

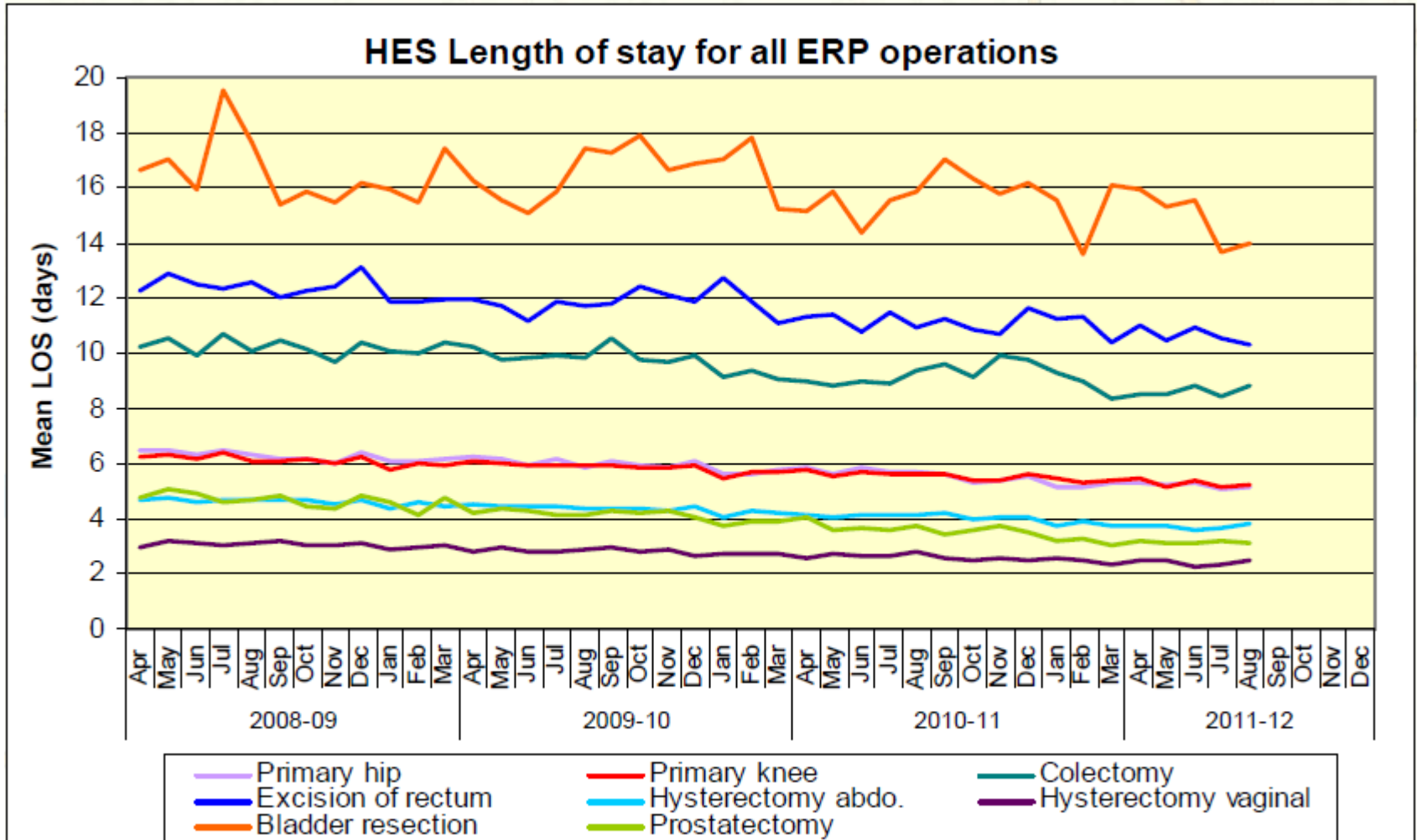
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# Early discharge for radical cystectomy and pelvic exenteration-how we do it



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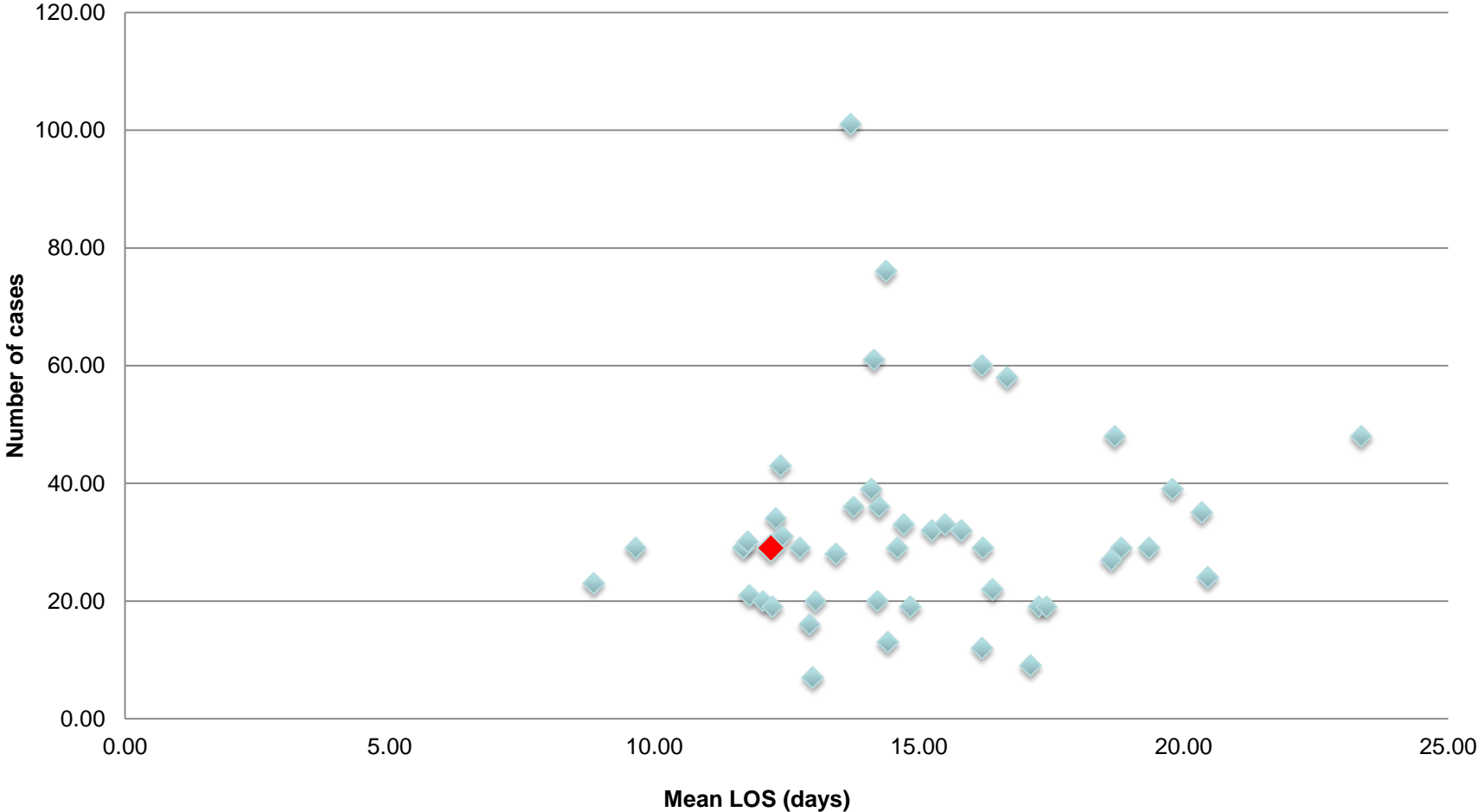
# Cystectomy is morbid



# National Variation

Mean length of stay by volume of cases 06/2011-06/2012

**UHS 12.21 days**



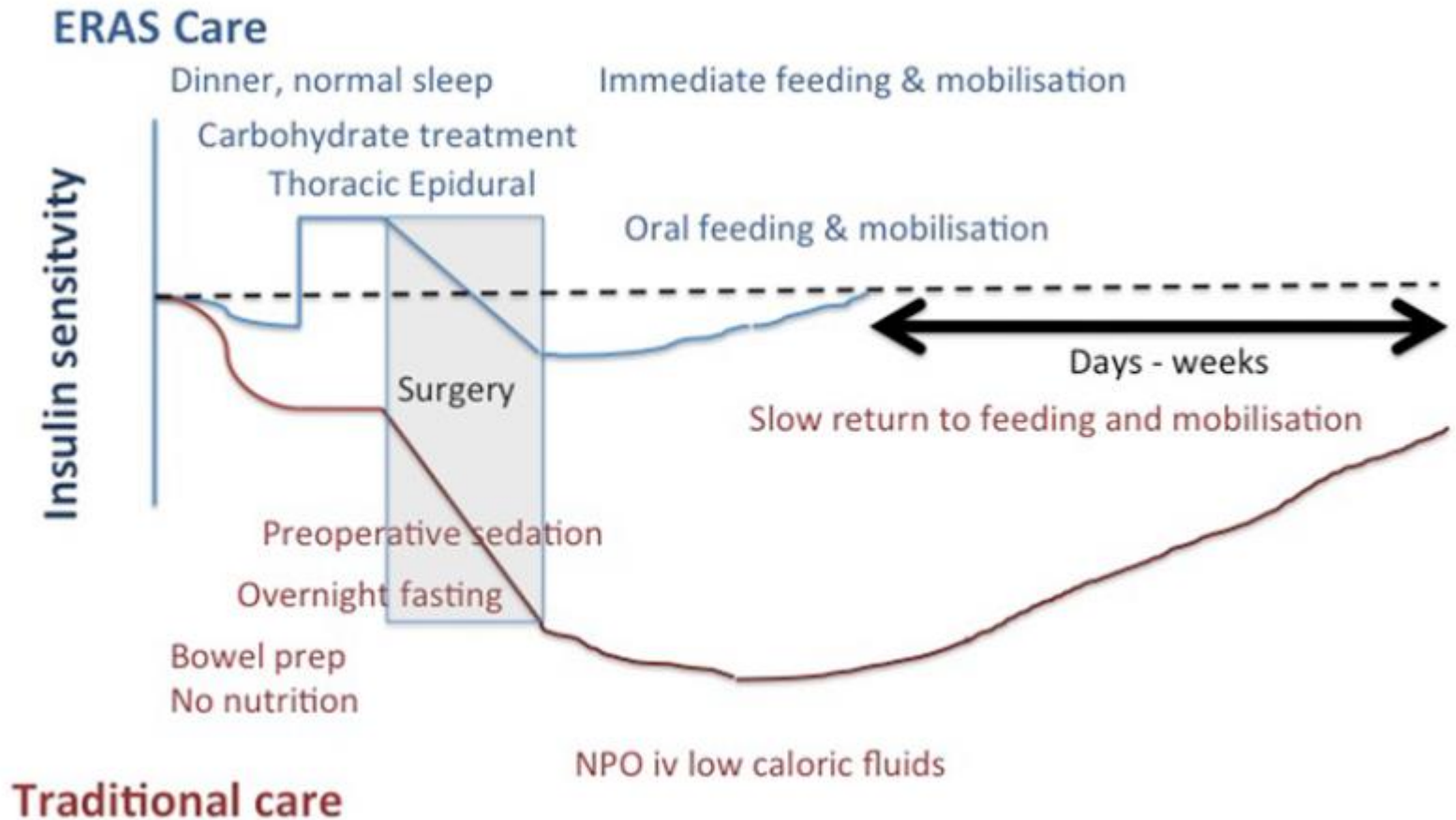
# ERP is not just a pathway!

Problems:

- Embedded surgical culture
- Apprenticeship
- Tradition
- Experience
- Reluctance to change?



# Principles of ERP



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## Accelerated recovery

Preop information  
Optimised organ function  
No nutritional defects  
No alcohol preop  
Stop smoking preop  
Neuraxial blockade  
Minimal invasive op'n  
Normothermia  
Nausea prevention  
Ileus prevention  
Early feeding  
Good oxygenation  
Good sleep  
Opioid-sparing  
EB post-op care

Anxiety, fear  
Preop organ dysfunction  
Surgical stress response  
Hypothermia  
Nausea, vomiting  
Ileus  
Semi-starvation  
Hypoxaemia  
Poor sleep  
Drains, tubes  
Catheters

## Delayed recovery

# REDUCING TIME TO ORAL DIET AND HOSPITAL DISCHARGE IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING RADICAL CYSTECTOMY USING A PERIOPERATIVE CARE PLAN

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- 40pts, 2001-2
- Clear fluids-day 2
- Normal diet-day 4
- Mean LOS 5.2 days
  - 4-5 days-70%
  - 6-7 days 27%
  - $\geq 8$  days 3%
- 1 Ileus
- How?
  - Mini- incision
  - Extraperitoneal
  - Limiting Opiates
    - Ketorolac 30mg iv QDS
  - Prokinetics
    - Metoclopramide 10mg iv TDS
  - Early Ambulation and diet



# Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial of Robotic versus Open Radical Cystectomy for Bladder Cancer: Perioperative and Pathologic Results

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|   | Robotic (n = 21) | Open (n = 20) | p value |
|---|------------------|---------------|---------|
| Mean EBL, ml (median)                         | 258 (200)        | 575 (600)     | <0.0001 |
| OR time, h (median)                           | 4.20 (4.2)       | 3.52 (3.4)    | <0.0001 |
| Time to flatus, d (median)                    | 2.3 (2)          | 3.2 (3)       | 0.0013  |
| Time to BM, d (median)                        | 3.2 (3)          | 4.3 (4)       | 0.0008  |
| Length of stay, d (median)                    | 5.1 (4)          | 6.0 (6)       | 0.2387  |
| In-house analgesia, mg (morphine equivalents) | 89.0 (87.5)      | 147.4 (121.5) | 0.0044  |
| Clavien units (median)                        | 2.3 (2)          | 2.6 (2)       | 0.5622  |

BM = bowel movement; EBL = estimated blood loss; OR = operating room.

## • Robot Complications:

- 2 Ileus
- 2 UTI
- 1 DVT
- 1 ARF
- 1 Incarcerated hernia

## • Open Complications:

- 3 Ileus
- 1 UTI
- 1 ARF
- 1 Urine leak
- 1 Death



# ERP Phase 1

- Introduced Jan 2011
- Comparison of Non-ERP and ERP-1:
- N-ERP 69pts
  - LOS median 14 days
- ERP-1 37pts
  - LOS median 10 days

## Pre-operative

- Carbohydrate loading, shortened NBM period
- Avoidance of bowel preparations, same day admission

## Intra-operative

- Individualised, goal-directed fluid therapy
- Rectus sheath catheter instead of epidural

## Post-operative

- No routine nasogastric tube use
- Early (day 0) oral intake with Fortisips® or equivalent
- Planned mobilization within 24 hours
- Chewing-gum use
- Full therapy support (stoma care, physiotherapy, dietitian)

# Culture Change

- **Lead from the top:**
  - Consultant of the week/ Senior registrar decisions
  - Twice daily progress appraisal
- **Team building:**
  - The patient and family are central (pre and post-op)
  - Overlapping roles/ “mucking in”
  - Weekly ward nursing staff protected teaching
  - Physiotherapy goals ”shifting the goal posts”
  - Positive feedback
- **Supra-regional Stoma meeting:**
  - Pre-op prosthesis and practice
  - Early engagement and stoma independence

# In theatre change

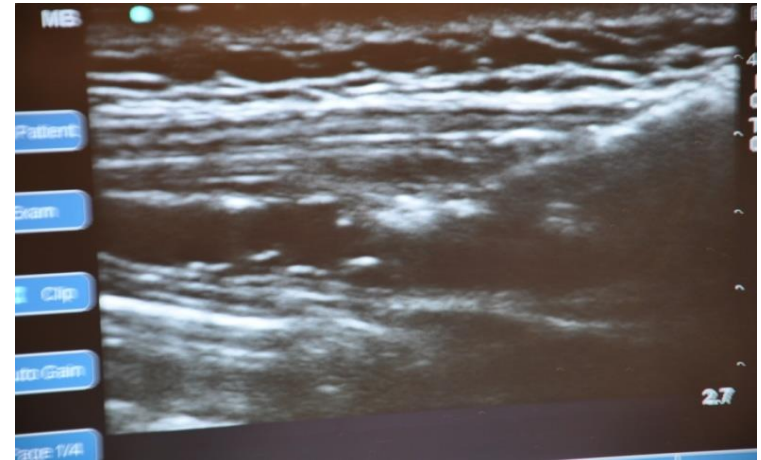
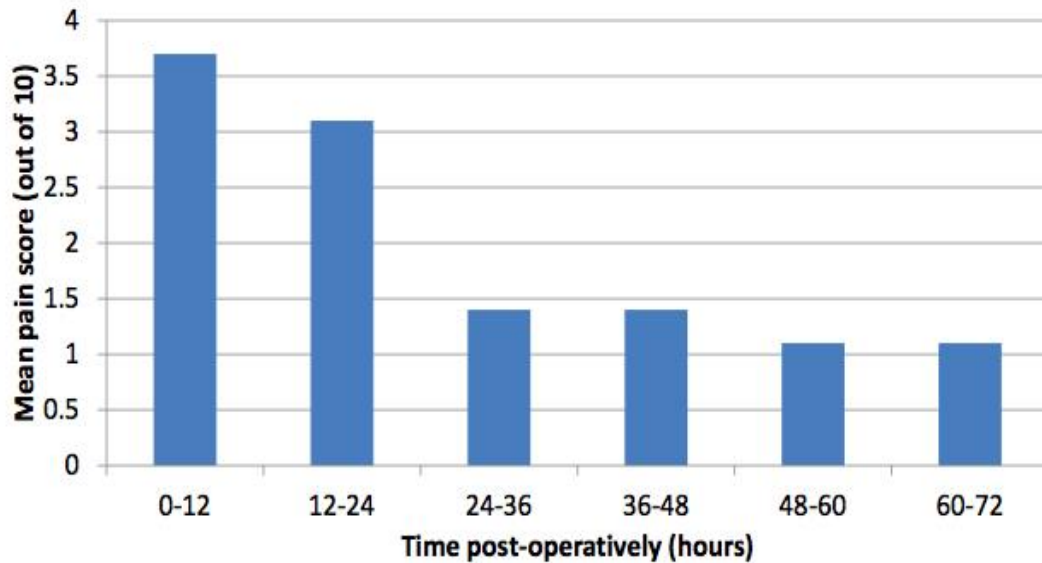
- *Surgical:*
- Synergy with anaesthetist:
  - Minimise fluid shifts
- Cell-Saver use
- Anchored stents
- Overnight pelvic drain
- *Anaesthetic:*
  - Intra-operative Oesophageal Doppler/LIDCO
- Rectus Sheath catheters
- NSAID Supps or iv?
- Routine Magnesium replacement in recovery

# Use of rectus sheath catheters for pain relief in patients undergoing major pelvic urological surgery

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Figure 2. Mean post-operative pain scores per 12-hour period



# De-medicalisation

- Evening:

- Tea/Coffee

- Fortisips

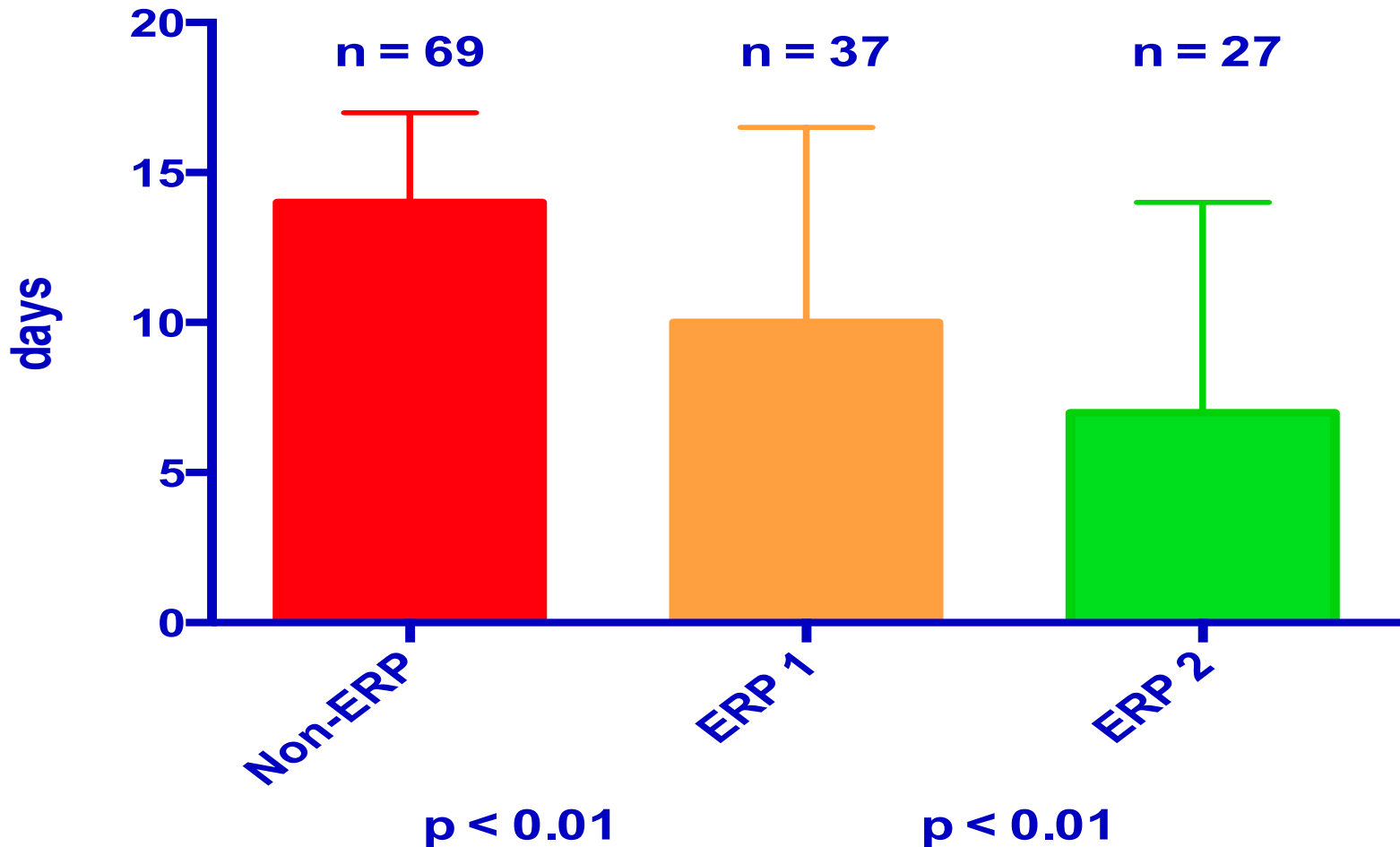
- Day 1:

- Urethral drain out
- PCA down
- Discontinue iv fluids
- Sit out for meals
- Fortisips/  
Soup/Jelly/Ice Cream
- Pt chewing gum and  
GUT physiology  
lesson!
- Walk am on SHDU  
then walk to the ward  
pm
- Stoma lesson

- Day 2:

- Disconnect  
Urometer
- Stoma lessons  
am & pm
- Stoma  
independence
- Walk off ward

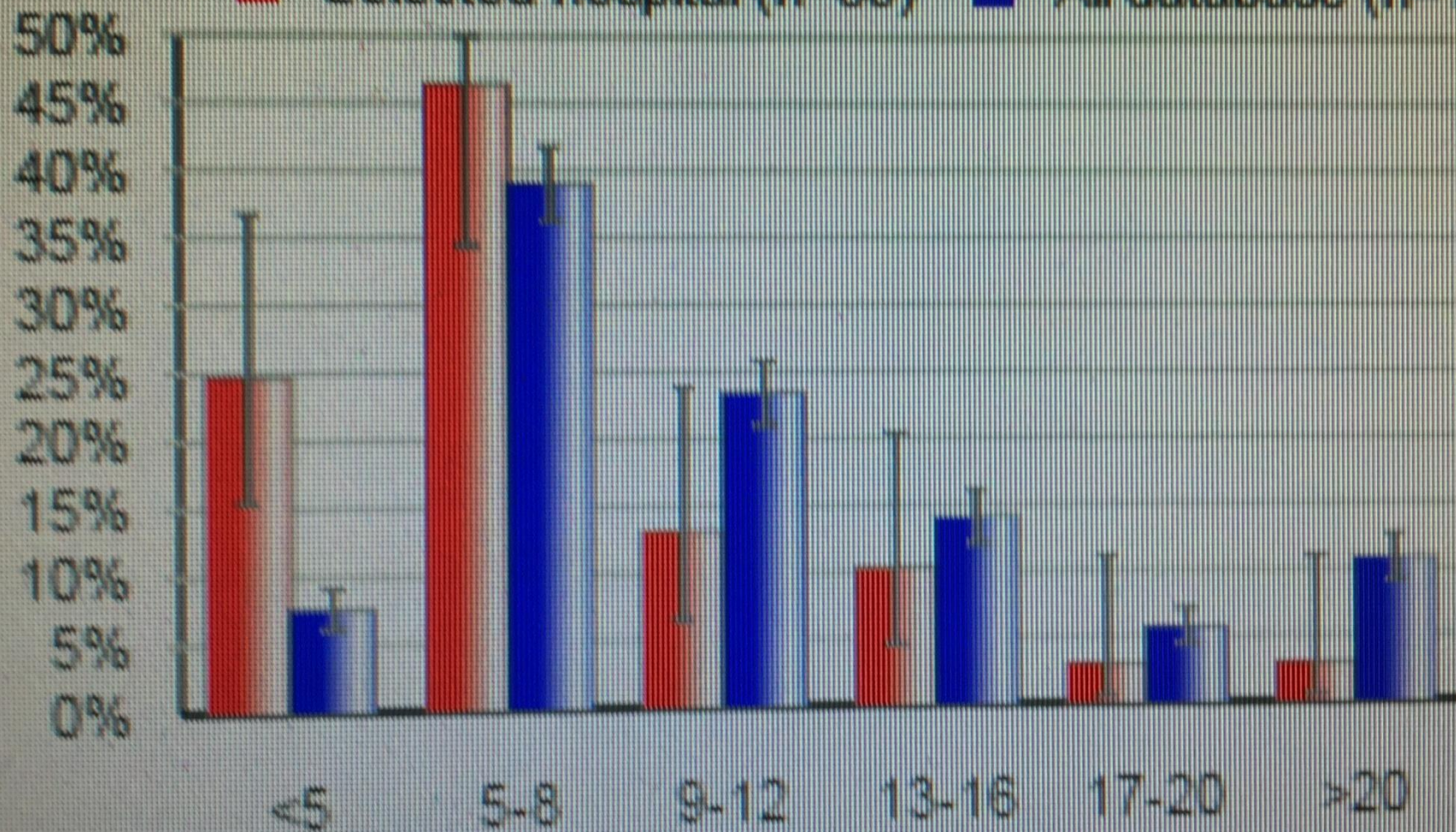
# Marginal gain: Median LOS 7 days





## Post-operative stay

■ Selected hospital (n=69) ■ All database (n=1236)





# Discharge?

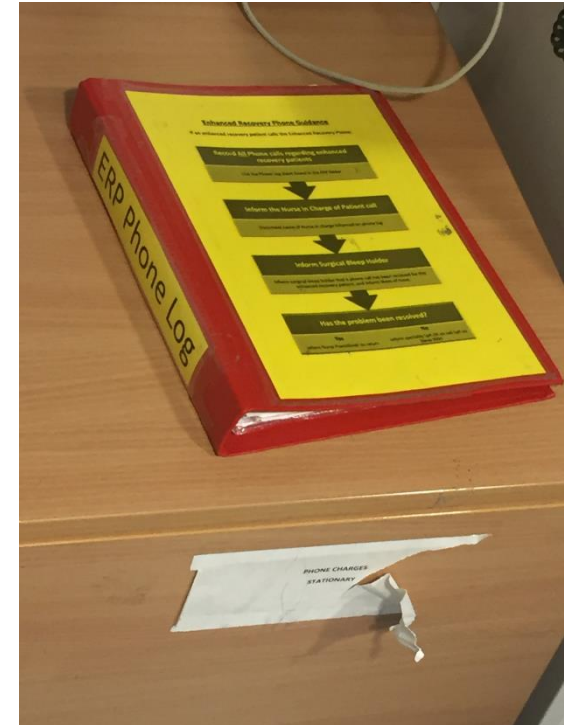
When tolerating normal diet, pain controlled with oral analgesia and normal bowel activity.

Support:

- High levels of Surgeon-patient Interaction
- D/C with stents
- Low Residue/ High protein diet
- Open Access to Ward
- 24hr Help line
- 48hrly telephone consult with ANP
- Stent removal day 10 (day 14 for salvage and exenteration)

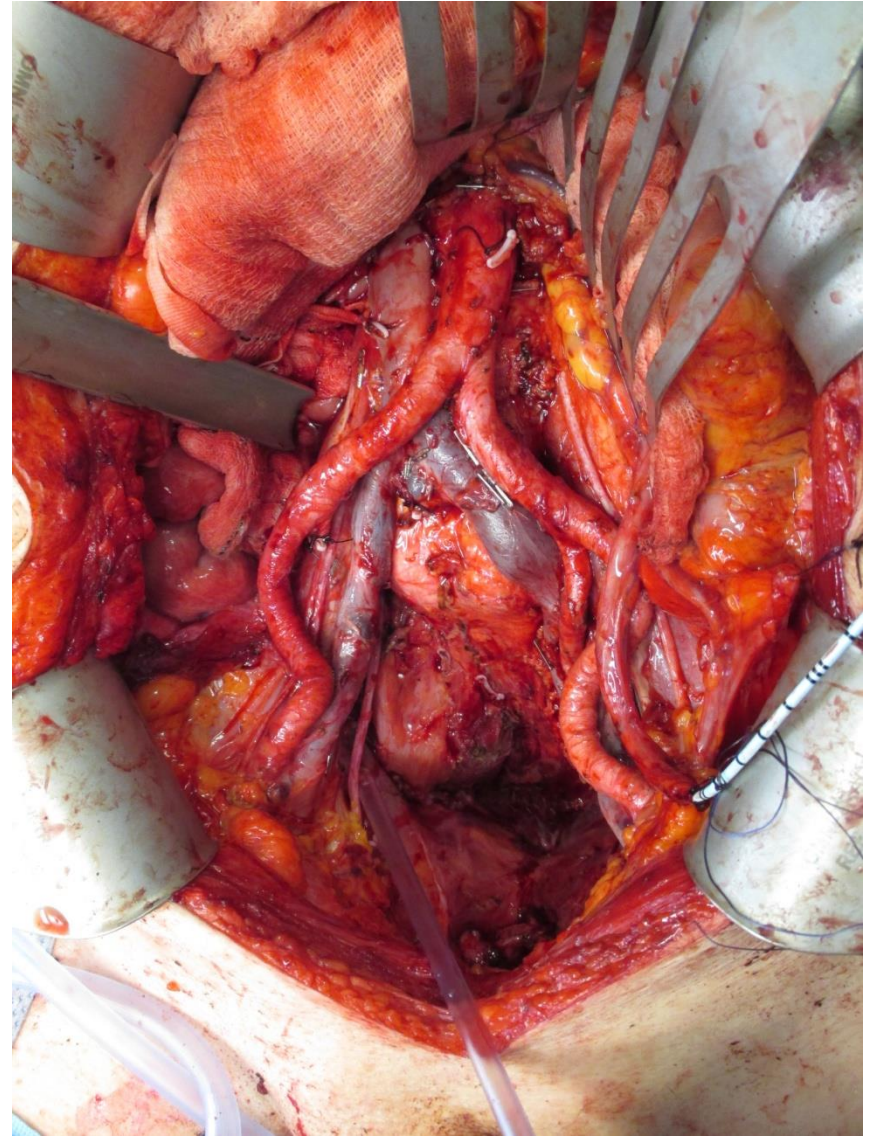
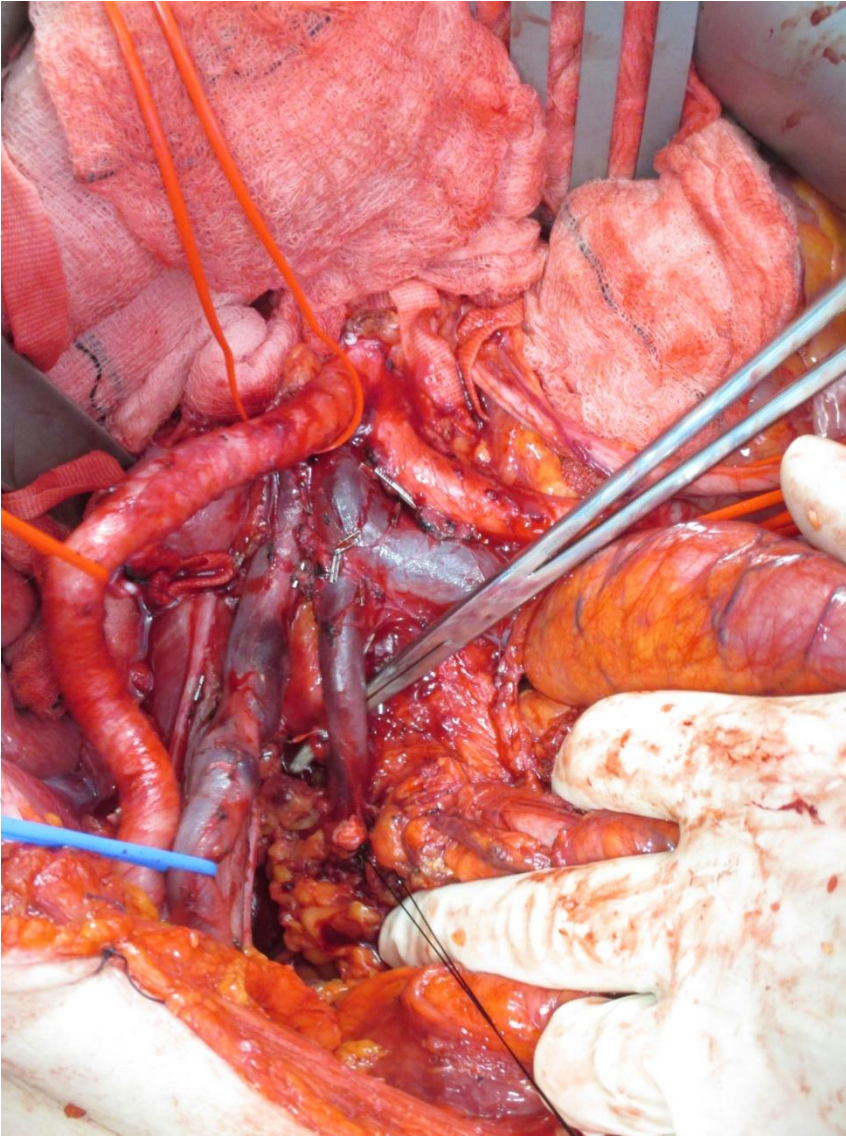
# Complications and Safety

- Readmission 90 day:
  - Non-ERP 10.1%
  - ERP-1 13.2%
  - ERP-2 18.5% (5 patients) ( $p=0.54$ )
  - National readmission 15-18%
- Safety:
  - 48hrly telephone consult
  - Safety hotline and readmission criteria:
    - Vomiting, unwell, fevers, CVS or DVT flags!

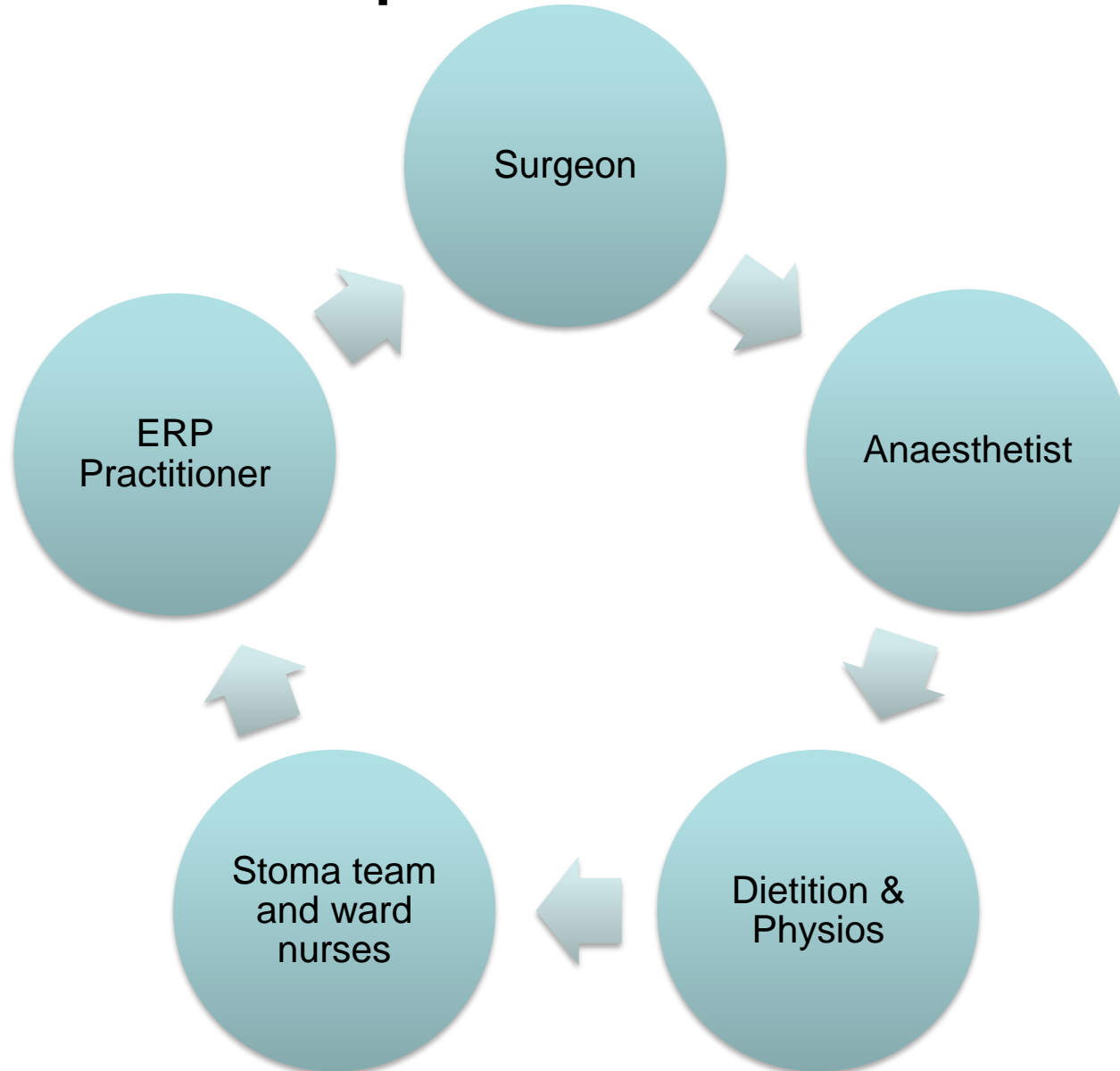


# Cystectomy or Exenteration?

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# Behavior of a group of health care professionals





# Questions?

