

Guideline for Hospital Admission

Ministry of Public Health - Lebanon

Colporrhaphy

Anterior Colporrhaphy

Is usually required for treatment of bladder prolapse (cystocele) or urethra prolapse.

Indication:

1. Prolapse of her anterior vaginal wall causing considerable discomfort, in particular in cases where it is necessary to push it back to micturate (provided there is little or no descent of her uterus). It is sometimes used to treat urinary stress incontinence.

The patient may be either pre- or post-menopausal. However it is preferable to wait until child-bearing is ended since prolapsed may recur following pregnancy.

Contraindications include:

1. Ascites
2. Severe chronic cough.

Posterior Colporrhaphy

Is usually required for treatment of bowel prolapse, when the rectum bulges forward into the vagina(rectocele).

Indication:

1. A significant bulging of the posterior vaginal wall (rectocele), with little or no descent of the cervix.

If mutually indicated, both anterior and posterior colporrhaphy may be conducted at the same time.

References:

Nelson Awori et al (1999). Primary Surgery. Volume 1: Non-trauma (<http://www.meb.uni-bonn.de/dtc/primsurg/index.html>)

Checklist:

	Present	Absent
Prolapse of anterior vaginal wall		
Prolapse of bowel		