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## Results of Delorme's Procedure for Rectal Prolapse

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Purpose: This retrospective study was designed to review and analyze the results of Delorme's procedure for rectal prolapse. Methods: Between 1990 and 1999, twenty-nine patients with rectal prolapse underwent Delorme's procedure. These patients had had no previous operation for rectal prolapse. This study was proceeded retrospectively through the out-patient clinic and by telephone questionnare. Results: Twelve cases (41%) were males and 17 cases (59%) were females. Mean age was 55.5 years (range, 23 86 years). The duration of the symptoms was ranged from 3 months to 60 years, with the mean period of 12.2 years. The follow-up period after the operation was from 3 months to 10 years (mean follow-up, 45 months). The internal rectal prolapses were 11 cases (38%), and the complete rectal prolapses were 18 cases (62%). The common preoperative bowel habits were incontinence with 6 cases (21%) and constipation with 10 cases (34%). After the operation, incontinence and constipation were improved in 4 cases (67%) and 6 cases (60%) respectively. Additional 2 cases of constipation occurred among 19 cases who hadn't had it preoperatively but the use of laxative helped in improving the symptom. The mean operation time was 71 minutes and in 24 cases (83%), the operation was proceeded with spinal anesthesia. In 27 cases (93%), the amount of bleeding during the operation was less than 100 cc, and in 1 case (3.4%), blood transfusion was needed because the amount was more than 400 cc. The three patients (10%) had postoperative complications(one perianal abscess due to anastomotic dehiscence and two urinary retention). There was one case of recurrence (3.4%) after the operation and no postoperative mortality. Conclusions: Delorme's procedure has the short operation time, causes less bleeding and is possible with regional anesthesia. Delorme's procedure has low complication rate, results in good bowel function and has a low recurrence rate. Therefore, Delorme's procedure can be performed with satisfactory outcome in elderly patients and the poor general conditioned patients as well as younger patients. As recurrence rates is low and continence is improved, this procedure may be the preferred initial treatment of all patients with rectal prolapse. (JKSCP 2000;16:407-414)

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**Fig. 1.** The case of complete rectal prolapse of 86 years old female in the lithotomy position.



**Fig. 2.** Submucosal injection of 1: 200,000 epinephrine above dentate line.

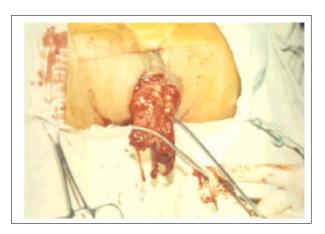


Fig. 3. Circumferential dissection in the submucosal plane.

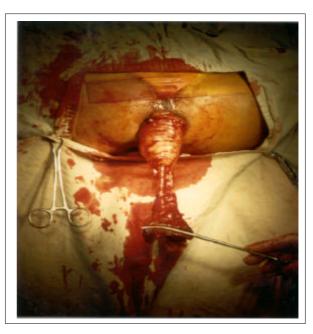


Fig. 4. Mucosectomy was carried proximally until the limits of dissection was met.



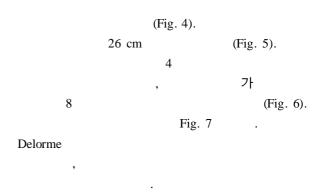
**Fig. 5.** The picture of complete dissection. The length of dissection was 26 cm in this case.



**Fig. 6.** Cardinal plicating sutures in four quadrant with subsequent sutures being placed in between each of the cardinal sutures.



Fig. 7. The picture of anus after the operation.



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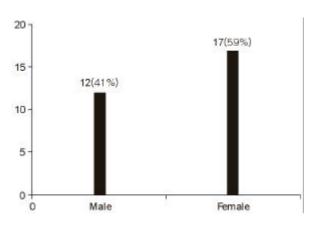
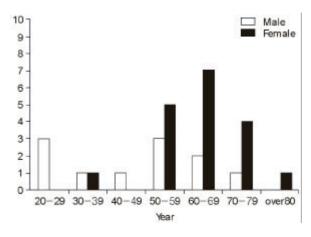


Fig. 8. Male and female ratio. Male and female ratio 1: 1.4.



**Fig. 9.** Age distribution. Age distribution: 23 86 years. Mean age: 55.5 years.

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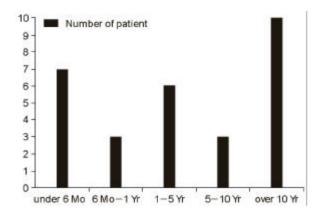
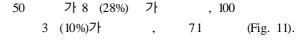


Fig. 10. Duration of the preoperative symptoms. Duration of the preoperative symptoms: 3 months 60 years. Mean duration of the symptoms: 12.2 years.

Table 1. Associated medical problem

Problem	Number of patients
1. Hypertension	3
2. Uterine prolapse	3
3. Cerebrovascular accident	2
4. Bladder prolapse	2
5. Neuropsychiatric problem	2
6. Hemorrhoids	2
7. Functional gastrointestinal disease	2
8. Hepatitis	1
9. Peptic ulcer	1
10. Cardiac disease	1
Total	19*

<sup>\*</sup>Some patients had multiple problems simultaneously.



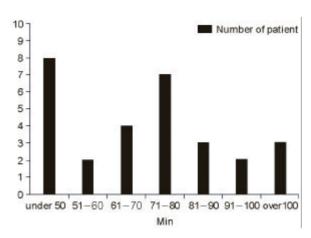


Fig. 11. Operation time. Mean operation time: 71 min.

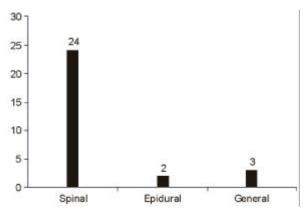
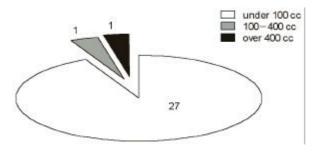


Fig. 12. Type of anesthesia.



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Fig. 13. Amount of bleeding.

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Table 2. Alteration in bowel function after delorme procedure

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Table 3. Summary of publications on the Delorme's procedure

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Year	1979	1988	1985	1986	1986	1988	1990	2000
Numver of patient	44	12	18	18	27	5	22	29
Recurrence	3 (6.8%)	2 (17%)	1 (6%)	3 (17%)	2 (7.4%)	1 (20%)	1 (5%)	1 (3.4%)
Posatoperative constipation	NS	NS	NS	6%	NS	NS	9%	6.9%
Improvement in continent	ns ce	50%	NS	44%	83%	NS	75%	67%
Follow-up	2 10 Yr	3 Yr	Mean 42 Mo (3 Mo 9 Yr)	Mean 19 Mo (8 Mo 4 Yr)	Mean 35 Mo (11 54 Mo)	Mean 11 Mo	Mean 29 Mo	Mean 45 Mo (3 Mo 10 Yr)
Urinary dysfunction	10 (23%)	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	3 (14%)	2 (7%)
Other complication	s 5 (11%)	0	3 (17%)	NS	0	0	3 (14%)	1 (3%)
Mortality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NS = not stated; Yr = year; Mo = month.

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