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# PRETERM LABOUR

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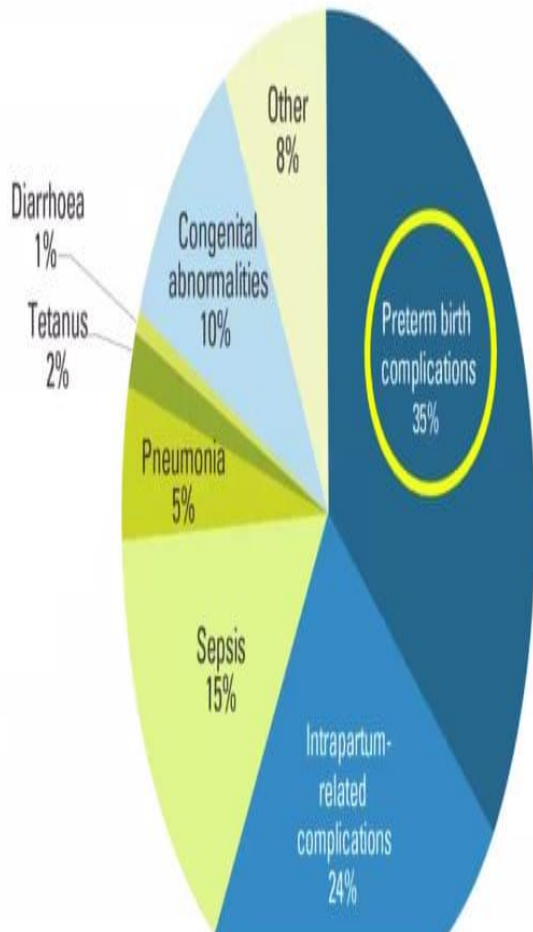
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# CAUSES OF INFANT MORTALITY



## MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

- Poor nutrition
- Medical disorders : Anaemia, HT, Diabetes, Asthma
- Infections : Malaria, Influenza, HIV, UTI, Asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Tobacco, smoking, drugs, alcohol
- Strenuous work, anxiety, stress, violence
- ART :selective fetal reduction
- Iatrogenic : FGR

## NON – MODIFIABLE RISK FACTORS

- **H/O spontaneous prior /mid Trimester loss or PTB**
- **Cervical injury / anomaly / surgery**
- Uterine anomaly
- Age <18 yrs / >40 yrs
- Extremes of BMI
- Low socio-economic status
- Vaginal bleeding in pregnancy
- Multiple pregnancy
- Overdistended uterus

## TVS PROCEDURE : Zoom ▾

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Empty the bladder ( as full bladder may lengthen CL)

Probe placed in anterior fornix , without applying undue pressure.

### Important tips :

**3 measurements** are made , of which shortest is taken as CL

**CURVED CERVIX :** Long cervix is usually curved , so should be **measured as trace** a straight line .

**MUST WAIT** ..... To look for dynamic changes.

Exert a little fundal pressure to see cervical shortening in high risk cases.

## Foetal fibronectin

- An extracellular glycoprotein located on the decidua & fetal membrane .
- From 22 – 35 weeks , it's presence in cervico-vaginal secretions is abnormal .
- Its presence indicates : separation of decidua & membranes.
- Role of FFN lies in it's negative predictive value ( >95 % )
- Negative FFN rules out preterm labour risk & can reduce admissions & interventions.

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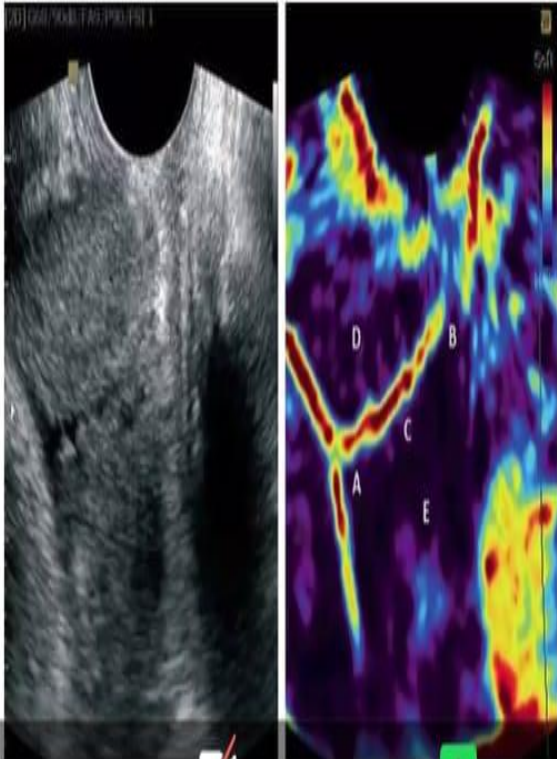
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# CERVICAL ASSESSMENT : ELASTOGRAPHY



- Newer modality which is now widely used to check the cervical stiffness.
- It is the continuous shortening & softening of the cervix , more so at internal os which gets reflected in the elastography findings resulting in enhanced tensile strength at internal os .

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# Asymptomatic bacteriuria

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- **First trimester urine culture** should be performed on all pregnant patients .
- A **regular antenatal screening** for women at high risk of asymptomatic bacteriuria .
- All patients with AB should be treated with antibiotics to reduce risk of developing pyelonephritis & PTL

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## Prophylactic vaginal progesterone & Prophylactic cervical cerclage

- Offer choice of either of both to women who have both :
- A history of spontaneous preterm birth ( upto 34<sup>+0</sup> weeks GA )  
OR  
A Mid-trimester loss ( from 16<sup>+0</sup> weeks of pregnancy onwards .
- Results from TVS done between 16<sup>+0</sup> to 24<sup>+0</sup> weeks of pregnancy  
CL ≤ 25 mm

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## Prophylactic cervical cerclage

- Consider prophylactic cerclage for women when Results from TVS done between 16<sup>+0</sup> to 24<sup>+0</sup> weeks of pregnancy show CL ≤ 25 mm
- AND WHO HAVE EITHER ..
- History of PPROM in a previous pregnancy OR  
A History of cervical trauma

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# WHICH ONE ???

DEXA? OR BETA? • Both equally efficacious

DEXA ??

- 6 mg 12 hrly X 4 doses
- Total : 24 mg

BETA ??

- 12 mg 24 hrly X 2
- Total : 24 mg

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# CORTICOSTEROIDS

Consider corticosteroids 24<sup>+0</sup> to 35<sup>+6</sup> weeks POG

- RCOG, 2015 ; NICE , 2019

Offer corticosteroids 24<sup>+0</sup> to 33<sup>+6</sup> weeks POG

May also be considered till 36<sup>+6</sup> weeks POG imminent for PTB within 7days

- ACOG , 2016

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FOGSI , 2017

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# ANTIBIOTICS

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To be used in patients with PROM , Vaginal /  
Urinary infections etc

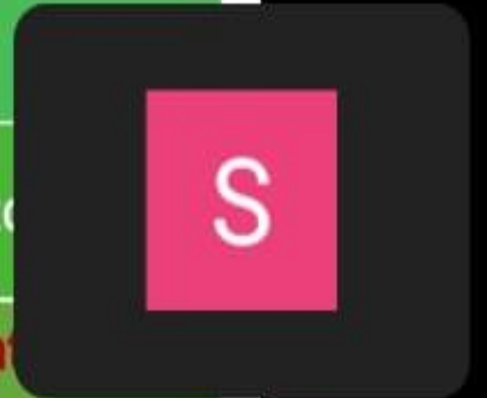
Erythromycin oral for 10 days following diagnosis  
of PPROM

If allergic to erythromycin : Ideal agent is Penicillin

Ampicillin & metronidazole

3<sup>rd</sup> generation cephalosporin & metronidazole

**Co-amoxiclav not recommended : Associated  
with NEC**



  
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## Which is the preferred route of delivery?

- Discuss the general benefits and risks of caesarean section and vaginal birth with women in suspected, diagnosed or established preterm labour and women with P-PROM (and their family members or carers as appropriate).

## What are the options if there is a malpresentation?

- Consider caesarean section for women presenting in suspected, diagnosed or established preterm labour between 26+0 and 36+6 weeks of pregnancy with breech presentation.

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## Magnesium Sulphate For Neuroprotection

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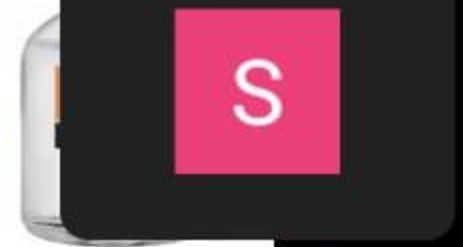
**Offer** intravenous magnesium sulphate for neuroprotection in patients with

- **POG between 24<sup>+0</sup> to 29<sup>+6</sup> weeks [FOGSI , NICE]**

**Consider** it's use upto 33<sup>+6</sup> weeks POG [NICE , ACOG]

### IN PATIENTS WITH

- **Established Preterm labour**
- **Having a planned preterm birth within 24 hrs**
- **4 hrs prior to a planned C.S.**



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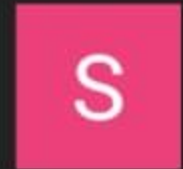
# DO'S & DON'T FOR CORD CLAMPING

If significant maternal bleeding / baby needs resuscitation

- Consider milking the cord.
- Clamp cord immediately.

IF MOTHER STABLE /  
BABY STABLE

- Wait for atleast 30 sec ,but not more than 3 minutes.
- Baby placed at / below placental level



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# Our Proficient Speaker

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**Dr. Aparna Hegde, MD, DNB, MS (Stanford University),  
IUGA International Fellowship (Cleveland Clinic Florida)**

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Consultant Urogynecologist, Global Hospital, Mumbai; Surya Hospital, Mumbai and  
Womens Hospital, Mumbai**

**Founder and Director, C.U.P (Centre for Urogynecology and Pelvic Health), Delhi  
Founder and Managing Trustee, ARMMAN, a NGO that works in the field of  
Maternal and Child Health in 19 states and has impacted the lives of over 26 million  
women and their children**

**Chair, FIUGA (Foundation of International Urogynecological Assistance)  
Chair, IUGA Publications Committee**

**Member, Editorial Board, International Urogynecology Journal**

**Member, International Urogynecology Committee, Prolapse**

**Member, 7<sup>th</sup> International Consultation on Continence**

**Senior Visiting Fellow, IIM Ahmedabad**

**Principal Investigator, NIH Grant on Dysfunctional Voiding in Adolescent Girls**

**Awards: Ranked 15 in Fortune Magazine's 50 World's Greatest Leaders 2021 (one of only two Indians), MIT Elevate Award 2021; Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020; TED Fellow 2020; WHO Public Health Champion Award, 2017; British Medical Journal South Asia Award for Maternal and Child Health Team of the Year 2018; USAID Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2018; WomanChangeMaker Award; 2018 (Womanity Foundation, Geneva); Fellowship of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka, 2019, one of the five global women leaders featured in the Voice of America documentary, Single Step: Journeys of Women Leaders among other awards**



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## Goals of Evaluation:

Rule out transient causes of incontinence

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- Delirium
- Infection
- Atrophic vaginitis
- Pharmacologic: antihypertensive agents, mainly alpha-adrenergic blockers.
- Psychological
- Endocrine: Diabetes mellitus, Diabetes Insipidus, hypercalcemia: osmotic diuresis leading to frequency, urgency, and nocturia
- Restricted mobility
- Stool impaction.



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## Goals of Evaluation:

Determine if incontinence is 'complicated'

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- Recurrent incontinence
- Incontinence associated with
  - pain
  - hematuria
  - recurrent infection
  - significant voiding symptoms
  - pelvic irradiation
  - radical pelvic surgery
  - suspected fistula

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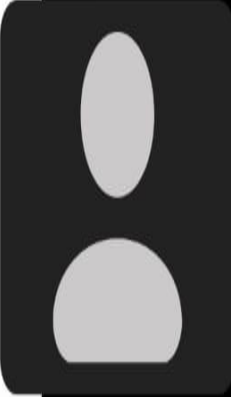
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## Goals of Evaluation

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- Determine if there is
  - incontinence on physical activity
  - incontinence with frequency and urgency
  - incontinence with mixed symptoms
- Detect uncommon forms of incontinence that require referral to a specialist
- If there is other abnormality found,
  - significant post void residual
  - significant pelvic organ prolapse



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Refer to the urogynecologist!!



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## Evaluation: History and general assessment

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- Thorough history and review of related systems
- Past medical history: co-existing diseases, medications etc
- Physical impairment: mobility, dexterity, visual acuity, lifestyle
- Social history: Environmental issues and lifestyle
- Treatment planning issues



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## First step at first visit: History: Ask, Ask, Ask!!!

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- **Characteristics of the urinary stream** including
  - presence of pain and straining
  - Initiation of urination
  - Characteristics of emptying
  
- **List symptoms:**
  - **storage issues:** Urgency, frequency, nocturia, nocturnal enuresis, episodes of leakage
  - **emptying issues:** straining, hesitancy, dysuria, intermittent flow, thin stream, incomplete bladder emptying



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- Thorough physical examination and focused neurological examination
- Bimanual pelvic examination: POP quantification to rule out prolapse



- Pelvic examination may help pick uncommon forms of incontinence
  - large pool of urine in vagina: fistula
  - large tender mass along the anterior vaginal wall: diverticulum
  - large pelvic mass may press on bladder and cause urgency and frequency



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## Third step at first visit Physical Examination

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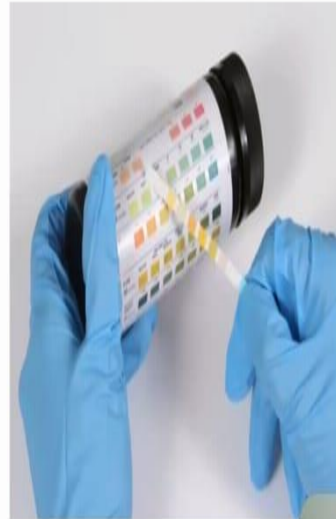


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### Urinalysis

- Highly recommended by ICI guidelines
- UTI readily detected and easily treatable
- Dipstick or office urinalysis should suffice with culture done when indicated



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## Cough stress test and empty supine stress test

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### Cough stress test

- At a bladder volume of 300 ml or symptomatic fullness, highly reliable.

Full bladder



### Limitations:

- If uninhibited detrusor contractions seen on cystometrogram, results suspect

Increased pressure...



...causes urine to leak

### Supine empty stress test

- positive test correlated with severe form of SUI



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## Recommended further assessment: postvoid residual

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- ICI guidelines recommend it as a part of initial assessment in patients with symptoms of voiding dysfunction if the result is likely to influence management, for example in neurological patients.
- PVR < 50 ml normal; PVR > 200 ml abnormal, any value in between needs to be repeated and correlated clinically.
- If PVR > 200 ml, refer the patient to a specialist for voiding study to determine whether she has any other pathology.




  
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


## Recommended further assessment

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- **Validated questionnaires: ICIQ, UDI6, IIQ7, OAB-short form:** assessment of the
  - the patient's perspective of symptoms of incontinence
  - impact on quality of life
  - assessment of treatment outcome
- **3-day voiding diary: highly recommended**
  - the frequency of micturation and volumes voided
  - amount of fluid intake
  - incontinent episodes
  - amount of leakage
  - activity when incontinent episode
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### AUA bladder diary

Time	Drinks		Trips to the bathroom		Accidental leaks	Did you feel a strong urge to go?	What were you doing at the time?
	<i>What kind?</i>	<i>How much?</i>	<i>How many times?</i>	<i>How much urine?</i>	<i>How much?</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>	<i>Sneezing, exercising, etc.</i>
6 - 7 a.m.							
7 - 8 a.m.							
8 - 9 a.m.							
9 - 10 a.m.							
10 - 11 a.m.							
11 a.m. - noon							
noon - 1 p.m.							
1 - 2 p.m.							
2 - 3 p.m.							

**Fluid intake > 4 L/day: consider diabetes insipidus**

**Frequent small voids: consider interstitial cystitis**

**Peripheral edema with nocturia and/or nocturnal urgency incontinence: patient mobilizing fluid in the recumbent position**



# Assessment Of Levator Tone

- Assess baseline tone and increased tone with contraction
  - Strength
  - Duration
  - Symmetry of contraction
- If no awareness of pelvic muscles, to be taught to locate and contract her pelvic muscles
  - This serves as a baseline measure
  - Helps in identifying women who will benefit from focused interventions to strengthen the pelvic floor



# Assessment Of Levator Tone

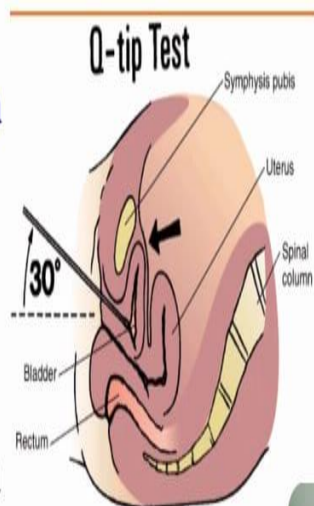
## Pelvic Floor Assessment Grading (Modified Oxford Scale)

0/5	No discernible muscle contraction
1/5	Weak contraction, <b>flicker</b> or pulsing under examining finger
2/5	Weak contraction, increase in tension in muscle <b>without lift or squeeze</b>
3/5	Moderate contraction, <b>lifting</b> of posterior vaginal wall & <b>squeezing</b> base of finger with in drawing of perineum
4/5	Good contraction, <b>elevation</b> of posterior vaginal wall & <b>approximation</b> of the index & middle fingers against resistance
5/5	Strong contraction, <b>elevation</b> of the posterior vaginal wall and approximation of the index and middle fingers <b>against strong resistance</b>



## Other tests: Q-tip testing

- To assess the mobility of the urethrovesical junction
- Hypermobility is defined as excursion with straining of more than 30 degrees from the resting angle or more than 30 degrees from the horizontal.
- Provides no information about type of incontinence
- Its main role is to determine which subjects would benefit from a surgical elevation of the bladder neck.
- Not a part of the ICI guidelines.



- Per rectal examination:
  - Pelvic pathology
  - Resting tone of anal sphincter
  - Rectal mass
  - Fecal impaction
- Screening neurological examination:
  - Pelvic floor muscle strength
  - Anal sphincter resting tone (85% due to internal anal sphincter)
  - Voluntary anal contraction and
  - Perineal sensation





## Recommended further assessment

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- **Uroflowmetry with measurement of PVR:** recommended as a screening test for symptoms suggestive of voiding dysfunction or physical signs of POP or bladder distension
- **Renal function assessment:** recommended in patients with probable renal impairment
- **Pad testing:** 24 hour test recommended, if done



  
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# Behavioral Modification



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- Wt. loss/ stop smoking/ treat chronic cough and UTI

## “Kegel” exercises

- strengthen pelvic floor muscles via exercise



## Fluid Intake

5- 8 glasses of liquids a day



Medications: Duoloxetine and local estrogen cream





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# Introducing the MAPLe Biofeedback and Electrical Stimulation System

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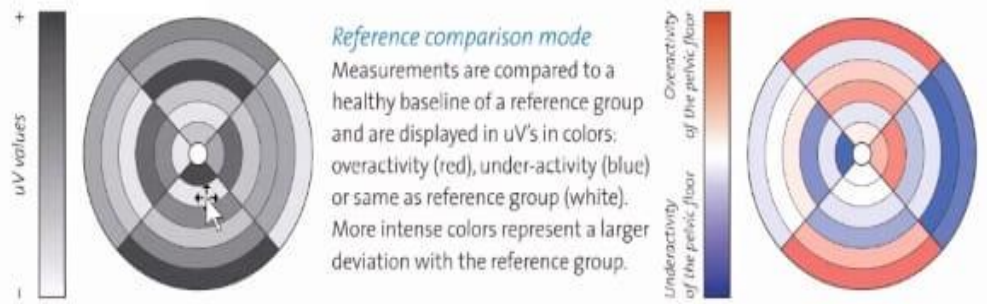
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# Surgical Treatment

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- Indications
  - Failure of conservative therapy
  - Severe incontinence
  - Inability or unwillingness to comply with non-surgical therapy



  
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# Surgical Treatment:

## Retropubic Colposuspension (Burch)



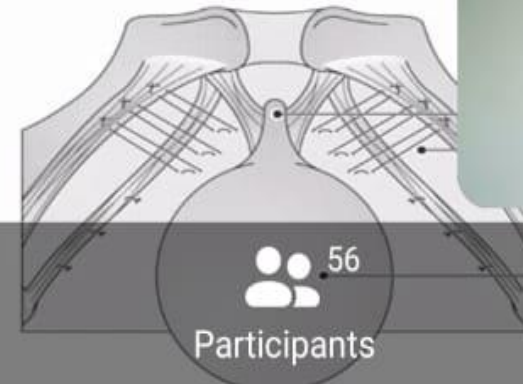
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- **Indication: SUI with hypermobility with MUCP > 20 cm/H<sub>2</sub>O: Burch should not be done in a patient of Intrinsic Sphincter Deficiency**



65-90% reported 1-year cure rate and 70% reported 10-year cure rate

- 5-27% rate of de novo urge incontinence
- 2-13% risk of enterocele formation

**Updated systematic review and meta-analysis has shown Burch to be inferior to RP slings (both subjective and objective cure rates)**



  
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# CREATION OF ARTIFICIAL NEOLIGAMENTS

Basis for minimally invasive SUI surgery:

Retropubic and then TOT slings

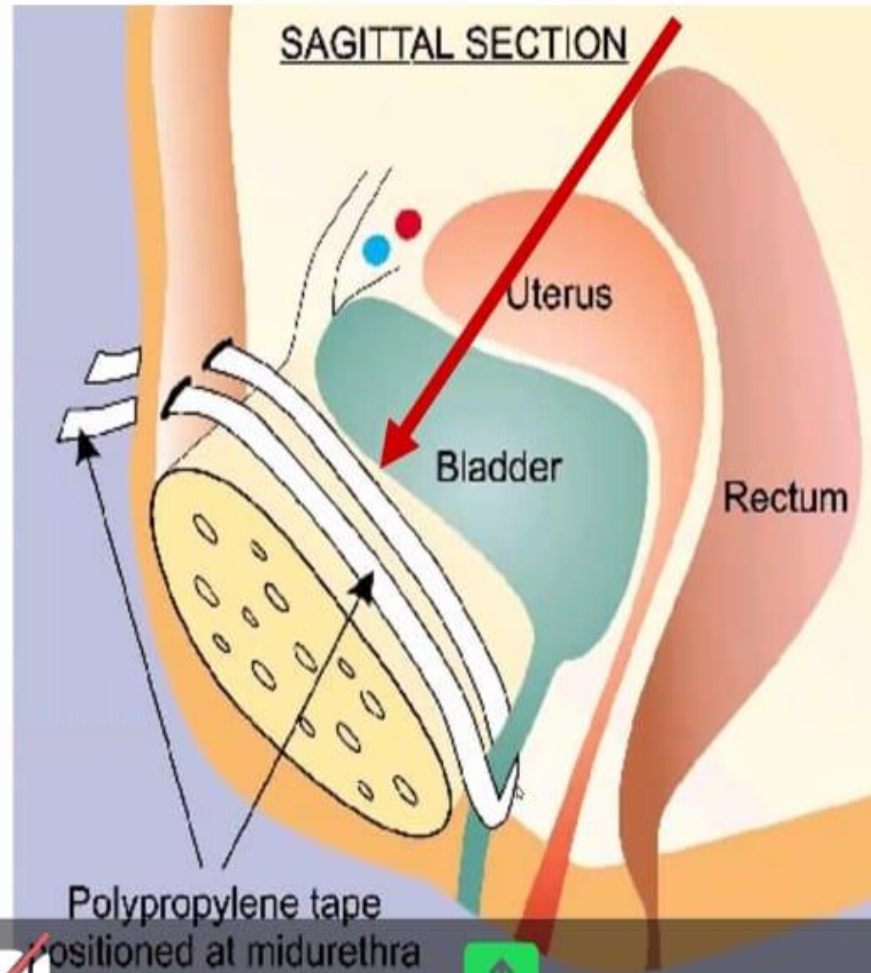


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