

Case # 3 (email consultation)

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16 yo male patients s/p
endorectal Soave
pullthrough for Hirschsprung
who lost follow up.

How long post-operatively do you follow up patients with Hirschsprung?



1. Until one year of age
2. Until successfully toilet trained for stool
3. Until patient is doing well
4. Until adulthood
5. Indefinitely
6. I don't follow up my patients



Presented with failure to thrive,
massive abdominal distension,
and inability to stool, despite
trials with enemas and laxatives.

Taken to the operating room for exploration and biopsy



- Rectal biopsy – no ganglion cells
- Peritoneal reflection – ganglion cells



What would you do?



1. Descending colostomy
2. Right colostomy
3. Ileostomy
4. Colonic resection and ileostomy
5. I don't know



Patient underwent subtotal colectomy, ileostomy, and Hartman pouch at peritoneal refection.



How would you approach this patient now?

1. Transanal + laparotomy
2. Transanal + laparoscopy
3. Posterior sagittal + laparotomy
4. Posterior sagittal + laparoscopy
5. I don't know

Which technique would you use for the pullthrough?



1. Straight ileo-anal, if unable to preserve the proximal rectum
2. J pouch, if unable to preserve proximal rectum
3. I don't know