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**Scientia  
potentia  
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Francis Bacon, London, 1561-1626



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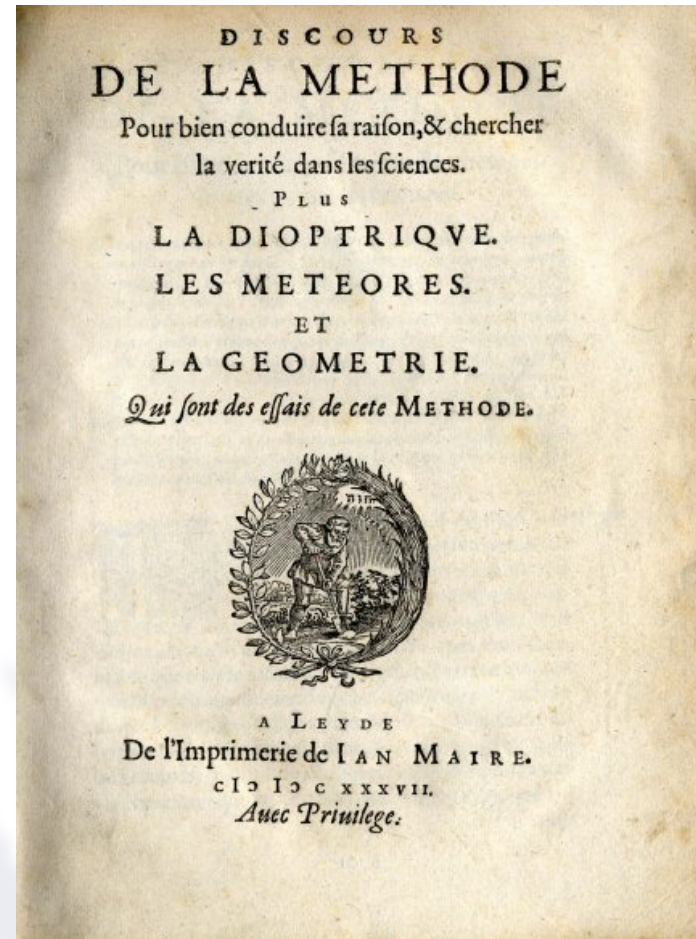
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# The scientific method

- Inductive reasoning
  - Extracting general rules from observations

When we close an umbilical hernia with a mesh we have less recurrences.

- Guideline (EBM):
  - rule of conduct or principle

We have to use a mesh to treat an umbilical hernia.



E H S		Diameter cm	Small	Medium	Large
Primary Abdominal Wall Hernia Classification			<2cm	≥2-4cm	≥4cm
Midline	Epigastric				
	Umbilical				
Lateral	Spigelian				
	Lumbar				



### Classification of primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias.

Muysoms F. et al. *Hernia* 2009; 13(6): 407-414



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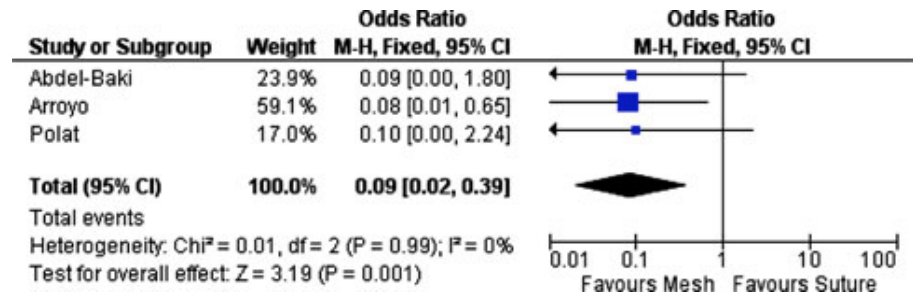
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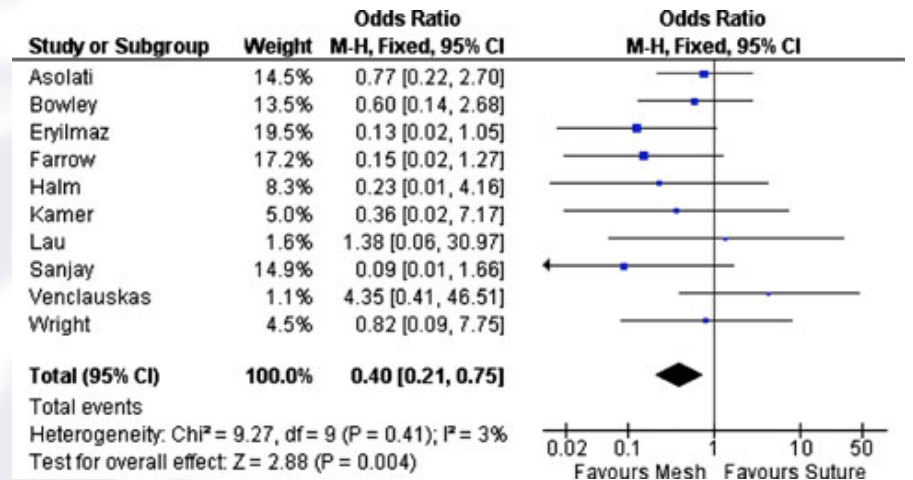
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# RCT's



# cohort studies



**Does mesh offer an advantage over tissue in open repair of umbilical hernias? A systematic review and meta-analysis.**

Aslani N, Brown CJ *Hernia* 2010; 14: 455-462





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## Dansk Herniedatabase

har dokumenteret et betydeligt  
kvalitetsløft



Forside

Grupper

Downloads

- Årsrapporter
- Vejledninger/Formularer
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- Instruktionsvideoer

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Kontakt

Til patienter

Dansk Herniedatabase er en klinisk database, oprettet for at forbedre behandlingen af lyske- og bugvæggsbrok i Danmark. Database registrerer lyskebrok- og bugvæggsbrok-operationer på patienter fyldt 18 år på operationstidspunktet. Region Hovedstaden er vært for databasen. Den daglige drift finansieres fra Danske Regioner's pulje til kliniske databaser. Se i øvrigt [årsrapport](#) her på hjemmesiden, hvis du søger yderligere information om Dansk Herniedatabase.

Hvis du er patient og har spørgsmål om behandlingen af et brok skal du henvende dig til din egen læge - Herniedatabasen påtager sig ikke vejledning af enkeltpersoner.

Herniedatabasens styregruppe er organiseret med 2 arbejdsgrupper: en for [ventralhernier](#) og en for [ingvinalhernier](#) som hver er ansvarlige for databasen og projekter inden for deres område.

Online-inddatering

(Åbner i nyt vindue - login i boks til højre for midten)

### Husk !

Herniesession til DKS årsmøde  
15/6 - se evt. [DKS hjemmeside](#)  
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[Herniedatabasens årsrapport 2009](#)

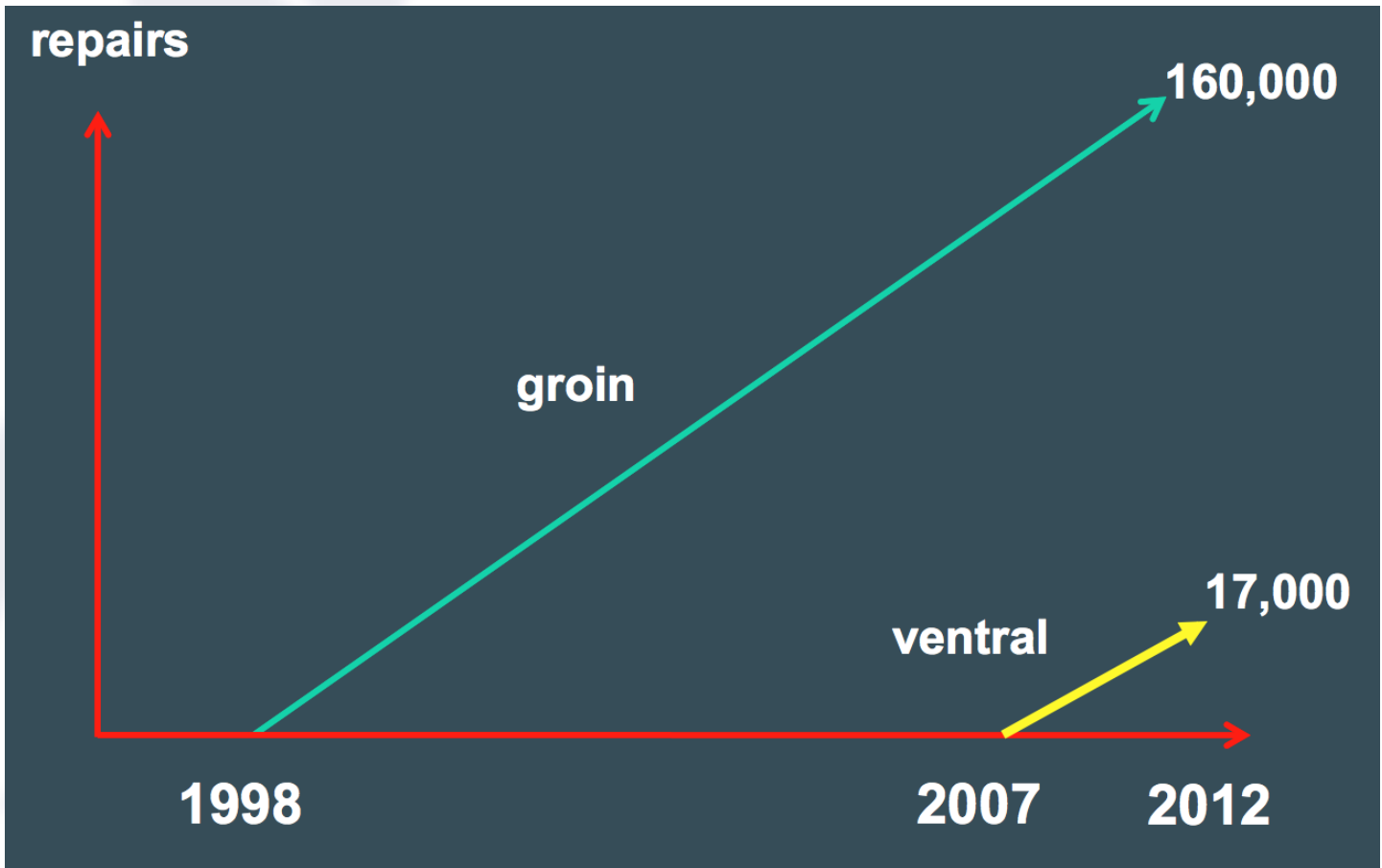
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[Se de nationale retningslinier for behandling af  
lyskebrok](#)









- ✓ all elective umbilical and epigastric hernias 2005-2006
  - ✓ 3431 operations
  - ✓ readmissions in 5.3% within 30 days
    - ✓ wound-related complications: infections, seroma, pain

**A nationwide study on readmission, morbidity, and mortality after umbilical and epigastric hernia repair.**

Bisgaard T, Kehlet H, Bay-Nielsen M, Iversen MG, Rosenberg J, Jørgensen LN. *Hernia* 2011; **15**: 541-546





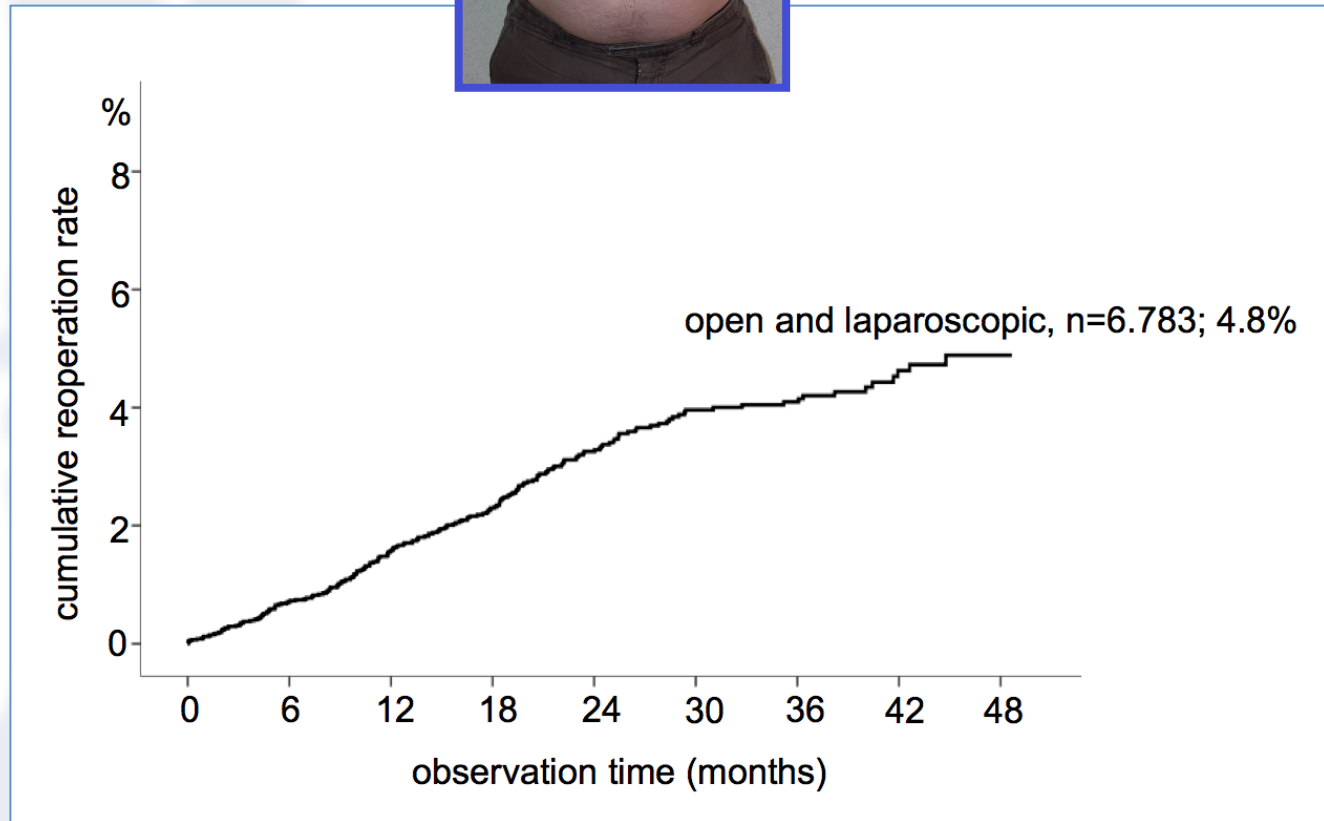
- ✓ elective primary umbilical and epigastric hernias
  - ✓ open repairs, single center: 139 patients
  - ✓ f.u 36 months
  - ✓ median defect size 1.0 cm
  - ✓ questionnaire and selective clinical investigation
    - ✓ moderate or severe pain and/or discomfort: 12%
    - ✓ cumulated risk of recurrence: 11.5%

### **Long-term complaints after elective repair for small umbilical or epigastric hernias**

Erritzøe-Jervild L, Christoffersen MW, Helgstrand F, Bisgaard T *Hernia* 2013; 17: 211-215



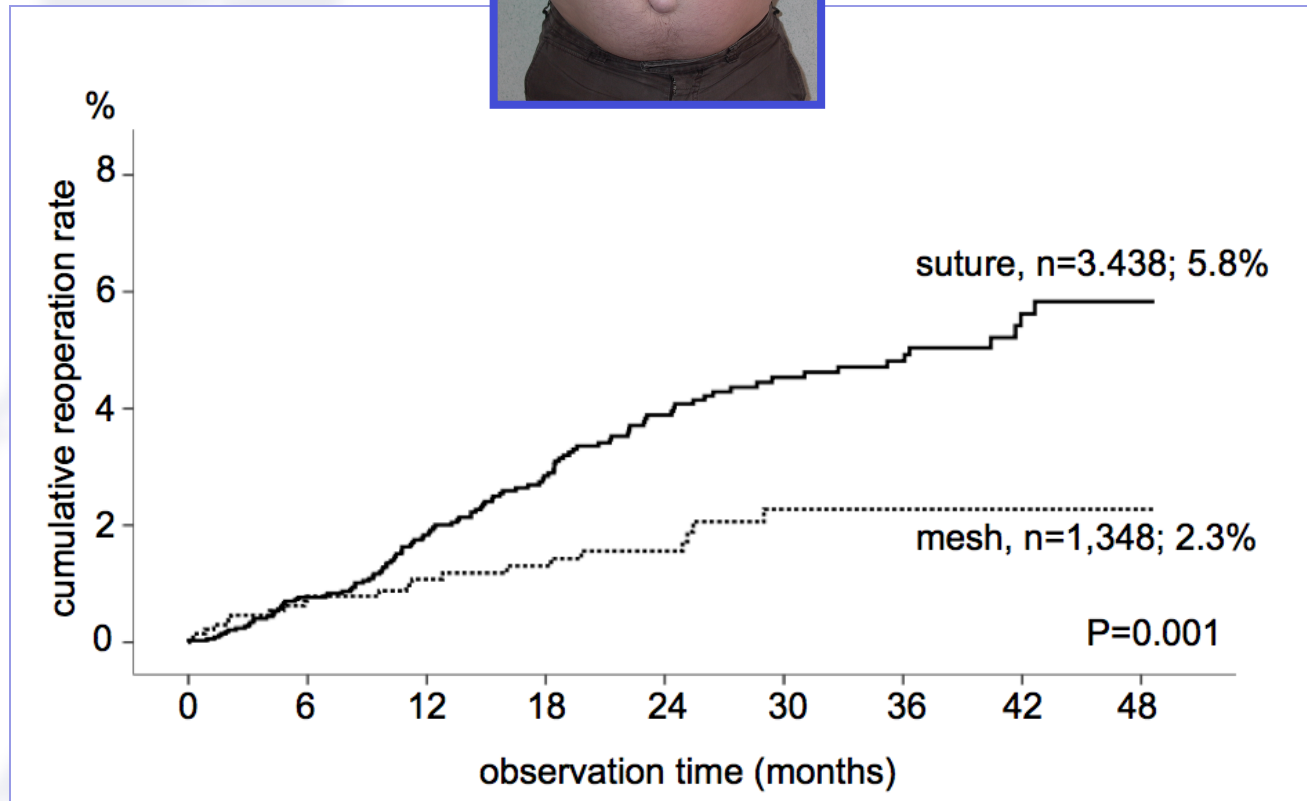




**Danish ventral hernia database.**

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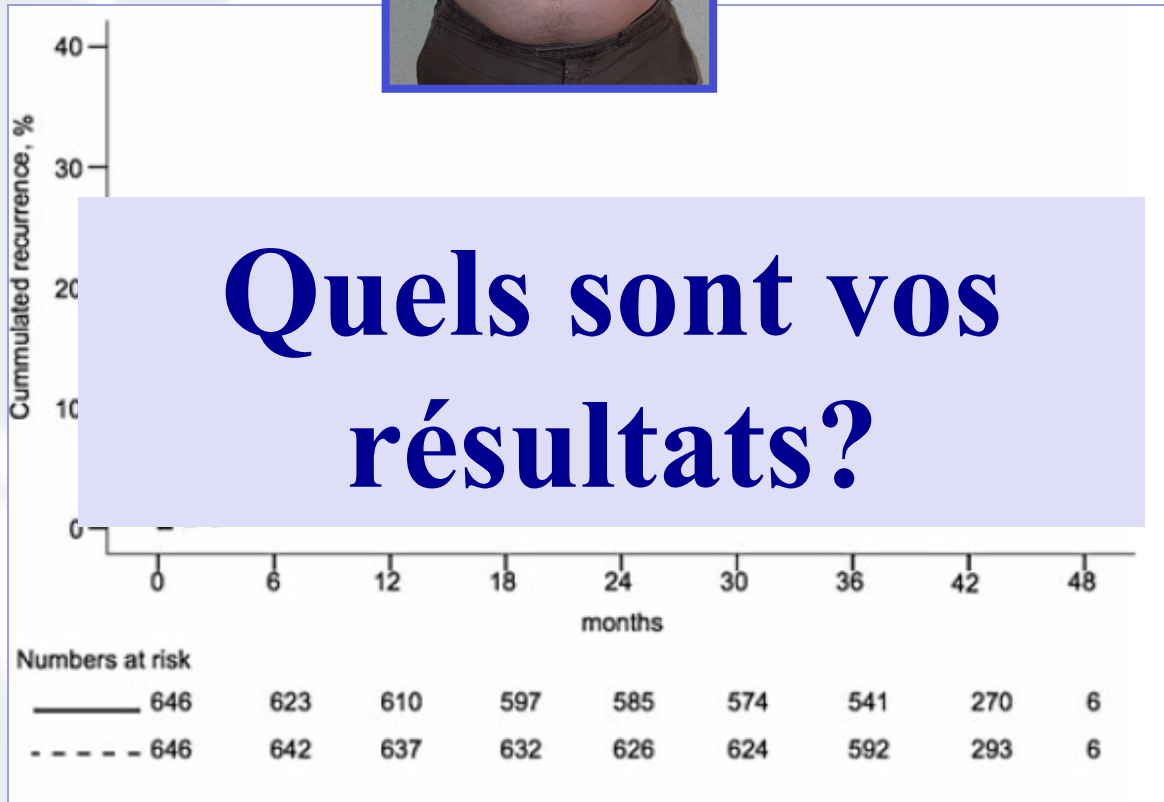




**Lower reoperation rate for recurrence after mesh versus sutured repair in small umbilical and epigastric hernias. A nationwide register study.**

Christoffersen MW et al. 2013 World J Surg; submitted.





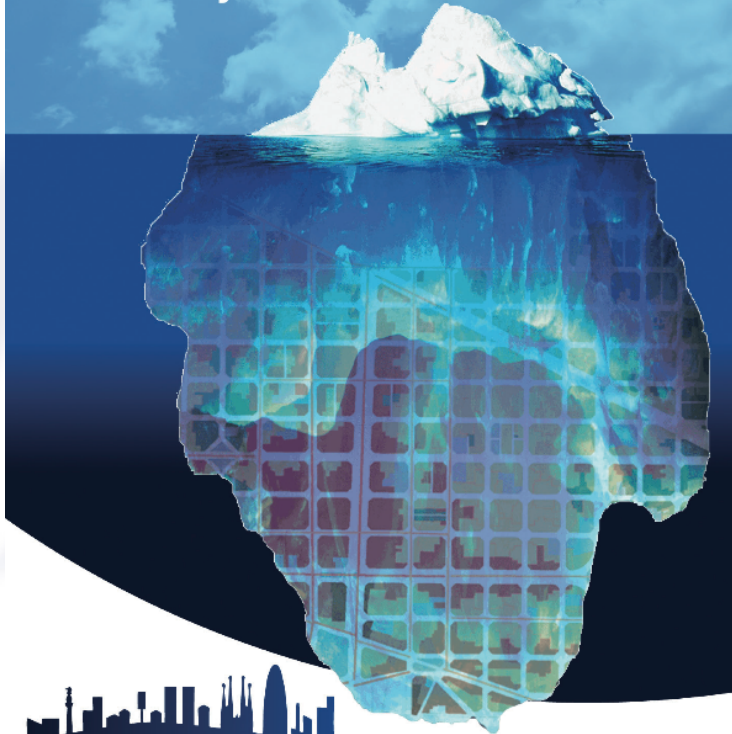
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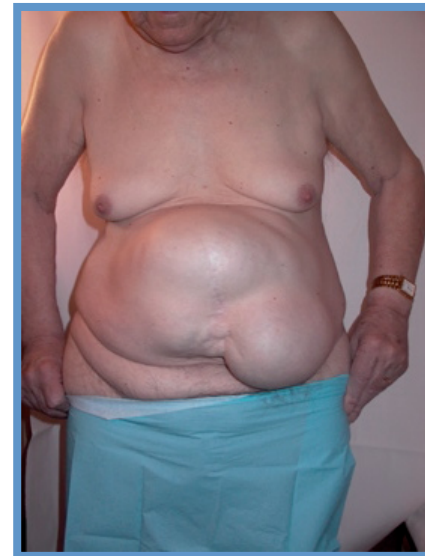
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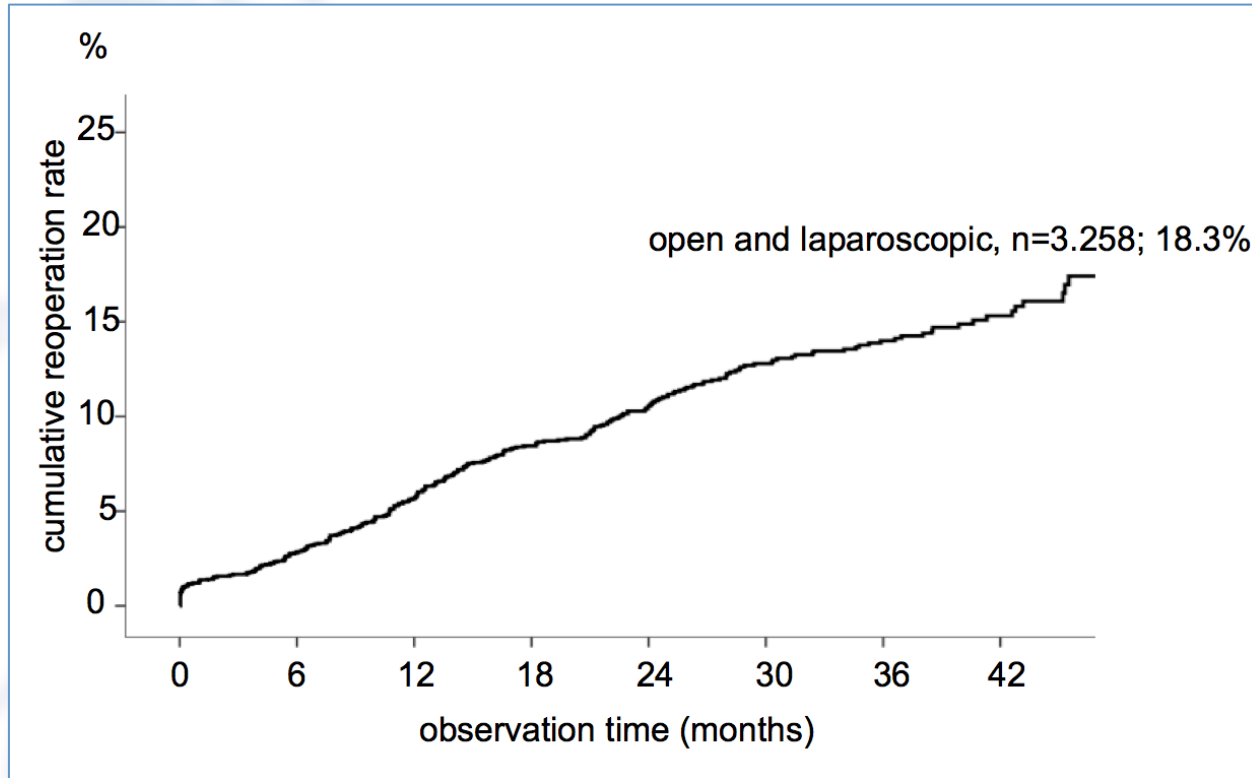
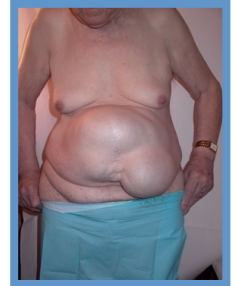
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**How good are we?  
What are our results?**



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# And incisional hernias?



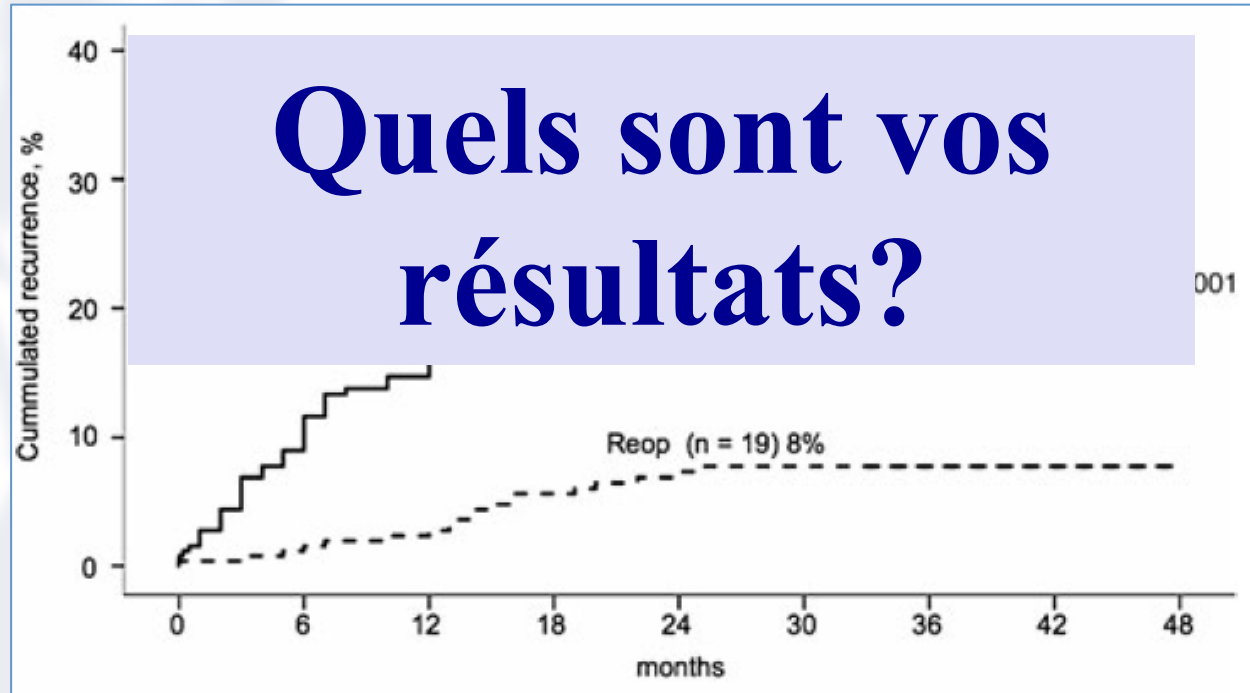
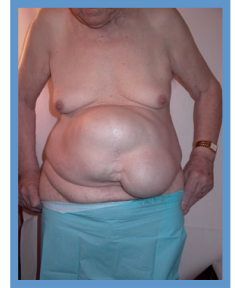
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# Quels sont vos résultats?





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*EuraHS*

*European Registry of Abdominal wall Hernias*



# *EuraHS working group members*



**EuraHS**

European Registry of Abdominal wall Hernias





## *EuraHS mission*



EuraHS wants to develop and provide for all EHS members

- an international online platform for registration and outcome measurement.
- an online platform for reporting early or late mesh complications, as a survey of implant materials.
- a set of definitions and classifications for use in clinical research on abdominal wall hernias.
- a uniform method of presenting outcome results in clinical studies on abdominal wall hernia repair.

# EHS ventral hernia tryptic

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Classification of primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias

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### Abstract

**Purpose** A classification for primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias is needed to allow comparison of publications and future studies on these hernias. It is important to know whether the populations described in different studies are comparable.  
**Methods** Several members of the EHS board and some invitees gathered for 2 days to discuss the development of

Results of a consensus meeting on the development of an EHS classification held in Ghent, Belgium, 2–4 October 2008.

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an EHS classification for primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias.

**Results** To distinguish primary and incisional abdominal wall hernias, a separate classification based on localisation and size as the major risk factors was proposed. Further data are needed to define the optimal size variable for classification of incisional hernias in order to distinguish subgroups with differences in outcome.

**Conclusions** A classification for primary abdominal wall hernias and a division into subgroups for incisional

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REVIEW

## EuraHS: the development of an international online platform for registration and outcome measurement of ventral abdominal wall hernia repair

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### Abstract

**Background** Although the repair of ventral abdominal wall hernias is one of the most commonly performed operations, many aspects of their treatment are still under debate or poorly studied. In addition, there is a lack of good definitions and classifications that make the evaluation of studies and meta-analyses in this field of surgery difficult.  
**Materials and methods** Under the auspices of the board of the European Hernia Society and following the previously published classifications on inguinal and on ventral hernias, a working group was formed to create an online platform for registration and outcome measurement of

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operations for ventral abdominal wall hernias. Development of such a registry involved reaching agreement about clear definitions and classifications on patient variables, surgical procedures and mesh materials used, as well as outcome parameters. The EuraHS working group (European registry for abdominal wall hernias) comprised of a multinational European expert panel with specific interest in abdominal wall hernias. Over five working group meetings, consensus was reached on definitions for the data to be recorded in the registry.  
**Results** A set of well-described definitions was made. The previously reported EHS classifications of hernias will

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REVIEW

## Recommendations for reporting outcome results in abdominal wall repair

Results of a Consensus meeting in Palermo, Italy, 28–30 June 2012

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### Abstract

**Background** The literature dealing with abdominal wall surgery is often flawed due to lack of adherence to accepted reporting standards and statistical methodology.  
**Materials and methods** The EuraHS Working Group (European Registry of Abdominal Wall Hernias) organised

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a consensus meeting of surgical experts and researchers with an interest in abdominal wall surgery, including a statistician, the editors of the journal Hernia and scientists experienced in meta-analysis. Detailed discussions took place to identify the basic ground rules necessary to improve the quality of research reports related to abdominal wall reconstruction.

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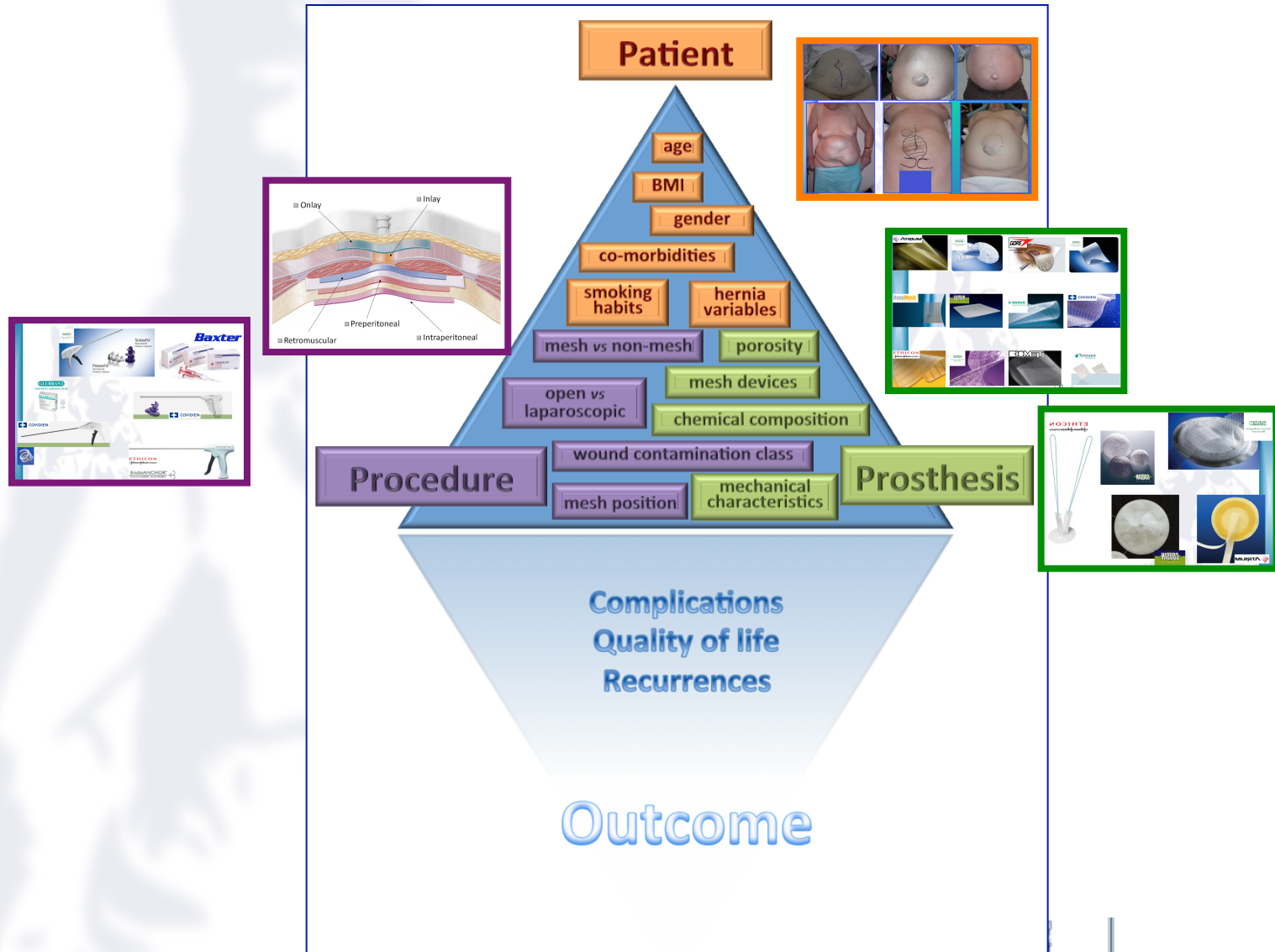
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# The triple-P triangle of abdominal wall hernia repair



# EHS consensus meeting on classification of ventral and incisional hernias, Ghent October 2008





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Midline	Epigastric				
	Umbilical				
Lateral	Spigelian				
	Lumbar				

E H S			
Incisional Hernia Classification			
Midline	subxiphoidal	M1	
	epigastric	M2	
	umbilical	M3	
	infraumbilical	M4	
	suprapubic	M5	
Lateral	subcostal	L1	
	flank	L2	
	iliac	L3	
	lumbar	L4	
Recurrent incisional hernia?		Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
length: cm		width: cm	
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<b>The abdominal wall</b>	The <i>abdominal wall</i> is the musculo-fibrous covering of the abdomen containing the abdominal contents.
<b>Abdominal wall hernia</b>	An <i>abdominal wall hernia</i> is an abnormal protrusion of the contents of the abdominal cavity or of pre-peritoneal fat through a defect or weakness in the abdominal wall.
<b>Ventral hernia</b>	A <i>ventral hernia</i> is a hernia of the abdominal wall excluding the inguinal area, the pelvic area and the diaphragm.
<b>Primary ventral hernia</b>	A <i>primary ventral hernia</i> is a ventral hernia that was present at birth or that developed spontaneously without trauma to the abdominal wall as the cause of the hernia.
<b>Umbilical hernia</b>	A primary ventral hernia with its centre at the umbilicus.
<b>Epigastric hernia</b>	A primary ventral hernia close to the midline with its centre above the umbilicus.
<b>Spigelian hernia</b>	A primary ventral hernia in the area of the fascia Spigelian aponeurosis.
<b>Lumbar hernia</b>	A primary ventral hernia in the lumbar area.
<b>Secondary ventral hernia</b>	A secondary ventral hernia is a ventral hernia that developed after a traumatic breach of the integrity of the abdominal wall.
<b>Incisional ventral hernia</b>	An ventral hernia that developed after surgical trauma to the abdominal wall, including recurrences after repair of primary ventral hernias.
<b>Traumatic ventral hernia</b>	A ventral hernia that developed after non-surgical penetrating or blunt trauma to the abdominal wall.
<b>Acute postoperative ventral hernia</b>	An incisional hernia resulting from an abdominal wall dehiscence, either complete (with skin dehiscence) or incomplete (covered with intact skin) within 30 days after the operation.
<b>Parastomal hernia</b>	An incisional hernia through the abdominal wall defect created during placement of a colostomy, ileostomy or ileal conduit stoma.



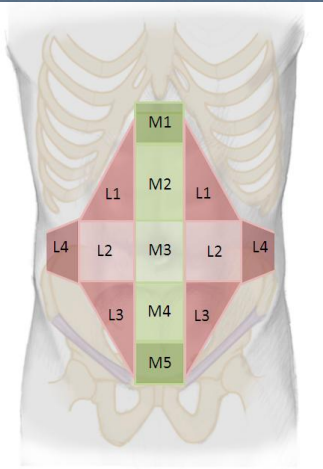


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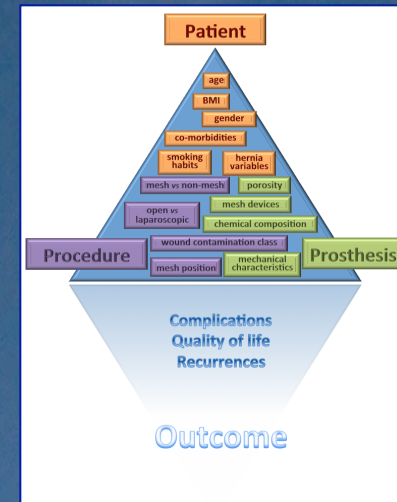
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Severity Of Co-morbidity Score SOC-score	
SOC-score	Definition
0	No co-morbidities
1	Asymptomatic, no medical consultation needed in last 12 months
2	Stable disease, intermittent therapy and medical consultation needed $\leq 4x/year$
3	Stable disease, continuous therapy with regular medical consultation $> 4x/year$
4	Progressive disease, with changing or intensified therapy and frequent medical consultation $> 12x/year$







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Class of operation and wound contamination	CDC-Definition	Example for abdominal wall hernia repair
<b>Class I:</b> Clean	These are uninfected operative wounds in which no inflammation is encountered and the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or uninfected urinary tracts are not entered.	- Elective repair of a hernia.
<b>Class II:</b> Clean-Contaminated	These are operative wounds in which the respiratory, alimentary, genital, or urinary tract is entered under controlled conditions and without unusual contamination.	- Bowel lesion during adhesiolysis, without gross spillage of bowel content. - Combined cholecystectomy and hernia repair. - Bowel resection for incarceration. - Presence of a colostomy.
<b>Class III:</b> Contaminated	These include open, fresh, accidental wounds, operations with major breaks in sterile technique or gross spillage from the gastrointestinal tract, and incisions in which acute, nonpurulent inflammation is encountered.	- Bowel lesion with gross spillage. - Enterocutaneous fistula.
<b>Class IV:</b> Dirty	These include old traumatic wounds with retained devitalized tissue and those that involve existing clinical infection or perforated viscera. This definition suggests that the organisms causing postoperative infection were present in the operative field before the operation.	- Perforation of strangulated bowel. - Presence of infected mesh

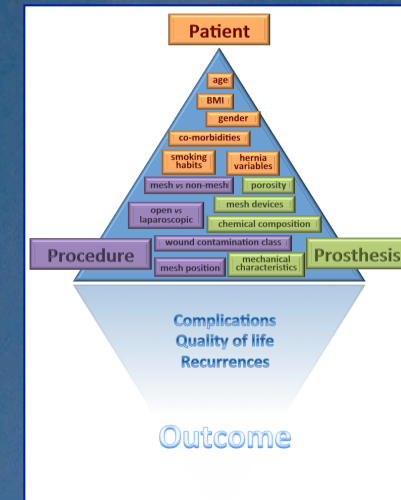


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## EuraHS-QoL Preoperative

Pain at the site of the hernia												
	0 = no pain					10 = worst pain imaginable						
In rest (lying down)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
During activities (walking, biking, sports)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Worst pain felt during the last week	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Restrictions of activities because of pain or discomfort at the site of the hernia												
	0 = no restriction					10 = completely restricted						
Daily activities (inside the house)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
Outside the house (walking, biking, driving)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
During sports	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
During heavy labour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
X = If you do not perform this activity												
Cosmetic discomfort												
	0 = very beautiful					10 = extremely ugly						
The shape of your abdomen	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
The site of the hernia	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

## EuraHS-QoL Postoperative

Pain at the site of the hernia repair												
	0 = no pain					10 = worst pain imaginable						
In rest (lying down)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
During activities (walking, biking, sports)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Worst pain felt during the last week	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Restrictions of activities because of pain or discomfort at the site of the hernia repair												
	0 = no restriction					10 = completely restricted						
Daily activities (inside the house)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
Outside the house (walking, biking, driving)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
During sports	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
During heavy labour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	X
X = If you do not perform this activity												
Cosmetic discomfort												
	0 = very beautiful					10 = extremely ugly						
The shape of your abdomen	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
The site of the hernia and the scars	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	



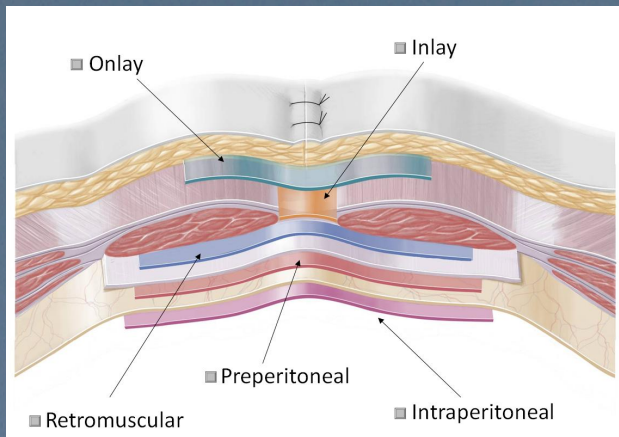
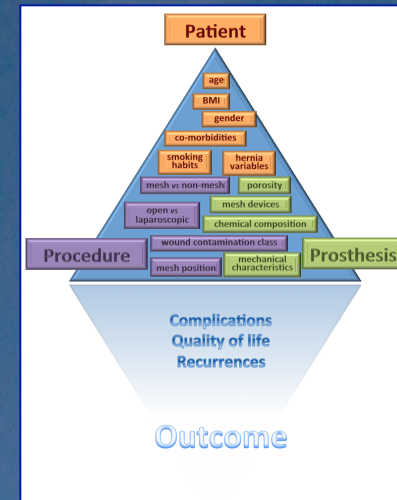


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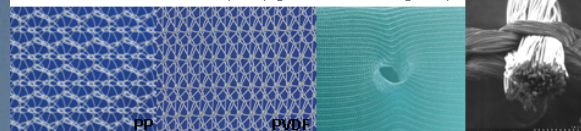
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## Proposal for classification of surgical meshes (modified from Amid; Hernia 1: 5-8, 1997<sup>1</sup>)

- I Large pore meshes  
(textile porosity > 50%, effective porosity > 0%)
  - 1a) monofilament
  - 1b) multifilament
  - 1c) mixed structure or polymer
- II Small pore meshes  
(textile porosity < 50%, effective porosity = 0%)
  - 2a) monofilament
  - 2b) multifilament
  - 2c) mixed structure or polymer
- III Porous mesh temporarily protected with film-like barrier
- IV Film-like mesh without porosity, sub-micronic pore size or secondarily excised pores

<http://www.spartanvr.com/content/2442420242424242.pdf>





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<b>Intra-operative complications</b>	Are complications occurring during the time of the patients' arrival in the operating room and the patient leaving the operating room
<b>"Acute" or "early" postoperative complications</b>	Are complications occurring during the hospitalisation or within 30 days postoperatively
<b>Late postoperative complications</b>	Are complications related to the hernia repair occurring after discharge and more than 30 days postoperatively
<b>Operative morbidity</b>	The percentage of patients treated who had at least one complication occurring during the operation, during the hospitalisation or 30 days postoperatively
<b>Operative mortality</b>	The percentage of patients treated who died during the operation, during the hospitalisation or within 30 days postoperatively

**Grade 0**  
No complications

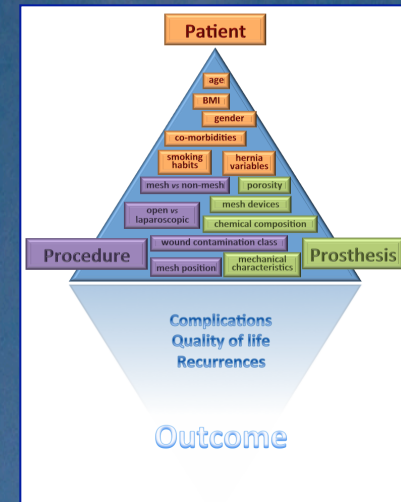
**Grade I**  
Any deviation from the normal postoperative course without the need for pharmacological treatment or surgical, endoscopic and radiological interventions (are allowed: antiemetics, antipyretics, analgesics, diuretics, electrolytes and physiotherapy. This grade includes wound infections opened at the bedside *and a seroma requiring aspiration bedside.*)

**Grade II**  
Requiring pharmacological treatment with drugs other than such allowed for grade I complications. Blood transfusion and TPN are included.

**Grade III**  
Requiring surgical, endoscopic and radiological interventions  
IIIa intervention not under general anaesthesia  
IIIb intervention under general anaesthesia

**Grade IV**  
Life threatening complication requiring IC/ICU management  
IVa single organ dysfunction  
IVb multiorgan dysfunction

**Grade V**  
Death of the patient





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<b><i>TYPE OF SEROMA</i></b>	<b><i>Definition</i></b>	<b><i>Clinical significance</i></b>
<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>No clinical seroma</i></b>	<b><i>No clinical seroma</i></b>
<b><i>I</i></b>	<b><i>Clinical seroma lasting &lt; 1 month</i></b>	<b><i>INCIDENT</i></b>
<b><i>II</i></b>	<b><i>Clinical seroma lasting &gt; 1 month</i></b>	
<b><i>III</i></b>	<b><i>Minor seroma-related complications</i></b>	<b><i>COMPLICATION</i></b>
<b><i>IV</i></b>	<b><i>Major seroma-related complications</i></b>	



# How good are you? What are your results?



The screenshot displays the EuraHS website interface. At the top, there are logos for DynaMesh, Champion Sponsor, and COVIDIEN. The main navigation menu on the left includes: Home, What is EuraHS?, Contact, How to use EuraHS?, Hernia Classifications, Hernia Guidelines, Hernia Meshes & Devices, EuraHS-QoL, Hernia Meetings, Hernia Links, Sponsors, and Search. The central content area features a 'News' section titled 'EuraHS French Version'. Below this, there is a video player showing a surgical procedure with the caption 'IXème Symposium sur les prothèses pariétales'. The text below the video reads: 'MESH 2013 - Paris . 14 Juin' and '" Maison de la Chimie : www.maisondelachimie.com "'. A final paragraph states: 'On time for MESH 2013 in Paris, France, the EuraHS Working Group would like to pronounce that EuraHS is now available in French.' Below this text is a small French flag.

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New Case Statistics Summary

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EUROPEAN REGISTRY OF ABDOMINAL WALL HERNIAS

Case: 2013-05-19-5482, Level: 1, Route: Incisional ventral hernia

1 Please enter a EurahS registration number (NO PATIENT NAME)

Unknown

2 Please select your hernia route

Primary ventral hernia route

Incisional ventral hernia route

Parastomal hernia route

4 Please select incisional ventral hernia

Incisional ventral hernia

Recurrent epigastric hernia

Recurrent umbilical hernia

Recurrent lumbar hernia

Recurrent Spigelian hernia

Unknown

2 Common Route

5 Please choose database level

Level 1

Level 2

6 Year of birth

Year

Unknown

7 Gender

Male

Female

Unknown

8 Is the patient aware, that data-recording is being performed?

Yes

Not applicable to my country

Unknown

7 Incisional ventral hernia route

38 Width of the hernia

cm

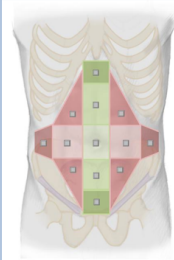
Unknown

39 Length of the hernia

cm

Unknown

42 Mark the incisional hernia areas involved



M1

M2

M3

M4

M5

L1:L

L1:R

L2:L

L2:R

L3:L

L3:R

L4:L

L4:R

Unknown

46 Recurrent hernia

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## DOKTER MUYSOMS LANCEERT BAANBREKEND PLATFORM BUIKWANDCHIRURGIE



Dr. Filip Muysoms en dr. Iris Kyle-Leinhase

**Dokter Filip Muysoms is een autoriteit op het vlak van buikwandchirurgie en de aanpak van littekenbreuken. Als chapter president van de EHS (Europeaan Hernia Society) staat hij nu ook aan de wieg van een wetenschappelijk Europees platform in zijn vakgebied, EuraHS. De voordelen daarvan zijn legio. Een interview.**

Het platform wordt boven de doopvont gehouden op het "EuraHS Launch symposium" in Brussel op 7 en 8 juni. Een congres met mondiale allure waarop wellicht zelfs de Chinezen afkomen. Dr. Muysoms legt uit wat de bedoeling is: "De wetenschappelijke literatuur over hernia, navelbreuken, lies- en littekenbreuken blijkt momenteel ondermaats. Er bestaan immers geen standaarden voor. Na ons zeer succesvolle congres vorig jaar in het ICC hier in Gent – met meer dan 1.000 geïnteresseerden – richtten we een Europese werkgroep op. Toen legden we de klemmen voor dat platform. Met EuraHS volgt: European Registry for Abdominal Wall Hernias hanteert iedereen altijd dezelfde classificaties en definities. Onze studies zullen we beter kunnen vergelijken."

"Het congres moet aan de doelgroep – zowel chirurgen, firma's als beleidsmensen van de EU – de kwaliteiten van het platform duidelijk maken. Ons platform verzamelt nauwgezet alle informatie over implantaten gebruikt bij buikwandchirurgie. Ontsporingen zoals bij de borstimplantaten zijn zo te vermijden."

"Het platform is ook puur als register inzetbaar, maar tegelijkertijd heeft het zoveel meer troeven. Je kunt er evidence-based mee werken, en dat voor een courante pathologie."

**Sommige data zijn nogal straightforward, zoals leeftijd, geslacht, lengte enzomeer. Andere zijn dat minder. Hoe kun je subjectiviteit uitsluiten?**

**Filip Muysoms:** "Dat is de volgende stap: hoe zullen we alles zo precies mogelijk meten en weergeven? Een navelbreuk meten met een echo kun je heel precies, maar een littekenbreuk meten is vaak nattevingerwerk, zelfs al zit je goed qua grootteorde. De rol van het platform bestaat er nu net in om in de mate van het mogelijke alles te stroomlijnen."

**Er bestaan ook andere databanken zoals in de Scandinavische landen en in Duitsland. Willen jullie daarmee samenwerken?**

"Dat zijn alleen registers, wij gaan dus iets breder, al kan ons platform ook als register gebruikt worden. Als ons platform betrouwbaar genoeg wordt, is het mogelijk dat Zweden bijvoorbeeld zijn register inruilt voor ons platform."

"De verspreiding van wetenschappelijke informatie is het grote doel van het platform. Daarom wordt mijn publicatie (Muysoms et al., 2011) enorm belangrijk; het gaat



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