



## Conférence de cloture: Towards less meshes: a tailored approach?

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**Leistenbruch - Bauchdeckenbruch**

**HERNIENZENTRUM MÜNCHEN-LONDON**  
  
Seit über zwei Jahren besucht Frau Dr. Muschaweck regelmäßig das nahe dem Regent's Park gelegene PLATINUM MEDICAL CENTRE (PMC) des WELLINGTON HOSPITALS in London.  
In dieser modernsten Einrichtung Englands für tageschirurgische Patienten werden im Rahmen der „clinics“ genannten Leistenbruch-Sprechstunde Patienten untersucht und bei Bedarf am nächsten Tag im 4. OG des PMC operiert.  
  
Seit Mitte des letzten Jahres besucht Frau Dr. Muschaweck ebenfalls regelmäßig „St. George's Park“, das in den Midlands gelegene hochmoderne

**Warum wir die Spezialisten für Ihren Leistenbruch - Bauchwandbruch (Leistenhernie - Bauchwandhernie) sind:**

- wir haben Europas erstes und einziges ausschließlich auf Hernienchirurgie (Leistenbruch und Bauchwandbruch) spezialisiertes Zentrum gegründet
- wir haben seit über 20 Jahren Erfahrung mit der operativen Versorgung von Leistenbruch und Bauchwandbrüchen
- wir haben mehr als 25.000 Leistenbrüche und Bauchwandbrüche erfolgreich operiert
- wir operieren in schonender örtlicher Betäubung, auf Wunsch mit Dämmer Schlaf, ohne Vollnarkose

Die Chirurgie der Leistenbruch und Bauchwandbrüche ist die Chirurgie des „Häufigen“. Mit über 250.000 Eingriffen pro Jahr allein in Deutschland handelt es sich um die am häufigsten durchgeführte Operation.

Von uns entwickelte Verfahren wie die „Minimal-Repair“ Technik ist speziell für Hochleistungsportler aus aller Welt geeignet. Weitere sichere und risikoarme offene netzfreie und Netzverfahren kommen je nach Befund individuell maßgeschneidert zur Anwendung.



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Moi en  
tout cas

Moi  
toujour

Moi aussi

Je taillé

Je taillé  
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**EMBALLAGE  
TROMPEUR**



The background features a stylized, semi-transparent DNA double helix structure that runs diagonally across the frame. In the lower right corner, there are faint, overlapping images of laboratory glassware, including Erlenmeyer flasks and test tubes. The overall color palette is soft and scientific, with pastel blues, greens, and yellows.

# **Individualized Medicine:**

for tailored prevention, diagnosis  
and therapy

# Personalized Medicine

..... is a medical model that separates patients into different groups - with medical decisions, practices, interventions and/or products being tailored to the individual patient based on their predicted response or risk of disease.

.....the tailoring of treatment to patients dates back at least to the time of Hippocrates, .... provides a clear evidence base on which to stratify patients.



# **IT'S ALL IN THE TAILORING**

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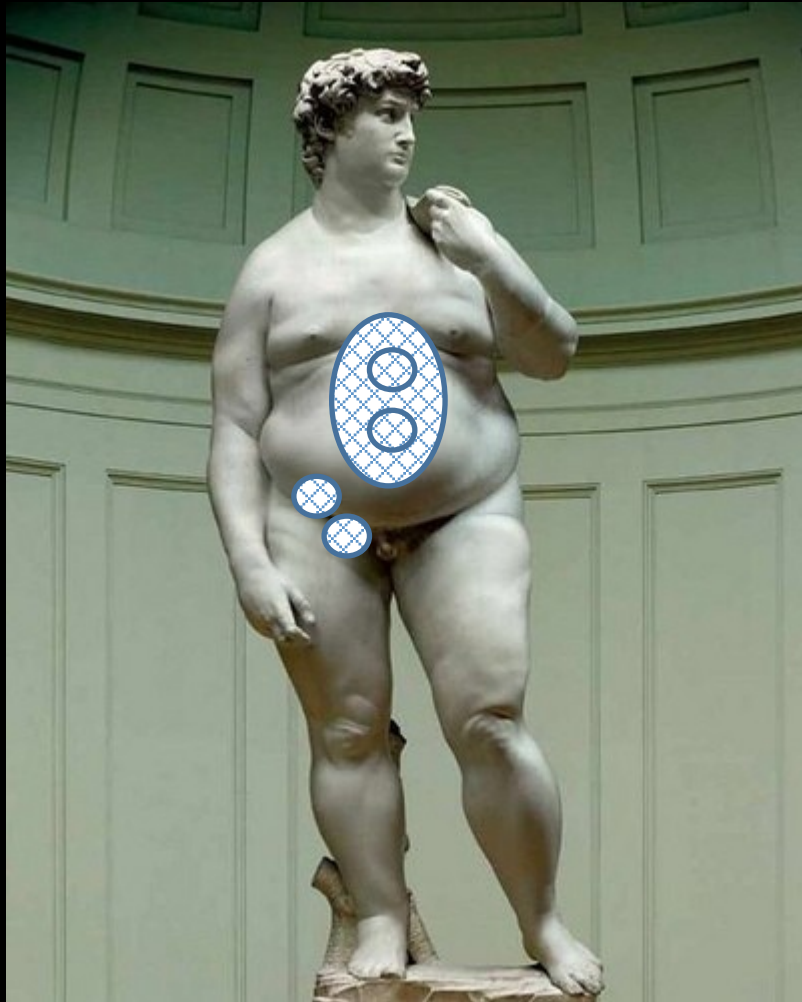
## **custom tailoring to fit!**

**general agreement  
among herniologists!**

# Measuring tape







- hernia-size
- classification
- risk profil
- herniosis
- surgeons-preference
- mesh material
- economy
- patients preference



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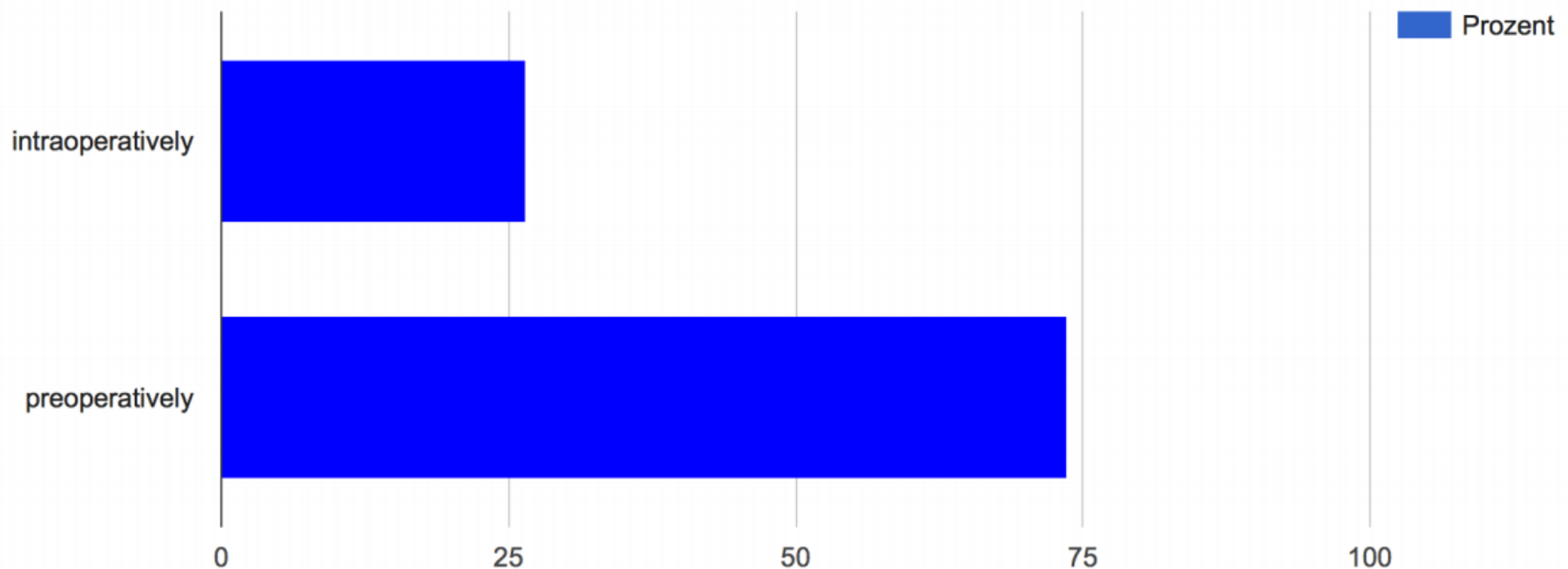
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## When do you tailore your procedure to the patient?





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## **Risk factors related to recurrence in inguinal hernia repair: a retrospective analysis**

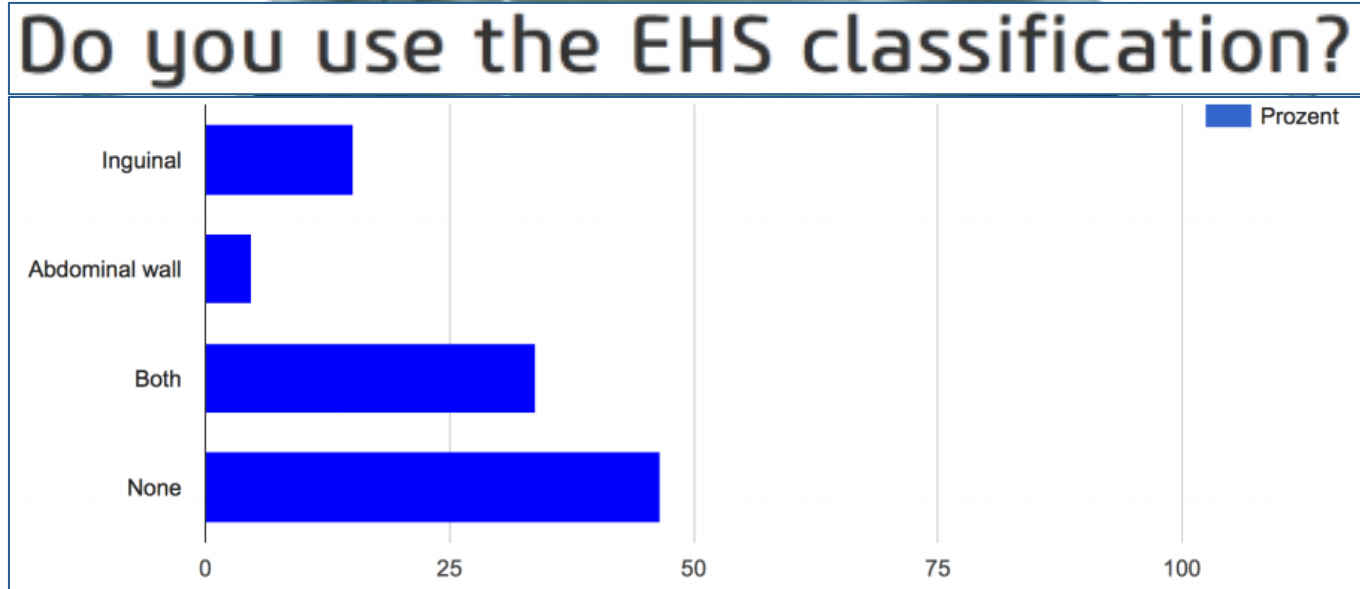
- **10 yr-follow-up**
- **229 Patients with 293 Shouldice-Repairs from 1992**

**Recurrence rate 11.1 %**

**mean interval 4.2y**

Leistenbruch-Operation an der Uni-Klinik Aachen

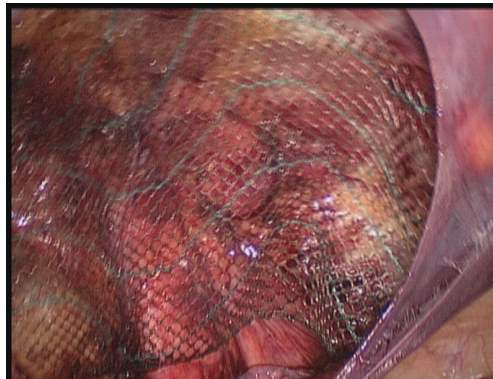
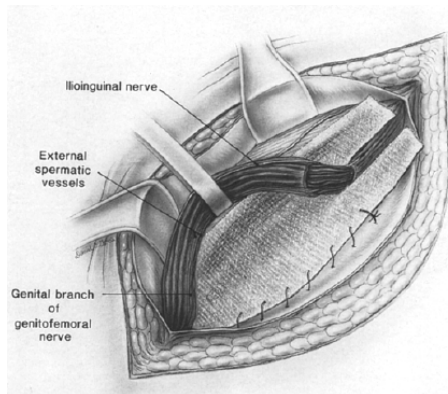
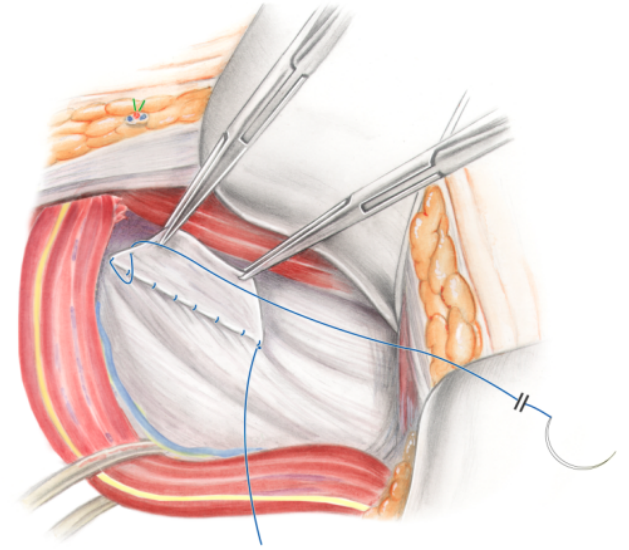
# Importance of Classification



ernia classification: simple

# „tailoring“ in Herniasurgery?

When does the hernia need a suture?



When does the hernia need a mesh?



# When does the hernia need a mesh ...

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|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|------|
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| Localisation | medial/combined vs. lateral | 1.7        | 0.27 |
| Size         | > 3 cm vs. < 3 cm           | 1.5        | 0.46 |
| Age          | > 50 years vs. < 50 years   | 9.9        | 0.01 |
| Gender       | Male vs. female             | 1.8        | 0.56 |
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# When can a suture repair be considered ...

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# Influence of Riskfactors

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**Risk factors related to recurrence in inguinal hernia repair:  
a retrospective analysis**

|   |   | Primary            | Recurrent            |                  |   |
|---|---|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
|   | 0 | 1<br>( $< 1.5$ cm) | 2<br>( $1.5 - 3$ cm) | 3<br>( $> 3$ cm) | X |
| L |   | 0%                 | 0%                   | 6.6%             |   |
| M |   | 0%                 | 4.6%                 | 7.4%             |   |
| F |   |                    |                      |                  |   |

**Recurrence after Shouldice-Repair**

**10 yr follow-up**

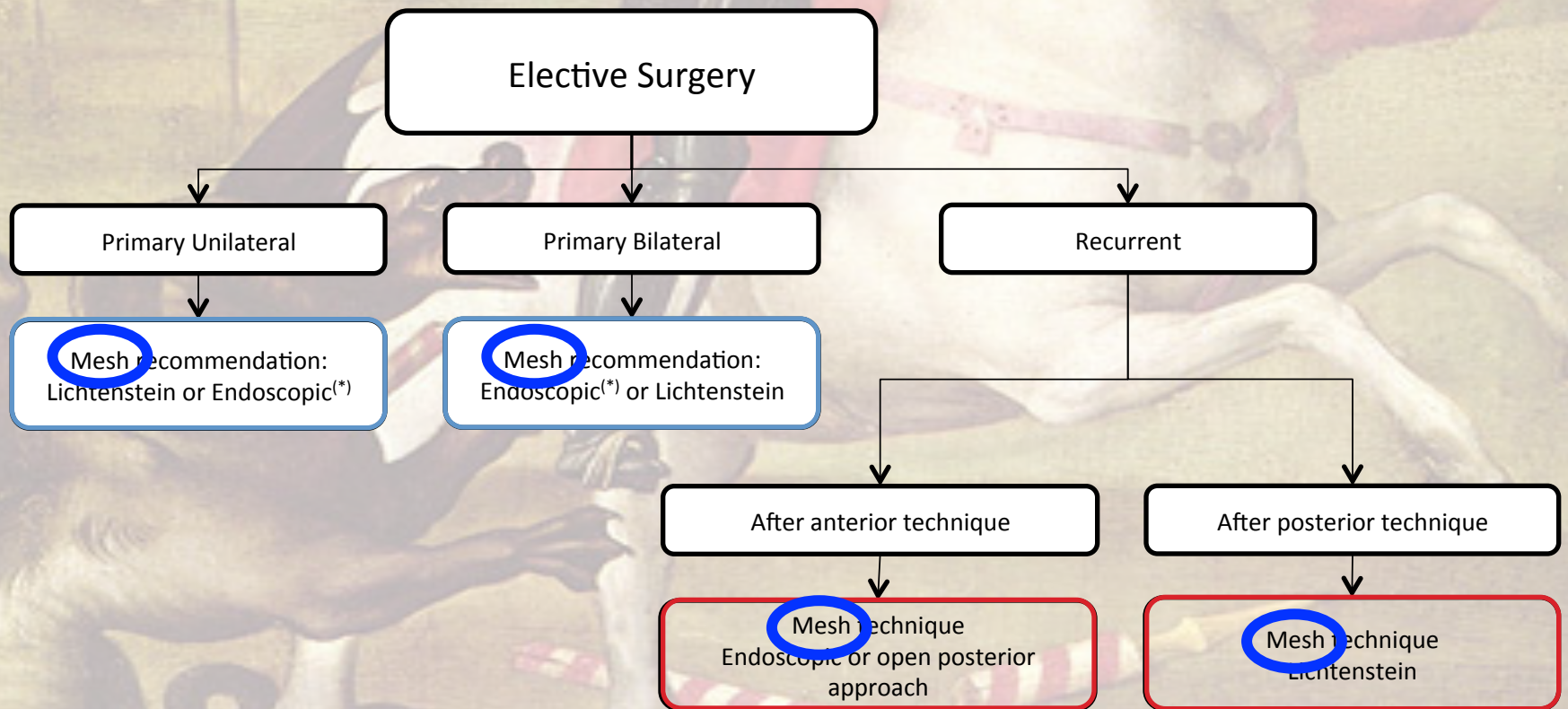
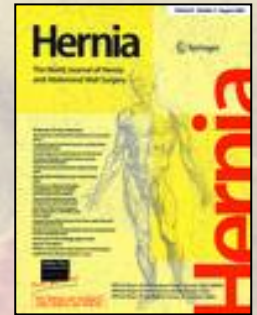


# European Hernia Society guidelines on the treatment of inguinal hernia in adult patients

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A. Kingsnorth · J. Kukleta · S. Morales-Conde · P. Nordin · V. Schumpelick ·  
S. Smedberg · M. Smietanski · G. Weber · M. Miserez

## Levels of evidence:

- 1A Systematic review of randomised controlled trials (RCTs) with consistent results from individual (homogenous) studies.
- 1B RCTs of good quality.
- 2A Systematic review of cohort or case–control studies with consistent results from individual (homogenous) studies.
- 2B RCT of poorer quality or cohort or case–control studies.
- 2C Outcome studies, descriptive studies.
- 3 Cohort or case–control studies of low quality.
- 4 Expert opinion, generally accepted treatments.



## Chapter 6 Surgical Treatment of Inguinal Hernia

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**Recommendation**

**KQ06.b** Which

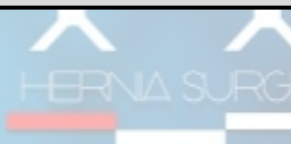
**Recommendation**

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inginal hernias?

**Strong**

**\*upgraded**



h or non-mesh?

**Strong**  
**\*upgraded**

**Strong**

**\*upgraded**

should only be performed in research settings.





# Shouldice technique versus other open techniques for inguinal hernia repair (Review)

Amato B, Moja L, Panico S, Persico G, Rispoli C, Rocco N, Moschetti I

2012 The Cochrane Collaboration



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The Amato review contains 6 RCT that research Shouldice versus open mesh for inguinal hernia repair. 1565 patients are involved and the mesh repair was always a Lichtenstein technique.

| Author     | Year | Design  | N          | f-up | Rec %                     | Pain | Comments  |
|------------|------|---|------------|------|---------------------------|------|---|
| Kingsnorth | 1992 | Shouldice<br>Darn plication   | 322        | 30m  | 7pat<br>4pat              |      | 14 training surgeons,<br>no classification  |
| Tran       | 1992 | Bassini-Kirschner<br>Shouldice  | 72<br>70   | 12m  | 9.7<br>4.2                |      | after 24 m 9/65=14,3<br>and 7/65=10.8<br>no classification  |
| Kux        | 1994 | Shouldice 4 rows<br>Shouldice 2 rows<br>Bassini absorb.<br>Bassini non abs. | 750        | 24m  | 3.6<br>2.3<br>12.8<br>8.7 |      | no classification   |
| Paul       | 1994 | mod. Bassini<br>Shouldice   | 125<br>119 | 3.3y | 9.6<br>1.7*               |      | direct hernia main factor<br>for recurrence in Shouldice<br>= 0.005, as the additional main<br>factor for the development of<br>recurrence<br>no classification |

## LIMITATIONS



| Author       | Year | Design                            | N              | f-up          | Rec %             | Pain | Comments   |
|--------------|------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|------|--|
| Barth        | 1998 | Shouldice<br>Lichtenstein         | 75<br>75       | Short<br>term |                   |      | short-term outcomes do not differ; no classification                                       |
| McGillicuddy | 1998 | Shouldice<br>Lichtenstein         | 337<br>371     | 60m           | 2<br>0.5          |      | Classification only into direct/indirect<br>More direct hernia recurred                    |
| Danielsson   | 1999 | Shouldice<br>Lichtenstein         | 89<br>89       | 12m           | 10.1<br>0         |      | no classification,   |
| Arvidsson    | 2005 | Shouldice<br>TAPP                 | 454<br>466     | 61m           | 6.7<br>6.6        |      | Recurrence Rate range for individual surgeons 0-23%<br>for individual surgeons. Recurrence |
| Butters      | 2007 | Shouldice<br>Lichtenstein<br>TAPP | 93<br>93<br>94 | 52m           | 8.1<br>1.3<br>1.2 |      | Recurrence in Shouldice 20:1 in favor direct hernia<br>no classification                   |

**LIMITATIONS**

# Shouldice vs. Lichtenstein

In the discussion the authors conclude that the review is flawed by:

- low quality of RCT,
- non-blind outcome assessment,
- high lost to follow-up rates,
- no patient-oriented outcomes
- potential bias concerning surgical technique.



**Nevertheless the large number of patients and consistent results do make results reliable**



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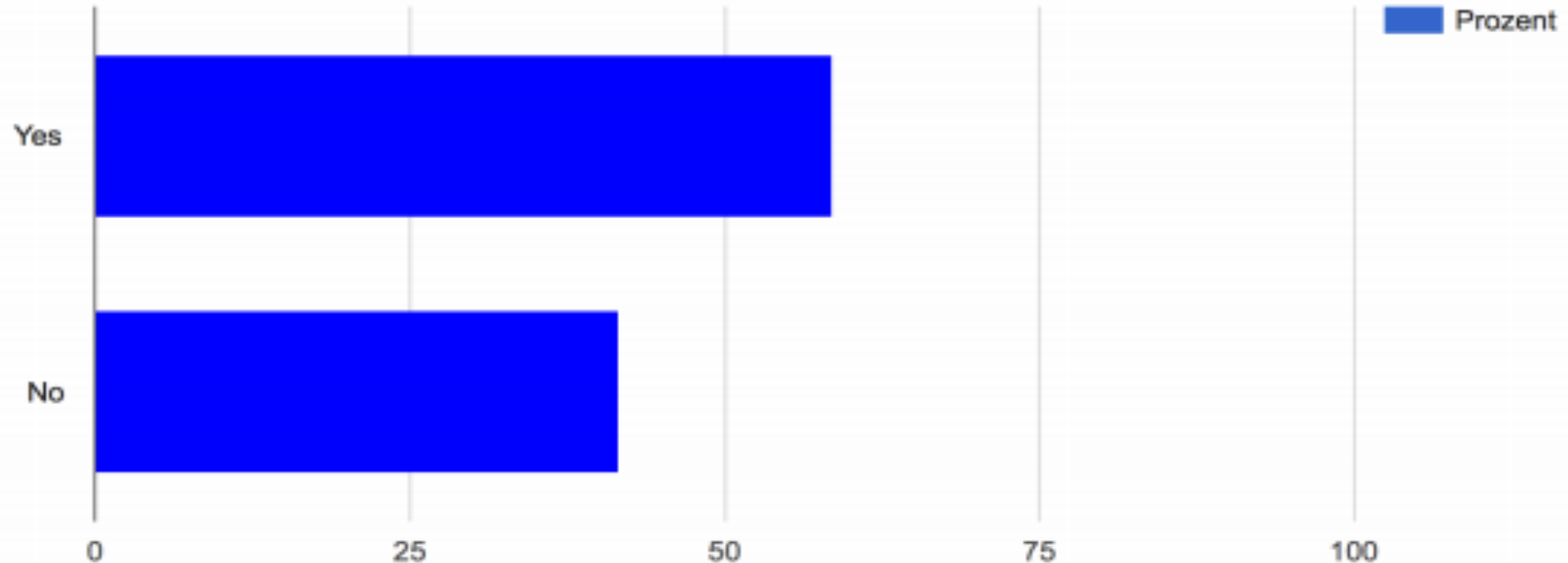
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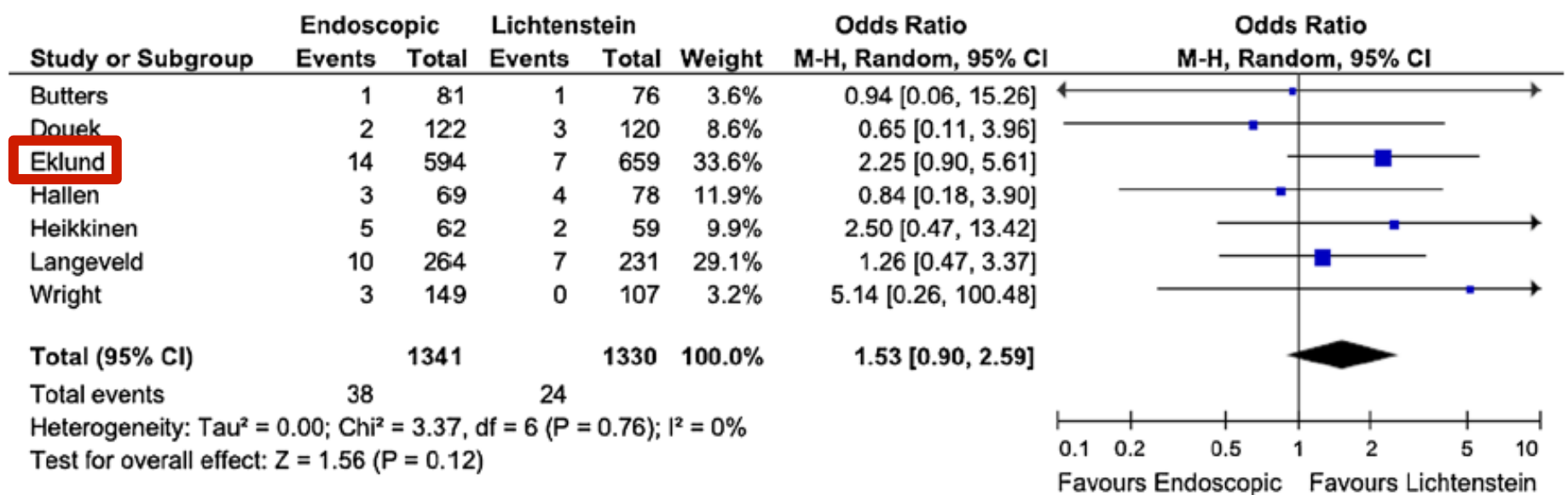
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Is there a place for tissue repair – meshfree techniques in inguinal hernia repair?







# Guide·line

A **guideline** is a statement by which to determine a course of action. A guideline aims to streamline particular processes according to a set routine or sound practice. By definition, following a guideline is never mandatory. Guidelines are not binding and are not enforced

Update with level 1 studies of the European Hernia Society  
**DOGMEN** on the treatment of inguinal hernia in adult patients

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# Dog·ma

The doctrine with claim of absolut validity





# IT'S ALL IN THE TAILORING

- **intra-operative „tailoring“ of mesh necessity in dependancy of the classification**  
**..... possible only in open procedures!**
- **pre-operative „tailoring“ of the surgical approach is independent from hernia classification**

# „It is just a hernia“

- **Misconception** of the anatomy and physiology of the abdominal wall
- **Misconception** of the complexity of repair
- **Misconception** of the learning curve
- **Misconception** of surgical results!
- **Misconception** of the consequences for the patient!



## Why „Tailoring“

- **CAVE Monoculture**
- **Not every hernia**
- **Not every mesh**
- **Importance of surgical expertise is highly underestimated**
- **Patients preference for a mesh free procedure**







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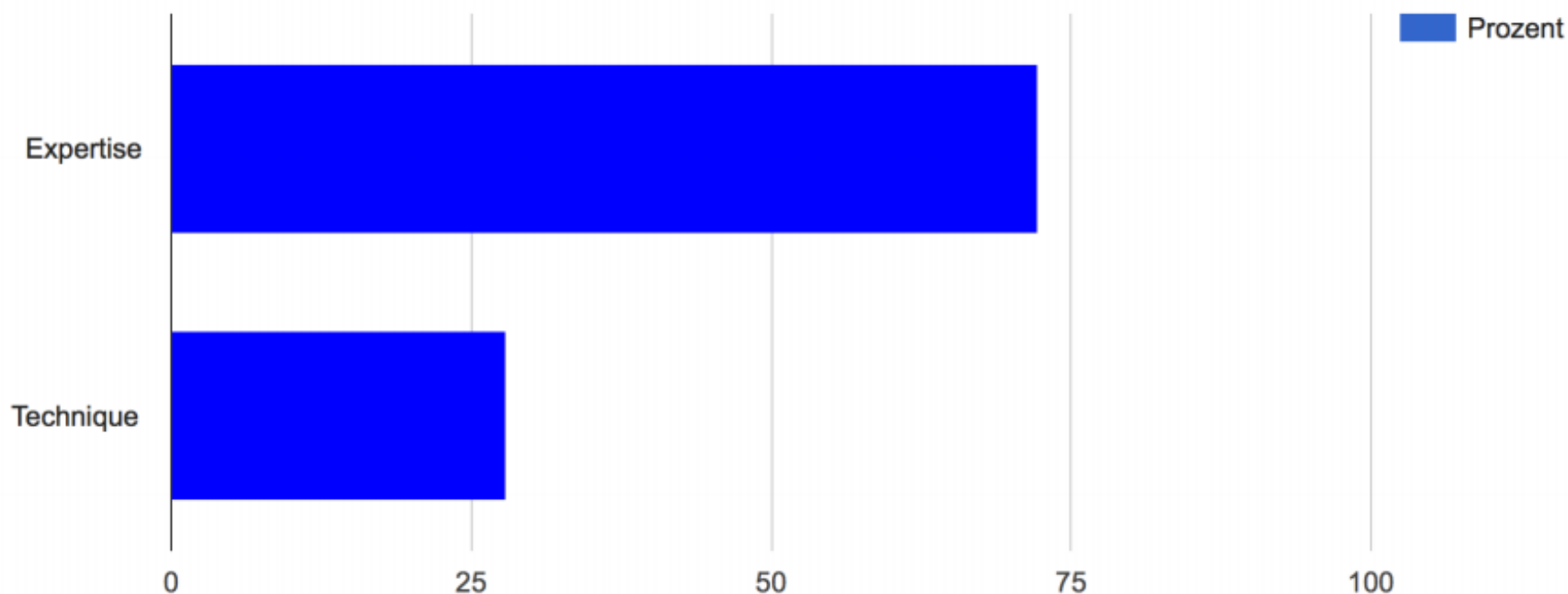
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What is more important – surgical expertise or technique?





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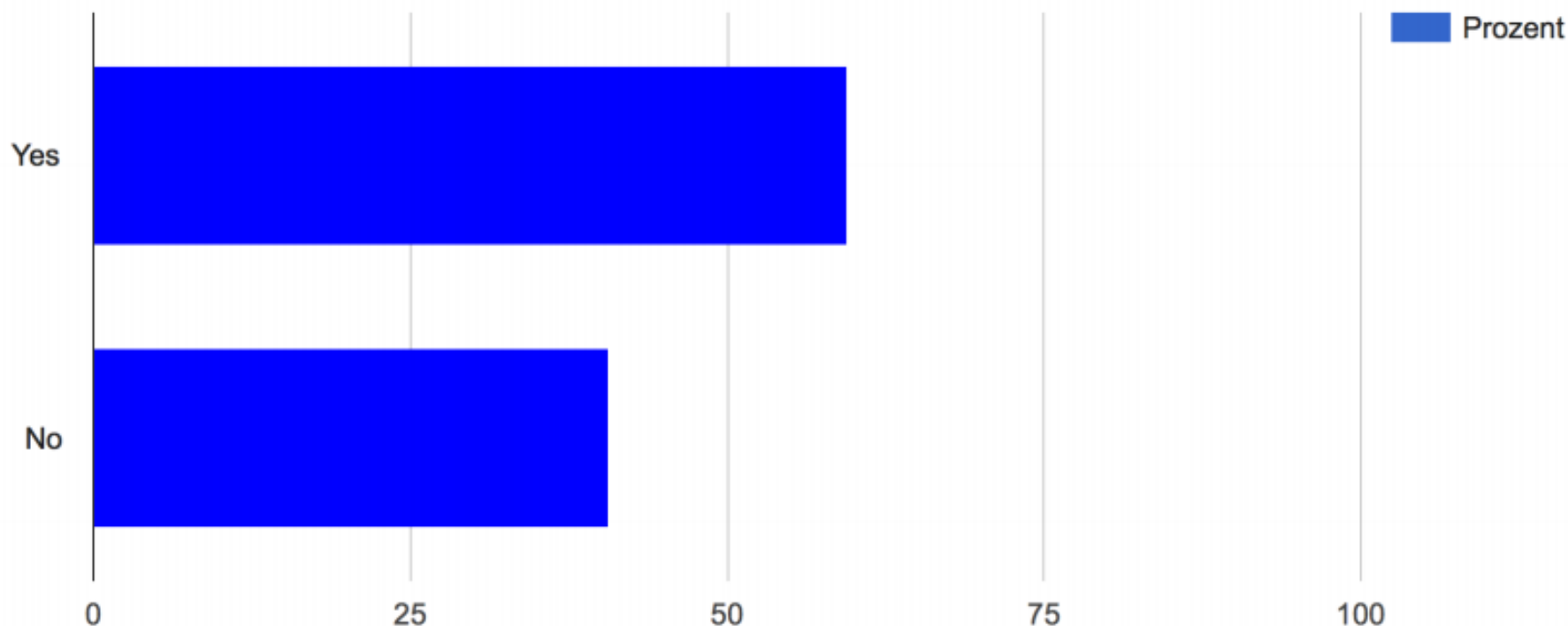
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## Should herniology become a speciality?



- Tissue repair has become a rarity
- Local anaesthesia has become a rarity
- Teaching of suture repair has become a rarity

We are far away  
from „tailoring“ in hernia  
surgery!!





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