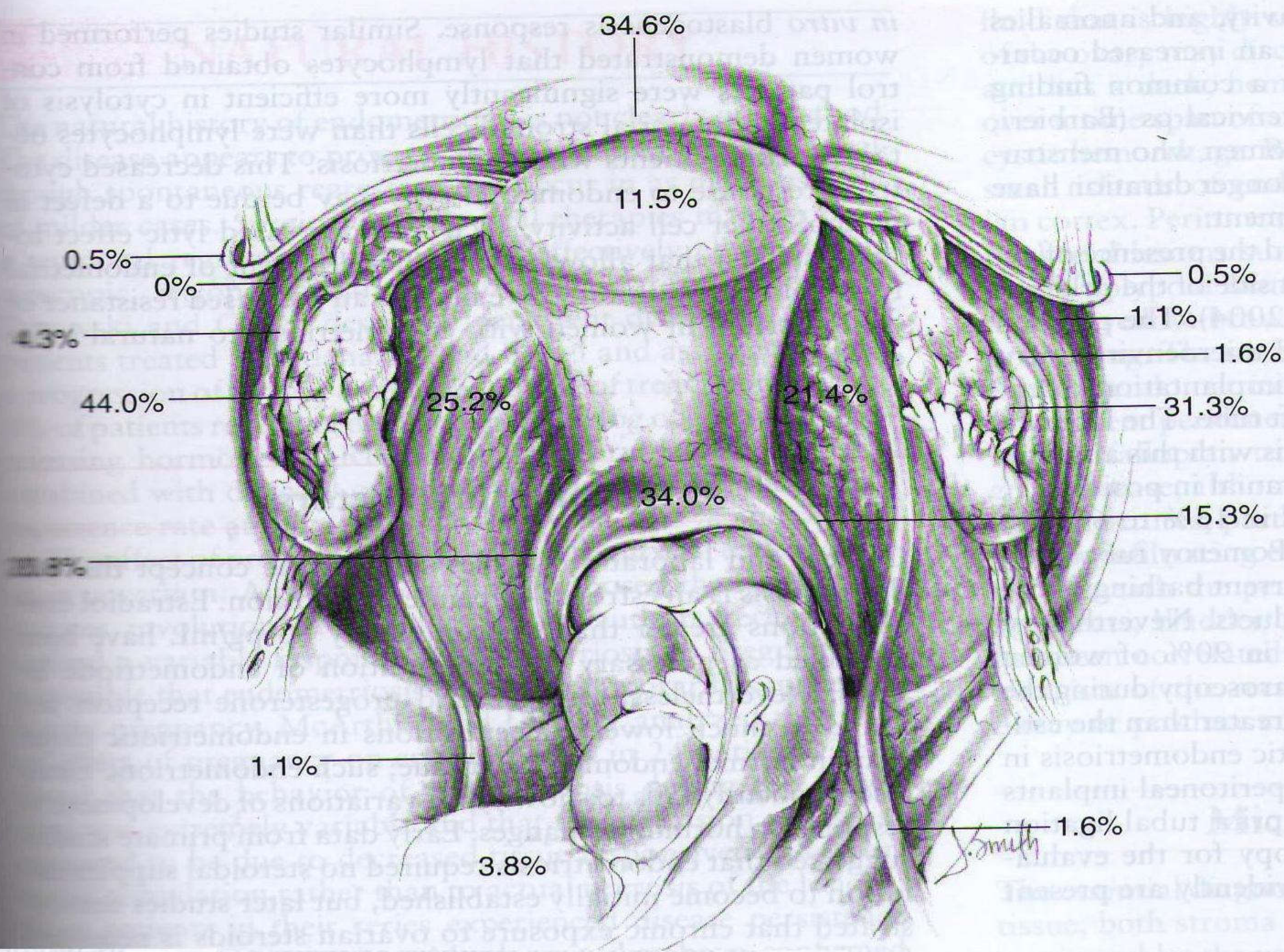


# BOWELL ENDOMETRIOSIS

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**COLORECTAL SURGEON**









- Endometriosis affects up to 10% of all reproductive-aged women, and affect
- The bowel is the most common site of extra-genital endometriosis and is most frequently seen along the rectum, rectovaginal septum, and sigmoid colon.
- Surgical management is recommended for symptomatic patients with bowel endometriosis who have failed medical therapy, or in whom medical therapy is not indicated



# SITES OF ENDOMETRIOSIS

- ***Pelvic***

- Ovary
- Cul de sac
- Uterosacrals
- Posterior surface of uterus
- Posterior broad ligament
- Rectovaginal septum
- Tubes and round ligaments

- ***Extrapelvic sites***

- Intestines (rectosigmoid,

- Lungs & thorax
- Urinary tract

- ***Less common sites***

- Cervix
- Hernial sacs
- Umblicus
- Laparotomy/episiotomy sites
- Tubal stumps after sterilization

- ***Rarest***

- Extremities



## Bowel involvement

affecting 3.8–37%

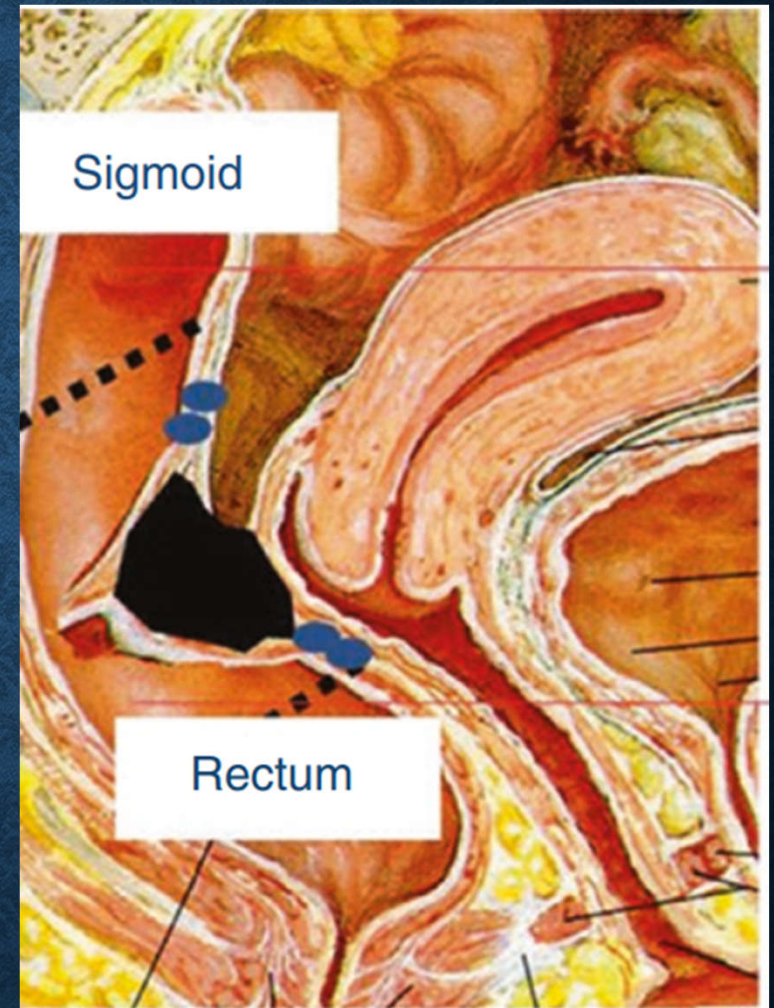
rectum and rectosigmoid 65%

Sigmoid colon 17%

appendix 6% - 20%

cecum and ileocecal  
junction 4% (only)

8% of associated ileocecal endometriosis





# ENDOMETRIOTIC LESIONS

## VARIABLE APPEARANCE

### Peritoneum

#### Typical

#### **Superficial**

- Early red lesions
- Powder burn or gunshot
- Black, dark brown or bluish puckered lesions
- White plaques
- Adhesions –flimsy, vascular, dense

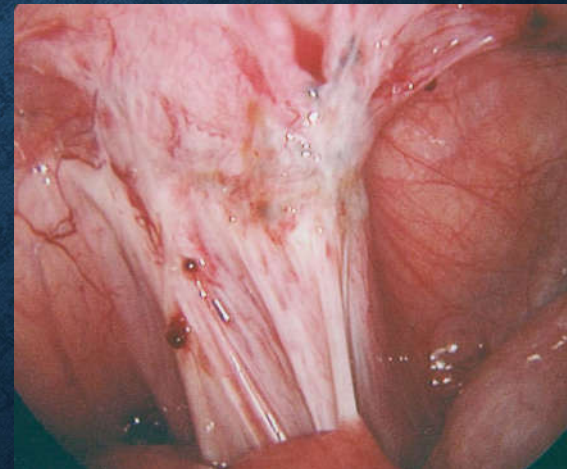
**(DIE) Deeply Infiltrating Endometriosis** ,  
>5mm depth

#### Atypical or subtle lesions

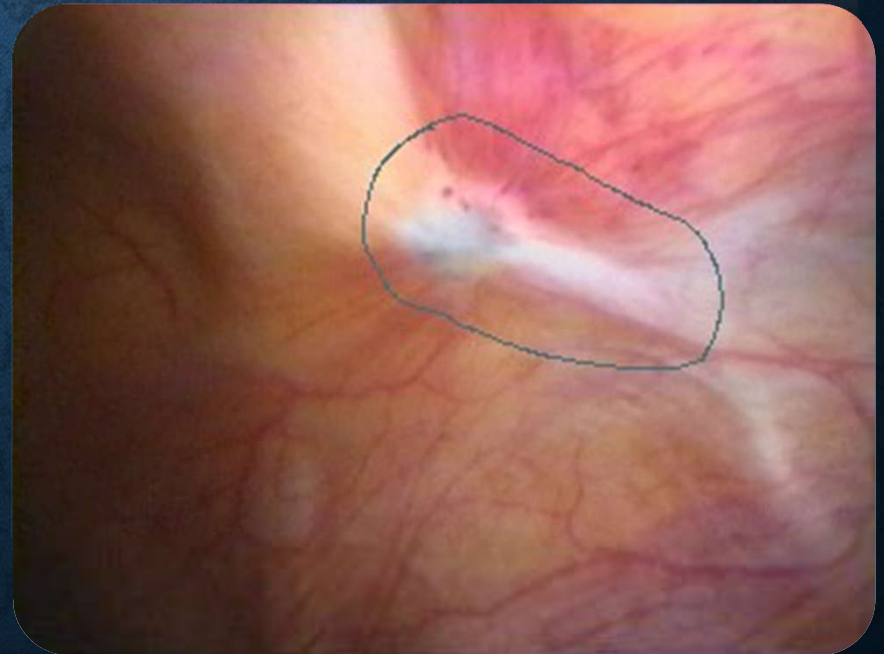
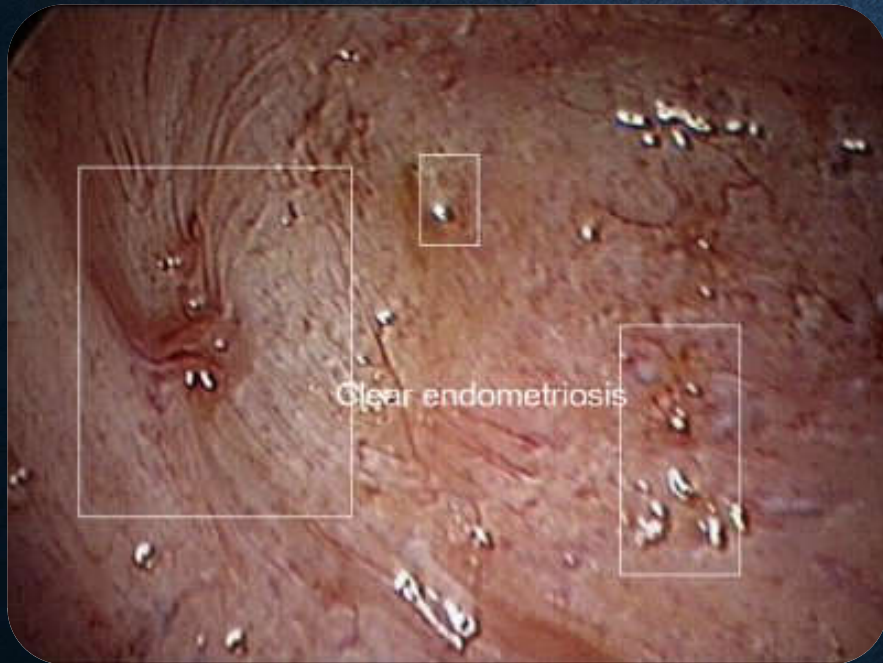
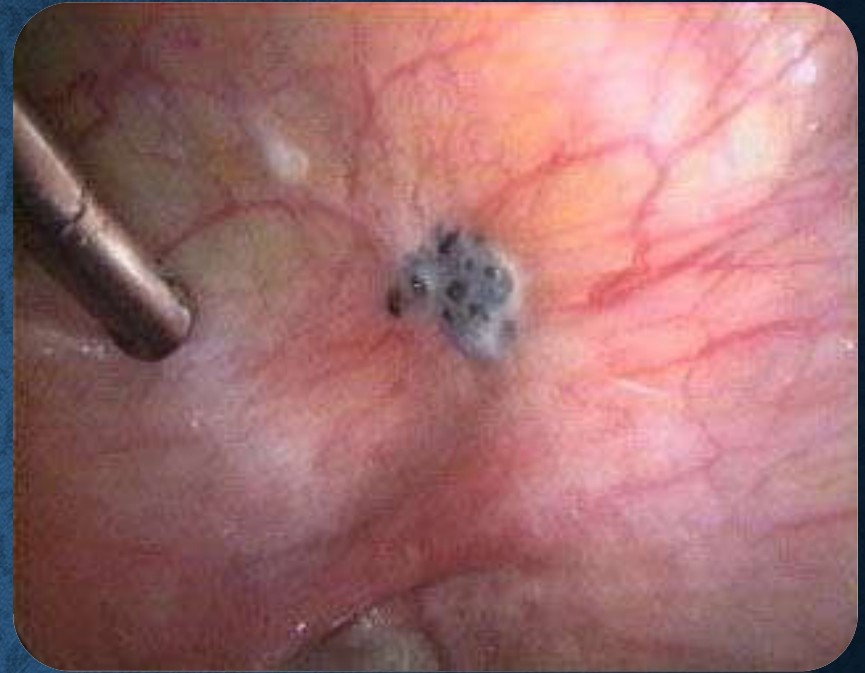
- Serous / clear vesicle
- Yellowish discoloration

### Ovaries

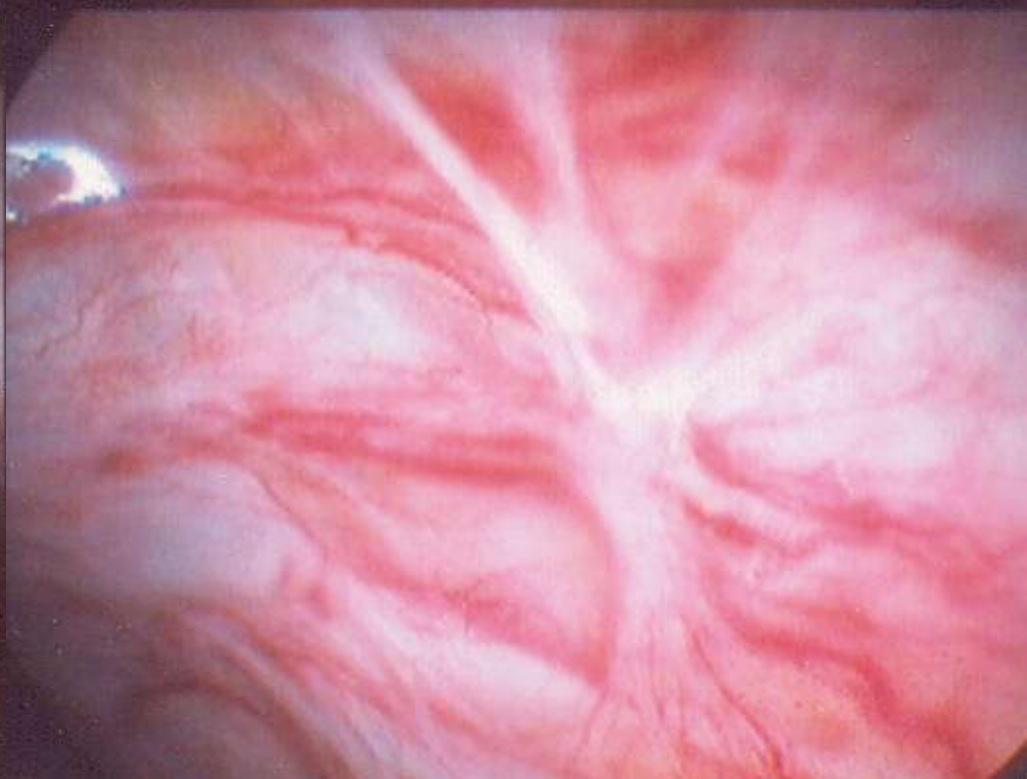
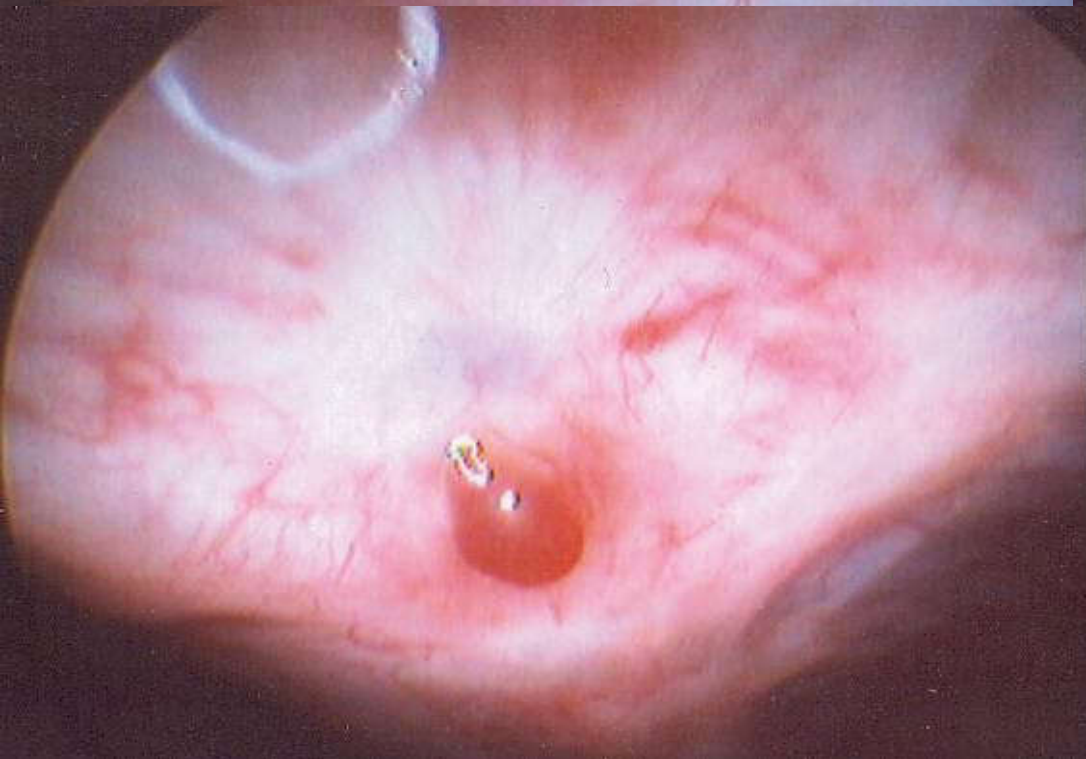
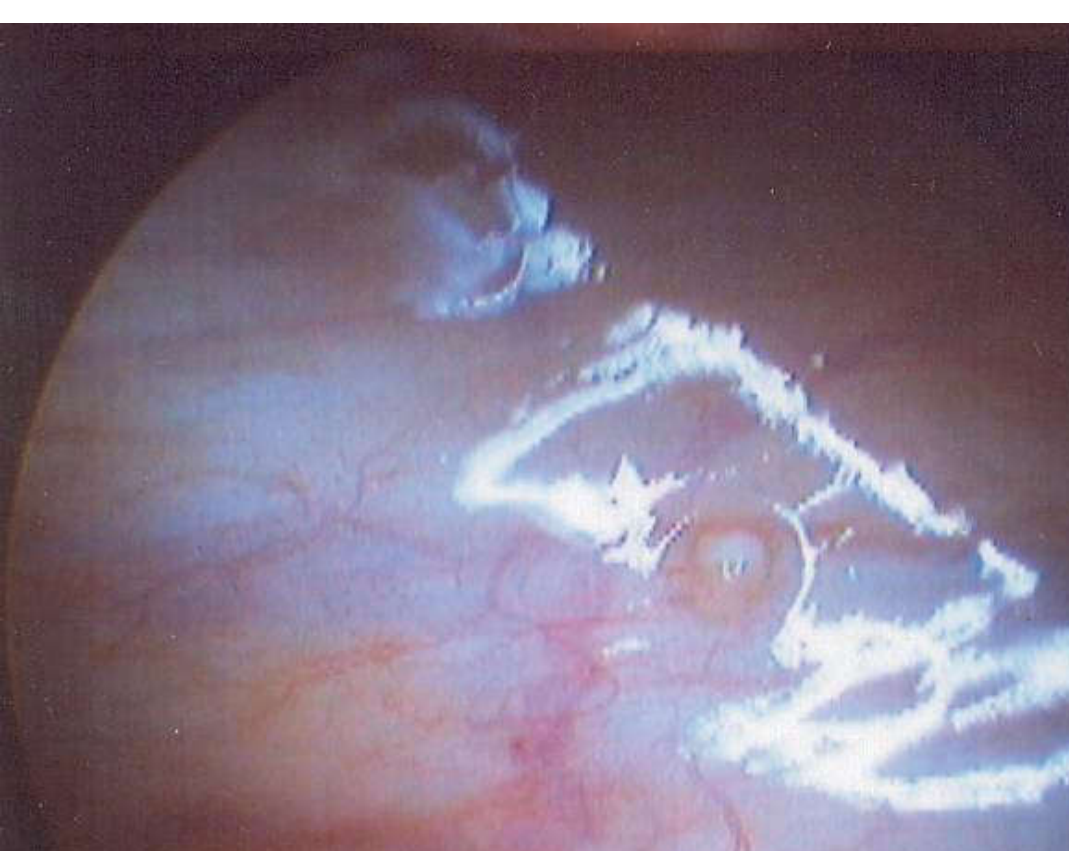
- Superficial
- Subovarian adhesions
- Endometriomas













# CLINICAL PRESENTATION

Severe dysmenorrhoea

Deep dyspareunia

Chronic pelvic pain

Ovulation pain

Perimenstrual pain/bleed

Infertility

Chronic fatigue

Pain during defecation

Constipation

Rectorrhagia

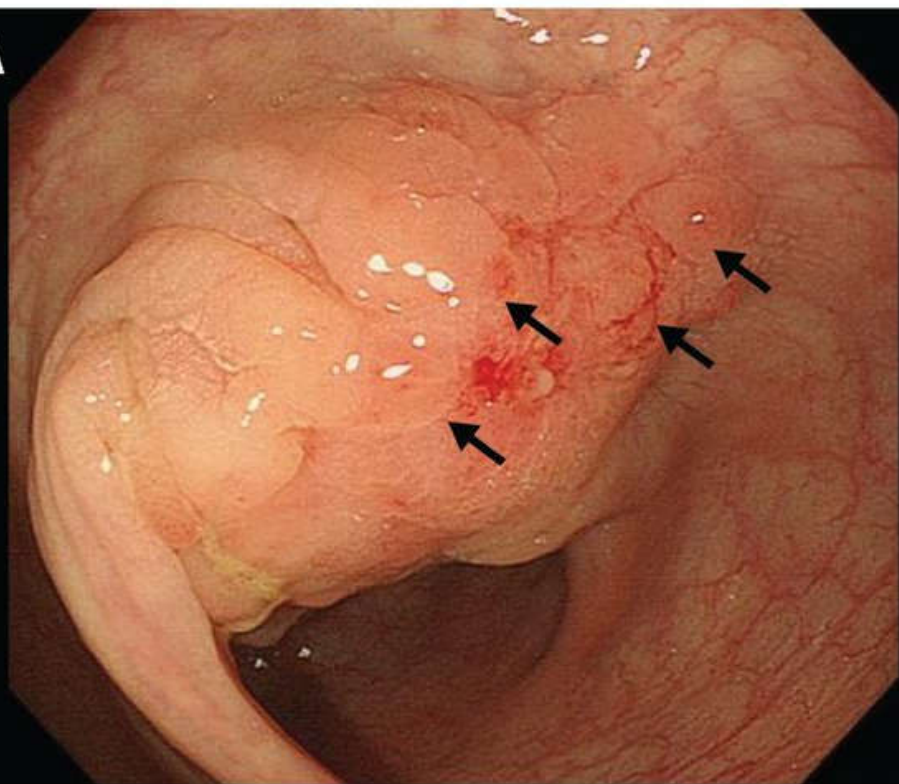
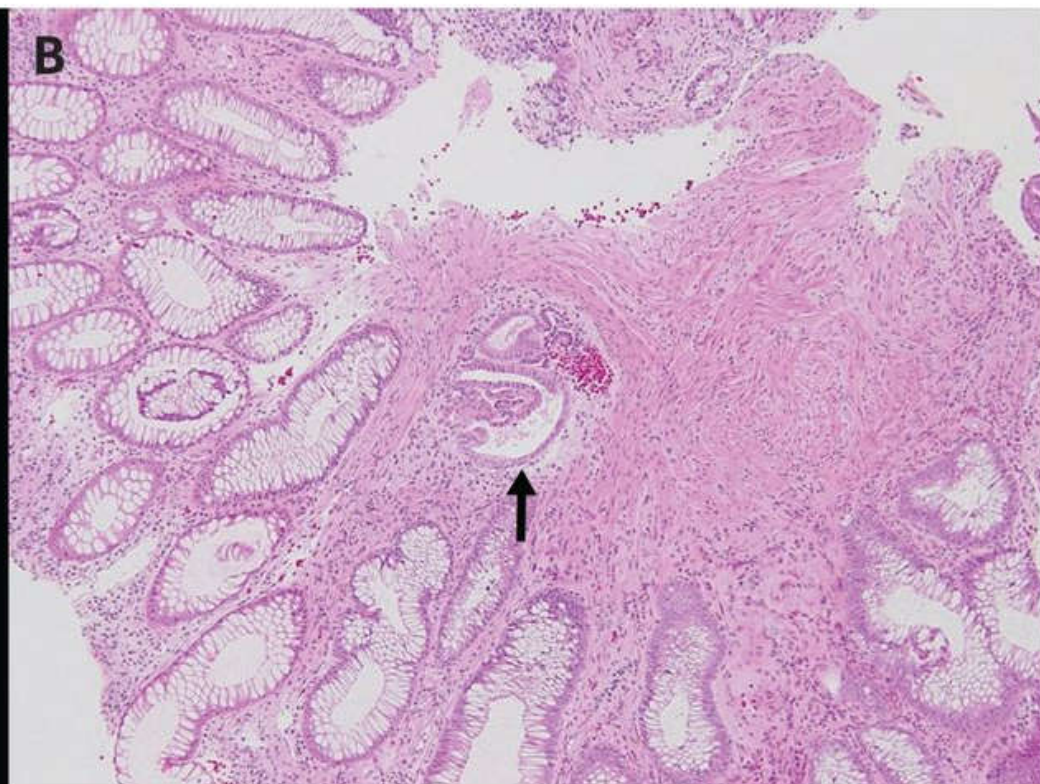
**Variable**

**Need high index  
of suspicion**

**Usually delay of many years  
b/w**

**Symptoms and Definitive diagnosis**



**A****B**



# TREATMENT OP

- **Medical Therapy**

- NSAIDs and Cox2 inhibitors
- COCs
- Progestogens
- Anti progestins
- GnRH agonists and antagonists
- Aromatase inhibitors
- Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulators
- Selective Progesteron Receptor Modulators

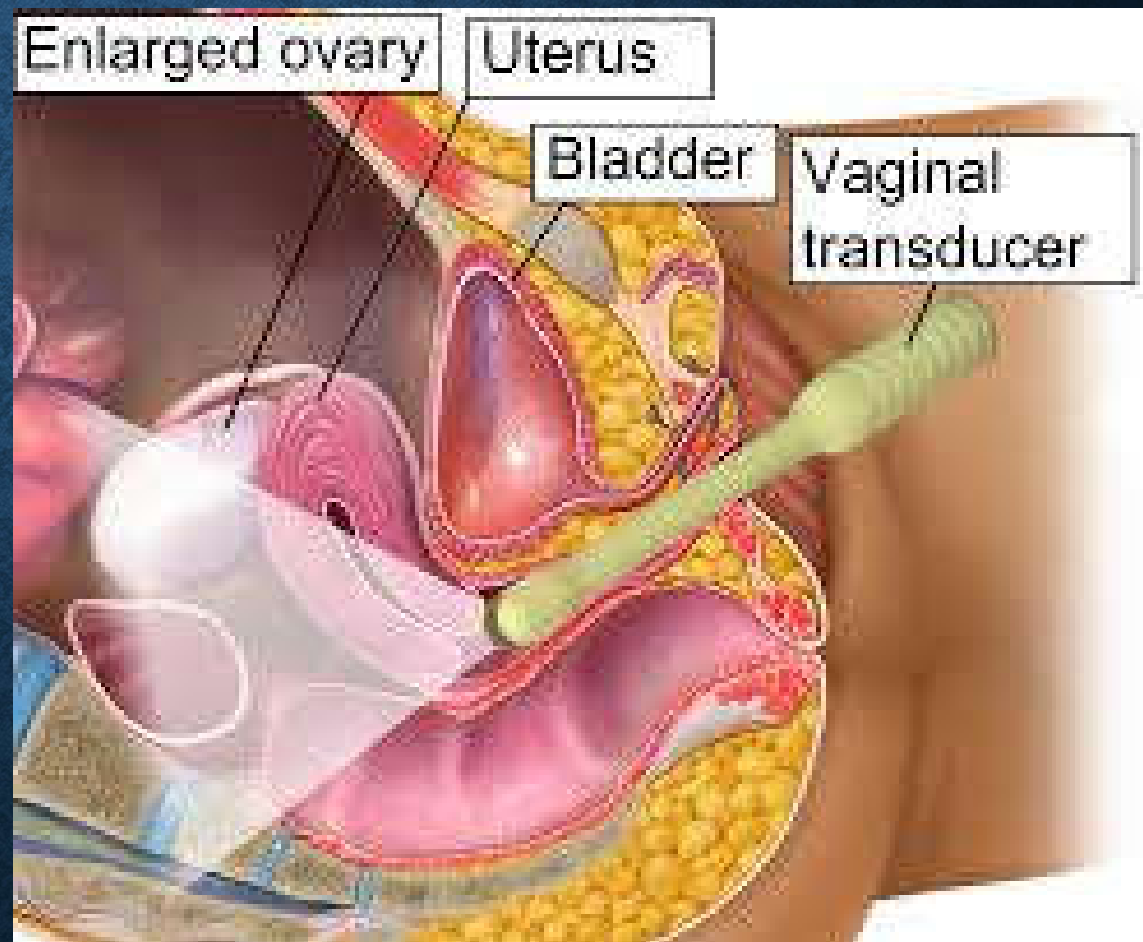
- **Surgical Treatment**

- Conservative Surgery
- Definitive Surgery





Transvaginal ultrasound (TVUS)  
TRANS RECTAL  
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION





- mimic that of irritable bowel syndrome
- inflammatory or ischemic colitis,
- radiation colitis
- Diverticulitis
- malignancy,
- pelvic inflammatory disease



# INDICATION

- Pain
- Infertility
- Bleeding
- Obstruction or constipation
- cancer



# LAPAROSCOPY – GOLD STANDARD

- Diagnose the **extent** and **severity** of disease.
- **Should not be performed within 3 months** of hormonal therapy to avoid under diagnosis.
- **Methodical approach required.** Thoroughly inspect the lateral sidewalls, all ovarian surfaces, both sides of broad ligament, bladder, bowel serosa and inferior aspects of the cul de sac.
- **Uterine manipulation** helps in visualizing POD and recto vaginal septum
- **Photography** and video recording of the findings should be done ideally.



## SURGICAL MANAGEMENT :

LAPAROSCOPIC    trained gynecologic surgeon  
                         gastrointestinal surgeon familiar with endometriosis

- Extensive dissection not advisable



# SURGERY FOR PAIN RELIEF

- Drug therapy may relieve inflammation and reduce pain in early superficial disease but **corrective surgery +/- drug therapy is preferable** (Padwick 1999)
- **Rectovaginal, rectal and uterosacral lesions** always need surgery
- **Endometriomas** always need surgery
- **Abnormal Anatomy** and **adhesions** always need surgery



# Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis

Classification	Operative procedure
A Anterior DIE A1: Bladder	<i>Laparoscopic partial cystectomy</i>
P: Posterior DIE P1: Uterosacral ligament P2: Vaginal	<i>Laparoscopic resection of USL</i> <i>Laparoscopically assisted vaginal resection of DIE infiltrating the posterior fornix</i>
P3: Intestinal P3a: Solely intestinal location - without vaginal infiltration (V-) - with vaginal infiltration (V+)	<i>Intestinal resection by laparoscopy or by laparotomy</i> <i>Laparoscopically assisted vaginal intestinal resection or exeresis by laparotomy.</i>
P3b: Multiple intestinal location	<i>Intestinal resection by laparotomy</i>



# RECURRENT ENDOMETRIOSIS

- Spontaneous resolution occurs in **about 20% of** endometriosis stage I-II.
- **Residual disease-** persistence of symptoms or reappearance of symptoms within **3 months** .
- **Recurrence** usually appears after **3 months** .
- Incidence-6-30% in various studies.
- Depends on- age, **stage of disease, prior treatment, completeness of surgery, extent of peritoneal disease.**
- Usually presents as chronic pelvic pain , dysmenorrhea



# RECURRENT ENDOMETRIOSIS

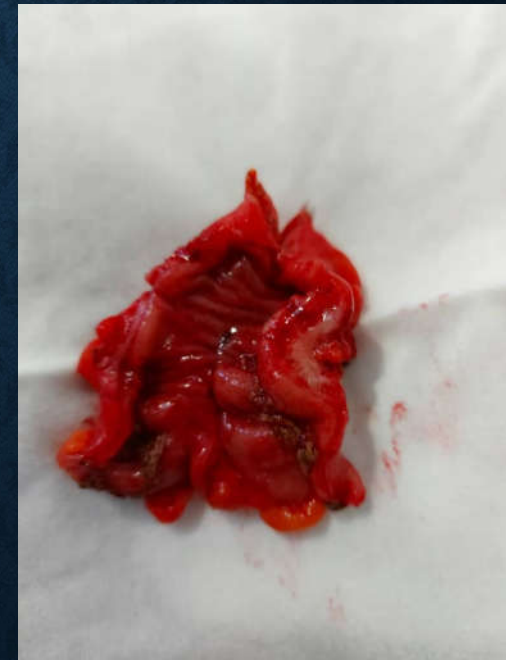
- Diagnosis- rising **CA-125, TVS, MRI**, laparoscopy.

## ***Treatment-***

- Pain killers
- Hormones- progesterones, OCPs, GnRH analogues
- **Conservative surgery-**
  - Indicated **if medical therapy fails** or **contraindicated or intolerable side effects**.
  - Cystectomy/ adhesiolysis may be an option after IVF fails..
- Postoperative hormone therapy delays recurrence but does not reduce the recurrence.
- **LNG IUCD-** reduces recurrences post surgery & role is being studied in recurrent disease.
- **Hysterectomy with bilateral salphigo oophorectomy**



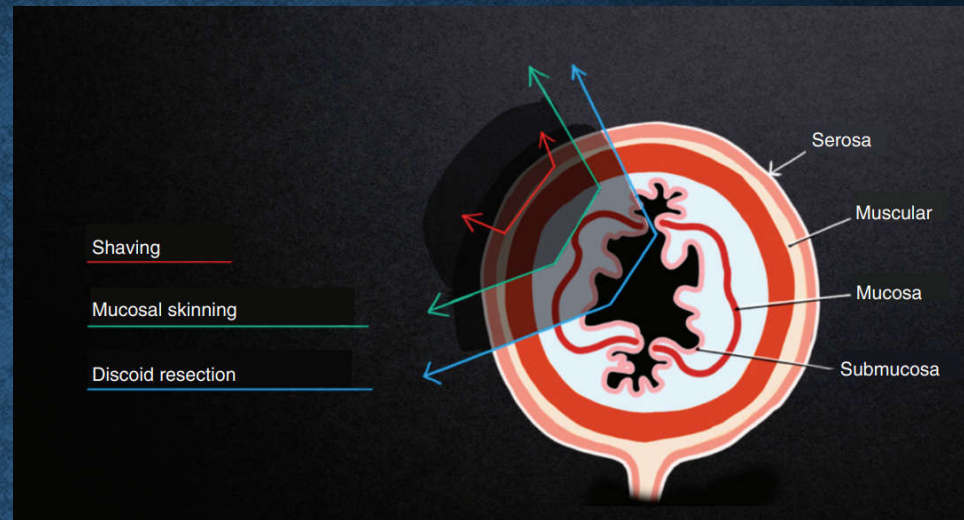
- Acute obstruction due to bowel endometriosis is **rare** and should generally be managed with **segmental resection**.
- Bowel resection has been performed to treat bowel endometriosis since the early 1900's.<sup>17</sup> Even
- conservative approaches including
  - 1 shaving excision
  - 2 disc resection
  - 3 bowel resection





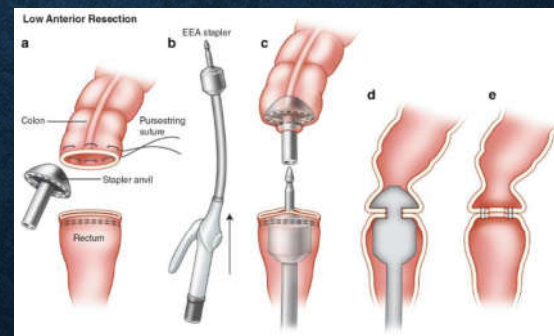
## Shaving resection

## Disc resection



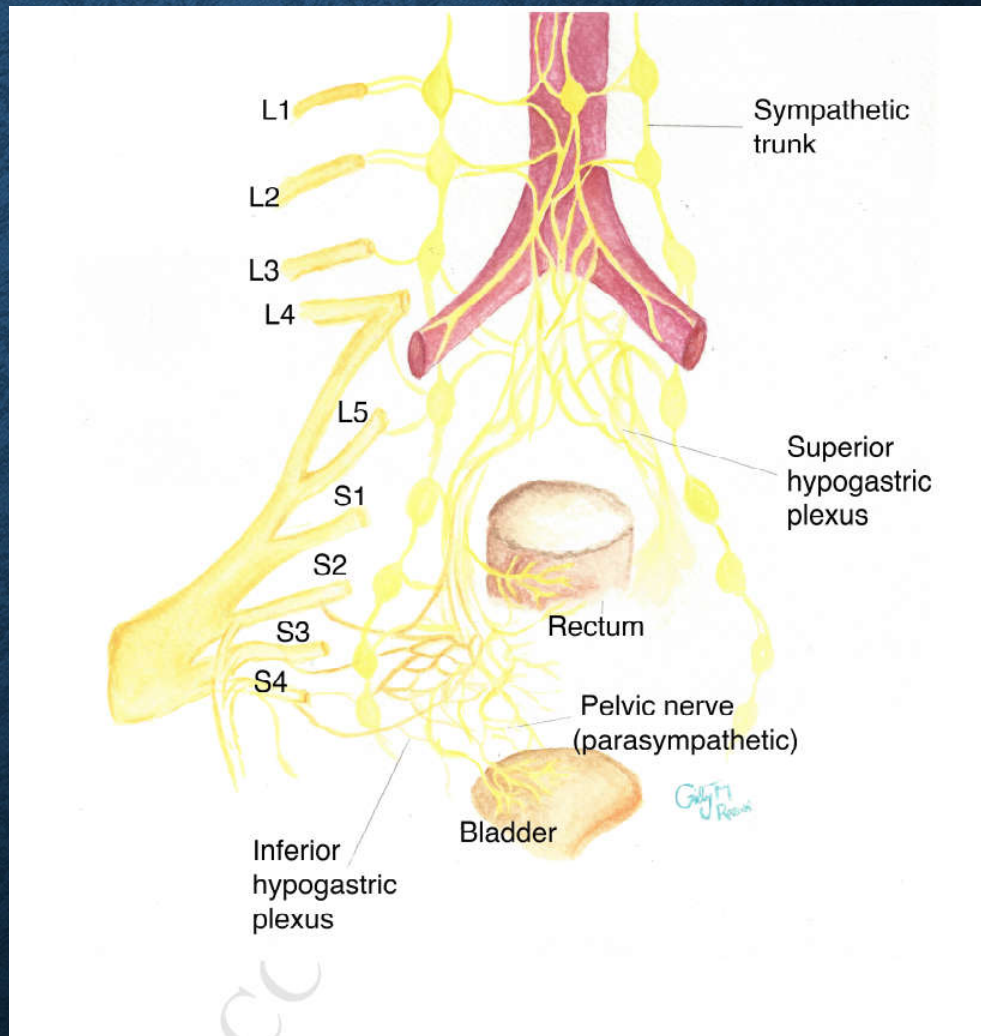
## Segmental

- multifocal,
- greater than 3cm,
- involve more than 2/3rd of the bowel lumen





## splanchnic nerves





- APPENDECTOMY RECOMMENDED IN MOST .
- MOSTLY MICROSCOPIC INVOLVEMENT





- CONSTIPATION
- Ostomy
- Laparoscopic v/r open
- Complication