS Meta-analysis

- 26 studies (357 patients) as of April 15, 2010
- Pooled success rates
  - 68% for test phase
  - 92% for permanent SNS
- Mean follow-up of 26 months

Kessler, et al, Eur Urol, 2010

Reference	Year of publication	Level of evidence	Study type	No. of patients	No. of women (%)	Mean age, yr	Study includes data on
Hohenfellner et al [15]	1998	4	RCS	11	9 (82)	43	P
Isigooka et al [16]	1998	4	RCS	4	1 (25)	44	P
Charney-Kardner et al [7]	2000	2b	PCS	9	9 (100)	43	T + P
Spinelli et al [19]	2001						
Retrospective registry		4	RCS	18	11 (61)	NR	P
Prospective registry		2b	PCS	16	9 (56)	39	P
Hohenfellner et al [20]	2001	4	RCS	27	19 (70)	45	T + P
Scherpenis et al [21]	2002	4	RCS	24	18 (75)	45	T
Bross et al [22]	2003	4	RCS	41	26 (63)	48	T
Bross et al [24]	2003	4	RCS	24	21 (88)	46	T
Beverly et al [25]	2003	2b	PCS	8	8 (100)	44	T + P
Buffoni et al [26]	2003	4	CR	2	2 (100)	45	T + P
Schurch et al [27]	2003	4	RCS	3	2 (67)	31	T
Spinelli et al [28]	2003	2b	PCS	5	NR	NR	T + P
Lavigne et al [29]	2004	4	RCS	6	4 (67)	48	T + P
Minardi et al [30]	2005	4	RCS	5	3 (60)	49	P
Gang et al [32]	2007	4	CR	1	1 (100)	38*	T + P
Roth et al [33]	2007	4	CR	1	1 (100)	45*	T + P
Sutherland et al [34]	2007	4	RCS	10	9 (90)	60	P
Wallace et al [8]	2007	4	RCS	33	31 (94)	54	T + P
Lombardi et al [35]	2008	2b	PCS	17	17 (100)	37	P
Hertagelle et al [36]	2008	4	RCS	11	3 (27)	55	T + P
Lombardi et al [39]	2009	4	RCS	24	10 (42)	46	P
Wossitzer et al [40]	2009	4	CR	1	1 (100)	20*	T + P
Sivieri et al [41]	2010	2b	PCS	10	0 (0)	31	P
Marabovic et al [42]	2010	4	RCS	14	14 (100)	46	T + P
Dansie et al [43]	2010	4	RCS	32	26 (81)	62	T + P

RCS = retrospective case series; P = permanent sacral neuromodulation; T = test phase; PCS = prospective cohort study; NR = not reported; CR = case report. Absolute values, not mean.

	No. of patients with success/total no. of permanently implanted patients	Success rate, %
LUTD resulting from:		
MS	46/50	92
Parkinson's disease	6/6	100
Myelomeningocele	1/2	50
CVA	6/10	60
CP	2/2	100
Pelvic surgery	14/23	61
Disk disease	10/18	56
Spinal cord injury:	47/61	77
Complete	10/12	83
Incomplete	30/37	81
Unknown	7/12	58
Other neurologic disease or injury	38/52	73
Type of LUTD:		
Chronic urinary retention	65/89	73
Urgency-frequency syndrome	12/14	86
Urgency incontinence	62/84	74
Combination	31/37	84

LUTD = lower urinary tract dysfunction; MS = multiple sclerosis; CVA = cerebrovascular accident; CP = cerebral palsy.

## Interstim for Neurogenic LUTS

- N = 62 trialed
  - DO = 34
  - Retention = 28
  - DSD = 9
- 41/62 had > 50% improvement, 37 implanted
  - Follow up avg 4.3 years
- 76% of those implanted maintained outcomes
  - 8% results partially altered
  - 16% loss of efficacy

Chaabane, et al, Neurourol Urod, 2011

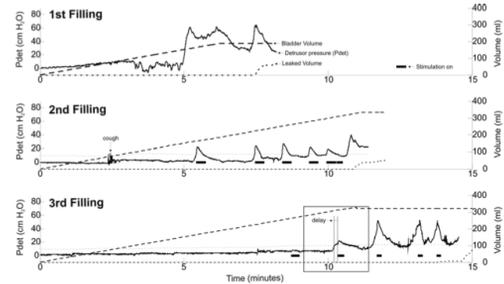
Neurological pathology	n = 62
Multiple sclerosis	13
Incomplete spinal cord injury	13
Peripheral neuropathy	8
Parkinson's disease	4
Myelitis/encephalitis	4
Stroke	4
Acquired brain injuries	3
Cerebral palsy	2
Central nervous system tumor	2
Friedreich ataxia	1
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	1
Primitive dysautonomia	1
Williams-Beuren syndrome	1
Adrenoleukodystrophy	1
Multiple system atrophy	1
Spinocerebellar atrophy	1
Operated cerebral angioma	1
Familial hereditary degeneration	1



## Genital Nerve Stimulation

- N = 67 (41 M, 26 F; 56 SCI)
  - 17 had sensation and completed all 3 cycles
- Clitoral or Penile stimulation
- Automatic or Patient controlled stimulation
  - 3 cystometrograms
    - 1 - no stim
    - 2 - automatic stim
    - 3 - patient controlled stim

Opissio et al, J Urol, 2008



## Neuromodulation for Neurogenic LUTS

- Large number of studies on commercially available neuromodulation devices
- SNM – studied on a plethora of neurogenic etiologies
  - OAB and Retention
  - Results similar to idiopathic?

## Early Sacral Neuromodulation Prevents Urinary Incontinence After Complete Spinal Cord Injury

- Placement of bilateral S3 leads soon after SCI
  - during flaccid stage
- At 2 years fu prevented progression to high pressure overactive bladder

KD Sievert, et al, Ann Neuro, 2010



The “dark side”:  
what efforts for future

What's the real aim of our efforts in the future?

- to find out an answer for non-responder patients
- to improve the clinical outcome in therapeutic options
- to open new fields in modulation and direct stimulation of sacral area

method

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Objective responses

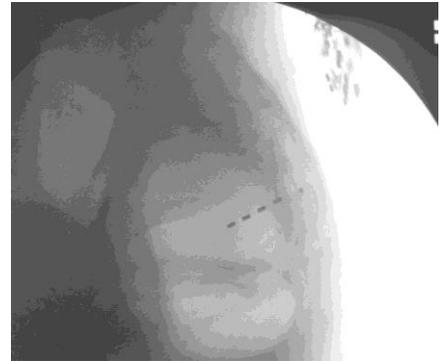
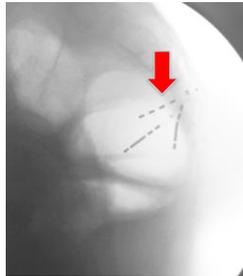
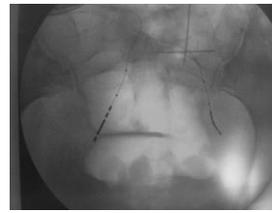


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bilateral

easy for pts and ph



Neurophysiological Assessment During Implant Of Sacral Neuromodulation

Lead (SPI technique)

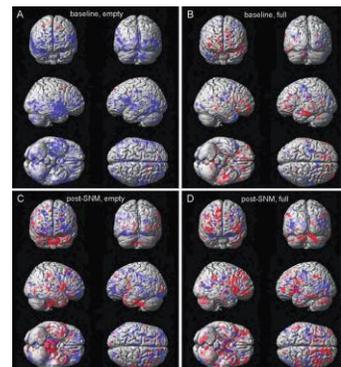


Fig. 184. Functional MRI study of fMRI technique responses to EAS obtained for the six patients recruited (subjected to the baseline, full or empty bladder) (A) baseline, empty bladder; (B) baseline, full bladder; (C) post-EAS, empty bladder; (D) post-EAS, full bladder. The color scale indicates the level of activation (red = high, blue = low). The color scale indicates the level of activation (red = high, blue = low).

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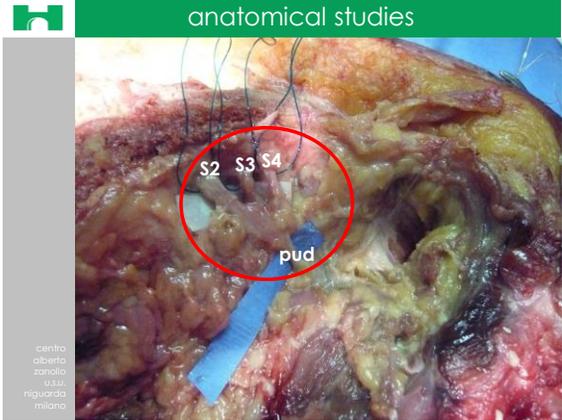


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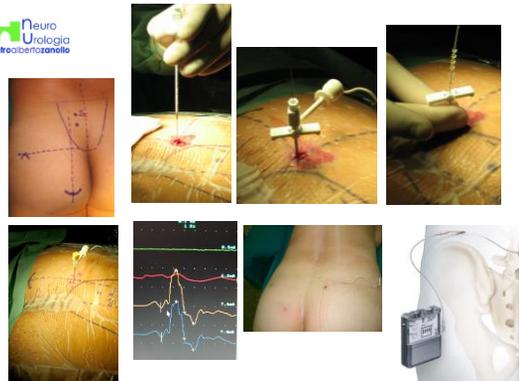
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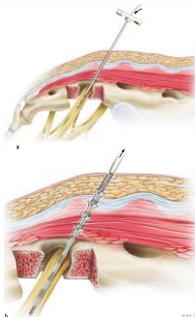
Activation of afferent innervation over up to three sacral segments

Efferent stimulation also provides direct activation of the external urethral sphincter, the external anal sphincter, and levator ani muscles, which may be of some benefit in sacral area control

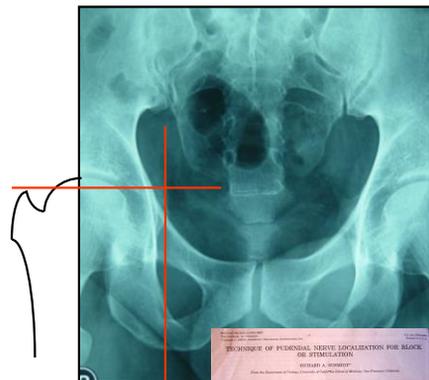
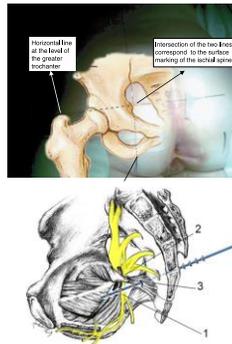


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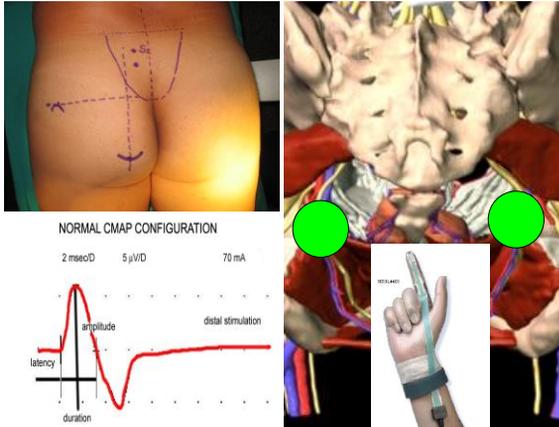
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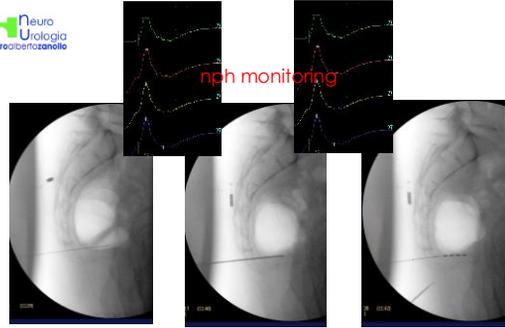
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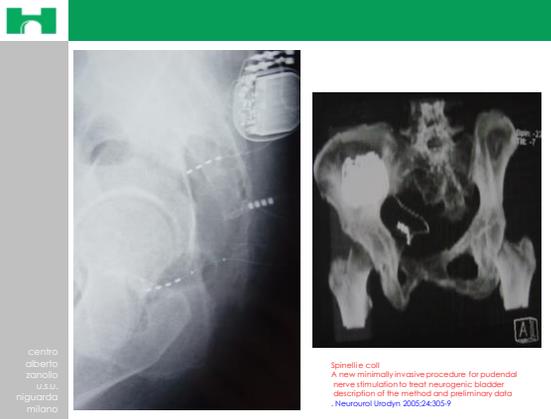
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needle and stylet

introduction system

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**Surgical Access for Electrical Stimulation of the Pudendal and Dorsal Genital Nerves in the Overactive Bladder: A Review**  
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PUDENDAL AND DORSAL GENITAL

**Table 1. Electrical stimulation of the pudendal**

References	Pts	Param
Green et al <sup>1</sup>	14 Female with BO	20 Hz, 200 µs
Peters et al <sup>2</sup>	27 OAB, 3 retention	-
Spille et al <sup>3</sup>	8 Male, 7 female with NOO	5 Hz, 210 µs, just below a threshold
Ollsson et al <sup>4</sup>	18 Male, 13 female with NOO/BO	10 Hz, 1.0 ms 5-22 V
Schmidt et al <sup>5</sup>	1 Male, 1 female with NOO	15 Hz, 200 µs
Vodusek et al <sup>6</sup>	1 Male, 2 female with DO, multiple sclerosis + central vascular disease	5 Hz, 300 µs

\* PST is considered successful if stimulation results in great capacity at the second cystometry after 10 minutes of stim, 1 Hz stimulation and SRS used in each patient for compare. 1 AB were screened for 15 to 45 days. A total of 12 patients incontinence episodes.

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**CPNS personal experience**

2002-2007  
 39 first stage  
 27 second stage  
 (published)

2007-2011 "clinical service"  
 37 first stage  
 26 second stage

January 2013 revision data base

91 pts first stage  
 65 pts second stage

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more than one lead?

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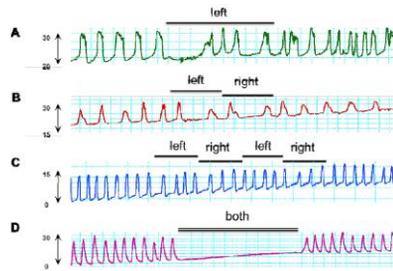
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Unilateral versus bilateral neuromodulation in a rat rhythmic bladder contraction model

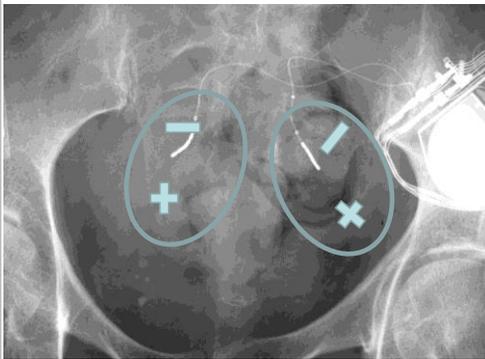


Bilateral stimulation abolished bladder contractions.

Xin Su, Neurostimulation I



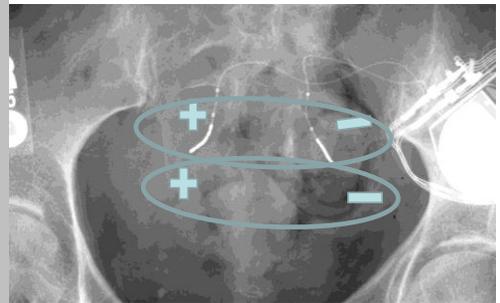
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BILATERAL IMPLANT CROSS OVER STIMULATION



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The stimulation is not trans-foramen rather anterior to sacrum

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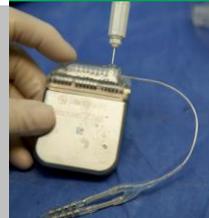
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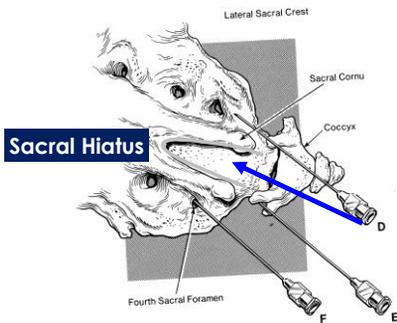
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## sacral epidural approach

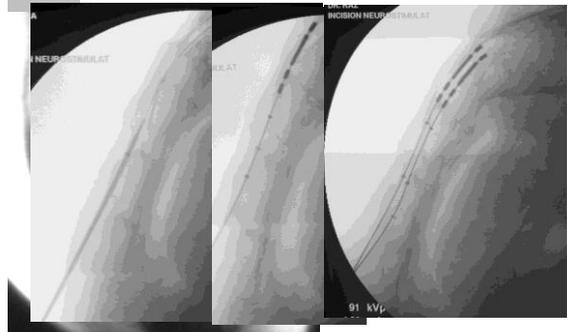
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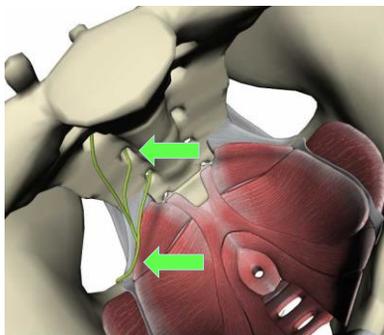
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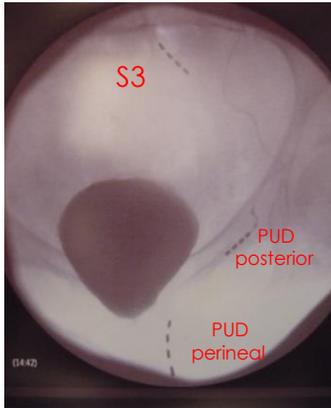


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**New Strategies of Pelvic Nerves Stimulation for Recovery of Pelvic Visceral Functions and Locomotion in Paraplegics**

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Fig. 1. Intraoperative view of a single sacral root (S3) in a paraplegic patient.

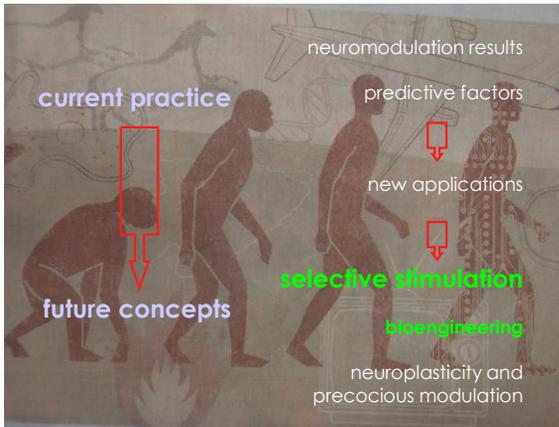
Fig. 2. Dissection of the pelvic plexus (PP) and the pudendal nerve (PN) in a paraplegic patient.

Fig. 3. Exposure of the pudendal nerve (PN) in a paraplegic patient.

New Strategies of Pelvic Nerves Stimulation

Fig. 4. Implantation of an electrode (E) on the pudendal nerve (PN) and the pudendal nerve (PN) in a paraplegic patient.

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device and leads



**Stimulation Options:**

**Mechanical Parameter:**  
Electrode Contact: [Diagram of electrode contacts]

**Electrical Parameters:**

Stimulation Amplitude	[Diagram]	0-10 mA
Pulse Width $\mu$ s	[Diagram]	200 $\mu$ s
Frequency Hz	[Diagram]	15 s <sup>-1</sup>
Cycling	[Diagram]	16s on 16s off
Polarity cathodal, anodal	[Diagram]	
Monopolar-Bipolar	[Diagram]	
Impedance $\Omega$	[Diagram]	<1 k $\Omega$

different parameters related on symtoms?

cycling to avoid nerve abitude?

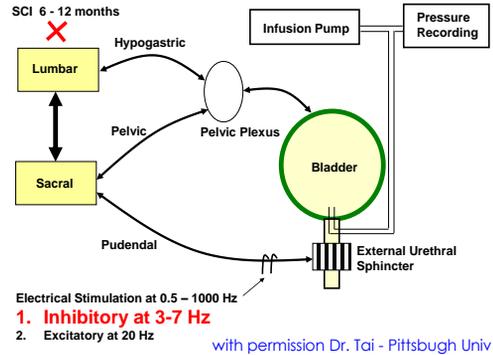




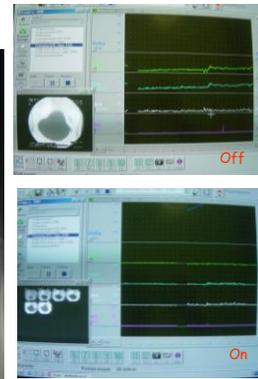
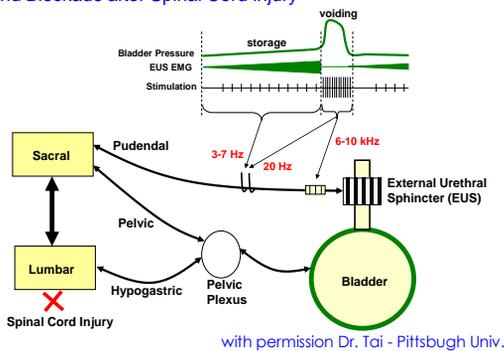
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Pudendal Nerve Neuromodulation of Bladder Activity



Control Bladder and EUS by Pudendal Nerve Stimulation and Blockade after Spinal Cord Injury



What to choose?

- Constant voltage vs constant current
- High frequency tonic stimulation
  - Burst stimulation
- Current fractionalization
- Khz tonic stimulation with complete current conduction blockage
- Different waveforms
- Independent power sources



Round the corner?

- Axonics
  - Bioness
  - Biowave
  - Bluewind
  - Stimguard
- Sacral  
 Tibial  
 Pudendal  
 Cavernous
- Implantable  
 Wireless  
 cutaneous

Multiple channel independent programming IPG  
 Low and high frequency  
 More flexible leads  
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**Safety of MRI at 1.5 Tesla in Patients with Implanted Sacral Nerve Neurostimulator\***

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**Abstract**

**Objective:** Sacral neurostimulation has become an established method to treat voiding dysfunction. Currently the use of implanted sacral nerve stimulators is becoming more popular worldwide. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is an important diagnostic tool for many medical and neurological disorders. Many radiology centers do not perform MRI examinations on patients with implanted sacral nerve stimulators. The issue for the policy is that potential hazards such as motion, distraction or heating of the implanted pulse generator (IPG), heating of the leads, and damage to the IPG may occur, resulting in painful stimulation. In contrast, many studies conducted on MRI at 1.5 Tesla in patients with implantable devices have found the examination to be safe if the same is to be imaged in out of the isocenter of the MRI machine and other precautions are taken.

**Methods:** Eight MRI examinations at 1.5 Tesla were conducted in areas outside the pelvic on six patients with implanted sacral nerve stimulators (Stimtec® sacral neurostimulator Medtronic, Inc. Minneapolis, MN, USA). Isolated sacral anastomosis were



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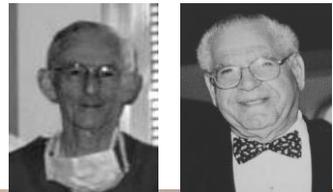


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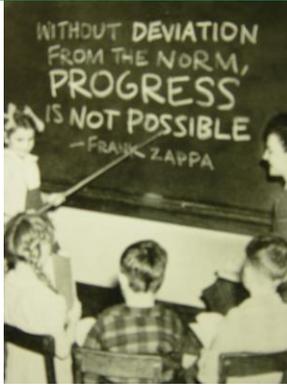
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# IS THERE STILL A PLACE FOR AUGMENTATION CYSTOPLASTY

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## Augmentation Cystoplasty

*Remains an option*

- ➔ in neurogenic
- ➔ non-neurogenic bladder dysfunction

*when conservative management, pharmacological methods and minimally invasive treatments have been unsuccessful and exhausted*

## Augmentation Cystoplasty

- used for the small capacity, high-pressure, poorly compliant or overactive bladder

- The technique aims to
  - ➔ provide urinary storage
  - ➔ protect the upper urinary tract and preserve renal function
  - ➔ provide continence
  - ➔ resistance to infection
  - ➔ offer a convenient method of voluntary and complete emptying.

## History

- ➔ first described in the canine model by Tizzoni and Foggia in 1888
- ➔ first described in humans by von Mikulicz in 1889
- ➔ The technique was popularised by Couvelaire in the 1950s, as a treatment for small contracted tuberculous bladders
- ➔ The introduction of clean intermittent self-catheterisation (CISC) contributed to the wider use of AC,

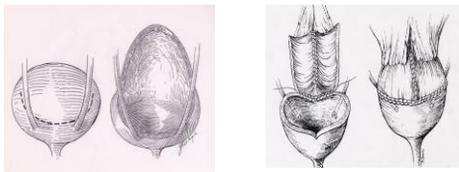
## Techniques

Reference	No. of patients	Underlying diagnosis, n (%)	Type of augmentation, n (%)	Mean follow-up, years	Complete continence, n (%)	Prevalence of UTI, n (%)	Prevalence of DC, n (%)	Additional continence operations, n (%)
Stessens et al. 2000 [88]	158	NDO (100)	Bladder (88) Sigmoid (68)	5.3 (2.0-10.4)	95	-	-	123 (78)
Edlund et al. 2001 [24]	30	NDO (30)	Ileum	5 (2.0-10.0)	78-93	0	11 (36)	9 (30)
Bhatnagar et al. 2002 [22]	19	IBS (19)	Congestive (19)	3.4 (2.0-7.0)	47	-	12 (63)	9 (47)
Moad et al. 2002 [15]	36	NDO	Bladder	3.8 (2-10)	80	-	20 (56)	0
Khang et al. 2003 [12]	72	NDO	Bladder	6 (2.0-10.0)	100	31 (43)	27 (34)	5 (7)
Lee et al. 2003 [23]	91	Congestive (88) Idiopathic (3)	Bladder (41) Sigmoid (38) Ileocecal (7)	6 (2.0-10)	93	-	-	62 (68)
DeFoor et al. 2003 [82]	307	NDO Congestive	Cecum (6) Sigmoid (30) Bladder (21) Ileum (18) Ileocecal (2)	2.4 (1-14)	92	-	10 (4)	68 (24) 11 (4)
Julien et al. 2007 [62]	21	NDO (19) Idiopathic (2)	Bladder (15) Sigmoid (3) Ileum (3)	5 (2.0-10)	95	-	20 (95)	18 (86)
Baron et al. 2007 [86]	61	NDO (51) Congestive (10)	Bladder + Cecum (52) Sigmoid (2)	5.4 (3.0-8.0)	Bladder = 100%, Sigmoid = 92	2 (3)	18 (30)	Bladder = 14 (24) Sigmoid = 10 (40)
Miral et al. 2009 [84]	22	NDO (19) Congestive (3)	Bladder (19)	5.3 (1.4-12.1)	91	-	-	SCU, 16 (73) 10 (45)
Thomson et al. 2011 [91]	25	NDO (19) Congestive (3) Other (3)	Bladder (15) Sigmoid (3) Bovine (1) Substitution (6)	5.4 (2.0-14.0)	95 (100%)	-	21 (84)	21 (84)

## Techniques

### Ileum

- most widely used bowel segment
- Ideally 25–40 cm from the ileocaecal
- detubularized into “U” or “S” shape
- “W” for larger segments



## Indications

### Caecum

- can be used in its original tubular shape more
  - as a detubularised patch to prevent spontaneous colonic contractions and avoid associated rises in bladder pressure
  - most commonly used in conjunction with the terminal ileum as an ileo-caecocystoplasty
- It has great mobility, which permits tension-free ureteric anastomosis;
- however, the diarrhoea and malabsorption associated with resection of the ileo-caecal valve is often

## Complications

### EARLY COMPLICATIONS

- wound infection (5–6.4%)
- small bowel obstruction (3–5.7%)
- bleeding requiring re-operation (0–3%)
- infection of ventriculo-peritoneal shunt where present (0–20%)
- Regular CISC is needed in 6–39%
- The mortality rate from AC is reported to be 0–2.7%

## Techniques

### Sigmoid

- is generally detubularised as a straight patch or a cup patch
- most common alternative to ileum

→ Advantages: Its thick muscular wall, large lumen and abundant mesentery guarantee adequate bladder capacity and manoeuvrability

- Potential disadvantages:
- the higher risk of UTI (secondary to colonic commensal bacteria)
  - larger amounts of mucus production
  - theoretically higher long-term risk of malignancy

## Indications

### GASTROCYSTOPLASTY

Where bowel is unavailable or unsuitable, and in patients with metabolic acidosis, stomach is an alternative to bowel.

### Advantages

- reduced secretion of mucus
- reduced infection risk
- reduced absorption of electrolytes.

### Disadvantages

- include the haematuria-dysuria syndrome in particular, are less commonly used

## Complications

Thromboembolism, cardiovascular and gastrointestinal complications

Reflux and renal function

ISC, UTI AND URINARY TRACT CALCULI

TABLE 1 Complications after bladder augmentation from the last 10 years

Reference	No. of patients	Recurrent UR, n (%)	UR, n (%)	Bladder stones, n (%)	Prostatic NOD, n (%)	Delayed bladder incision, n (%)	Small bowel obstruction, n (%)	Minor bowel dysfunction, n (%)	Reflux, n (%)	Small intestine, n (%)	Proctitis, n (%)
Srinivasan et al. 2000 [9]	100	-	4 (4.0)	14 (14.0)	-	17 (17.0)	-	1 (1.0)	-	-	-
McLain et al. 2001 [23]	30	1 (3.3)	-	1 (3.3)	2 (6.7)	-	1 (3.3)	0 (0.0)	2 (6.7)	-	-
Blomquist et al. 2002 [22]	19	2 (10.5)	1 (5.3)	3 (15.8)	-	-	-	-	-	0	2 (10.5)
Misak et al. 2002 [14]	26	2 (7.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blomquist et al. 2003 [24]	32	2 (6.2)	144 (450)	2 (6.2)	1 (3.1)	1 (3.1)	1 (3.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (3.1)	27 (84.4)	3 (9.4)
Super et al. 2003 [25]	91	3 (3.3)	-	24 (26.5)	10 (11.0)	-	3 (3.3)	-	-	-	3 (3.3)
DeFoor et al. 2003 [6]	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DeFoor et al. 2004 [8]	105	-	12 (11)	-	-	0 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
Mirzadeh et al. 2005 [8]	500	-	75 (15)	-	40 (8.0)	10 (2.0)	-	-	47 (9.4)	-	-
Quake et al. 2007 [8]	21	-	0	1 (4.8)	-	0	-	-	-	0	-
Band et al. 2007 [8]	61	4 (6.6)	10 (16.4)	-	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	-	-	7 (11.5)	-	-
Wright et al. 2008 [8]	22	-	1 (4.5)	-	0	2 (9.1)	-	1 (4.5)	-	-	-
Ottomay et al. 2011 [9]	25	-	10 (39)	-	-	2 (8)	-	-	-	1 (4)	-

Bladder perforation and carcinoma

Urinary and bowel function

Metabolic acidosis, calcium balance and hypokalemia in ileo- and colo-cystoplasty

## Stone Formation

formation of urinary tract stones common complication of cystoplasty' 3-40%

- 2% of patients who void spontaneously and efficiently
- 5-times as common in augmented patients who need to perform CISC when the bladder is catheterised urethrally
- up to 10-times as common in patients with Mitrofanoff-type channels when the bladder is emptied from above,

*stasis as an important factor in stone formation*

## Stone Formation

- usually triple phosphate

- implying that bacteriuria with urease-producing bacteria (Proteus, Providencia and Klebsiella) may be a causative factor
- Other risk factors are the presence of intravesical foreign bodies
  - staples
  - mesh
  - mucus
  - hypocitraturia.

## Carcinoma

- risk of bladder cancer is higher for patients with congenital bladder dysfunction over the normal population
- controversy as to whether enterocystoplasty is an independent risk factor for carcinogenesis
- Approximate risk of 1.2%
- Many associated with urogenital TB or with other risk factors tobacco use
- long latency period between augmentation and the occurrence (mean of 19–22 years in some series)

## Carcinoma

Risk factors

- urinary stasis
- Nitrosamines
- infection
- bladder calculi
- chronic patch inflammation
- immunosuppression

Tumours are generally adenocarcinomas of the bladder or bowel,

→ most commonly located in the region of the anastomosis

## Incontinence

Nocturnal enuresis

- attributed to a reduction in urethral closing pressure
- relaxation of the pelvic floor muscles,
- increased urine output
- failure of the sphincter to increase in tone in response to contractions from the bowel patch during sleep

*combination of anticholinergic medication, CISC and bladder neck surgery*

## Incontinence

Surgical correction usually required only for selected patients with either congenital sphincter deficiency or neuropathy.

## Incontinence

→ AUS is the outlet procedure that offers the maximum chance of spontaneous voiding.

→ performed concomitantly with AC without any increased morbidity, infection rate or change to success rates of either procedure

→ theoretical concern that urethral trauma due to CISC in patients with both an AC and an AUS may introduce bacteria into the urine and risk infective complications: not been a concern identified in published studies

## Conclusions

There remains a role for AC in the 21st century, greater competition from less invasive procedures

It remains an essential component of the full armamentarium of 1 interventions required to treat bladder overactivity,

Excellent and sustained continence rates, and acceptable morbidity.

