

ROBOTIC ASSISTED LAPAROSCOPIC RE-DO VESICOVAGINAL FISTULA REPAIR

Introduction

Re-do vesicovaginal fistula repair can be difficult due to adhesion formation and lack of good tissue for interposition. Exposure and visualization of the fistula site can make these operations more difficult and prone to failure. We propose a laparoscopic, robotic assisted method for repairing these fistulas that employs epiploic fat which is usually available.

Design

Retrospective chart review revealed 4 patients who have been repaired in this fashion.

Results

No patients have suffered recurrent fistulas. Minimum follow up time is 4 months.

Conclusion

Laparoscopic robotic assisted vesicovaginal fistula repair for recurrent fistulas is a safe and effective method to repair fistulas requiring tissue interposition.

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<i>Was this study approved by an ethics committee?</i>	No
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<i>Was the Declaration of Helsinki followed?</i>	Yes
<i>Was informed consent obtained from the patients?</i>	Yes