

**A NOVEL BIPOLAR
ELECTROSURGERY SYSTEM
ELIMINATES STAPLES AND CLIPS
IN LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY**

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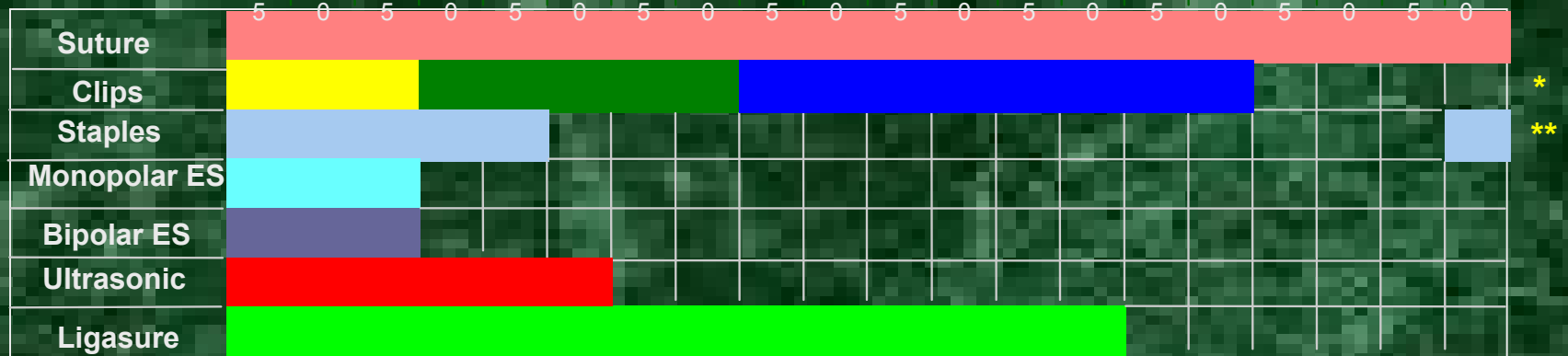


Introduction

Most energy-based techniques are labelled for vessels ≤ 3 mm

Mechanical techniques are labelled for vessels ≤ 10 mm

Manufacturer's Recommended Range of Vessel Size for Application (mm)



* 3 sizes of clips and appliers

** 2 sizes of staples

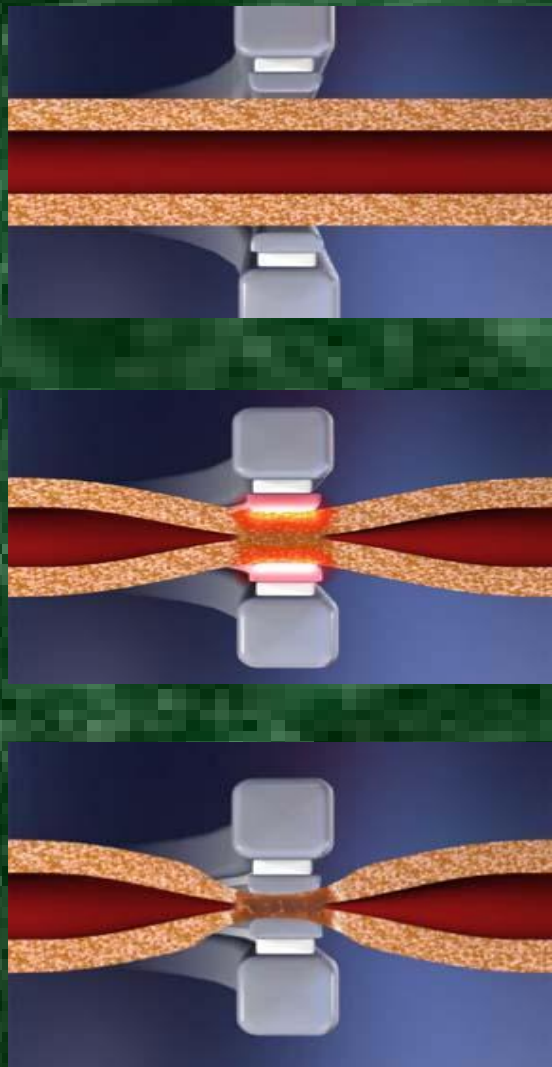


Permanently Seals

vessels 1mm to 7mm in diameter



tissue bundles without dissection and isolation



Applies optimal pressure to vessel/tissue bundle

Energy delivery cycle:
measures initial resistance of tissue and chooses appropriate energy settings

delivers pulsed energy with continuous feedback control.
Pulses adapt as the cycle progresses

senses that tissue response is complete and stops the cycle

Hypothesis

LIGASURE - A novel bipolar electro-surgery system can be used safely and effectively in laparoscopic colon surgery

Aims

Use of Ligasure not previously described in laparoscopic colon surgery

Evaluate safety and efficacy

Divide all mesenteric vessels

Materials and Methods

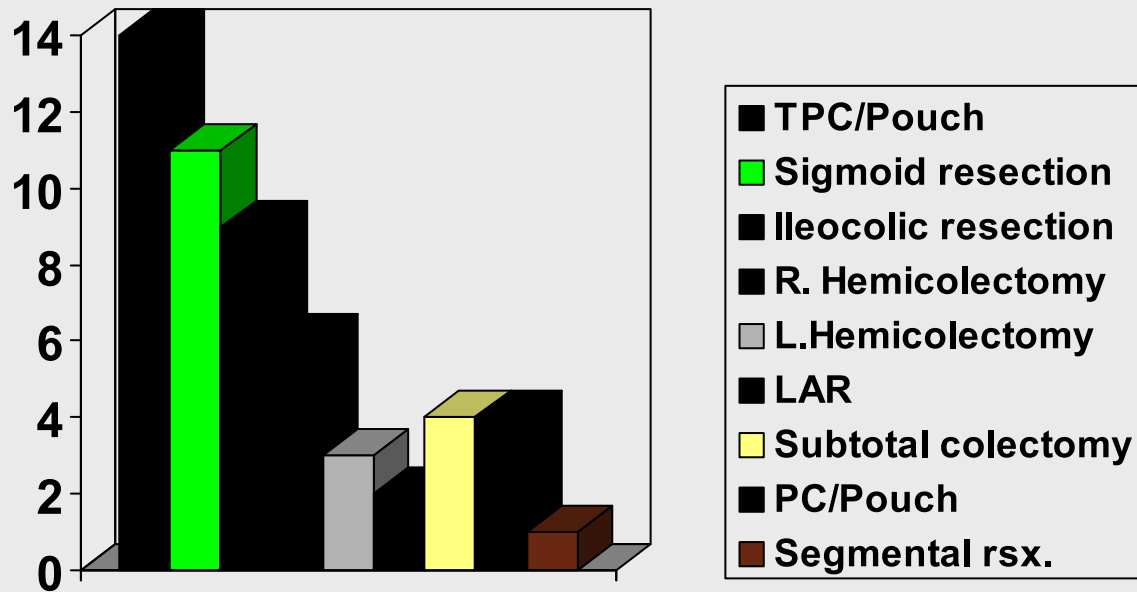
Ligasure used in most laparoscopic colon cases

9 month period from Mar 99

No clips / staples used in vessel ligation

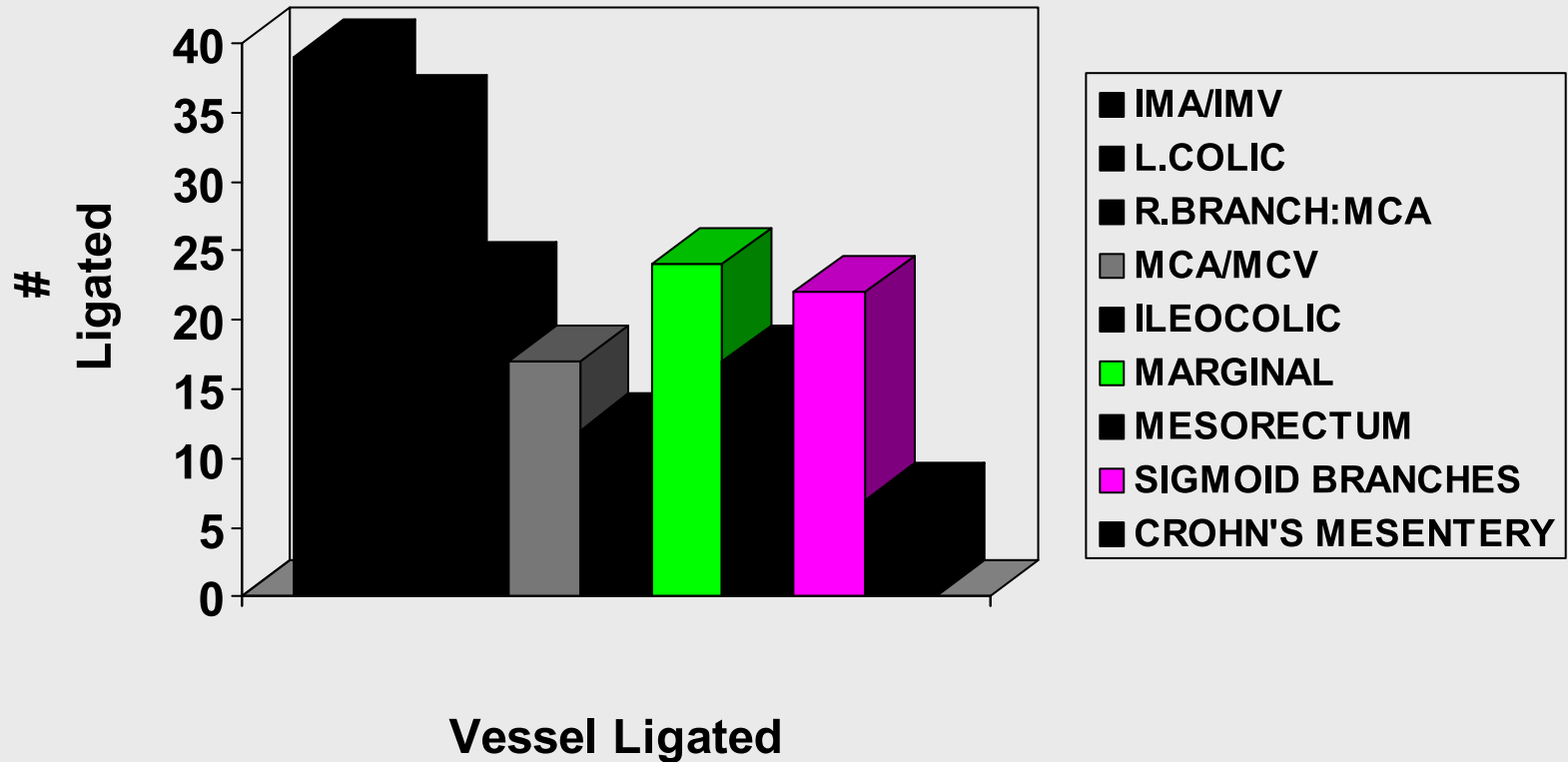
All mesenteric vessels heat sealed

RESULTS: LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURES PERFORMED



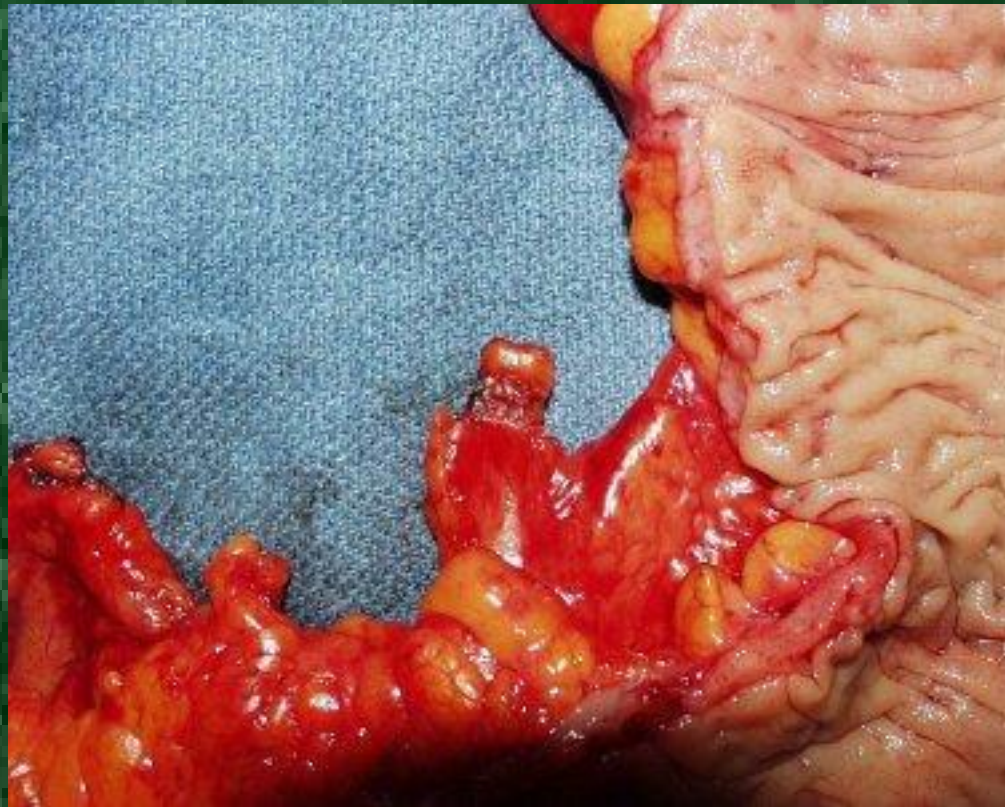
Laparoscopic Cases
total: 54

RESULTS: VESSELS LIGATED

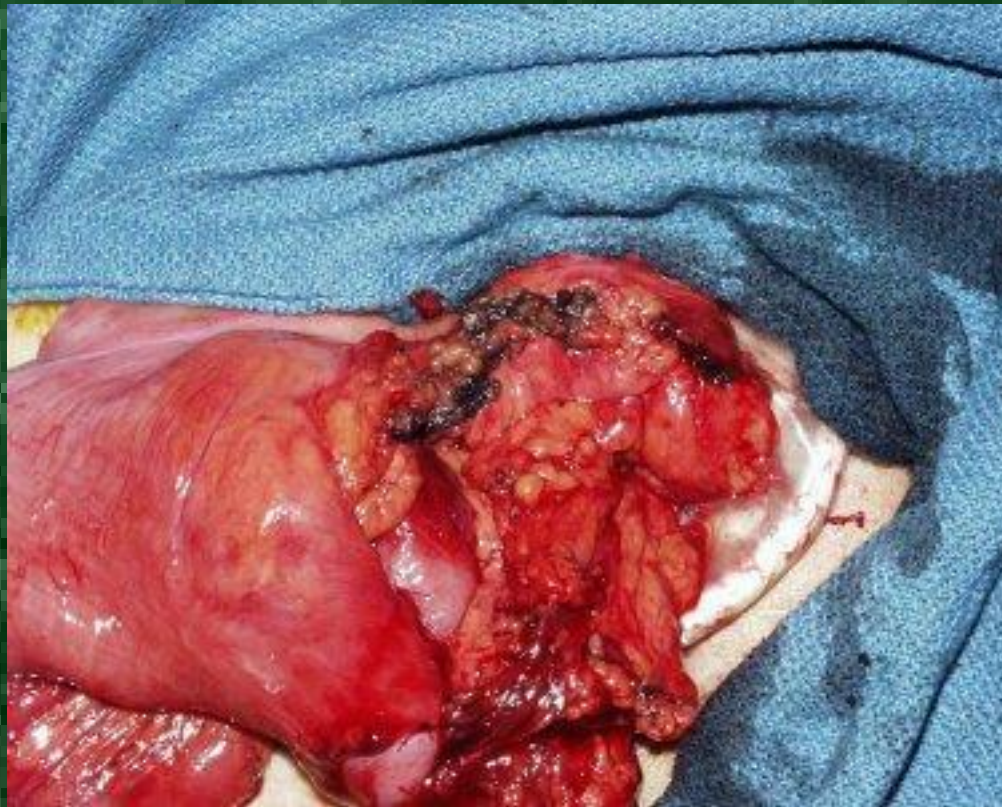




Major
mesenteric
vessel



Marginal
vessel



Crohn's mesentery

Conclusions

Ligasure is safe and effective
No major intra-operative bleeding
No postoperative bleeding

Ligasure may eliminate clips and
vascular staples in laparoscopic colon
surgery

