



# “A Comparative Study of the Efficacy and Advantages of Laparoscopic Repair of Umbilical and Paraumbilical Hernia Over Conventional Open Repair Among Patients Attending Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, Kanchipuram”

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## KEYWORDS

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## ABSTRACT:

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**Aim:** To compare the outcomes of laparoscopic repair of umbilical and paraumbilical hernias (both primary closure and mesh repair) over the conventional open techniques used routinely.

**Objectives:** 1. To derive conclusions about the advantages of laparoscopic closure of the defect in umbilical and paraumbilical hernias over conventional open repair involving both primary suturing and the on-lay mesh technique with respect to the shorter return to normal activity, lesser risk of infection, fewer complications, a lower incidence of recurrences, and a longer-term outcome. . 2. To derive conclusions about the selection of surgical techniques for repair in selected scenarios.

**Methods:** A comparative study for the efficacy and advantages of laparoscopic repair of umbilical and paraumbilical hernias over conventional open repairs was conducted at Meenakshi Medical College Hospital & Research Institute in Kanchipuram, among 30 study participants, between September 2022 and August 2023.

## Results & Conclusions

• Laparoscopic repair of umbilical and paraumbilical hernias is a safe and effective technique when compared with the conventional open methods of repair, even in the presence of multiple previous abdominal surgeries and large defects. It also allows for identification of previously undiagnosed secondary hernia defects. Laparoscopic method of repair clearly supersedes the conventional open method in terms of Early return to normal activities, lesser incidence of pain, sensory disturbances, wound infections and complications along with significantly reduced incidences of recurrences in the long run.



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### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### A. Inclusion criteria:

1. Patients with an age more than 18 years in both sexes presenting as a case of umbilical or paraumbilical hernia in the surgery department at MMCHRI, Kanchipuram, from september 2022 to august 2023
2. Patients consented to inclusion in the study according to the designated proforma after giving informed written consent.

#### B. Exclusion criteria:

1. Patients with age less than 18 years.
2. Patients with coagulopathy, severe cardiopulmonary disease, ascites and renal failure are excluded.
3. Patients reluctant to undergo surgical correction by giving consent.

### RESULTS & DISCUSSION:

The patients were then divided into four groups based on the repair they underwent.

GROUP I: Patients who underwent Primary Open Suture Repair (OSR)

GROUP II: Patients who underwent Open Repair with Mesh placement (ORWM)

GROUP III: Patients who underwent Laparoscopic Suture Repair (LSR)

GROUP IV: Patients who underwent Laparoscopic Repair with Mesh (LRWM)

**Table 1: Distribution of study population according to the Age**

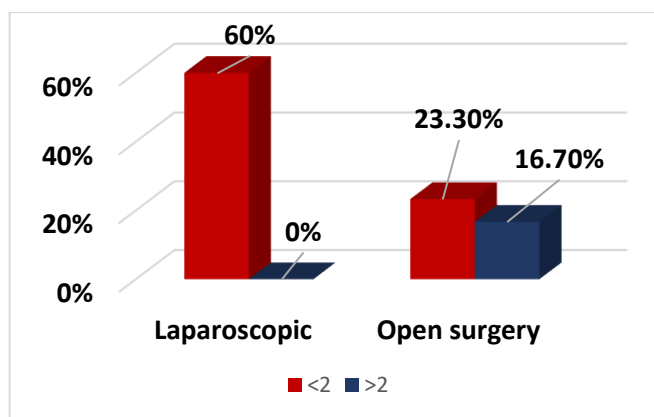
AGE	MALES	FEMALES
<30 YEARS	5	3
31-45 YEARS	3	4
46-60 YEARS	4	6
>60 YEARS	3	2
TOTAL	15	15



**Table 2: Association between return of bowel sounds and procedure**

Return of bowel sounds	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
<2	18 (60%)	7 (23.3%)	25 (83.3%)
>2	0 (0%)	5 (16.7%)	5 (16.4%)
TOTAL	18 (60%)	12 (40%)	30(100%)

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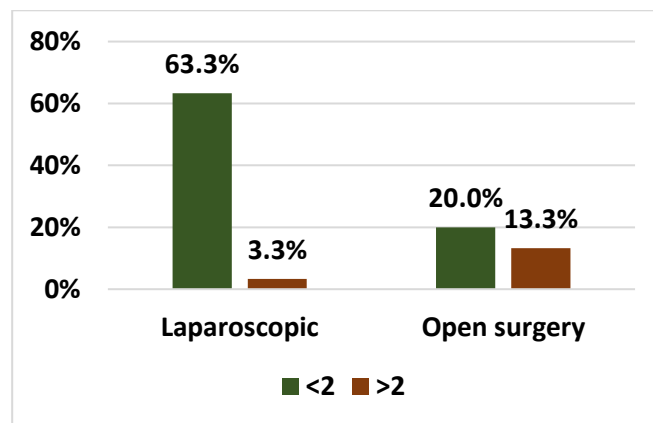


Majority of study population had returned bowel sounds with in < 2 days who had laparoscopic whereas 23.3% of them who had open surgery

**Table 3: Association between Starting oral feeds(days) and procedure**

Starting oral feeds(days)	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
<2	19 (63.3%)	6 (20%)	25 (83.3%)
>2	1 (3.3%)	4 (13.3%)	5 (16.7%)
TOTAL	20 (66.7%)	10(33.3%)	30 (100%)

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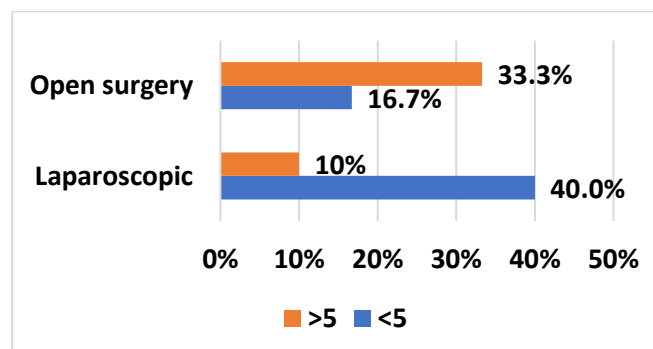
More than 2/3 rd of the population started oral feeds <2 days whereas only less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of population took > 2 days to start oral feeds

**Table 4: Association between Pain as per rating scale and procedure**

Pain	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
<5 days	12 (40%)	5 (16.7%)	17 (56.7%)
>5 days	3 (10%)	10 (33.3%)	13 (43.3%)
TOTAL	15 (50%)	15 (50%)	30 (100%)

Comparatively 33.3% of them had pain for more than 5 days after having open surgery whereas only 10% had pain for more than 5 days after laparoscopic surgery

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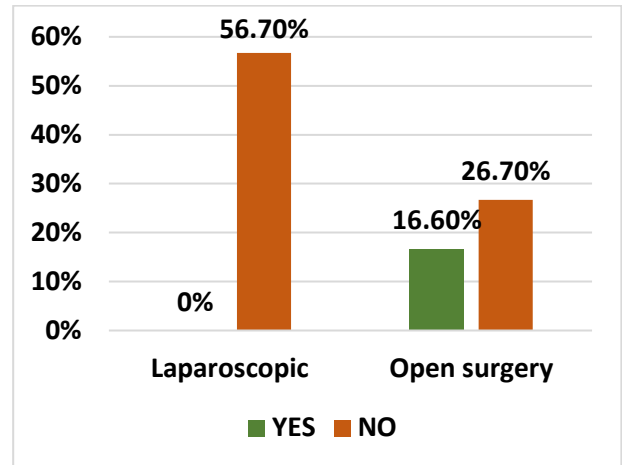




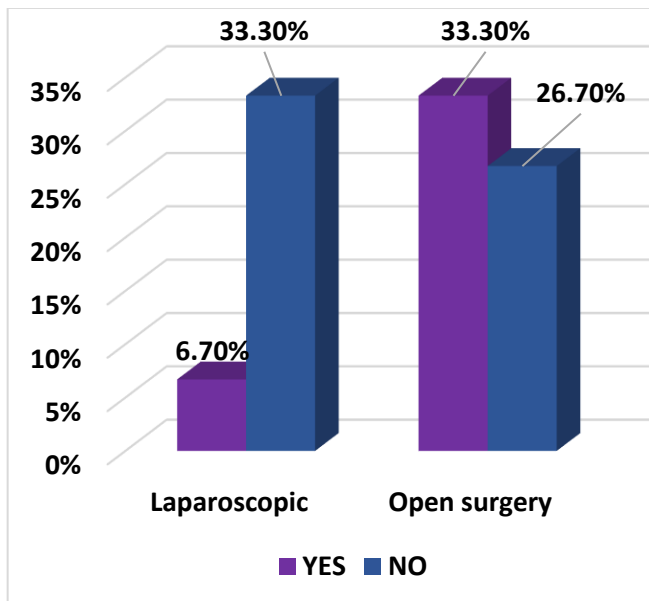
**Table 5 : Association between Bladder/Bowel disturbances and procedure**

Bladder/Bowel disturbances	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
YES	2 (6.7%)	10 (33.3%)	12 (40%)
NO	10 (33.3%)	8 (26.7%)	18(60%)
TOTAL	14 (46.6%)	18 (60%)	30 (100%)

**Fig 4: Association between Wound infection and procedure**



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**Table 6 : Association between Day of discharge and procedure**

Day of Discharge	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
<5	12(40%)	4 (13.3%)	16 (53.3%)
>5	3(10%)	11(36.6%)	14 (46.6%)
TOTAL	15(50%)	15(50%)	30 (100%)

**Table 5 : Association between Wound infection and procedure**

Wound infection	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
YES	0 (0%)	5 (16.6%)	5 (16.6%)
NO	17(56.7%)	8(26.7%)	25(83.3%)
TOTAL	17 (56.7%)	13(43.3%)	30 (100%)

**Table 7 : Association between Recurrence and procedure**

Recurrence	Laparoscopic	Open surgery	TOTAL
NO	12(40%)	4 (13.3%)	16 (53.3%)
YES	3 (10%)	11(36.6%)	14 (46.6%)
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## CONCLUSION

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