

A panoramic view of the Seattle skyline at dusk. The Space Needle is prominent on the left. In the background, Mount Rainier is visible with snow on its peak. The city lights are beginning to glow against the twilight sky.

REFRACTORY OVERACTIVE BLADDER

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All honoraria go to Virginia Mason

Prevalence

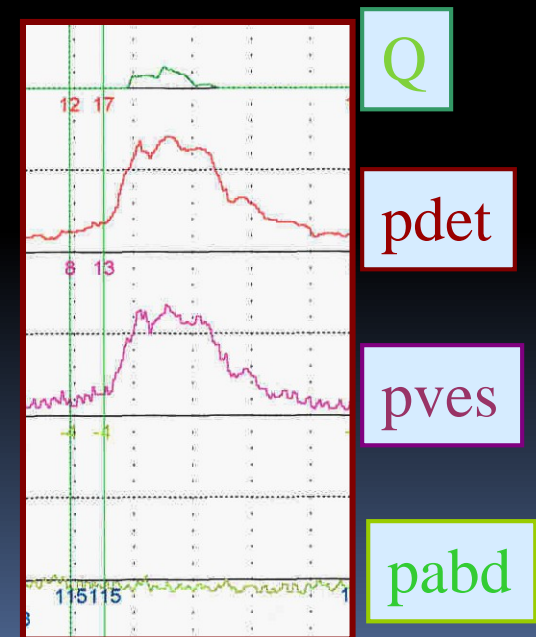
- Up to 100 million worldwide
- 16.6% of adult population in
 - OAB dry: 13.6% men, 7.6% women
 - OAB wet: 2.4% men, 9.3% women
- <40% seek treatment



Wein AJ. *Urology*. 2002;60(Suppl 5A):7-12.
Merkelj I. *Southern Med J*. 2001;94:952-957.
Johnson TM. *J Amer Geriatr Soc*. 2000;48:894-902.
Stewart WF, et al: *World J Urol* 2003;20:327-36.

Terminology

- Overactive bladder (OAB)
 - A **symptomatic diagnosis** defined as urinary urgency, with or without urge incontinence, usually with frequency and nocturia
- Detrusor overactivity (DO)
 - A **urodynamic observation** characterized by involuntary detrusor contractions (IDC) during the filling phase



Abrams P, et al. *Neurourol Urodyn*. 2002;21:167-178.

Sahai A, et al. *Expert Opin Pharmacother*. 2006;7(5):509-527.

AUA/SUFU OAB Guidelines

- Based on 151 articles
- Based on evidence strength
- AUA nomenclature linked to LOE
- Statements divided into three tiers
 - First line treatments
 - Second line treatments
 - Third line treatments

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Gormley EA, et al.: J Urol 2015;193(5):1572-80.

OAB Guidelines Statements

Treatment

- First line
 - Behavioral therapies (Standard)
 - Above may be combined with pharmacotherapy (Recommendation)

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OAB Guidelines Statements

Treatment

- Second line
 - Oral antimuscarinics (Standard)
 - B-3 agonist (Standard)
 - Extended release should be preferentially offered (Recommendation)
 - Transdermal oxybutynin (Recommendation)
 - Change dose or agent as necessary (Clinical principle)

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OAB Guidelines Statements

Treatment

- Third line
 - Sacral neuromodulation (Recommendation)
 - Percutaneous Tibial Nerve Stimulation (PTNS) (Recommendation)
 - OnabotulinumtoxinA (Standard option)

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OAB Guidelines Statements

Treatment

- Additional treatments
 - Indwelling catheters as last resort (Expert opinion)
 - Augmentation cystoplasty/diversion (Expert opinion)
 - Severe, refractory complicated cases only
- Follow up recommended to assess compliance, efficacy, side effects, to offer alternatives
 - No data available

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Treatment Options for Urinary Incontinence

Stress Incontinence
Leakage with laughing, coughing, physical activity

Non-Surgical

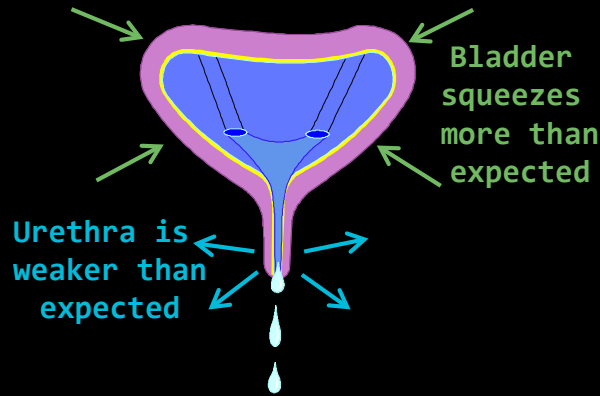
- Pelvic floor muscle training
- Pelvic floor physical therapy
- Incontinence pessary
- Urethral inserts

Surgical

- Urethral bulking
- Sling
 - Autologous fascia (your own tissue)
 - Mesh (retropubic or transobturator approach)
- Retropubic suspension (Burch)

Clinical Trials

Mixed Incontinence



Reduce Risk Factors

- Patient education
- Weight loss
- Stopping smoking

Overactive Bladder
Urinary frequency, urgency, and/or incontinence associated with urgency

1st line: Behavioral Therapy

- Bladder control strategies & bladder training
- Fluid management & avoidance of bladder irritants
- Pelvic floor physical therapy

2nd line: Non-Surgical

- Overactive bladder medications
- Vaginal estrogen

3rd line: Minor Procedure or Surgical

- Botox® injections into the bladder
- Peripheral tibial nerve stimulation
- Sacral neuromodulation (Interstim®)

Clinical Trials

*If you are not improving and still experiencing bothersome symptoms, please call your physician and schedule a follow up appointment

Options

- “Conservative measures”
- Pharmacotherapy
- Neuromodulation
 - Electrical or biological
- Reconstruction
 - Augmentation cystoplasty
 - Urinary diversion
 - Sling-lysis/urethrolysis

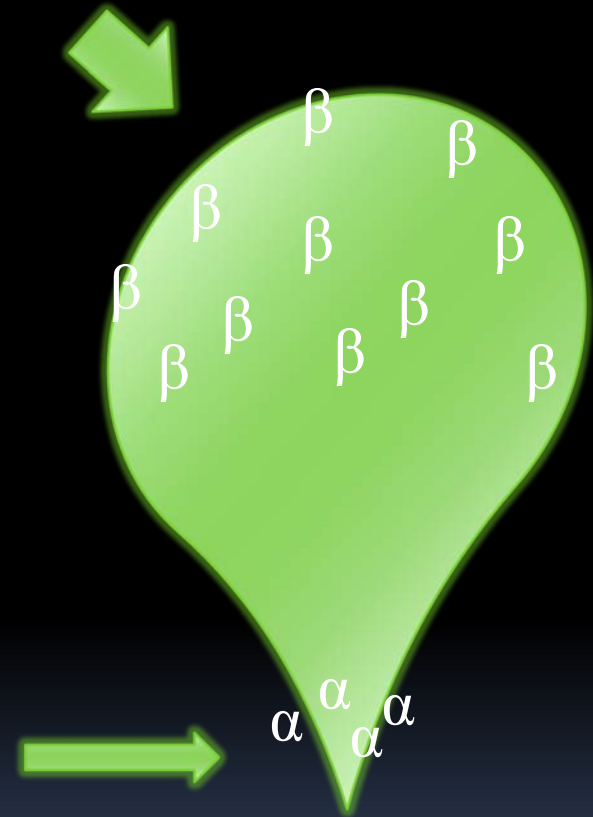
Conservative measures

- Dietary modification
- Bladder drills and retraining
- Pharmacotherapy
 - Antimuscarinics
 - Beta-3 adrenergics
 - Combination therapy
- Local hormone replacement therapy

**WHEN DOES IT BECOME
“REFRACTORY”?**

Beta-3 adrenergic agonist MOA

- Increase bladder capacity
- *Without* effect on voiding parameters
 - Qmax
 - PdetQmax
 - Residual volume



Symphony: Combination therapy

- Monotherapy
 - Mirabegron, solifenacin, placebo
- 6 combinations mirabegron + solifenacin
 - 25 or 50mg AND 2.5, 5, or 10mg
- Combo therapy efficacy greater than solifenacin 5mg
 - Mean volume voided/micturition, frequency/24 hours, urgency
- All combos tolerated well

MILAI: Combination therapy

- Multicentre, open-label phase IV study
- Patients on solifenacin (2.5 or 5mg)
- Add mirabegron 25mg x16 weeks
- Measures
 - Safety
 - Efficacy

Outcomes

- Safety
 - Adverse events
 - Labs
 - Vital signs
 - Electrocardiogram
 - QT interval
 - Post void residual
- Efficacy
 - OAB-SS, OAB-q-SF
 - Micturitions
 - Urgency
 - Urgency incontinence
 - Mean voided volume
 - Nocturia

Results/Conclusions

- Add on therapy well-tolerated
- AE 23% - mostly mild-moderate
 - Constipation most common
 - No retention
 - QT, heart rate, blood pressure, PVR changes NOT clinically significant
- Significant improvements all groups

**But what if meds
don't work?**



CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC

What Treatment Should We Use If Drugs Fail for OAB;
and, What Really Works After Drugs?

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Alternative Options

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PERCUTANEOUS TIBIAL NERVE STIMULATION (PTNS)

Percutaneous tibial nerve stimulation

- 34-gauge needle
- 3-5 cm cephalad to medial malleolus
- Placement confirmed
 - Great toe plantar flexion
 - Sensation on plantar aspect of foot
- 6-12 weekly treatments
- Maintenance (?)

PTNS: SUmiT Trial

- Study of Urgent PC vs Sham
Effectiveness of Treatment of Overactive
Bladder Symptoms
- Improvement in global response
assessment (GRA)
 - PTNS vs sham: 58.3 vs 21.9%
- Response at 12 weeks, not at 6 weeks
- Improved QOL, frequency, urgency, UUI,
nocturia

OrBIT trial

- Overactive Bladder Innovative Therapy
- PTNS versus tolterodine¹
- Improvement per GRA:
 - 79.5% vs 54.8%
- PTNS vs solifenacin with cross over²
 - Bladder specific assessment
 - Both groups showed improvement

¹Peters KM, et al.: J Urol 2009;182(3):1055-61.

²Veccioli-Scaldazza C, et al.: Gyneocol Obstet Invest 2013;75(4):230-4.

STEP Study

- Carryover effect of PTNS
- Patients who had effect at 12 weeks
- 14 week tapering
 - 2 treatments over 14 days
 - 2 treatments over 21 days
 - q 28 days

STEP Study results

- At 36 months 77% had sustained moderate/marked improvement¹
 - All domains tested
- Over 36 months, average 1.1 treatments/month
- OrBIT phase 2 similar carryover noted²

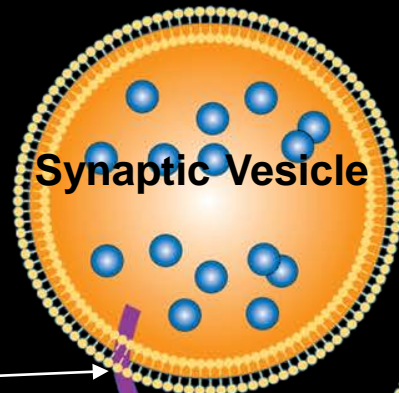
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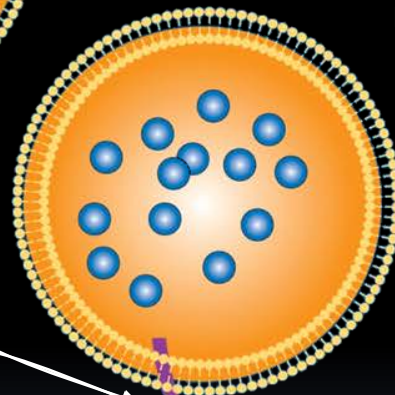
ONABOTULINUMTOXIN-A

Normal ACh release

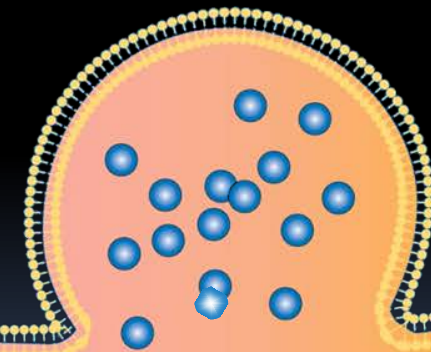
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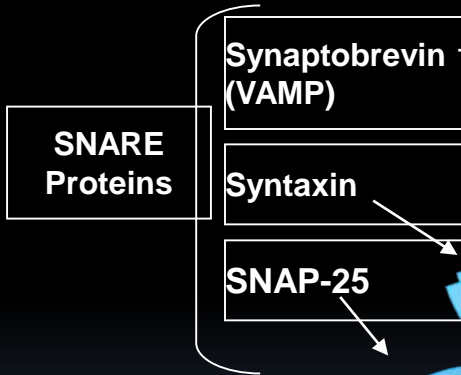
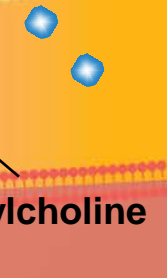
1. SNARE proteins form complex



2. Vesicle and terminal membranes fuse



3. ACh released



SYNAPTIC CLEFT

Synaptic Fusion Complex

MUSCLE CELL

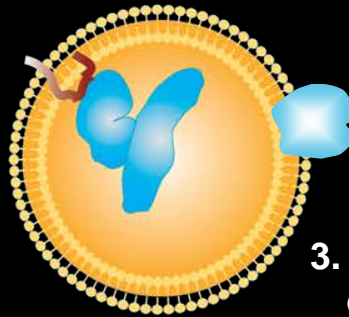
Acetylcholine Receptor

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Botox inhibits Ach release

MOTOR NEURON

1. Botulinum toxin binds to receptor
2. Botulinum toxin endocytosed



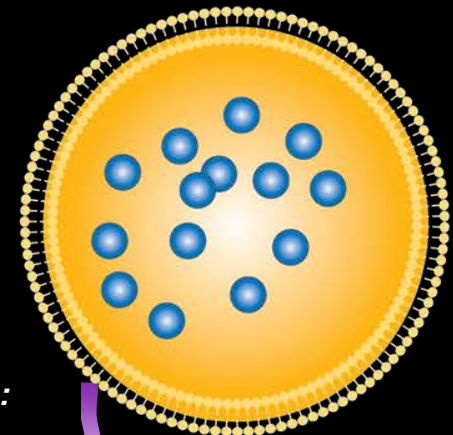
3. Light chain cleaves specific SNARE proteins

Types A, C, E:
SNAP-25

Types B, D, F, G:
VAMP



4. SNARE complex does not form: ACh not released



SYNAPTIC CLEFT

Same MOA for Other Neurotransmitters

MUSCLE CELL



A recent meta-analysis on BoNTA

- n=1320 in 8 publications
 - 6 RCTs
- Incontinence episodes/day: -2.77 vs -1.01
- Voids per day: -1.61 vs -0.87
- MCC 91.39 vs 32.32
- Incontinence-free: 29.20% vs 7.95%

Jury still out...

- Dose
- Injection technique
 - Location
 - Depth
 - Number of injections
- Retreatment interval
- Long term efficacy and safety

Safety

- Systemic effects – unlikely for bladder
- Urinary retention
 - 11-40% depending on study
 - 9-fold higher risk than placebo in meta-analyses
 - 2015 AUA study showed 30%
 - Again definition of AUR was unclear

Anger J, et al. 2009, Dmochowski, et al. 2010, Brubaker, et al. 2008
Milhouse and Siegel, AUA 2015

Challenges in literature

- Lack of uniformity in:
 - Definitions
 - Success
 - Retention
 - Follow up
 - Management
 - Recurrent symptoms
 - Retention

Repeat injections OK?

- 3-year extension study
- Multiple injections on prn basis
- Assessments
 - Mean change in UI/day
 - Median time to request Rx
 - AEs

Repeat injections OK?

- n=543, 51% completed study
- Discontinuation
 - AEs: 5.3%
 - Lack of efficacy: 2.8%
- Mean baseline UI/day similar
- Mean reduction 2.9-4.5

Repeat injections OK?

- Median time to request retreatment
 - ≤6 months: 34.2%
 - 6-12 months: 37.2%
 - >12 months: 28.5%
- Median efficacy 7.6 months

Key considerations

- Safety
- Efficacy
- Ease of performance
- Duration of response
- Sequela
- Cost

ABC

- Anticholinergic vs Botox™ comparison in women with urgency incontinence
- n=242 randomized to two arms
 - Botox™ and oral placebo
 - Saline and trospium or solifenacin

Visco AG, et al.,: Contemp Clin Trials 2012;33(1):184-96.

Visco AG, et al.,:NEJM 2012;367(19):1803.

“ABC” trial

Parameter	Anticholinergic	OnabotulinumtoxinA	p
UI episodes per day	-3.4	-3.3	0.81
Complete resolution of UI	13%	27%	0.003
Dry mouth	46%	31%	0.02
Catheter use	0%	5%	0.01
UTIs	13%	33%	<0.001

ROSETTA

- Refractory overactive bladder:
Sacroneuromodulation vs Botulinum toxin
Assessment
- 380-patient goal met last year
- Initial reports anticipated

Pelvic floor disorders network (PFDN)

SACRAL NEUROMODULATION

SNS vs standard medical therapy

- Inclusion criteria
 - ≥ 2 urgency leaks/72 hours OR
 - ≥ 8 voids/day
 - Failed at least one medication
 - At least one medication not tried
- n= 147 randomized, 6 month f/u
 - 70 SNM
 - 77 SMT

SNS vs SMT

	SNS	SMT	p
Success ITT	61%	42%	=0.02
As treated	76%	49%	=0.002
Improved urinary symptoms interference	86%	44%	<0.001
Complete continence	39%	21%	
Adverse events	30.5	27.3	-0.06

Siegel S, et al.: Neurorol UDS 2015;34:224-30.

SNS: 12 month follow up

- n=341, 272 to implant
- 255 with 12 month follow up
- 220 with baseline *and* 12 month diary
- Baseline
 - UUI/day: 3.1 +/-2.7
 - Frequency: 12.6 +/-4.5

SNS: 12 month results

- Success: 85% at 12 months
- UUI/day ↓ 2.2 +/-2.7
- Frequency ↓ 5.1 +/-4.1
- All parameters of ICIQ-OABqol significantly improved ($p < 0.0001$)
- 80% had improvement in urinary symptom interference

SNS: adverse events

- 16% (56/340) during test
 - 3 serious: Site infection, skin infection, respiratory arrest intra op
- 30% (82/272) post-implant
 - 1 serious: Implant site erosion

SNS: Device-specific AEs

	0-3 m #events (#pts)	3-6m #events (#pts)	6-12m #events (#pts)	Events	# pts % (n=272)
Undesireable change in stimulation	20(18)	10(10)	6(6)	36	32(12)
Implant site pain	11(9)	8(8)	7(4)	26	20(7)
Implant site infection	8(7)	1(1)	3(3)	12	9(3)

Other tidbits...

- Sexual function improves
- Quality of life improves for FI
- Psychosocial outlook
 - Depression improves
 - Optimism is not a predictor of success
- Long-term safety in Medicare beneficiaries

Banakhar, 2014

Chungtai, 2014

Levin 2014

SNS success rates very good

- Pooled results from multiple publications¹
- n=234 women
- 45% “cure” at minimum 6 months
- 46% maintained continence at 3 years
- 54% maintained self-reported improvement at 5 years
- Another pooled report: 56-69% at 2-3 years²

¹Siddiqui NY, et al.: J Urol 2009;186:2799.

²Chartier-Kastler, et al.: BJU Int 2007;101:417.

Surgical revision low

- Rate: 3-16%
- Explantation
 - 6% due to lack of efficacy
 - 5-11% due to infection

And, though we can't advocate for it...

- MRI may be feasible under controlled conditions
- n=9 underwent 15 MRIs
 - Both 0.6 and 1.5 Tesla machines used
 - IPGs off in all patients
 - IPG magnetic switch turned off in 8
- IPGs functioned in all 8 post MRI
- No complications
- Patients perceived no change

Overall...

- SNS has a good track record
- Easy, “test-drive” available
- SNS durability more stable than other Rxs
- SNS can also affect bowel and sexual function
- Long-term costs may be lower for SNS

From a practical standpoint...

“Pros”

“Cons”

SNS

Battery life 5-7 years
No retention
Global effects on pelvic floor

Implanted device
Potential complications
2-staged surgery
No MRIs
Not for neurogenic bladder

BTX

Nothing implanted
Local anesthesia in office
Well-tolerated

Risk of retention
Risk of UTI
Durability of response

Cumulative 3-year costs

Treatment	Cost (US \$)
PTNS	7,565
OnabotulinumtoxinA	11,748
Interstim®	24,681
Vaginal POP repair	6,353

Cost effectiveness

- SNS more expensive (\$15,743 vs. \$4,392) and more effective (1.73 vs. 1.63 QALYs) than BoNTA
 - SNS was more effective
 - BTX was more cost-effective
- Cost per effectiveness (Incremental Cost Effectiveness Ratio = ICER) may change with longer follow up
 - (At 4 years, SNS becomes more cost effective)

Treatment Options

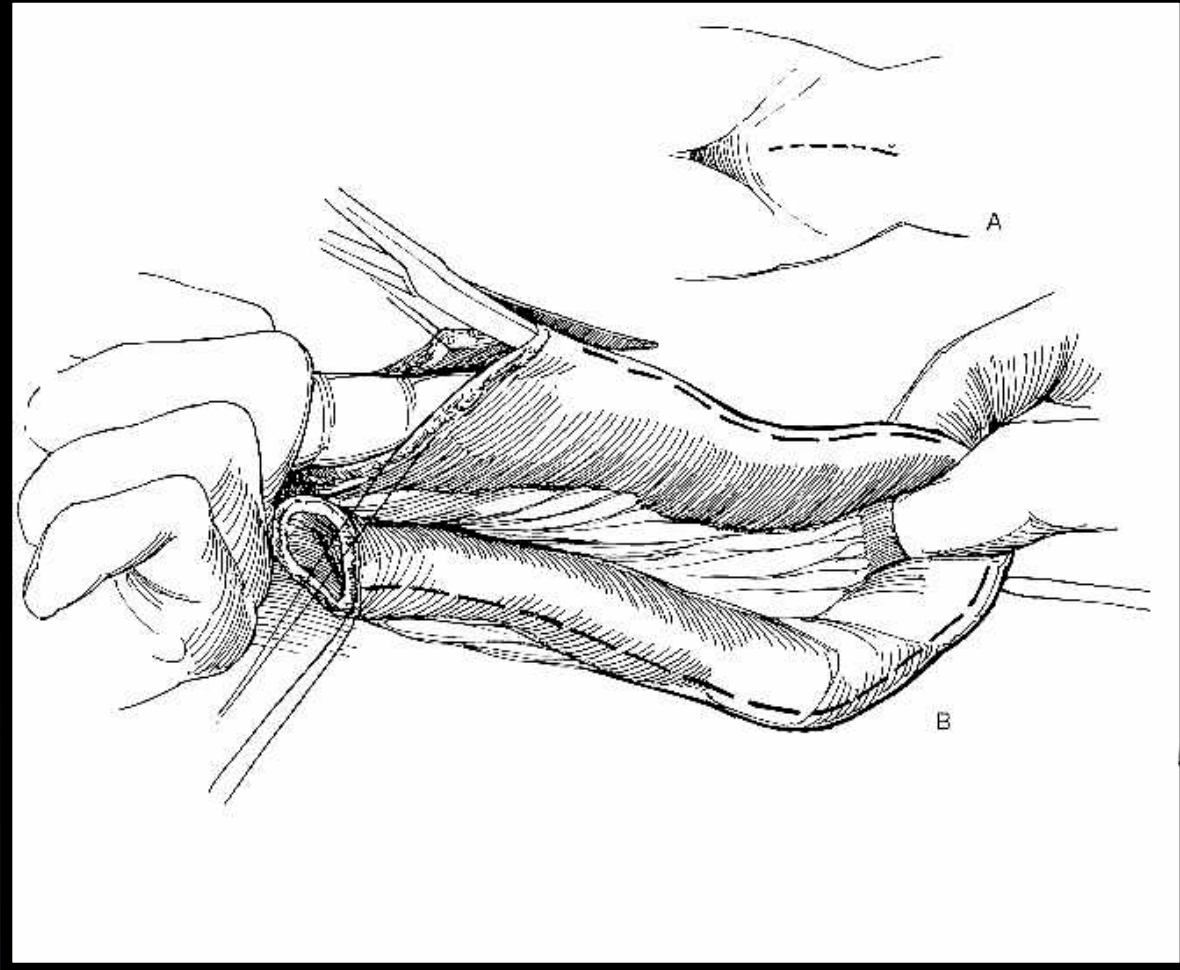
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The Last Resort...

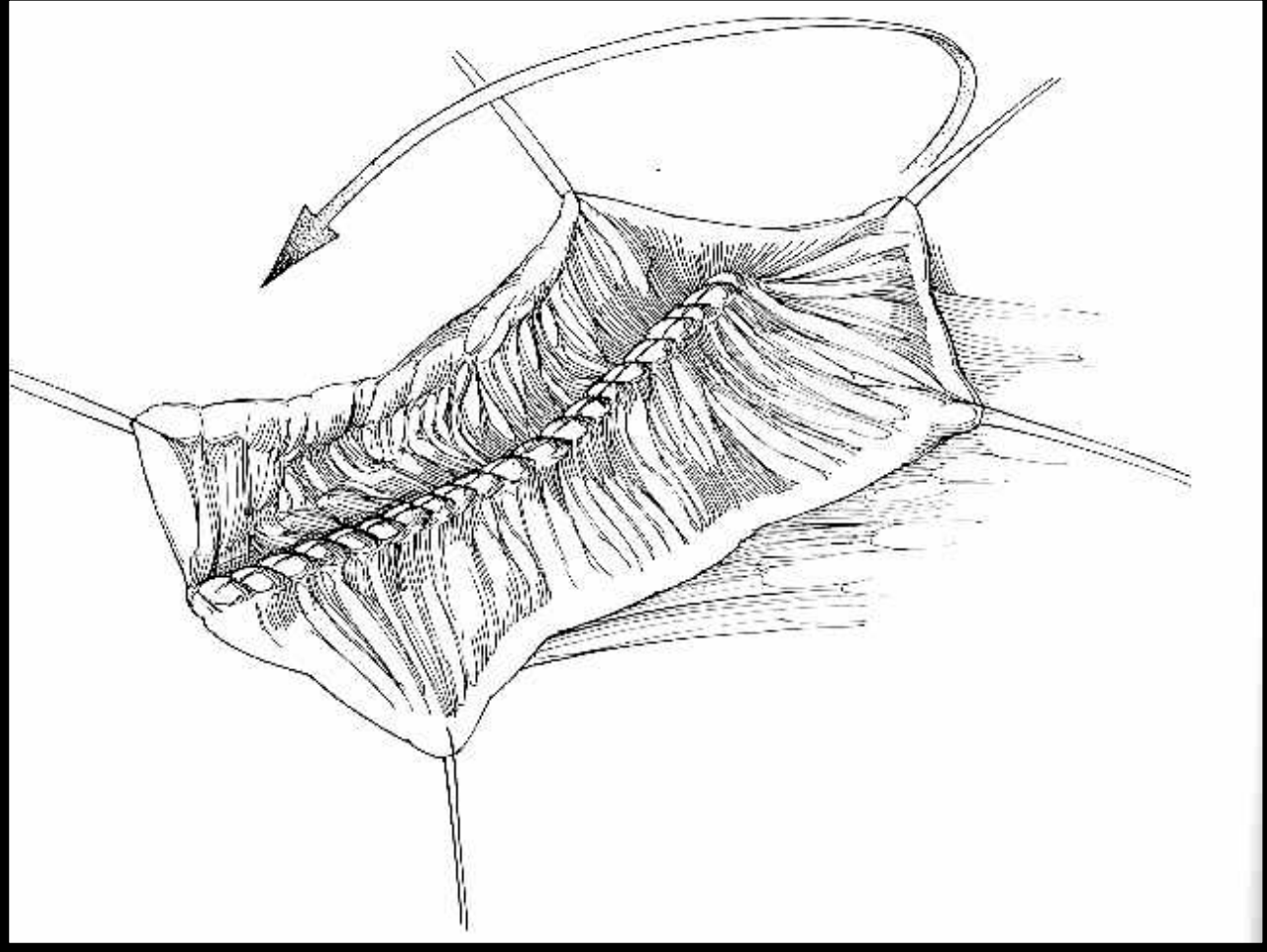
**ENLARGE THE
BLADDER!**

A big operation, but...it works!

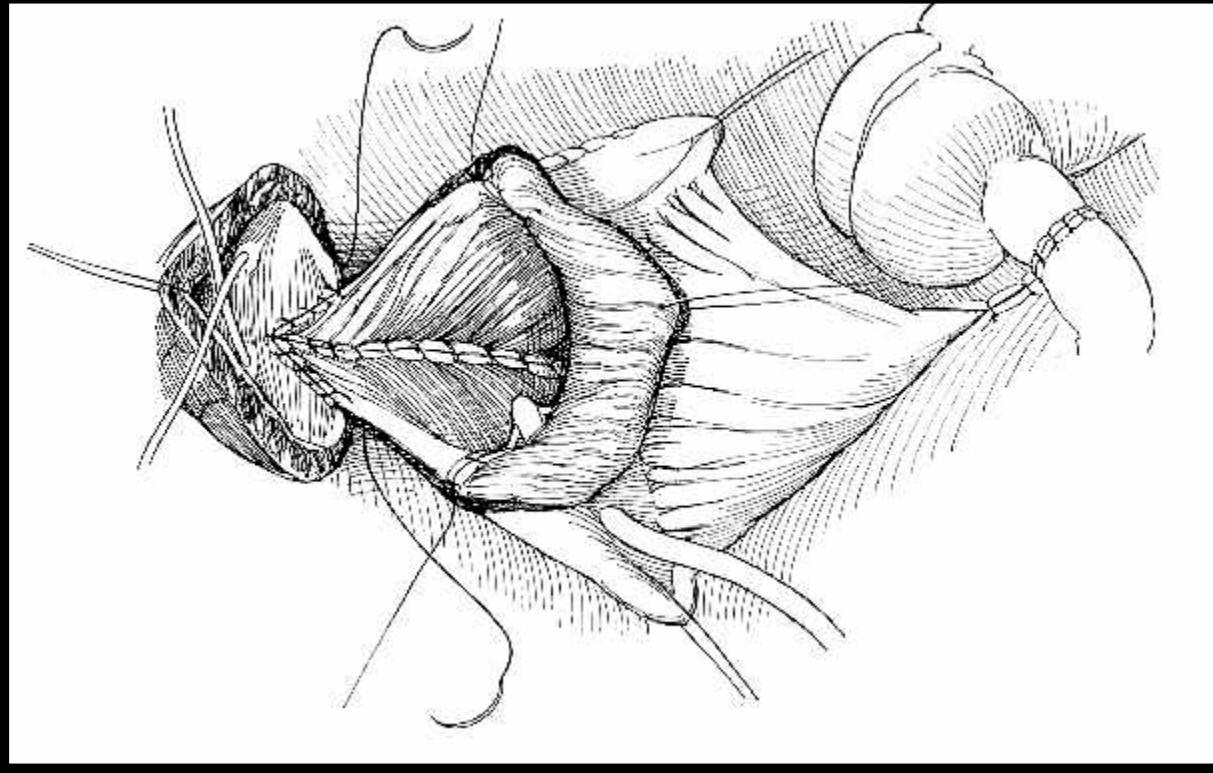
Open a piece of bowel



Flatten it out



Sew it to the bladder...



Augmentation Cystoplasty

- Bowel segment to enlarge bladder
- Lowers intravesical pressure
- Increases capacity
- >80% must catheterize

Take Home Messages

- “OAB” multifactorial
- Conservative measures first
- Stepwise progression
- Successful options available
(Patients must be made aware)

