

# Key-role of the laparoscopy in the Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

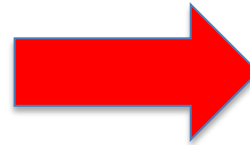
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# Laparoscopy and Pancreas

**1911**

**Cystoscopy of abdominal cavity**

«*the cystoscope is introduced ...reveal general metastases or a secondary nodule in the liver* » by BM Bernheim Ann Surg



**Since the 90s**

**Laparoscopy Staging**

**10-30%**

(radiologically resectable/locally advanced)

**Unnecessary laparotomy**

**Risk Factors**

- lesion >3cm
- CA 19-9 > 200 UI/ml (*cholestasis!!!*)
- borderline tumor



# Laparoscopic Pancreatic Surgery

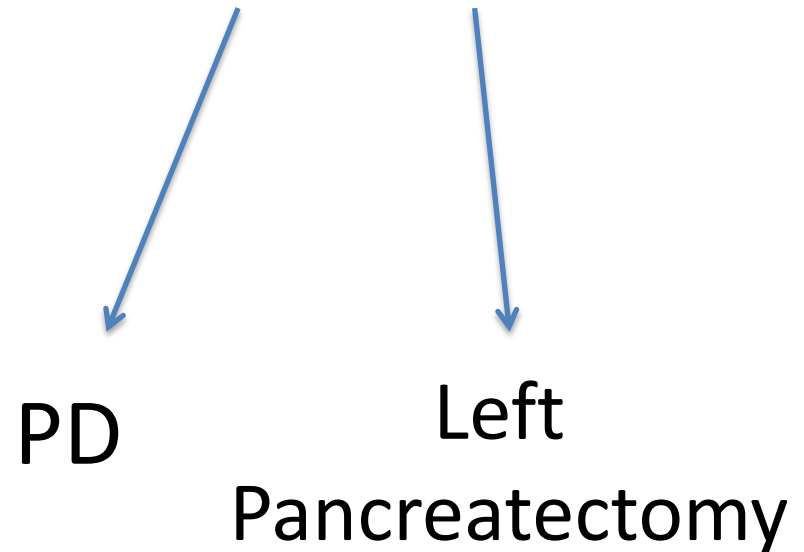
## Staging Tool



large tumor >3cm  
CA 19.9 > 200 U/ml  
Borderline Tumor

Crippa S. 2016; Sugiura T. 2012; Asaoka T. 2018; Schwarz I. 2014; Allen 2018

## Laparoscopic Resection



# Laparoscopy staging

- simple laparoscopy exploration

  - superficial liver metastases**

  - peritoneal metastases**

- advanced laparoscopy exploration

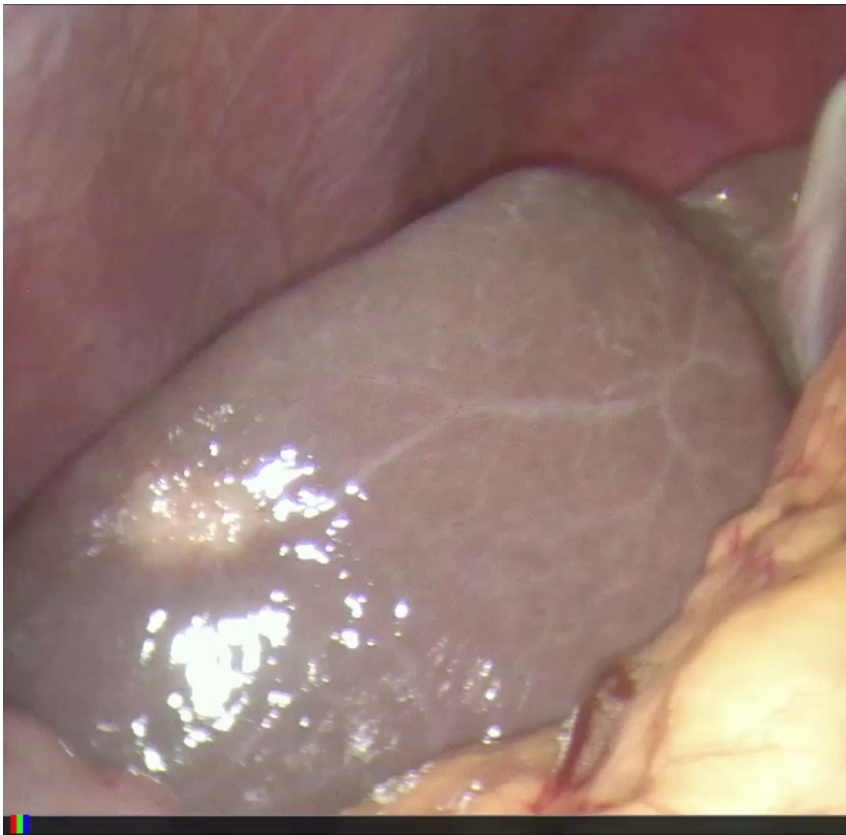
  - Ultrasonography (LUS) liver exploration ± biopsy**

  - Ultrasonography (LUS) tumor evaluation**

  - Intra-aorto-cavale (Ln 16) lymphonode picking**

# Laparoscopy staging

**exploration and liver  
wedge resection**

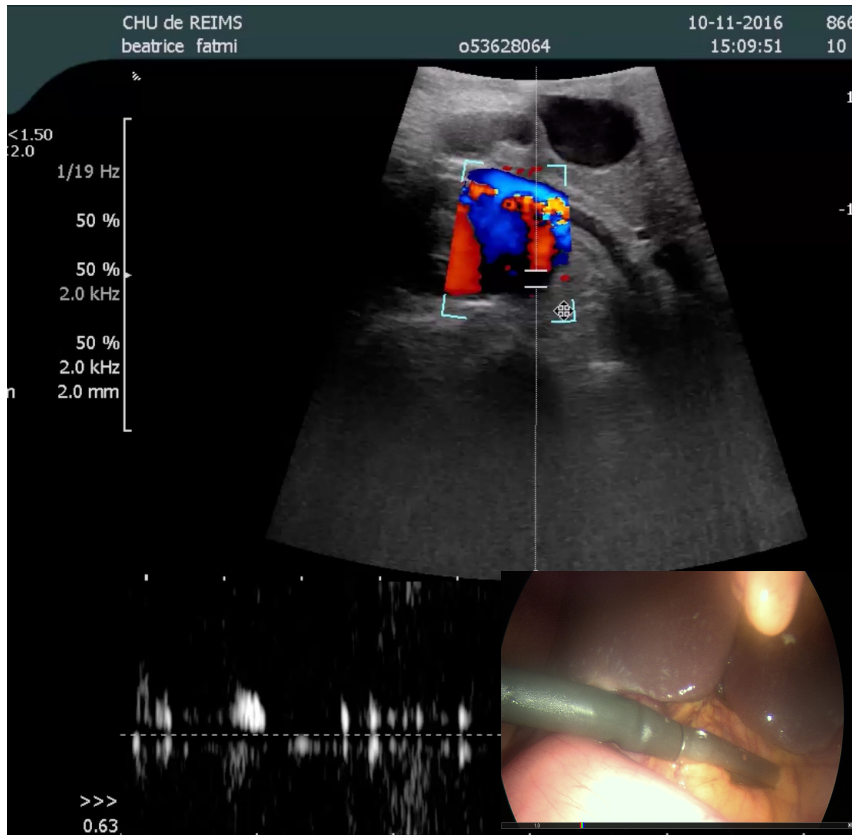


**exploration+LUS+biopsy**

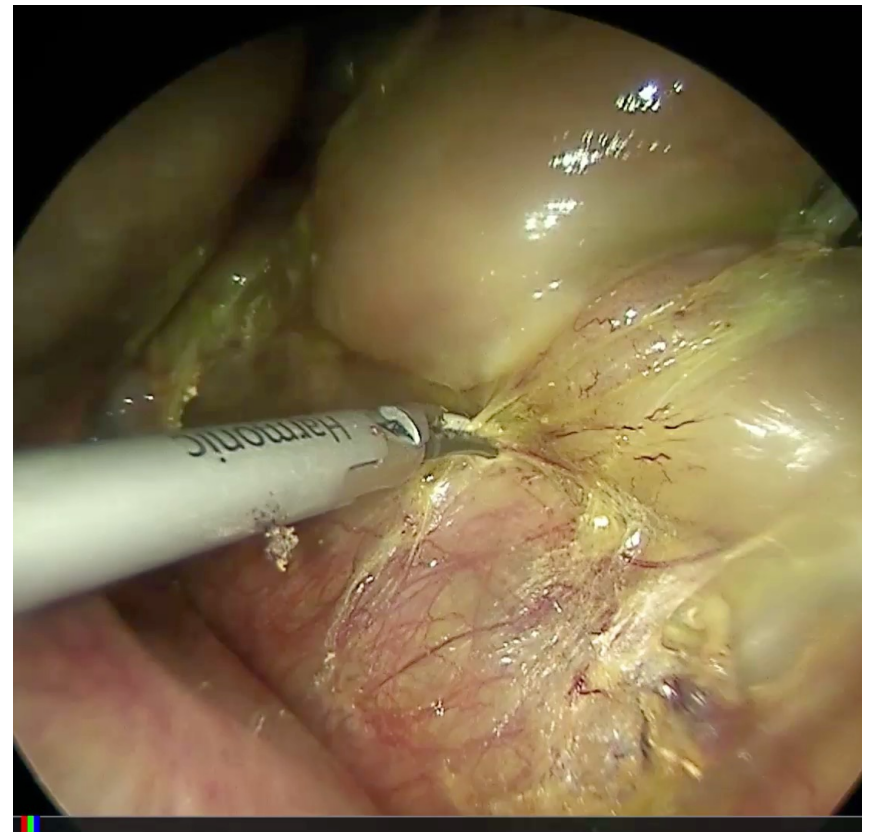


# Laparoscopy staging

## LUS pancreas



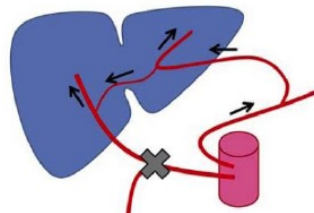
## LN 16 lymphonode picking



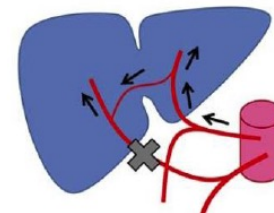
# Laparoscopy staging

## Borderline/advanced

- LUS before start the NA therapy
- sampling for cytological examination
- ligation of replaced RHA



Ishikawa M et al.  
J Comput Assist Tomogr  
2016, 40 : 171-175



# Take Message

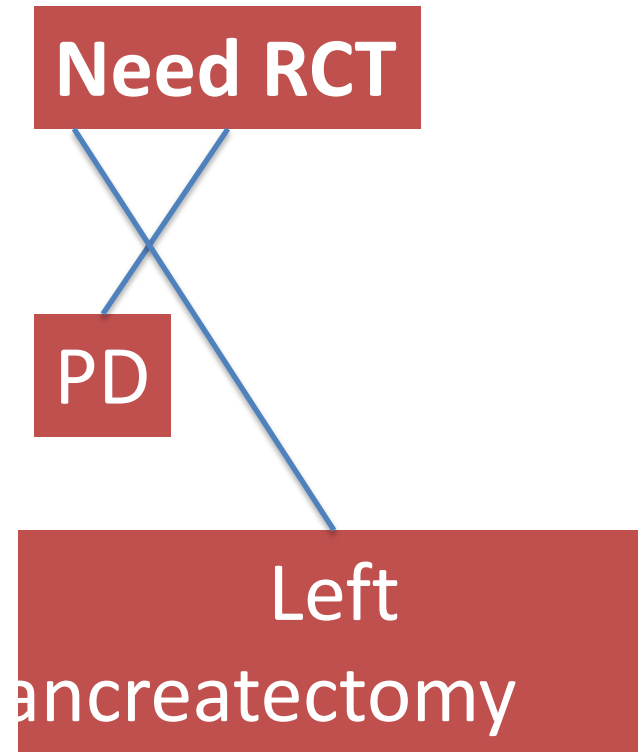
- necessary in patients at risk of occult metastases (*high CA 19.9 and large tumors*)
- could be useful in patients undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy (*abdominal washing in search of neoplastic cells; LUS*)
- could be represents the first step in resectable patients to evaluate LN 16



# Laparoscopy and Pancreatic Resection

## END-POINTS

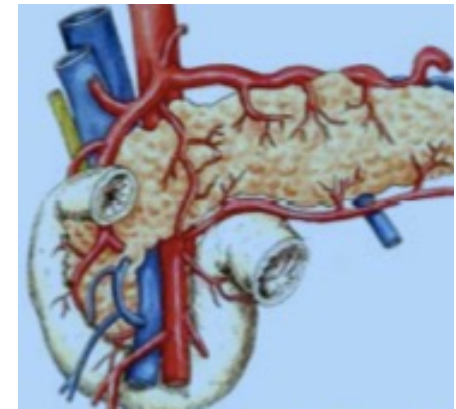
- Not change *the indications*
- Same *radicality*
- Same *rate of complication*
- *Same oncological results*



# Laparoscopy and Pancreatic Resection

**Laparoscopic limits = NO!!! but**  
*Anatomical-Technical (LP easier than PD)*

- retroperitoneal position
- close relationship with major vessels
- fragile consistency of the pancreas
- loss of tactile sensation
- technically demanding and time consuming operation
- requires expertise in pancreatic surgery and lap. advanced procedures



# Laparoscopy and Pancreatic Resection

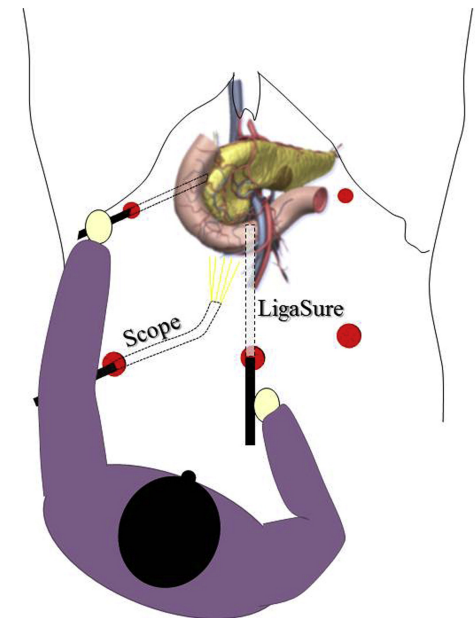
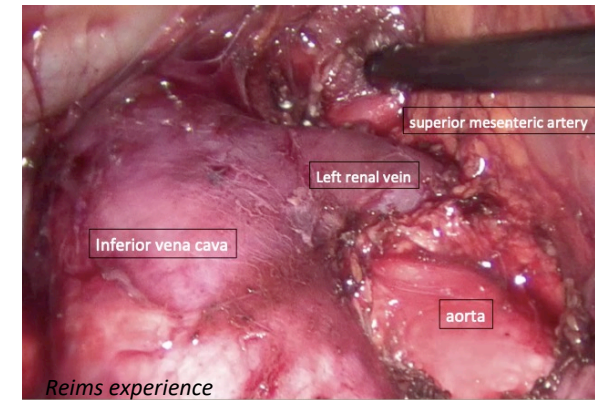
## Laparoscopic benefits

### *Medical*

- Immunologic advantages of MI procedures
- same oncologic outcome of open ??
- Postoperative enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS)

### *Technical*

- magnification and optics
- caudale vision for dissection of uncinata process
- best approach for « First mesenteric artery »
- high rate of spleen conservation



Honda G JACS 2013

# Pancréatectomie distale

*La pancréatectomie distale laparoscopie est la résection la plus couramment pratiquée*

- *taux de conservation splénique plus élevé*
- *moins de douleur pos-opératoire*

Tumeur maligne: du 4.7 a 100%

Diamètre du tumeur: du 2 a 3.8 cm

Temps opératoire: du 188 a 304 min

Perde sanguine: du 70 a 422 cc

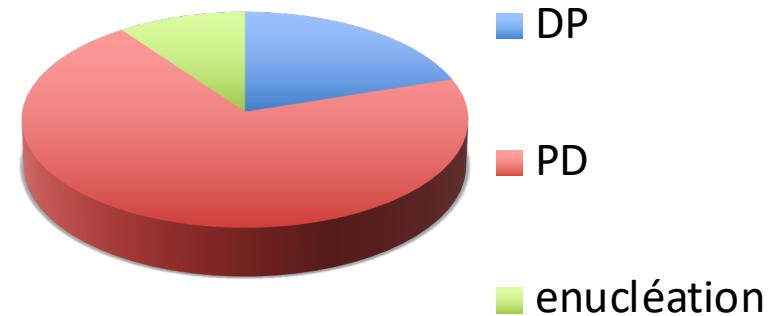
Conversion: 0-30%

Fistule Pancréatique: du 11.3 a 29.7 %

Marge positive: 3-26%

N° de ganglions prélevé: 6-16.5

Hospitalisation: 4-8 jours



*Cushieri A. J.R.Coll.Surg. 1995; Jayaraman S. J.Am.Coll.Surg 2010; Dinorcia J. J.Gastrointest.Surg 2010; Kooby DA. J.Am.Coll.Surg 2010; Vijan SS Arch Surg 2010;; Butturini G. Surg Endosc 2011; Cho CS. Ann Surg 2011; Fox AM. Surg Endosc. 2012; Mehta SS. Surg Endosc.2012;Maggie D. JAMA 2013; Stauffer JA HPB 2013*

# Left Pancreatectomy

Laparoscopic left pancreatectomy is **the treatment of choice** for benign lesions and borderline tumors

## Advantages:

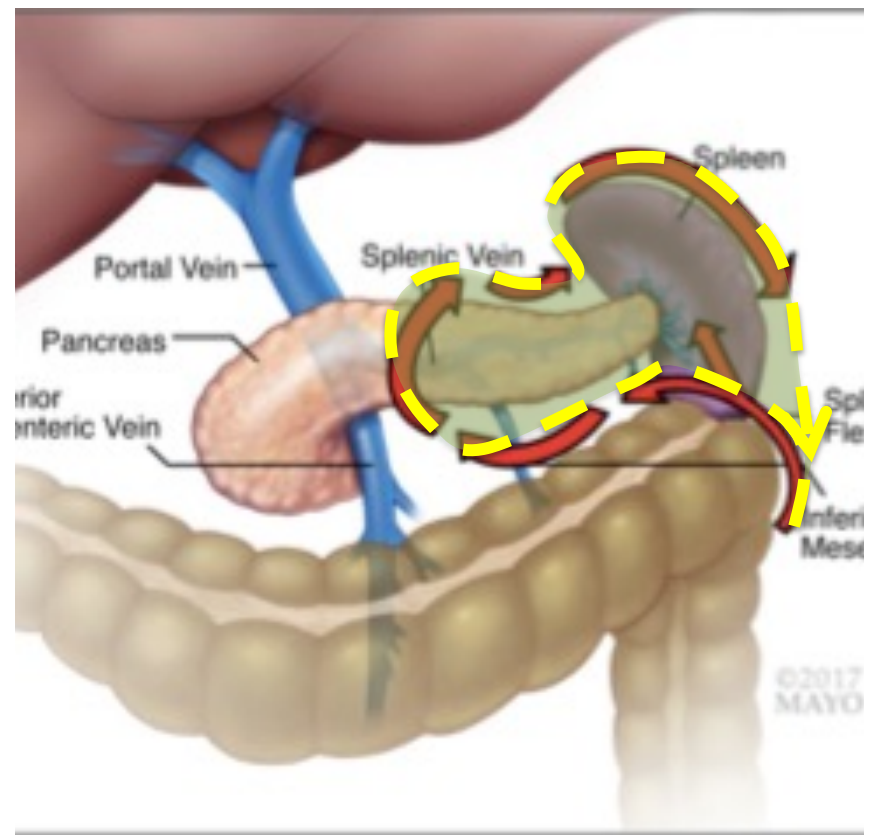
- Reduced intraoperative blood loss
- quick recovery
- high rate of spleen conservation
- apparently reduced morbidity and mortality
- Not compromised oncological principles (*lymph node harvest and margin negative*)

# Left Pancreatectomy

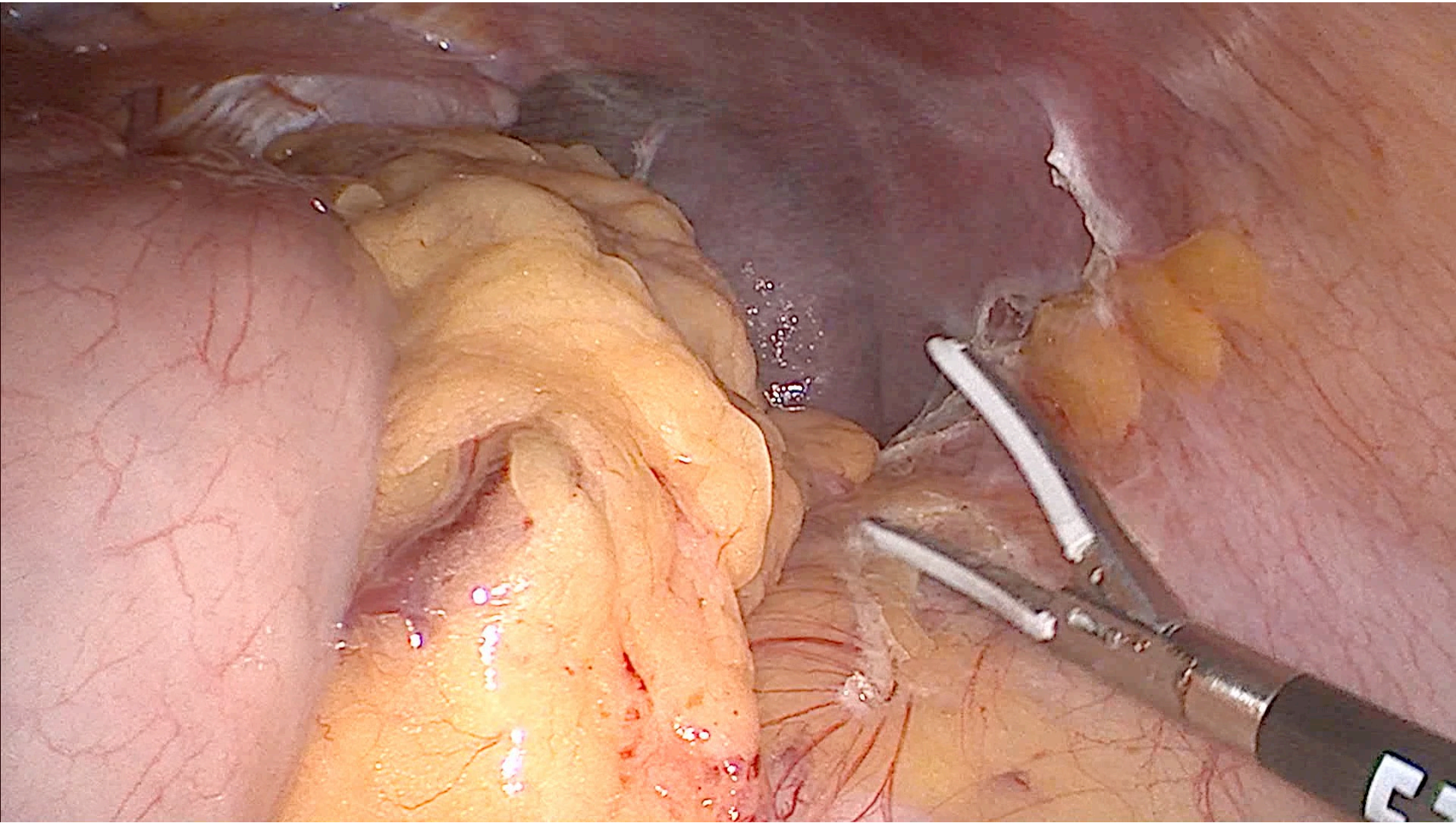
## Technical options

- Laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy (LDP)
- Laparoscopic spleen preserving distal pancreatectomy (LSpDP)
- laparoscopic spleen and vessel preserving distal pancreatectomy (LSVpDP)
- laparoscopic assisted distal pancreatectomy (LA-SVpDP)
- Single incision laparoscopic distal pancreatectomy
- Robot-assisted distal pancreatectomy

## Clockwise approach







# Left Pancreatectomy

## Controversial point

## Splenic preservation

*Warshaw technique*

*Vessel preservation*

## Location of the trocars

*Single Incision laparoscopic approach*

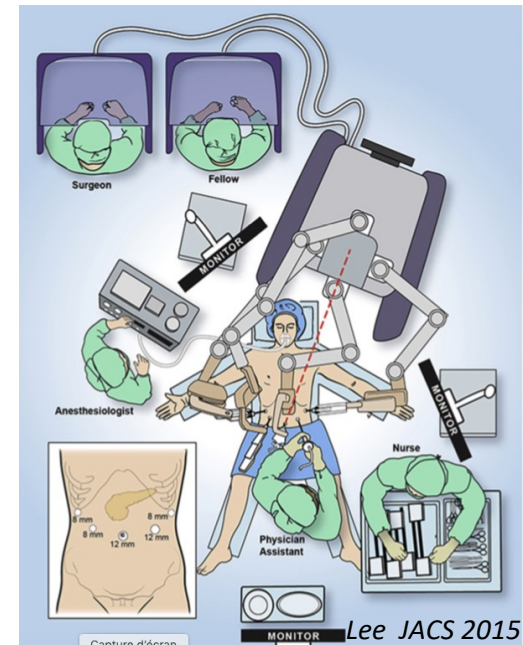
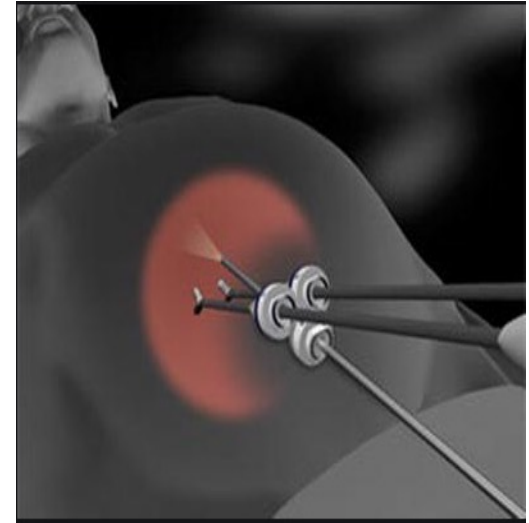
*Robot-assisted distal pancreatectomy*

## Extent of resection

*Anterior RAMPS*

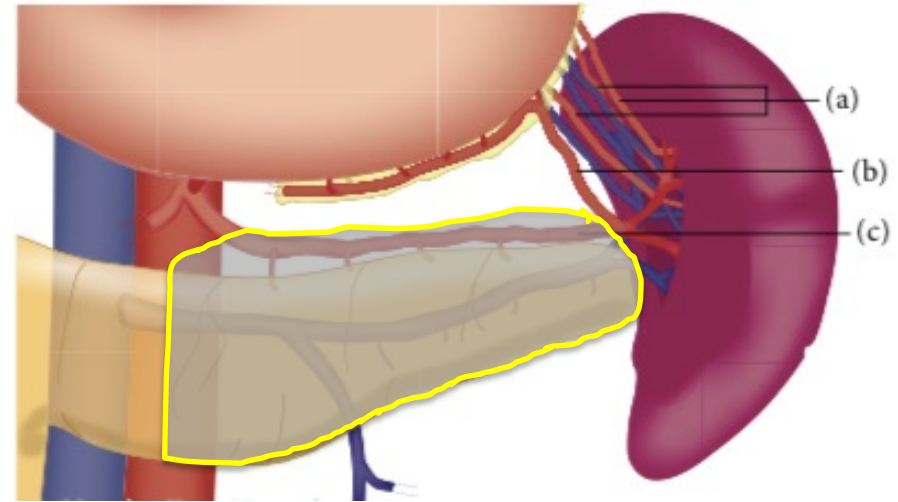
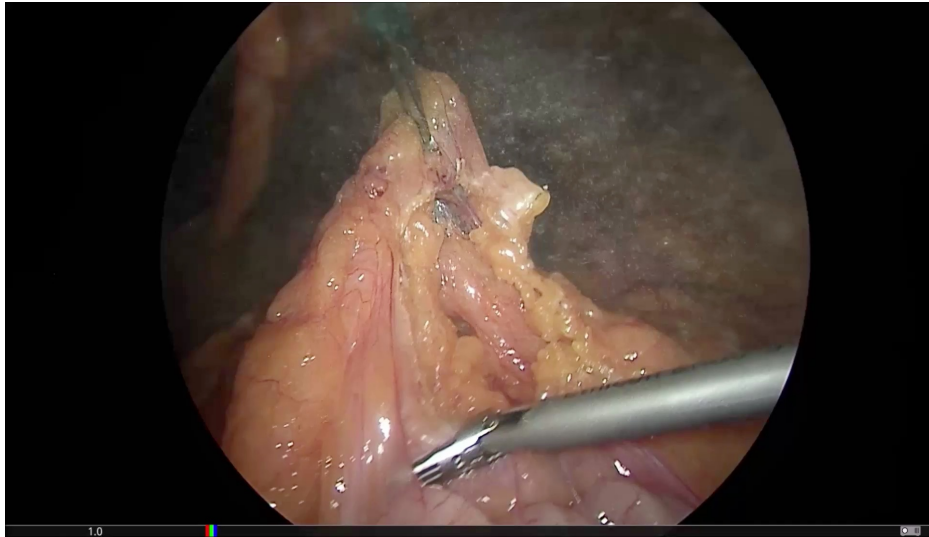
*Posterior RAMPS*

## Parenchymal transection





# Laparoscopic spleen preserving left pancreatectomy :*Warshaw technique*



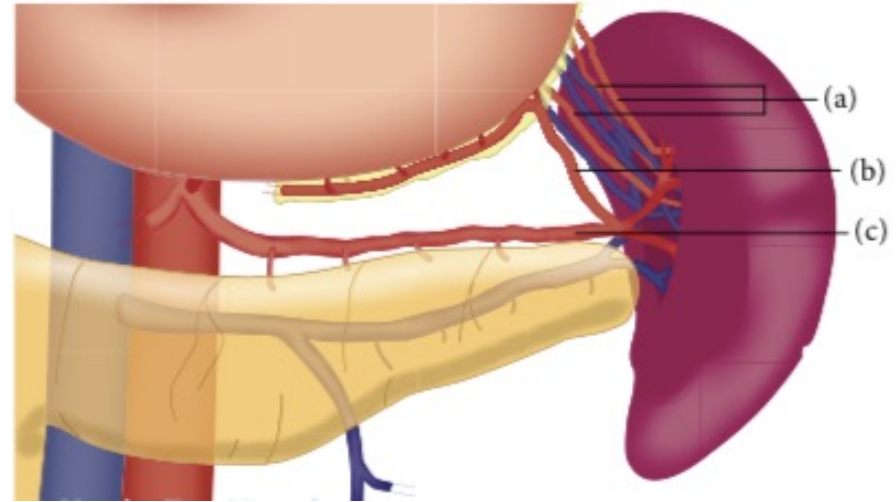
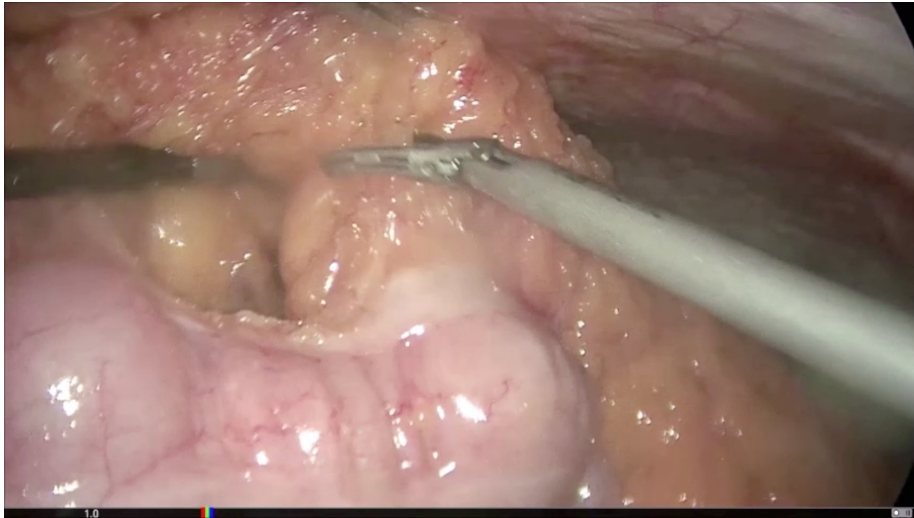
## Peri-operative Outcomes

operating time	160(116-200)
Blood loss	301 cc
Length of stay	8 (6-11)

## Complications

• Splenic infarctions	22%
• Perigastric varices	17%
• Chronic left-side abdominal pain	38%
• Post-operative splenectomy	2%

# laparoscopic spleen and vessel preserving left pancreatectomy : *Kimura technique*



## Peri-operative Outcomes

operating time	215 (150-367)
Blood loss	391 cc
Length of stay	11 (4-21)

## Complications

- Splenic infarctions 2%
- Pancreatic fistula 17%

# Pancreas Transection

## Management of stump closure

- linear stapler reinforced (4.8- 3.5-2.8 mm)
- energie device + suture
- hand-sewn closure
- vascular endo-surgery if section of splenic vessels

## Progressive Compression technique



# Minimally invasive versus open distal pancreatectomy (LEOPARD): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

De Rooij T *et al* trial 2017

1° outcome: postoperative hospital stay: LDP best than ODP

2° outcome: functional recovery; perioperative bleeding; complications; need for pain medication and quality of life

# LEOPARD study : Results

De Rooij T *et al*

Ann Surg 2019

	Mini invasive N=54	Open N=57	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P
<b>Primary Outcome</b>				
Time to functional recovery median	4 (3-6)	6(5-8)		<0.001
Restored mobility	4(2-5)	5(3-6)		0.01
adequate pain control with oral medication	3(2-3)	4(3-5)		<0.001
Reached at least 50% required caloric intake	3(2-5)	6(4-7)		<0.001
No need for fluid administration	3(2-5)	4(3-6)		0.001
No sign of infection	4(3-6)	6(5-8)		<0.001

# LEOPARD study : Results

<i>Secondary Outcome</i>	Mini invasive N=54	Open N=57	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P
operative time median min	217 (135-277)	179 (129-231)		0.005
blood loss mean mL	150 (50-350)	400 (200-775)		<0.001
Pancreatic fistula (B/C	39% (33-6%)	23% (21-2%)	1.72 (0.96-3.09)	0.07
delayed gastric emptying (B/C)	6% (0-6%)	19% (13-7%)	0.30 (0.09-1.03)	0.04
postoperative bleeding	4% (4-0%)	4% (2%-2%)	1.12 (0.16-7.65)	>0.99
length of initial hospital day median	6 (4-7)	8 (6-9)		<0.001
readmission	29%	25%		0.57
length of total hospital stay median	6(4-13)	8(6-12)		0.004

# LEOPARD study : Results

De Rooij T *et al*

Ann Surg 2019

- 2 days reduction in time to functional recovery
- No difference in terms of complications

# Reims Experience minivasive PD ± Splen.

janvier 2013 - december 2020

45 ptz

<b>operative time median min</b>	<b>260</b>
blood loss mean ml	200
Pancreatic fistula (B/C)	15%/8%
delayed gastric emptying	7%
postoperative bleeding	4%
length of total hospital stay median	7
mortality 90D	2.8%



# Pancreaticoduodenectomy

1994 First LPD by Gagner for benign lesion

746 LPD in the world

## *Contraindications*

- vessel reconstruction
- association with anatomical hepatectomy

## *Intraoperative outcomes*

conversion: 9.1% mais..... complete LPD is relatively difficult

average operative time : 464.3 min.

average blood loss: 320.7 mL

## *Postoperative outcomes*

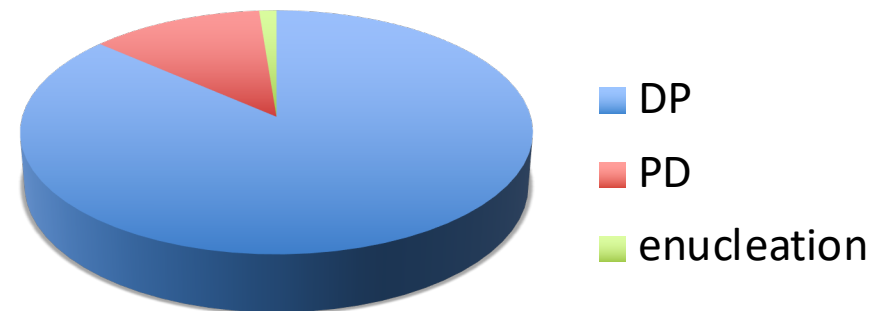
**Morbidity: 41.2%**

pancreatic fistula: range 11.6-30%

delayed gastric emptying: range 9-15%

**Mortality: 1.9%**

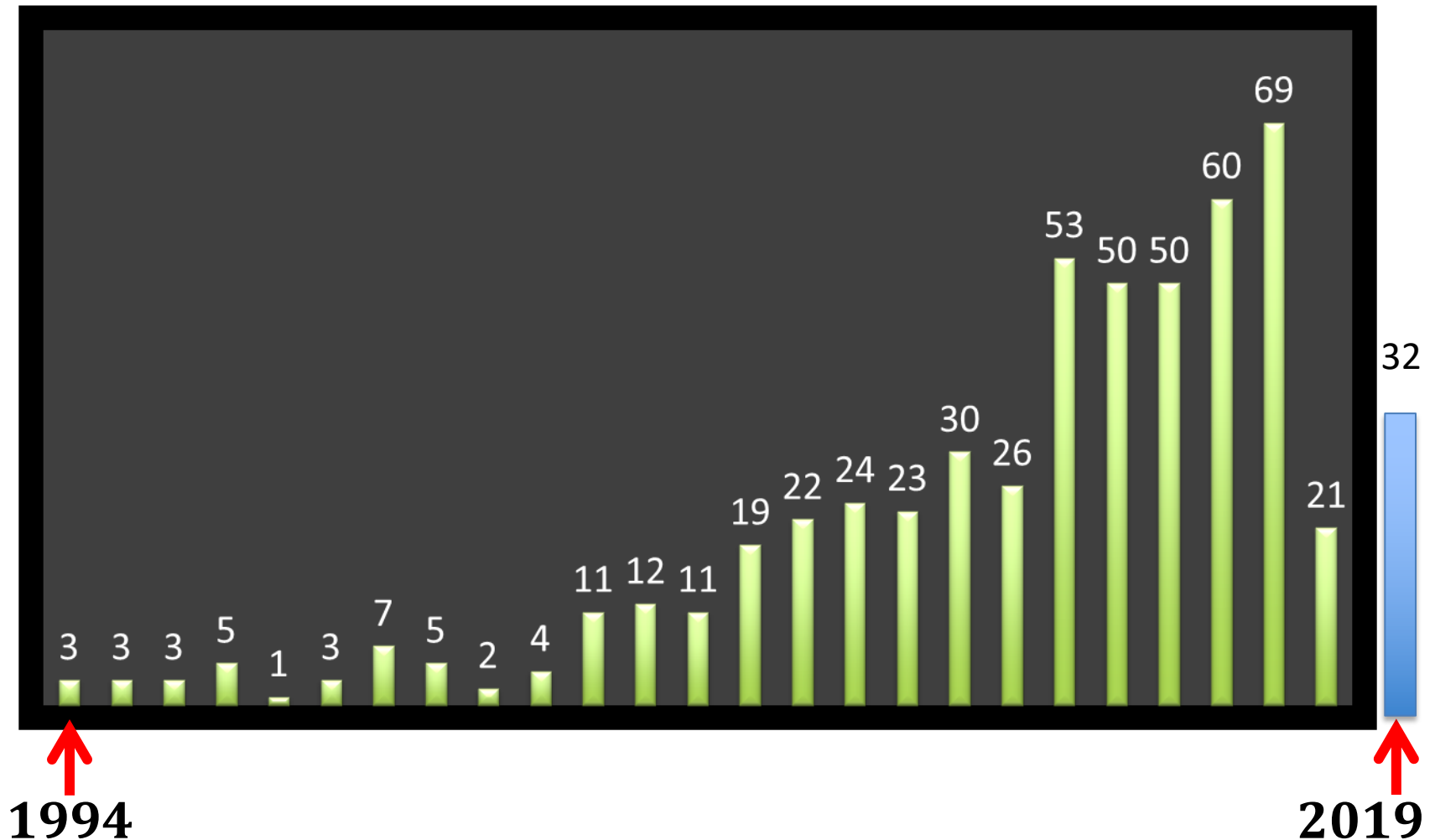
average hospital stay: Europe: 21.3days; Asia: 13days; North America: 9.4days ???



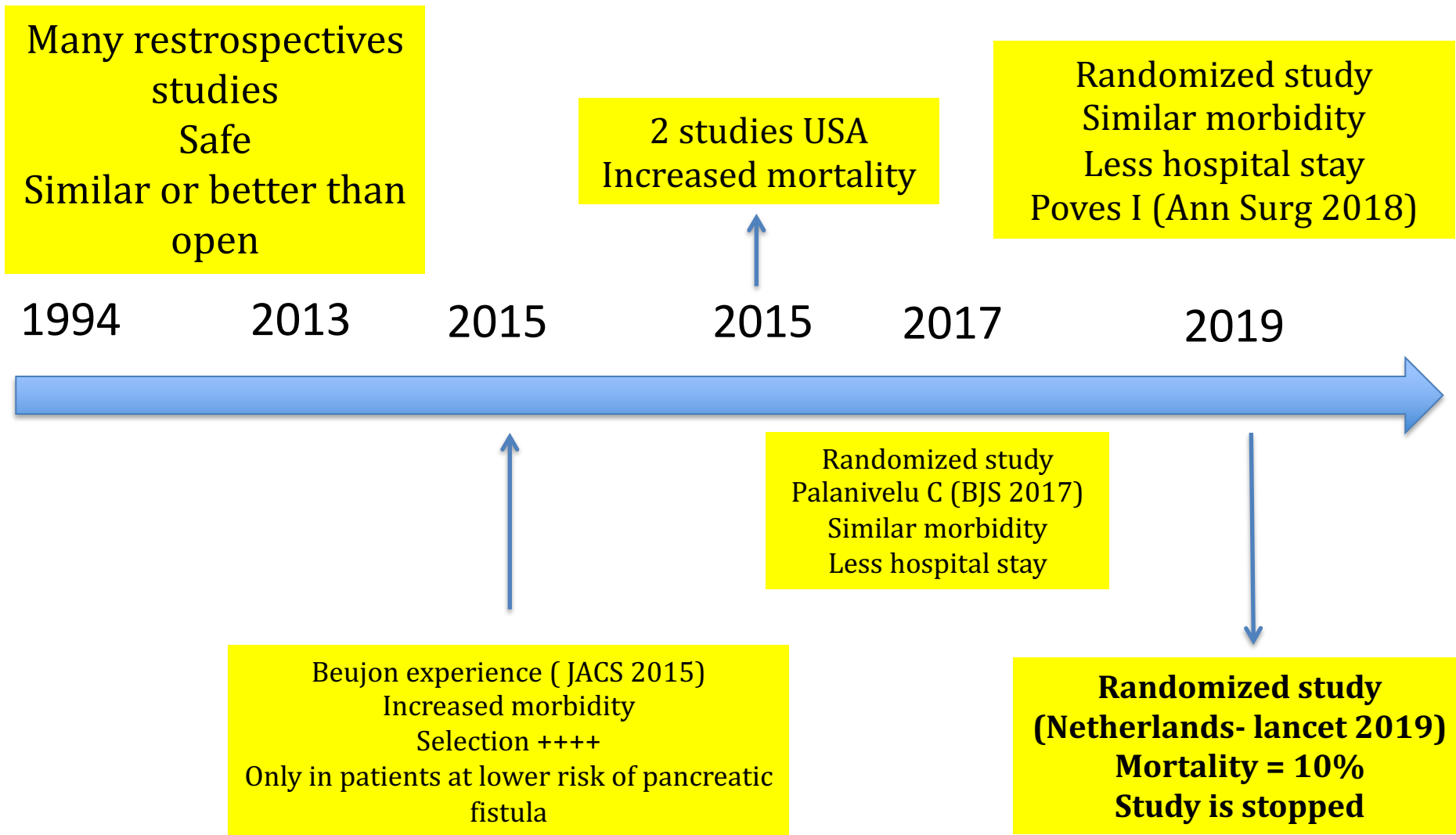
# Lap Pancreaticoduodenectomy

## Annual Publication

« Laparoscopic pancreaticoduodenectomy »



# LPD-Outcome



Sharpe SM et al JACS 2015; Adam MA et al, Ann Surg 2015; Hilst et al lancet 2019

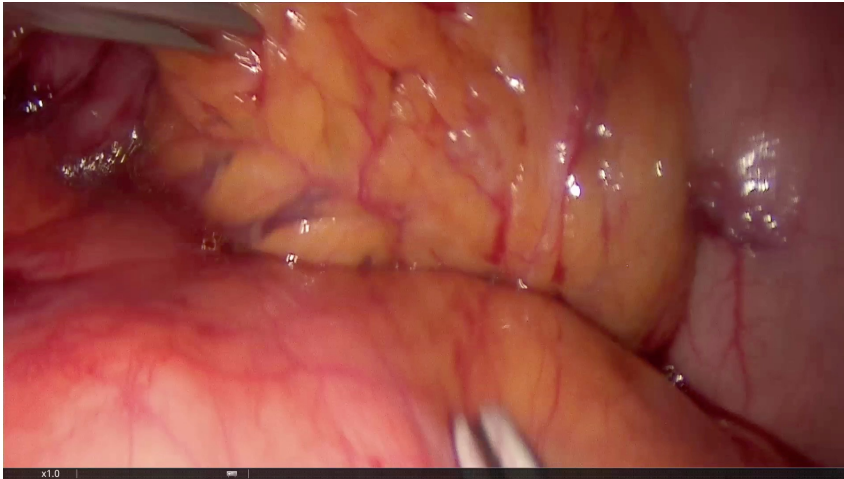
# Selection of Patients

## Contraindications

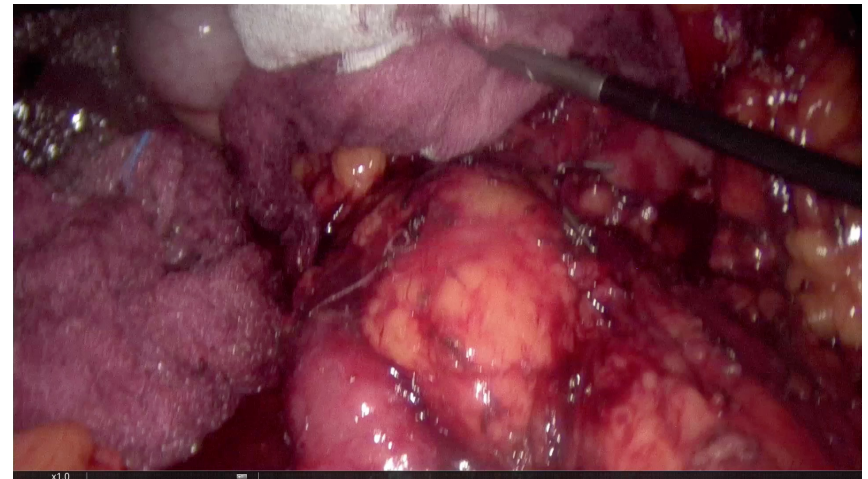
- obesity
- pancreatitis
- high risk of POPF (type of tumor)
- adhesiolysis for previous open abdominal surgery
- combined vascular resection (*expert surgeons*)
- combined organ resection (*expert surgeons*)
- unusual vascular anatomy (*expert surgeons*)

# LPD-Selection of Patients

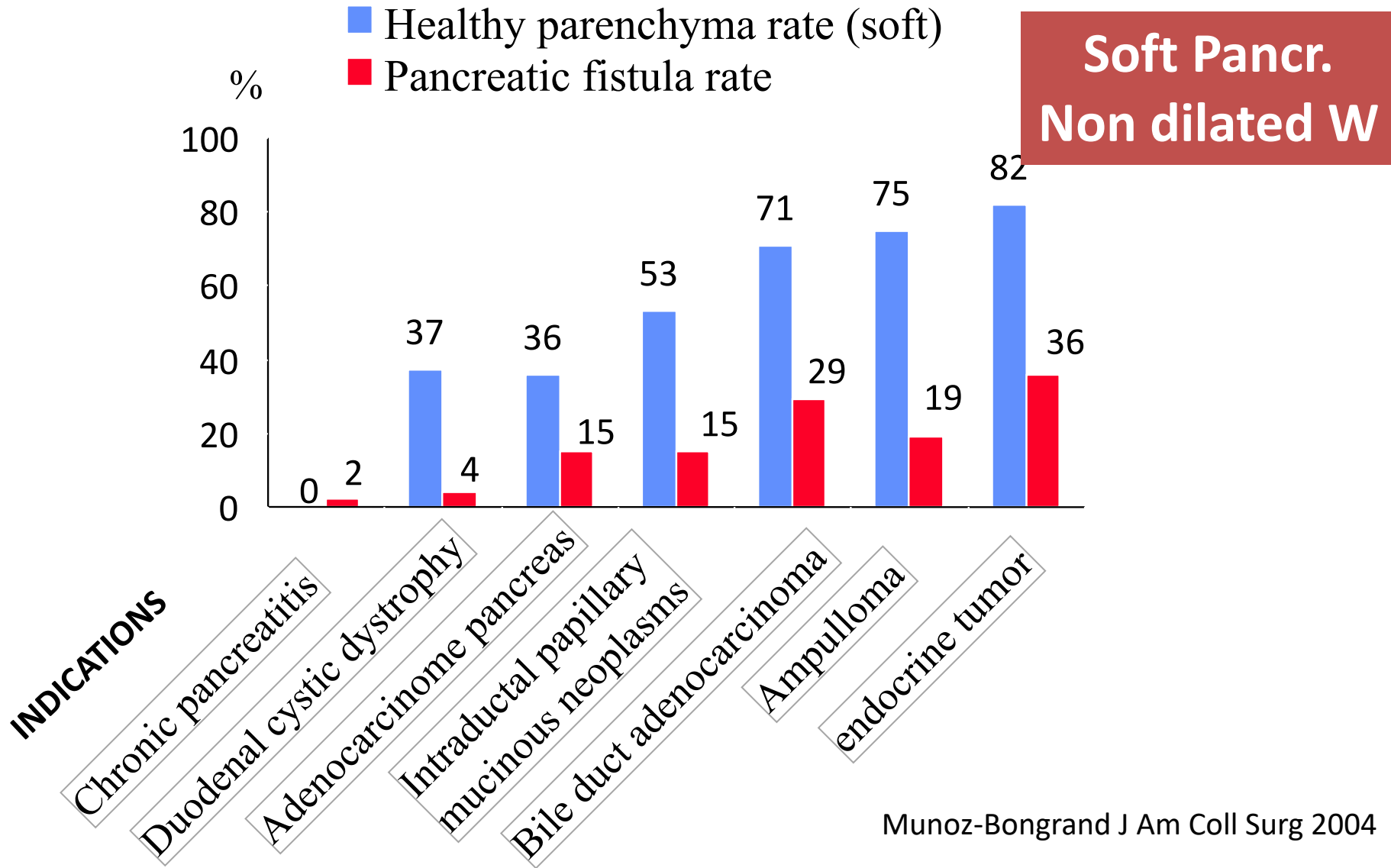
**Mesenteric Panniculitis**



**Borderline tumor  
after chemo/radio**



# POPF and quality of pancreas



# Laparoscopic Pancreaticoduodenectomy should not be routine for resection of periampullary tumors

Dokmak S. et al

J Am Coll Surg 2015

## Variables

size of tumor; pancreatic texture; morbidity (Clavien-Dindo); pancreatic fistula; bleeding; delayed gastric emptying; biliary fistula, gastroenteric anastomosis fistula; pulmonary complications; harvested LN/invaded LN; R0; reintervention; drained collections; readmission; hospital stay;

All Patients			
complication	Laparoscopic n=46	open n= 46	P
POPF grade C n (%)	11 (24)	3 (6)	0.007
Bleeding n (%)	11 (24)	3 (7)	0.02
Hospital stay d,mean (range)	25 (6-104)	23 (7-115)	0.59
Only Adenoca			
complication	laparoscopic n=15	open n=14	P
Major morbidity n (%)	2 (13)	0 (0)	0.09
Reintervention n (%)	2 (13)	0 (0)	0.09

**Patient Selection**

# Oncologic outcomes

## Short-term outcome

Ref.	Year	Country	Technique	No. of PDAC cases	Rate of R0 resection	No. of LN	Positive LN	Tumor size, cm
Sharp <i>et al</i> <sup>[21]</sup>	2015	United States	LPD	384	80.0%	18 ± 9.7	NR	3.2 ± 1.3
			OPD	4037	74.0%	16 ± 9.6	NR	3.3 ± 2.4
Song <i>et al</i> <sup>[24]</sup>	2015	South Korea	LPPPD	11	72.7%	15 ± 10	0.8 ± 1.2	2.8 ± 0.6
			OPPPD	261	81.0%	16.2 ± 9.6	1.5 ± 2.2	3.0 ± 1.2
Dokmak <i>et al</i> <sup>[24]</sup>	2015	France	LPD	15	60.0%	20 (8-59)	4.7 (0-32)	2.4 (1.5-4)
			OPD	14	50.0%	25 (8-47)	2.2 (0-12)	2.8 (2.5-4)
Chen <i>et al</i> <sup>[24]</sup>	2015	China	RPD	19	94.7%	18.1 ± 6.6	NR	3.0 ± 0.9
			OPD	38	92.1%	17.8 ± 7.1	NR	3.1 ± 1.0
Croome <i>et al</i> <sup>[21]</sup>	2014	United States	LPD	108	77.8%	21.4 ± 8.1	73.1%	3.3 ± 1.0
			OPD	214	76.6%	20.1 ± 7.5	72.0%	3.3 ± 1.3

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60-90%

**LPD vs OPD no difference**



# Laparoscopic versus open pancreatoduodenectomy for pancreatic or periampullary tumours (LEOPARD-2): a multicentre, patient-blinded, randomised controlled phase 2/3

Hilst J et al

Lancet gastroenterology&Hepatology 2019

4 centres In Netherlands > 20 PD x year

- Surgeons training programme for LPD before trial
- No vascular involvement
- randomized 1:1

Phase 3 results: Jan 31 – Nov 2017

	<b>LPD vs OPD</b>	
• <b>Phase 2</b> to assess the safety of LPD ( <i>complications and mortality</i> )	<i>Mortality</i>	<i>10% vs 2%</i>
• <b>Phase 3</b> functional recovery in days : adequate pain control with only oral analgesia.....	Grade III°	50% vs 39%
	POPF B/C	28% vs 24%

°Clavien-Dindo

**Trial Prematurely interrupted**

# Lap. Hybrid PD

- Avoid large incision ( lap. 1<sup>st</sup>step) if still metastatic
- Training seniors → Juniors
- Less morbidity / mortality ?????
- Better patients selection +++++

**Toward**

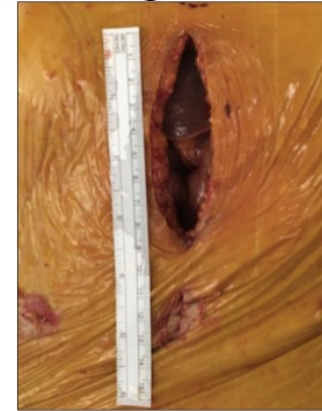
***Robotic Surgery***

anastomosis  
clamping

} PD



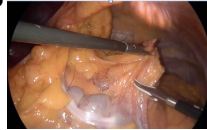
# Laparoscopic hybrid pancreaticoduodenectomy: Initial single center experience



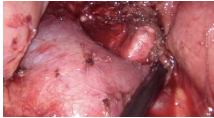
	n or mean	% or range		
Men	11	53.3%	Length of hospital stay (days)	14 9-23
Age (years)	67.9	43-84	90-days readmission	4 19
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	24.5	20.7-32	90-days mortality	1 4.7
ASA			Histologic subtype	
II	7	33	Adenocarcinoma	15 71.4
III	14	67	AAC	2 9.5
Tumor Size (mm)	21	15-55	IPMN	2 9.5
Vascular invasion	3	14.2	CA	1 4.8
Neoadjuvant therapy	11	73.3	DA	1 4.8
Operative time (minutes)	425	226-576	Number of harvested LN	17.7 12-26
Conversion to open surgery	4	19	Invaded LN	1.7 1-7
Estimated blood loss (ml)	317	60-800	R0 rate	17 80
Intraoperative transfusion	3	14.2	R1 >0<1 mm	2 9.5
Total post-operative complications	9	42.8	R1 0 mm	2 9.5
Major post-operative complication*	3	14.2	Postoperative chemotherapy	15 71.4
Pancreatic fistula	4	19	Follow-up (months)	7.5 3-12
Grade B	3	14.3		
Grade C	1	4.7		
Post-pancreatectomy hemorrhage	1	4.7		
Delayed gastric emptying	4	19		
Bile leak	2	9.5		
Pulmonary embolism	2	9.5		

# Stepwise approach for laparoscopic ibryd PD

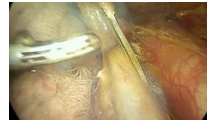
1 step: Open of the gastrocolic ligament , mobilized the right colon flexure and control of the right gastrocolic vessels



2 step: Mobilization of the duodenum ( kocker manouvre) and if necessary artery first approach



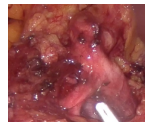
3 step: picking of LN 16 (intra aorto-cava)



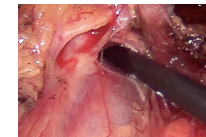
4 step: gastric resection



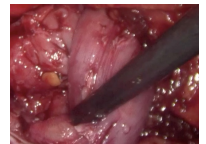
5 step: Exposing the structures of the hepatoduodenal ligament ( limphoadenectomy) and dividing the gastroduodenal artery



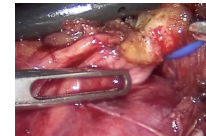
6 step: Dissection the neck of the pancreas off the SM-PV trunk



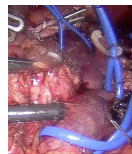
7 step: Section of the Treitz and jejunum brought behind the mesenteric vessels



8 step: Transection the pancreas and common bile duct



9 step: Uncinate process dissection



10 step: open anastomosis



# Take Message

- Laparoscopic pancreatic resection is feasible but no consensus for PD
- Probably not difference in terms of radicality and oncological outcome (more RCT)  
but
- Learning curve is difficult and long
- Patients selection is decisive for final result