

Primary and Redo-penile implant surgery: Lessons learnt

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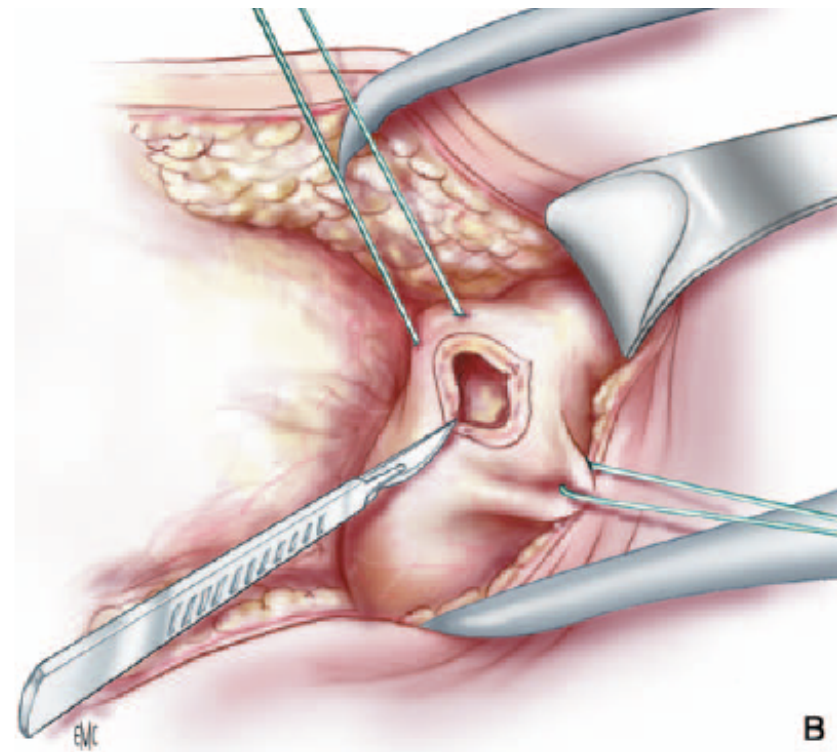
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- **AND MOTIVATED AND TRAINED SURGEONS!**
Level of evidence 4, strength of recommendation C

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- Preoperative informations **of higher risk** of every kind of complication
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Lesson 1 : Information and Experience

How?

Try to avoid sepsis

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Try to do the best!



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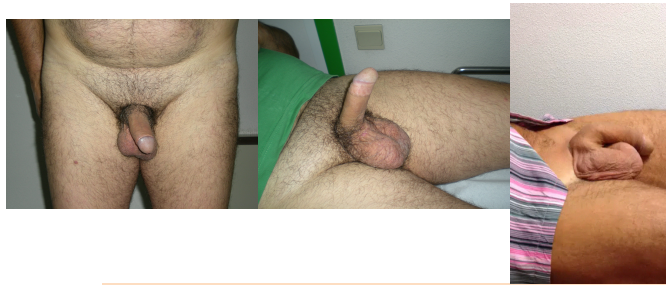
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Primary Penile Implant

- Use **antibiotic-impregnated or hydrophilic coated devices** if inflatable PP
- Preoperative antibiotics with gram-positive and gram-negative coverage should be given with therapeutic antibiotic levels
- **Avoid traumatic skin**: Shaving vs clipping to remove scrotal hair is left to the surgeon's discretion
- Use **alcohol-based skin preparations** in the operating room as the operative site scrub.
- **Minimize skin and device contact** can decrease inflatable PP (IPP) infection rates.
- **Penoscrotal AND Infra-pubic** are the main approaches for inserting PP according the surgeon

Redo Penile Implant

- Penile implant revision surgery should include the use of **copious irrigation**, preferably with antimicrobials.
- In stable patients with infected PPs, reasonable attempts should be made to **remove all device components**.
- For penile implant infection, surgeons should determine whether and **when to attempt salvage procedure**.
- For the patient with post-explant IPP and corporal fibrosis, **surgeons should be prepared** to perform specialized maneuvers
- Use of **specific cavernotomes**, longer or additional corporotomy incisions, and/or corporal excavation



The choice!



Inflatable PP

- Perfect Implant for young patient without any manual problem
- Flacidity and Erection states
- Need a training before first manipulation (simple step)

Malleable PP

- Malleable implants are recommended for patients with compromised manual dexterity (rheumatological, neurological ...) but might be appropriate in other clinical scenario (obesity, personal choice...)
- Be sure that dressing and everyday life will be easy with a permanent « semi-rigid penis »

After?

Take time

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Lesson 3 : Closed Follow-up to optimize patient and couple satisfaction

Implants, Mechanical Devices, and Vascular Surgery for Erectile Dysfunction

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Sepsis

Salvage or not salvage...

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Different situations

- Major sepsis
 - Uretral lesion
 - Skin necrosis
 - Not stabilized comorbidity factors
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- Silent sepsis (in the beginning)
 - Erosion pump
 - Persistent pain
 - Stable patient

Different strategies

- **No SALVAGE**
 - Remove all the components
 - Repair if necessary
 - Prolonged adapted antibiotics
 - Stretching therapy before new implantation (Vacuum, Traction...)
- **SALVAGE**
 - Remove all the components
 - Save the CC dilatation with PP (Malleable or soft PP)
 - If possible 3 components (depends on the scrotal area)
 - Prolonged adapted Antibiotics

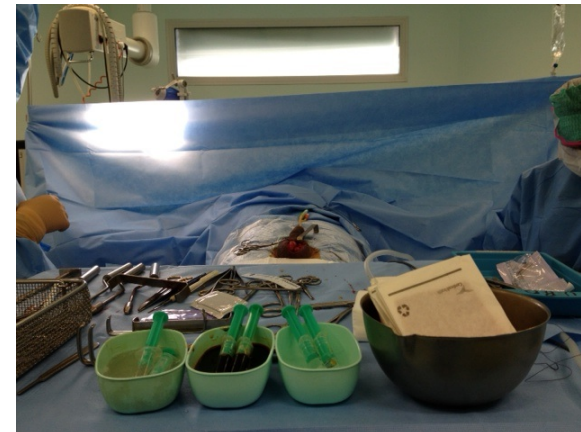


Salvage Protocol



Table 1 Salvage protocol for immediate replacement of infected penile implants

- 1 Remove all prosthetic parts and foreign material
- 2 Irrigate wound with seven antiseptic solutions
 - Antibiotics (kanamycin, bacitracin)
 - Half-strength hydrogen peroxide
 - Half-strength providone iodine
 - Pressure irrigation with 1 g vancomycin and 80 g gentamicin in 5 l irrigating solution
 - Half-strength betadine
 - Half-strength hydrogen peroxide
 - Antibiotics (kanamycin, bacitracin)
- 3 Change gown, gloves, surgical drapes and instruments
- 4 Insert new prosthesis
- 5 Close wounds with no drains or catheters
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Lesson 4 : Do the best to keep space in CC or Redo ASAP ...



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Redo after Mechanical Failure

How to manage...

Risk of Infection With an Antibiotic Coated Penile Prosthesis at Device Replacement for Mechanical Failure

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Different situations

- Usually after many years

Prosthesis	Mechanical %survival (95% CI)
All*	J Sex Med 2007;4:1074-1079
1 year	97.6 (96.8, 98.1)
5 years	88.9 (87.4, 90.3)
10 years	79.4 (77.0, 81.5)
15 years	71.2 (65.4, 76.3)

TABLE 3. Intraoperative findings given as the cause of mechanical failure

	No. Pts (%)
Cylinder leak	25 (45)
Tubing leak/break	7 (13)
Cylinder crossover	3 (5.5)
Connector leak	2 (3.5)
Reservoir leak	2 (3.5)
Poor glans support (supersonic transporter deformity)	2 (3.5)
Pump malfunction	2 (3.5)
Dissatisfaction	1 (1.8)
Fluid loss not otherwise specified	11 (20)

Abouassaly J Urol 2006 Vol 176 2471-2473

Surgical Strategies

- 3 components change
 - Excepted if recent implantation
 - Reservoir +/- other side
 - Repair if necessary (distal erosion, graft, etc...)
- How to optimize?
 - Mini-Salvage protocol
 - Longer cylinders?

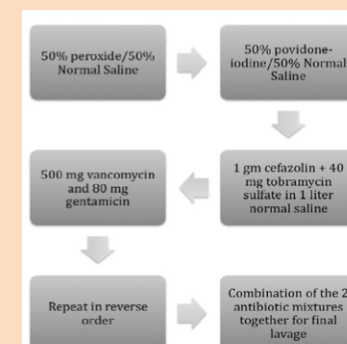
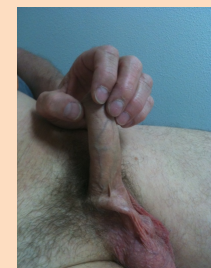
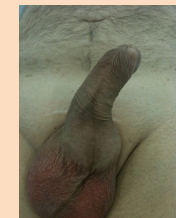


Figure 1 Mini-Salvage Protocol.

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Table 4 Downsize and final cylinder lengths (cm) by etiology

Etiology	Cylinder		Mean increase	% Increase	P value
	Downsized Mean (SD)	Standard substitution Mean (SD)			
Infection removal (N = 29)	14.5 (1.4)	16.7 (1.4)	2.2	15.4	<0.0001
Priapism (N = 8)	18.4 (1.0)	18.8 (1.0)	0.4	2.0	0.0796
Total (N = 37)	15.4 (2.1)	17.2 (1.6)	1.81	12.5	
	P < 0.0001	P = 0.0001			



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Lesson 5 : Change is usually an easy procedure with the new generation of PP, with keeping in mind the risk of sepsis

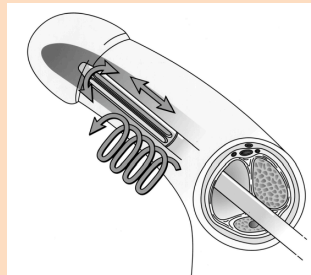
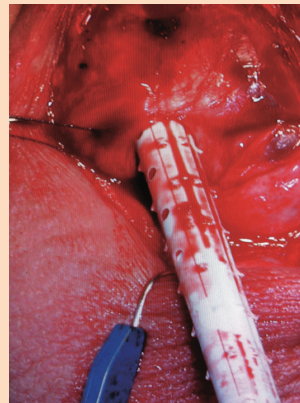
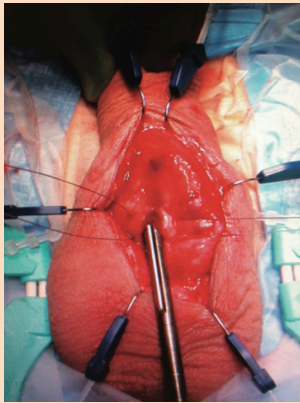


Redo after sepsis

How to be prepared!...

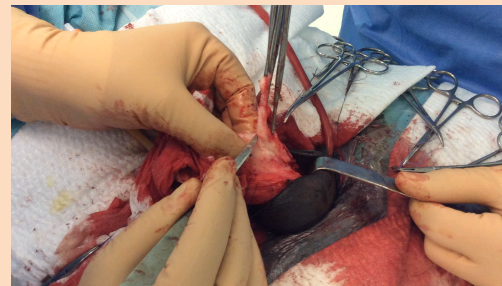
Different tools

- Specific cavernotomes (Mooreville, Rossello...)
- Different strategies according the situation



Different strategies

- Good exposure of cavernotomies +/- extensive
- +/- double approach
- +/- Extensive cavernectomies

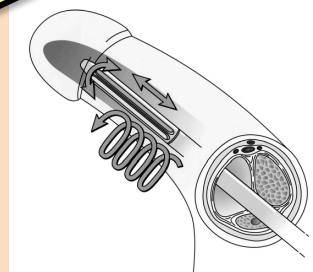
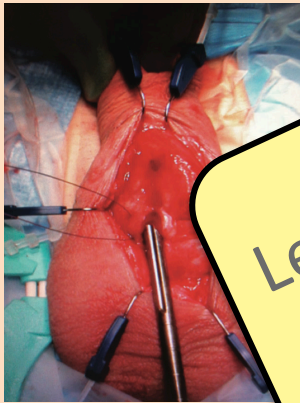


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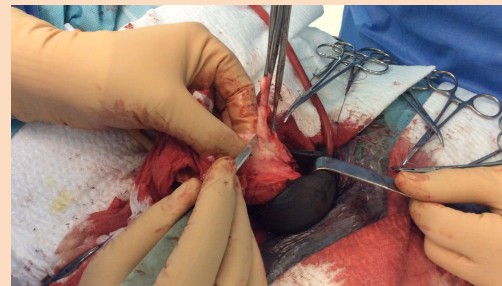
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Different strategies

- Good knowledge of the anatomy in extensive cavernectomies



Lesson 6 : Difficult procedure for Experts
only with specific tools!

Post-Priapism

a specific situation!...

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As soon as possible....

- If late, same situation (often worst!) as Redo after sepsis
- **PP to be considered after 72 hours priapism** without resolution despite adequate treatments (MRI+/- Biopsy)
- If early situation (2 weeks post acute priapism not resolved)

Specific points

- Be careful in case of Al Ghorab procedure for the distal dilatation
- Be careful in case of Quackels procedure for the medial dilatation
- Double cavernotomies sometimes necessary
- Psychological management



A photograph of a modern interior space, possibly a museum or gallery. In the foreground, there is a glass railing with a dark metal handrail. Below the railing, a display case with a glass top and a glowing yellow base is visible. The background shows a large, open space with dark pillars and a high ceiling with recessed lights. A yellow speech bubble with a black border is overlaid on the image, containing the text: Lesson 8 : Sexuality is perfectly natural , but naturally not perfect, even with a penile implant.....»

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