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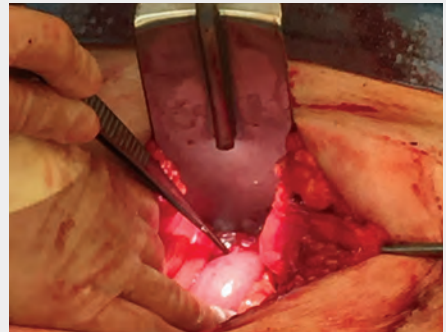
GENERAL AND COLORECTAL SURGERY CASEBOOK



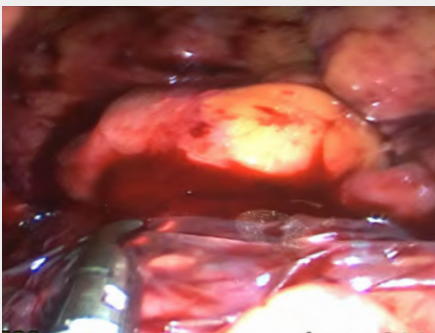
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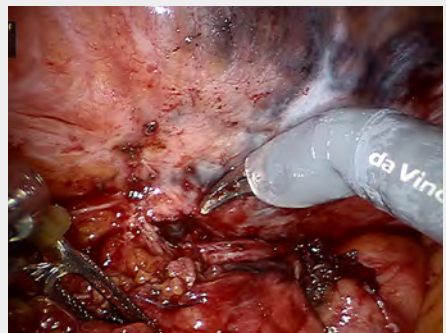
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Pilonidal Cyst with AmnioFill

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Challenge

A 52-year-old female presented with a pilonidal cyst. She experienced swelling, drainage and significant pain for six months. Comorbidities included type II diabetes and hypertension.

Surgical Intervention

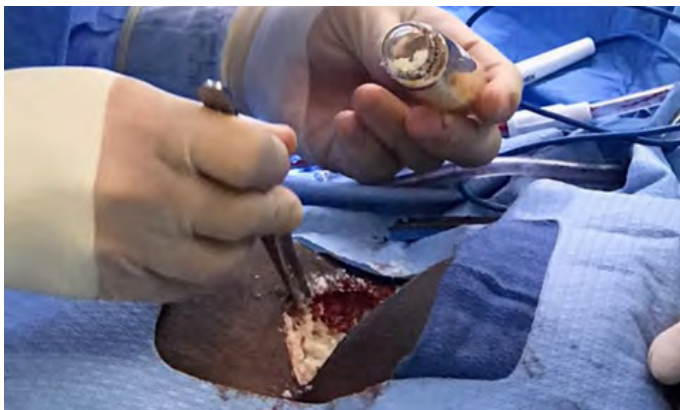
A 10 cm area was excised in order to remove the entire affected area. 500 mg of AmnioFill was spread throughout the wound. AmnioFill is a placental-based tissue matrix in a particulate configuration to replace or supplement damaged or inadequate integumental tissue for acute and chronic closures. The product provides a human biocompatible extracellular matrix (ECM) and retains 300+ regulatory proteins.¹⁻³ Two-thirds of the defect was sutured. The upper one-third was left open to allow for drainage and packed with dry gauze. The dressings were left in place for one week in order to leave the AmnioFill undisturbed.



AmnioFill

Follow-Up

At the two week follow-up, granulation tissue was visible and the defect was decreasing in size. No additional AmnioFill applications were required.



500 mg of AmnioFill



Two-thirds closure



Defect at time of excision



Follow-up at two weeks



Follow-up at five weeks

Acute Abdominal Wall Dehiscence with EpiFix

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Challenge

62-year-old obese male, BMI of 29, type II diabetes, with a history of hypertension, myocardial infarction with stent placements, multiple abdominal surgeries, and over forty years of cigarette smoking, underwent large ventral hernia repair. At one week postop, the patient developed ischemia at the incision line, which led to an incisional dehiscence.

Studies have shown a direct correlation between the number of comorbidities and clinical outcomes. A significant rise in complications, length of stay, and mortality rates is associated with the rise in number of patient comorbidities.⁴⁻⁶

Surgical Intervention

The patient was managed with serial debridement and wet-to-dry dressings for two months, then placed on negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) for four weeks at home. After one month of NPWT, the wound had only decreased by 30%. NPWT was discontinued, and EpiFix was applied every other week, instead of weekly, due to the travel distance for the patient. EpiFix is a dehydrated human amnion/chorion membrane allograft. The product provides a semi-permeable barrier that supports the healing cascade and protects the wound bed to aid in the development of granulation tissue in acute and chronic closures. It provides a biocompatible human extracellular matrix and retains 300+ regulatory proteins.¹⁻³



EpiFix

Follow-Up

Upon examination at his two month EpiFix follow-up visit, the wound was fully closed and re-epithelialized. The patient returned for a routine one-year visit and has remained fully closed and asymptomatic.



Following debridement



Four weeks of NPWT, only 30% size reduction, first EpiFix 4 cm x 4 cm applied



Week 2: Two 2 cm x 3 cm EpiFix applied



Week 4: One 2 cm x 3 cm EpiFix applied



Week 8: Wound closed and stable

Low Anterior Resection with AmnioFix

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Challenge

A 62-year-old male with Lynch Syndrome and a prior subtotal colectomy presents with recurrent cancer in sigmoid colon. Comorbidities included morbid obesity, sleep apnea, and hypertension.

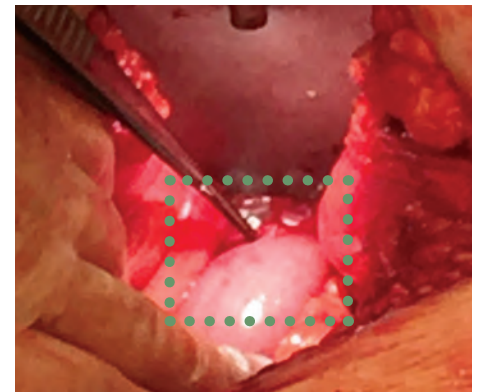
Anastomotic leakage is the most serious complication specific to intestinal surgery and ranges from 2.9% to as high as 15.3%. At least one-third of the mortality after colorectal surgery is attributed to leaks.⁷ Additionally, anastomotic leaks can have 3x higher postoperative infection and mortality rates.⁸

Surgical Intervention

Significant adhesiolysis was required due to prior surgery and likely from either the tumor or diverticulitis. A 14 cm portion of small bowel, sigmoid, and rectum was resected. The anastomosis was completed using a circular stapler, and a 2 cm x 12 cm AmnioFix sheet was placed onto the anastomotic suture line and wrapped around the bowel circumferentially. AmnioFix is a dehydrated human amnion/chorion membrane allograft. AmnioFix sheets provide a semi-permeable protective barrier that supports the healing cascade. AmnioFix provides a human biocompatible extracellular matrix (ECM) and retains 300+ regulatory proteins.¹⁻³ **NOTE: In the Retrospective, Multi-center Study highlighted below, results showed that use of AmnioFix around colonic anastomosis reduced leakage by 74.25%.**



AmnioFix



2 cm x 12 cm AmnioFix wrapped around the anastomosis

Follow-Up

The patient was seen postop day 14 with normal bowel control and no wound infections or other complications.

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Dehydrated Human Amnion/Chorion Membrane in Colorectal Anastomoses: A Retrospective Multi-Center Study

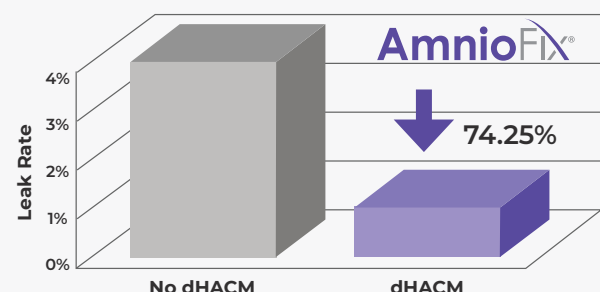
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3 Sites, N= 2,390 colonic anastomosis

- 2,000 were the base-line cohort without AmnioFix
- 390 had AmnioFix applied to the anastomosis

	No dHACM	AmnioFix®
Anastomotic Leaks	80 of 2,000	4 of 390
Anastomotic Leak Rate	4.0%	1.03%

Anastomotic Leak Rate with and without dHACM



Colostomy Reversal with AmnioFix

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Challenge

A 68-year-old male underwent an emergency Hartmann's procedure with a rectosigmoidectomy and end colostomy with a rectal pouch, due to a perforation of the sigmoid colon from acute diverticulitis.

Though wound healing in elderly people is not necessarily impaired, age related changes are evident. Comorbidities, which are associated with impaired healing, are more prevalent in older patient populations and can delay healing by 20-60%.⁹

Anastomotic leakage is the most common and much feared intraoperative complication in colostomy reversal.^{10,11} One study showed the anastomotic leakage rate at as high as 3.8%.¹² In addition to anastomotic leakage, other common postoperative complications include wound infection, incisional hernia, ileus, and enteric fistula formation.^{10,11}

Surgical Intervention

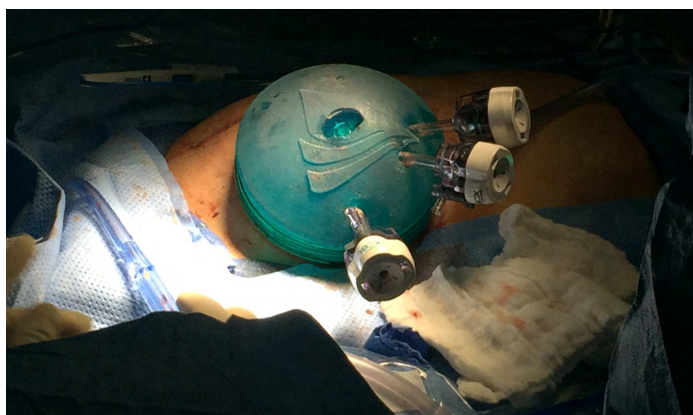
Five months later, when the patient's overall condition improved, a colostomy reversal using a single-port laparoscopic technique with AmnioFix was performed. A 2 cm x 6 cm AmnioFix graft was placed laparoscopically on the colorectal anastomotic, stapled site and stitched into place with absorbable sutures. AmnioFix is a dehydrated human amnion/chorion membrane allograft. The product provides a semi-permeable barrier that supports the healing cascade. It provides a biocompatible human extracellular matrix and retains 300+ regulatory proteins.¹⁻³



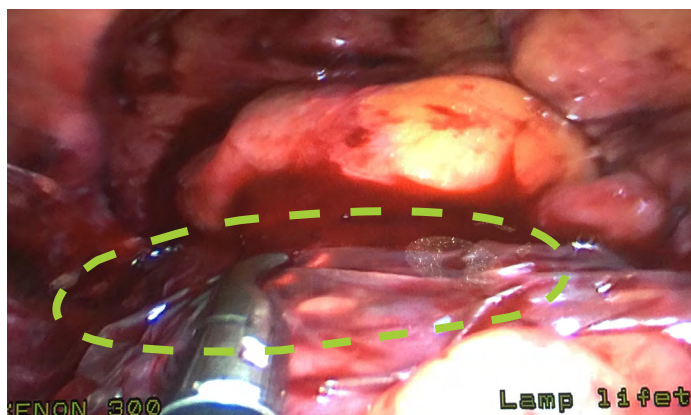
AmnioFix

Follow-Up

The patient was seen two weeks after the surgery with no postoperative complications. The patient was having normal bowel movements daily.



Single-port laparoscopic approach



2 cm x 6 cm AmnioFix placed on anastomosis

Anal Fistula Repair with AmnioFix

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Challenge

A 39-year-old male with a 10-year history of anal fistula. He usually used gauze and tape to stop the bleeding and purulent drainage and would routinely take oral antibiotics and pain medications until the symptoms subsided. He did not seek surgical consultation until his most recent perirectal abscess became significant and the pain was unbearable. He had developed a large anal fistula due to this long-standing problem.

The main goals of anal fistula repair are to eradicate chronically or acutely infected anal fistulas and promote complete healing of the lesion. Due to its simplicity and relatively good outcome, the most common surgical technique employed is fistulotomy.¹³ However, this type of repair leaves behind a rather large open wound which can bleed, cause pain, and even increase inflammation or infection. Alternately, fistulectomy has certain advantages over the fistulotomy due to a completely closed incision and eradication of the fistula. The approach is far from ideal, as fistulectomy can result in higher infection rates, more pain, and longer surgical time and recovery.¹⁴

Surgical Intervention

The patient was informed of all potential treatment approaches and chose fistulectomy with AmnioFix Injectable and AmnioFix sheet allografts applied to the surrounding fistulectomy site. AmnioFix is a dehydrated human amnion/chorion membrane allograft. AmnioFix sheets provide a semi-permeable protective barrier that supports the healing cascade. AmnioFix provides a human biocompatible extracellular matrix (ECM) and retains 300+ regulatory proteins.¹⁻³



AmnioFix

Follow-Up

The patient was seen weekly for two weeks. He had complete closure within four weeks of the surgery without any sign of drainage or other complications. He was released from the surgeon's care six weeks postop without any sequelae.



Passing probe from external anal fistula opening site to internal opening site



Curette the granulation tissue



160 mg of AmnioFix Injectable injected into the fistula tract



Using absorbable suture to secure 2 cm x 6 cm AmnioFix in place

Colovesical Fistula Repair with AmnioFix

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Challenge

A 71-year-old male presented with diverticulitis of the distal colon. Significant medical history included diabetes mellitus, nephrolithiasis with bilateral nephrostomy tubes, and kidney failure with ongoing hemodialysis. After responding to conservative therapy, the patient began passing gas through his urethra. A CT scan identified a small fistula between the patient's colon and bladder.

In this case, the treatment of the patient's colovesical fistula was further complicated by advanced age, several comorbidities, and significant medical history. An elderly patient with these comorbidities is at higher risk of postop complications from extensive surgery; therefore, it was decided to avoid a sigmoidectomy.

Surgical Intervention

With the use of a robotic surgery approach and AmnioFix, the patient was able to undergo a less invasive and lower risk procedure. This approach allowed for a simple fistula resection and primary repairs on both sides of the fistula tract. 2 cm x 3 cm AmnioFix sheets were placed on both bladder and colon primary repair sites.

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AmnioFix

A loop ileostomy diversion was placed for eight weeks to further minimize risk of fistula recurrence. After eight weeks, the patient returned for an ileostomy reversal. A 4 cm x 6 cm AmnioFix sheet was placed on the loop ileostomy repair site and stitched into place with an absorbable suture. Prior to stoma site closure, a laparoscope was inserted at the ostomy site to observe the previous fistula repair site. There were no adhesions observed where the AmnioFix was placed, and the bladder was smooth and shiny in appearance. The stoma site was then closed, and the patient was discharged two days later without complications.

Follow-Up

The patient's follow-up was two weeks after the ileostomy takedown. He had normal bowel movements and no complications.

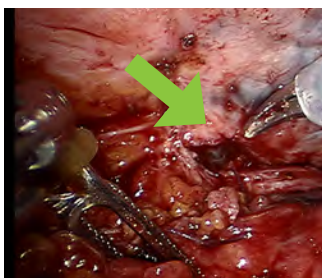
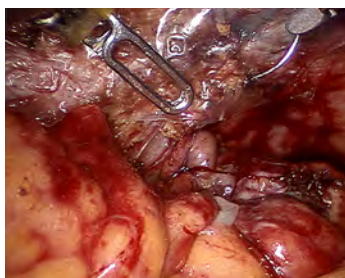
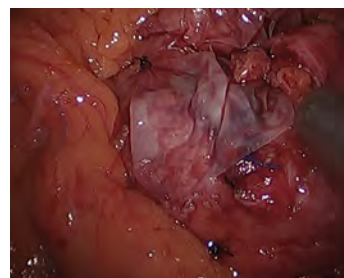


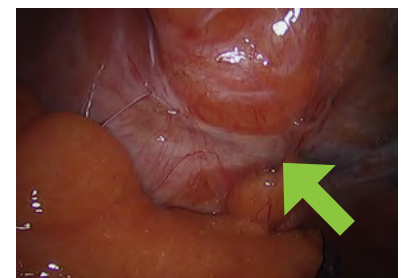
Image of fistula



2 cm x 3 cm AmnioFix placed on bladder repair



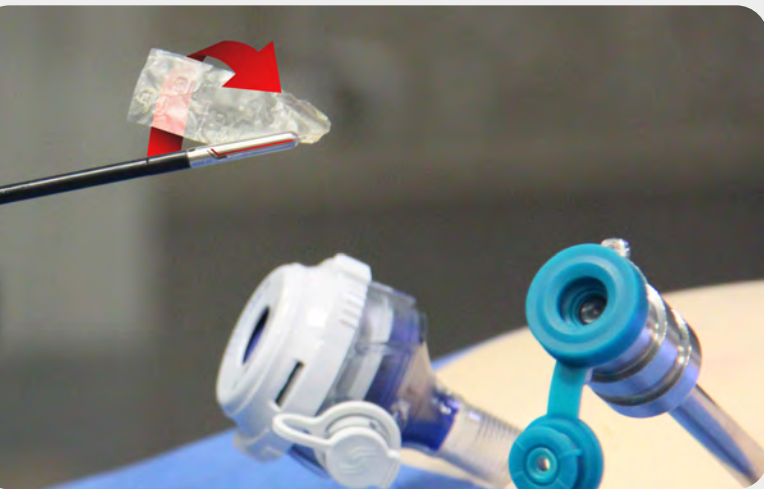
4 cm x 6 cm AmnioFix placed on ileostomy reversal at 8 weeks



2nd look at 8 weeks – repaired fistula with no adhesions observed

Tips for Minimally Invasive Surgical (MIS) Procedures

- AmnioFix sheet configuration is the most common choice for MIS procedures
- Cut AmnioFix to desired size if needed, prior to introduction into the port
- Minimum 8 mm port
- Irrigate and suction / aspirate the area prior to introducing AmnioFix to prevent accidentally suctioning out the graft
- Surgical equipment and surgical site should be dry and clean of debris. (Pass gauze in and out of trocar)
- AmnioFix is introduced through the assistant port with an atraumatic grasper
- Ensure graft is not hydrated / wet prior to introduction



Common Method

1. Grasp the corner of dry graft
2. Wrap the graft around the atraumatic grasper
3. Introduce through the trocar

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