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Title: Altemeier operation associated with dynamic graciloplasty: a case report

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Doctor Ortiz

1 “It is said that the patient presented in this paper has been treated. Unfortunately, nowadays anal encirclement is not an option to treat faecal incontinence”

Answer 1: In the anamnesis of the patient anal encirclement has been performed to treat the rectal prolapse.

2 “Nowadays, it is recognized that determination of pudendal nerve motor latency is scarce. Please omitted this data”


3 “It is difficult to state the patient can not handle and artificial bowel sphincter. This sentence can be omitted”

Answer 3: The patient has motor deficit due to an encephalitis when she was child.
Doctor Hetzer

1) This patient was elderly and she had motor deficit due to an encephalitis when she was a child. She didn’t speak clearly and it was difficult to explain complex orders and it was impossible to obtain full collaboration. For this reason biofeedback was not taken into consideration.


For the reason of point 1 it was also impossible to obtain a valid Predictive evaluation test of SNS.

The colostomy was closed at 1 year in relation with the anal manometry.

Doctor Ortiz and Doctor Hetzer

I have removed the pictures
I have written the wexner score and the anal manometry
I think that for the specificity of the case it’s important to have a long discussion.