Perforated diverticulitis requiring acute surgery

Diagnostic laparoscopy in all four quadrants

Hinchey III (N=80)
Include & Randomise

Hinchey I, II, IV or other pathology
Exclude

Laparoscopic Lavage (N=40)
•Lavage with >3L of saline or return of clear fluid
•Passive drainage for at least 24h
•Continued antibiotics

Hartman Procedure (N=40)
•Sigmoid resection and colostomy
•Passive drainage for at least 24h
•Continued antibiotics

Follow-Up
6-12 weeks
6 months
12 months