KEY POINTS

FOR PELVIC ORGAN PROLAPSE REPAIR

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Mentions about vaginal prolapse and defines treatment strategies

Review Article
Uterine Prolapse: From Antiquity to Today

Keith T. Downing

Uterine prolapse has been a major health concern for women for all of time as it is documented in the oldest medical literature. By looking at the events recorded in history we are able to appreciate the evolution of urogynaecology and to gain perspective for today's female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgeons in their attempts to treat uterine and vaginal prolapse.

“He who cannot render an account to himself of at least three thousand years of time, will always grope in the darkness of inexperience”
Goethe, Translation of Panebaker
Epidemiology and outcome assessment of pelvic organ prolapse

Matthew D. Barber • Christopher Maher

Abstract

Introduction and hypothesis The aim was to determine the incidence and prevalence of pelvic organ prolapse surgery and describe how outcomes are reported.

Methods Every 4 years and associated

Collaboration on Incontinence language scientific literature after

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PROLAPSE REPAIR PREVALENCE / INCIDENCE

- Life-time prolapse repair risk of a woman by the age 80: 6.3-19%
- Reoperation rate of cases who underwent prolapse repair: 33%
- Annual incidence of prolapse repair: 1000 women year; 1.5 - 1.8
- Incidence of prolapse repair after hysterectomy: 1000 women year; 3.6
- Cumulative risk of prolapse surgery, 15 years after hysterectomy: 5%
SURGERY DECISION FOR VAGINAL PROLAPSE

Who are the candidates for surgical treatment?

- Patients who do not prefer conservative therapy
- Patients who are predicted as the poor candidates for pessary treatment;
  - Vaginal length < 7cm
  - Genital Hiatus > 4cm
  - History of previous hysterectomy and prolapse repair

Asymptomatic cases:

Reduced bladder sensitivity  Closed follow up!

Increased residual urine and history of recurrent urinary tract infection

- Measurement of urine volume at normal bladder sensitivity
- Residual urine volume
- RENAL USG
GE 57 y, Stage 4 Anterior / Posterior and Apical Prolapse
>5 year, suffering bulge symptoms,
No hospital admission due to fear of examination and surgery
Can not use recommended pessary regularly
Check up revealed;
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Correlation of pelvic organ prolapse staging with lower urinary tract symptoms, sexual dysfunction, and quality of life

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Abstract
Introduction and hypothesis To evaluate the relationship between pelvic organ prolapse (POP) staging and clinical (r=0.198, r=0.192, and r=0.146 respectively), and physical, travel, social, emotional subscale scores of IIQ-7 (r=0.223, r=0.154, r=1.0, and r=0.171 respectively) was found.
Table 1: Compartments of prolapse in patients with Pelvic Organ Prolapse Quantification (POPQ) stage ≥1

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Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS version 13.0 for Windows (SPSS, Chicago, IL, USA). The comparison of baseline characteristics, clinical findings, LUTS, sexual function, and QoL among POP stages were similar in patients with stage 0 and stage ≥3. Body mass index of patients with stage 2 prolapse was found to be higher than stage 0 (p=0.006), no significant difference was found among other stages. Postmenopausal women more frequently had stages 0 and 3 and 4 than stages 1 and 2 (p=0.004). Diabetes was more frequent in women with stage 0 (p=0.021). Parity, previous pelvic surgery, and chronic obstructive lung disease were similar among all stages of POP.

Clinical findings showed significant differences among POP stages (p<0.05; Table 3). Among 388 patients, the Q-tip test was positive in 201 (51.8 %) and the stress test was positive in 167 patients (43 %). Q-tip test positivity was highest in patients with stage ≥3 (p=0.00) and stress test positivity was highest in stages 1 and 2 (p=0.00). The PVR measurements were available for 301 patients (stage 0: n=57, 18.9 %; stage 1: n=74, 24.6 %; stage 2: n=129, 42.9 %; stages 3 and 4: n=41, 13.6 %). The PVR volumes were higher in patients with stage ≥2 (p=0.047). The significant
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Table 5 Comparison of subscale scores for the UDI-6 and IIQ-7 according to POP stages

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\[ p = 0.005 \quad 0.009 \quad 0.05 \]

\[ p = 0.001 \quad 0.031 \quad 0.116 \quad 0.006 \]

Data are presented as median, minimum to maximum

\( p < 0.05 \) was considered statistically significant
Native tissue anterior repair failure rate compared to Polipropylene mesh in lay;
**RR: 2.14 95% CI 1.23-3.74**

Armed transobturator mesh;
**RR: 3.55 95% CI 2.29-5.51**

- Subjective parameters
- Quality of life data
- Postoperative Dysparonia and SUI
- Reoperation rate

Mesh erosion rate 10%

As a conclusion, first line surgical approach for anterior repair should be native tissue anterior repair according to the current evidences
Apex: Keystone of pelvic organ support

- A thorough examination is essential
- The most important component of anterior vaginal support is apex
Types of Surgical Management for Apical Prolapse

- **Restorative** (Kendi dokularına asma)
- **Compansatory** (Meş yardımıyla asma)
- **Obliterative** (Vajinal açıklığı kapama)
Restorative Surgical Management

Uterine / Vaginal cuff Prolapse

- Sacrospinal fixation (Vaj)
- İleococygeal suspension (Vaj)
- Sacrouterine ligament suspension (Vaj / Abd / LS)
Restorative Approach

Use patients’ own tissues

SACROUTERİNE COLPO- HYSTEROPEXY
Best anatomic position

SACROSPINAL COLPO-HYSTEROPEXY
Postoperative, increased risk of anterior prolapse
Sacrouterine Ligament Suspension

- Strong enough to carry 17kg at the level of spina ischia
- No deviation of vaginal axis
- Lower bleeding risk
- Shorter operation time
- L/S provides better visualisation and safe operation
- Ureter injury with vaginal approach is 11%

Uterosacral ligament vaginal vault suspension: anatomy, outcome and surgical considerations
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Purpose of review
With aging populations, primary pelvic organ and recurrent pelvic organ prolapse have become a large-scale public health concern. Surgical options for patients include both abdominal and vaginal approaches, each with its own safety and efficacy profiles. This review summarizes the most recent anatomic, surgical and outcome data for uterosacral ligament vault suspension. It offers data on methods to avoid complications and difficult surgical scenarios.

Recent findings
Uterosacral ligament suspension allows reattachment of the vaginal vault high within the pelvis. New modifications in technique including the extraperitoneal and laparoscopic approaches allow surgeons more freedom when planning surgery. Five-year data on the durability of the procedure make it a viable surgical option.

Summary
As a technique widely used by many pelvic reconstructive surgeons, uterosacral ligament vault suspension provides a safe, anatomically correct and durable approach to uterine and vault prolapse. It requires advanced surgical training and an intimate understanding of pelvic anatomy to avoid and identify ureteral injury.
One study investigated 43 patients who underwent laparoscopic uterosacral hysteropexy (follow-up 12 months), with 16% requiring repeat surgery for uterine prolapse. Complications included uterine artery laceration (1 patient) and ureteral kinking (2 patients). Two women went on to deliver term infants by cesarean section.\textsuperscript{104} Another study followed 23 patients (mean follow-up 15.9 months) that had uterosacral hysteropexy, and showed significant improvement in postoperative vault measurements with no reported failures.\textsuperscript{105} In a study comparing 25 patients after laparoscopic uterosacral hysteropexy (mean follow-up 26 weeks) with 25 patients after total vaginal hysterectomy and a variety of vaginally approached vault suspension techniques (mean follow-up 46 weeks), blood loss and hospital stay were lower and shorter in the laparoscopic group. Postoperative vault measurements were significantly worse in the vaginal group than in the laparoscopic group. Furthermore, 3 patients required reoperation for apical prolapse in the vaginal group compared with none in the laparoscopic group. For short-term outcomes related to this procedure, this study suggests that there is a benefit to maintaining the uterus in situ.\textsuperscript{106}
VH+ Sacrouterine Lig / Sacrospinosus suspension
L/S Sacrouterine Colpohysteropexy

- Preservation of Uterus increases surgical success
  POP Q C is better; p<0.001
  Failure rate needs reoperation; 1:3
  Lower bleeding; p<0.0001
  Shorter hospital stay; p=0.002

- Sacrouterine Lig Suspension is recommended*

- Preoperative evaluation of patient’s tissues is essential

  Diwan A et al, Int Urogynecol J Pelvic Floor Dysfunct, 2005
Abdominal, Laparoscopic, and Robotic Surgery for Pelvic Organ Prolapse

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ABDOMINAL POSTERIOR VAGINAL WALL SUPPORT

No series with notable numbers of patients have reported on outcomes after enterocoele repair alone. Most experts would agree that any culdoplasty surgery (Moschcowitz or Halban) should be performed in conjunction with an appropriate apical support procedure. Furthermore, there are sparse data available on abdominally approached rectocele repairs. Using an abdominal approach, 33 patients with rectocele and symptoms of obstructed defecation underwent an abdominal mesh rectopexy. Postoperative complications occurred in 16% of patients, ranging from abscess formation (n = 1) to urinary tract infection (n = 4). Evacuation proctography demonstrated rectoceles greater than 3 cm in 100% of patients preoperatively and in only 7% of patients postoperatively. Preoperative findings of enterocele (39% of patients) and intussusception (24% of patients) were eliminated in all patients postoperatively. In patients with normal colonic transit time preoperatively, 55% continued to have symp-
ABDOMİNAL SACROCOLPOPEXY;

When compared to;

“Vaginal sacrospinousus fixation” &
“Vaginal hysterectomy+anterior / posterior repair”

- Lower recurrence of apical prolapse
  - RR 0.23, % 95 CI 0.07 – 0.77
- Lower residual prolapse stage
  - RR 0.29, % 95 CI 0.09 – 0.97
- Longer time to recurrence
- Lower dysparonia
  - RR 0.39, % 95 CI 0.18 – 0.86

UTERINE SUSPENSION 2. OPTION
SACRAL COLPOHYSTEROPEXY(L/S)

- First option for young women with congenital collagen weakness

Yaş; 30-43
Mesh polypropylene
Hospital stay; 4-7day
follow up; 24-41monts
No recurrence
No mesh erosion
No complication
Pregnancy; n=3 /term C/S ; n=2

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Vascular and ureteral anatomy relative to the midsacral promontory

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OBJECTIVE: The objective of the study was to further characterize the vascular and ureteral anatomy relative to the midsacral promontory, a landmark often used during sacrocolpopexy, and suggest strategies to avoid complications.

STUDY DESIGN: Distances between the right ureter, aortic bifurcation, and iliac vessels to the midsacral promontory were examined in 25 unembalmed female cadavers and 100 computed tomography (CT) studies. Data were analyzed using Pearson $\chi^2$, unpaired Student $t$ test, and analysis of covariance.

RESULTS: The average distance between the midsacral promontory and right ureter was 2.7 cm (range, 1.6–3.8 cm) in cadavers and 2.9 cm (range, 1.7–5.0 cm) on CT ($P = .209$). The closest cephalad vessel to the promontory was the left common iliac vein, the average distance being 2.7 cm (range, 0.95–4.75 cm) in cadavers and 3.0 cm (range, 1.0–6.1 cm) on CT ($P = .289$). The closest vessel to the right of the promontory was the internal iliac artery, with the average distance of 2.5 cm (range, 1.4–3.9 cm) in cadavers and 2.2 cm (range, 1.2–3.9 cm) on CT ($P = .015$). The average distance from the promontory to the aortic bifurcation was 5.3 cm (range, 2.8–9.7 cm) in cadavers and 6.6 cm (range, 3.1–10.1 cm) on CT ($P < .001$). The average distance from the aortic bifurcation to the inferior margin of the left common iliac vein was 2.3 cm (range, 1.2–3.9 cm) in cadavers and 3.5 cm (range, 1.7–5.6 cm) on CT ($P < .001$).

CONCLUSION: The right ureter, right common iliac artery, and left common iliac vein are found within 3 cm from the midsacral promontory. A thorough understanding of the extensive variability in vascular and ureteral anatomy relative to the midsacral promontory should help avoid serious intraoperative complications during sacrocolpopexy.

Key words: sacral promontory, sacrocolpopexy, ureter, vascular anatomy

Figure 2  Bony pelvis showing the mid sacral promontory (*). This was determined as the midpoint between the junctions of the body of the first sacral vertebra (S1) with the ala of the sacrum (arrow heads).
FIGURE 4
Presasccral space and right posterolateral pelvic walls in unembalmed female cadaver

Midpoint of sacral promontory is indicated by the black arrowhead. Note that sacral nerves and lateral sacral veins are covered by connective tissue on left pelvic wall, which was not fully dissected. Also note that in the shown supine position, the most prominent vertebral structure in the presacral space is the L5-S1 disc.

careful measurements obtained from cadavers.

In summary, this study confirms the extensive variability and proximity of the ureter and major vessels to the midpoint of the sacral promontory. With increased utilization of new technology, procedural modifications are likely to expand in an effort to overcome the technical difficulties inherent to the endoscopic approach. To avoid injury to the left common iliac vein, the peritoneal dissection should begin at the level of the sacral promontory and extend inferior to this point. If difficulties are encountered visualizing the promontory, the right ureter must be clearly visualized in the pelvic brim area, using the steep angle created by the lumbosacral drop as a landmark. Meticulous dissection of the peritoneum from the underlying loose connective tissue should follow to expose the anterior longitudinal ligament, with unequivocal visualization of the entry and exit points of the needles through the ligament. To avoid intraoperative or delayed injury to the right ureter, surgeons should identify the ureter prior to
the rectosigmoid, the presacral space is generally exposed to the right of the midline. Thus, inadvertent deviation of the peritoneal or connective tissue dissection toward the right may lead to ureter and/or iliac vessel injury. While exposing the presacral space, it is important to consider that the right ureter and iliac vessels may be as close as 1.5 and 1.2 cm, respectively, from the midline of the sacrum at the level of the sacral promontory. Customarily, a 1-2 cm wide segment of mesh is fixed to the anterior longitudinal ligament at the level of the sacral promontory. Consequently, the lateral extent of the dissection and mesh placement may be a short distance away from the ureter and iliac vessels. To avoid intraoperative or delayed injury to these structures, surgeons should identify the ureter at the beginning and throughout the entire course of the dissection. If indicated, the rectosigmoid may be mobilized from the sacrum to allow fixation of the mesh at a more medial position.

Because modifications of the sacrocolpopexy technique may be leading to graft fixation points that expand above the sacral promontory, special attention should be given to the proximity of the LCIV to the MSP. Similar to other investigators, we found that the LCIV was generally located 2.5 cm to 5.6 cm. This marked variability in location of the LCIV relative to the aortic bifurcation highlights the importance of careful dissection above the sacral promontory. Given the potential catastrophic outcomes of injury to the LCIV, surgeons should avoid dissection and graft fixation above the sacrum whenever possible.

We believe the optimal region for mesh fixation is the anterior surface of S1. We recommend this for several reasons, especially during the learning phase of the sacrocolpopexy procedure. A study that evaluated the L5-S1 anatomy demonstrated a steep angle of descent (averaging 60 degrees) between L5 and S1. This finding can be used as an intraoperative aid for proper identification of the sacral promontory.

Finally, attachment of the mesh to the first sacral vertebra may result in a more anatomic suspension of the vaginal apex when compared with graft fixation above the promontory.
Laparoscopic sacral cervicopexy/hysteropexy Data on a laparoscopic approach to this procedure is even more limited, as many of the studies include sacral colpopexies, cervicopexies, and hysteropexies in the description of their surgical cohorts. The heterogeneity of these surgical procedures limits the validity of most published data. For patients with uterovaginal prolapse who desire minimally invasive repair, laparoscopic surgeons will often perform a supracervical hysterectomy followed by a sacral cervicopexy. This approach to hysterectomy is often considered technically easier and faster than a total laparoscopic hysterectomy, laparoscopic-assisted vaginal hysterectomy, or vaginal hysterectomy. Indeed, much of the literature cited therefore difficult to interpret. There is only one study that followed a small cohort of 15 women who underwent laparoscopic sacral hysteropexy using a 2-strap technique with the anterior mesh being conformed to a V-shape. All patients also had a concomitant Burch urethropexy. Patients were followed for a minimum of 2 years, and during this time no patients had objective or subjective evidence of recurrent uterine prolapse and no one required repeat surgery. Postoperative bladder and bowel symptoms were not reported, but 86% of patients with preoperative dyspareunia had complete resolution. There were no intraoperative complications and no postoperative mesh erosions. Three patients became pregnant after the surgery, with 2 carrying to term and delivering by cesarean section.
Anterior/posterior colporrhaphy The need for concomitant anterior or posterior colporrhaphy at the time of sacral colpopexy is also a controversial issue among pelvic floor surgeons. Early on, surgeons performing sacral colpopexy described the need for concomitant anterior colporrhaphy.\textsuperscript{5,6,63,64} As more surgeons extended graft attachment and incorporated a retropubic urethropexy in conjunction with the sacral colpopexy, the addition of a paravaginal defect repair also became more common to help provide additional anterior wall support. Unfortunately there are no current studies that directly compare sacral colpopexy with and without a separate anterior vaginal wall repair. As such, proceeding with this additional procedure at the time of sacral colpopexy is left to the discretion of the surgeon.

A traditional or site-specific posterior colporrhaphy may also be done at the time of sacral colpopexy. Many surgeons advocate for this additional procedure,\textsuperscript{8,39,41,64} whereas others believe that suspending the vaginal apex with a separate posterior vaginal graft is sufficient to correct posterior wall defects.\textsuperscript{65} A recent study looked at posterior wall measurements 1 year after abdominal sacral colpopexy without posterior repair, and found an objective cure rate of 75\% in this compartment.\textsuperscript{66} The investigators stated that the recurrence of posterior prolapse in their study was comparable to other studies that performed sacral colpopexy with and without posterior colporrhaphies, indicating no true benefit of this additional procedure.\textsuperscript{39,41,61} The only comparative study in the literature to describe posterior measurements after sacral colpopexy with and without site-specific posterior repair demonstrated that the group with concomitant posterior repair had significantly better posterior measurements that persisted for 34 months after surgery.\textsuperscript{67}
AUGS & ACOG guideline, 2011:

POP REPAIR WITH MESH SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR PATIENTS WITH HIGH RECURRENCE RATE AND HIGH RISK FOR OPEN & LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY
Obliterative Procedures for Pelvic Organ Prolapse

A sterile marker (Fig. 1). This facilitates maintaining orientation throughout the procedure, particularly when training junior surgeons. We are careful to not dissect the anterior vagina beyond the bladder neck and intentionally stay at least 1 to 2 cm from the urethrovesical junction (Figs. 2 and 3). Dissecting and placing sutures near the bladder neck places downward traction on the posterior urethra and may increase the risk postoperative stress urinary incontinence.

In vaginal vault prolapse, we still perform a partial colpocleisis and remove 2 rec-

FIGURE 3. A rectangle of the vaginal mucosa is marked and will to be removed from the anterior vaginal wall outlined at the level of the bladder neck.
Choosing a primary procedure for pelvic organ prolapse: Major decision points

- Elderly
  - Not able to tolerate surgery
  - No longer desires vaginal intercourse

Yes ➔ Obliterative surgery

No ➔ Reconstructive surgery

- Symptomatic SUI
  - Urodynamic SUI
  - Advanced apical prolapse

Yes ➔ Anti-incontinence procedure

No ➔ No anti-incontinence procedure

- Cervical or uterine pathology
  - Planned procedure requires hysterectomy
  - Does not desire future pregnancy
  - Does not desire to preserve uterus
  (Patients with previous hysterectomy are in the hysterectomy category)

Yes ➔ Hysterectomy

No ➔ No hysterectomy

Reconstructive surgery patients only
(all obliterative surgery is performed via a vaginal route)

- High recurrence risk
  - Short vagina
  - Intraabdominal pathology

Abdominal surgical route

- Low recurrence risk
  - Not able to tolerate abdominal route
  - Prefers vaginal route

Vaginal surgical route
Ne preoperatif redüksiyon stres test ile
PO SÜİ mükemmel olarak öngörülebilir

Ne de Sakrokolpopeksiye aynı anda eklenen Burch
PO SÜİ’ı mükemmel önleyebilir

Stres kontinant kadınlardan
Redüksiyon stres test (+) olanlarda
Sakrokolpopeksi ve Burch yapıldıktan sonra
PO idrar kaçığı riski yüksek bulunmuştur
Bu grup daha detaylı incelenip
farklı tedavi seçenekleri sunulmalıdır
IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF POP

PROLAPSED COMPARTMENTS & STAGES

APICAL PROLAPSE?

AGE? SEXUALLY ACTIVE? GENETİC PREDISPOSITION? OBESITY & CHRONIC CONSTIPATION?

SYSTEMIC DISEASES LİKE DM? GENERAL HEALTH STATUS?

ACTIVITY?

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Characterizing the Phenotype of Advanced Pelvic Organ Prolapse

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Abstract

Objective—Genetic studies require a clearly defined phenotype to reach valid conclusions. Our aim was to characterize the phenotype of advanced prolapse by comparing women with stage III to IV prolapse with controls without prolapse.

Methods—Based on the pelvic organ prolapse quantification examination, women with stage 0 to stage I prolapse (controls) and those with stage III to stage IV prolapse (cases) were prospectively recruited as part of a genetic epidemiologic study. Data regarding sociodemographics; medical, obstetric, and surgical history; family history; and body mass index were obtained by a questionnaire administered by a trained coordinator and abstracted from electronic medical records.

Results—There were 275 case patients with advanced prolapse and 206 controls with stage 0 to stage I prolapse. Based on our recruitment strategy, the women were younger than the controls (64.7±10.1 vs 68.6±10.4 years; P<0.001); cases were also more likely to have had one or more vaginal deliveries (96.0% vs 82.0%; P<0.001). There were no differences in race, body mass index, and constipation. Regarding family history, cases were more likely to report that either their mother and/or sister(s) had prolapse (44.8% vs 16.9%, P<0.001). In a logistic regression model, vaginal parity (odds ratio, 4.05; 95% confidence interval, 1.67–9.85) and family history of prolapse (odds ratio, 3.74; 95% confidence interval, 2.16–6.46) remained significantly associated with advanced prolapse.

Conclusions—Vaginal parity and a family history of prolapse are more common in women with advanced prolapse compared to those without prolapse. These characteristics are important in phenotyping advanced prolapse, suggesting that these data should be collected in future genetic epidemiologic studies.
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WHAT IS SURGICAL SUCCESS?

STANDART DEFINITION OF PROLAPSE

How to measure functional outcome?

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Recurrence & Complication

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