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Laparoscopic Excision versus OpeN Appendectomy multicentre Randomised, DOuble blind, controlled trial

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Plain English summary of protocol
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Type(s)
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Study information

Scientific Title

Multicentre randomised, double-blind, controlled trial of laparoscopic versus open surgery for suspected appendicitis in adults

Acronym
LEONARDO

Study objectives
To compare the therapeutic effects of laparoscopic appendectomy (LA) and conventional open appendectomy (OA) in the treatment of suspected acute appendicitis.

Ethics approval required
Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)
Not provided at time of registration

Study design
Randomised controlled trial

Primary study design
Interventional

Study type(s)
Treatment

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied
Suspected acute appendicitis

Interventions
Laparoscopic appendectomy (LA) versus conventional open appendectomy (OA)

Intervention Type
Other

Phase
Not Applicable

Primary outcome(s)
Post-operative pain (cm visual analogue scale [VAS], number of analgesic doses)

Key secondary outcome(s))
1. Wound infections (rate)
2. Intra-abdominal abscesses (rate)
3. Duration of operation (minutes), defined as operating time, anaesthesia time, or operating room time
4. Length of hospital stay (days/hours)
5. Return to normal activity (days), subdivided in: time until return to full activity, work, or sport
6. Return of bowel function (hours), subdivided in: time until first stool, introduction of liquid or solid diet
7. Cosmesis (cm VAS, number of analgesic doses)

Completion date
31/12/2007

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria
Adult (from 18 years old) patients with symptoms and signs of acute appendicitis, any gender.

Participant type(s)
Patient

Healthy volunteers allowed
No

Age group
Adult

Lower age limit
18 years

Sex
All

Key exclusion criteria
1. Refusing of informed consent
2. Any condition preventing a correct evaluation of pain (non-cooperative patient, blind patient)
3. Patients with contraindication to be operated with either LA (to be stated), or OA (to be stated) will be excluded from the study
4. American Society of Anaesthesiologists (ASA) grade IV or V
5. Not fluent Italian speakers

Date of first enrolment
01/01/2006

Date of final enrolment
31/12/2007

Locations

Countries of recruitment
Italy

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Sponsor information

Organisation
Sant'Orsola-Malpighi University Hospital Bologna (Italy)

Funder(s)

Funder type
Hospital/treatment centre

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Sant'Orsola-Malpighi University Hospital of Bologna (Azienda Ospedaliero-Universitaria di Bologna, Policlinico Sant'Orsola-Malpighi) (Italy)

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary
Not provided at time of registration