

Case #4

International Colorectal Web Meetings

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Medical History

- Born full term, meconium within first 48 hours of life
- Bloody stools at 1 month, formula was switched and diagnosed with food protein proctocolitis with no further bloody stools
- Worsening constipation since one year of age



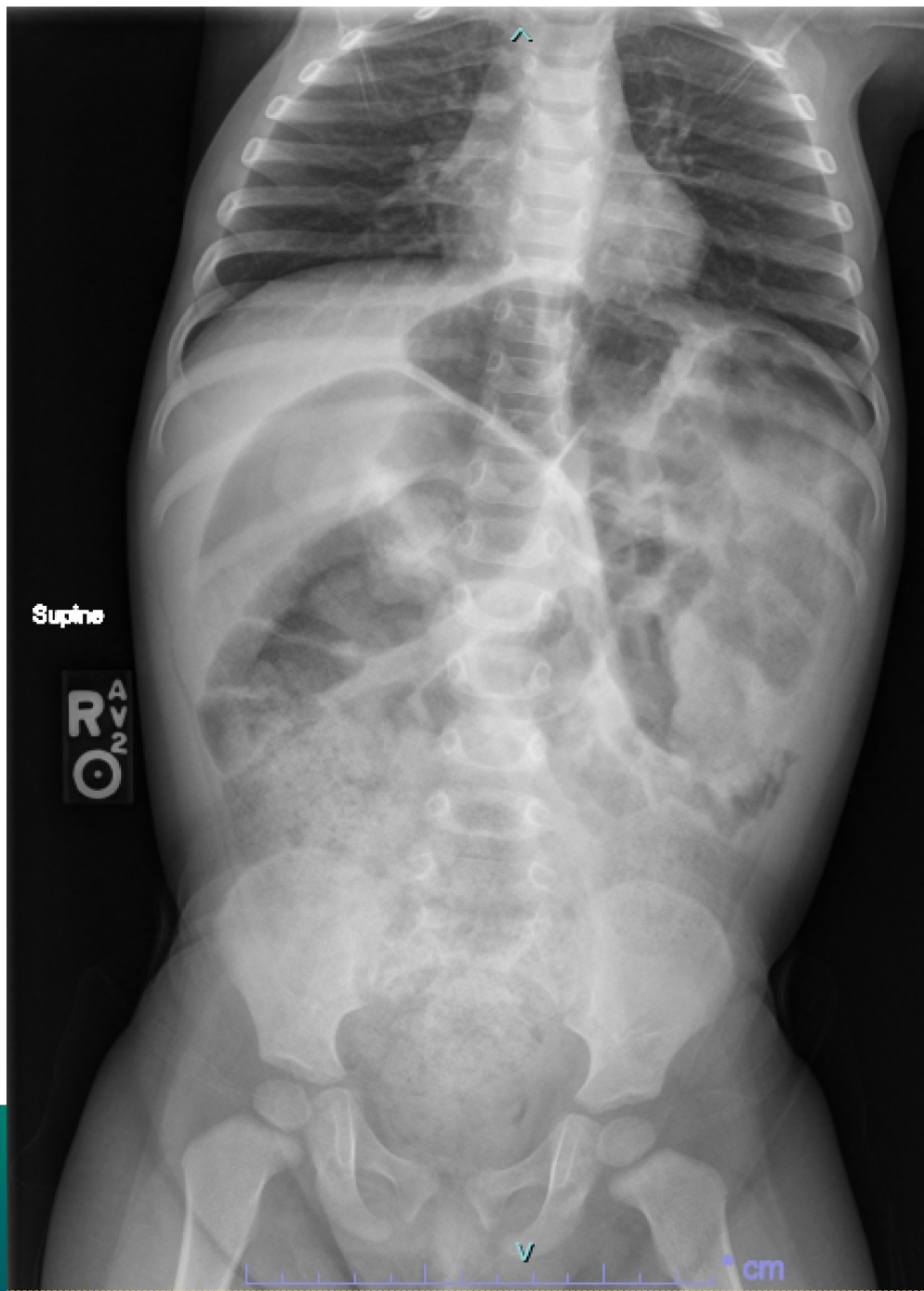
Medical History

- 1x/week, strains a lot, explosive, watery stool, sometimes clay-like. Pale gray or yellow. Never formed stools
- Tried laxatives with no improvement
- Normal growth and development



Clinical exam

- Abdomen distended but soft
- Decreased bowel sounds
- Anus orthotopic located
- No signs for spinal dysraphism



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What is your differential diagnosis?



- 1) Chronic idiopathic constipation
- 2) Hirschsprung Disease
- 3) ARM with perineal fistula
- 4) Anal stenosis

What diagnostics would you do?



- 1) Exam under anesthesia, full thickness biopsy with general anesthesia
- 2) Contrast enema
- 3) Exam and suction rectal biopsy in outpatient clinic without anesthesia
- 4) 1+2
- 5) 1+3



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Histopathology



Rectum, biopsy:

- **No** ganglion cells identified
- **Negative** for calretinin
- **No** hypertrophic nerve fibers seen



What is your diagnosis?

- 1) Hirschsprung Disease
- 2) Chronic idiopathic constipation
- 3) Anorectal malformation with a perineal fistula



Significance

- **No** calretinin-positive fibers in the lamina propria
 - means; that there are no fibers seen from the ganglion cells

- **No** hypertrophic nerve fibers seen
 - means; that it might be a longer segment of aganglionosis
 - Cave; hypertrophic nerve fibers $>40\mu\text{m}$ is only valid in patients younger than 1 year of age, there are no norm values for older patients



Medical treatment

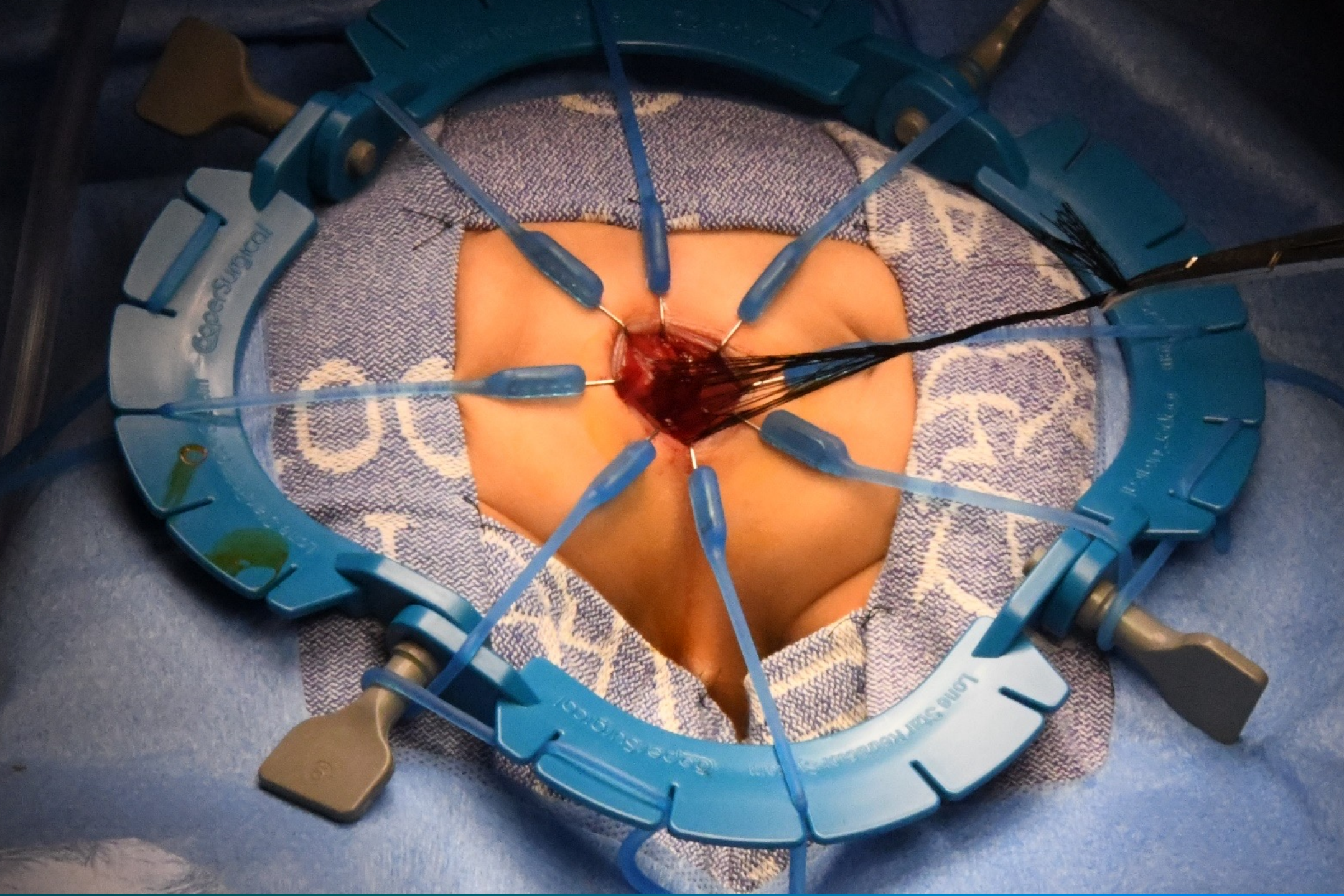
- 1) Rectal enemas
- 2) Rectal irrigations
- 3) Botox injection into the sphincter area

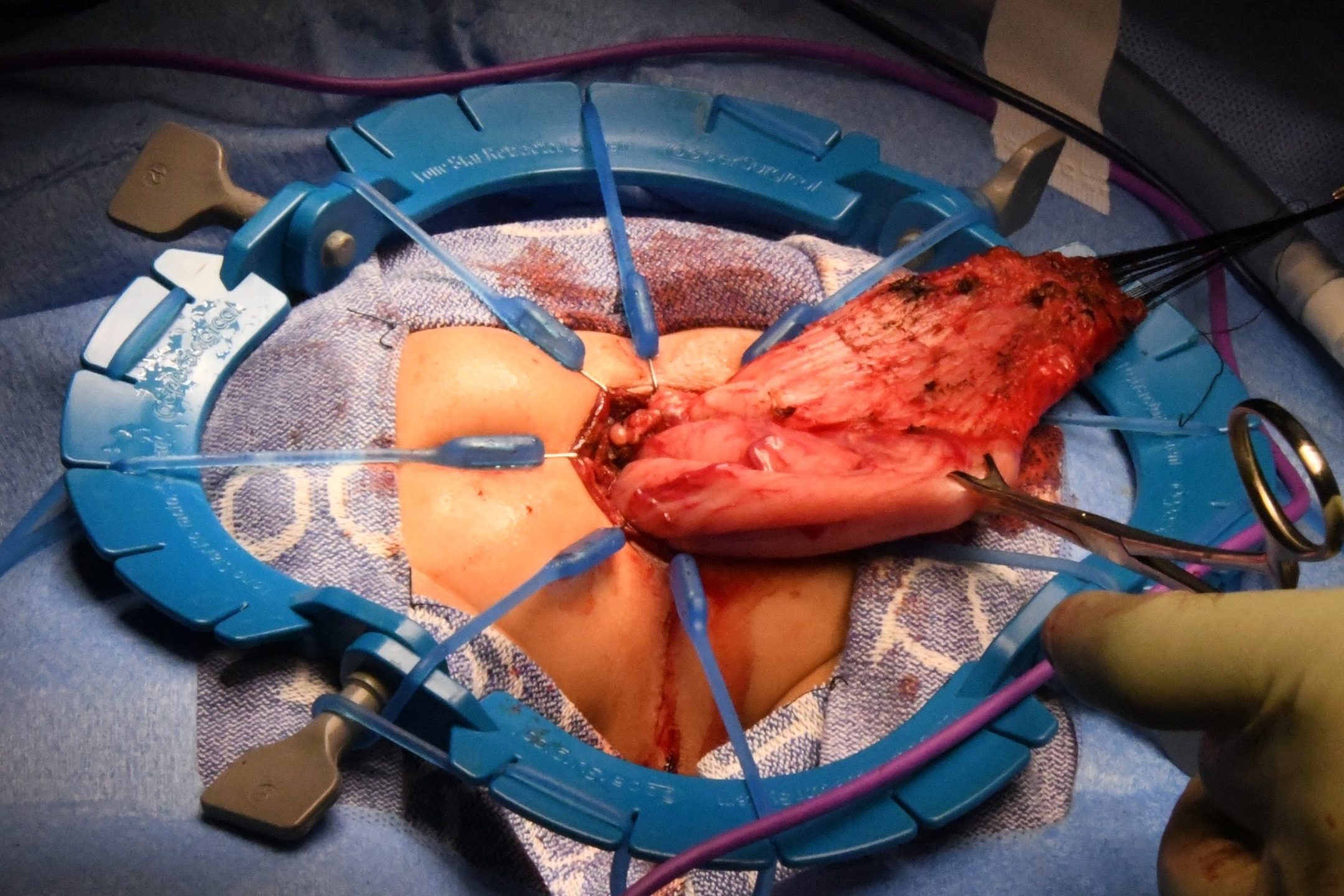


Surgical treatment

Transanal Swenson technique

- Incision made 1cm above the pectinate line
- Biopsy taken at 5cm and 25cm (30cm of colon resected)
- Proximal donut with ganglion cells in all of the circumference of the submucosal and myenteric plexus
- Colorectal anastomosis performed







Thank You!

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