



Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Resection, Who Benefits?

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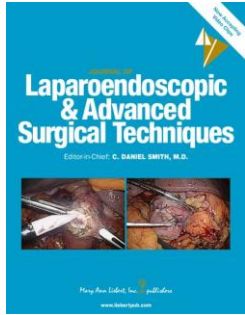
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Robotic Resection of Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor

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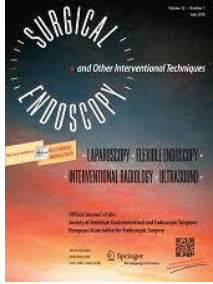
The First Robotic Whipple



Robotics in general surgery: personal experience in a large community hospital

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Robot-assisted laparoscopic pancreatic surgery: single-surgeon experience

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250 Robotic Pancreatic Resections
Safety and Feasibility

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2016 Brazil State of Art



Proceedings of the first international state-of-the-art conference on minimally-invasive pancreatic resection (MIPR)

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Worldwide survey on opinions and use of minimally invasive pancreatic resection

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Training in Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Resections: a paradigm shift away from “See one, Do one, Teach one”

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Standardizing terminology for minimally invasive pancreatic resection

Research considerations in the evaluation of minimally invasive pancreatic resection (MIPR)

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Minimally invasive pancreatic resections: cost and value perspectives

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Minimally invasive distal pancreatectomy

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Minimally invasive pancreatoduodenectomy

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Robotic Pancreas Outcomes



- Feasible
- Safe
- Efficacious
- Cost Effective
- PRO
- Teachable
- Transplantable



Robotic-Assisted Major Pancreatic Resection

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Comprehensive comparative analysis of cost-effectiveness and perioperative outcomes between open, laparoscopic, and robotic distal pancreatectomy

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A Combination of Robotic Approach and ERAS Pathway Optimizes Outcomes and Cost for Pancreatoduodenectomy

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Association of robotic approach with patient-reported outcomes after pancreatectomy: a prospective cohort study

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Developing a robotic pancreas program: the Dutch experience

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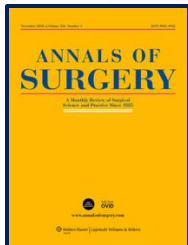
Where are We Now? . . . With Cancer



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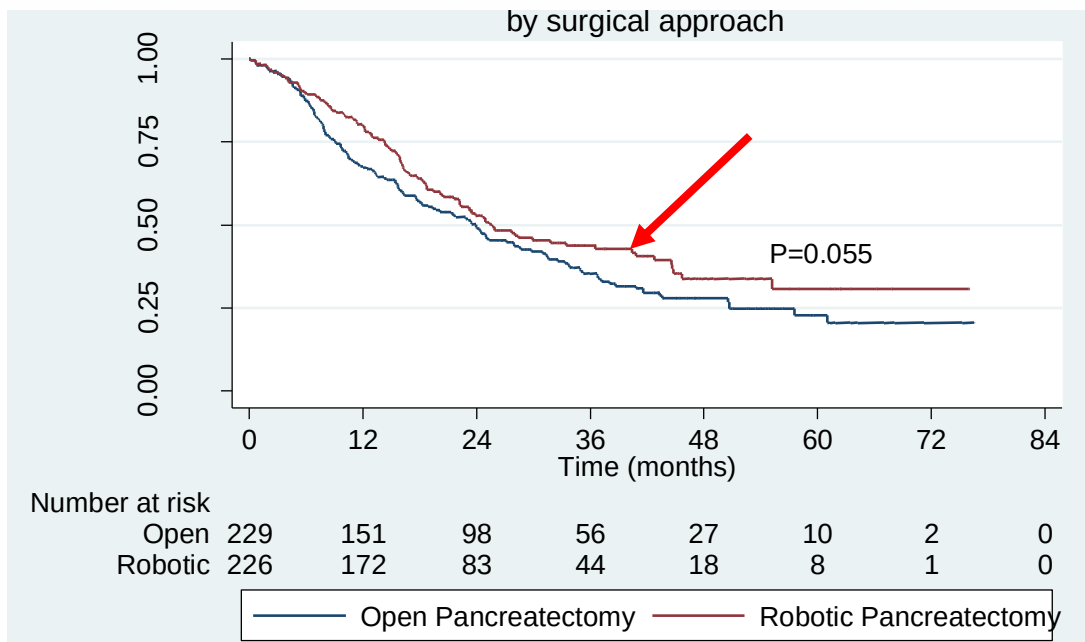
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First Robot Pancreas Cancer Study



Oncologic Outcomes after Robotic Pancreatic Resections are Not Inferior to Open Surgery

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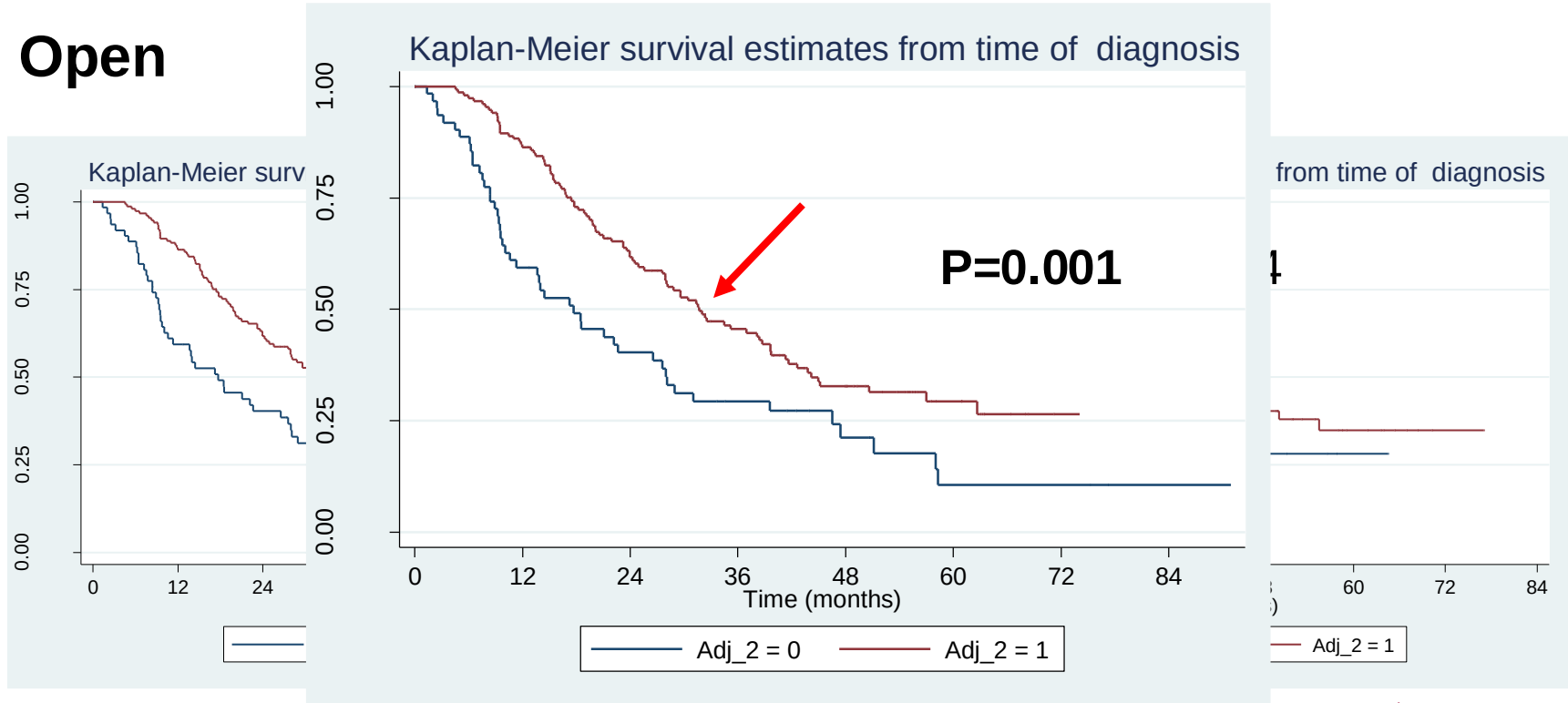


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Adjuvant Therapy has Improved Survival

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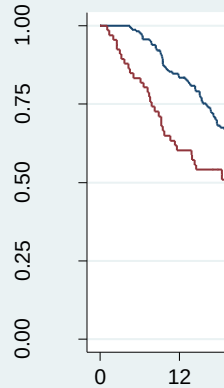


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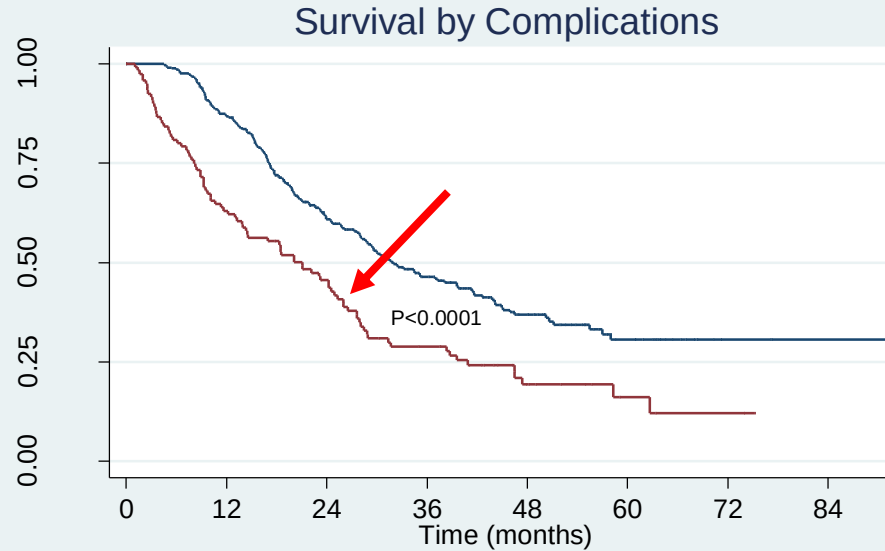
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Complications Have Worse Survival

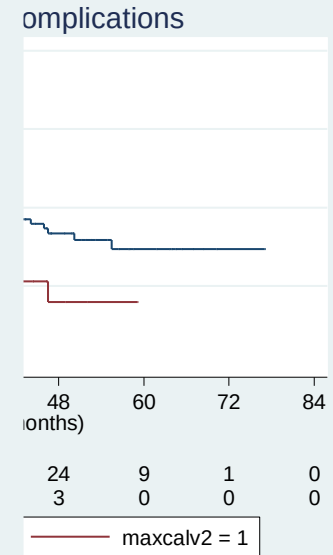
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Number at risk		
maxcalv2 = 0	164	135
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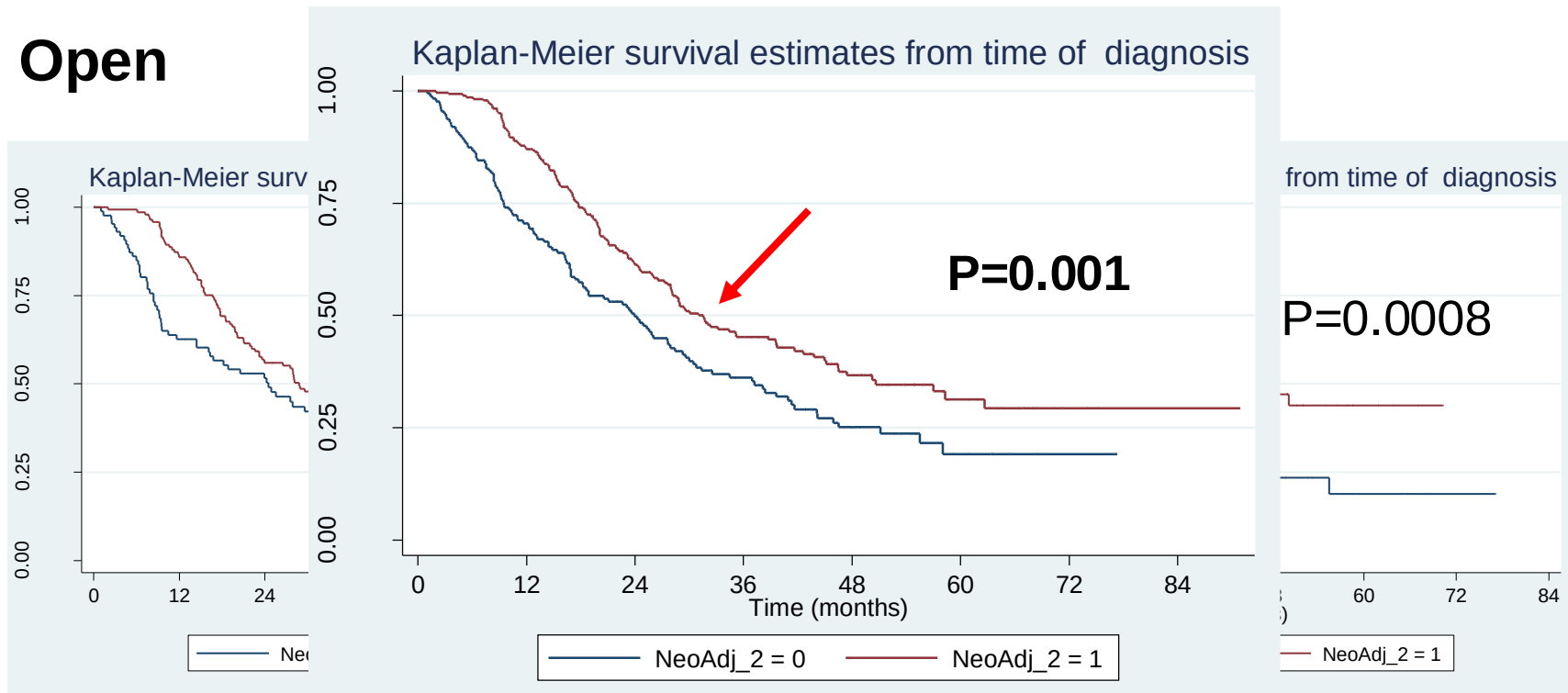


Number at risk									
Clavien < 3	336	289	167	98	54	20	3	1	
Clavien >= 3	120	74	48	27	11	4	2	0	



Neoadjuvant Has Better Survival

Open



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Robotic Improved Survival on MVA

	Univariate Analysis				Multivariate Analysis			
	HR	95% CI	P		HR	95% CI	P	
Robotic approach	0.79	0.622, 1.006	0.056	*	0.77	0.601, 0.989	0.041	
Age	1.02	1.008, 1.051	0.001	*	-	-		
Sex (males)	1.06	0.836, 1.347	0.623					
BMI	0.96	0.941, 0.988	0.003	*	-	-		
Pre-op Albumin	0.75	0.604, 0.924	0.007	*	-	-		
Previous Abdominal surgery	1.32	1.031, 1.689	0.028	*	-	-		
CCI	1.04	0.943, 1.154	0.414					
AA-CCI	1.08	1.009, 1.156	0.026	*	-	-		
Stage	1.36	1.178, 1.568	<0.0001	*	-	-		
Tumor size	1.13	1.044, 1.220	0.002	*	1.08	0.989, 1.172	0.089	
Vein Rxn	1.37	1.048, 1.786	0.021	*	-	-		
R0 margin	2.00	1.518, 2.628	<0.0001	*	1.55	1.121, 2.175	0.001	
Pathology N	1.79	1.357, 2.362	<0.0001	*	1.624	1.164, 2.062	0.003	
LN positive	1.07	1.050, 1.099	<0.0001					
LN harvested	0.99	0.985, 1.004	0.254					
NAC	0.77	0.606, 0.980	0.034	*	-			
NAC cycles	0.95	0.906, 0.993	0.025	*	-			
AC	0.50	0.390, 0.651	<0.0001	*	-			
Adj Chemo cycles	0.88	0.846, 0.924	<0.0001	*	-			
AC>6	0.43	0.337, 0.549	<0.0001	*	-			
Total Cycles 0 1-5, ≥6	0.54	0.461, 0.638	<0.0001	*	0.55	0.463, 0.649	<0.0001	
Clavien ≥ 3	1.89	1.465, 2.434	<0.0001	*	1.45	1.111, 1.888	0.006	
Wound Infection	1.04	0.784, 1.375	0.794					
XRT	1.05	0.724, 1.518	0.799					
Whipple vs Distal	1.21	0.870, 1.644	0.216					



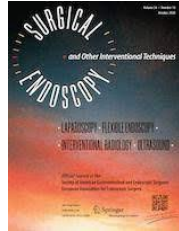
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Experience Single Institution Study

Robotic pancreaticoduodenectomy may offer improved oncologic outcomes over open surgery: a propensity-matched single-institution study

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Oncologic outcomes	Open	Robotic	<i>p</i> value
Tumor size (mm)	29 (9–70)	30 (4.8–60)	0.8233
Pathologic T stage	3 (1–4)	3 (1–4)	–
R1 resection	17 (44.7)	16 (42.1)	0.8170
Differentiation			
Grade 1	5 (14)	4 (11)	0.6582
Grade 2	14 (39)	25 (66)	0.0205
Grade 3	17 (47)	9 (24)	0.0340
Lymphovascular invasion	18 (47)	27 (71)	0.0477
Perineural invasion	19 (51)	34 (89)	0.0003
Lymph node positivity ratio	0.125 (0–0.74)	0.102 (0–0.625)	0.1875

Oncologic outcomes	Open	Robotic	<i>p</i> value
Median overall survival (mos)	23.0	30.4	0.1105
Recurrence pattern			
<i>N</i>	20 (53)	15 (39)	0.1706
Time to recurrence (days)	284 (70–1182)	402 (33–1049)	0.7471
Local recurrence	6 (16)	3 (8)	0.2870
Distant recurrence	14 (37)	12 (32)	0.6287



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Multi-Institutional Study



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TABLE 1. Clinicopathologic Treatment and Outcome Data for 1028 Pancreaticoduodenectomies

Variable	All Patients (n = 1028)	Robotic (n = 211)	Open (n = 817)	P
Pancreatic cancer outcomes [†]				
Microscopically positive (R1) margins [†]	174 (33.6)	35 (50.0)	139 (31.0)	0.002
Number of lymph nodes harvested [†]	20 (3–72)	27.5 (7–65)	19 (3–72)	<0.001
≥12 Lymph nodes harvested [†]	455 (87.5)	64 (91.4)	391 (86.9)	0.29



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The Assessment of Robotic Pancreas Surgery



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TABLE 7. Analysis of Factors Associated With Microscopically Positive (R1) Margins in Patients With Pancreas Ductal Adenocarcinoma

	Univariate				Multivariable			
	OR	95% CI		P	OR	95% CI		P
Increasing age	0.99	0.98	1.01	0.44				
Female sex	1.01	0.78	1.32	0.92				
Increasing BMI	0.99	0.97	1.01	0.45				
Increasing CCI	1.10	0.91	1.34	0.33				
Prior abdominal surgery	1.35	0.77	2.38	0.29				
Increasing albumin	0.77	0.50	1.19	0.24				
Robotic surgical approach	2.22	1.20	4.17	0.01	1.33	0.88	2.00	0.17
Classic pancreaticoduodenectomy	1.41	0.75	2.64	0.28	1.67	1.00	2.80	0.05
Intraoperative transfusion	2.04	1.22	3.45	0.01	1.82	1.19	2.78	0.01
	1.12	0.91	1.37	0.29				
Lymphovascular invasion	3.03	2.17	4.35	<0.001	2.78	2.13	3.57	<0.001
Soft pancreas	0.99	0.80	1.22	0.93	1.16	0.96	1.39	0.12
Duct size, mm								
<3	0.24	0.10	0.55	<0.001	0.31	0.12	0.80	0.02
3-8	0.47	0.21	1.04	0.06	0.48	0.19	1.18	0.11
>8	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref

Bold values indicate $P < 0.05$.
BMI indicates body mass index; CCI, Charlson Comorbidity Index (without age-adjustment); CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; Ref, reference variable.

RDP better than ODP in NCDB



Long-term oncologic outcomes of robotic and open pancreatectomy in a national cohort of pancreatic adenocarcinoma

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- RDP Higher LN than ODP (17 v. 15, $p=0.002$).
- RDP had improved median overall survival (35.3 vs 24.9 months, logrank $p=0.001$)
- RDP had higher rates of 1-, 3-, and 5-year overall survival
- RDP was also associated with higher rates of receiving adjuvant chemotherapy (64% vs 56%, $p=0.017$)



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RPD similar to ODP in NCDB



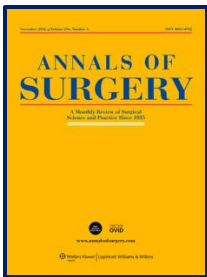
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- RPD had higher LN harvest compared to OPD
- Multiple studies have also found equivalent R0 resection rates
- Median overall survival was similar between RPD and OPD (22 vs 21.8 months, logrank p=0.755)

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2019 Miami Evidence Based Guidelines

The Miami International Evidence-based Guidelines on Minimally Invasive Pancreas Resection

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Cancer Related Data



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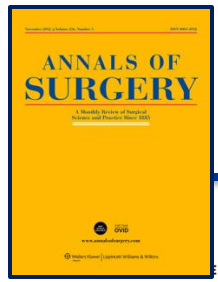
Distal and Central Pancreatectomy

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| 1a | MIDP for benign and low-grade malignant tumors is to be considered over ODP since it is associated with a shorter hospital stay, reduced blood loss, and equivalent complication rates. | 1B |
| 1b | Prospective data about the cost effectiveness of MIDP compared to ODP is limited and requires further studies. | 2C |
| 1c | MIDP is associated with a better postoperative quality of life than ODP. | 2B |
| 2 | MIDP for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma appears to be a feasible, safe, and oncologically efficient technique in experienced hands, although prospective comparative studies are lacking. | 2B |

Pancreatoduodenectomy

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| 8 | There is insufficient data to recommend MIPD over OPD. Centers performing MIPD should be including all their MIPD outcomes data into national and international registries, and prospectively maintained pancreas databases. | 2A |
| 9 | Both MIPD and OPD are valid approaches for selected patients with adenocarcinoma. | 2B |
| 10 | No comparative data regarding MIPD vs OPD after neoadjuvant therapy exists and further investigation is warranted. | Expert opinion |





2022 Brescia European Guidelines

The Brescia Internationally Validated European Guidelines on Minimally Invasive Pancreatic Surgery (EGUMIPS)

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REVIEW PAPER

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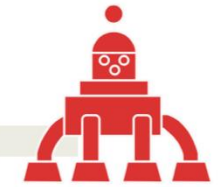
Topic 4: Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (PDAC)				
L10	What is the role of LS in the management of PDAC in the pancreatic body and tail?	Laparoscopic left radical pancreatectomy should be considered as an alternative approach in the management of resectable PDAC in the pancreatic body and tail, when performed by experienced surgeons in high volume centers.	Moderate	Weak
R10	What is the role of RAS in the management of PDAC in the pancreatic body and tail?	Robot-assisted left radical pancreatectomy should be considered as an alternative approach in the management of resectable PDAC in the pancreatic body and tail, when performed by experienced surgeons in high-volume centers.	Moderate	Weak
L11	What is the role of LS in the management of PDAC in the pancreatic head?	LPD can be considered as an alternative approach in the management of PDAC in the pancreatic head, when performed by experienced surgeons in high-volume centers. Surgeons performing LPD must participate in a registry or follow their outcomes in a prospectively maintained database.	High	Weak
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Section F. Robotic Pancreatic Surgery

○ Distal Pancreatectomy

24. Robotic distal pancreatectomy should be considered an acceptable approach for patients with left-sided benign or premalignant neoplasms.

Recommendation: Strong, [Level of Evidence: Moderate]

25. Compared to laparoscopy, robotic distal pancreatectomy is associated with a lower conversion and failure to preserve spleen rates.

Statement: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Low]

26. Robotic distal pancreatectomy performed with expertise should be considered an acceptable approach for patients with resectable pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

Recommendation: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Low]

○ Pancreatoduodenectomy

27. Compared to open, robotic pancreatoduodenectomy performed with expertise and in selected patients is non-inferior in terms of perioperative outcomes.

Statement: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Moderate]

28. Robotic pancreatoduodenectomy performed with expertise should be considered an acceptable approach for selected patients with right-sided benign or premalignant neoplasms.

Recommendation: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Moderate]

29. Compared to laparoscopy, robotic pancreatoduodenectomy performed with expertise may improve conversion and transfusion rates.

Statement: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Very Low]

30. Robotic pancreatoduodenectomy performed with expertise could be considered an acceptable approach for selected patients with resectable pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

Recommendation: Conditional, [Level of Evidence: Moderate]

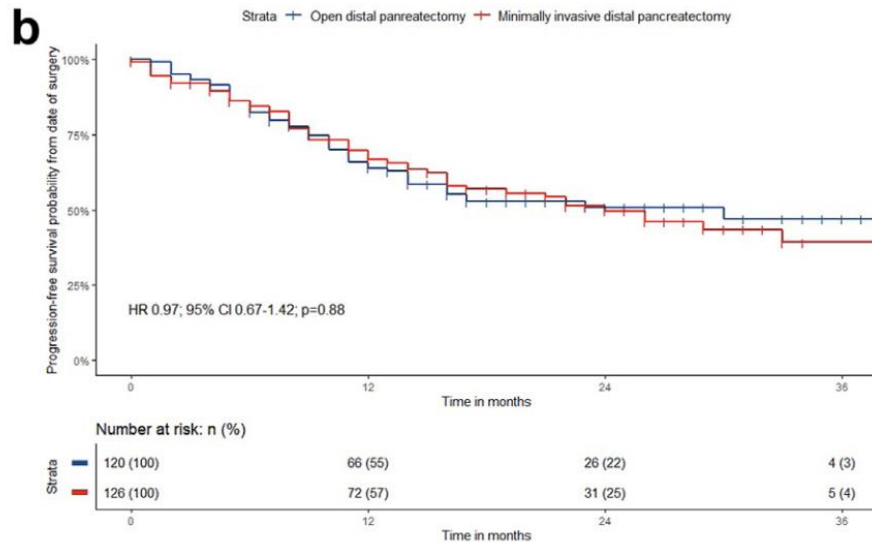
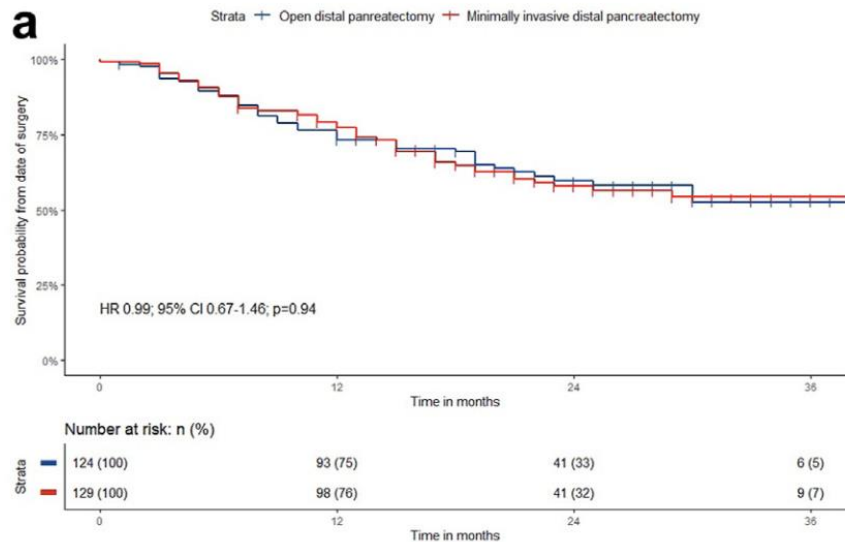
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4. **Randomized Trials**
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First Robot vs. Open RCT

DIPLOMA

Distal pancreatectomy, minimally invasive or open, for malignancy



DIPLOMA –MIDP not Inferior to ODP

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"Young people in the UK are more likely to die from asthma, be obese or overweight, or have a poor quality of life from long-term conditions such as type 1 diabetes than are most young people in similar countries."

Minimally invasive versus open distal pancreatectomy for resectable pancreatic cancer (DIPLOMA): an international randomised non-inferiority trial

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- Equal(LN) harvest (22 vs 23 nodes, p=0.86)
- Same intra-peritoneal recurrence (41% vs 38%, p=0.45)
- Median time to functional recovery and LOS were comparable
- Equal two-year survival rates
- 131 patients who underwent MIDP, **only 31 patients underwent RDP**

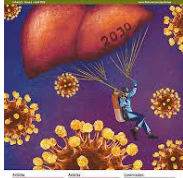


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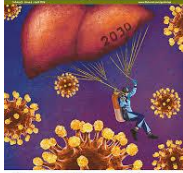
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	Modified intention-to-treat analysis				Per-protocol analysis			
	RPD (n=81)	OPD (n=80)	Difference (95% CI)	p value	RPD (n=78)	OPD (n=76)	Difference (95% CI)	p value
Primary outcome								
Pathological properties	..	..	..	0.47	..	..	..	0.47
Malignant	58 (72%)	62 (78%)	..	..	55 (71%)	58 (76%)	..	..
Benign	23 (28%)	18 (23%)	..	..	23 (30%)	18 (24%)	..	..
Histopathological types	..	..	..	0.48	..	..	..	0.41
PDAC	27 (33%)	30 (38%)	..	..	26 (33%)	27 (36%)	..	..
Ampullary tumour	12 (15%)	8 (10%)	..	..	11 (14%)	8 (11%)	..	..
Cholangiocarcinoma	10 (12%)	16 (20%)	..	..	9 (12%)	16 (21%)	..	..
Duodenal adenocarcinoma	6 (7%)	9 (11%)	..	..	6 (8%)	9 (12%)	..	..
SPT	4 (5%)	1 (1%)	..	..	4 (5%)	1 (1%)	..	..
IPMN	10 (12%)	5 (6%)	..	..	10 (13%)	5 (7%)	..	..
pNET	4 (5%)	3 (4%)	..	..	4 (5%)	2 (3%)	..	..
Other	8 (10%)	8 (10%)	..	..	8 (10%)	8 (11%)	..	..

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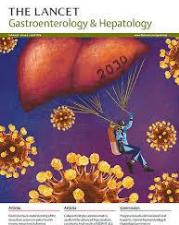
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Lymph nodes harvested	13 (12–16)	13 (11–15)	0·0 (–1·0 to 1·0)	0·36	13 (12–16)	13 (11–15)	–1·0 (–1·0 to 1·0)	0·32
Tumour-positive nodes	0·0 (0·0–1·0)	0·0 (0·0–2·0)	0·0 (0·0 to 0·0)	0·21	0·0 (0·0–1·0)	0·0 (0·0–2·0)	0·0 (0·0 to 0·0)	0·20
Positive resection margin	3 (4%)	3 (4%)	–0·05% (–7·2 to 7·0)	1·00	2 (3%)	3 (4%)	–1·4% (–8·7 to 5·4)	0·68
Time to first adjuvant therapy, days	42·0 (39·0 to 51·0)	48·5 (42·0 to 58·0)	–5·0 (–10·0 to –2·0)	0·0025*	42·0 (38·0 to 46·0)	46·5 (42·0 to 57·0)	–5·0 (–10·0 to –2·0)	0·0013*

for sustained surgical stress. Despite this promising outcome, as elucidated by Liu and colleagues,¹ the debate surrounding the necessary caseload to achieve proficiency in RPD persists as a topic of international discussion.³ This debate emphasises the necessity for a

2nd RCT RPD vs OPD – Germany

Robotic versus open partial pancreatoduodenectomy (EUROPA): a randomised controlled stage 2b trial

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	RPD n = 29	OPD n = 33	p value
Malignant disease	16 (55.2%)	18 (54.5%)	
Benign neoplastic lesion	9 (31.0%)	9 (27.3%)	
Benign non-neoplastic lesion	4 (13.8%)	6 (18.2%)	
Pancreatic cancer subtype according to the current classification of the WHO			
Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma	12 (75.0%)	10 (55.6%)	
Intraductal papillary-mucinous carcinoma	0 (0.0%)	3 (16.7%)	
Ampullary cancer	1 (6.3%)	2 (11.1%)	
Intrapancreatic cholangiocarcinoma	1 (6.3%)	2 (11.1%)	
Neuroendocrine tumour	1 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	
Other	1 (6.3%)	1 (6.7%)	
Resection			0.154
R0 CRM–	7 (43.8%)	9 (50.0%)	
R0 CRM+	6 (37.5%)	9 (50.0%)	
R1	3 (18.8%)	0 (0.0%)	

Values in parentheses are percentages unless indicated otherwise; CRM: Circumferential resection margin. No p values were calculated regarding histopathological results as these cannot be influenced by the trial intervention.

Table 4: Histopathology in the modified intention-to-treat population.



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Zoom

	RPD n = 29	OPD n = 33	Difference with 95% CI	p value
Degree of SMA dissection				0.170
Inoue level 1	6 (20.7%)	11 (33.3%)		
Inoue level 2	20 (69.0%)	15 (45.5%)		
Inoue level 3	3 (10.3%)	7 (21.2%)		
Triangle procedure performed	12 (41.4%)	12 (36.4%)	5.0% [-19.3%; 29.3%]	0.686
Arterial resection performed	0 (0.0%)	2 (6.1%)		
Venous resection performed	5 (17.2%)	3 (9.1%)	8.2% [-8.7%; 25.0%]	0.339
Number of resected lymph nodes (N)^a	29 ± 14	26 ± 9	3 [-6; 11]	0.536
Resection of additional organs performed beyond PD	4 (13.8%)	6 (18.2%)	-4.4% [-22.6%; 13.8%]	0.639

challenging. When performed too early, the intervention effects may be contaminated by the learning curve. If performed too late, after full implementation of the intervention, surgeons may feel that “equipoise” has been lost and may not be interested to join the RCT.

Second Robot vs. Open RCTs for Cancer

DIPLOMA-2

Minimally invasive versus open pancreatoduodenectomy for pancreatic and periampullary neoplasms:

an international multicenter patient-blinded randomized controlled trial



(enrollment started January 2022)



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#DIPLOMA2 international RCT

MIS vs open **#Whipple**: 2nd
presentation! Focus on methodology

#IHPBA24



Patients blinded up to day 5



Surgeons at least 60 MIPD

experience



Centers at least 30 MIPD/yr prior



Randomization 2:1 to maintain skills
in robot (lap) Whipple group

Stratified for:

1. High vs normal risk POPF [pancreatic duct, BMI]
2. PDAC vs non-PDAC
3. Robot vs laparoscopic



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[Some] Improved Outcomes with MIS



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- ▶▶ Primary endpoint (non-inferiority): no differences in CCI complication score 
- ▶▶ 1-day faster time to func recovery 
- ▶▶ 2-day shorter hospital stay 
- ▶▶ 13% less grade B/C POPF 
- ▶▶ Reduced blood loss 
- ▶▶ 10% less wound infections 
- ▶▶ More daily steps (day 14-38) 



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Approaches To Local Control Will Not Impact Survival From Cancer



Bernard Fisher, MD



But they may improve patient centered outcomes



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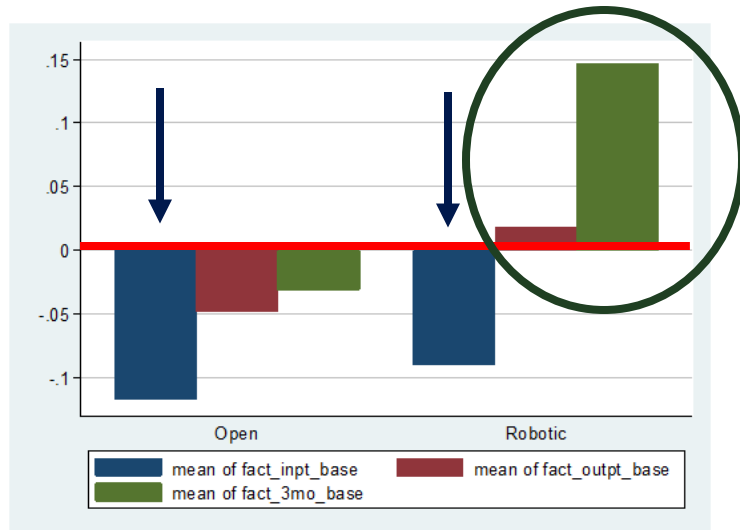


Association of robotic approach with patient-reported outcomes after pancreatectomy: a prospective cohort study

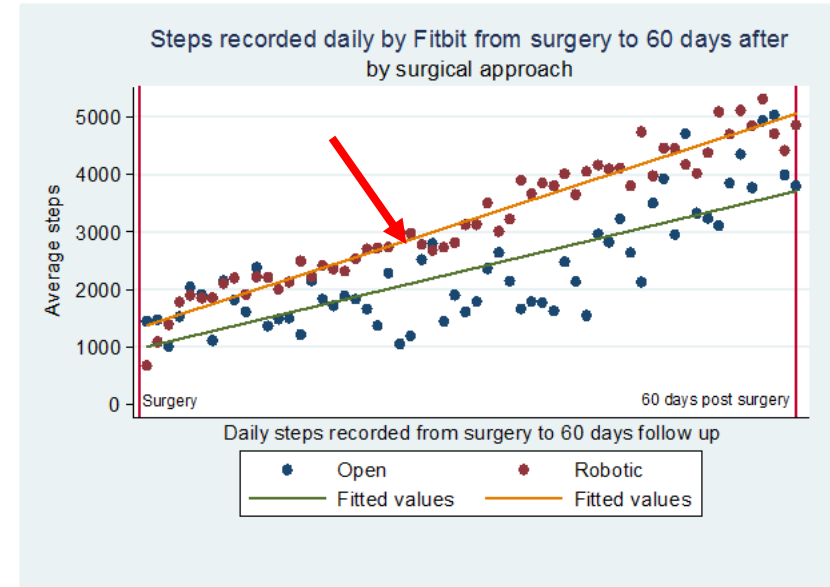
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QoL Surveys (FACT-Hep)



Fitbit Steps



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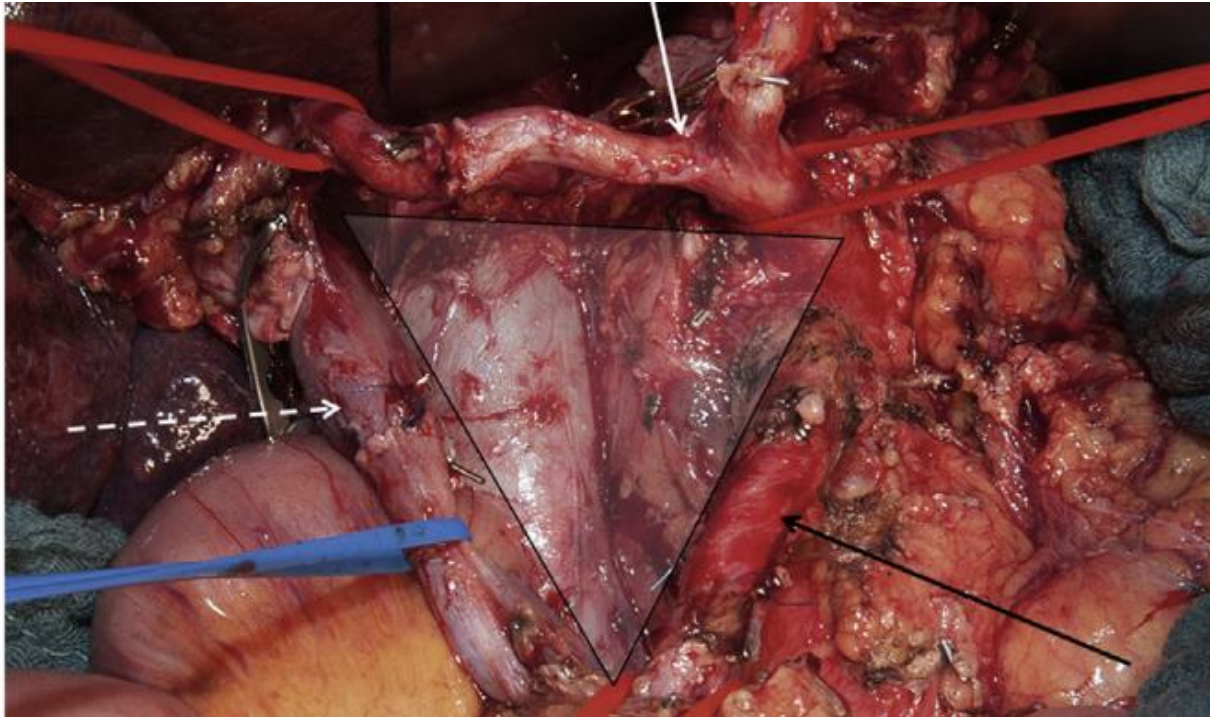
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What is the Triangle Operation?



The TRIANGLE operation for pancreatic head and body cancers: early postoperative outcomes

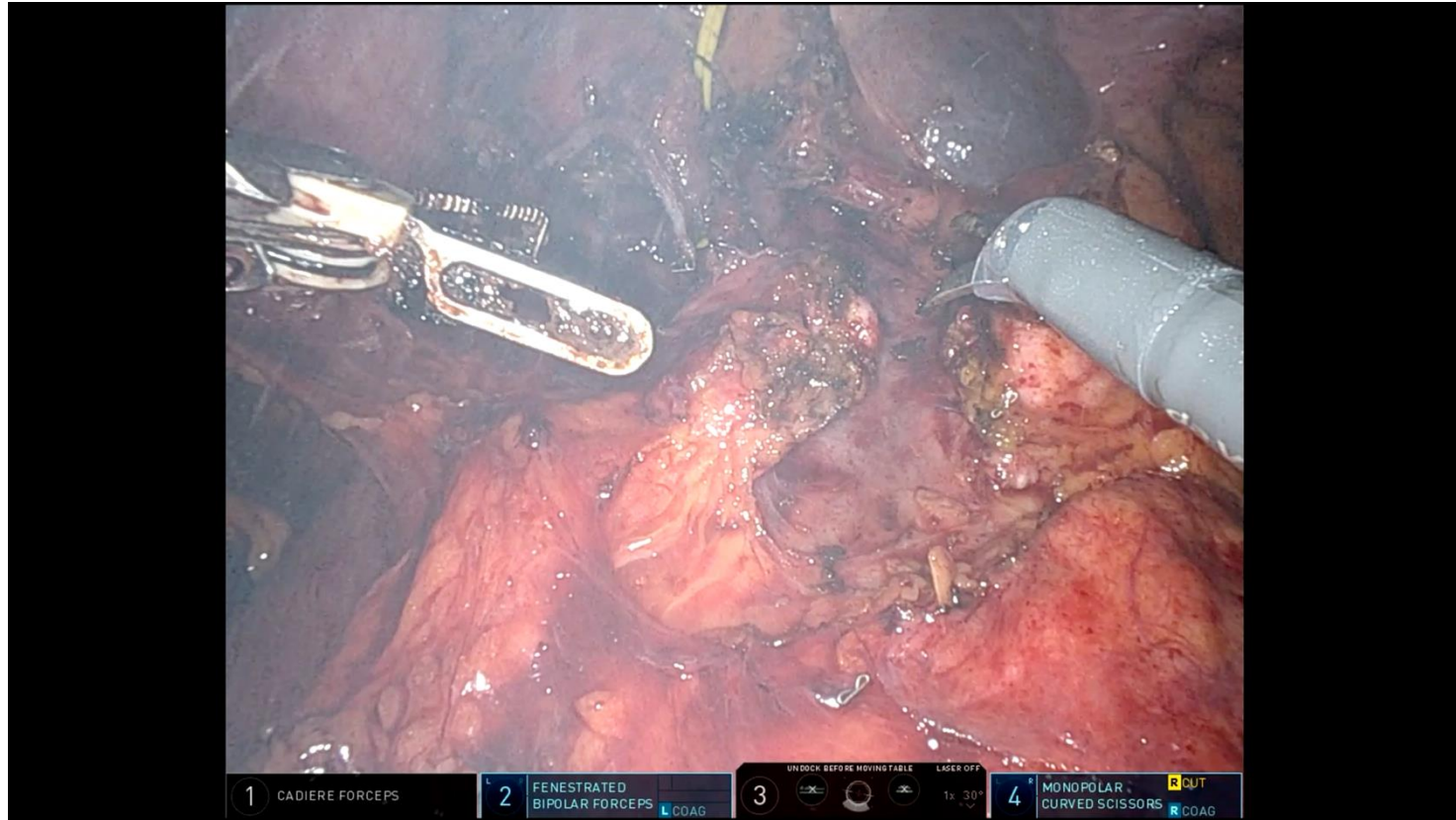
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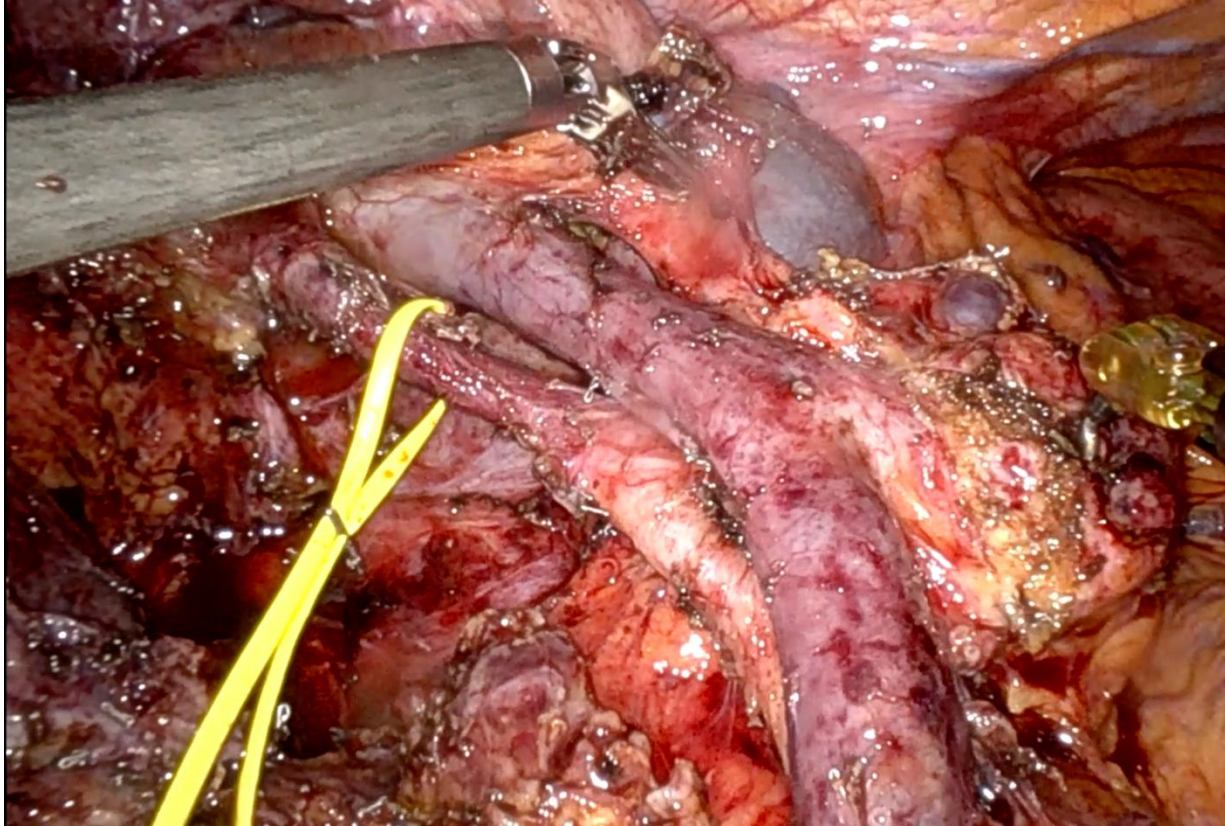
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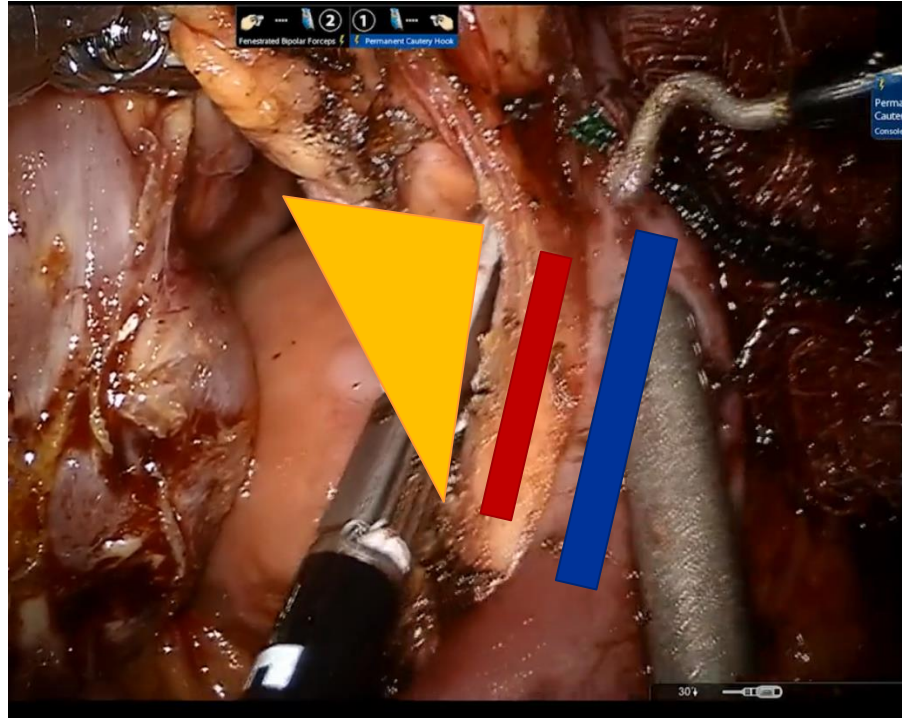
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Summary

1. EBL consistently reported lower in Robot
 2. LOS consistently reported lower in Robot
 3. Wound infections consistently reported lower in Robot
 4. OR time consistently reported longer in Robot
- In general, RO/R1, LN Harvest, and survival comparable with a few specific studies showing benefit of one variable in robotic
 - In general, peri-op morbidity and mortality have overall been equivalent with a few non-generalizable studies showing benefit in robotic of one variable

Thank You

