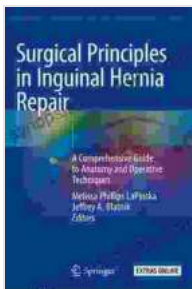


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Inguinal hernia repair is a common surgical procedure with a long history. The first recorded inguinal hernia repair was performed by the Greek physician Hippocrates in the 5th century BC. Since then, there have been many advances in the surgical techniques used to repair inguinal hernias. Today, inguinal hernia repair is a safe and effective procedure with a low risk of complications.



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Anatomy of the Inguinal Region

The inguinal region is located in the lower abdomen, on either side of the pubic bone. It is bounded by the inguinal ligament superiorly, the pubic bone inferiorly, the rectus abdominis muscle medially, and the iliacus muscle laterally. The inguinal canal is a passageway through the inguinal

region that contains the spermatic cord in men and the round ligament of the uterus in women.

Anatomy of the inguinal canal

- The inguinal canal is approximately 4 cms in length and is located 2 to 4 cm cephalad to the inguinal ligament. In infants, the superficial and deep inguinal rings are almost superimposed and the obliquity of the canal is slight
- The canal extends between the internal (deep) inguinal and the external (superficial) inguinal rings.
- The superficial inguinal ring is a triangular aperture in the aponeurosis of the external oblique muscle and lies 1.25 cm above the pubic tubercle.
- The deep inguinal ring is a U-shaped condensation of the transversalis fascia and it lies 1.25 cm above the inguinal (Poupart's) ligament, midway between the symphysis pubis and the anterior superior iliac spine.
- The anterior boundary comprises mainly the external oblique aponeurosis with the conjoint muscle laterally.
- The posterior boundary is formed by the fascia transversalis and the conjoint tendon (internal oblique and transversus abdominus medially).
- The inferior epigastric vessels lie posteriorly and medially to the deep inguinal ring.
- The superior boundary is formed by the conjoint muscles (internal oblique and transversus).
- and the inferior boundary is the inguinal ligament.



Types of Inguinal Hernias

There are two main types of inguinal hernias: direct inguinal hernias and indirect inguinal hernias.

- **Direct inguinal hernias** occur when a portion of the abdominal contents protrudes through a weakness in the abdominal wall directly behind the inguinal canal.

- **Indirect inguinal hernias** occur when a portion of the abdominal contents protrudes through the inguinal canal.

Surgical Techniques for Inguinal Hernia Repair

There are a variety of surgical techniques that can be used to repair inguinal hernias. The choice of technique depends on the type of hernia, the size of the hernia, and the patient's overall health.

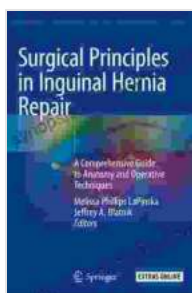
- **Open inguinal hernia repair** is the traditional surgical technique for repairing inguinal hernias. In this procedure, the surgeon makes an incision in the groin and repairs the hernia directly.
- **Laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair** is a minimally invasive surgical technique that can be used to repair inguinal hernias. In this procedure, the surgeon makes several small incisions in the abdomen and inserts a laparoscope, a thin tube with a camera on the end. The surgeon then uses the laparoscope to visualize the hernia and repair it using small instruments.
- **Robotic inguinal hernia repair** is a minimally invasive surgical technique that uses a robotic arm to assist the surgeon in repairing the hernia. In this procedure, the surgeon makes several small incisions in the abdomen and inserts the robotic arm. The surgeon then uses the robotic arm to visualize the hernia and repair it using small instruments.

Postoperative Care

After inguinal hernia repair, patients will typically be discharged from the hospital within 1-2 days. They will be given pain medication and instructions on how to care for their incision. Patients should avoid

strenuous activity for 4-6 weeks after surgery. Most patients will make a full recovery from inguinal hernia repair within 6-8 weeks.

Inguinal hernia repair is a safe and effective procedure with a low risk of complications. The choice of surgical technique depends on the type of hernia, the size of the hernia, and the patient's overall health. Patients who are considering inguinal hernia repair should discuss the different surgical options with their surgeon.



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