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How to make appropriate entry for pneumoperitoneum during minimally invasive surgery?

조혁진 (가톨릭의대)

Entry-related complications

- Approximately 50% of serious laparoscopic complications
- Overall incidence entry injuries : 3.3 per 1000 cases
- Gastrointestinal injury : 0.4 -1.3 per 1000 cases
- Major vascular injury : 0.2 -1.05 per 1000 cases



Eur J Obstet Gynecol Reprod Biol. 2016;201:179-188

Establishment of pneumoperitoneum

Retroperitoneal

Transperitoneal

- Closed Access
 (Veress Needle)
- Open Access
 (Hasson)
- Direct trocar entry

Which of the various access methods was the safest and/or most effective ?

Review Article

Complications Related to the Initial Trocar Insertion of 3 Different Techniques: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis



Laparoscopic entry techniques (Review)

No clear evidence to recommend one technique over another.

Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2019

J Minim Invasive Gynecol. 2019; 26(1):63-70

Creating the pneumoperitoneum

Transperitoneal Access

Closed technique Open technique

Closed Technique

Veress needle technique

14-gauge needle, 12 to 15 cm in length

Two "pops"

Aspiration, injection, reaspiration, and drop test

Initial intraperitoneal pressure of <10 mmHg

Before trocar insertion : pressure of 20–30 mmHg rather than by CO2 volume



Veress needle insertion sites

Superficial or deep vessels of anterior abdominal wall



Veress insertion angles



Number of insertion attempts

Placing the Veress needle into the peritoneal cavity

First attempt 85.5-86.9% Two attempts 8.5-11.6% Three attempts in 2.6-3.0% More than three attempts in 0.3-1.6%

Complication rates

One attempt 0.8-16.3% Two attempts 16.31-37.5% Three attempts 44.4-64% More than three attempts 84.6-100%.

Closed technique: robot-assisted radical prostatectomy



Closed technique: robot-assisted nephroureterctomy



Open Entry (Hasson) Technique

Incision is made through the abdominal wall under direct vision

Patient with suspected abdominal adhesions

Veress needle insertion fails

Neither superior nor inferior to other entry techniques

Lower incidence of vascular injuries but a potentially higher incidence of bowel injury



Open Entry Technique

The steps of the Hasson technique are as follows:

- A skin incision
- The subcutaneous tissues are bluntly separated
- The fascia is incised
- The peritoneum is grasped and incised sharply
- The surgeon's finger is used to confirm bowel safety
- Trocar is placed through the incision
- The pneumoperitoneum is established through the port



Open (Hasson) technique: radical nephrectomy



Open (Hasson) technique: Laparoendoscopic Single Site (LESS) Surgery



- small working space
- lack of easily recognized anatomic landmarks

- little need for retraction or mobilization of adjacent organs
- earlier return of bowel function and shorter convalescence













- Laparoscopic abdominal entry is the most dangerous part of any laparoscopic procedure
- There is no single safe technique that reduces laparoscopic surgery entry complications
- Surgeon should select the technique which he feels most comfortable
- Surgeons should be comfortable with a range of entry techniques and locations



"Well begun is half done"

-aristotle-