



Hernia: Unkindest cut

Ventral or Incisional hernia is typically defined as a bulge formed by protruding tissues from inside the abdominal cavity across the abdominal wall through a weakened scar from a previously performed abdominal surgery.



Giant Ventral Hernia, breaching the wall of health

As per the definition, a ventral hernia greater than ten centimeters falls under the category of Giant ventral hernia. This classification was done after a survey where rigorous examinations of patients were conducted. A ventral hernia is considered more serious compared to other categories of hernia because of the loss of abdominal space. These overgrown tissues could raise serious problems if not rectified in the time leading to strangulation or incarceration of the intestine. If it is not treated properly and in time the outcome could be near fatal.

Hernia could be detected by thorough physical examination. Alternately an ultrasound, CT scan or an MRI scan can also reveal the presence of hernia.

The most preferred form of treatment of hernia is laparoscopic surgery where precision cameras are inserted into the region as a guiding device for surgery. Laparoscopic surgery is also known by the synonyms keyhole surgery and minimally invasive surgery.



Dr. Patta Radhakrishna, GI surgeon par excellence and expert in laparoscopy

Dr. Patta Radhakrishna is a renowned surgeon in the field of laparoscopic surgery. His academic excellence and the numerous post-doctoral certificates he accumulated in the course of his education under the able tutelage of pioneers in the field is a testimony of the dedication towards the career path he has chosen. After post graduation, he joined MCh (Surgical Gastroenterology) and obtained the super specialty degree under the guidance of Prof.N.Rangabashyam who is a pioneer in surgical gastroenterology in India.

Dr. Patta Radhakrishna served in the capacity of senior registrar in AIIMS, Delhi; and a senior consultant in Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati; Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad; Z.H.Sikder Women's Medical College, Dhaka in Bangladesh; and Apollo Hospitals, Colombo in Srilanka and Apollo Hospitals, Chennai. At present, he is serving as the chief of Surgical Gastroenterology and Laparoscopic surgery in SRM Institute for Medical Sciences (SIMS), a multi-specialty tertiary care hospital in Chennai.

During his formative years, he had assisted in performing a lot of complex surgeries which later molded him into one of the most trusted and experienced hands in laparoscopic surgery.

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