

# Laparoscopic Liver Surgery

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## World Review of Laparoscopic Liver Resection—2,804 Patients

*Kevin Tri Nguyen, MD, PhD, T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS, and David A. Geller, MD*

- Wedge resections
- Segmentectomies
- Left lateral sectionectomies
- Posterior sectionectomies
- Right & left hemi hepatectomies
- Extended right & left hepatectomies
- Bile duct reconstructions

Nguyen et al. Ann Surg 2009

- Living donor hepatectomies

Cherqui et al. Lancet 2002

Cherqui, O'Rourke, Lesurtel, Gayet, Gigot, Gagner,  
Descottes, Topal, Dagher, Buell, Edwin and others

# Outcomes of LLR consistently better

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  - Mortality and recurrence comparable
  - Shorter LOS
  - Better survival
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- Theatre times considerably longer in major hepatectomy

> 150 series, > 7000 liver resections

# RCT not feasible!

Stated in almost every publication on laparoscopic liver resection

# Laparoscopy Decreases Pulmonary Complications in Patients Undergoing Major Liver Resection

## A Propensity Score Analysis

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	Laparoscopic Major Liver Resection (n=83)	Open Major Liver Resection (n=83)	P
Overall pulmonary complications, n (%)	12 (14.5)	27 (32.5)	0.006
Pulmonary infection, n (%)	3 (3.6)	7 (8.4)	0.192
Symptomatic pleural effusion, n (%)	9 (10.8)	21 (25.3)	0.016
Pleural effusion requiring drainage, n (%)	2 (2.4)	9 (10.8)	0.029
Respiratory insufficiency, n (%)	2 (2.4)	9 (10.8)	0.029
Acute respiratory distress syndrome, n (%)	2 (2.4)	8 (9.7)	0.050
Pulmonary embolism, n (%)	0 (0.0)	2 (2.4)	0.155

# Morioka Consensus 2014

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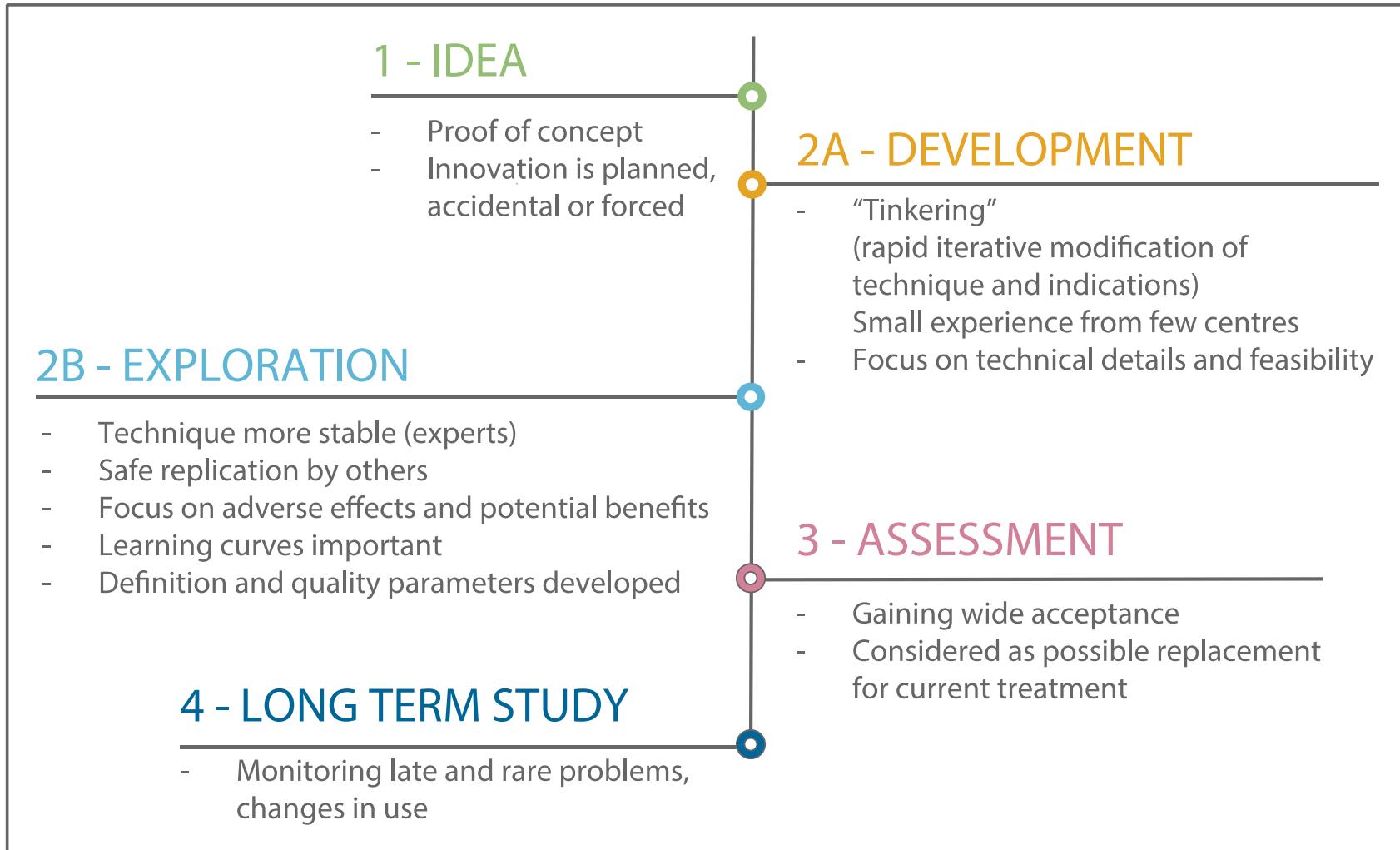
MAJORITY LEVEL 3 EVIDENCE

LOW quality by GRADE

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# IDEAL Framework (Balliol)

Idea, Development, Exploration, Assessment, Long-term follow up



# Morioka LLR Consensus 2014

**Minor lap liver resection**



IDEAL stage 3  
Assessment phase

**Major lap liver resection**



IDEAL stage 2b  
Exploration/learning phase

# Morioka Consensus 2014

Participation in ongoing randomized controlled trials is STRONGLY recommended.

An international registry should be initiated to document the role and safety of LLR.

A/E/A-IHPBA guided training programmes should be established

**STRONG recommendations**

# Liver surgery 2003



Edinburgh, Tromso and Maastricht

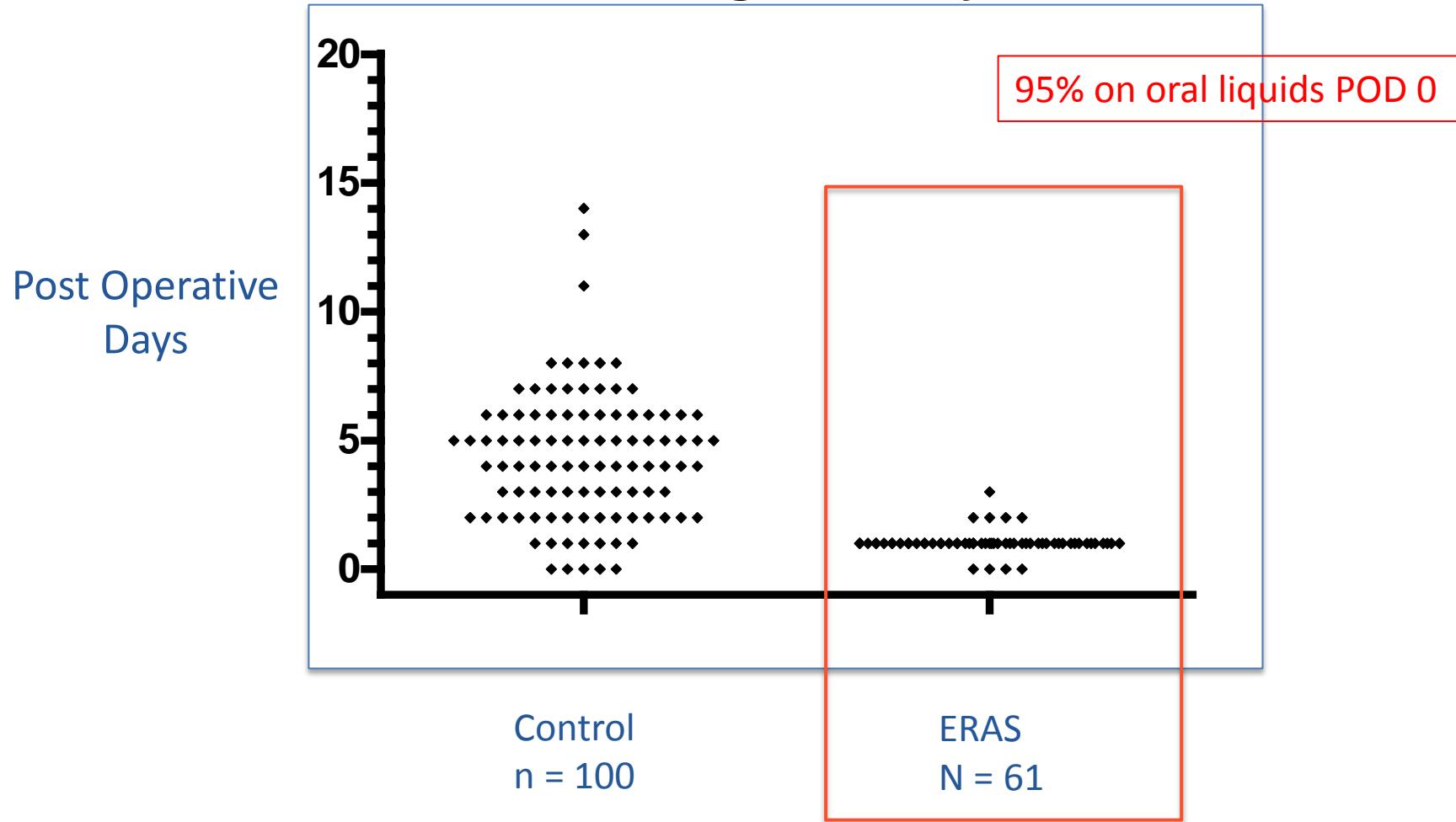
# Enhanced recovery in liver surgery



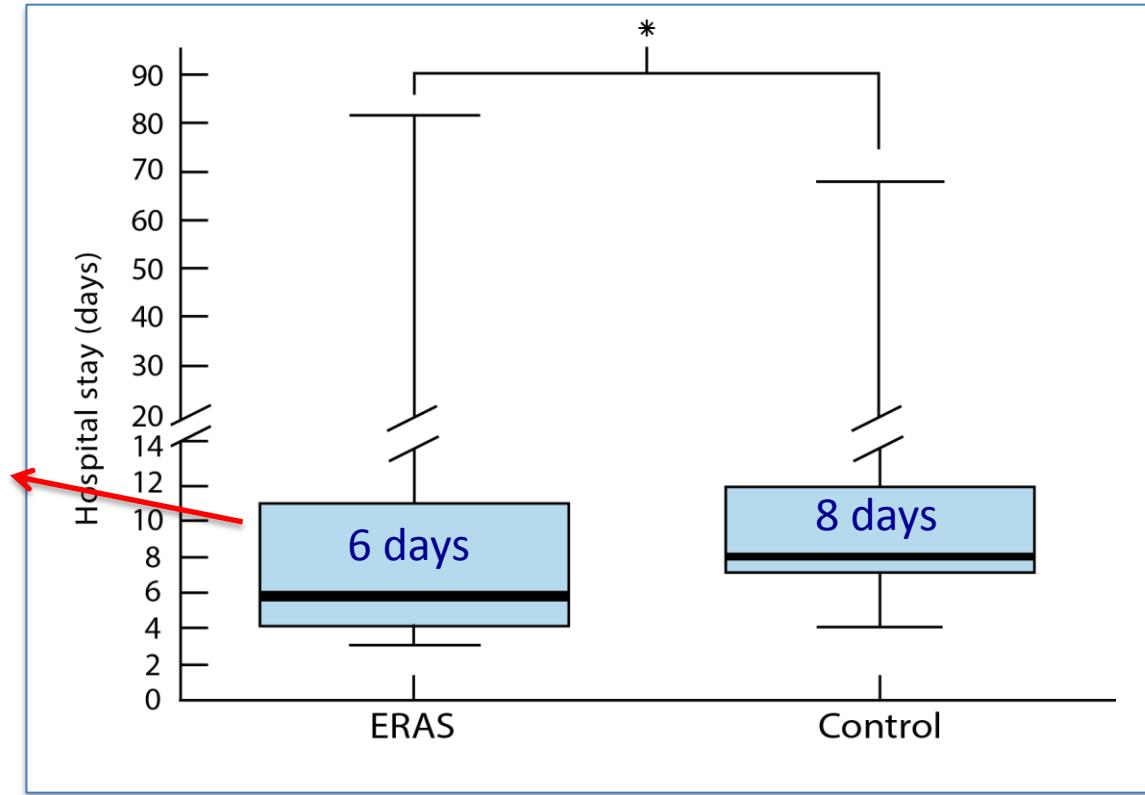
Fearon et al. Clin Nutr 2005

# ERAS Liver pilot Maastricht Edinburgh

## Eating normally

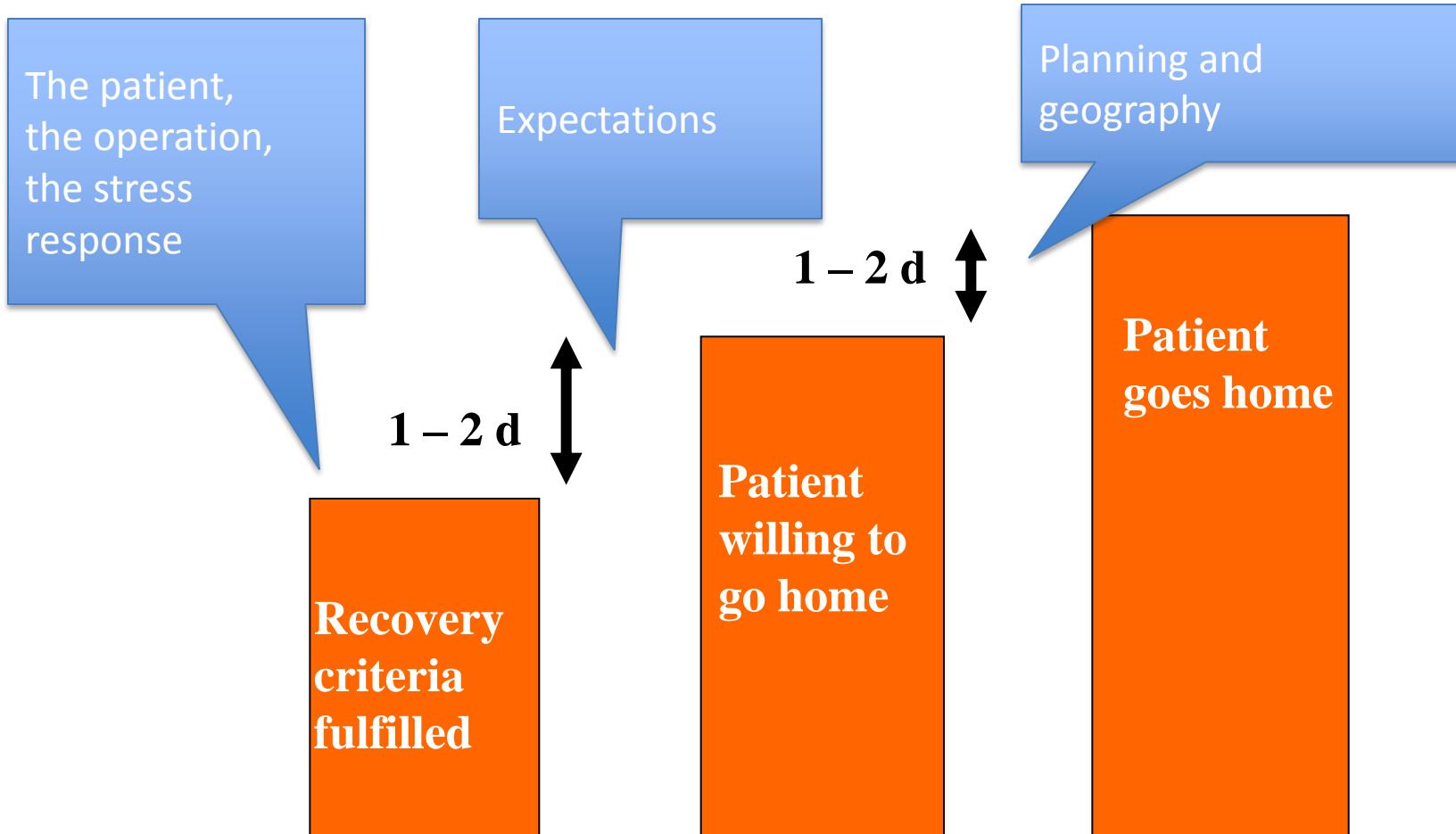


# Median hospital length of stay



$P = 0.002$

# What determines hospital length of stay?



Update 2009

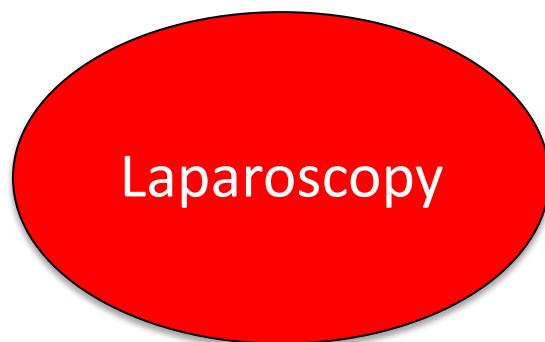
# Liver resection



ERAS Liver  
Since 2003  
< 10 publications

Median LOS 4 days

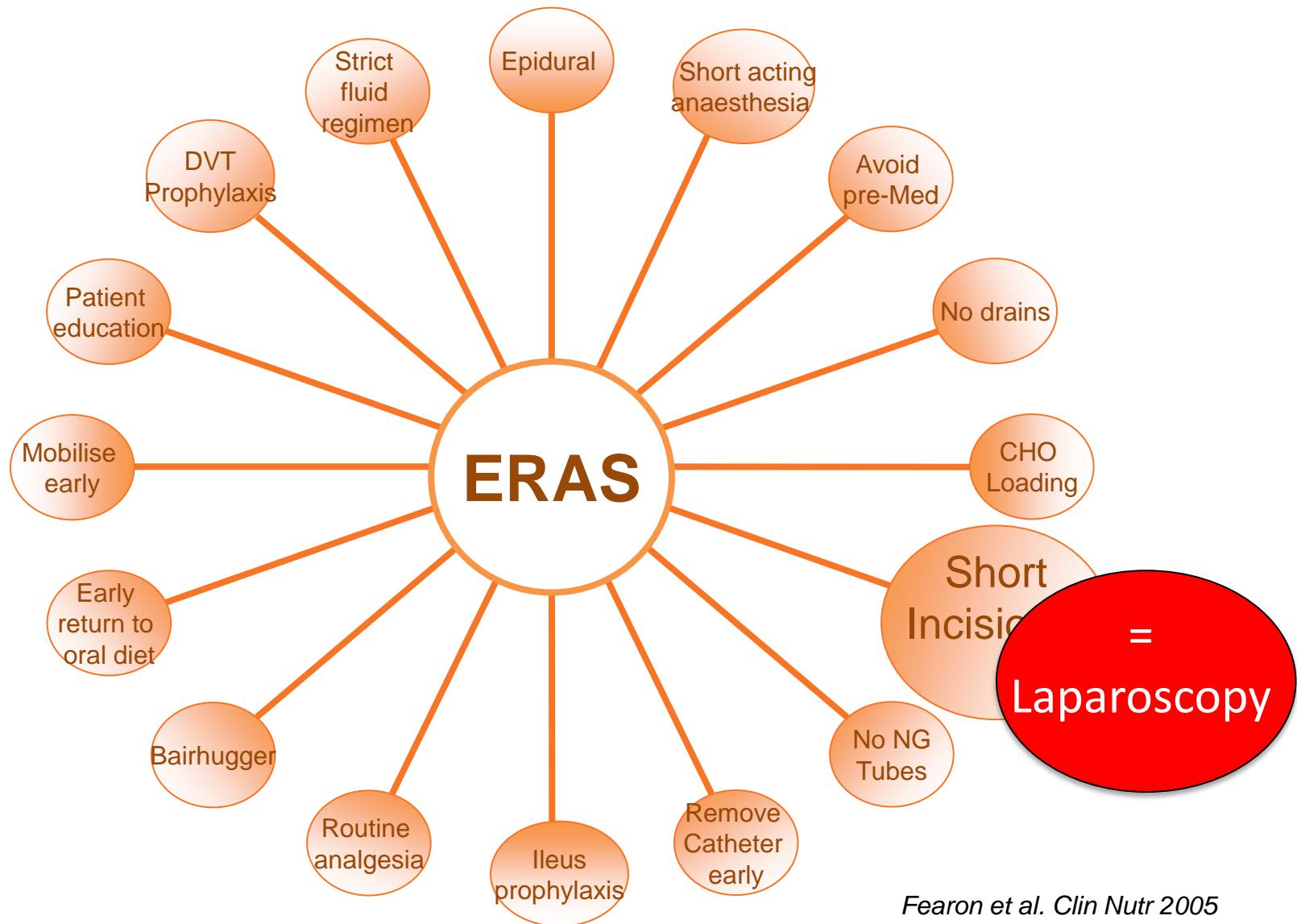
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Laparoscopic liver resection  
Since 1995  
500 publications

Median LOS 4 days

# Enhanced recovery in liver surgery



Update

# New objective outcome parameter

Functional recovery

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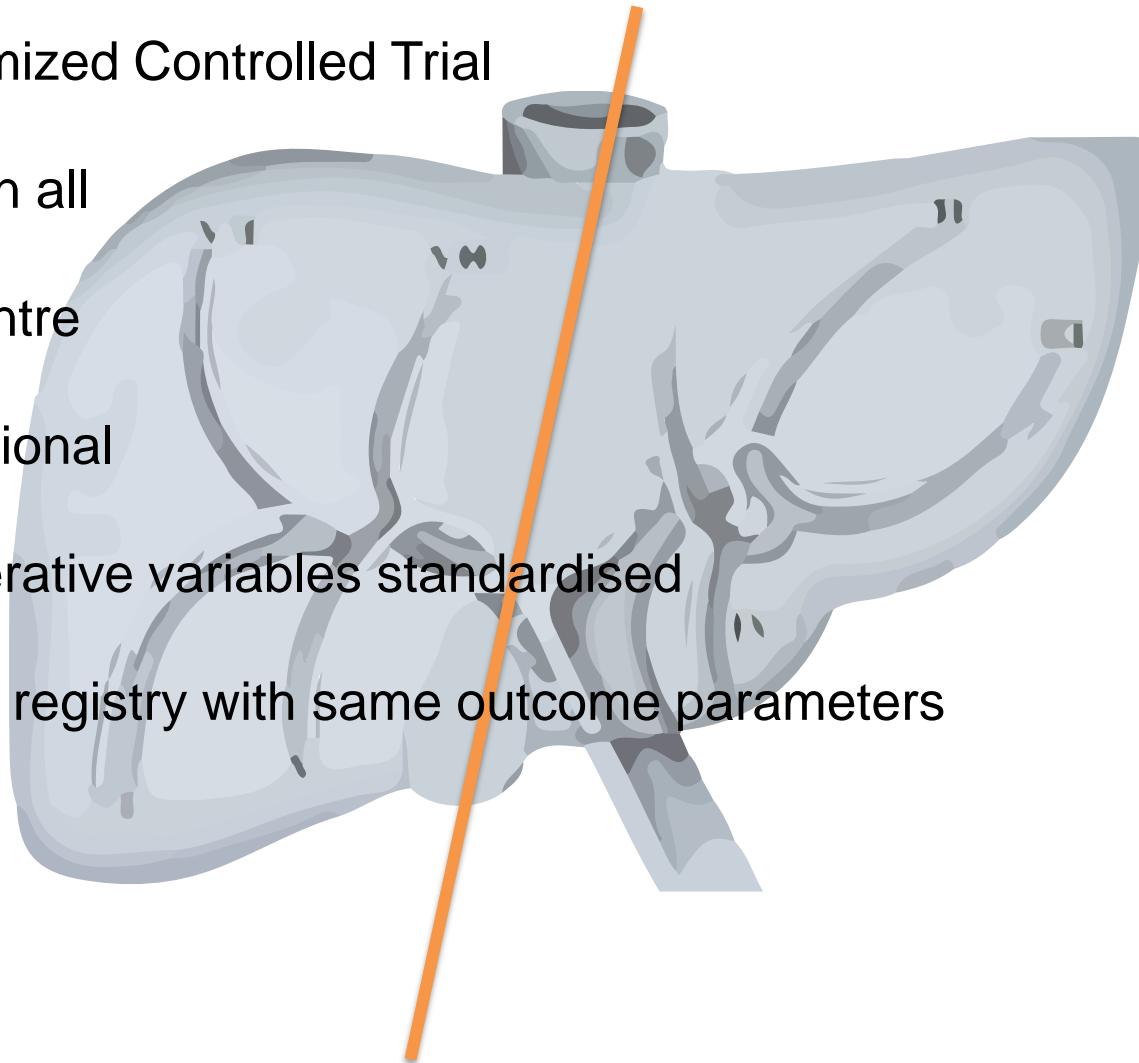
ready for discharge

	Functional Recovery	Discharge
Tolerance of solid food	✓	✓
No IV fluids	✓	✓
Oral analgetics only	✓	✓
Mobile at pre op level	✓	✓
Normal / improving serum bilirubine & INR	✓	✓
Willing to go home		✓

# ORANGE II PLUS RCT

Laparoscopic vs open hemihepatectomy

- Randomized Controlled Trial
- ERAS in all
- Multicentre
- International
- Perioperative variables standardised
- Parallel registry with same outcome parameters



# PRIMARY & SECONDARY OUTCOMES

Primary	Secondary
1. Time to functional recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Total postoperative LOS (readmission &lt; 30 days included)</li><li>2. Intraoperative blood loss</li><li>3. Operation time</li><li>4. Resection margin</li><li>5. Time to adjuvant chemotherapy initiation</li><li>6. Readmission percentage</li><li>7. Total morbidity (Intraoperative incidents and postoperative complications)</li><li>8. Composite of liver specific morbidity</li><li>9. Quality of life</li><li>10. Body image and cosmesis</li><li>11. Reasons for delay of discharge after functional recovery</li><li>12. Long term incidence of incisional hernias</li><li>13. Hospital and societal costs during one year</li><li>14. Overall five-year survival</li></ol>

# ORANGE II Plus study group

## The Netherlands

- Maastricht University Medical Center
- Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam

## Pending approval

- University Clinic Aachen, Germany
- Royal Brisbane Hospital, Australia

## Belgium

- Ghent University Hospital
- Jessa Hospital, Hasselt
- Groeninge General Hospital, Kortrijk
- Erasme Hospital, Brussels

## United Kingdom

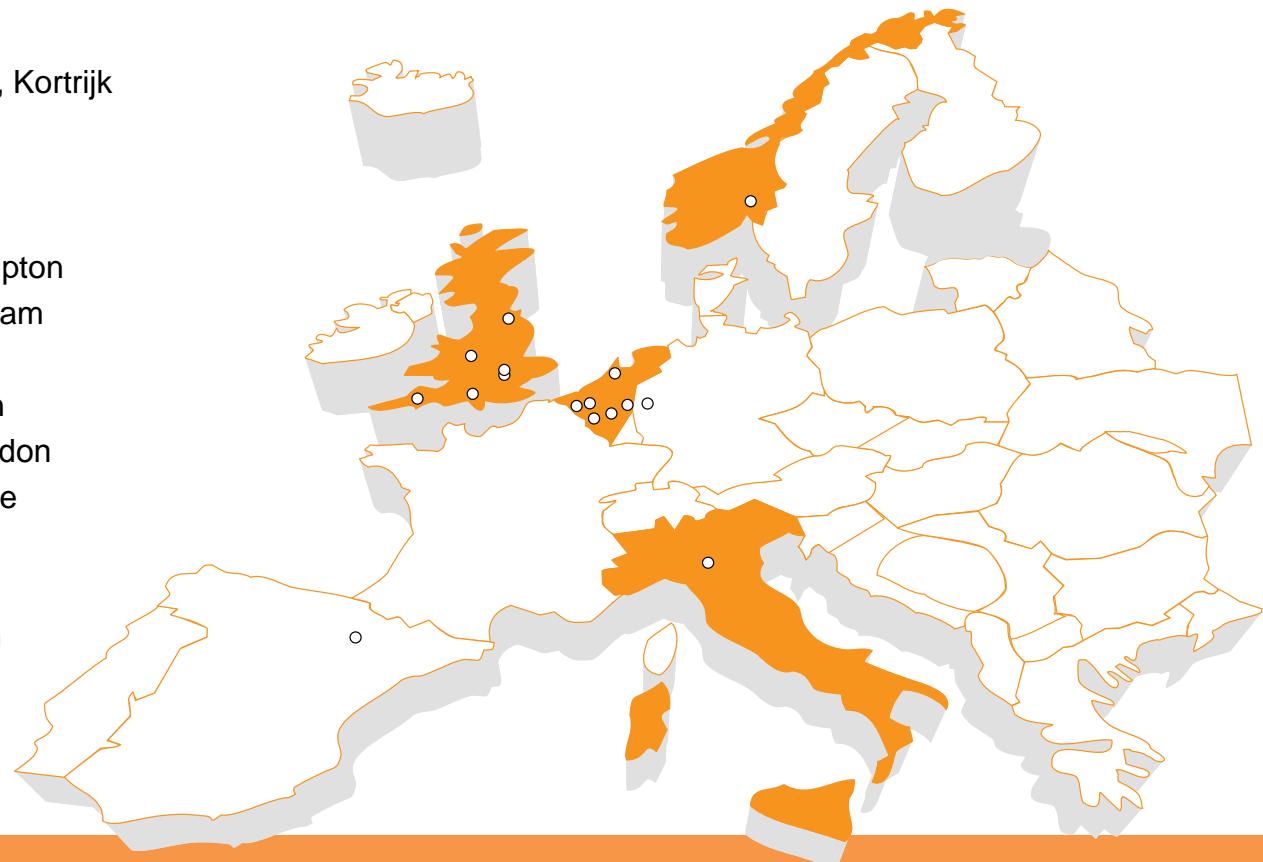
- University Hospital Southampton
- University Hospital Birmingham
- Derriford Hospital Plymouth
- Royal Free Hospital, London
- King's College Hospital, London
- Freeman Hospital, Newcastle

## Italy

- San Raffaele Hospital, Milan

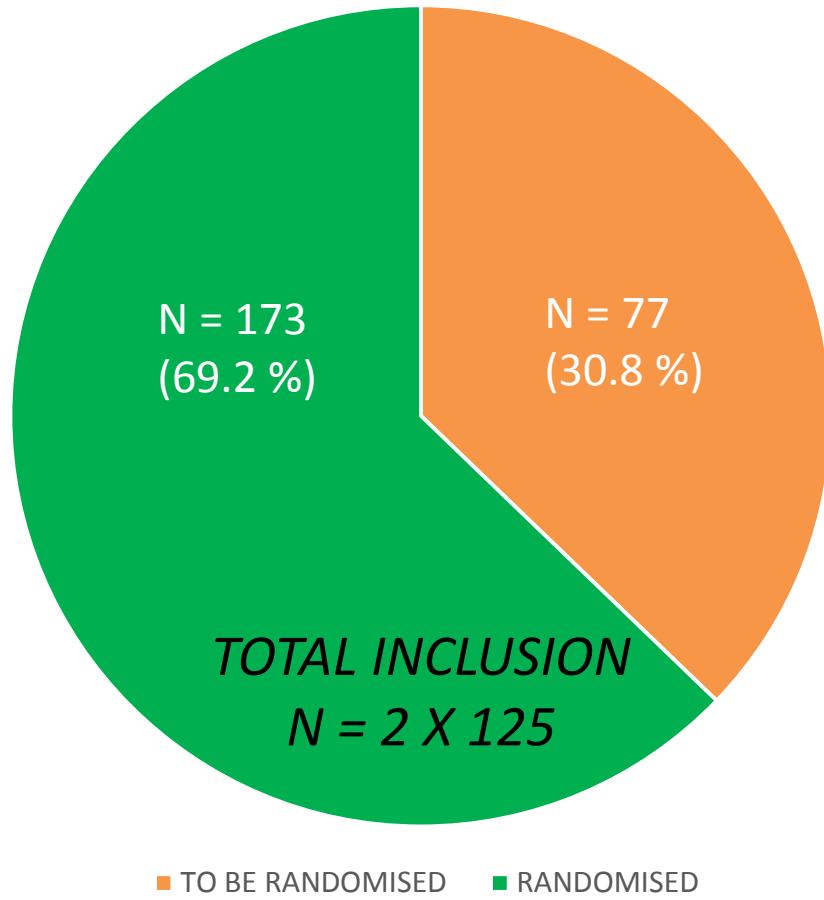
## Norway

- Oslo University Hospital



# ORANGE II PLUS RCT

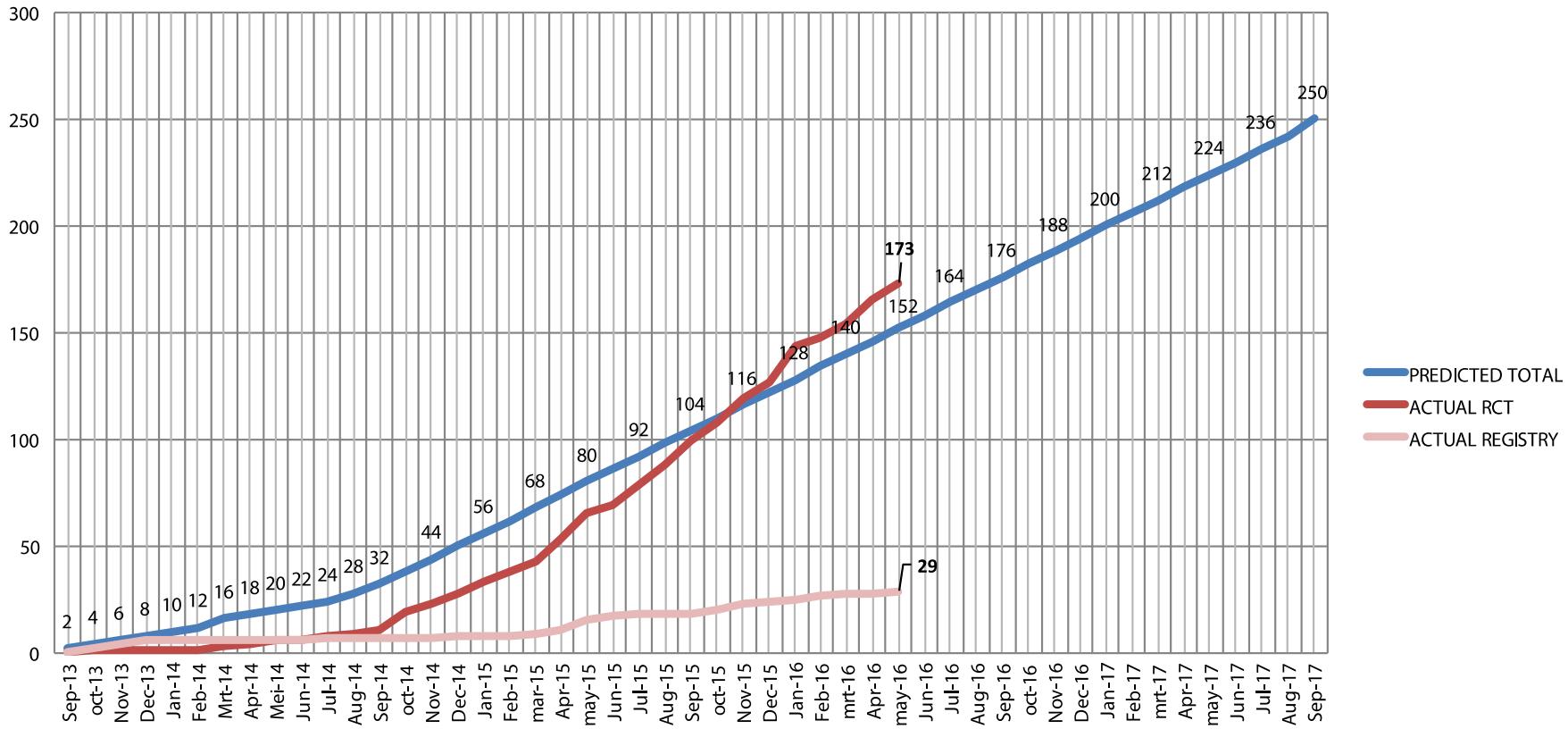
## CURRENT ACCRUAL



# TOTAL TRIAL ACCRUAL

Current randomisations: 173/250

Current registry: 29



Expected closing spring 2017

# THE OSLO COMET-STUDY

Finished n=270 randomised!

RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF OPEN AND  
LAPAROSCOPIC LIVER RESECTION FOR COLORECTAL  
METASTASES

Å.A.Fretland, A.M.Kazaryan, K.Flatmark, B.E.Bjørnbeth, T.E.Mollnes,  
R. Kristiansen, K. Øyri, B.Edwin

# “Technique of laparoscopic liver resection”

## Savoir faire

No clear evidence-based techniques

Hilar dissection vs Glissonian approach ( EU 60% vs 40 %)

Hibi et al. *Surg Endosc* 2015

# “Technique of laparoscopic liver resection”

## Savoir faire

30° laparoscopes (+/- robot)

Low CVP

Pneumoperitoneum at 12 mm Hg

Intermittent (selective) hepatic pedicle clamping

Limited to full mobilization of liver

Parenchymal transection - bipolar/ultrasonic dissector / sealer / CUSA

Endoscopic stapler for pedicles

Hem-o-lok / clips for arteries, veins, bileducts

# Left lateral sectionectomy

# Laparoscopic liver resections

Low complexity

Biopsy

Little wedge resection

Intermediate complexity

Left lateral sectionectomy

Anterior segmentectomy

IVb

V

VI

High complexity

Left-hemihepatectomy

Right hemihepatectomy

Posterior Wedge-Segment

IVa

VII

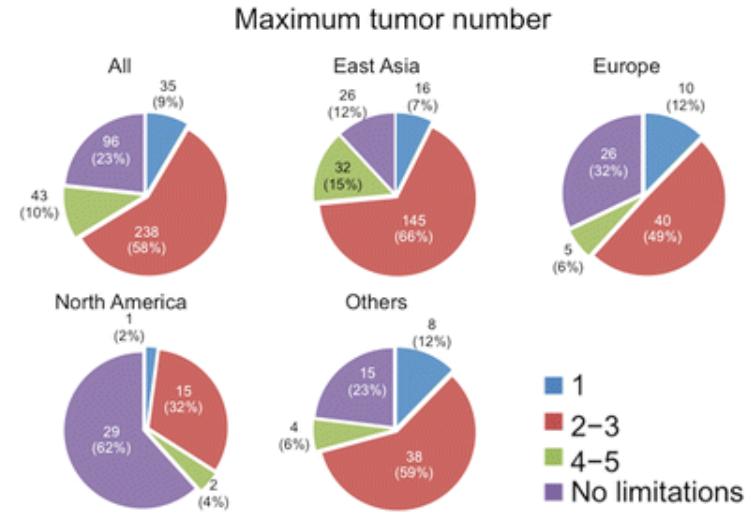
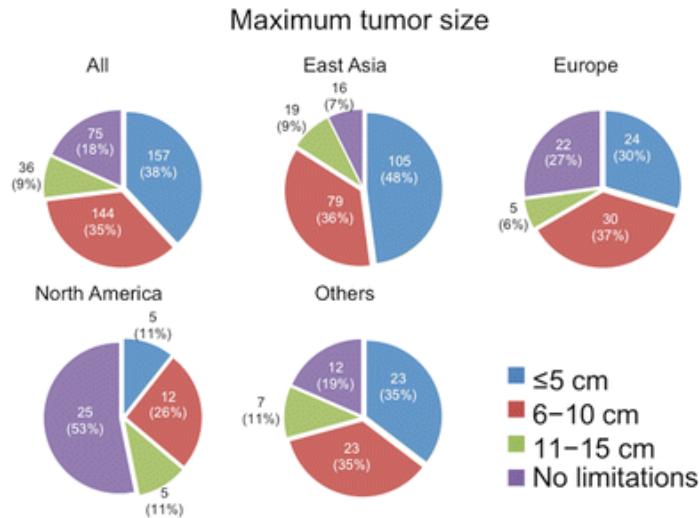
VIII

Caudate lobe

Trisectionectomy

Living donor resections

# Tumor size and number in laparoscopic liver



More difficult

More time

# Conversion major laparoscopic liver resection

- 30 (13.5%) in 223 patients
- 2 Paris expert centers 2000 - 2013

Main reasons: Adhesions, bleeding & failure to progress

## Risk factors

- Diabetes
- Age > 75 yrs
- BMI > 28
- Tumor > 10 cm
- Biliary reconstruction

# Intrahepatic anatomical thinking



Preoperative CT  
4 phase contrast enhanced  
3D reconstruction  
Vessel based route planning

# Positioning

## right tilt – left decubitus – semi prone

Gravity

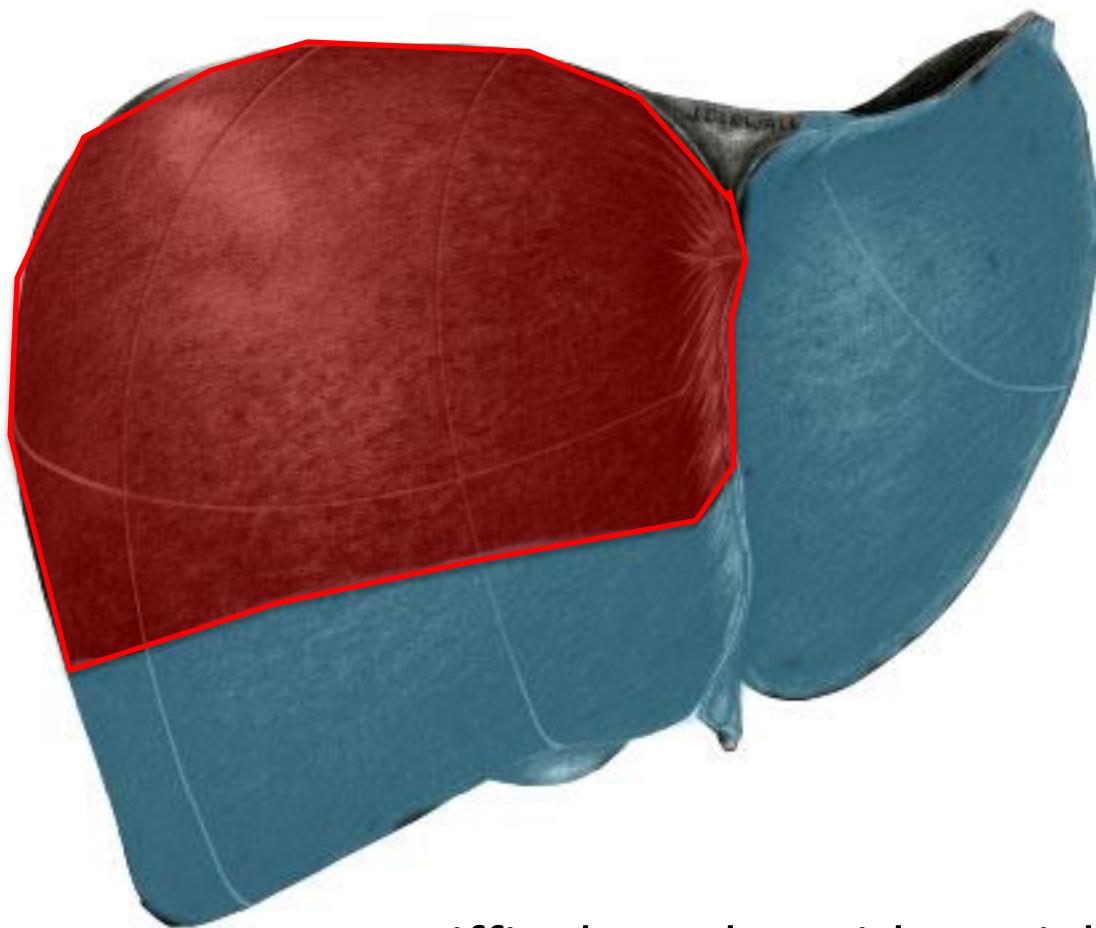
Adhesions

Retraction suture



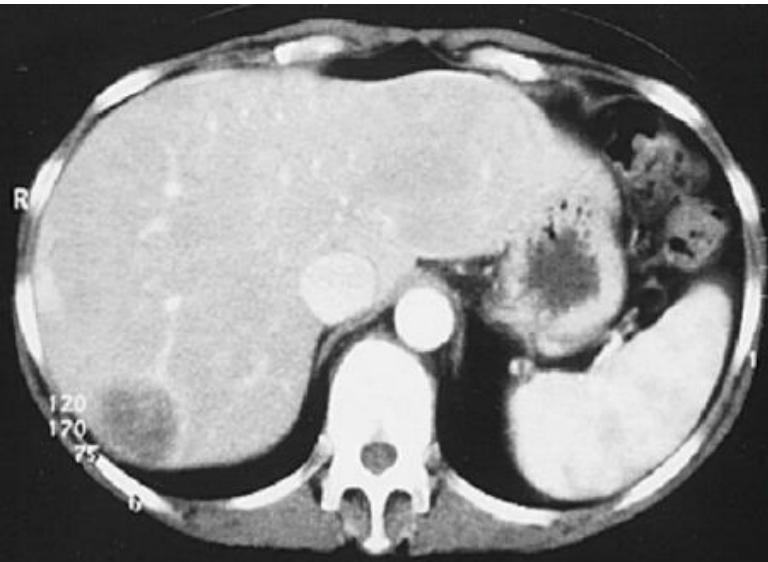
# Posterior segments

minor = major!!!

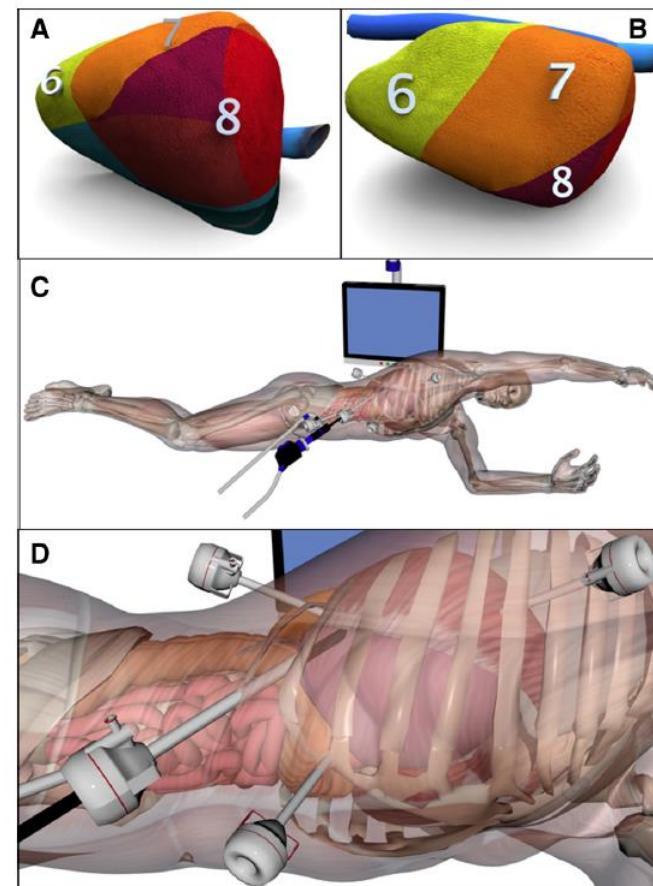
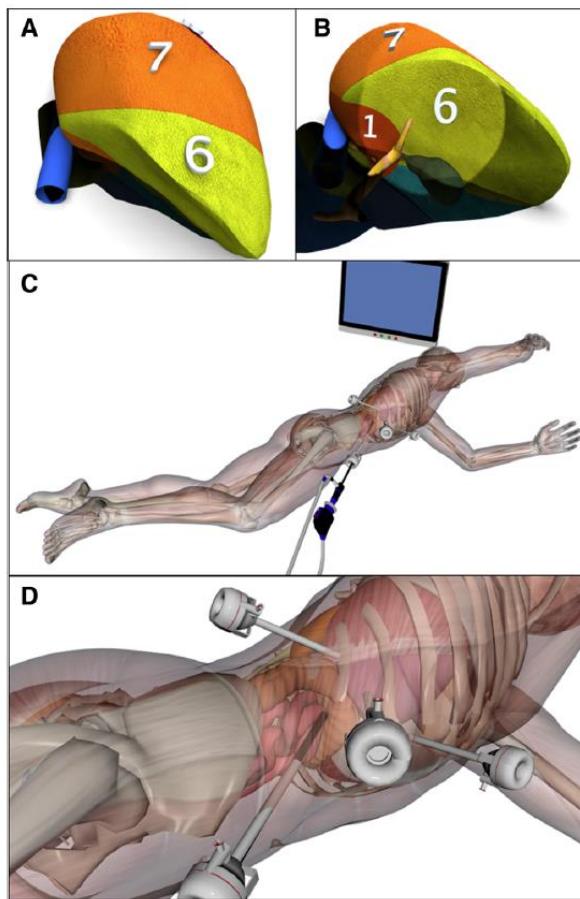


Difficult angles with straight instruments

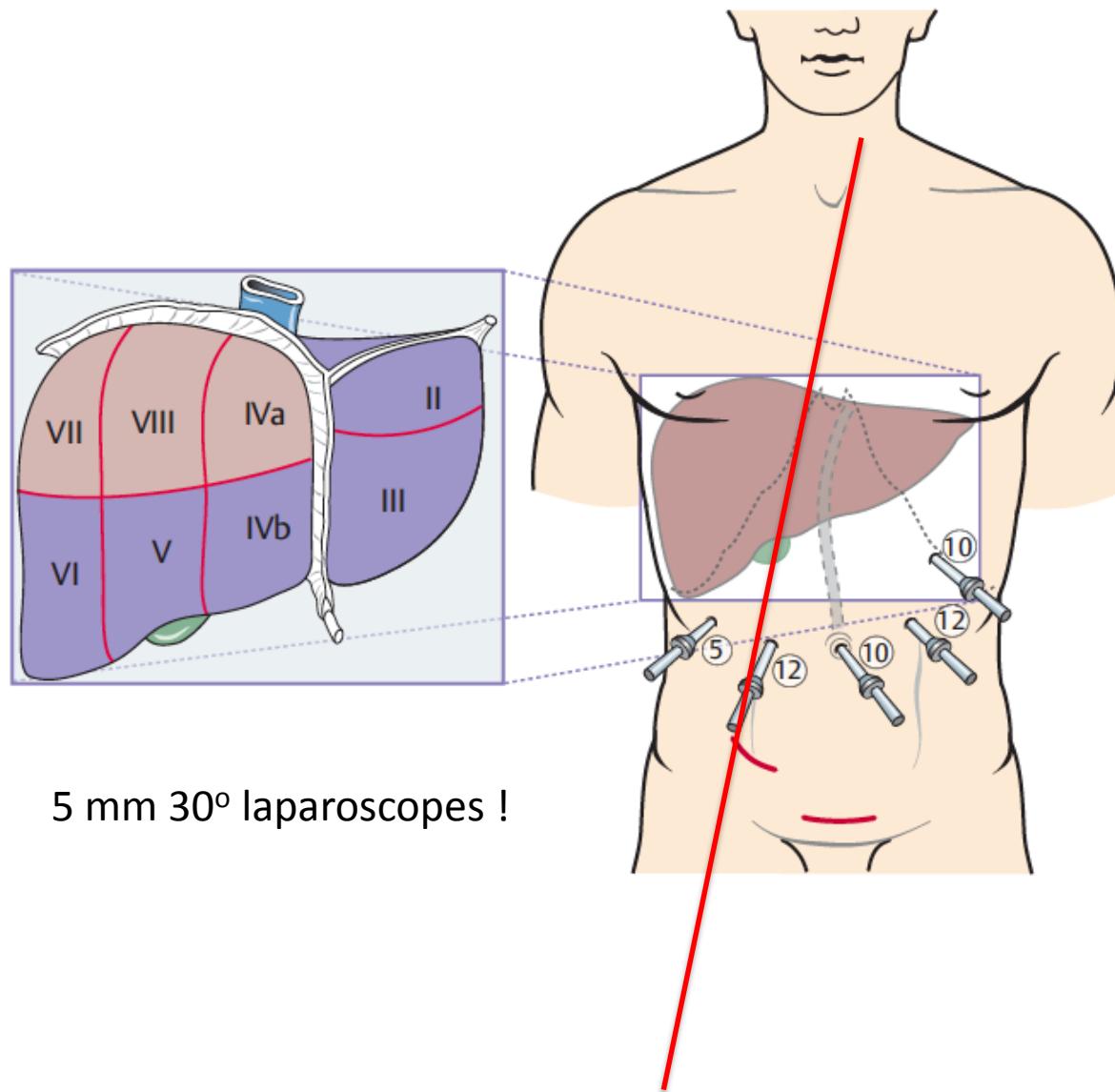
# Anterosuperior and posterolateral segments +/- transthoracic



# Semiprone anterosuperior and posterior segments



# Trocarts



# Liver handles

- Round ligament (snugger)
- Gallbladder
- Adhesions
- Sutures
- Gravity

# CRC Metastasis segment 6-7

Position: left decubitus

# Essential instrument I

## Laparoscopic ultrasound



# Essential instrument II

Laparoscopic CUSA

# Essential instrument III

## Gayet bipolar forceps





Ethicon Enseal



Erbe Bicision



Ethicon Ace+7



Covidien Maryland



Olympus Thunderbeat



Braun Aesculap Caiman



Covidien Sonicision

Wireless

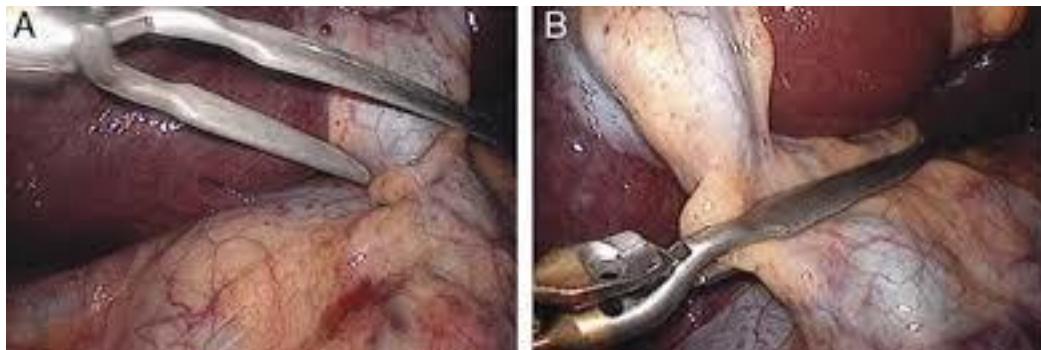
# Essential IV

## Pedicle control



Percutaneous snugger tape

Laparoscopic clamp



Laparoscopic bulldog



# Urgent bleeding control in laparoscopic liver surgery

Keep watching the bleed! Clamp if possible.

Sponge compression and rinse

Minimal suction!

Intraperitoneal pressure ↑

PEEP Airway pressure ↓

Bipolar (pre) coagulation

Suture (Goretex)

Central venous pressure ↓

Portal triad clamping (+/- selective)

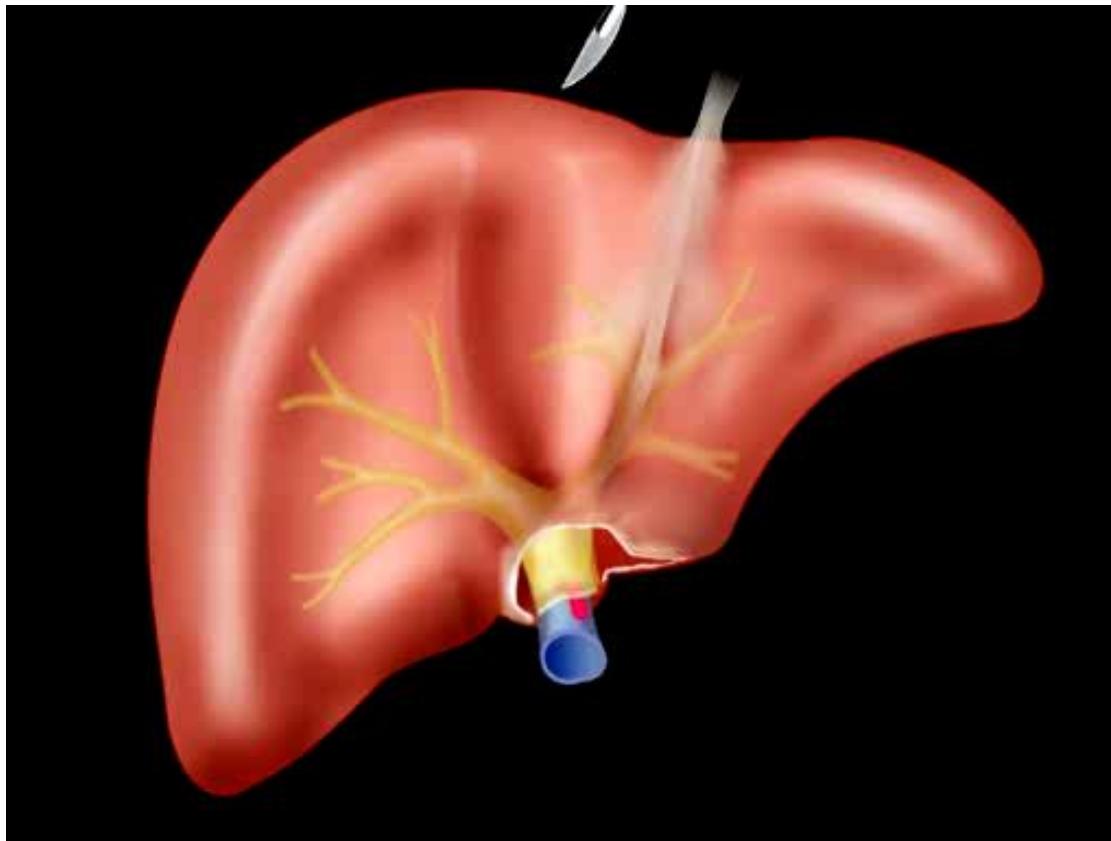
Subhepatic inferior caval vein clamping



# Essentials

- Laparoscopic Ultrasound
- Laparoscopic CUSA
- Bipolar forceps
- Pedicle control
- Suturing
- 2 surgeons

# Glissonian approach



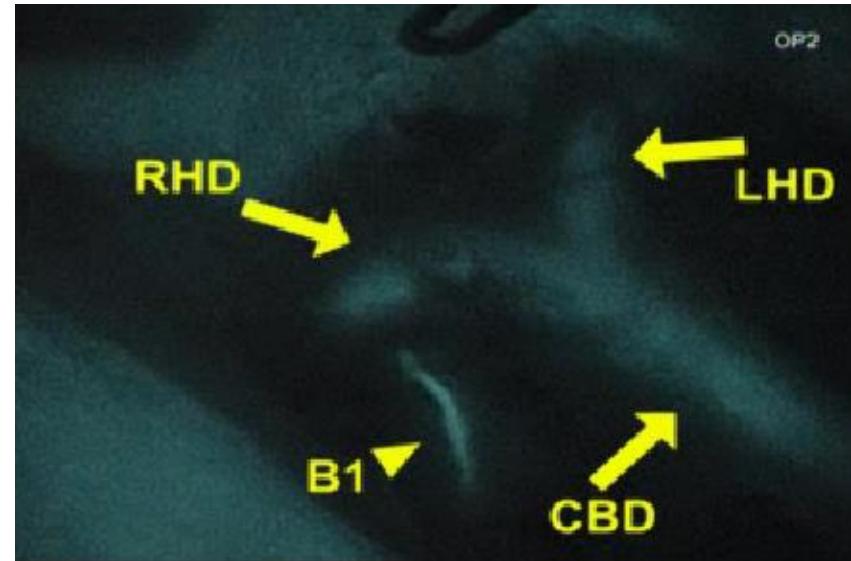
Topal et al. *Surg Endos* 2007  
Machado et al. *Surgery* 2016

# Hilar Bile Duct Identification

Intraoperative cholangiography



Intraoperative near infrared ICG



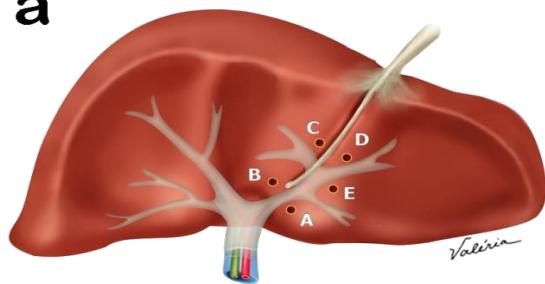
Topal Machado extra Glissonian technique

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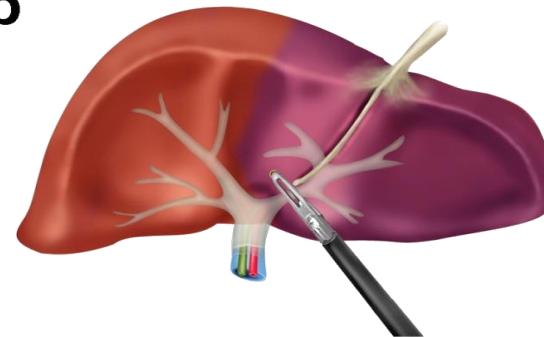
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# Left liver

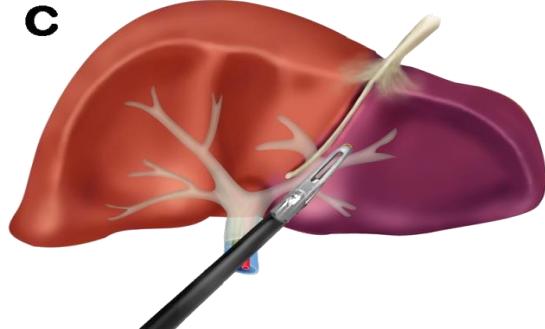
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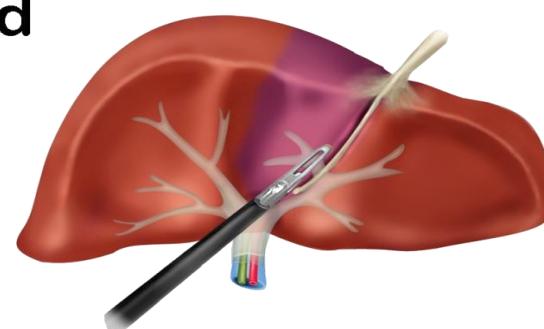
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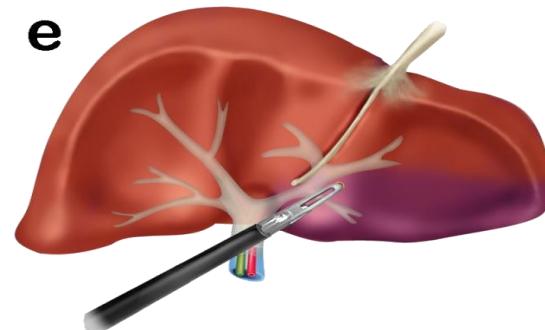
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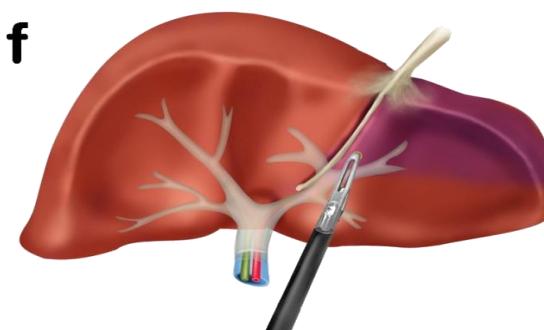
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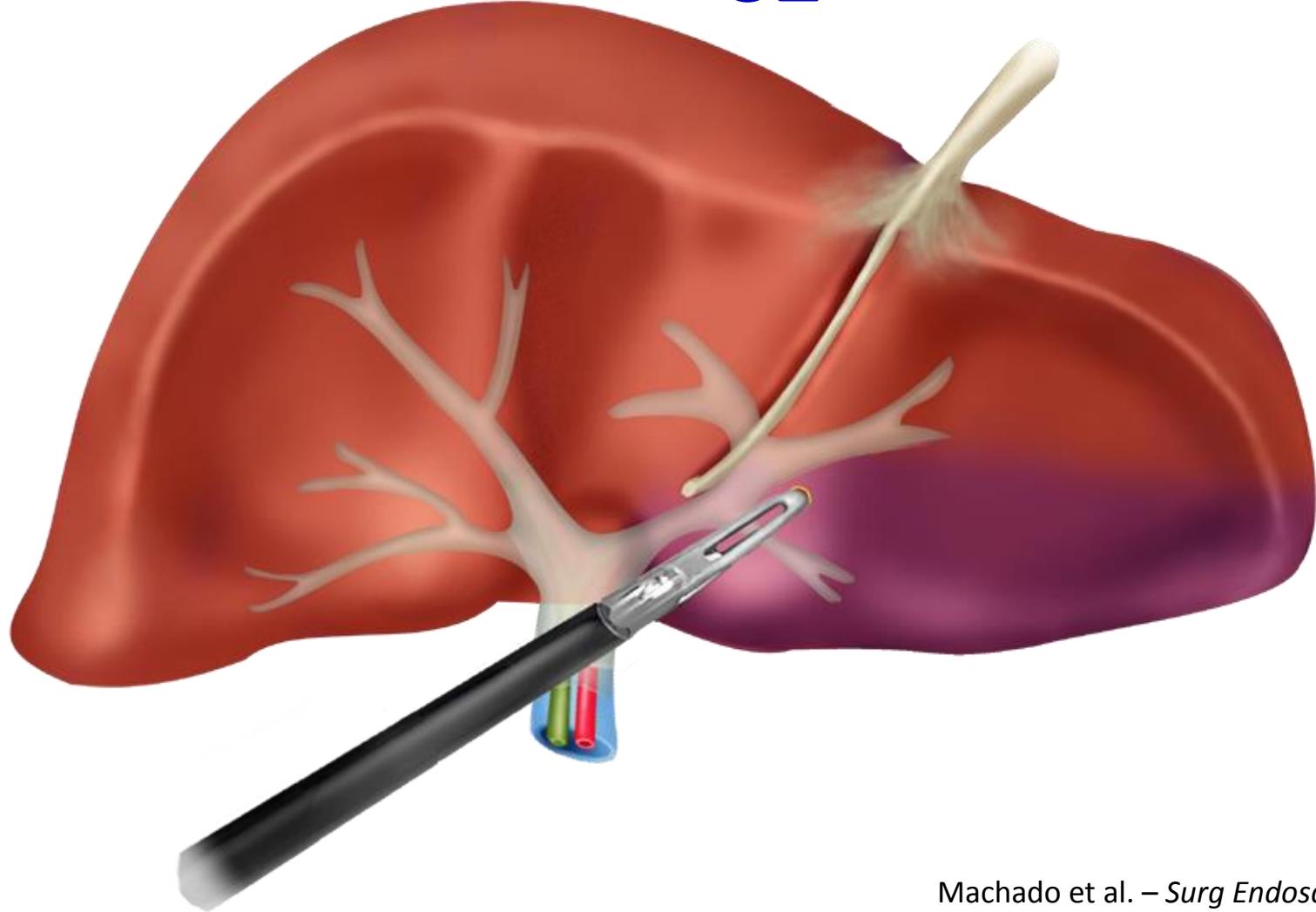
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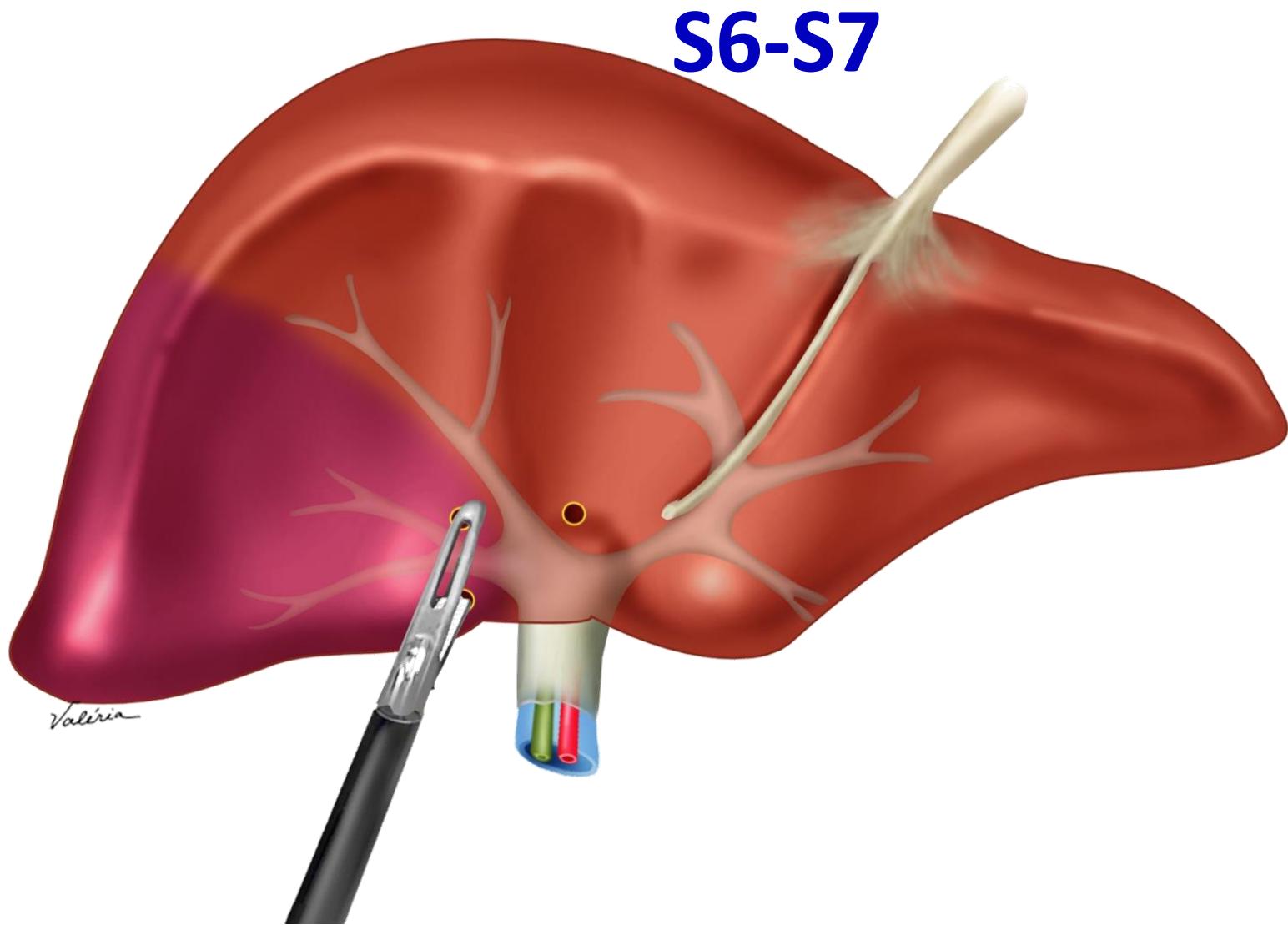


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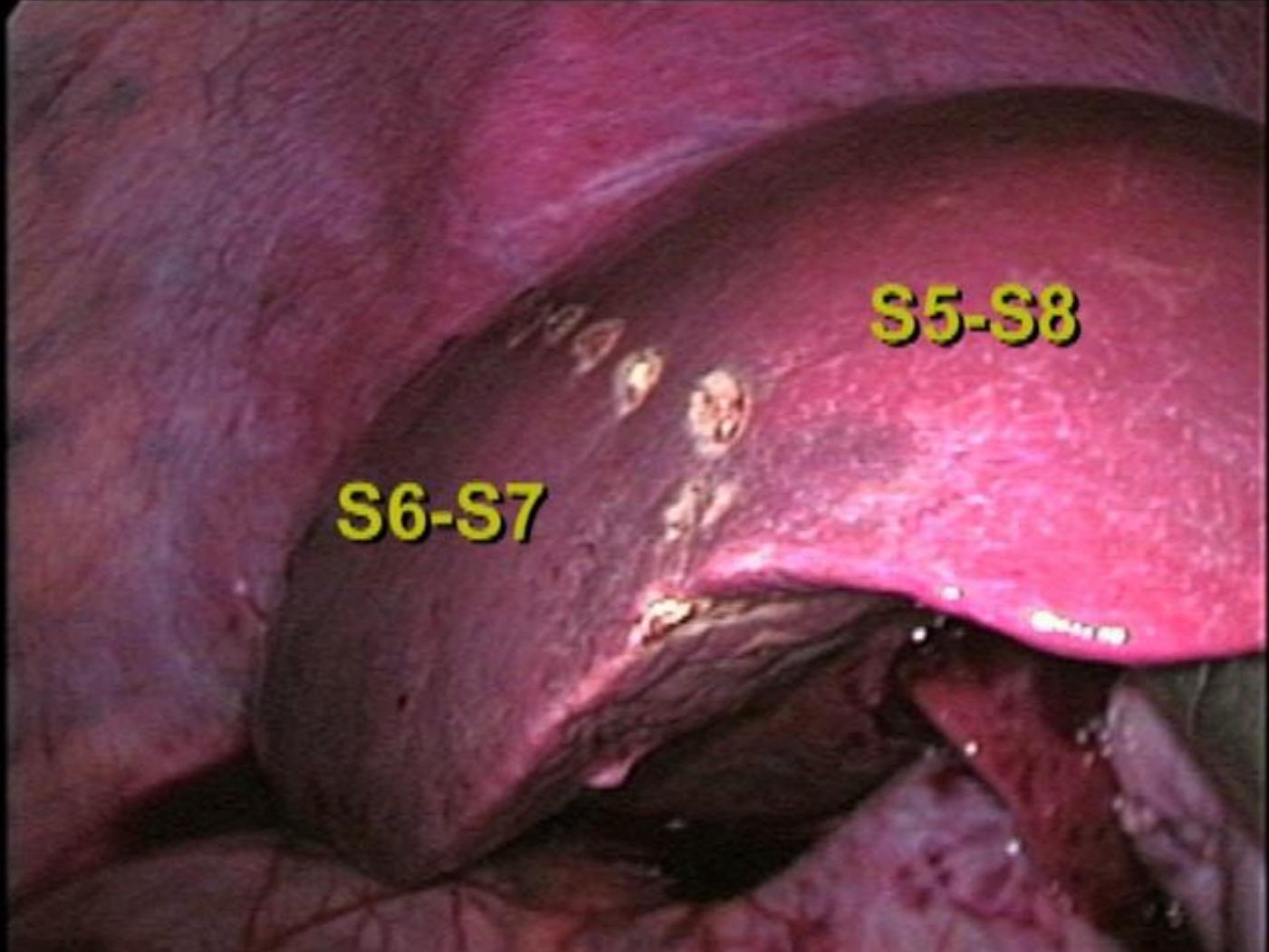


S2





Machado et al. Am J Surg 2008



S5-S8

S6-S7

# Intra Hepatic Glissonian Approach

- Important alternative to hilar dissection
- Especially for hemihepatectomies
- Useful for sectionectomy and less
- Experience!

# Conclusion

- Laparoscopic liver resection
  - assessment (minor) phase
  - learning phase (major)!
  - from metastasectomy to donor, extended and ALPPS
- 3 main approaches
  - Hilar dissection
  - Glissonian
  - Lateral (+/- transthoracic)
- Planning and positioning determines success
- Lap ultrasound, energy dissector and bipolar forceps prerequisite
- Use proctorship for  $\geq 10$  resections (major)

....use proctor surgeons





The bird is the best!  
Henry Bismuth, Cape Town 2011

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Jacob Jordaens, 1640  
Köln, Wallraf-Richartz-Museum  
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