

Are we missing opportunities for ovarian cancer reduction?

Audit of salpingectomy (+/-) oophorectomy practices at hysterectomy
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Background

- The term 'ovarian' cancer may be misleading
- Many forms of epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) and in particular the majority of serous tumours likely originate from the fallopian tubes^[1]
- 80-90% of BRCA-related "ovarian" cancers originate from the tubes^[2]
- Performing bilateral salpingectomy at hysterectomy has been advocated as a potentially useful way of reducing the rate of ovarian cancer^[3]

Results

Salpingectomy rate = 70.1%

Salpingectomy associated with significantly increased operative time (p=0.0029)

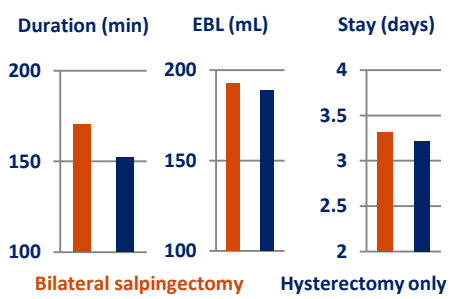
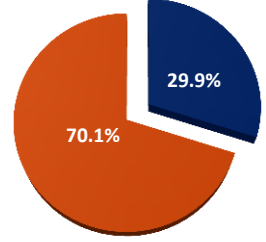
NO increase in length of stay (p=0.266)

OR EBL (p=0.0451)

Method

- Review of 237 hysterectomy cases (benign indications)
- Cases were grouped according to surgical approach and (+/-) salpingectomy (+/-) oophorectomy
- Procedural complexity was measured by surgical duration, estimated blood loss (EBL) and post-operative stay

Salpingectomy (+/-) oophorectomy

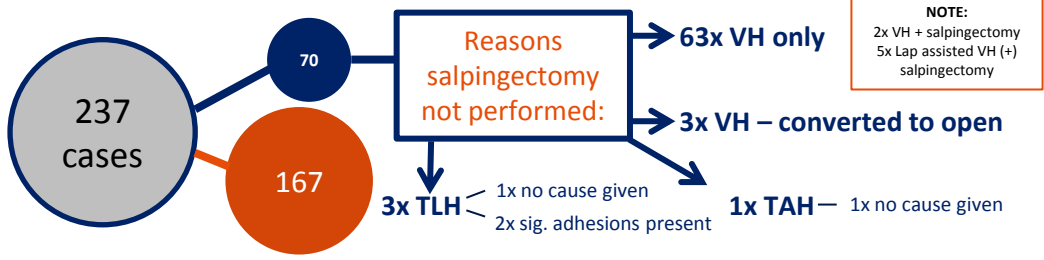


Objectives

- To determine 'missed opportunities' for risk reducing salpingectomy at hysterectomy in our unit
- A comparison of surgical complexity and post-operative outcomes with and without salpingectomy

Conclusions

- The majority of 'missed opportunities' for salpingectomy were associated with the vaginal approach
- These data support that routine bilateral salpingectomy is not associated with poorer operative outcomes



NOTE:
2x VH + salpingectomy
5x Lap assisted VH (+) salpingectomy

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