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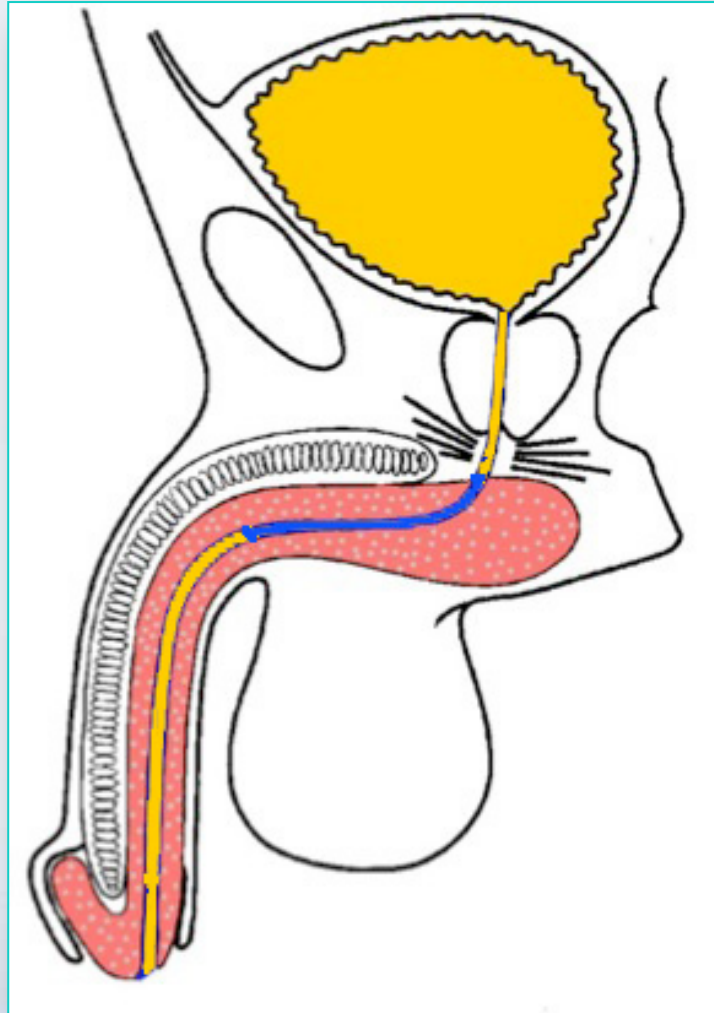
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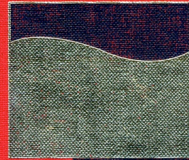
# Bulbar urethroplasty: how to avoid complications



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**CHAPTER**

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**Substitution  
Urethroplasty and the  
Pedicled Island Penile  
Skin Procedure**

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# Observations on Hemostatic and Hemorrhagic Anesthesiologic Procedures

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All operations on the anterior urethra naturally involve the spongy tissue so that a basic requirement of urethral surgery is the avoidance of erections or erectile turgescence; this is particularly important for operative procedures that require a definitive spongioplasty. It is, therefore, somewhat remarkable that one of the commonest anesthetic procedures offered for urologic operations is an epidural block—the turgescence and partial erection that this commonly creates may reassure the anesthesiologist that the anesthesia is progressing satisfactorily—but is not helpful to the urologist.

Urologists commonly complain about unwanted erections, but many anesthesiologists have never been asked to prevent them—and some do not know how to prevent them effectively. It is important to appreciate that a positively diminished erectile tissue blood supply and an induced systemic hypotension are quite different hemodynamic features that may or may not be coincident during anesthesia. In general, a pharmacologic ganglion blockade sufficient to cause dilatation of the pupils induces a specific reduction in the vascular circulation of the erectile tissue and enables one to “look into the interstices” of the spongy tissue after sponging (instead of a constant welling up) before it significantly reduces the systolic blood pressure. A secret of a comfortable surgical operating field is induced bradycardia.<sup>21</sup>

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*“...epidural block is not helpful for the urologist”.*



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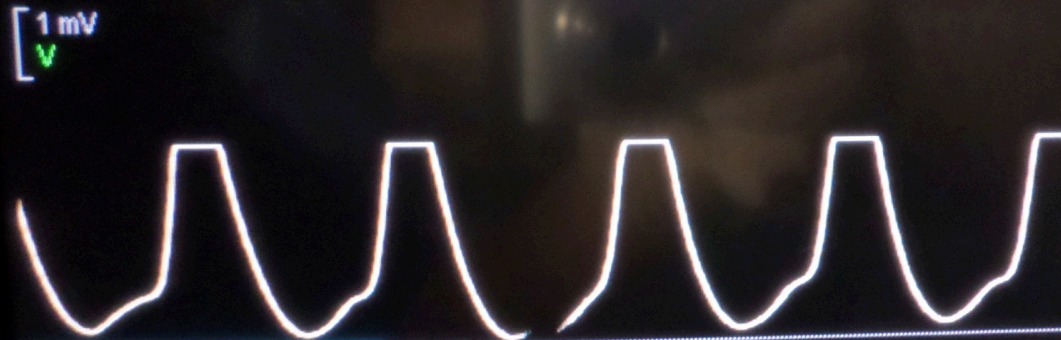
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HR 48 <sup>120</sup>/<sub>45</sub>



SpO2 98 <sup>100</sup>/<sub>90</sub>

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Premere Codice per arrest.

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i et 2.4

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12:31

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41 <sup>110</sup>/<sub>40</sub>  
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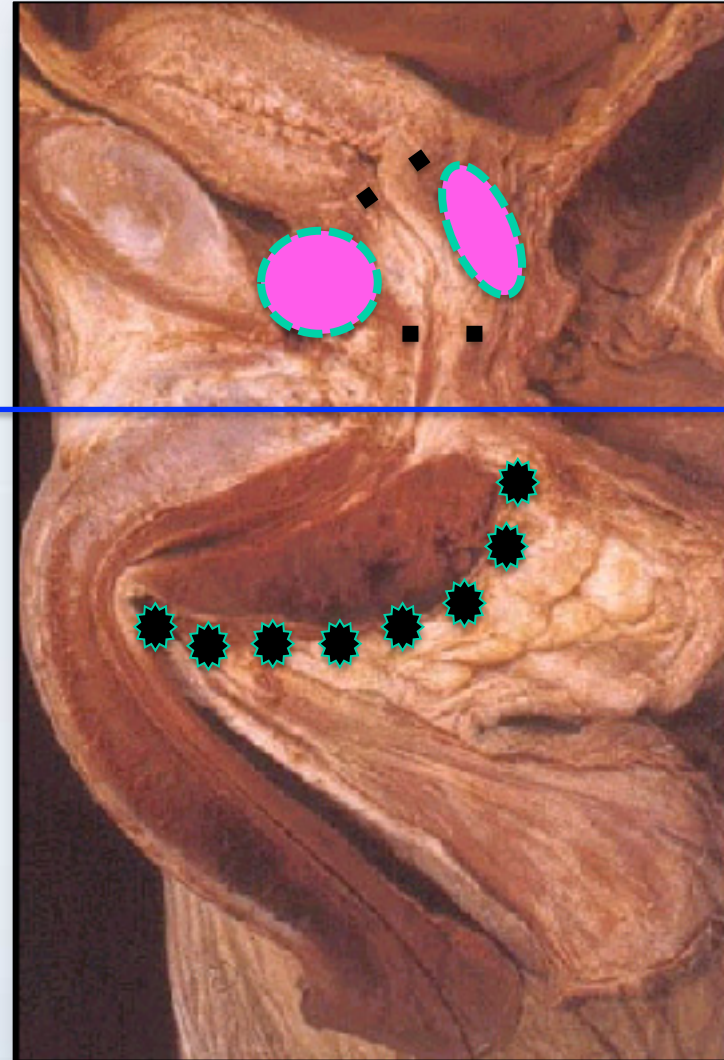
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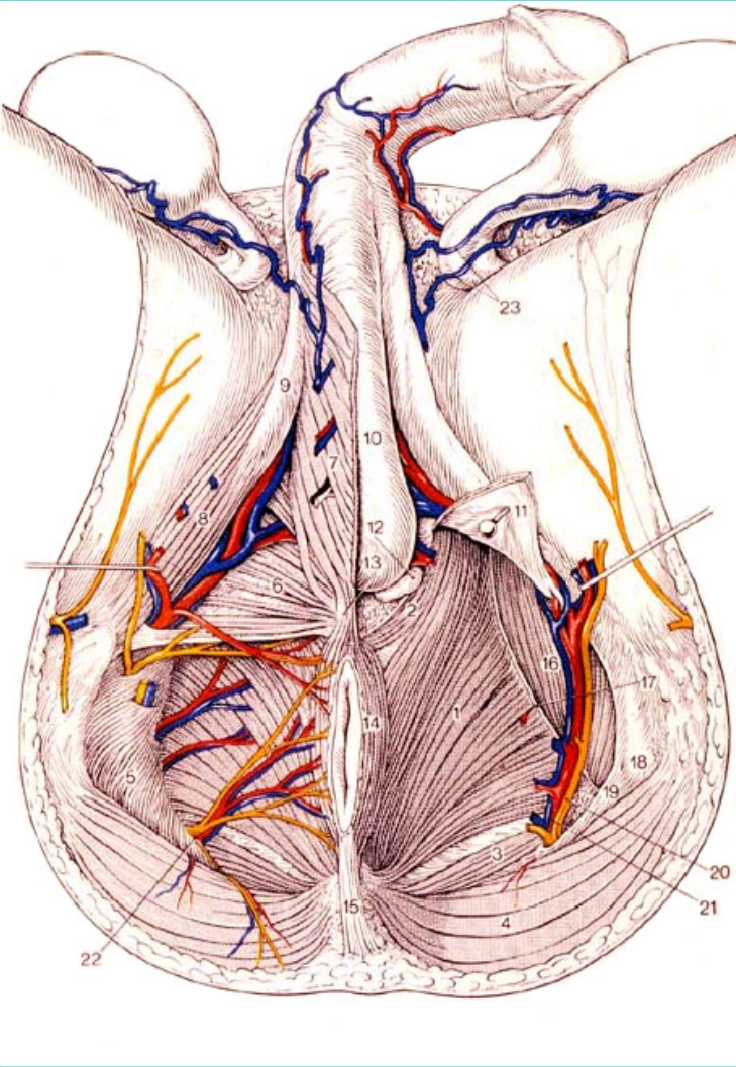
# Male urethra

**Posterior:** functional urethra,  
for urinary continence and erectile  
function.

**Anterior:** *non-functional urethra*,  
excluding the activity of  
bulbo-spongiosum muscles.



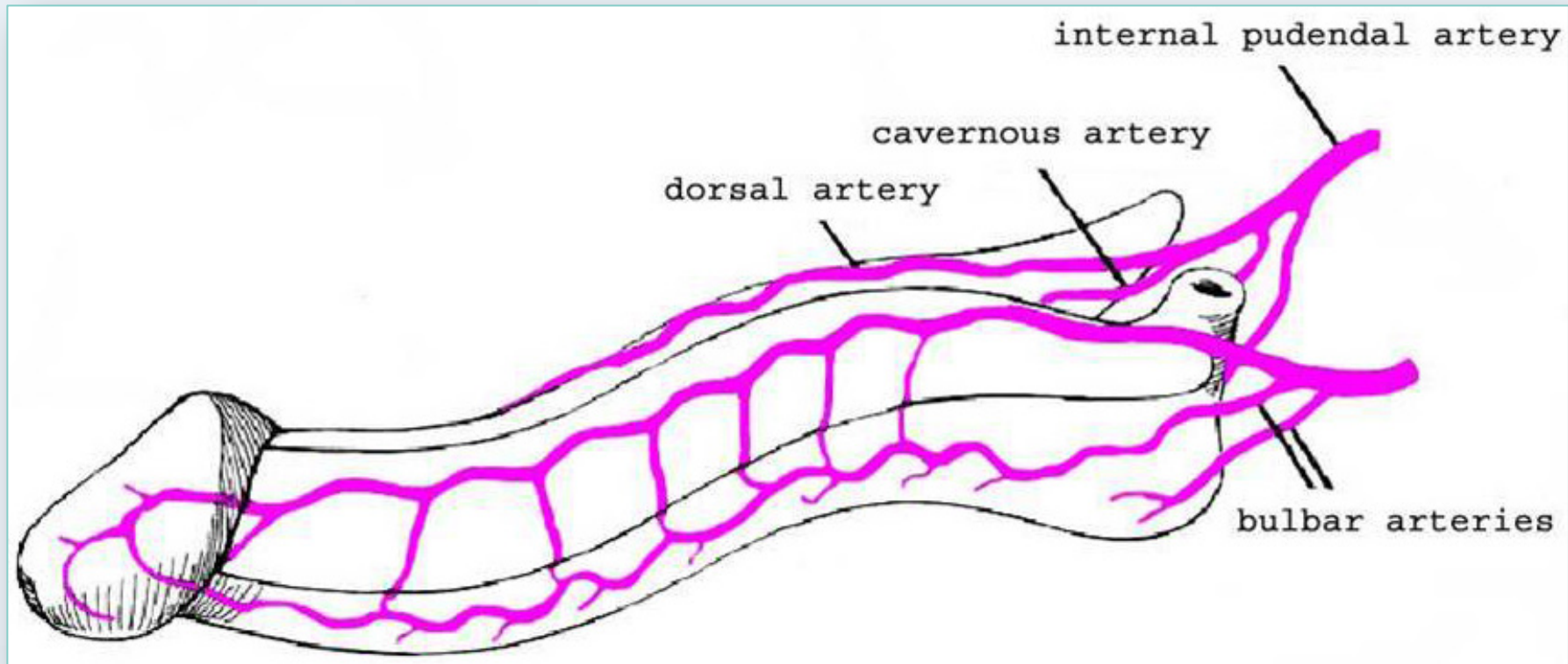
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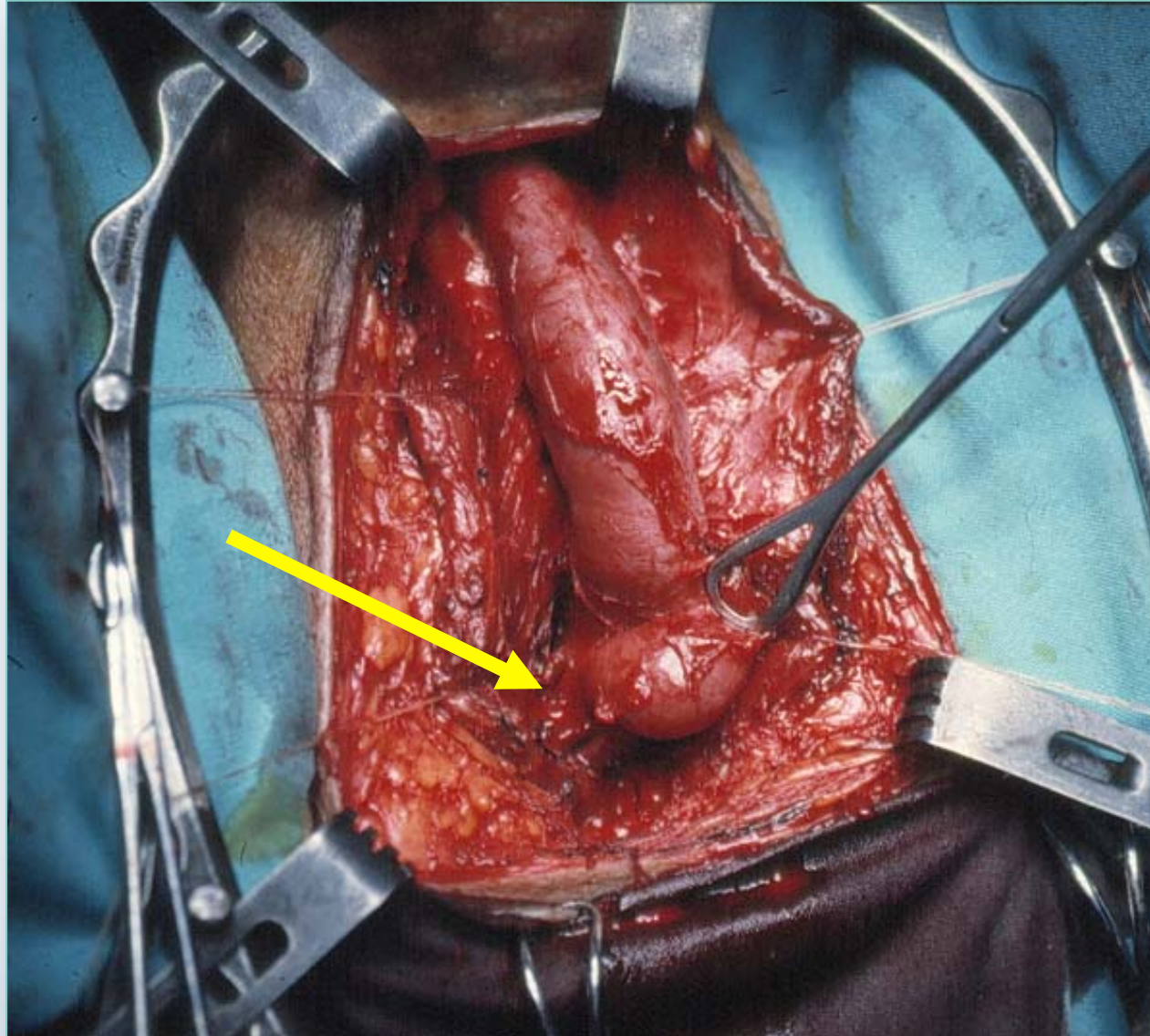


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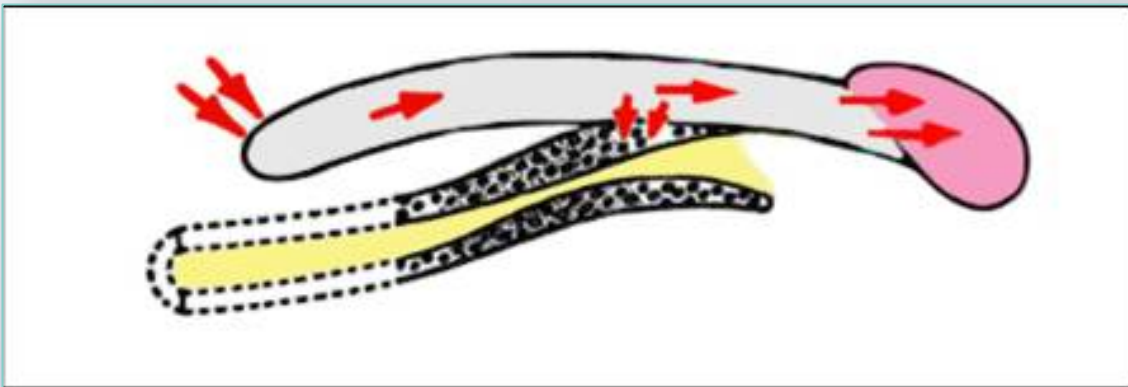
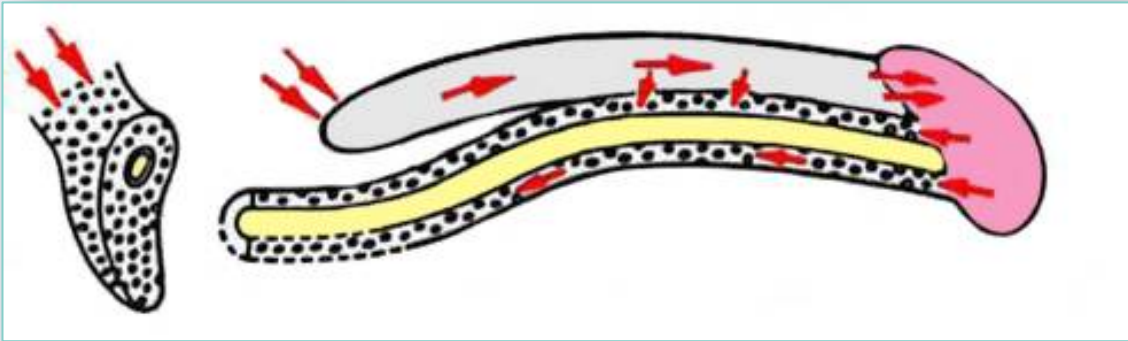
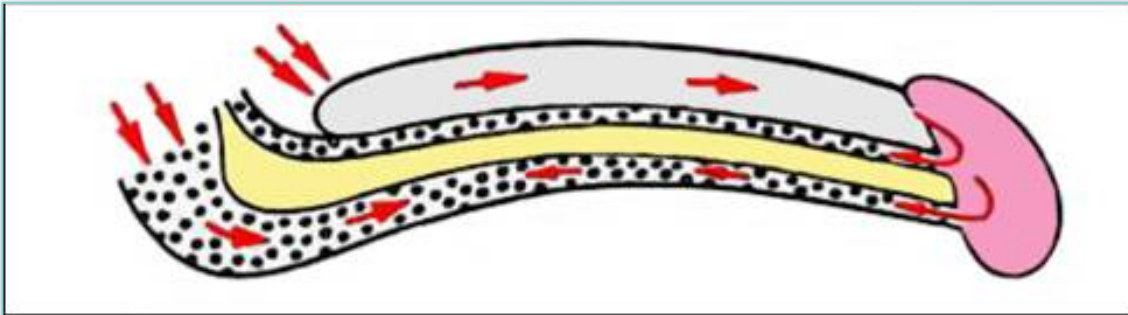


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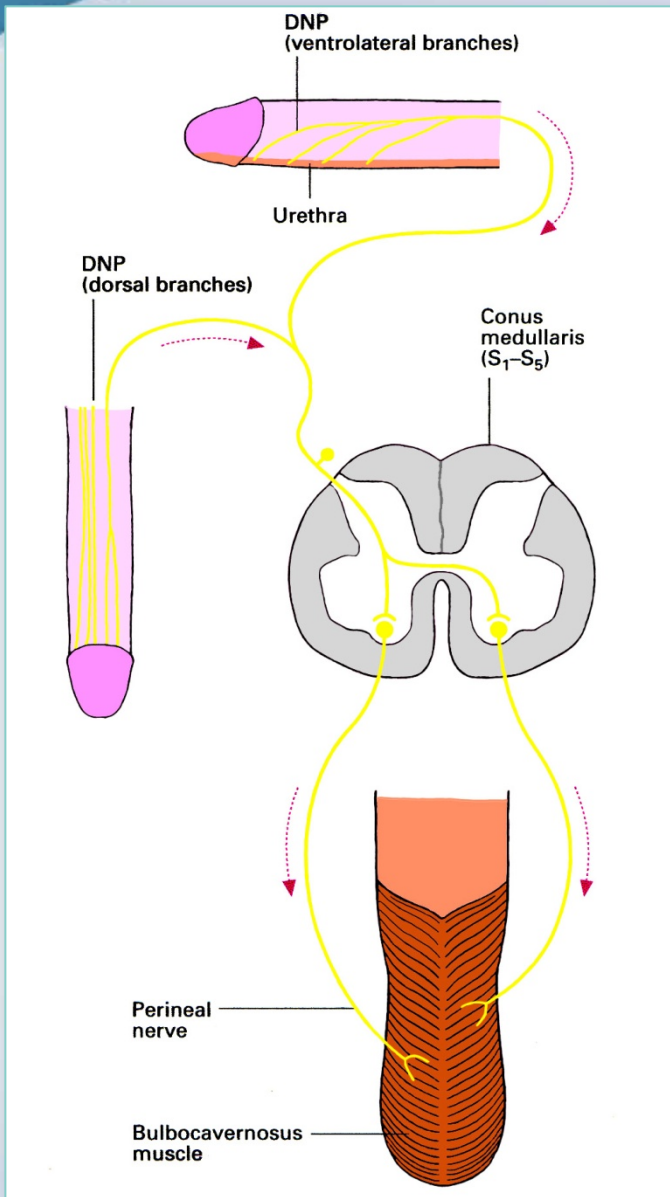


**Vascular necrosis of the bulbar urethra**



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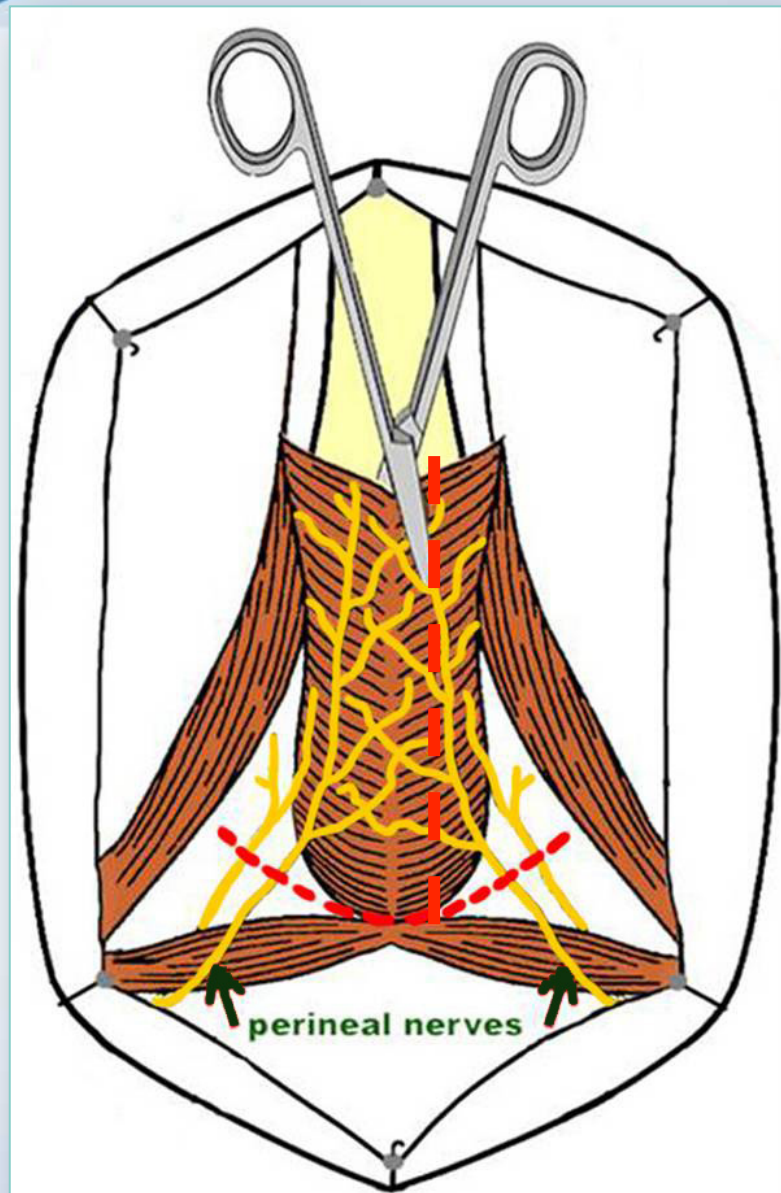
**Rhythmic contractions of the bulbospongiosum muscles and other perineal muscles expel semen from the urethra and have an important role in expelling urine, avoiding urine sequestration in the large urethral bulb.**

**Yang and Bradley, BJU International 2000; 85:857-863**



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**During bulbar urethroplasty, damage to the bulbospongiosum muscle and to the perineal nerves may play a role in determining loss of efficient urethral contraction, causing difficulties in expelling semen and urine, and temporary or permanent sexual dysfunction.**



# Loss of efficient contraction of the bulbo-spongiosum muscles and corpus spongiosum

- ✓ decreased force of the ejaculation jet
- ✓ loss of the ejaculation jet
- ✓ semen sequestration
- ✓ infertility

- ✓ urine sequestration in the urethral bulb
- ✓ post-voiding dribbling



# **AVOIDING ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION IN URETHRAL SURGERY**



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**Is Erectile Dysfunction a real issue  
after open urethroplasty?**



**How can you avoid it?**



# Epidemiology

- **The difficulty of accurately defining erectile dysfunction before and after open reconstructive surgery led to lack of information about epidemiology.**





# Epidemiology

## Sexual Function/Infertility

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### **The Effect of Bulbar Urethroplasty on Erectile Function**

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# Epidemiology

## CONCLUSIONS

We report on men undergoing 4 variations of bulbar urethroplasty and we found that such surgery had an insignificant effect on EF. Surgical complexity with long stricture excision and the use of a buccal graft did not influence outcome. Our data suggest that increasing age and preoperative erectile dysfunction may adversely affect postoperative outcome.

**J Urol 2007; 178: 10090**



# Epidemiology

## **Long-Term Followup of Bulbar End-to-End Anastomosis: A Retrospective Analysis of 153 Patients in a Single Center Experience**

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# Epidemiology

- **153 patients who underwent bulbar end-to-end anastomosis.**
- **Average age: 39 years (range 14-78).**
- **Average follow-up: 68 months (range 12-218).**

**J Urol 2007; 178: 2470**



# Epidemiology

*Out of 153 patients, 60 patients (39,22%) were investigated by nonvalidated telephone questionnaire administered by a neutral person who was not part of the hospital staff.*

*Age 20 – 50 years, no diabetes or vascular diseases, no previous open urethroplasty, no further surgery after the end-to-end.*

*5 questions to investigate modifications in ejaculation.*

*7 questions to investigate the presence of neurovascular penile disorders.*

*2 questions to evaluate final patient satisfaction of dissatisfaction following surgery.*

**J Urol 2007; 178: 2470**



# Epidemiology

*Out of 60 patients:*

*12 (20%) experienced decreased ejaculation force.*

*2 (3.3%) ejaculation was possible only by manually compressing the perineum at the level of the urethral bulb.*

*1 (1.6%) had a cold glans during erection.*

*7 (11.6%) had a glans that was neither full nor swollen during erection.*

*11 (18.3%) had decreased sensitivity of the glans or distal penile shaft.*

*No patient complain penile chordee or impotence.*

*Out of 60 patients, 2 (3.3%) declared that they were dissatisfied with the outcome of surgery.*

**J Urol 2007; 178: 2470**



# Epidemiology

## The Relationship Between Erectile Dysfunction and Open Urethroplasty: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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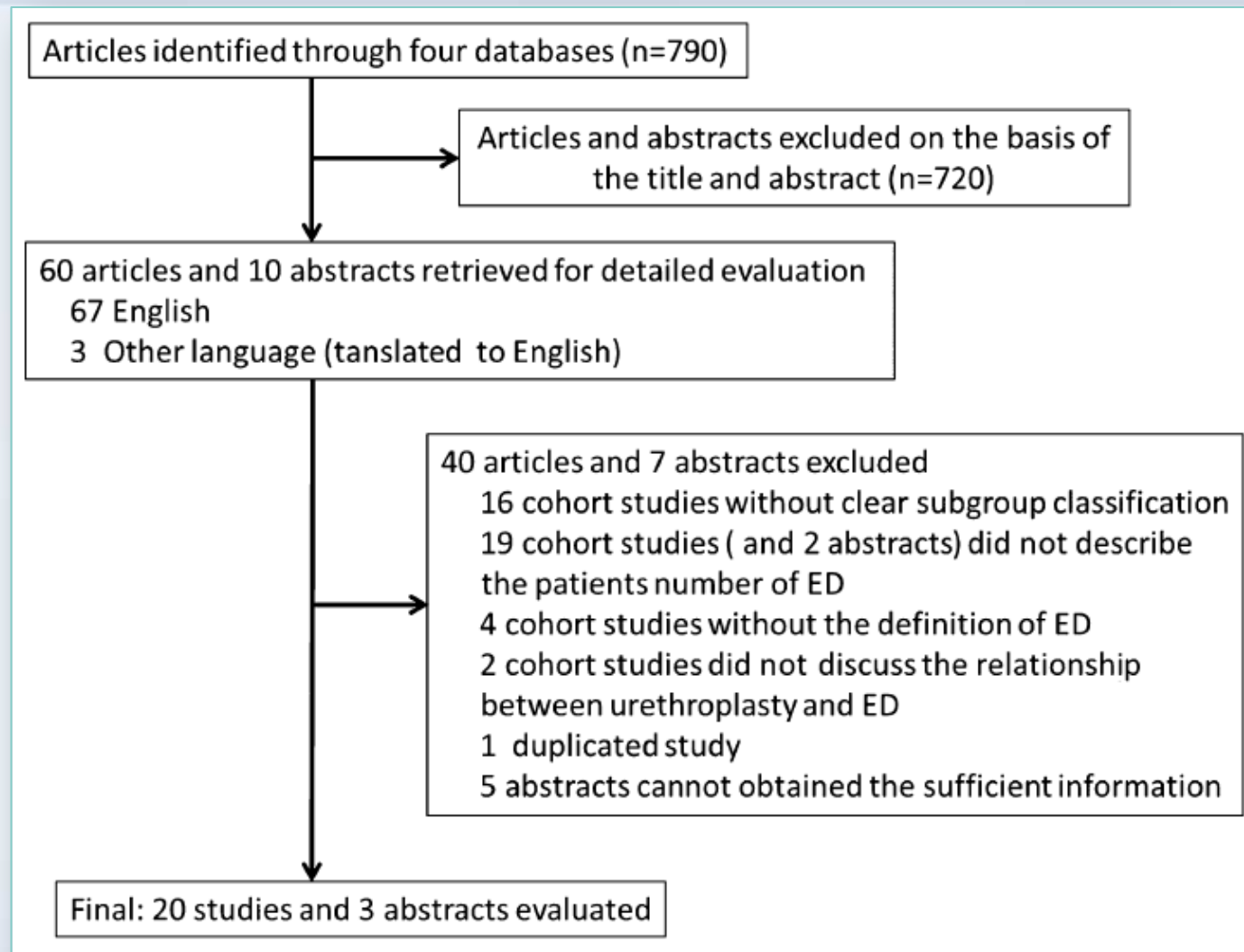
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**J Sex Med 2013; 10: 2060**





# Conclusions

**Comparison of incidence of ED before vs. after  
bulbar urethroplasty.**

**Out of 20 studies included in the analysis only 5 studies,  
eligible for metanalysis, reported data on erectile function  
before and after open urethroplasty.**

**No statistical difference was found in the incidence of ED  
pre and post operation.**

**J Sex Med 2013; 10: 2060**



# Conclusions

**Comparison of different type of bulbar urethroplasty.**

**Patients who underwent bulbar graft urethroplasty showed less incidence (16.67%) of ED compared to patients who underwent anastomotic transecting urethroplasty (36.54%).**

**J Sex Med 2013; 10: 2060**



# Conclusions

**Comparison of incidence of ED before vs. after posterior urethroplasty.**

**Out of 20 studies included in the analysis only 6 studies, eligible for metaanalysis, reported data on erectile function before and after open urethroplasty.**

**The incidence of ED before the operation was significantly higher than after the operation.**

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# Non-transecting anastomotic bulbar urethroplasty: a preliminary report

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## REVIEW



## Bulbar urethroplasty: transecting vs. nontransecting techniques

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**Curr Opin Urol Int 2012; 22:474-477**



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# Erectile dysfunction in urethral surgery

**How can you avoid it?**

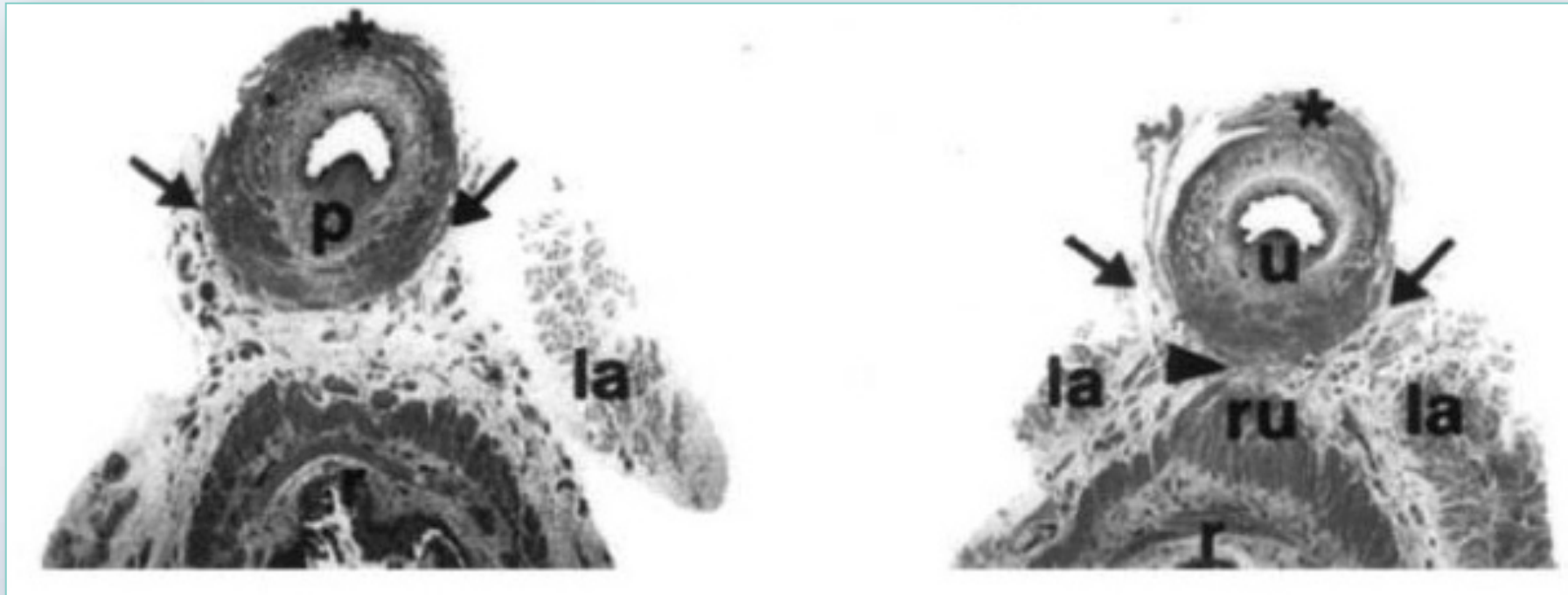


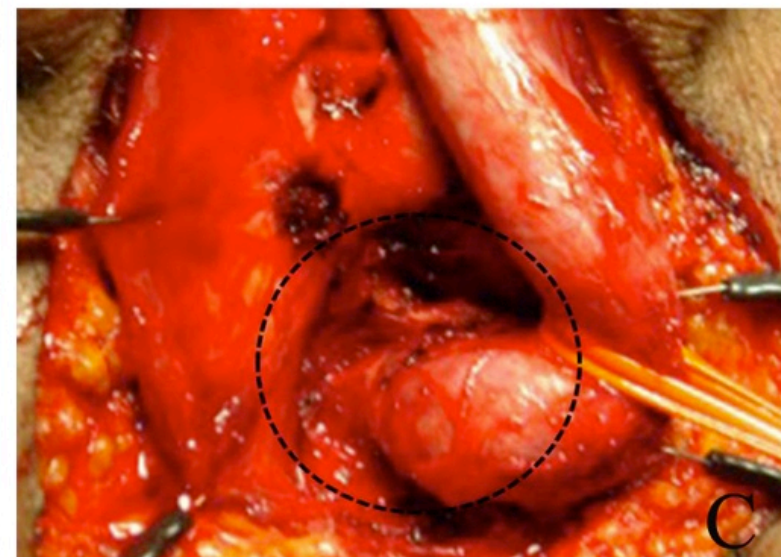
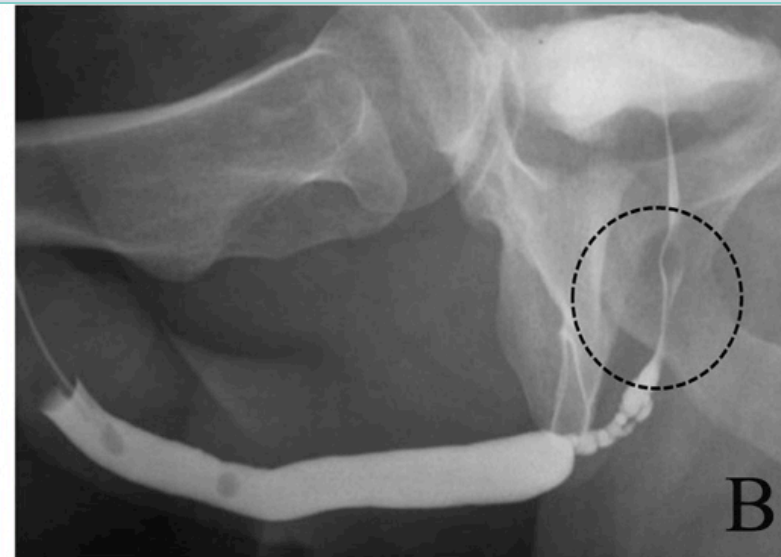
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# Anatomy

- Neurovascular bundles run along the posterior urethra

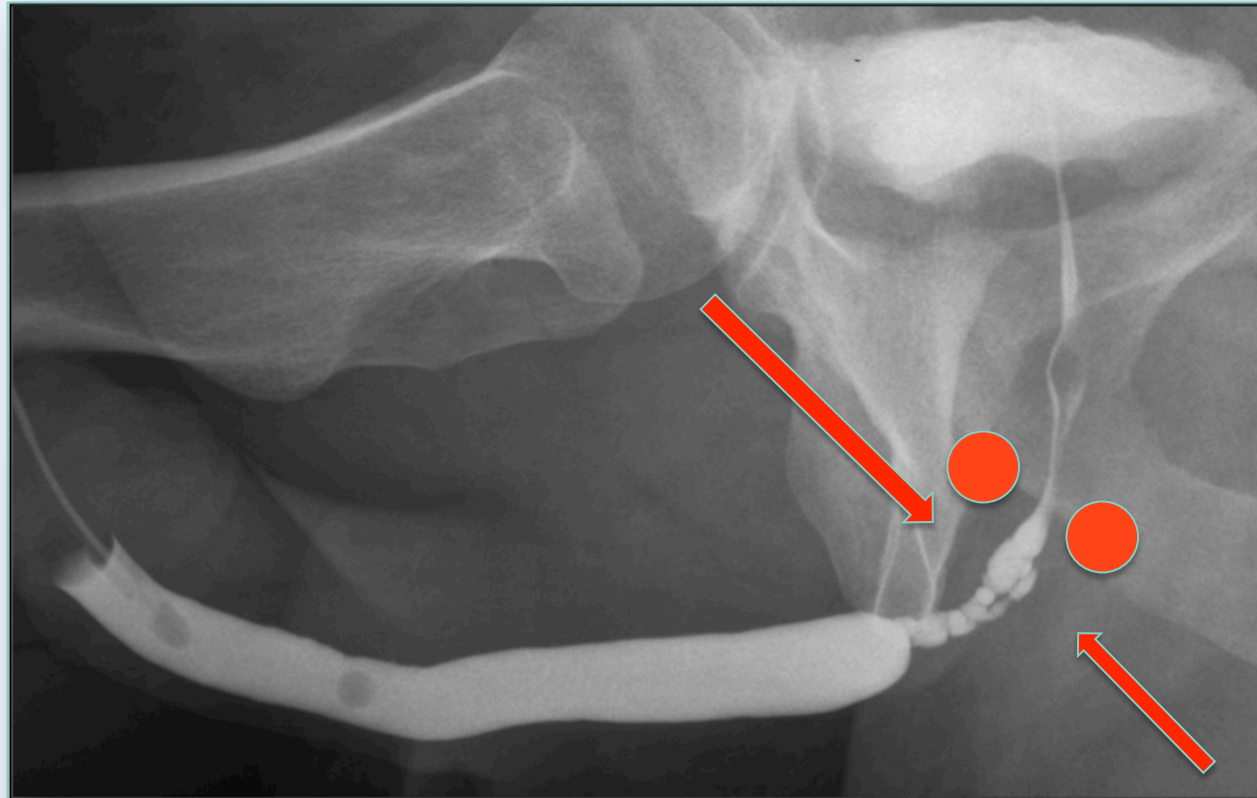




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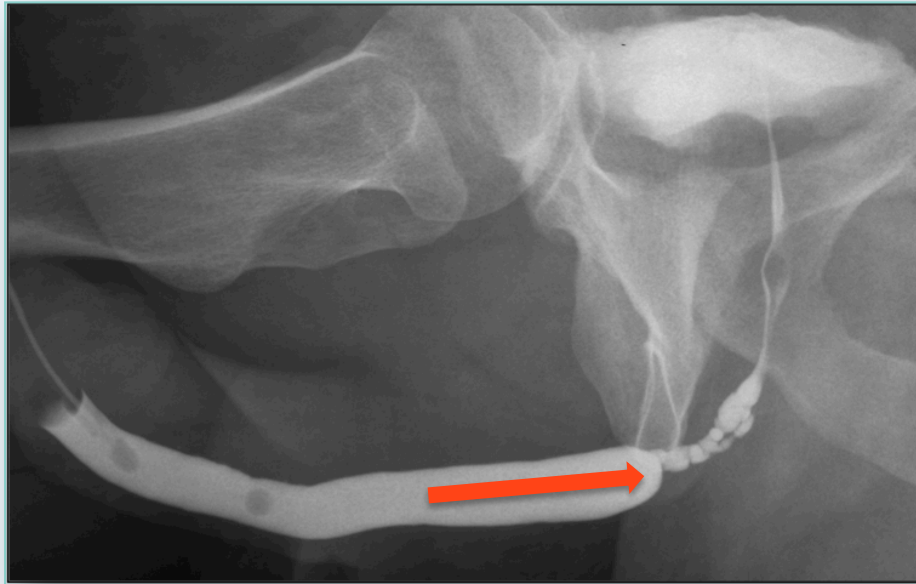


**Working around urethra may damage innervation and blood supply**

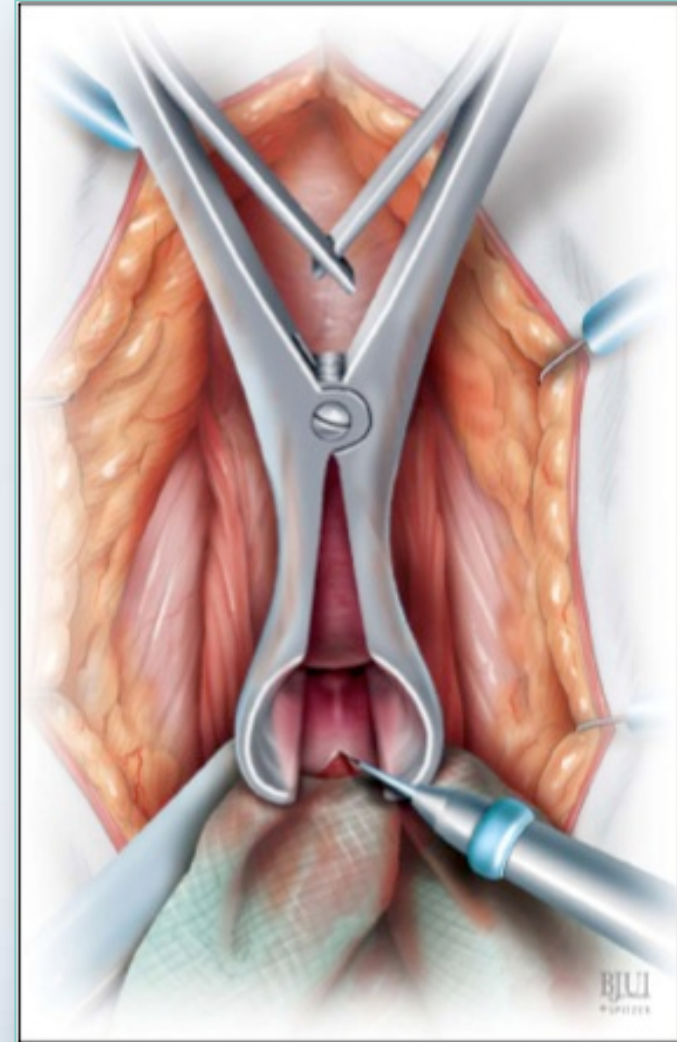




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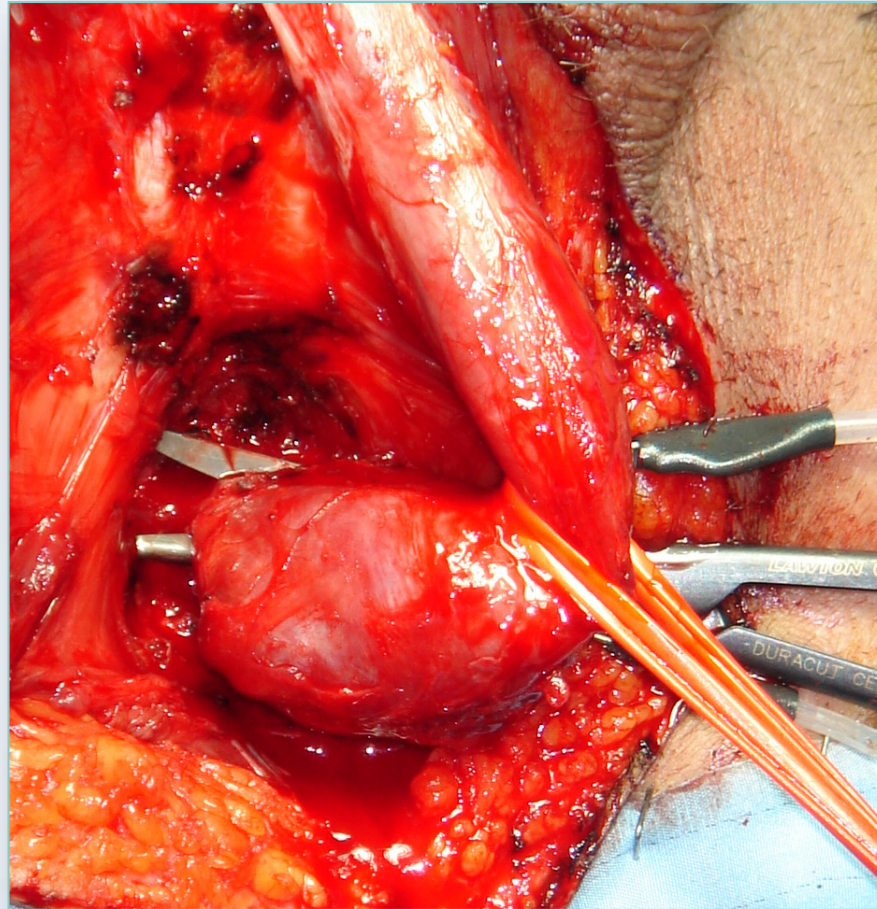
**Work inside the urethra and  
not around the urethra**



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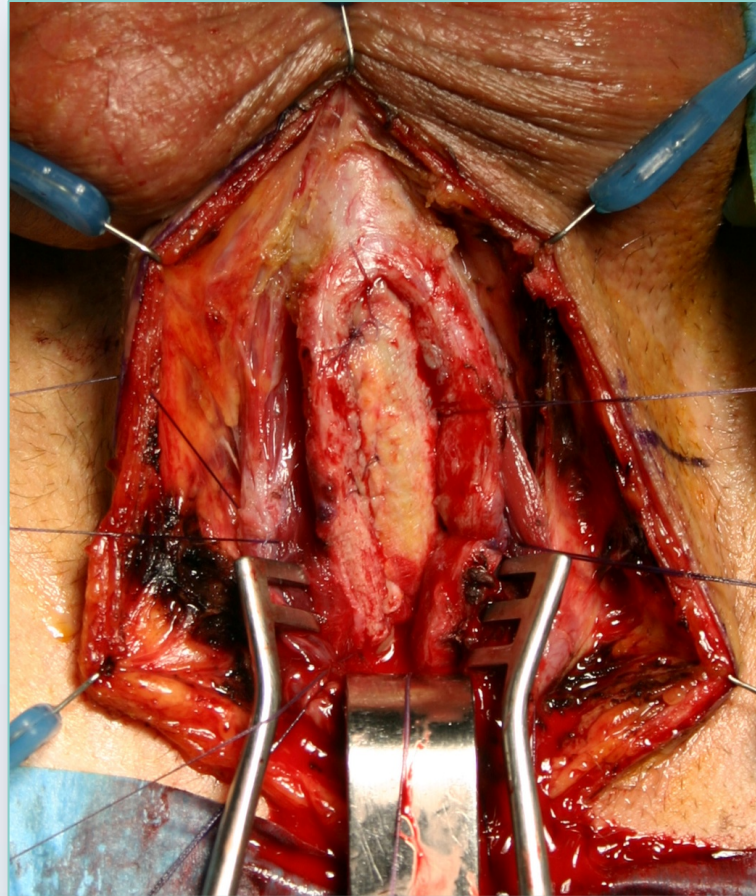
**Dissection and/or urethral transection may cause ED**



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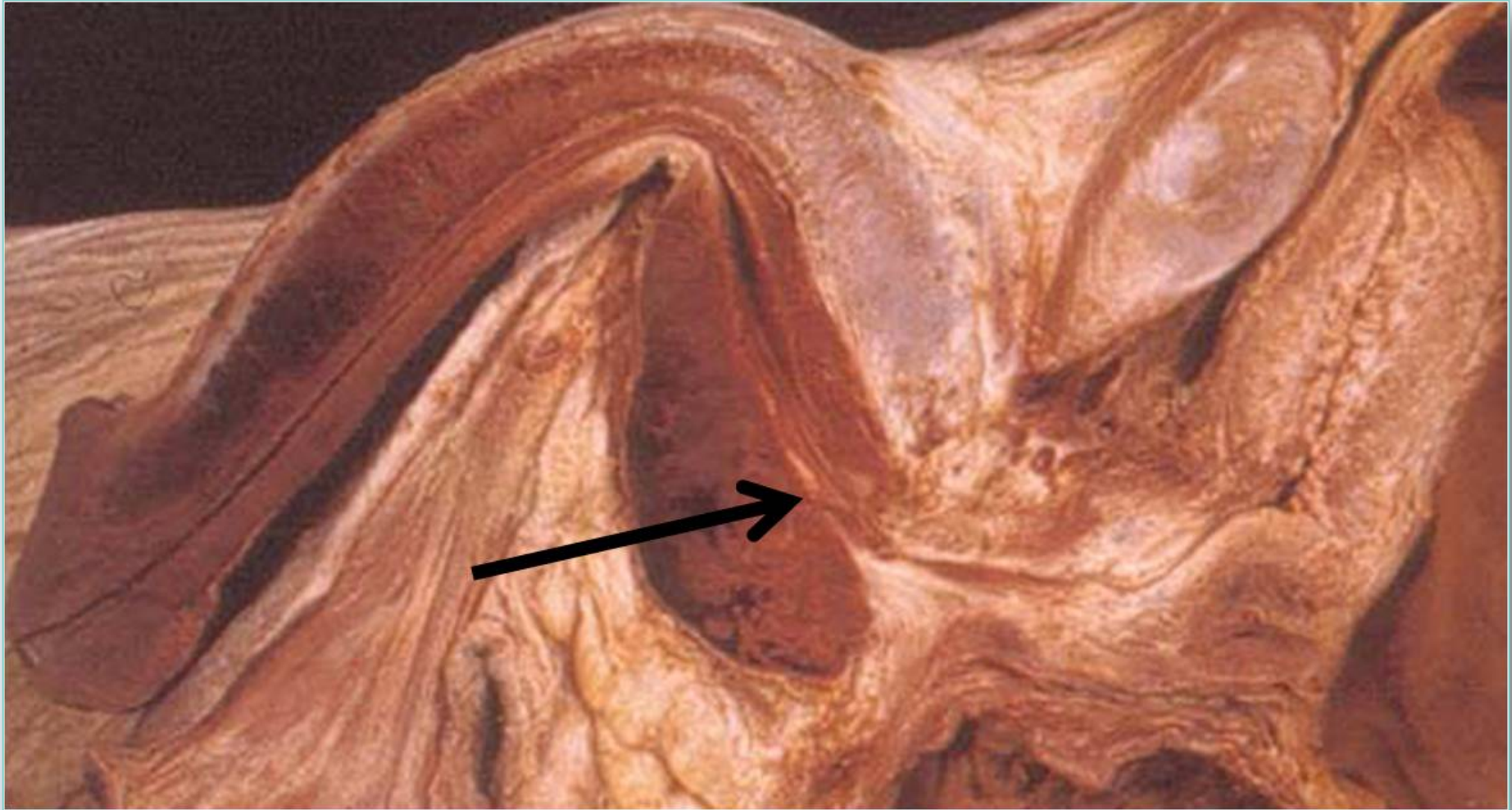
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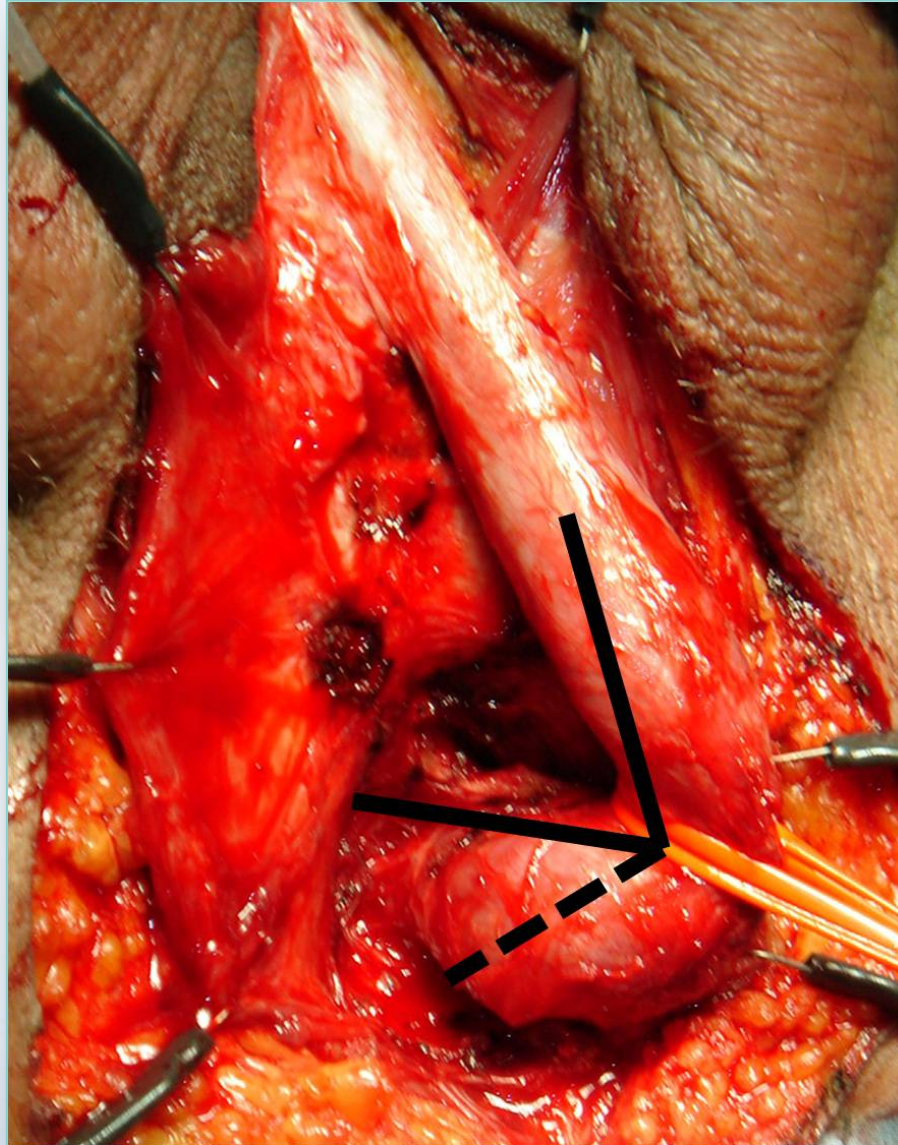
**Whenever possible use grafting rather than transecting technique**





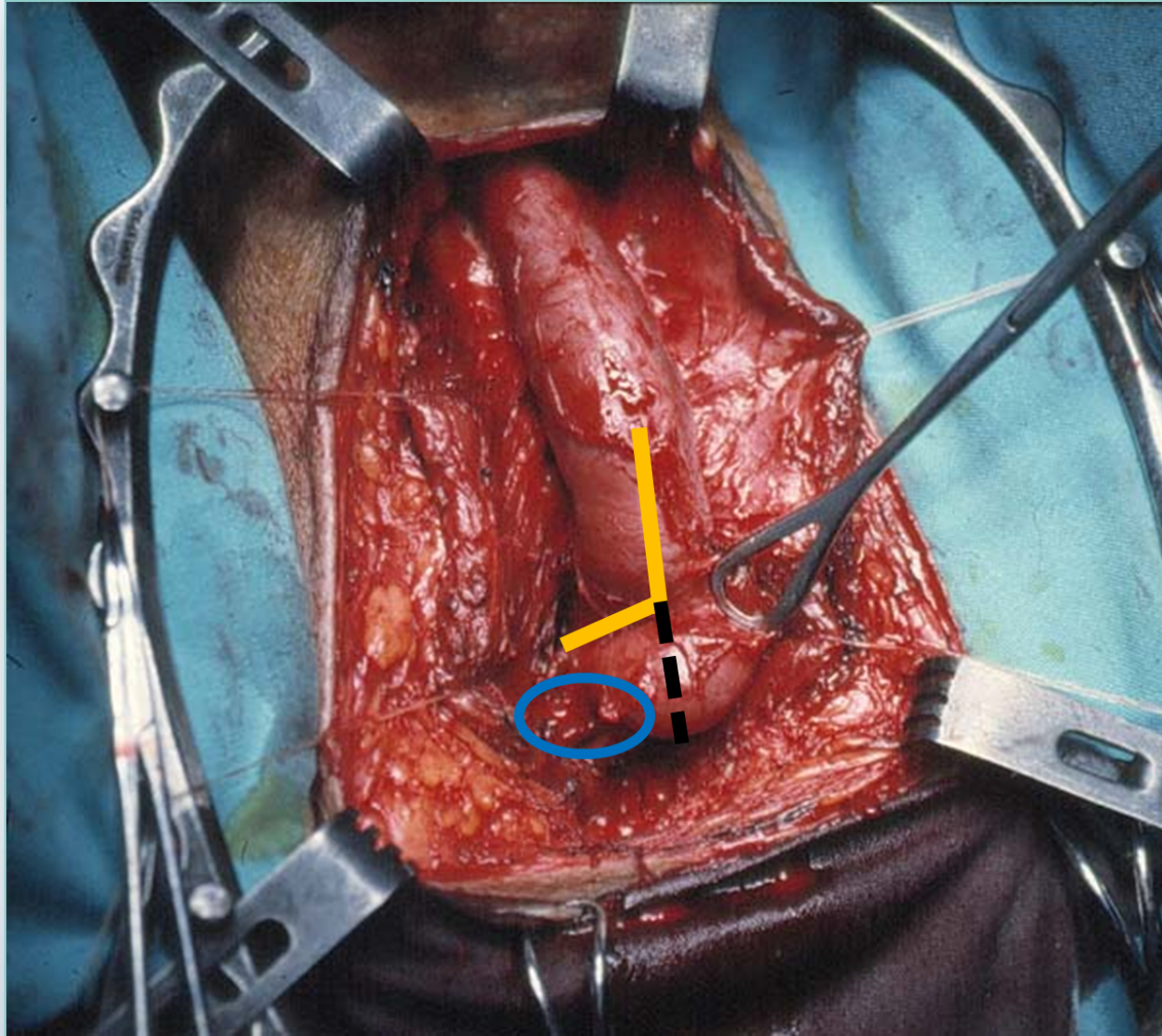
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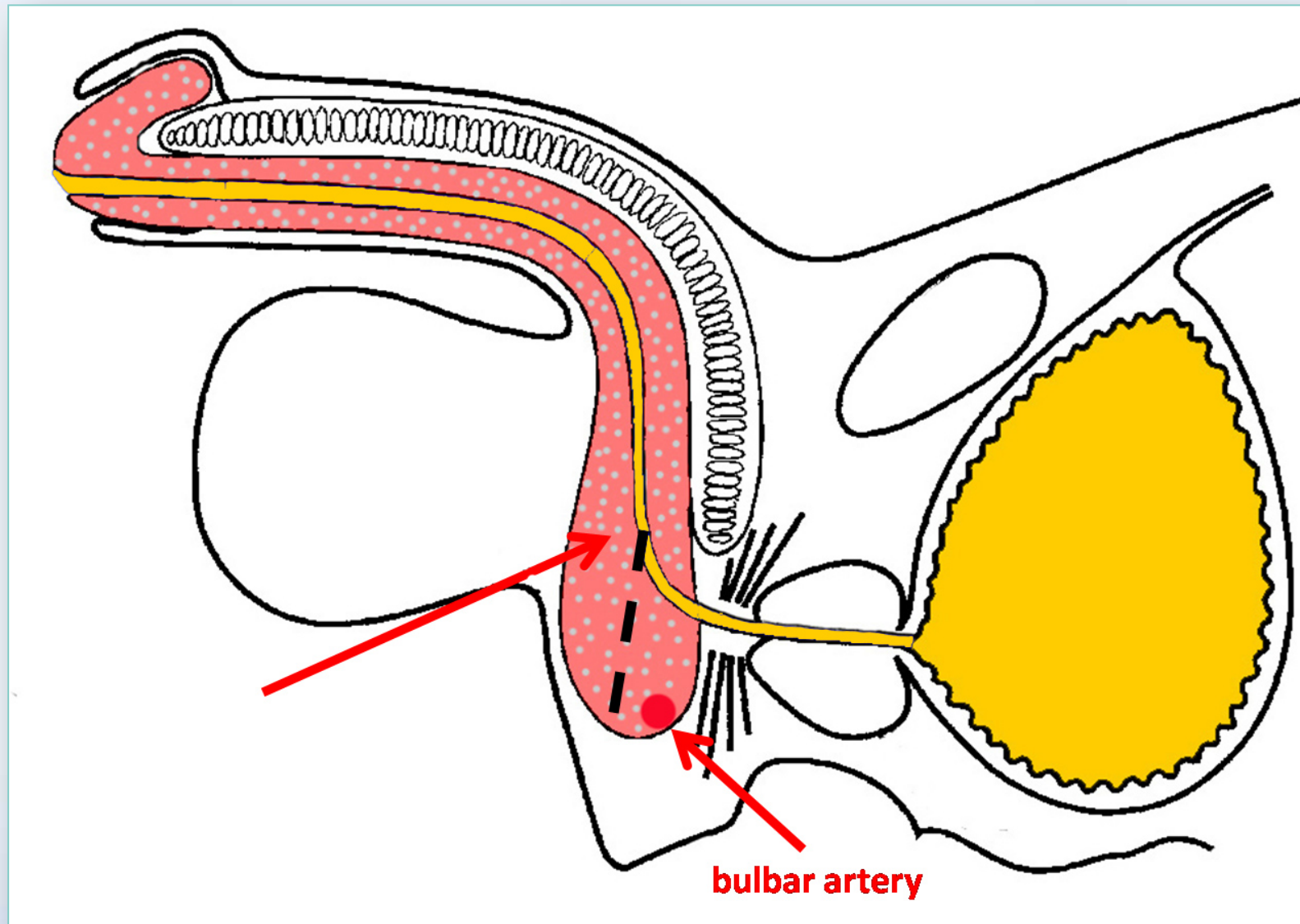
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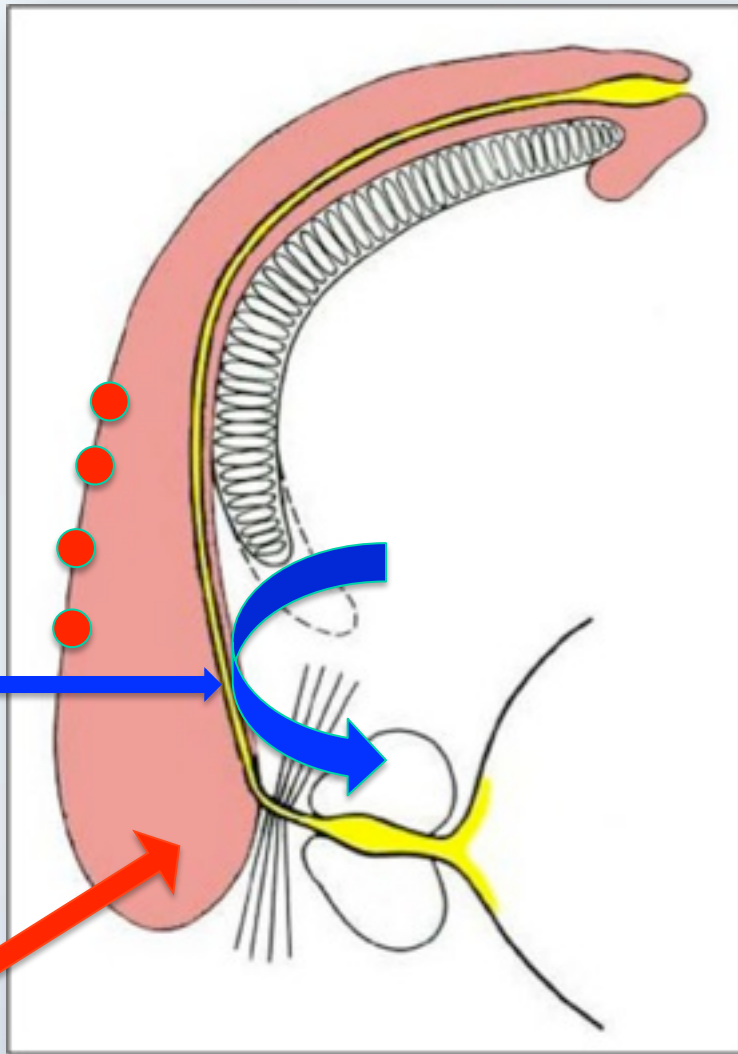
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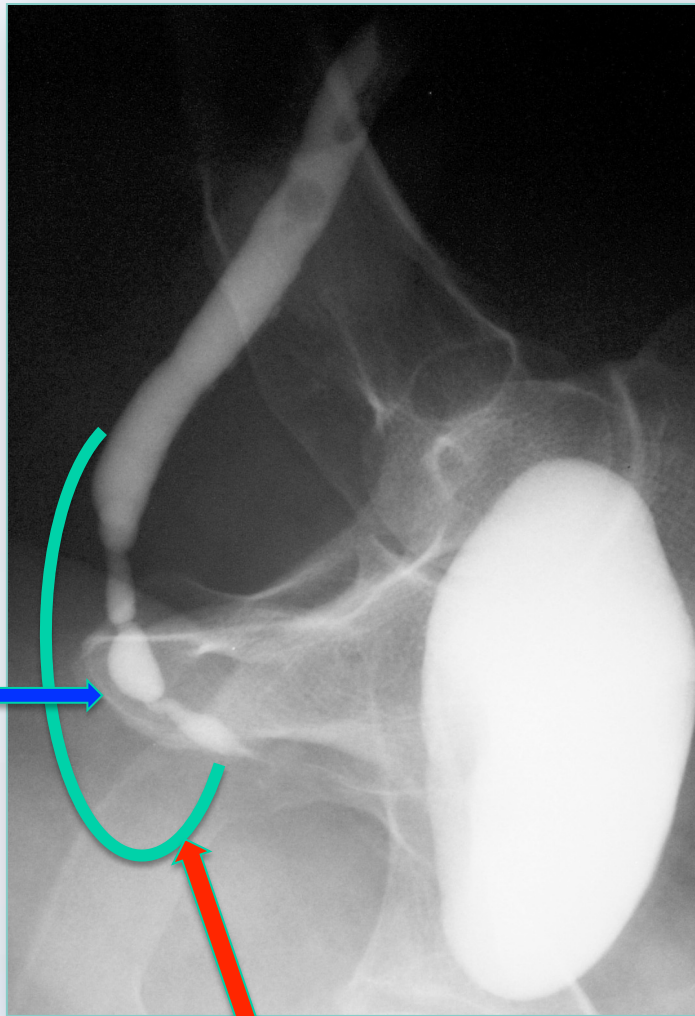
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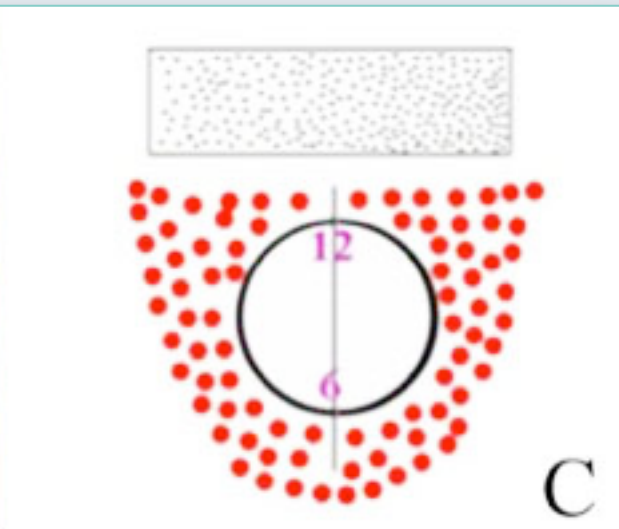
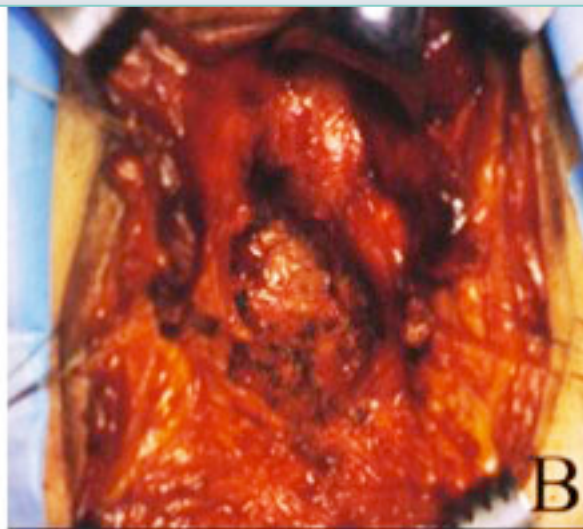
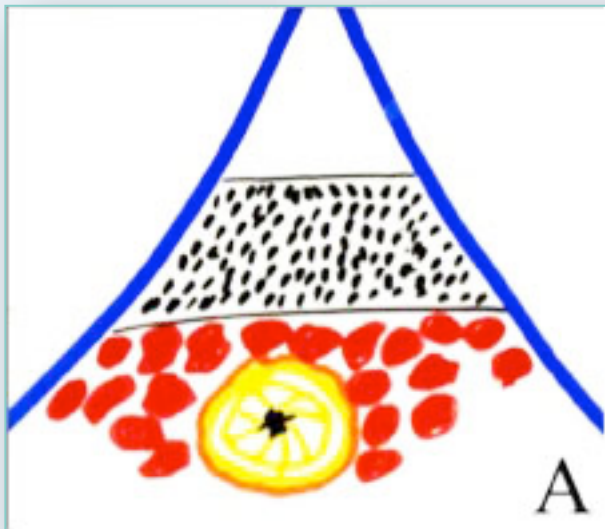


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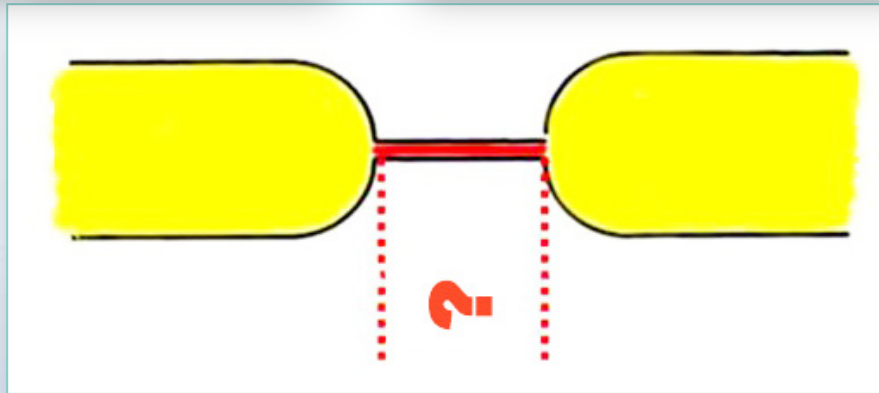
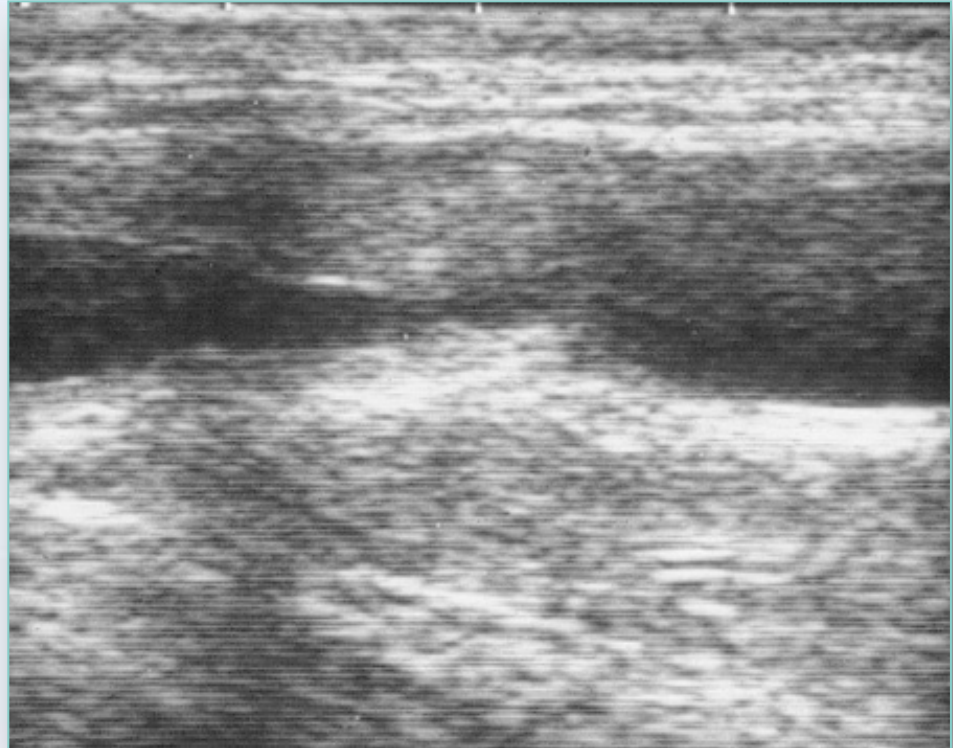
## Conclusions

**Sexual dysfunction may occur after open urethroplasty.**



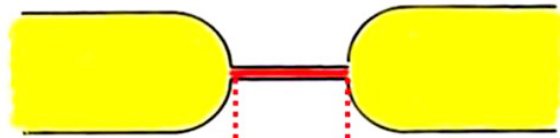
**Knowledge of anatomy and physiology and adequate surgical strategies as well, may avoid it.**



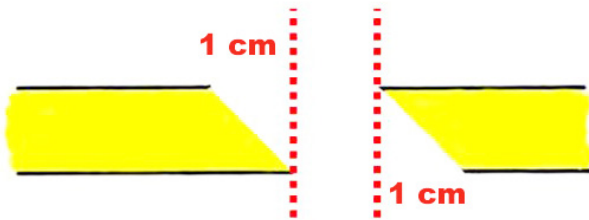


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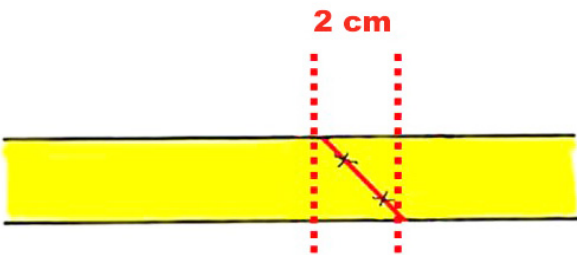


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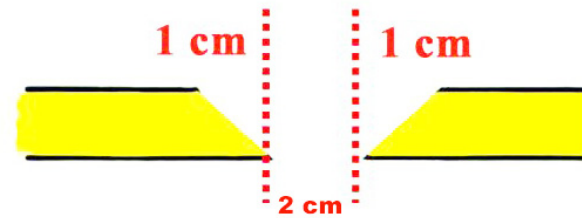
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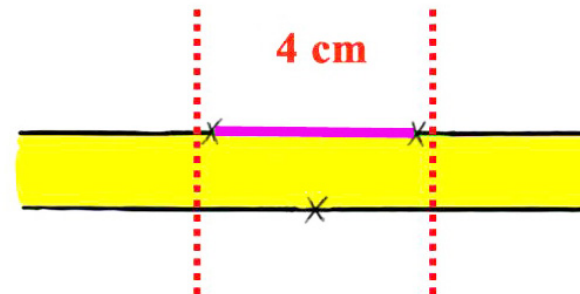
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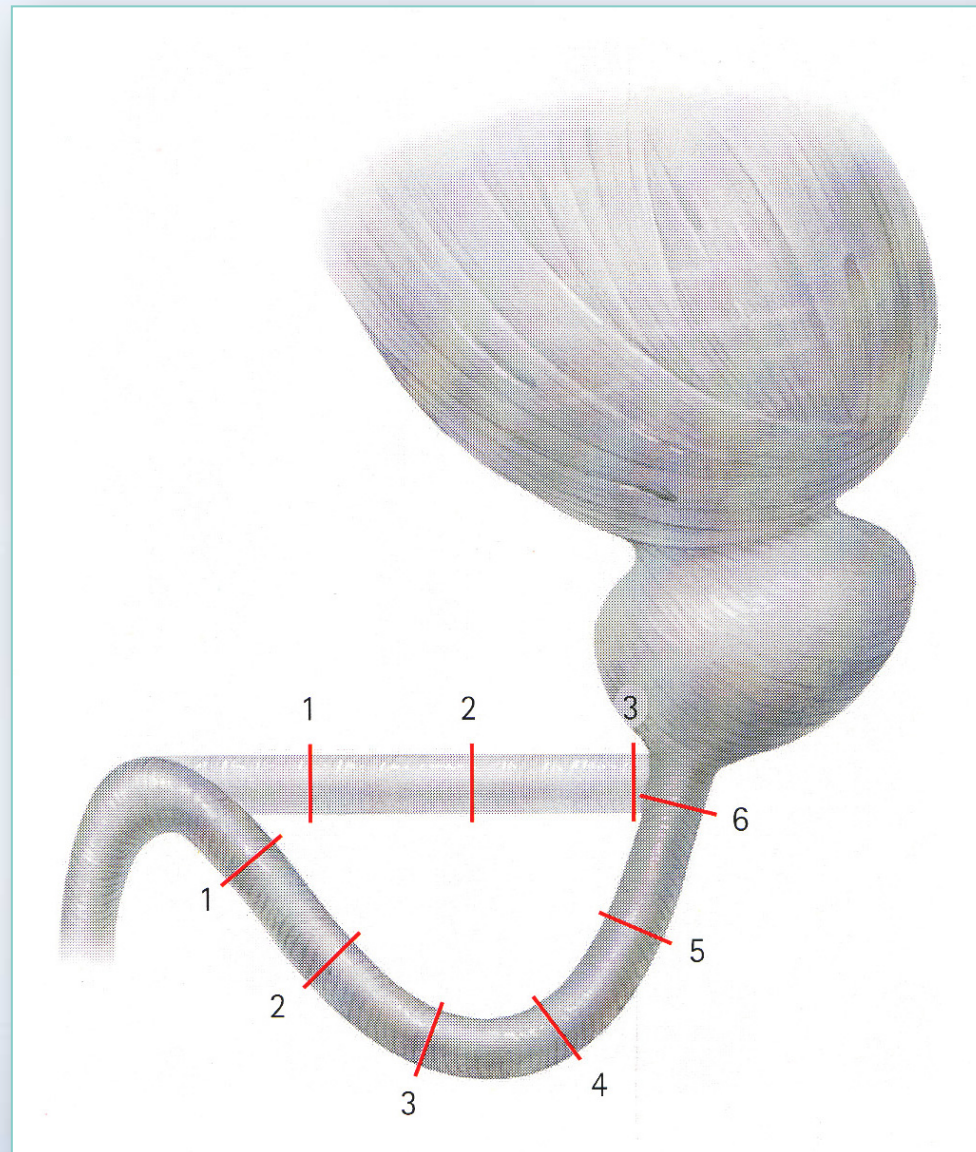


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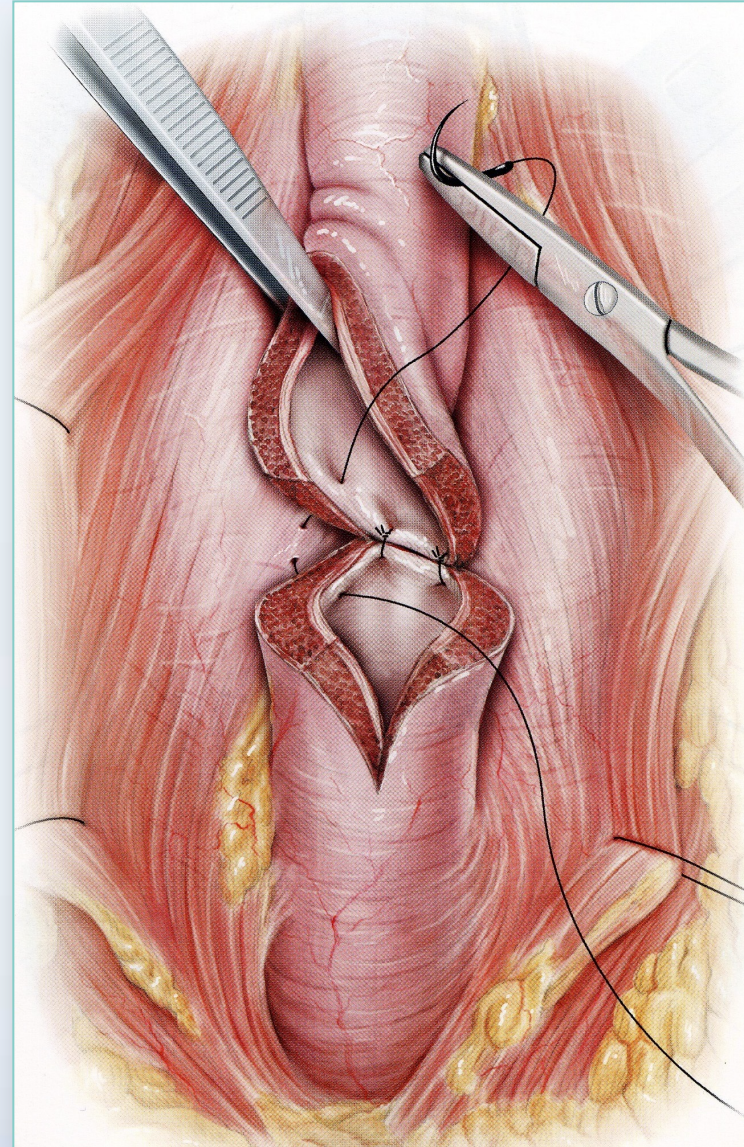
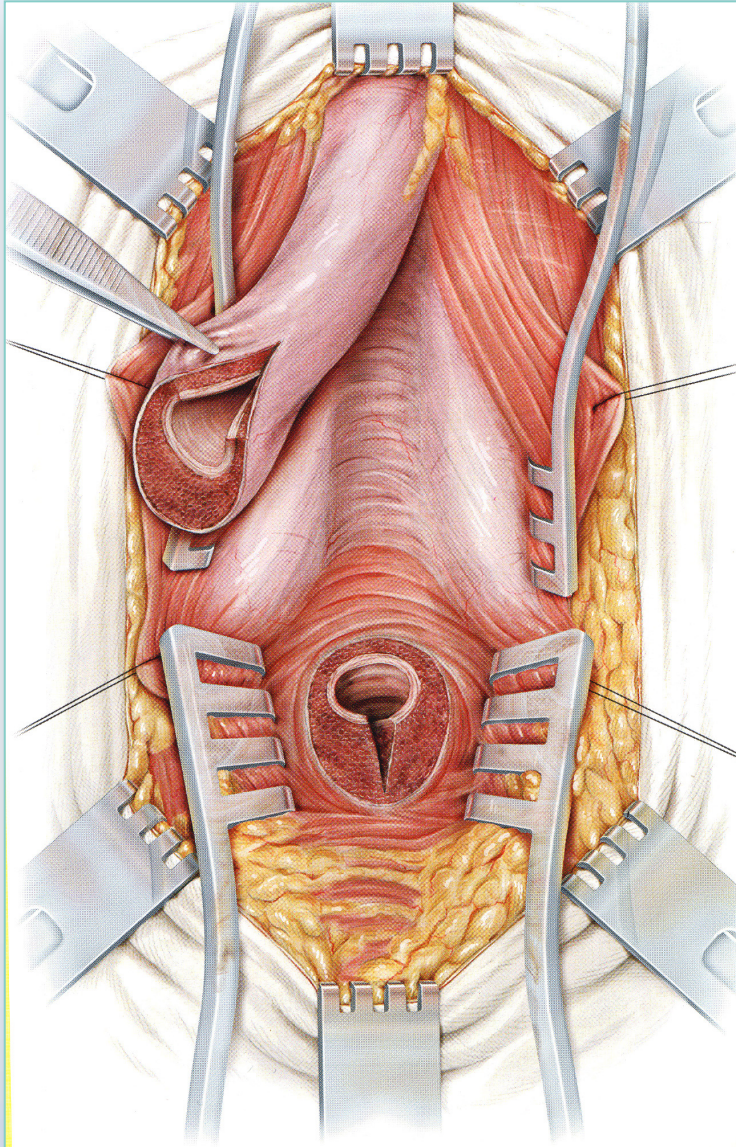
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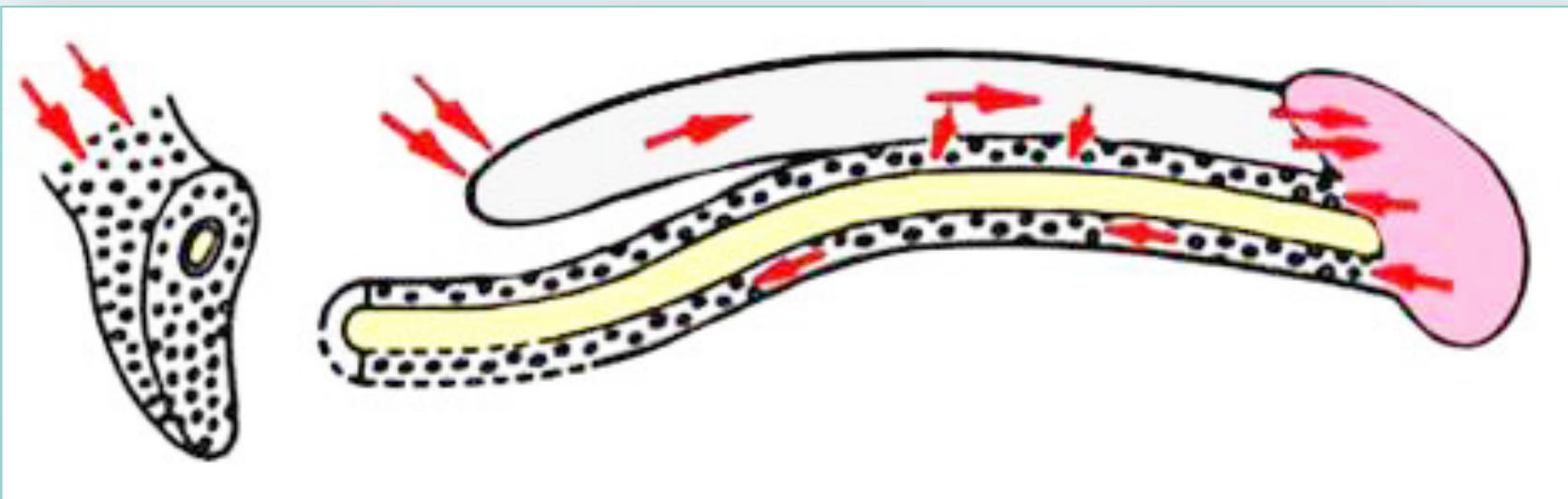
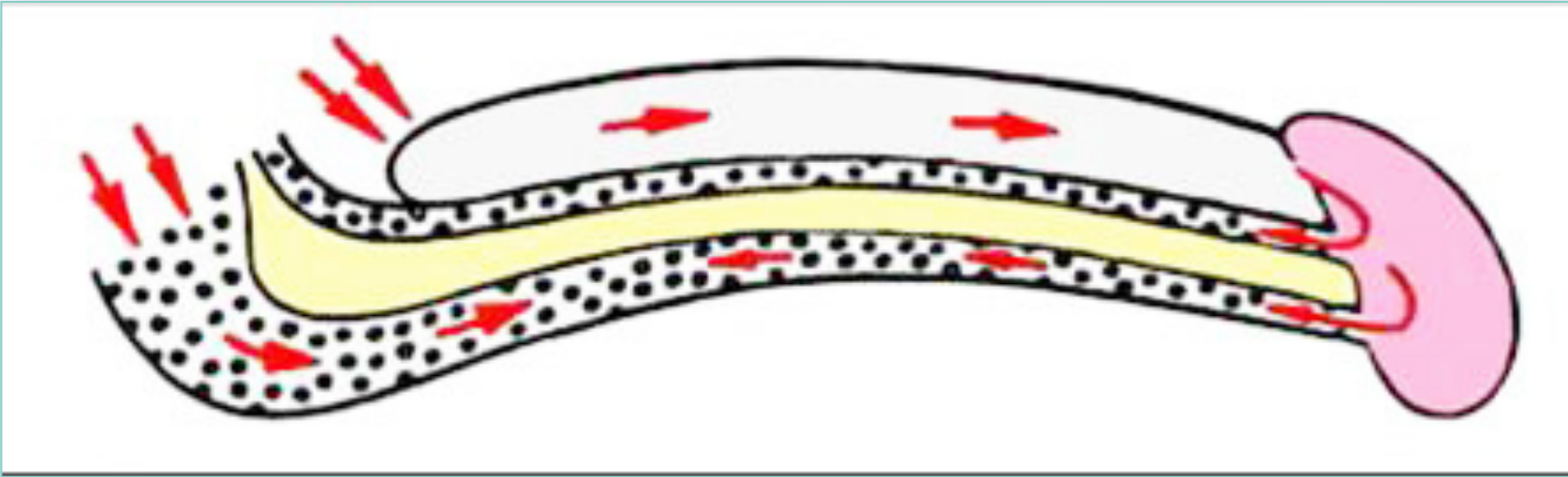
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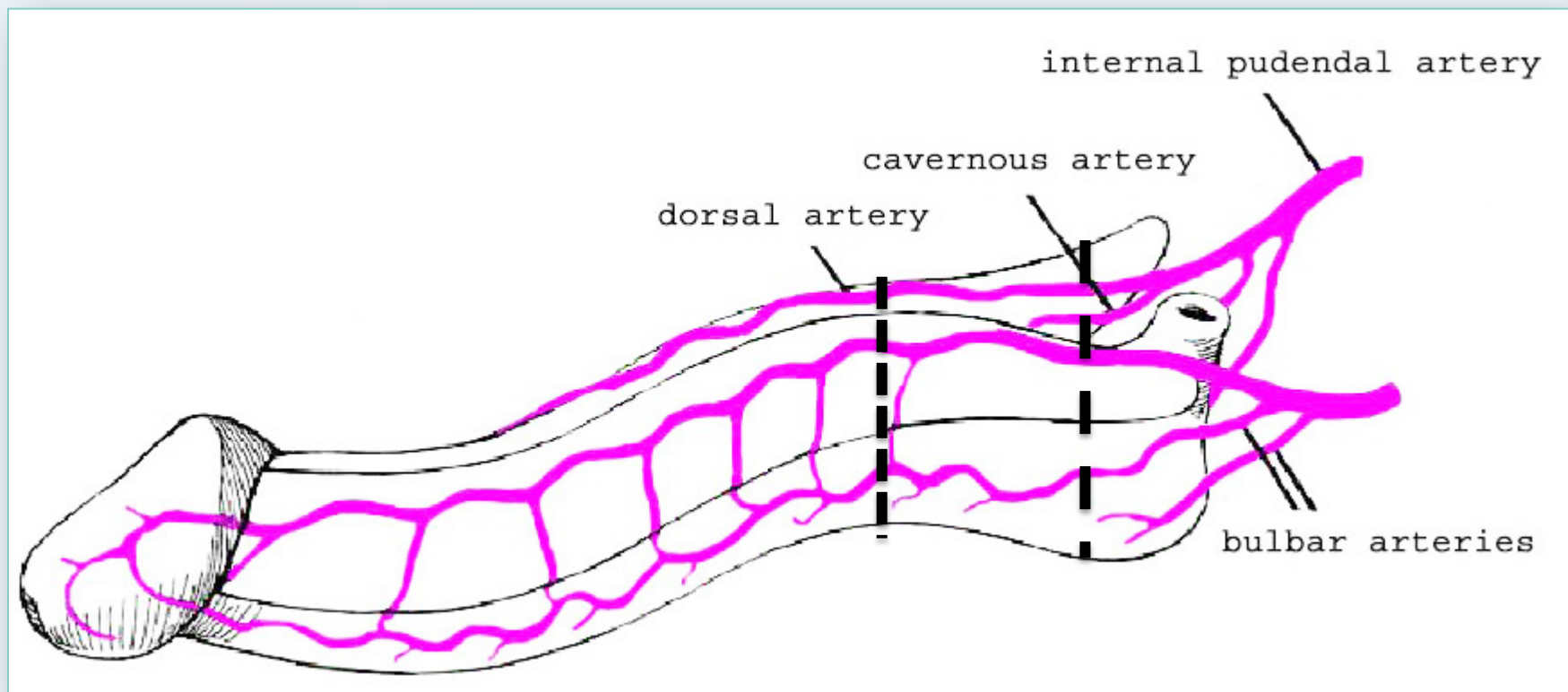


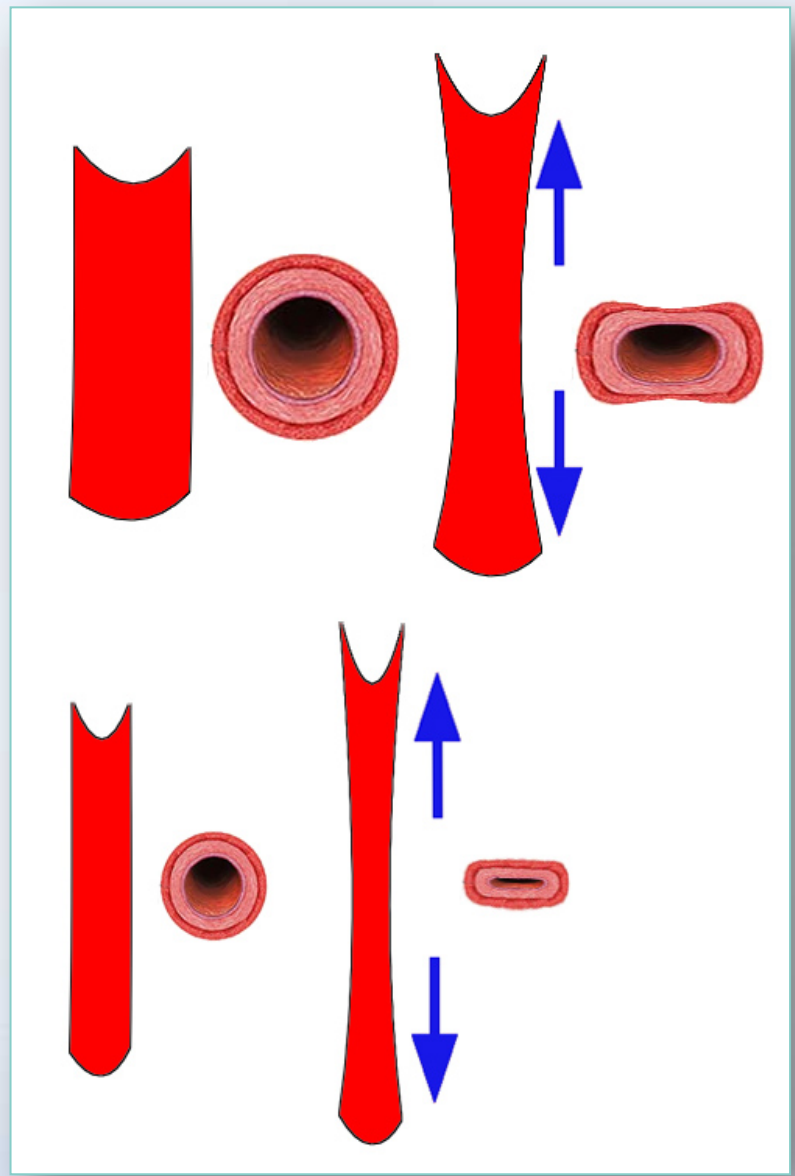
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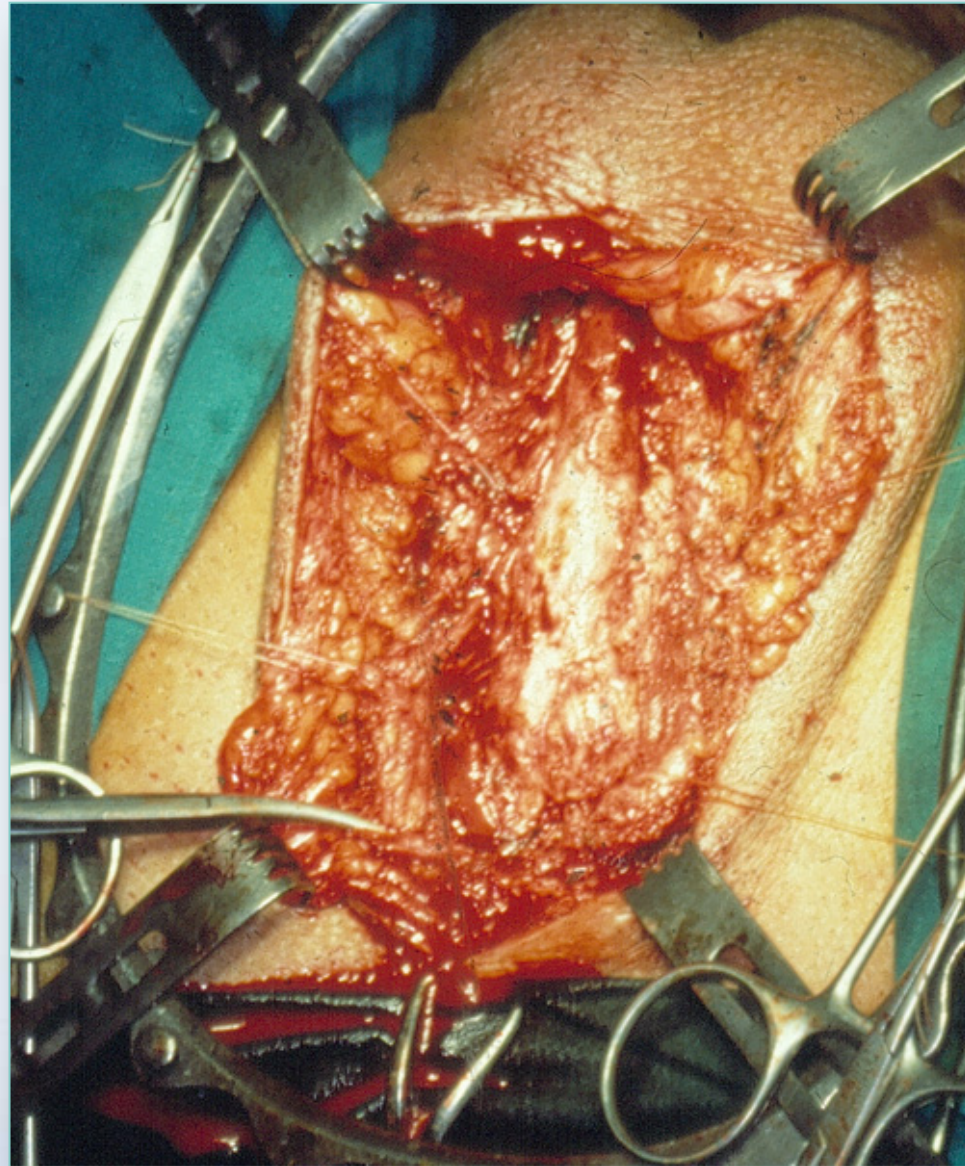
**Urethral elasticity is mainly due to great elasticity of the spongiosum tissue but don't mean "vascular elasticity".**

**Urethral elasticity is related to the spongiosum tissue, no to the urethral arteries.**

**Arterial blood supply of the bulbar urethra is greatly variable in our patients.**

**It is not possible to evaluate when and if any "free tension" anastomosis may cause vascular ischemia.**

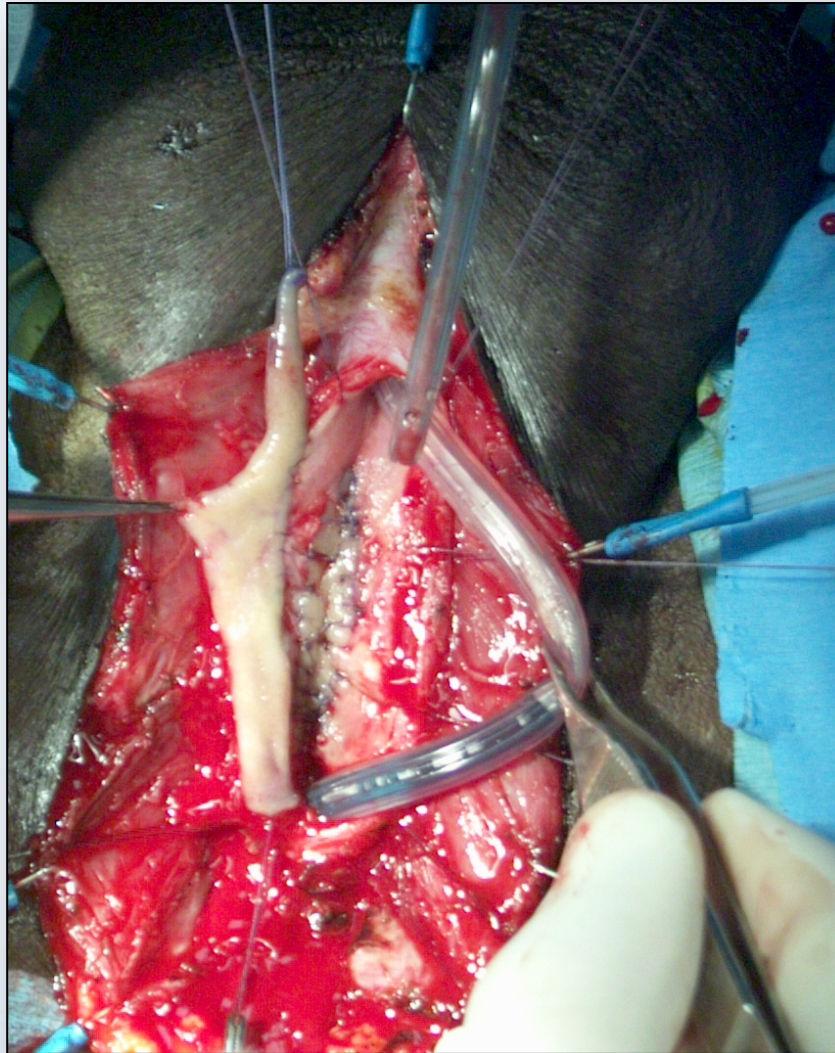




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