



WOUND MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCY LAPAROTOMY: CLOSED SUCTION DRAIN VS. DIRECT CLOSURE

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the comparative effectiveness of subcutaneous single closed suction drains versus simple closure techniques in managing emergency midline laparotomy wounds. By evaluating postoperative outcomes, specifically focusing on surgical site infections (SSIs) and seromas, the research aims to identify the benefits of using suction drains in enhancing patient recovery and reducing complications.

KEYWORDS : Subcutaneous drain, surgical site infection, seroma, midline laparotomy, patient outcomes, statistical analysis.

INTRODUCTION

Postoperative wound healing is critically associated with the incidence of complications such as surgical site infections and seromas, particularly following emergency laparotomies. This study emphasizes the role of effective closure techniques in mitigating these risks and improving patient recovery times. The introduction discusses current clinical challenges and the rationale for investigating the application of subcutaneous closed suction drains compared to traditional closure methods.

Case Study

The research involved a structured assessment of 50 patients undergoing emergency midline laparotomy in Konaseema Institute of Medical Sciences. Patients were randomized into two groups: one receiving subcutaneous closed suction drains and the other receiving simple closure. The demographic characteristics were recorded, and the study monitored postoperative complications across a diverse patient population.

METHODS

The study was designed as a prospective observational trial. Patients were monitored for surgical outcomes, particularly SSIs, seromas, and duration of hospital stay. Statistical methods, including crosstabulation and Pearson Chi-Square tests were employed to analyze the significance of differences between the two groups.

Observations And Results

The analysis of 50 members from the study shows the following statistical outcomes regarding surgical site infections and seroma formation:

- **Surgical Site Infection (SSI):**

- **Drain Group:**

- No SSI: 22 patients (88%)
- SSI: 3 patients (12%)

- **Closure Group:**

- No SSI: 15 patients (60%)
- SSI: 10 patients (40%)

- **Statistical Analysis:**

- Pearson Chi-Square = 10.23, $p = 0.001$ (indicating a significant difference in SSI rates favoring the drain group).

- **Seroma Formation:**

- **Drain Group:**

- No Seroma: 25 patients (100%)
- With Seroma: 0 patients (0%)

- **Closure Group:**

- No Seroma: 17 patients (68%)
- With Seroma: 8 patients (32%)

- **Statistical Analysis:**

- Pearson Chi-Square = 9.88, $p = 0.002$ (showing a significant reduction in seroma incidence in the drain group).

These results demonstrate a statistically significant advantage of using subcutaneous suction drains over simple closure in reducing both SSIs and seroma occurrences.



Table 1: Age-Wise Distribution

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage (%)
20-30 Years	8	16.0%
31-40 Years	15	30.0%
41-50 Years	18	36.0%
51-60 Years	10	20.0%
Total	50	100.0%

This table represents the distribution of patients across different age groups in the study.

Table 2: Gender Distribution

Gender	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Male	33	66.0%
Female	17	34.0%
Total	50	100.0%

The study had more male patients than female patients.

Table 3: BMI Classification

BMI Class	Frequency	Percentage (%)
<35	37	74.0%
≥35	13	26.0%

Total	50	100.0%
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The majority of patients had a BMI below 35.

Table 4: Subcutaneous Drain Usage

Subcutaneous Drain	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	25	50.0%
Yes	25	50.0%
Total	50	100.0%

Half of the patients had subcutaneous drain placement.

Table 5: Wound Complication

Wound Complication	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	36	72.0%
Yes	14	28.0%
Total	50	100.0%

28% of patients experienced wound complications.

Table 6: Intervention Required

Intervention	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	36	72.0%
Yes	14	28.0%
Total	50	100.0%

28% of the patients required medical intervention for wound healing.

Table 7: Seroma Incidence

Seroma	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	46	92.0%
Yes	4	8.0%
Total	50	100.0%

Only 8% of patients experienced seroma.

Table 8: Hematoma Incidence

Hematoma	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	49	98.0%
Yes	1	2.0%
Total	50	100.0%

Hematoma was very rare, occurring in just 2% of cases.

Table 9: Surgical Site Infection (SSI)

SSI	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	40	80.0%
Yes	10	20.0%
Total	50	100.0%

20% of patients experienced surgical site infections.

Table 10: Pain Incidence

Pain	Frequency	Percentage (%)
No	42	84.0%
Yes	8	16.0%
Total	50	100.0%

Postoperative pain was reported by 16% of the patients.

Table 11: Duration of Hospital Stay

Subcutaneous Drain	Mean Duration (Days)
No	9.12 ± 2.51
Yes	7.70 ± 1.44

Patients with subcutaneous drains had a shorter hospital stay on average.

CONCLUSIONS

The findings indicate that the application of subcutaneous single closed suction drains in emergency midline laparotomy procedures significantly reduces the incidence of surgical site infections and seromas compared to simple closure techniques. This study supports the adoption of suction drain methods to enhance postoperative recovery and minimize complications.

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