MINIMALLY INVASIVE PEDIATRIC SURGERY



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There are no great discoveries or advances as long as there are unhappy children in the world.

Albert Einstein





Special Consideration in Paediatric Patients

- The umbilical vessels are of large diameter.
- Closure of the open processus vaginalis may not have been completed
- The abdominal cavity volume is small
- The internal abdominal wall surface is less
- The abdominal wall thickness is less
- The aortic-iliac axis is very close to the abdominal wall.





Special Consideration

- Urinary catheters are unnecessary, because a full bladder seldom impedes the intra-abdominal view.
- Older children should go to the toilet before laparoscopy.
- Enemas are also not essential, since they will not necessarily empty the colon, and may even distend it.





Anaesthetic considerations

- Capnography, Pulse oximetry, NIBP and ECG.
- Adjust ventilation to end-tidal CO2, and increase ventilation up to 60% via respiratory rate.
- A positive end-expiratory pressure of 3–5 cm H2O is recommended to prevent microatelectasis and intrapulmonal shunting.
- When volatile anesthetics like halothane are used, arrhythmia in hypercapnia should be considered.
- Isoflurane or Sevoflurane are less likely to lead to myocardial depression





Access Technique

- The way of Insertion of Veress needle & trocar is same as in adult
- Insufflation rates
 - < 1 year: 0.3 liter / minute-</p>
 - > 1 year: 0.5 liter / minute
 - > 5 years: 1.0 liter / minute.
- Preset pressure same as adult 12 mm Hg





Port Position

- According to Base-ball diamond concept
- Size of trocar and canulla is 5 and 2 mm
- For suturing needle should be inserted directly
- Sutures 4.0 and needle sizes of 18–20 mm are adequate for small infants
- Depending on the size of the abdominal cavity, the suture is cut to an approximate length of 8-12 cm.





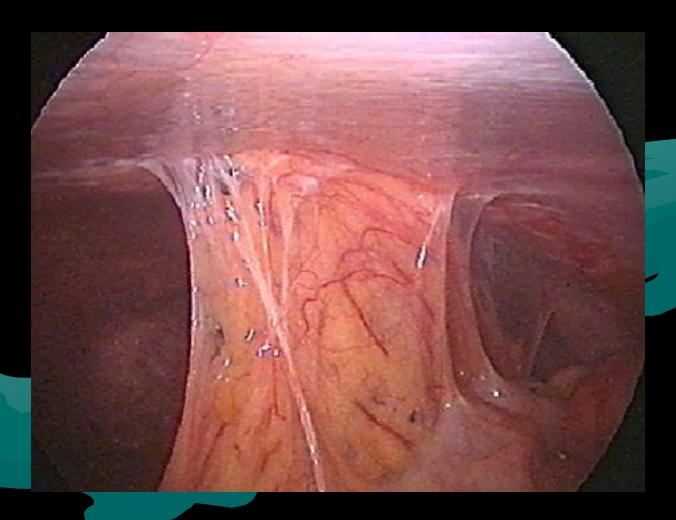
Diagnostic Laparoscopy

- Findings look slightly different to laparoscopic pictures of adult patients.
- There is less fat and all structures are more readily visible.
- Enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes are frequently seen in children, even in children without related symptoms.





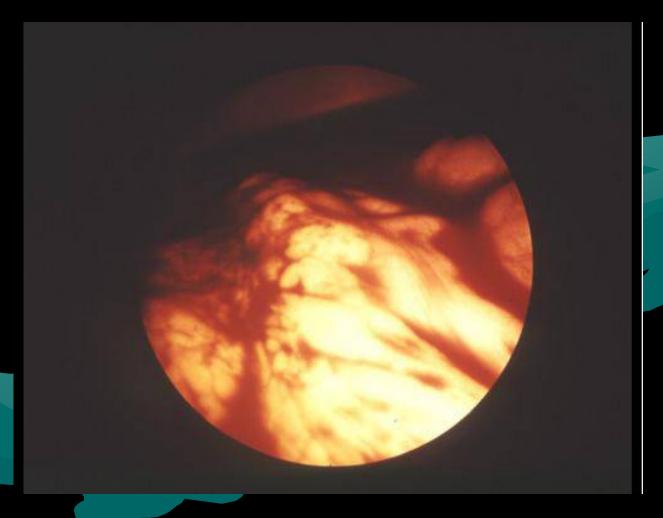
Adhesions







Abdominal Trauma







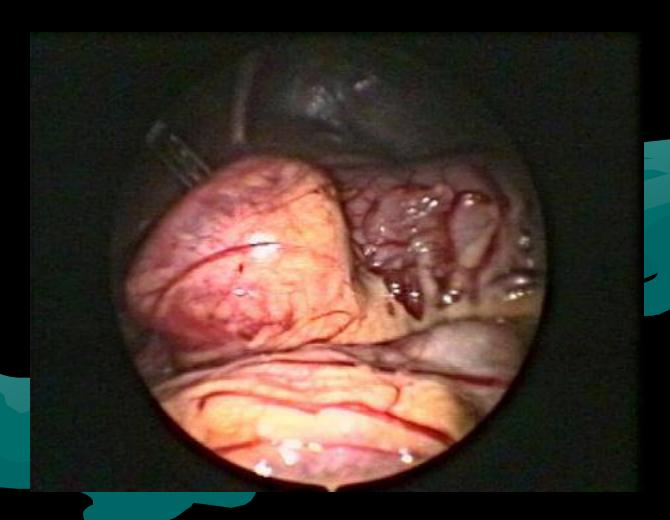
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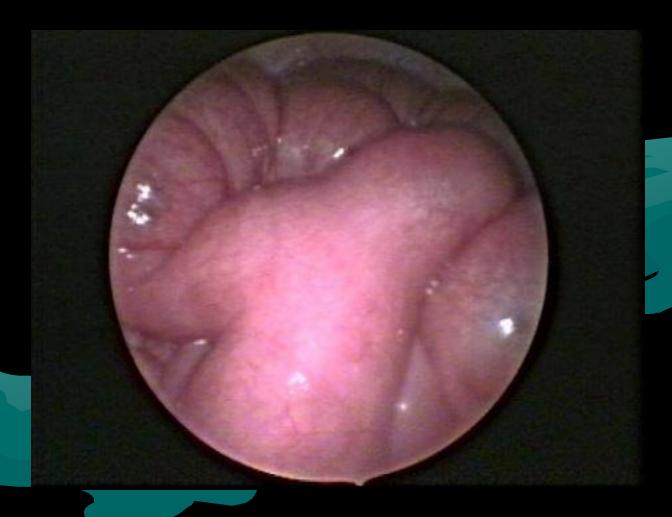
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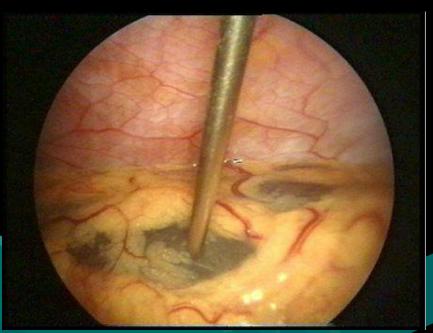
Meckel's diverticulitis

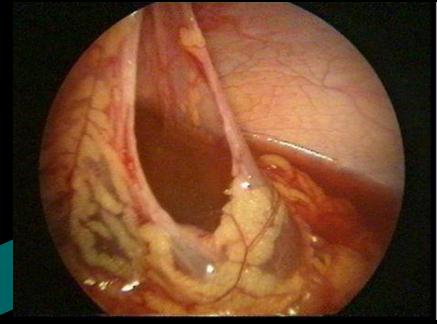






Omentum cysts

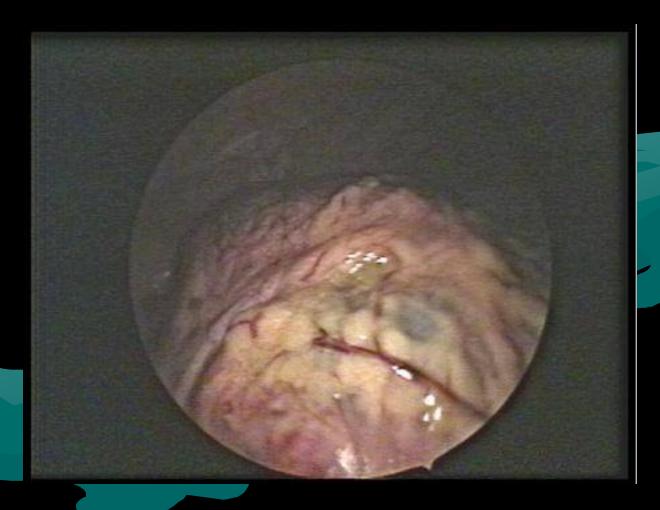








Pancreatic cysts

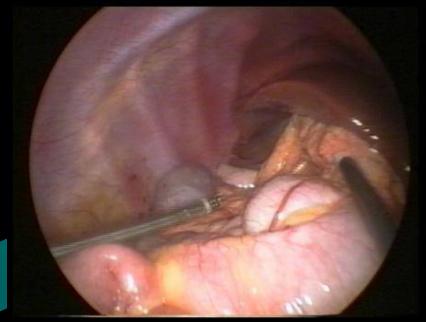






Situs inversus

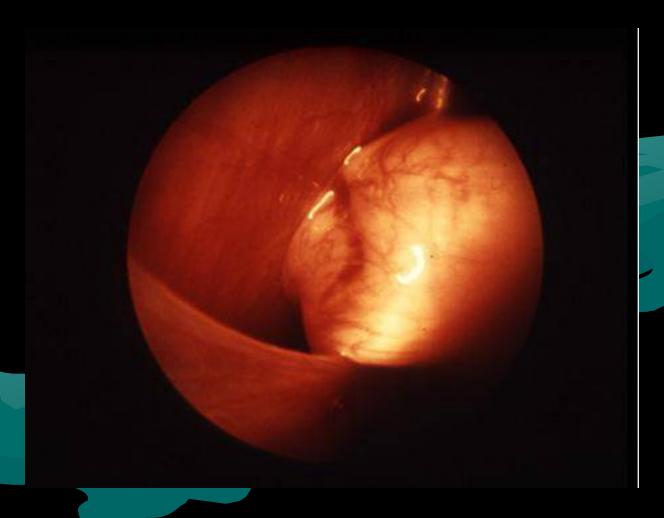








Diaphragmatic hernia







Agenesis of the diaphragm



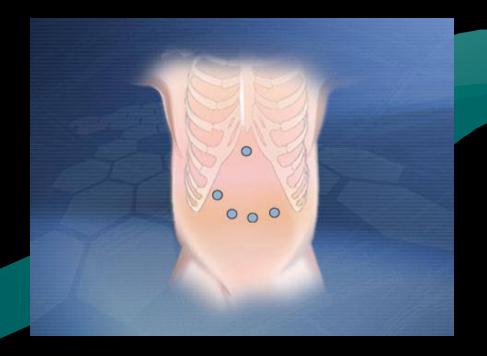






Paediatric Fundoplication

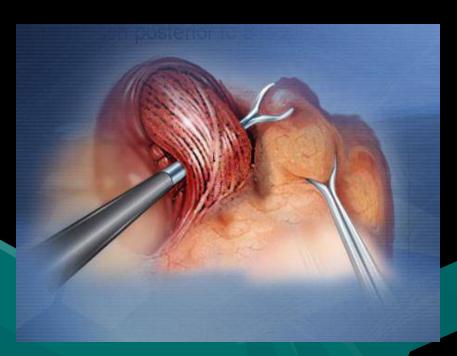
- In Europe, fundoplications are infrequent procedures in children.
- A five-port technique is routinely used

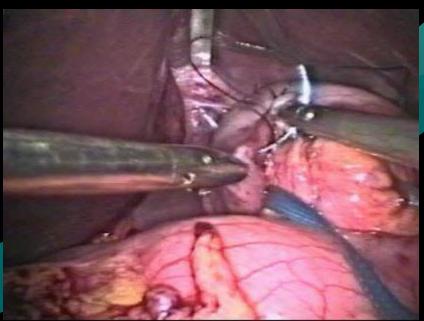






Paediatric Fundoplication





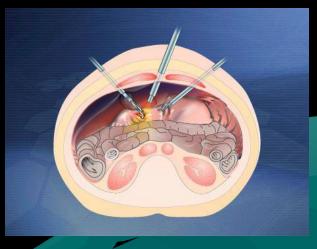
Nissen is better than Toupet in Children





Infantile Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis

- A 5-mm laparoscope is inserted at the umbilicus.
- A 2-mm forceps with teeth is inserted in the right and left upper abdomen
- The pylorus is incised with a 1.7-mm monopolar scalpel, which coagulates while cutting

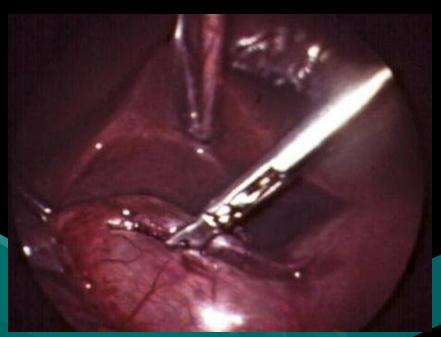


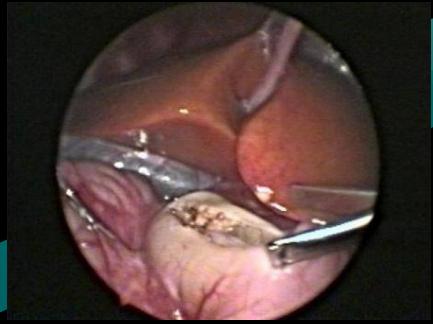






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Intestinal Intussusception

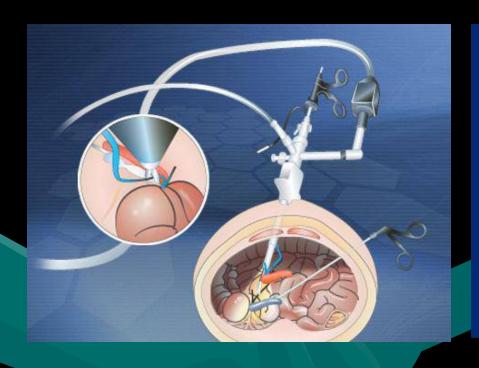


Laparoscopic treatment of intussusception works in roughly 50% of paediatric patients





Appendicitis







Chron's disease

Simultaneous Coloscopy and Laparoscopy for Crohn's Disease in Children

F. Schier, S. v. Bismarck, G. Kähler





Adhesiolysis

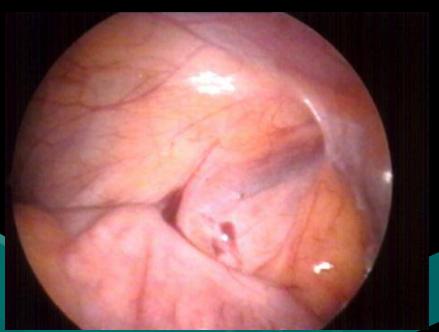


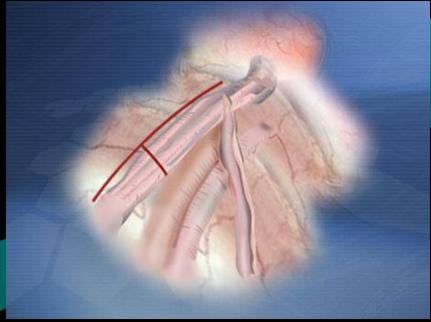


Inguinal Hernia



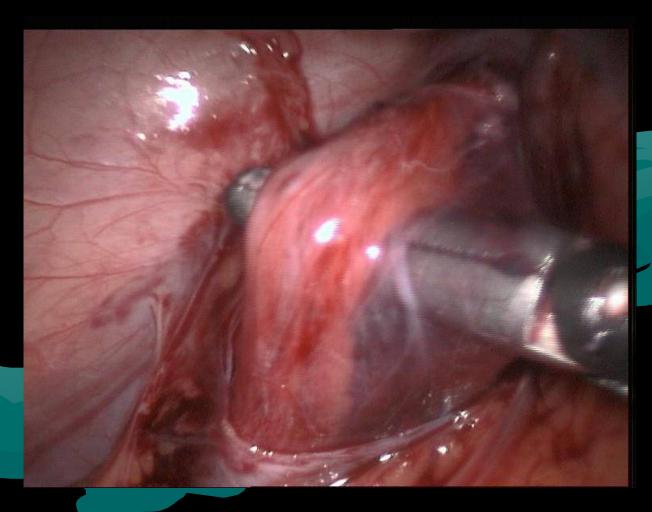






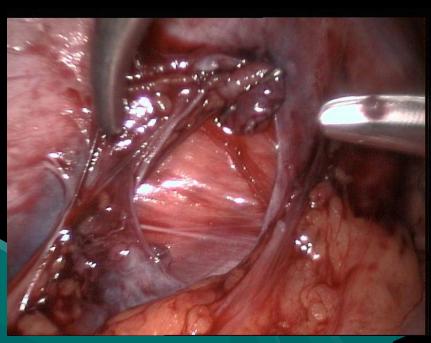


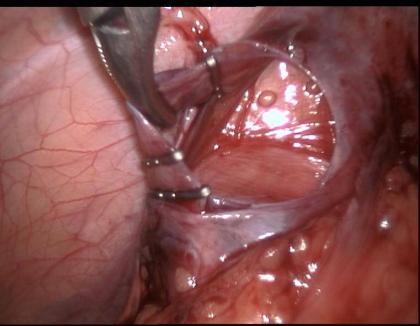






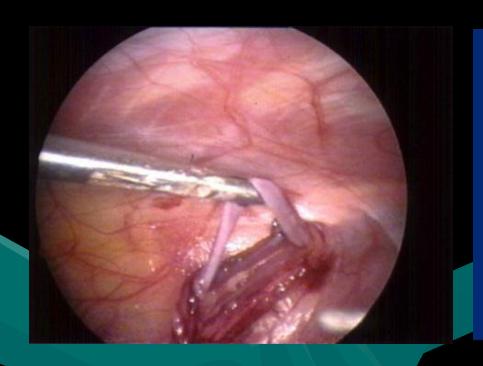
















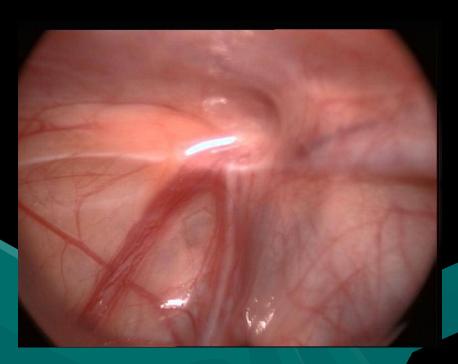
Intra-abdominal Testes

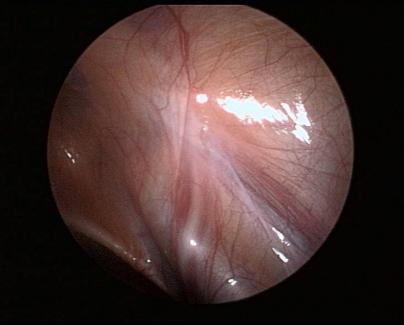






Vanished Testes

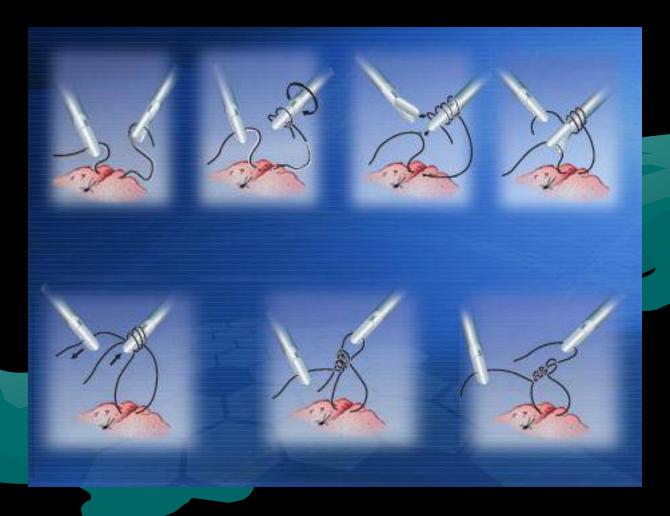








Suturing in Neonate

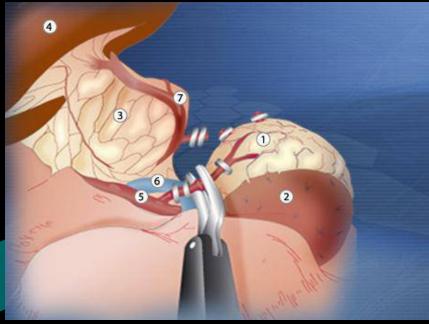






Nephrectomy



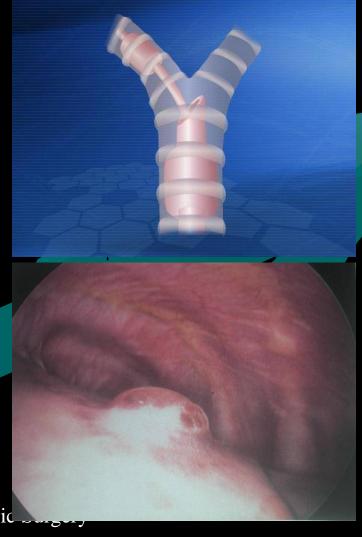






Thoracoscopy

The affected lung is collapsed, allowing to start the required procedure for the treatment of pneumothorax.







Advantages of controlled ventilation with single lung ventilation

- No secretions or blood can enter the contralateral lung
- Optimal surgical visualization
- Optimized gas exchange (apneic oxygenation) is a prerequisite
- Bronchoscopy (check tube position, evacuate pus and blood)





Diagnostic Thoracoscopy

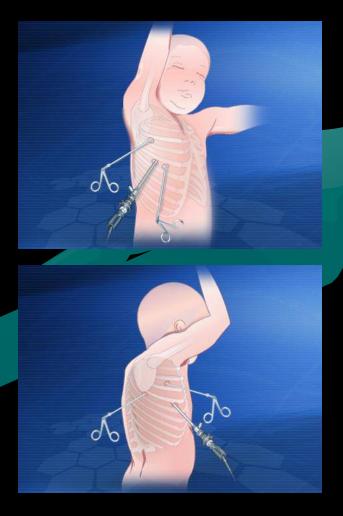
The most common indications for pediatric thoracoscopy are for diagnosis of mediastinal masses and lung biopsy for benign diseases.





Diagnostic Thoracoscopy Port Position

- The position of the patient depends on the target area of the mediastinum or lung
- Insufflate CO2 up to 6 mm Hg, using a flow pressure of 0.3 I/min.
- Over-aggressive insufflation may result in bradycardia.

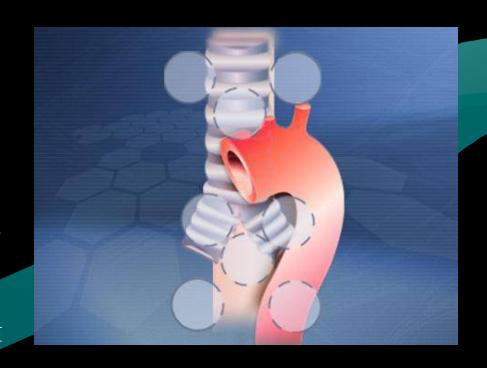






Bronchogenic Cysts

- Bronchogenic cysts of the lung originate from abnormal budding of the tracheal diverticulum.
- Clinical symptoms are those of airway compression.
- Simple aspiration of bronchogenic cysts is ineffective, because they contain elements of the normal bronchial wall such as bronchial glands, smooth muscle, or nests of cartilage, which usually lead to recurrence of the [Cuypers 1996].
- Resecting the cysts is the treatment of choice







Bronchogenic Cysts





Thoracic Teratoma

- Thoracic teratomas are usually located in the anterior mediastinum, although some may originate posteriorly
- As the phrenic nerve often crosses the tumor, the nerve must be closely monitored during the procedure.
- Nearly all teratomas rupture during the operation, and are eventually removed within a bag through the lowest and most posterior incision.





Hyperhidrosis

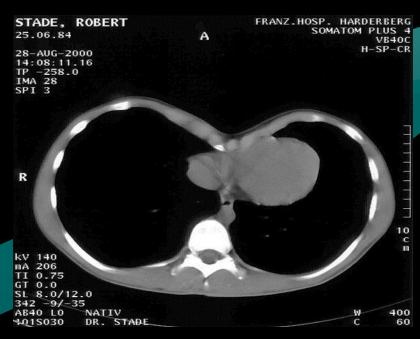
- For hyperhidrosis of the hands only, coagulate ganglia T2 and T3.
- For the axillae, coagulate ganglion T4.
- The ganglia are easily identified as white, cord-like structures crossing the paravertebral ribs.
- Destroying ganglion T1 results in Horner's syndrome.





Pectus excavatum





A common chest wall deformity in children





Ovarian cysts







Imperforated Anus







Paediatric Oncology

Laparoscopy and
Thoracoscopy has a
good role in
Paediatric Oncology
for Diagnosis of
Metastasis.

Lymphoma





Thank You





