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Area Funzionale di Chirurgia Pediatrica

# APPENDICITE ACUTA

**Ciro Esposito**

# CENNI STORICI

- ◆ 1735- Cladius Aymant prima descrizione di appendicectomia-Londra
- ◆ 1880 Lawson Tait -Londra
- ◆ 1883 Abraham Groves- Canada
- ◆ 1886 R.H. Fitz
- ◆ 1889 Charles Mc Burney New York
- ◆ 1904 JB Murphy Chicago

# EPIDEMIOLOGIA

- ◆ 0,2 % della popolazione mondiale/anno
- ◆ M > F
- ◆ Malattia propria dei paesi occidentali
- ◆ Ogni anno 50.000 appendicectomie in Italia
- ◆ L'appendicite è rara nella prima infanzia è comune nell'adolescenza e raggiunge il picco massimo tra i 15 e i 25 anni.

# ETA'

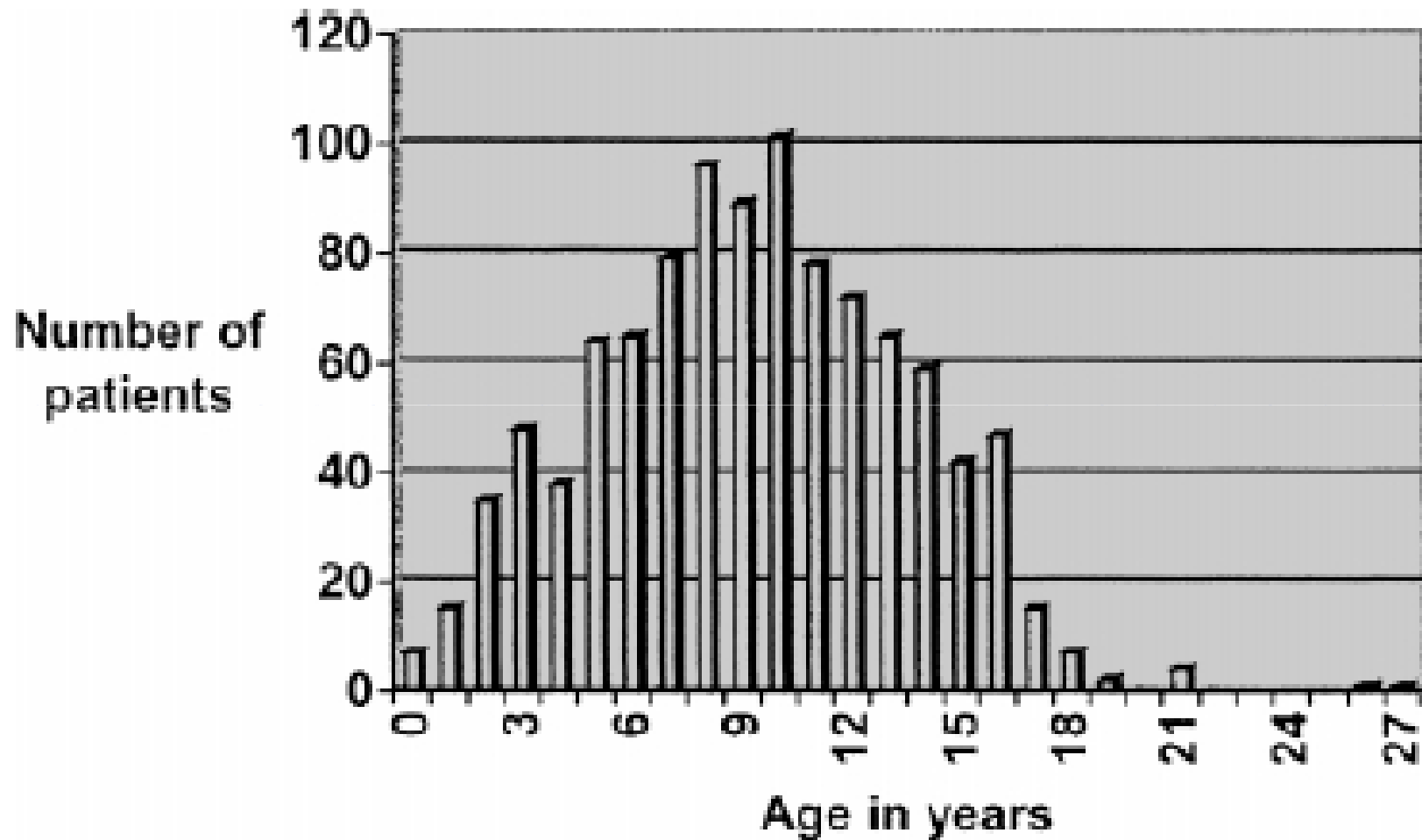
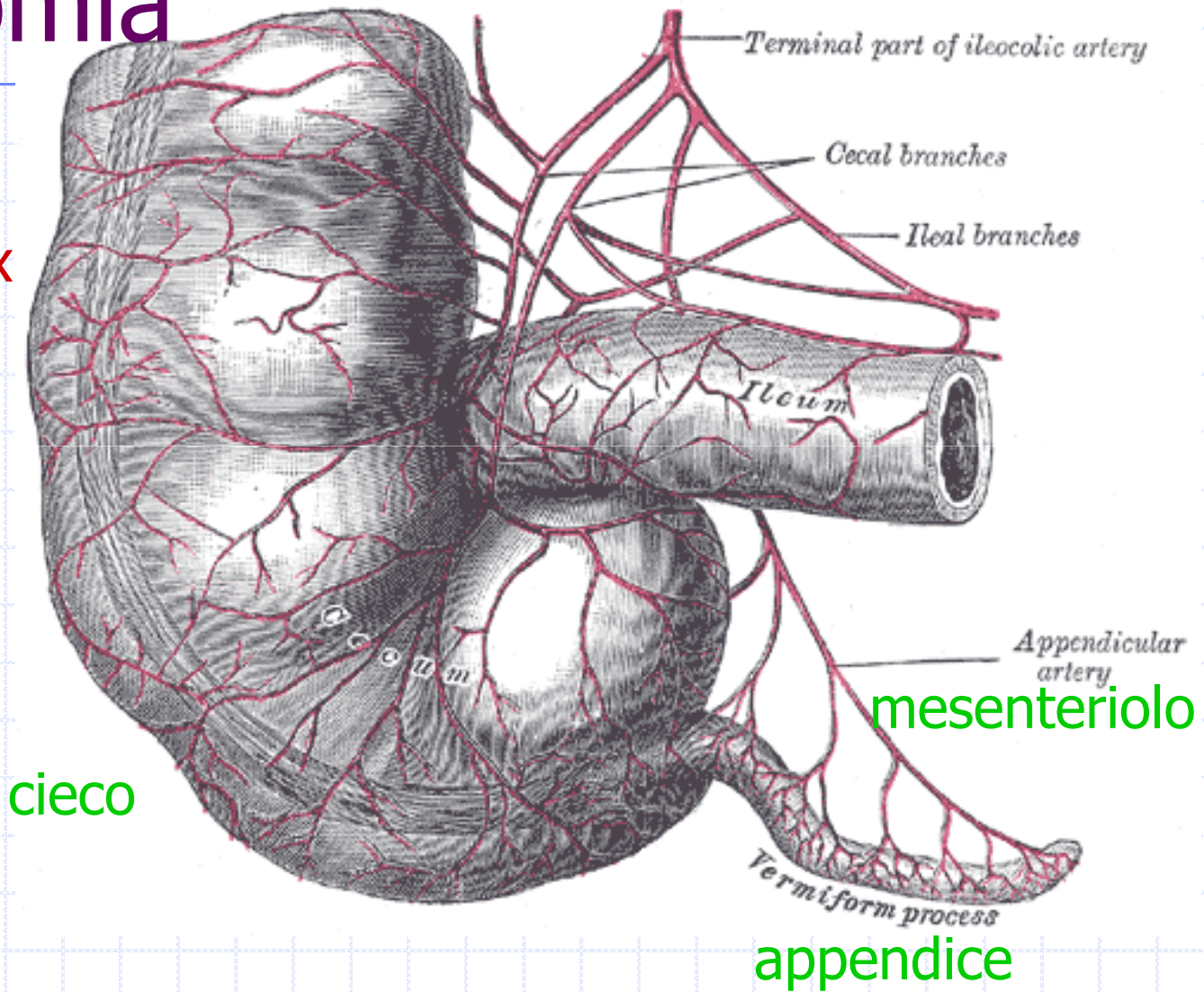


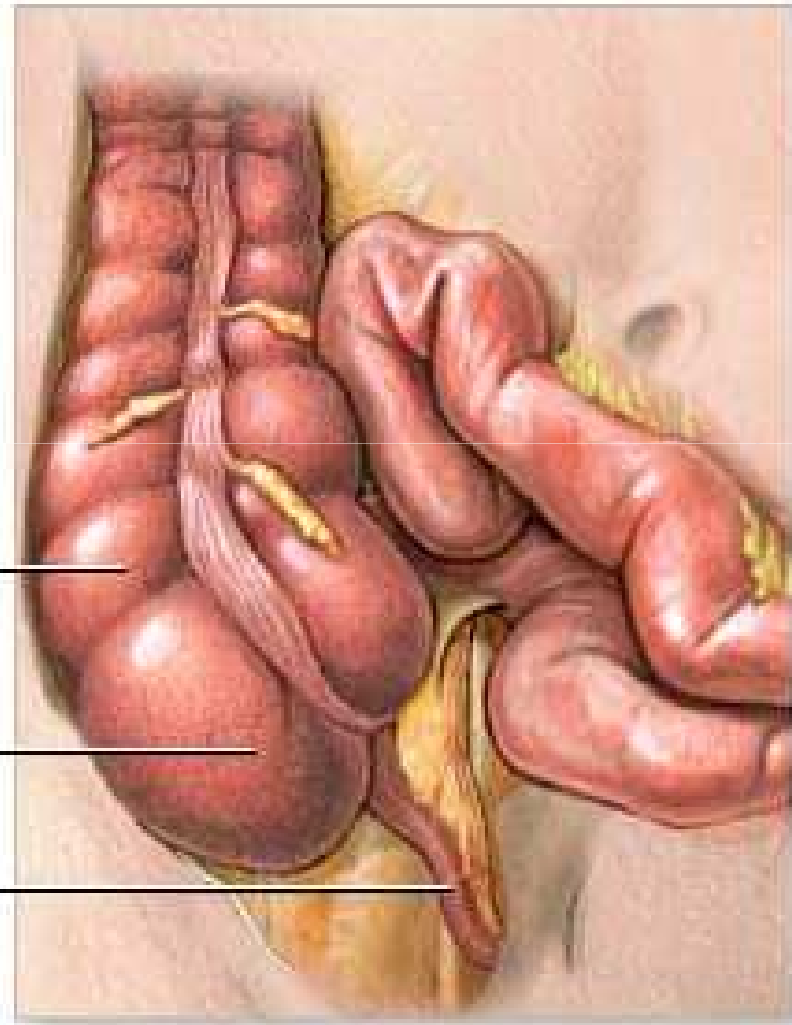
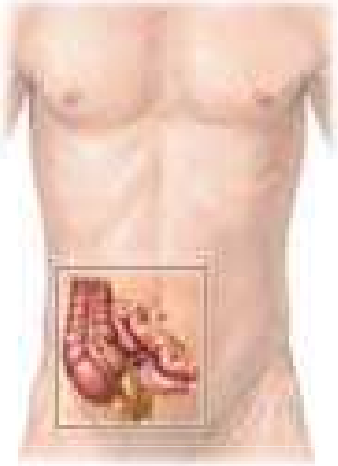
Fig 1. Age distribution of patients who underwent appendectomy.

# Anatomia

Fossa iliaca dx



# Anatomia

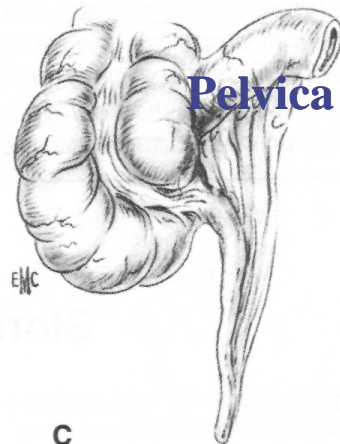
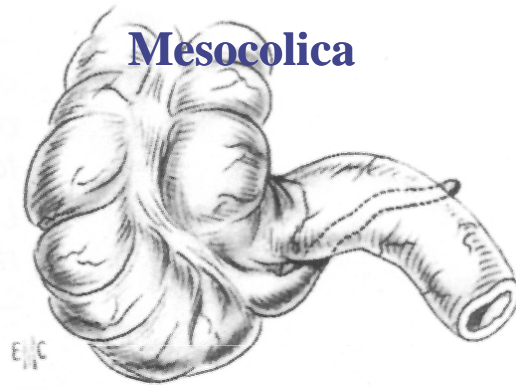
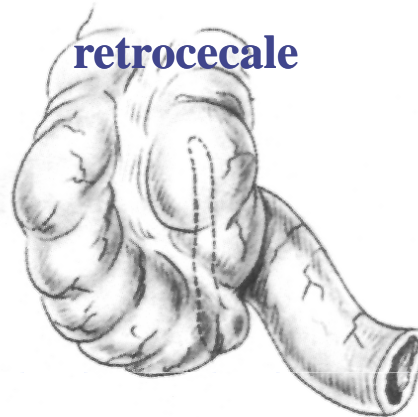


Large  
intestine

Cecum

Appendix

# Anatomia



**Varianti anatomiche**

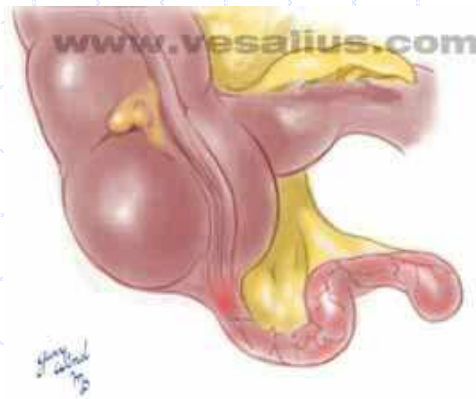
# POSSIBILI SEDI DELL'APPENDICE

- Retrocecale 64%
- Pelvica 26%
- Pericolica 2%
- Sopraileale 2%
- Retroileale 6%



# ANATOMIA PATOLOGICA

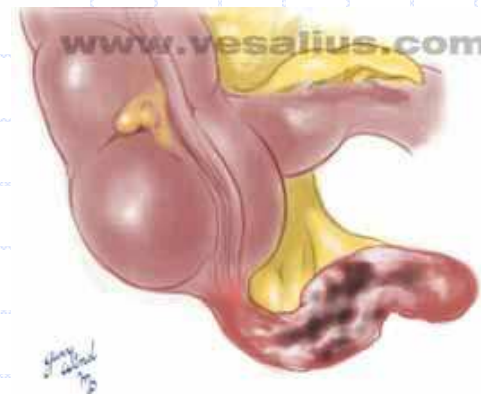
## Appendicite acuta



**Catarrale**

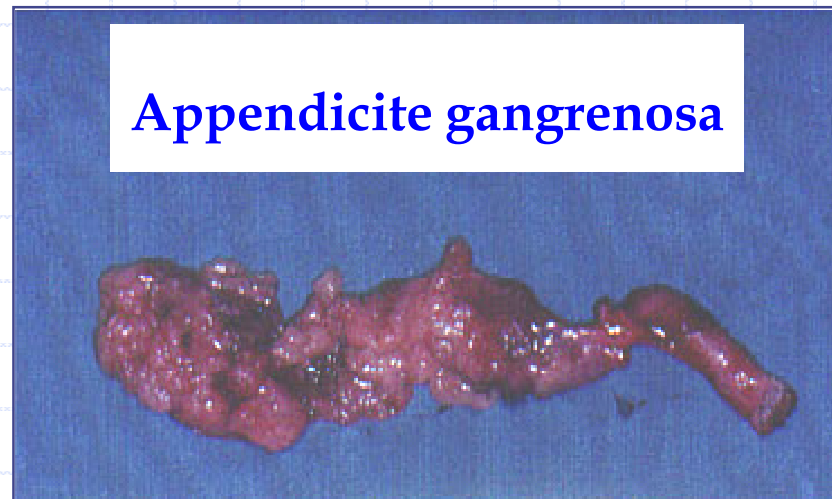


**Flemmonosa**



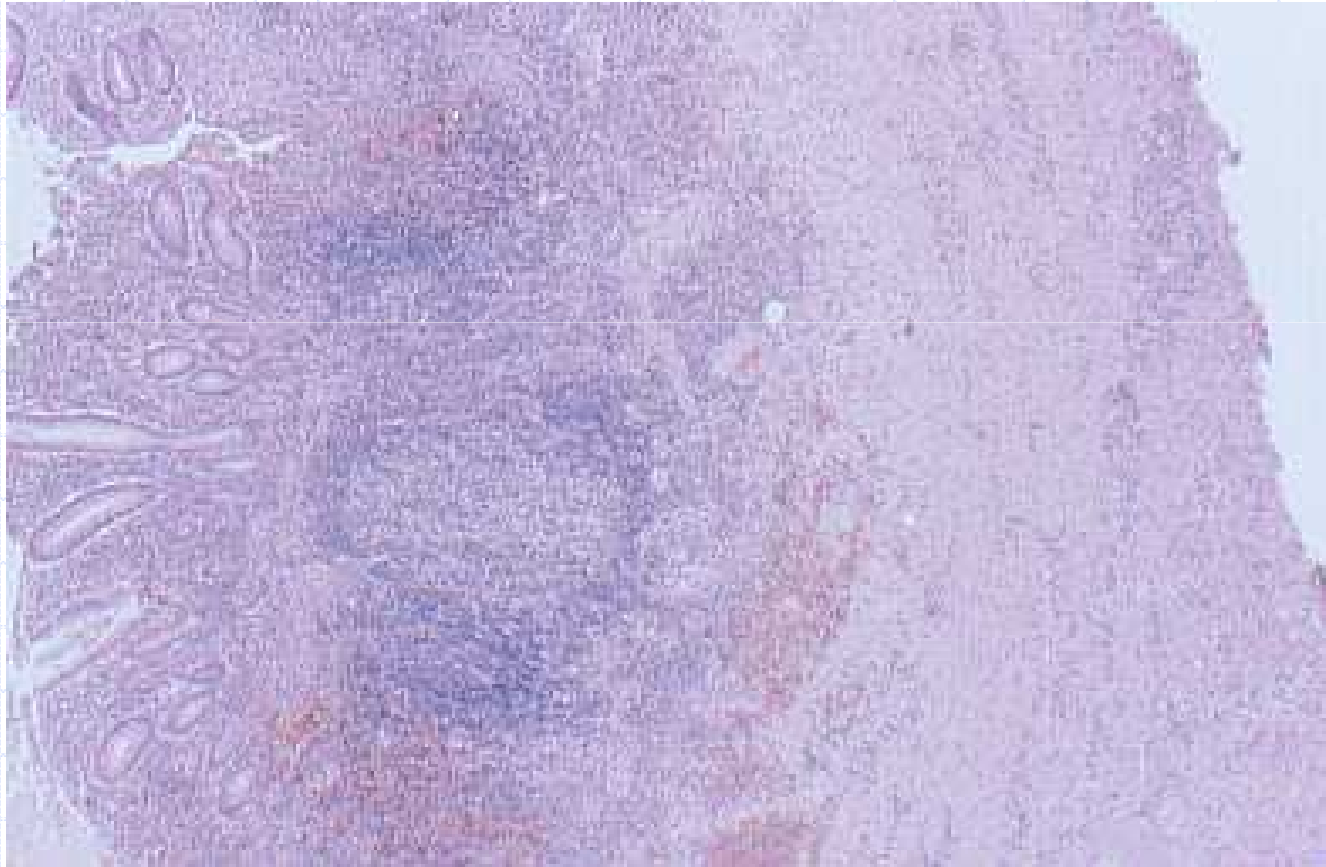
**Necrotico-gangrenosa**

# STADI ANATOMO - PATOLOGICI



# Istologia

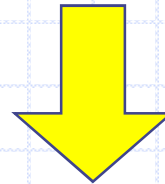
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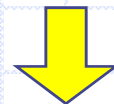
# Fisiopatologia

Fattori favorenti:

- Mancata fissazione parieto - colica dell'appendice
- Dimensioni relativamente grandi rispetto al resto dell'intestino
- **Ostruzione del lume da parte di coproliti**



Ostacolata circolazione a livello appendicolare



Virulentazione della flora batterica residente

# FISIOPATOLOGIA

Adulto

Corpo estraneo  
Coprolita

**Ostruzione lume  
appendicolare**

Iperplasia follicoli  
linfatici

Bambino

**Sviluppo batteri patogeni**

**Ostacolato drenaggio linfatico  
(stadio catarrale)**

**Ostruzione venosa intraparietale  
(stadio flemmonoso)**

**Compromissione apporto vascolare  
(stadio Gangrenoso)**

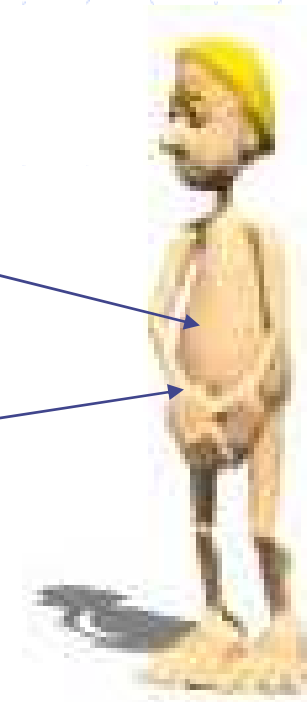
# Quadro clinico

## Dolore viscerale

### Localizzazione

1) epigastrica-periombelicale

2) Fossa iliaca dx



**60-70% dei casi**

# Quadro clinico

## **Alvo**

Chiusura dell'alvo  
Diarroico/bambino piccolo

## **Temperatura**

Febbre 38-38,5°C

## **Nausea- Vomito**

# Quadro clinico

**Infiammazione della sierosa peritoneale**  
**Risentimento peritoneale**  
**Esacerbazione dolore provocato**

**Contrattura difesa parete**

# QUADRO CLINICO

**Dolore addominale**

**Leucocitosi**

**Difesa muscolare**

**Esplorazione rettale +**

**Alvo chiuso**

**Vomito**

# DIAGNOSI

## *ANAMNESI SOMMARIO*

**1. QUANDO SI E' PRESENTATO IL DOLORE PER LA PRIMA VOLTA?**

**-CHIEDERE AL PZ IL PUNTO IN CUI SI E' LOCALIZZATO**

**2. QUAL'E' IL CARATTERE DEL DOLORE?**

**-E' DI TIPO CRAMPIFORME, CONTINUO, INTERMITTENTE?**

**3. QUAL'E' L'ORDINE DI COMPARSA DEI SINTOMI?**

**- E' STATO IL DOLORE IL PRIMO SINTOMO, O LA FEBBRE, LA DIARREA, IL VOMITO HANNO PRECEDUTO IL DOLORE?**

**4. QUAL'E' IL COLORE DEL VOMITO**

**5. ALTRI IN FAMIGLIA HANNO AVUTO SINTOMI SIMILI?**

**6. HA AVUTO IL PZ SINTOMI SIMILI PRECEDENTEMENTE?**

**7. VI E' STATA DIARREA O SANGUE NELLE FECI?**

# Esame clinico

## Punti di dolorabilità elettiva

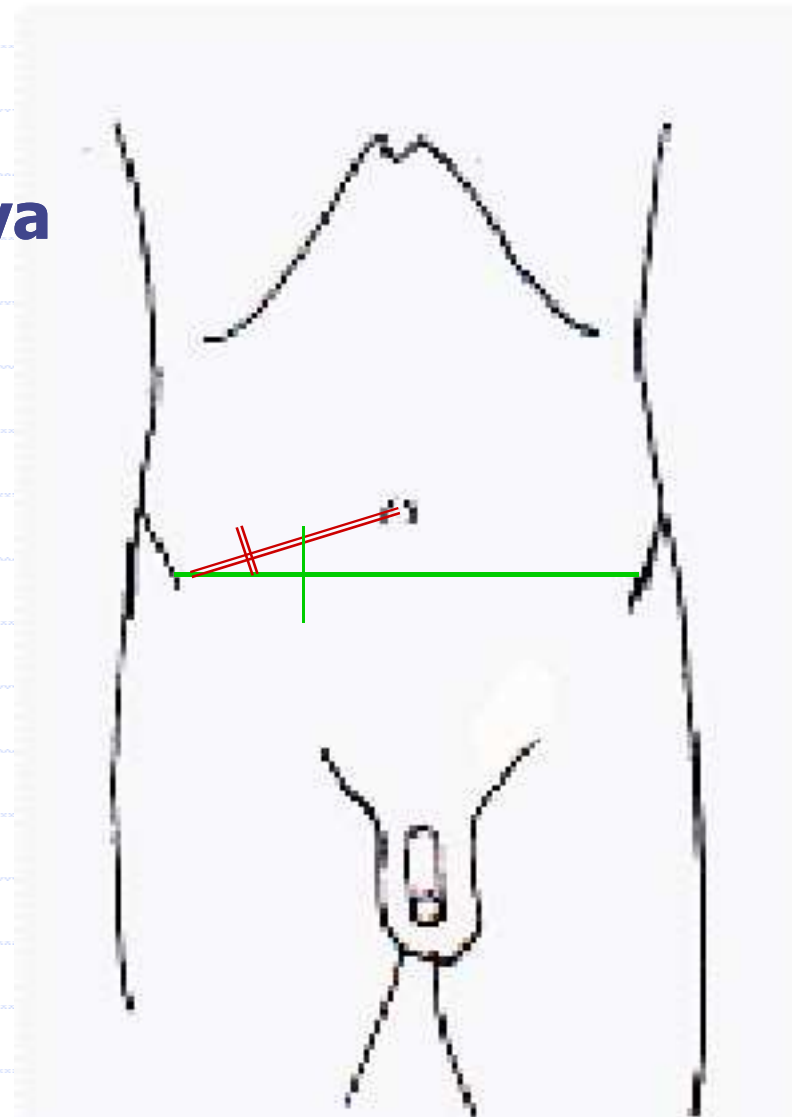
**Punto di MC Burney**

Punto di Lanz

## Segni:

**Rovsing:** dolore in fossa iliaca dx evocato dalla compressione in senso caudo-craniale del colon discendente

**Blumberg:** dolore di rimbalzo



# QUADRO CLINICO Peritonite

## **I Periodo: dolore addominale intenso;**

temperatura sui 38° - 40°;

polso piccolo - frequente;

## **II Periodo: febbre elevata;**

vomito alimentare;

diarrea con iniziali feci liquide poi fetide

con striature di sangue;

dolore intenso in sede iliaca destra;

# ESAMI DI LABORATORIO

- ◆ **Leucocitosi neutrofila**
- ◆ **Nel 90% dei pz il valore dei GB >15000 per mm<sup>3</sup>**
- ◆ **>PCR**
- ◆ **>VES**
- ◆ **>Fibrinogeno**

# *Esami di Laboratorio*

Normal	Simple	Gangrenous	Perforated
11.5 ± 6.7	14.9 ± 5.2	17.8 ± 5.2	18.5 ± 6.7

*Valore WBC*

## **Appendicitis in Children: A Ten-Year Update of Therapeutic Recommendations**

By Sherif Emil, Jean-Martin Laberge, Peter Mikhail, Livia Baican, Helene Flageole, Luong Nguyen, and  
Kenneth Shaw  
Montreal, Quebec

# RX-DIRETTA ADDOME

- ◆ **Ricerca livelli idroaerei**
- ◆ **Riscontro di gas in sede appendicolare**
- ◆ **Mancata definizione del profilo dello psoas**
- ◆ **Visualizzazione del coprolita**



## **Clinical Versus Sonographic Evaluation of Acute Appendicitis in Children: A Comparison of Patient Characteristics and Outcomes**

By Sherif Emil, Peter Mikhail, Jean-Martin Laberge, H el ene Flageole, Luong T. Nguyen, Kenneth S. Shaw, Livia Baican, and Kamal Oudjhane  
*Montreal, Quebec*

# ***CONTRARI***

***Conclusions:*** Patients undergoing sonography before appendectomy have a longer delay before operation, a higher rate of misdiagnosis, and more postoperative complications. Limiting sonography to truly equivocal cases and using it early in the diagnostic workup may improve outcomes in this group of patients.

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Clinical paper

## Ultrasonography in suspected acute appendicitis in childhood—report of 1285 cases

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### ***FAVOREVOLI***

(prevalence 9%). *Conclusion:* In children with suspected appendicitis US of the abdomen gives great diagnostical value for differential diagnosis of a.A. and other more frequent inflammatory diseases of the ileocecal region. Thus US provides further reliable information to the referring physician. Consequently it is necessary to perform US in each child with acute abdominal pain, even if clinical diagnosis seems to be well established. © 1998 Elsevier Science Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Table 1

Sonographic findings in clinically suspected acute appendicitis

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Mesenteric lymphadenitis

Enteritis

Terminal ileitis, ileocolitis (*Yersinia enterocolitica*,  
*Campylobacter jejuni*)

Ileocolic intussusception

Meckel's diverticulum

Gastrointestinal obstruction due to postoperative  
adhesions

Duplication cyst of the intestinal wall

Pyelonephritis due to vesicoureteral reflux

Atresia of vaginal hymen

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# Score clinici

- ◆ Sono dei sistemi a punteggio che vengono generalmente utilizzati nelle “urgenze” per dare una valutazione obiettiva di un paziente con “dolori addominali”
- ◆ In letteratura ve ne sono descritti molti
- ◆ Alvarado Score

# Alvarado Scoring system

**Table 1** The Alvarado scoring system

	Mnemonic (MANTRELS)	Value
Symptoms	Migration	1
	Anorexia-acetone	1
	Nausea-vomiting	1
Signs	Tenderness in RLQ	2
	Rebound pain	1
	Elevation of temperature $>37.3^{\circ}\text{C}$	1
Laboratory	Leukocytosis	2
	Shift to the left	1
Total Score		10

**Score  $> 6$**  significatività del **75 %**

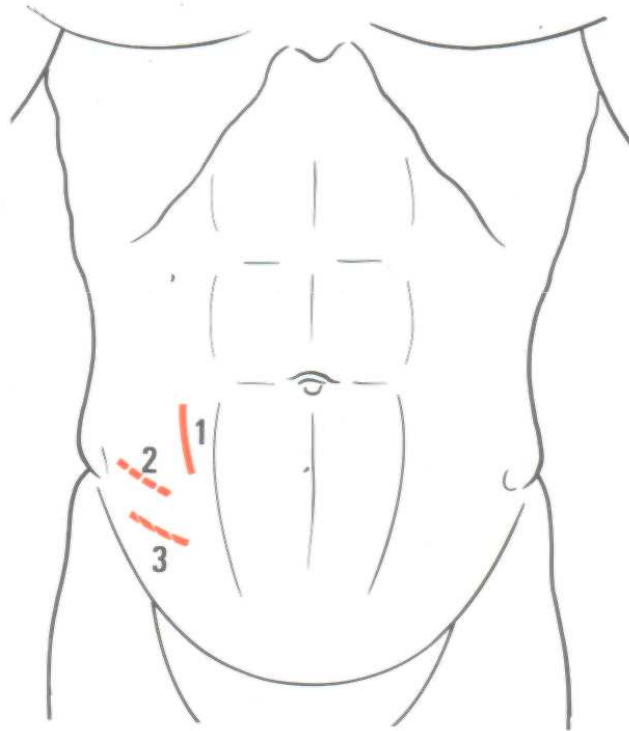
# TERAPIA

- ◆ Medica: monitoraggio del decorso clinico in ambiente ospedaliero
- ◆ Infusione endovenosa
- ◆ Antibiotici:  
cefalosporina+metronidazolo

# INTERVAL APPENDECTOMY

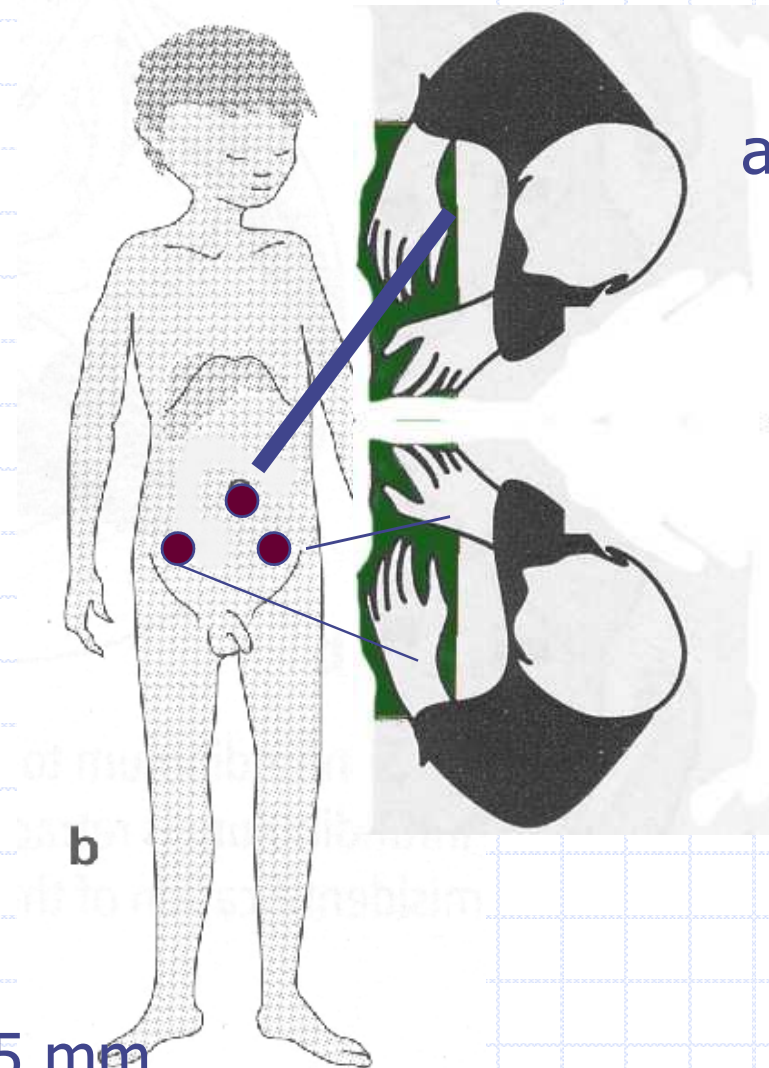
- ◆ “Raffreddare” l’episodio acuto con antibiotici
- ◆ Operare a distanza a risoluzione del quadro clinico

# INTERVENTO CHIRURGICO



**LAPAROTOMIA**

# LAPAROSCOPIA 3 trocars



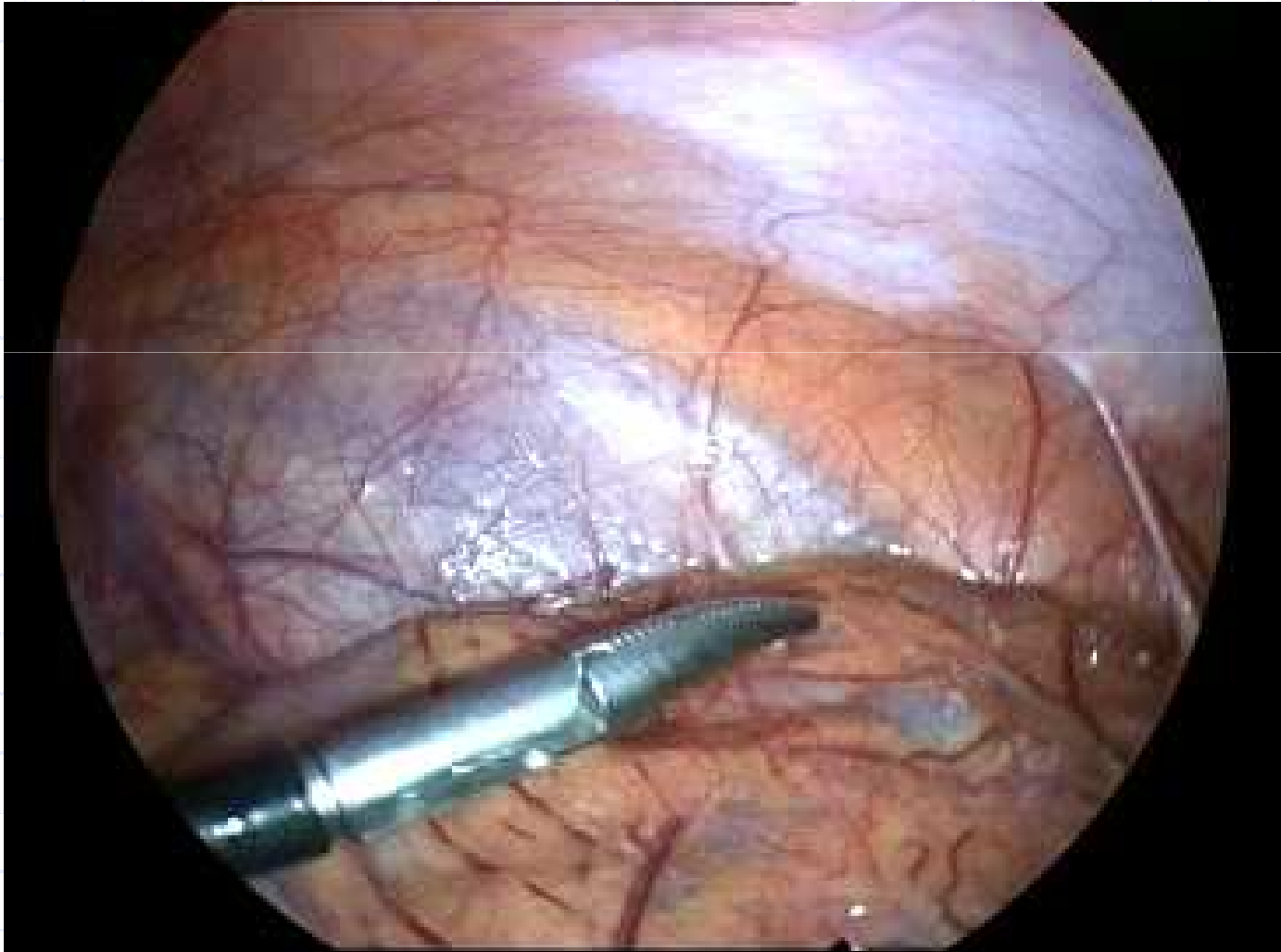
assistente

3 trocar  
Ombelicale 10 mm  
Fossa iliaca dx e sx 5 mm

# Tecnica 3 trocar

- ◆ Localizzazione appendice
- ◆ Controllo dell'intestino tenue
- ◆ Liberazione del meso con coagulazione bipolare o monopolare e forbice
- ◆ Legatura dell'appendice con endoloop
- ◆ Sezione del moncone appendicolare
- ◆ Recupero dell'appendice
  - endobag
  - attraverso il trocar da 10 con controllo visivo dell'appendice dal trocar sx con ottica 5mm

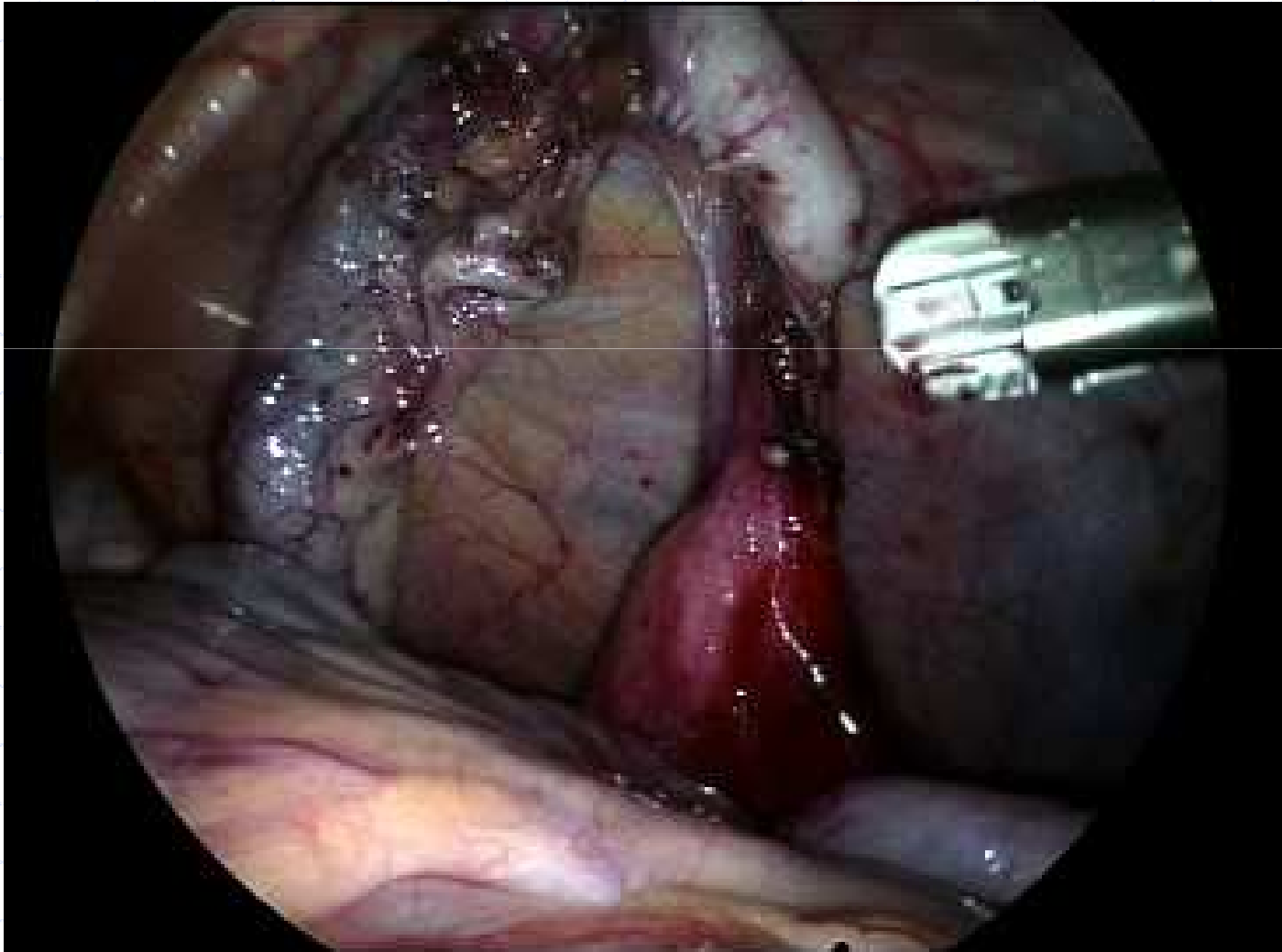
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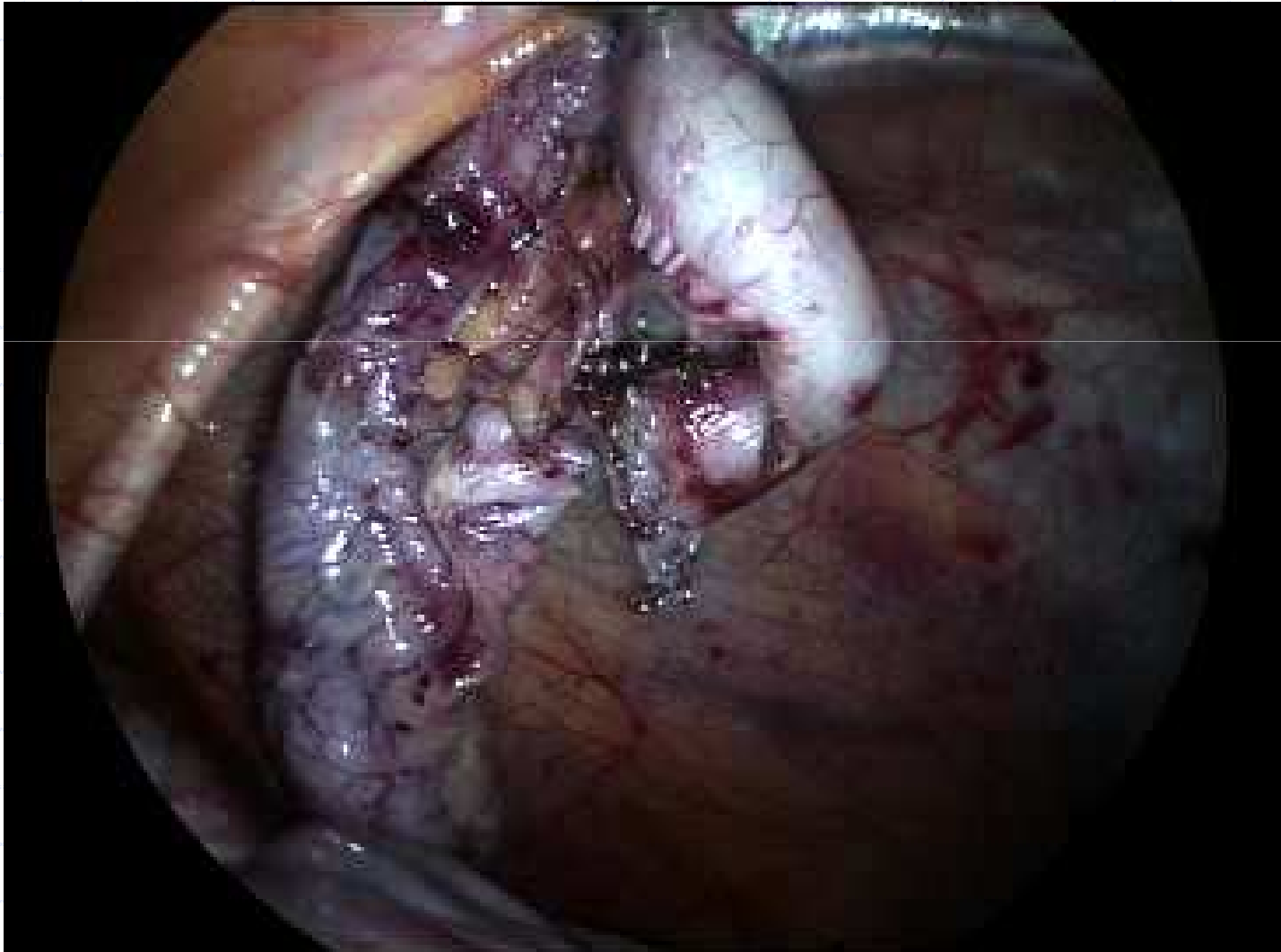
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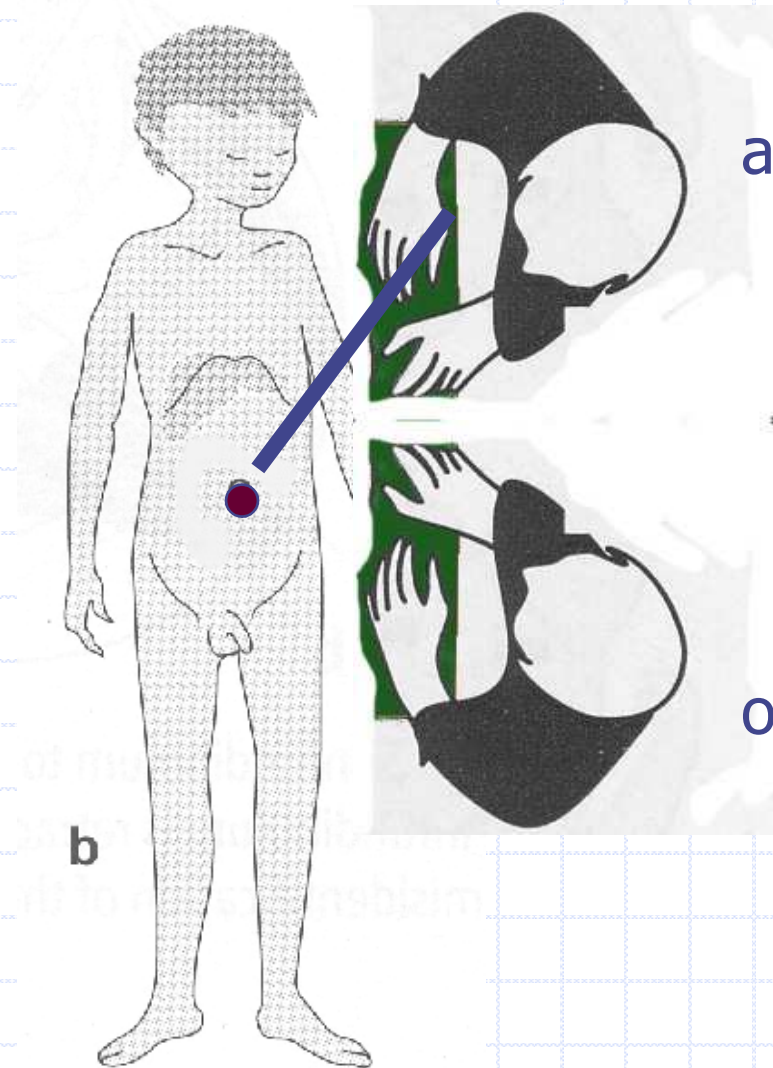
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# LAPAROSCOPIA 1 Trocar



**OTA**



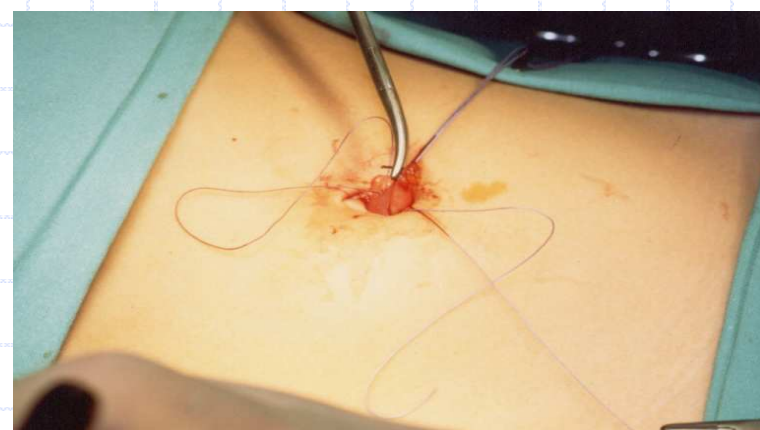
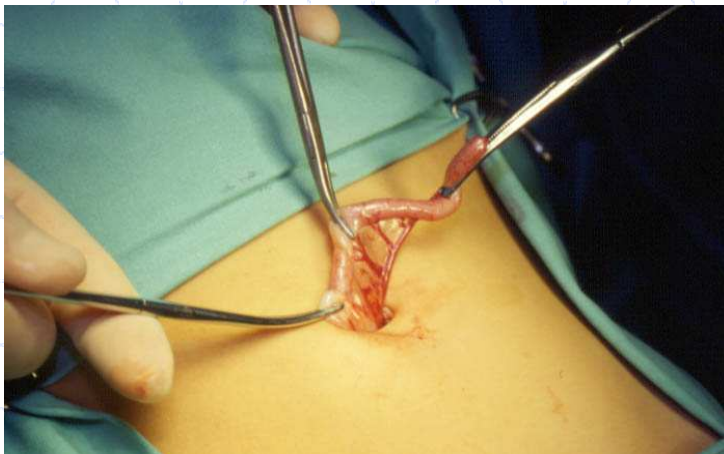
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operatore

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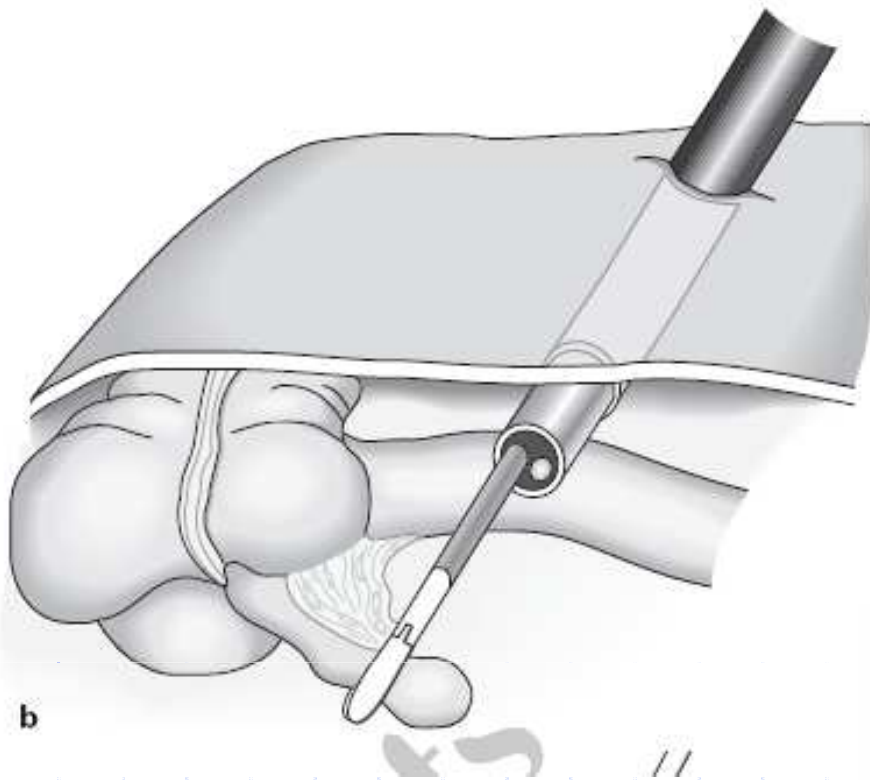
# Technique OUT

## O.T.A. One Trocar Appendectomy

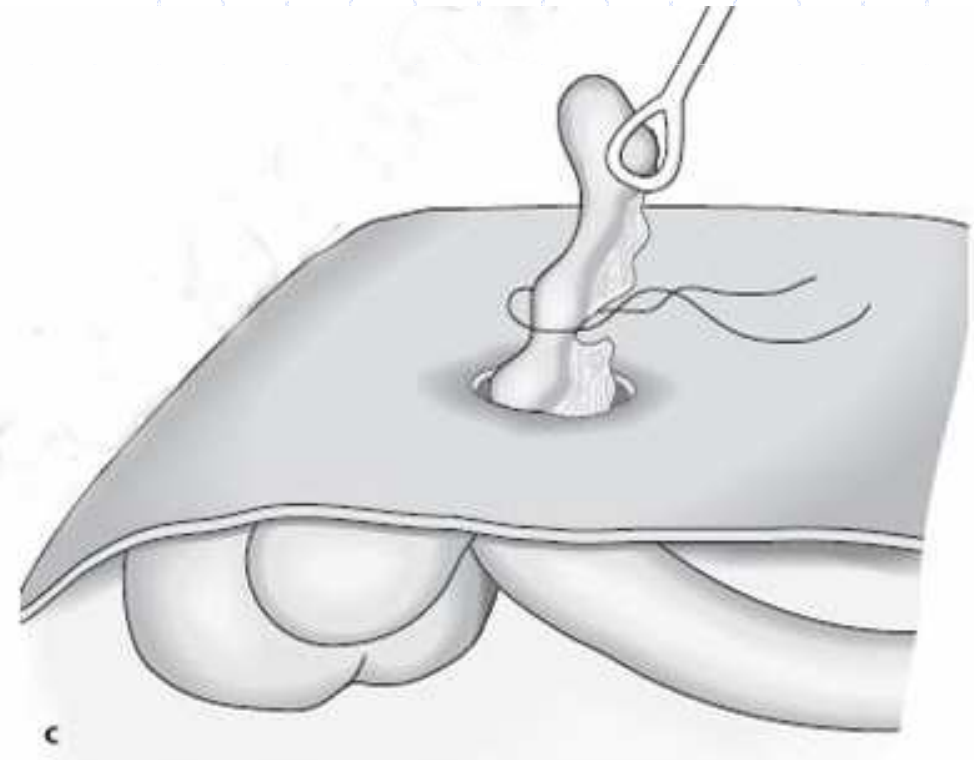


# OTA

2. Si estrae dall'ombelico



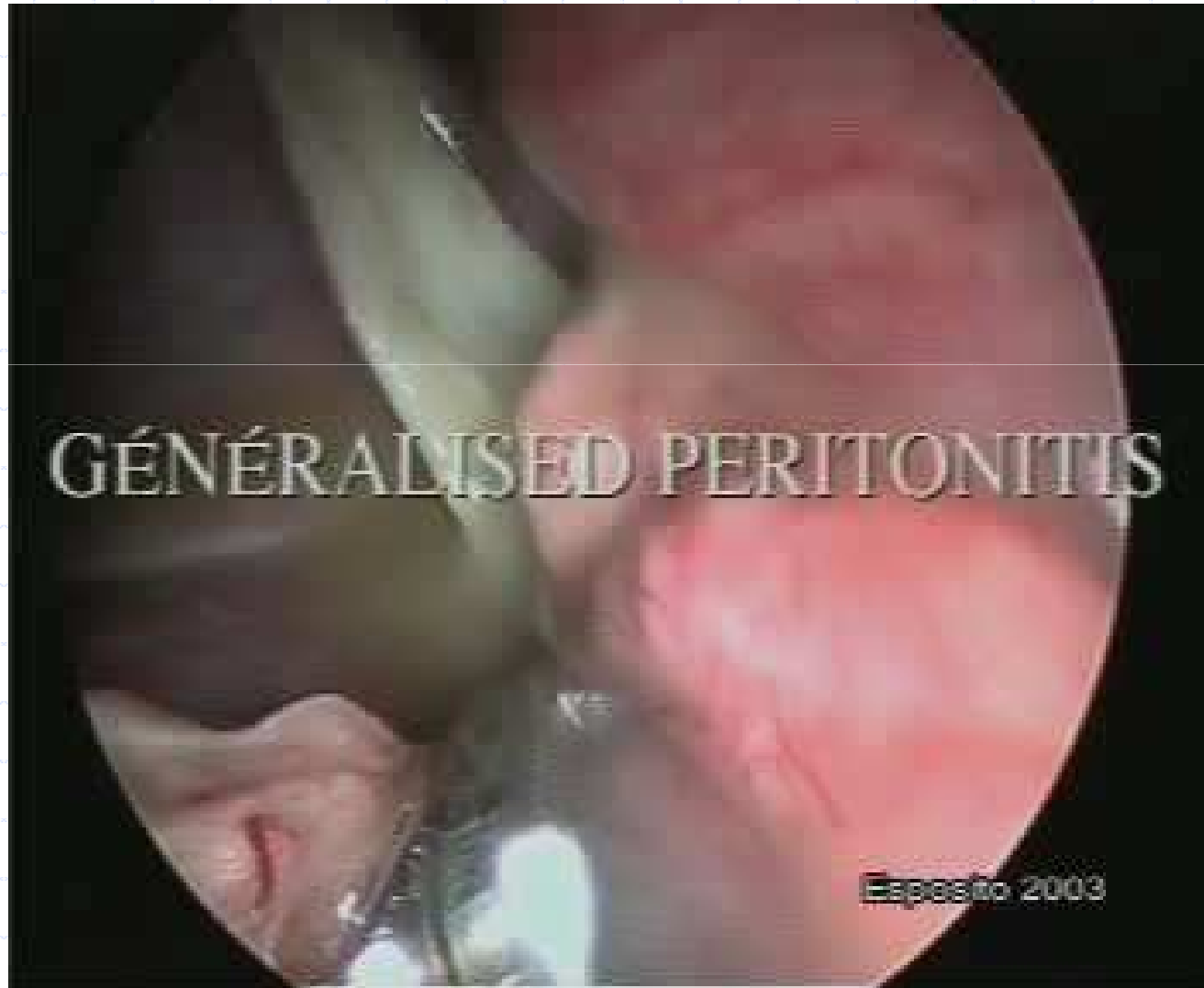
1. Si identifica appendice,  
Si afferra



# One Trocar Appendectomy



# Appendice perforata



# Appendice perforata

- ◆ Anche in caso di peritonite l'appendicectomia viene condotta con successo, dopo accurato lavaggio peritoneale viene lasciato un drenaggio nella sede del trocar dx che viene avvolto in una placca da colostomia

*Chirurgo Pediatra*

*o*

*Chirurgo Generale*

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## **Specialty Versus Generalist Care of Children With Appendicitis: An Outcome Comparison**

By Frederick Alexander, David Magnuson, John DiFiore, Kathleen Jirousek, and Michelle Secic  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

***Chirurgo Pediatria = Minori complicanze***

**Conclusions:** Children with significantly perforated appendicitis have lower complication rates and shorter lengths of hospital stay when treated by pediatric surgeons as compared with HMO adult general surgeons.

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**Table 1. Summary of Complications**

	Group A (n = 69)	Group B (n = 45)	
Nonperforated			
Wound infection	0	1	
Intra-abdominal abscess	0	0	
Small bowel obstruction	0	0	
Other	0	0	<i>P</i> = NS
	n = 27	n = 34	
Perforated			
Wound infection	1	2	
Intraabdominal abscess	3	1	
Small bowel obstruction	4	0	
Other	1	0	<i>P</i> = .025

# Laparoscopic versus Open Appendectomy in Children: A Retrospective Comparative Study of 2,332 Cases



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**Table 1.**

Complications after laparoscopic appendectomy (LA) and open appendectomy (OA)

	LA (n = 124) <b>8.2 %</b>		OA (n = 65) <b>7.9 %</b>	
	Nonperforated (n = 55)	Perforated (n = 69)	Nonperforated (n = 26)	Perforated (n = 39)
Urinary retention	2	1	1	0
Pneumonia	2	1	2	1
Drug allergy	1	0	1	1
Seroma	0	0	2	3
Umbilical granuloma	7	15	0	0
Intrabdominal abscesses	0	3	2	6
Umbilical infection	18	20	0	0
Wound infections	2	0	2	5
Small bowel obstructions	0	0	0	3 <sup>a</sup>
Bleeding of the meso	7	11	2	4
Bowel lacerations	0	1	1	0
Postoperative fever	2	5	1	4
Appendix fragmentation	0	3	0	2
Parietal bleeding	1	2	1	1
Postoperative pain	2	2	9	7
Other	11	5	2	2

<sup>a</sup>These 3 patients require a redo surgery to perform an adhesiolysis.

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**Table 2.**  
Comparison of the main features of the 2 groups

Aspects analysed	Laparoscopy	Open
Number of patients	1,506	826
Gender	B966/G540	B648/G178
Median age	9.4	8.9
Technique/incision	IN 921 (61.1%). OUT 571 (37.9%). MIXED (1%)	McBurney 795 (96.4%)
State of the appendix	N 170 (11.3%). NP 917 (60.9%). P 183 (12.1%). Perit 236 (15.7%)	N 36 (4.3%). NP 641 (72.6%). P 79 (9.6%). Perit 70 (8.5%).
Retrocecal appendix	281 (17.6%)	77 (9.3%)
Treatment of other pathologies	33 (2.2%)	8 (0.9%)
Purse-string suture on the caecum	184 (12.2%)	257 (31.1%)
Median duration of surgery	40 minutes	45 minutes
Drainage	65 (4.3%)	49 (5.9%)
Conversion	25 (1.6%)	0
Complications	124 (3.23%)	65 (7.9%)
Median hospital stay	App 3 days, Perit 5.2 days	App 4.3 days, Perit 8.3 days

B: boy; G: girl; N: normal; NP: nonperforated; P: perforated; Perit: peritonitis; App: appendicitis.

# Appendice è utile

