



Nouveau paradigme de prise en charge thérapeutique de l'endométriose



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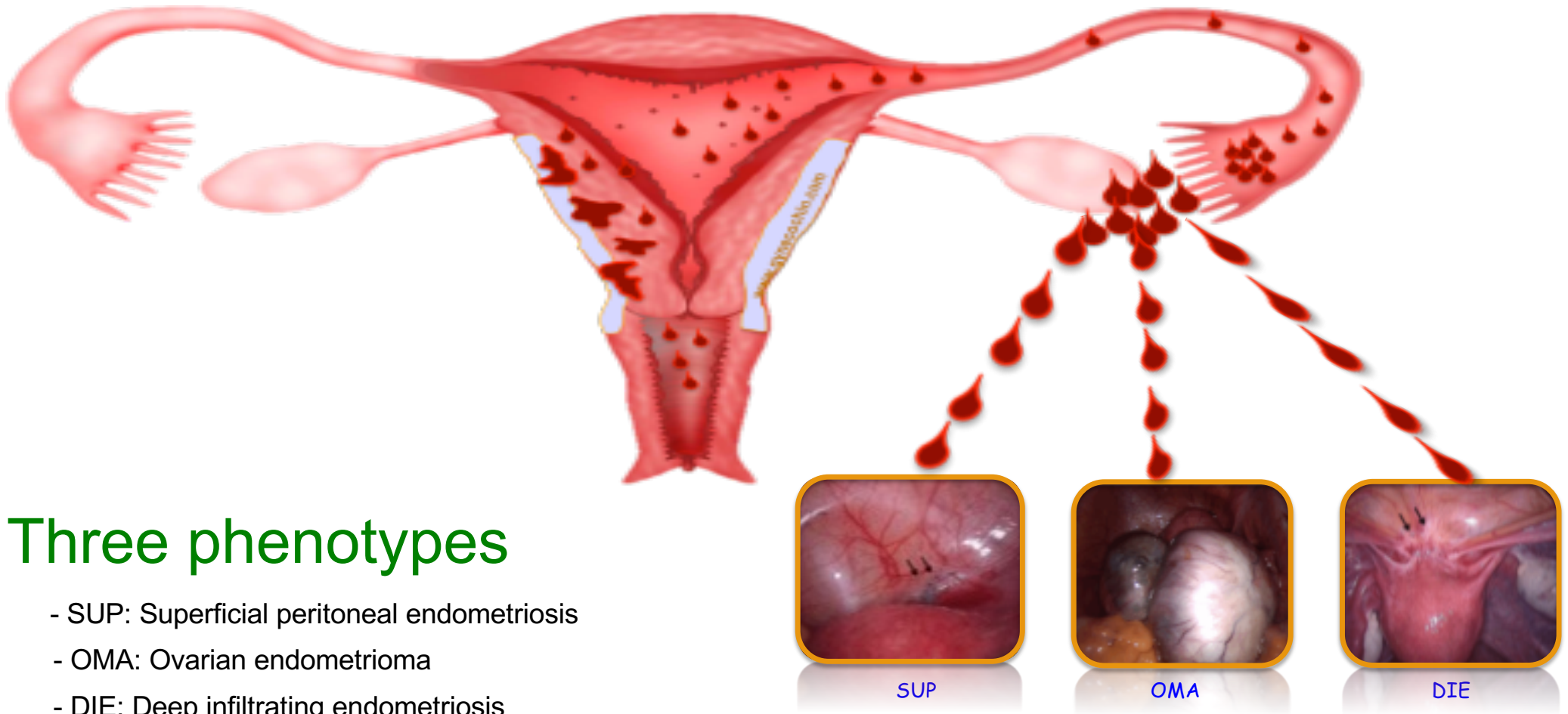
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Endometriosis: *The implantation theory*



Sampson JA AJOG (1927)

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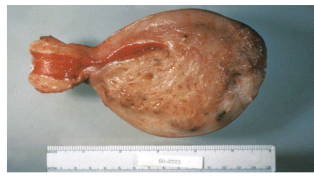
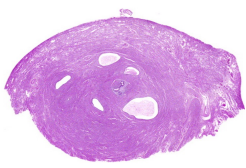
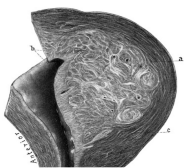
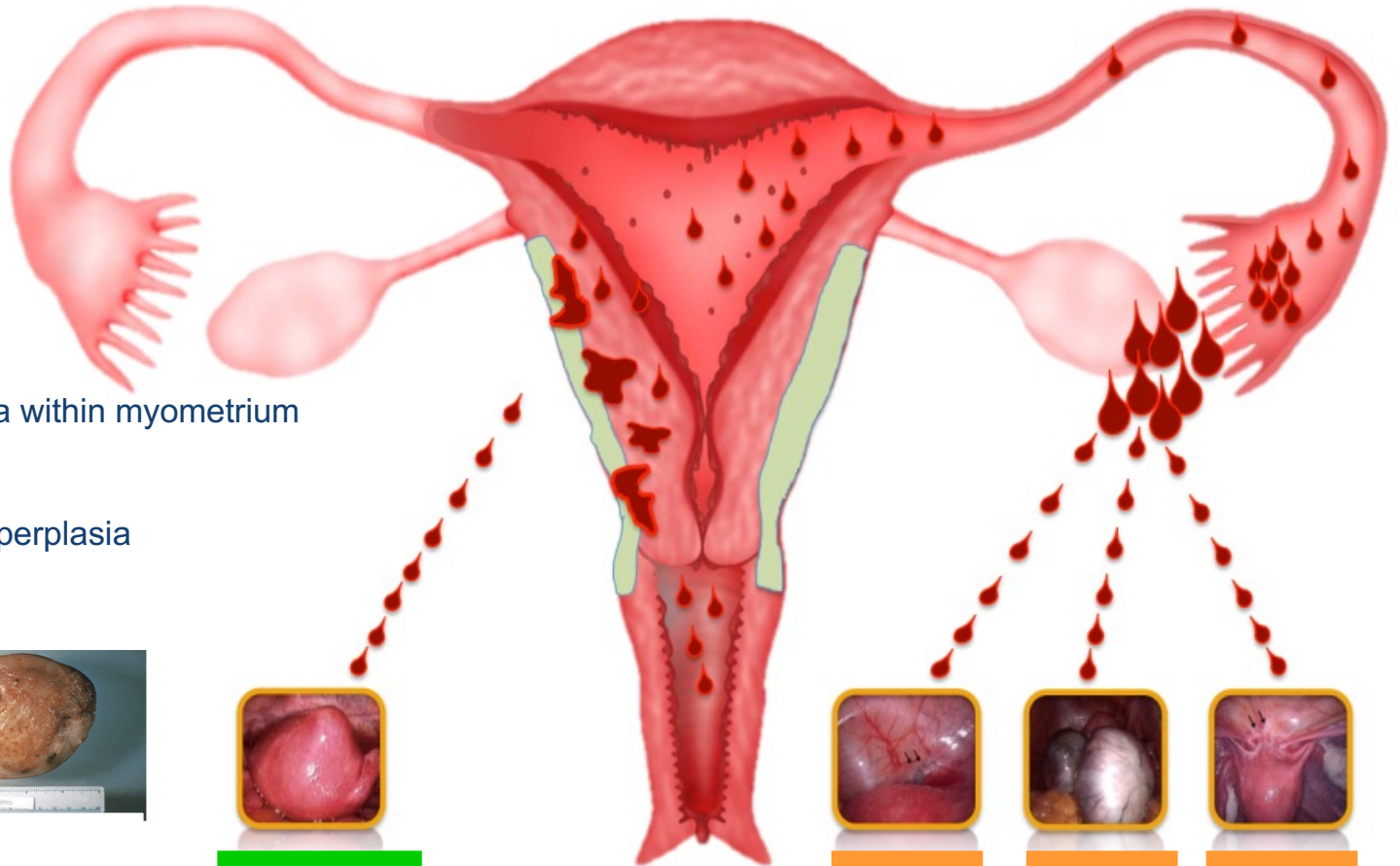


Three phenotypes

- SUP: Superficial peritoneal endometriosis
- OMA: Ovarian endometrioma
- DIE: Deep infiltrating endometriosis

Endometriosis: The implantation theory

- Heterotopic endometrial glands and stroma within myometrium
- Local inflammatory response
- Variable degree of adjacent myometrial hyperplasia



Adenomyosis



SUP



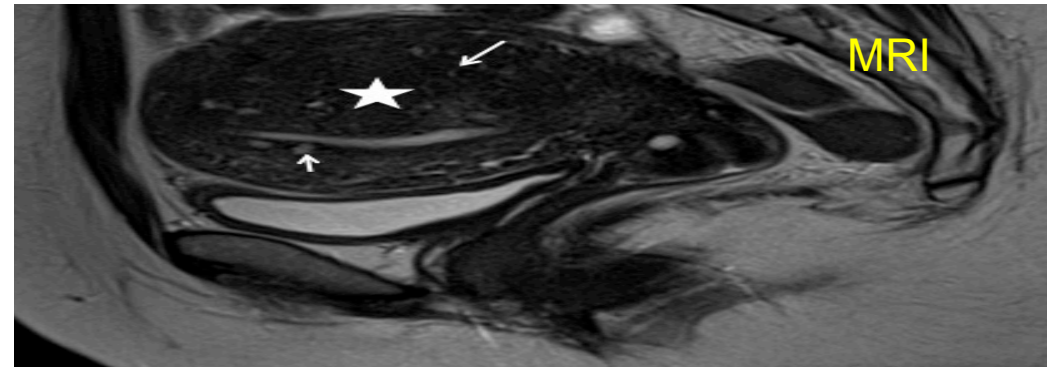
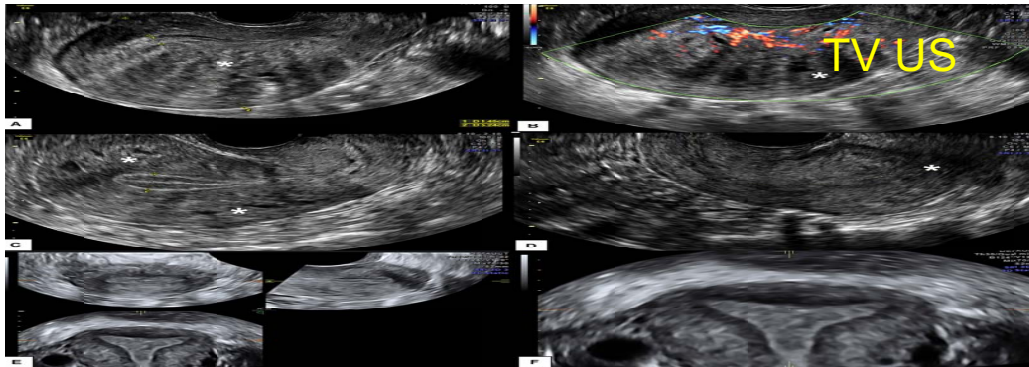
OMA



DIE

SUP: superficial lesion; OMA: endometrioma; DIE: deep infiltrating endometriosis

Adenomyosis: Prevalence



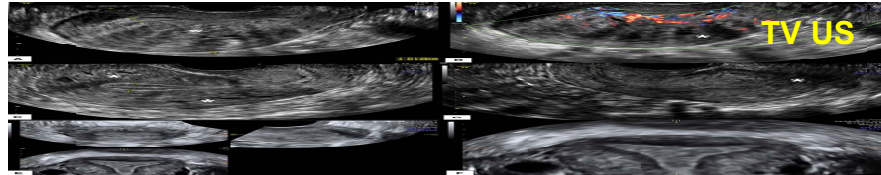
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Pinzauti *et al.*, Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol (2015)

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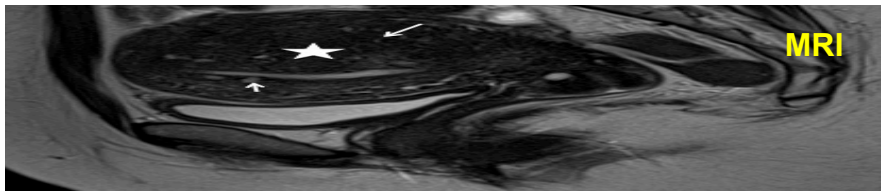
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Adenomyosis: clinical impacts



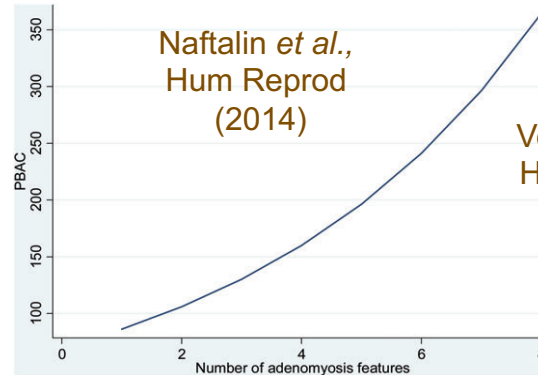
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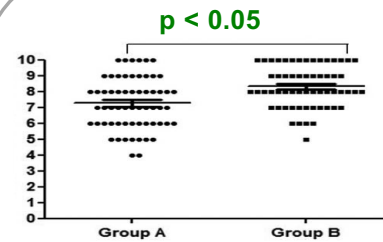
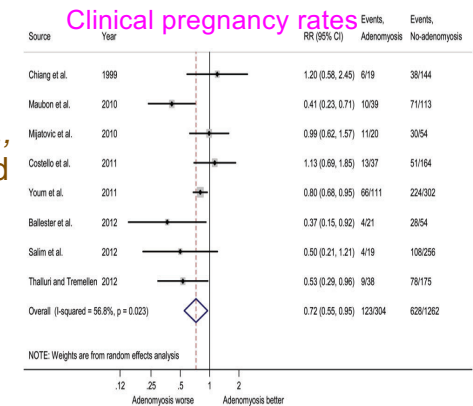


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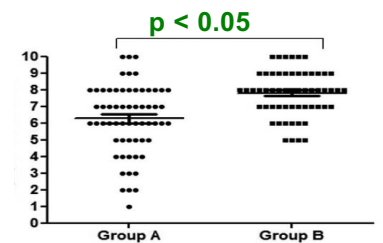


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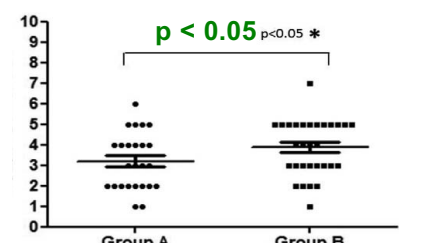
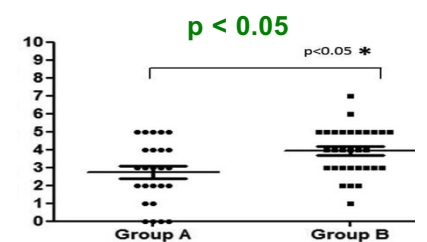
Lazzeri *et al.*, Reprod Sci (2014)



VAS DP

DIE only
Before surgery

DIE + AdOsis



DIE only
After surgery

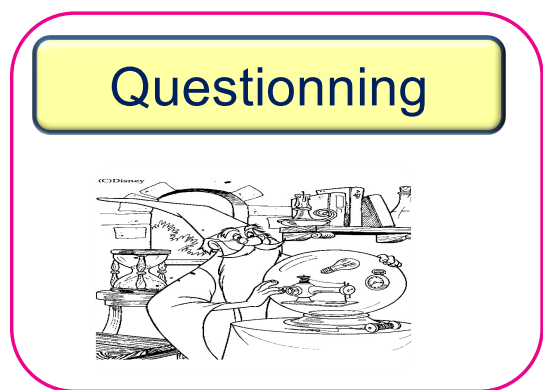
DIE + AdOsis

Endometriosis *and* adenomyosis: Relationship

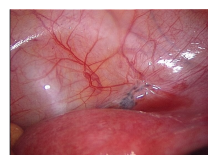
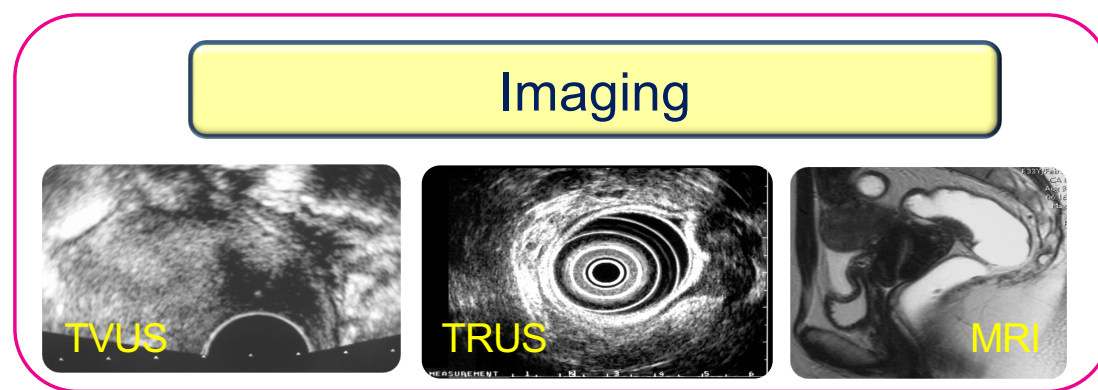
Osis patients' phenotype	N	DIFFUSE Adenomyosis	FOCAL Adenomyosis
Controls	55	20 (36.4%)	3 (5.4%)
Endometriosis	237	81 (34.2%)	119 (50.2%)
SUP	40	8 (20.0%)	3 (7.5%)
OMA	31	14 (45.2%)	6 (19.3%)
DIE	166	59 (35.5%)	110 (66.3%)

Chapron *et al.*, Hum Reprod (2017)

Rethinking endometriosis diagnosis



Patients with a high risk of endometriosis



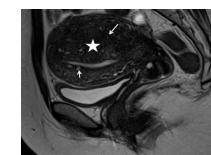
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DIE



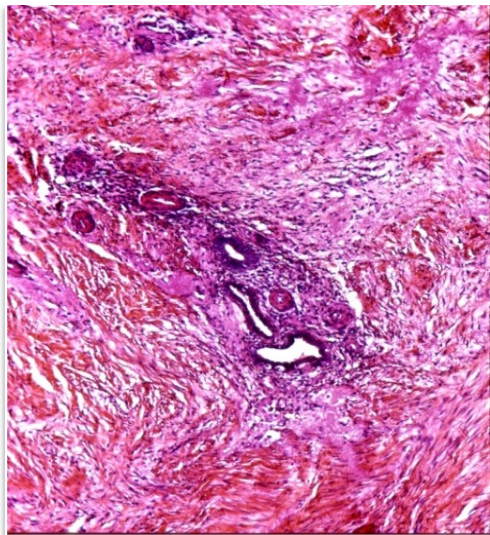
AdOsis

Endometriosis phenotypes + cartography

Chapron C *et al.*, Nat Rev Endocrinol (2019)

The shift towards clinical diagnosis

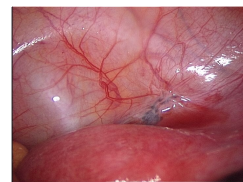
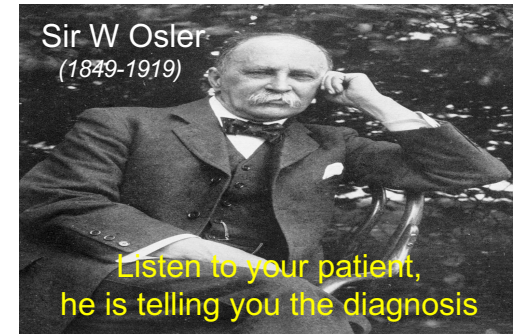
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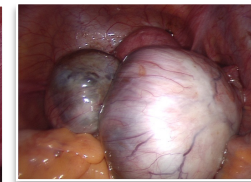
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Questioning

Imaging



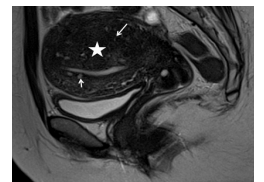
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OMA



DIE



AdOsis

Endometriosis phenotypes

“Moving from a histological to a clinical definition opens the door to an approach that emphasizes symptoms and their origins.”

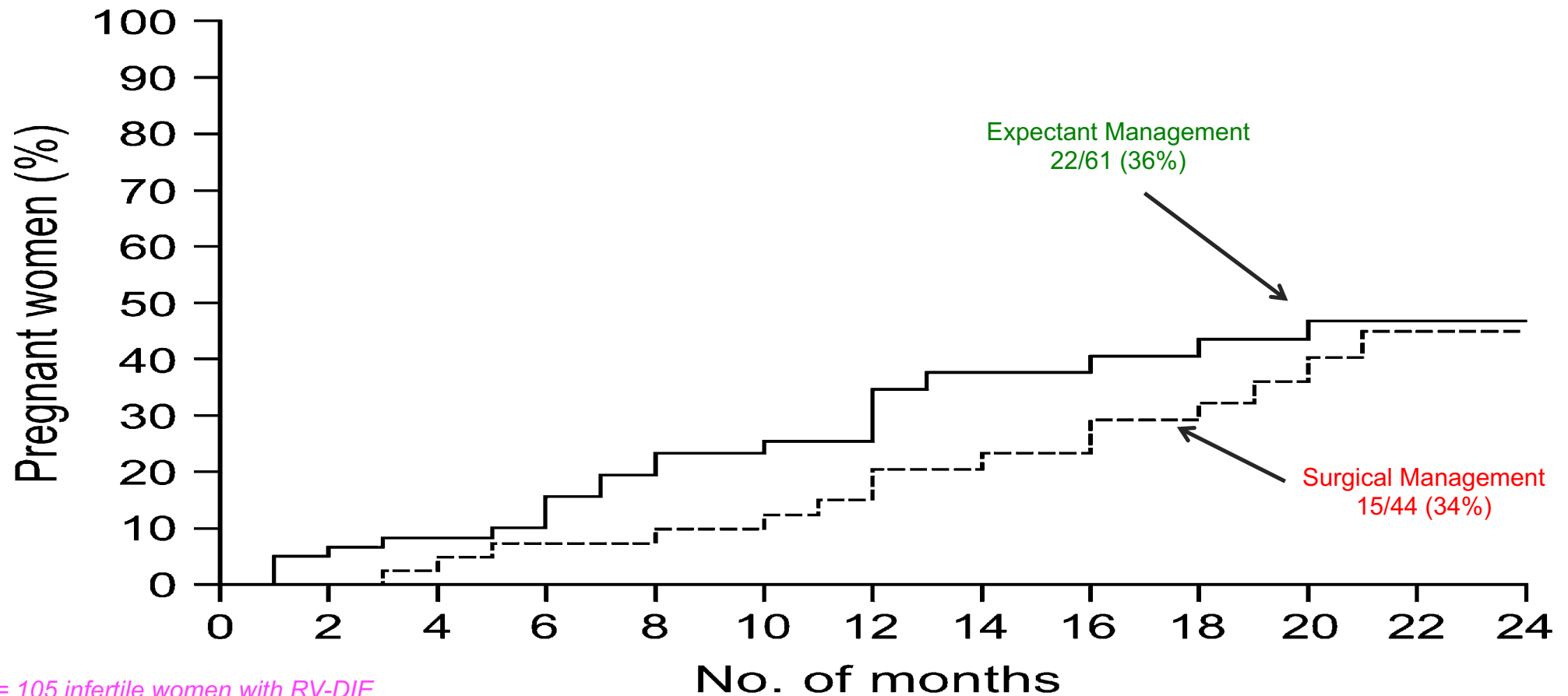
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Isolated Superficial Endometriosis

Dependent variable	Prevalence in the SUP group (<i>n</i> = 203)	Prevalence in the control group (<i>n</i> = 1292)	Crude prevalence ratio (95% CI)	Adjusted prevalence ratio (95% CI)
Primary infertility	67/202 (33%)	236/1292 (18%)	1.82 (1.45–2.28)	1.83 (1.46–2.24)
Dysmenorrhea (moderate or severe)	164/203 (81%)	720/1286 (56%)	1.44 (1.33–1.57)	1.43 (1.31–1.52)
Deep dyspareunia (moderate or severe)	92/198 (47%)	369/1234 (30%)	1.55 (1.31–1.85)	1.50 (1.25–1.75)

Endometriosis and infertility:

Conservative versus surgical management in DIE

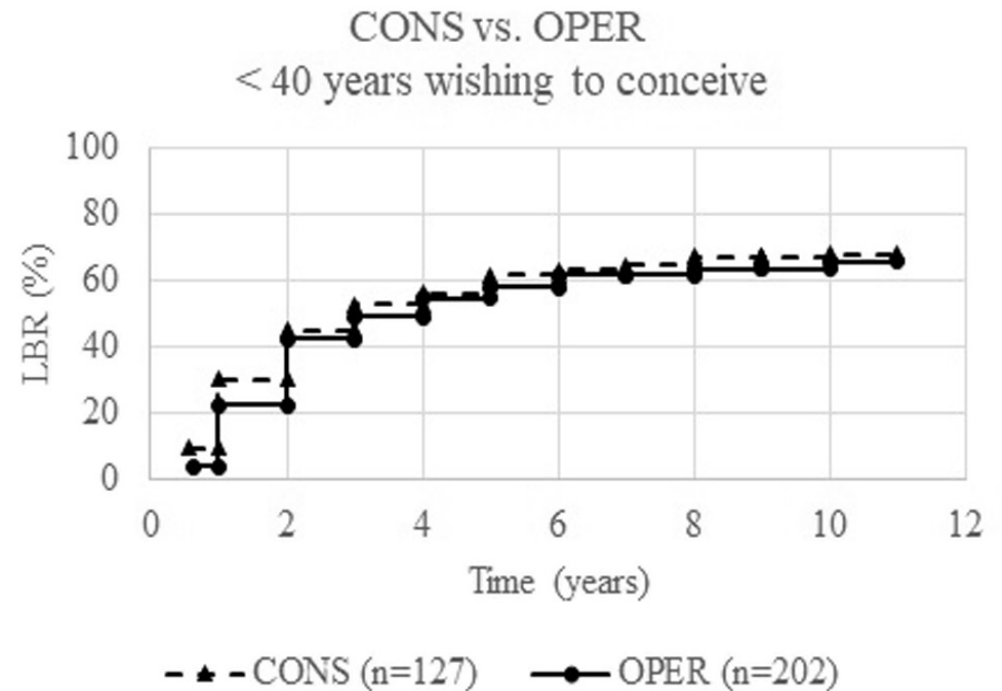
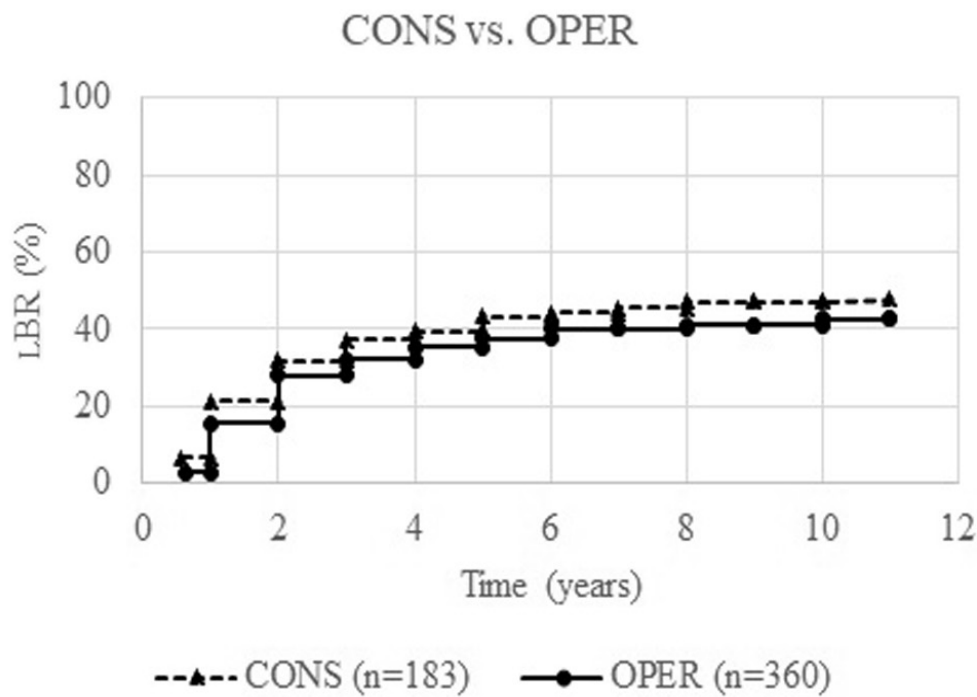


N = 105 infertile women with RV-DIE
Follow up 24 months

Vercellini *et al.*, AJOG (2006)

Endometriosis and infertility:

Conservative versus surgical management in DIE



*Finland Retrospective N =5 43 Rectovaginal endometriosis
Surgery vs conservative*

Tuominen, et al., Fertil Steril (2021)

Endometriosis and infertility:

Conservative versus surgical management in DIE

Outcomes of pregnancy and the first delivery of the women with rectovaginal endometriosis treated either conservatively or operatively.

Outcome	CONS (n = 183)		OPER (n = 360)		OR (95% CI)
	n	%	N	%	
MAR during follow-up	89/183	48.6	149/360	41.4	1.34 (0.94–1.92)
CPR					
Total	102/183	55.7	181/360	50.3	1.25 (0.87–1.78)
Spontaneous	37/102	36.3	92/181	50.8	0.55 (0.34–0.91)
LBR ^a					
Total	87/183	47.5	153/360	42.5	1.23 (0.86–1.75)
Spontaneous	34/87	39.1	82/153	53.6	0.56 (0.33–0.95)
Time to delivery (y), median (IQR)	2.2 (2.3)		2.4 (2.3)		–0.11 (–0.29 to 0.06)
Follow-up time (y), mean ± SD	4.9 ± 3.3		5.6 ± 3.6		–0.74 (–1.36 to –0.11)

Finland Retrospective N = 543
Rectovaginal endometriosis
Surgery vs conservative

Patients with
spontaneous LBR
34/183 = 18.6%

Patients with
spontaneous LBR
82/360 = 22.8%

Tuominen, *et al.*, Fertil Steril (2021)

OMA: Determinant for painful symptoms severity

(Multiple logistic regression analysis)

Dysmenorrhoea	Main DIE lesion: intestine ^a	5.2 (2.7–10.3)
	Bilateral endometrioma	2.8 (1.4–5.6)
Deep dyspareunia	Main DIE lesion: USL ^a	2.0 (1.1–3.5)
Non-cyclic chronic pelvic pain	Main DIE lesion: USL ^a	2.1 (1.1–4.3)
	Left sided endometrioma	3.5 (1.7–7.1)
	Previous surgeries for endometriosis	2.2 (1.1–4.5)
Gastrointestinal symptoms	Main DIE lesion: intestine ^a	7.1 (3.3–15.3)
LU symptoms	Main DIE lesion: vagina ^a	13.4 (3.2–55.8)
	Hematuria	10.0 (1.3–77.6)

Chapron *et al.*, Hum Reprod (2012)

Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain

	Osis WITH chronic pain	Osis WITHOUT chronic pain	p
	N = 248	N = 224	
Endometrioma	114 (46%)	126 (56%)	0.032

Leuenberger *et al.*, Eur J Pain (2022)

Deeply infiltrating endometriosis

Results according to the presence of OMA (*n* = 500 patients)

Main DIE lesion	R	OR	95% CI	p - value
USL	0.118	-	-	NS
Vagina	5.98	1.70	1.1 - 2.6	.014
Bladder	0.137	-	-	NS
Intestine	34.5	3.59	2.3 - 5.6	< 0.0001
Ureter	8.6	3.91	1.4 – 10.'	.003

Deeply infiltrating endometriosis

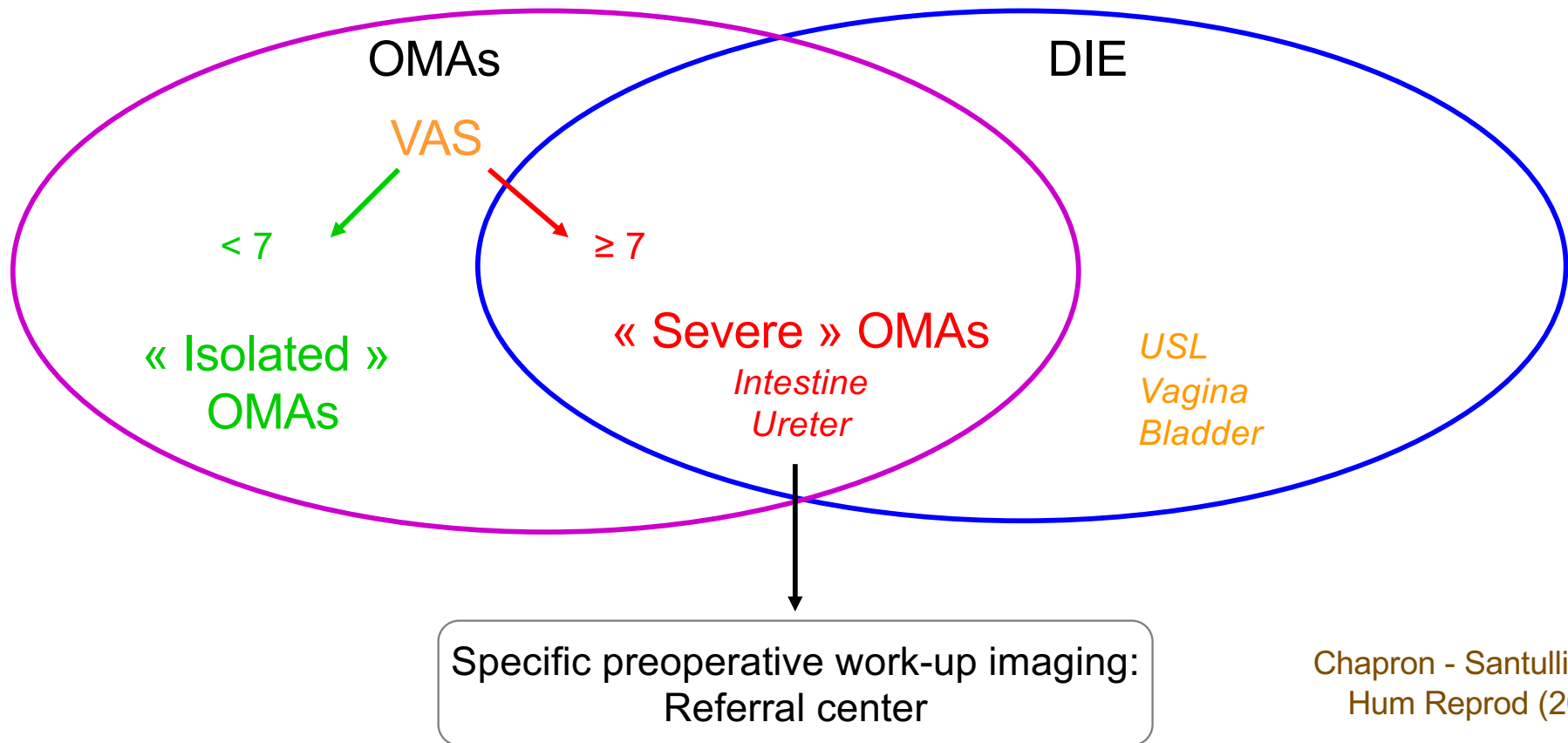
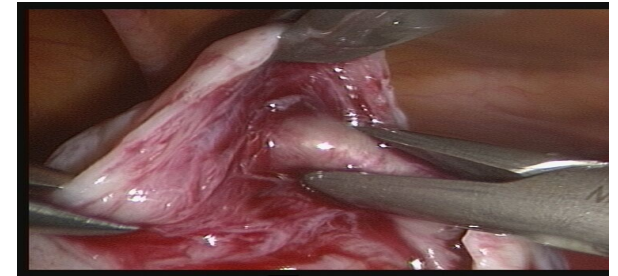
Results according to the presence of OMA (*n* = 500 patients)

	OMA : No	OMA : Yes	p - value
Mean number of DIE lesions	1.64 ± 1.0	2.51 ± 1.72	< 0.0001
rAFS scores			
Implants	6.7 ± 4.9	28.1 ± 10.1	< 0.0001
Adhesions	16.5 ± 23.7	36.2 ± 28.7	< 0.0001
Total	23.6 ± 25.7	65.6 ± 33.1	< 0.0001



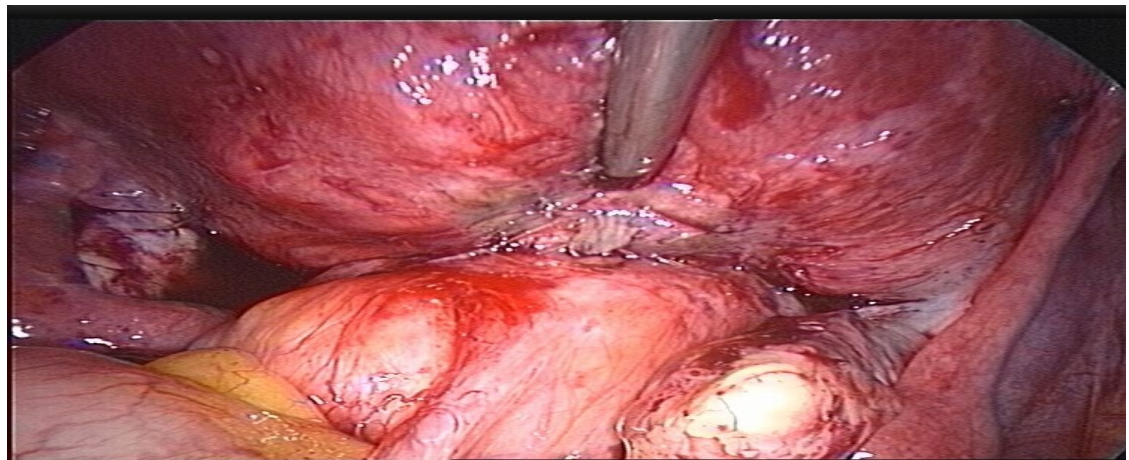
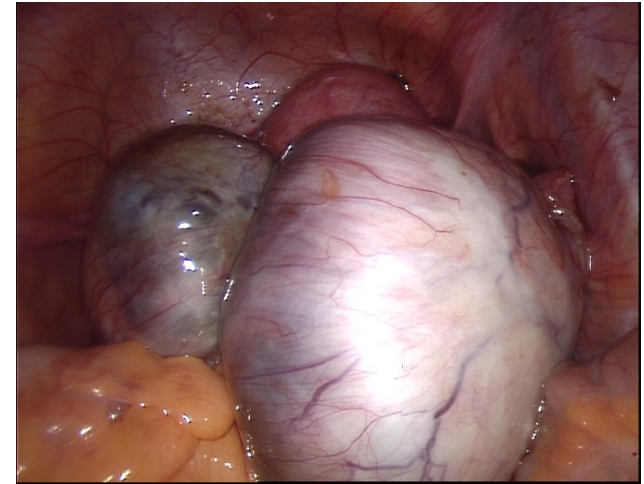
Painful OMAs

Modern management



Chapron - Santulli *et al.*,
Hum Reprod (2012)

Painful ovarian endometrioma



OMA: Spontaneous ovulation rate (n = 244)

Number of patients conceiving during the study protocol (n, %)	105 (43.0%)
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Patients conceiving during the study protocol (n, %)*

without concomitant deep endometriosis	29 (47.5%; 35.0–60.0%)
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with concomitant deep endometriosis	76 (41.5%; 34.4–48.6%)
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Last cycle evaluated before conceiving (median, median, 25th–75th percentiles)	4 (3–5)
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Side of ovulation when conceiving (n, %; 95% CI)**

Healthy ovary	56 (53.3%; 43.3–63.1%)
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Affected ovary	49 (46.7%; 36.9–56.7%)
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Ovarian reserve and OMA recurrence

	Homolateral OMA recurrence	No OMA recurrence	
AMH (ng/mL), mean \pm SD	2.7 \pm 1.9	3.1 \pm 1.9	.59
Basal FSH (mIU/mL), mean \pm SD	8.7 \pm 3.9	8.4 \pm 3.7	.85
Total AFC (n), median (range)	8 (4–15)	9 (5–15)	.37
AFC in the healthy ovary (n), median (range)	5.5 (3–9)	6 (2–12)	.54
AFC in the affected ovary (n), median (range)	2 (1–6)	3 (1–5)	.24
Volume of the affected ovary in case subjects and of the previously operated ovary in control subjects (cm ³), mean \pm SEM	95.0 \pm 22.2	6.8 \pm 0.4	<.001
Volume of the healthy ovary (cm ³), mean \pm SEM	6.9 \pm 0.3	6.6 \pm 0.3	.44

Endometriosis: Risk factors associated with infertility

infertility—multiple logistic regression model. (N = 870)

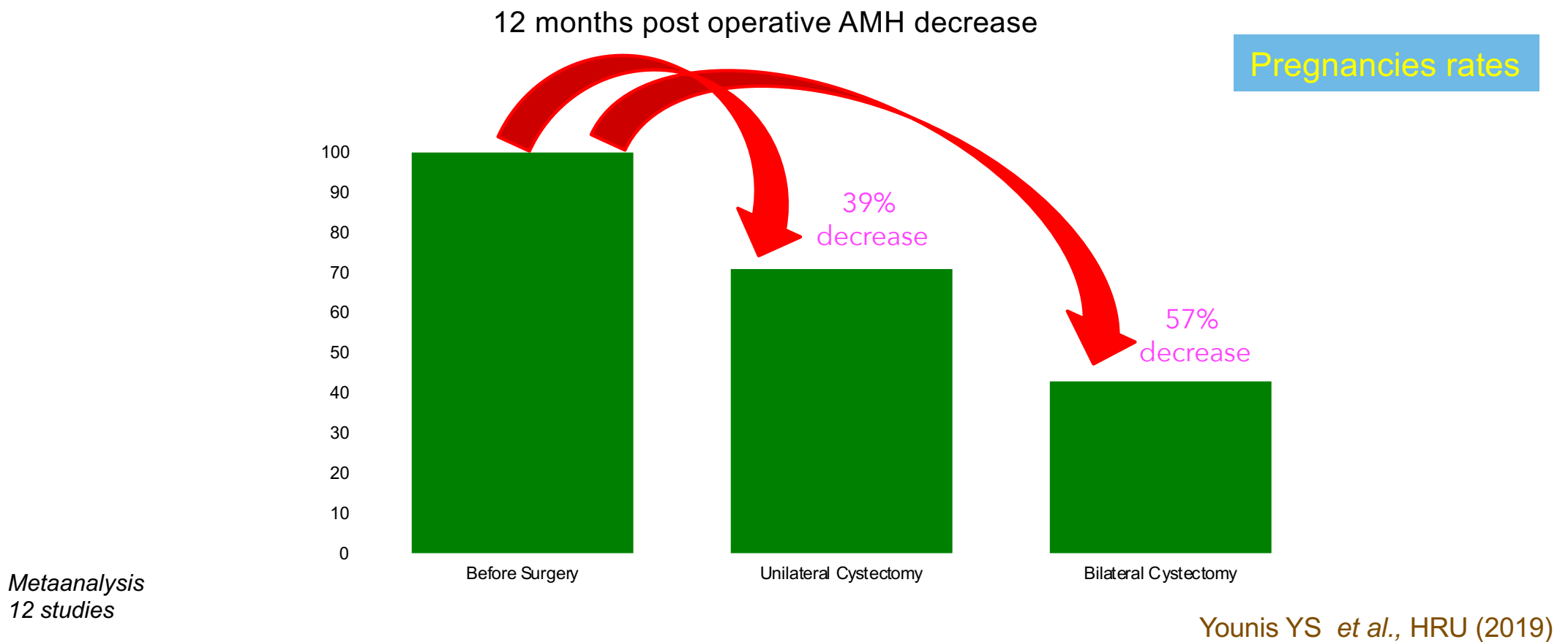
Variable	OR (95% CI)	P
Age > 32 years ^a	1.9 (1.4–2.5)	<0.001
Gravidity > 0	0.7 (0.6–0.9)	<0.001
Peritoneal superficial endometriosis	3.1 (1.9–4.9)	<0.001
Previous history of surgery for endometriosis	1.9 (1.3–2.2)	<0.001

CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; ASRM: American Society for Reproductive Medicine classification.

OMA *per se* is not associated with presentation for infertility

Endometriosis *and* infertility: Impact of surgery

Endometrioma and ovarian reserve

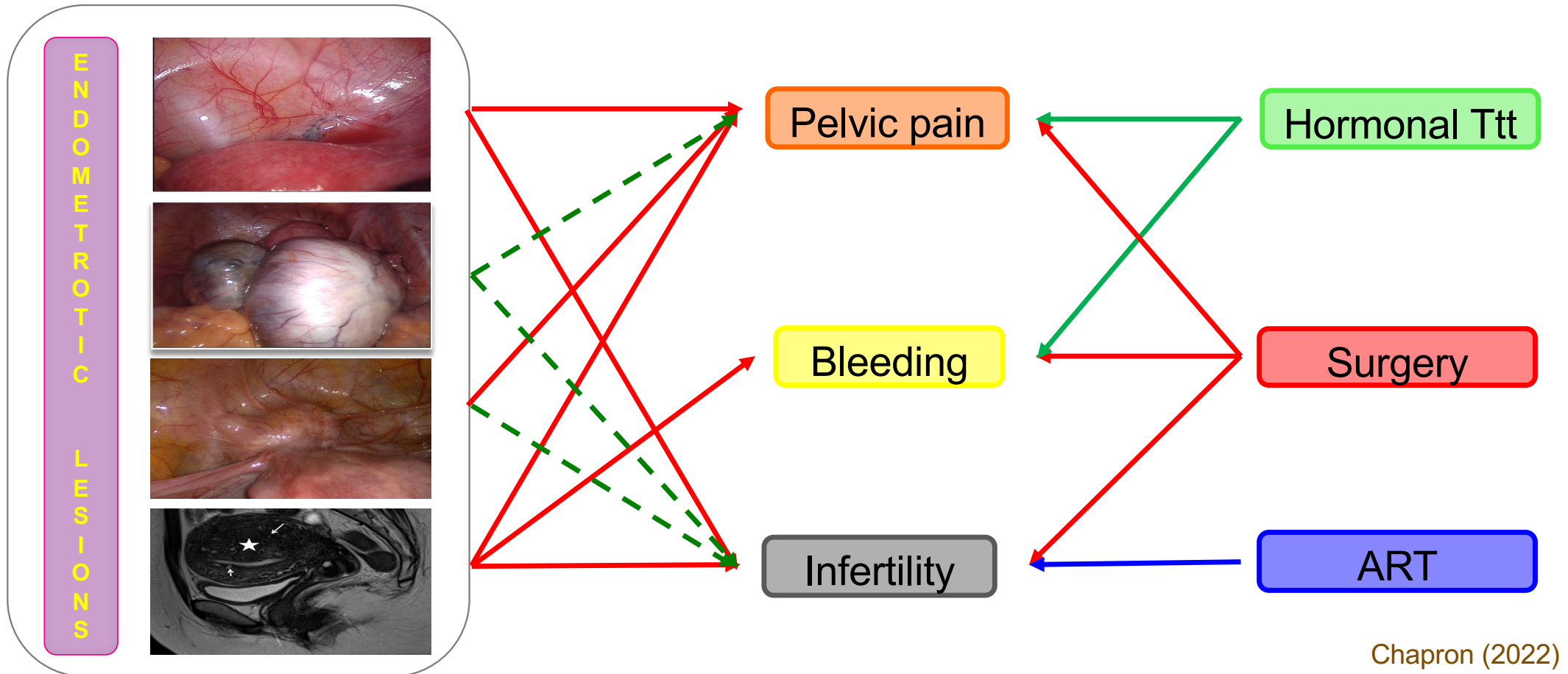


Rethinking endometriosis management

Clinical impact of endometriotic lesions

Pain	Endometriotic lesions	Infertility
YES	SUP	YES
Controversial	OMA	Controversial
YES	DIE	Controversial
YES	Adenomyosis	Yes

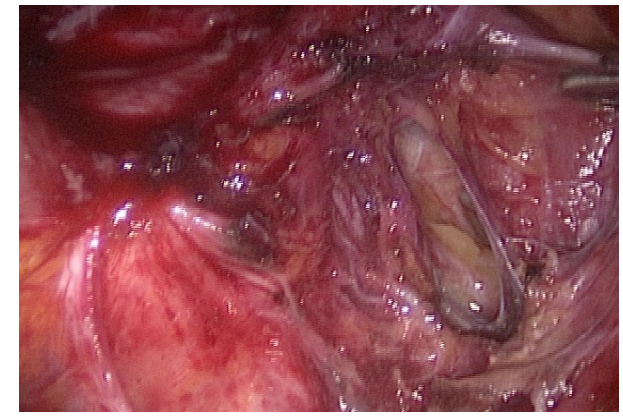
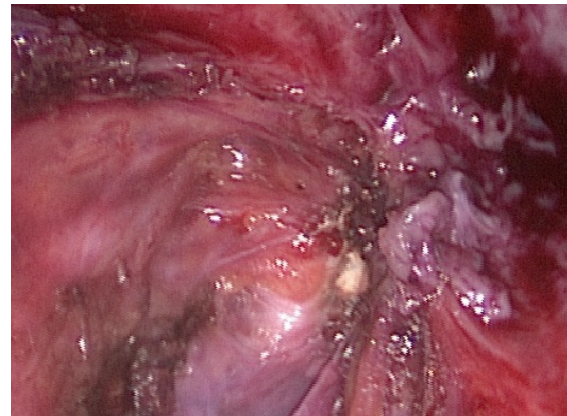
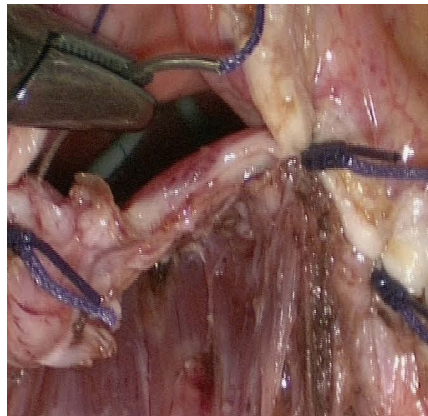
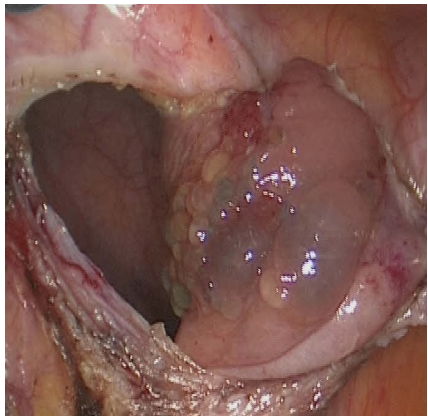
Endometriosis - Adenomyosis: Management



Symptomatic endometriosis: Limitations for surgical treatment



Although surgery allows for exeresis of endometriotic lesions, it does not treat the underlying cause of the disease



Symptomatic endometriosis: Rationale for medical treatment

- Endometriosis is a chronic inflammatory disease and it requires lifelong management
- Surgical exeresis of endometriotic lesions has no effect on retrograde menstruation
- Medical treatments decrease inflammation, which is a key aspect of endometriosis pathogenesis
- Surgery is inefficient for treating pain due to central sensitization
- Numerous inadequate unnecessary surgical procedures are performed for endometriosis
- High rates of symptoms and lesions recurrences after surgical treatment only
- Coexisted adenomyosis conservative surgery is difficult and controversial

Endometriosis: Guidelines



Leyland N, Casper R, Laberge P, Singh SS, SOGC Endometriosis: diagnosis and management. Journal of obstetrics and gynaecology Canada : JOGC = Journal d'obstetrique et gynecologie du Canada : JOGC 2010; 32 (7 Suppl 2): S1-32.



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National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE): Diagnosis and management of endometriosis: summary of NICE guidance. BMJ 2017; 358: 4227.

Endometriosis-related pelvic pain:

Hormonal treatments: a STEPSWISE approach

- First line: Low cost drugs

- Oral contraceptives: *cyclic, continuous*
- Progestogens: *oral, IUD*

- Second line: High cost drugs



- Dienogest
- GnRH analogues: *IM*
- GnRH antagonist



Vercellini *et al.*, Fertil Steril (2016)

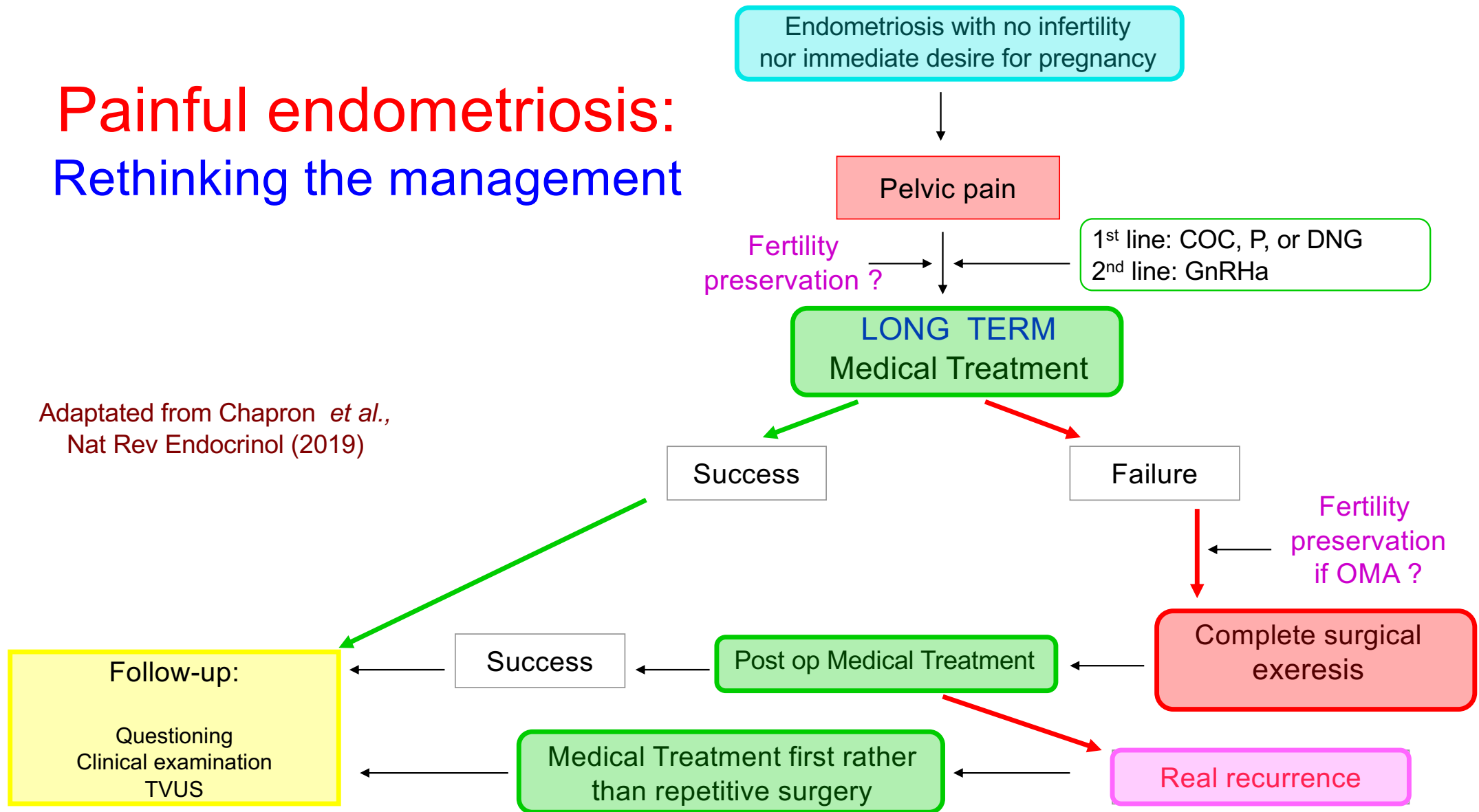
Endometriosis: is it a progressive disease ?

Evolution of recto-sigmoid DIE nodules between two MRI (38.2 ± 21.1 months)	%	Mean duration of amenorrhea
Stability	60.5	8.5 months
Regression	11.6	21 months
Progression	27.9	7.5 months
		p < 0.001

Progression of recto-sigmoid DIE lesion	%
Never amenorrhea	39
No continuous amenorrhea	34
Continuous amenorrhea	0

Netter *et al.*, Hum Reprod (2019)

Painful endometriosis: Rethinking the management



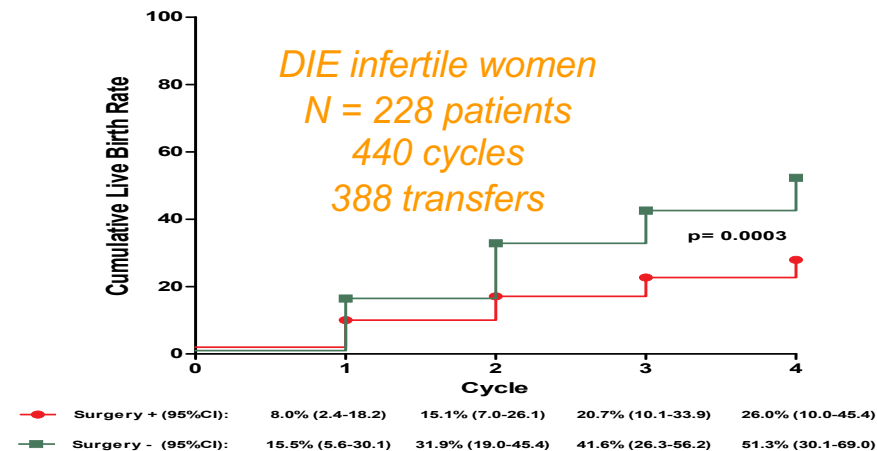
Endometriosis-related infertility

CONTROVERSY: IS THE OUTCOME OF IVF AFFECTED BY ENDOMETRIOSIS?

	Endometrioma removed (147 cycles)	Endometrioma present (63 cycles)	P value
No. of oocytes retrieved	10.8 ± 0.6	11.8 ± 0.9	.378
No. of mature oocytes	8.7 ± 0.6	8.4 ± 0.8	.780
Fertilization rate (%)	76.5	69.9	.051
No. of embryos/cycle	6.0 ± 0.4	6.4 ± 0.6	.582
No. of embryos transferred	2.7 ± 0.1	2.8 ± 0.1	.281
Implantation rate (%)	12.8	14.1	.958
Positive β -hCG (%)	30.2	28.8	.480
Clinical pregnancy rate (%)	25.4	22.7	.776
Multiple pregnancy rate (%)	7.9	12.1	.545
Biochemical pregnancy (%)	3.9	3.0	.817
Miscarriage rate (%)	3.9	6.1	.636
Cancellation rate (%)	6.3	7.6	.844

Garcia-Velasco *et al.*, Fertil Steril (2004)

Pregnancy	N	Previous surgery	for Osis	p
		YES (n = 167)	No (n = 61)	
DIE patients	228	49 (29.3%)	34 (55.7%)	0,0002
Intestinal +	137	20 (19.6%)	16 (45.7%)	0,0002
Intestinal -	91	29 (44.6%)	18 (69.2%)	



Maignien, Santulli,
Chapron
Reprod Sci (2020)

Endometriosis and infertility: ART

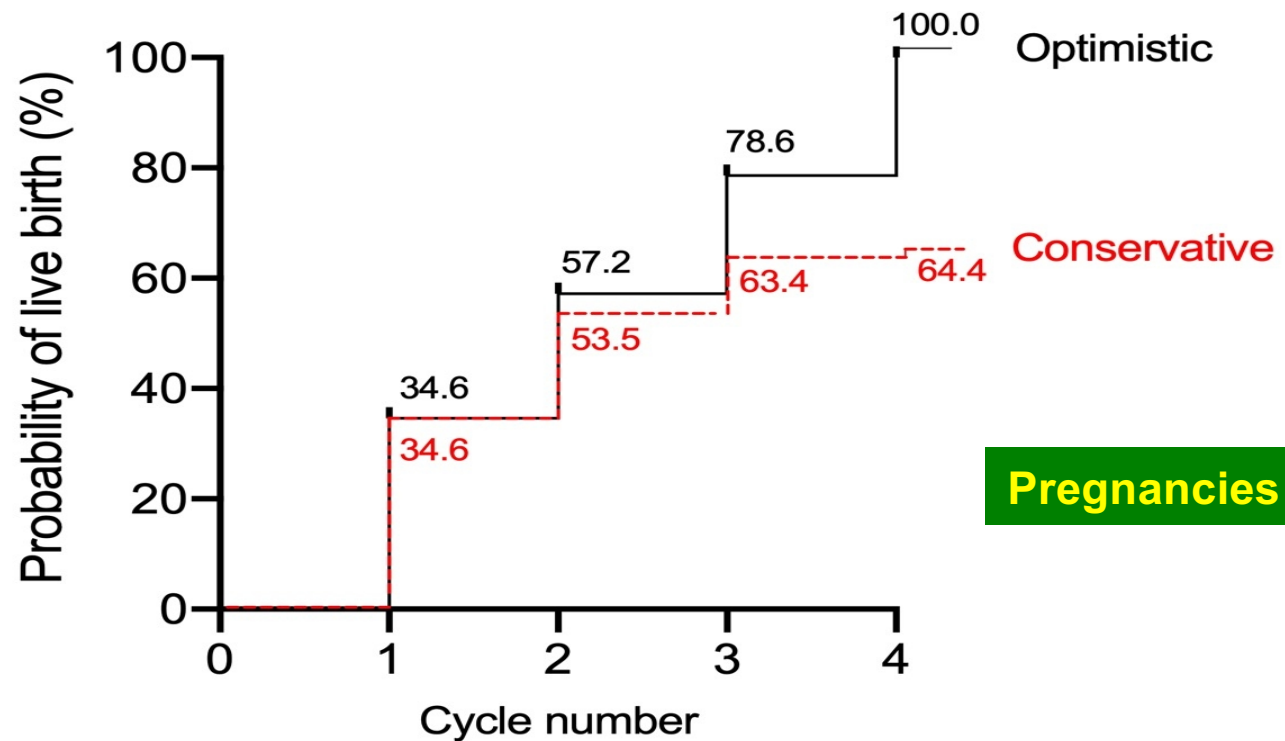
LBR in case of unoperated bowel deep endometriosis

N = 101

LBR = 65/101 (64%)

Associated OMA: 74 (73%)

Associated Adenomyosis: 89 (88%)



Pregnancies rates

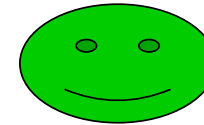
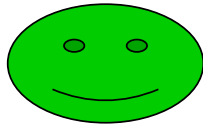
Maignien C, Santulli P, Chapron C *et al.*, *Fertil Steril* (2021)

Surgery *versus* ART

Surgery

ART

Fertility results



Limits



Negative impact on ovarian reserve
Reduced responsiveness to COS
Ineffectiveness of IUI
Major complications (DIE)
Recurrences of Osis and pain
Incomplete repetitive surgeries

Low risk of TOA
Low risk of disease progression
Multiples pregnancies
Obstetrical and perinatal outcomes
No suitable for pain management

Advantages



Treatment of painful symptoms
Avoid very low risk of ovarian cancer

Exeresis of OMA and DIE lesion does appear to be necessary before ART



My personal approach



- + Endometriosis pathogenesis: inflammation
- + Non surgical endometriosis diagnosis
- + Efficiency of medical treatments
- + ART results without previous surgery
- + Limits and risks of surgery
- + Rapid onset of pregnancy after surgery



Surgery must be performed **when the patient want to be pregnant**



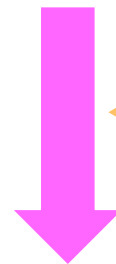
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New strategy for endometriosis management:

To plan **the best moment**
to perform the surgery

Chapron *et al.*,
Nat Rev Endocrinol
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Long term
Medical
treatment

Once only in « **the endometriosis life** »

**Infertility
work-up**

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Ovarian reserve

Time available for In Vivo

1

« **Emergency
ART** »



ART

**In principle
NO surgery**

**Ovarian suppression
(3 months)
IVF / ICSI**

de Ziegler, Borghese and Chapron
The Lancet (2010)



Rethinking endometriosis



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Ovarian reserve
Patients' desire and priorities
Age
Infertility duration
Associated infertility factors
Previous surgery for Osis (specifically OMA)
Pelvic pain intensity
Ovarian endometrioma
Associated adenomyosis



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Ovarian reserve	Satisfactory
Patients' desire and priorities	Patient choice
Age	Young
Infertility duration	Short
Associated infertility factors	No
Previous surgery for Osis (specifically OMA)	No
Pelvic pain intensity	Intense
Ovarian endometrioma	No
Associated adenomyosis	No

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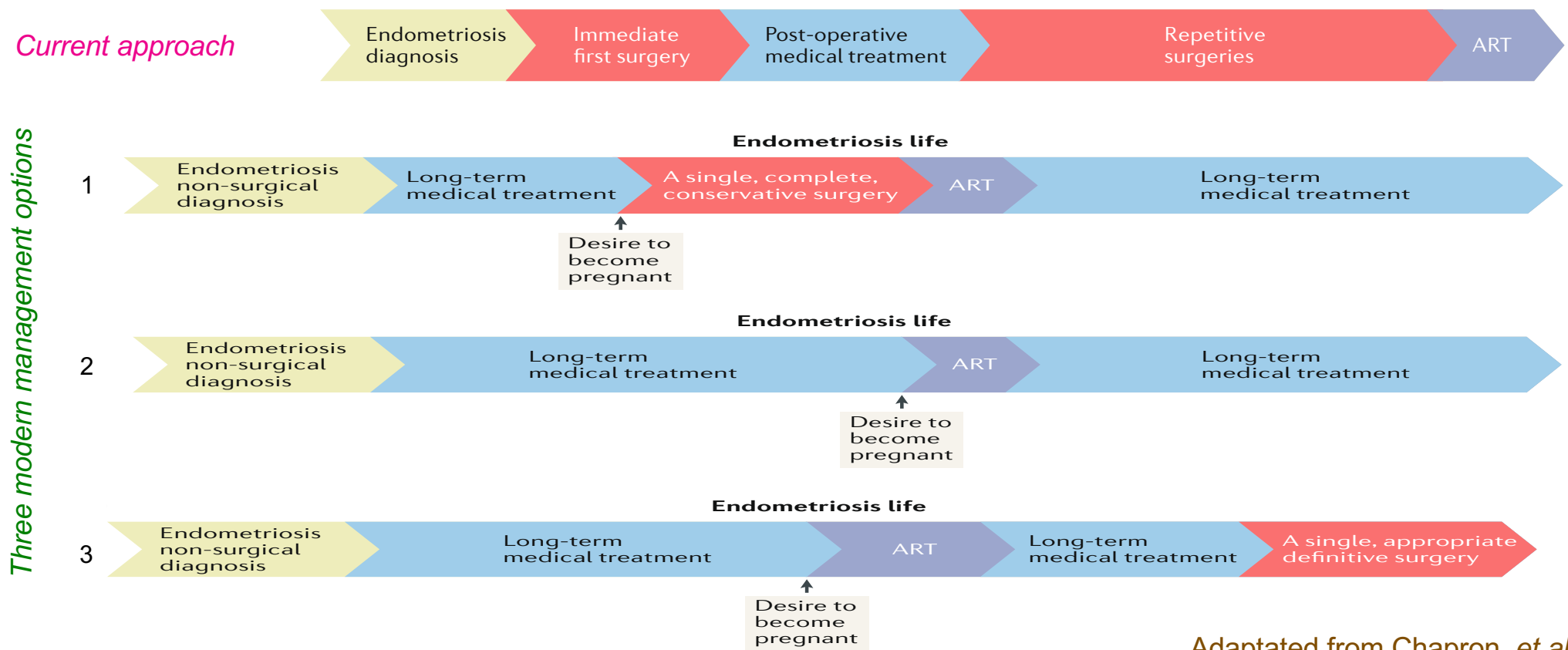


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Ovarian reserve	Satisfactory	Decreased
Patients' desire and priorities	Patient choice	Patient choice
Age	Young	Old
Infertility duration	Short	Long
Associated infertility factors	No	Yes
Previous surgery for Osis (specifically OMA)	No	Yes
Pelvic pain intensity	Intense	Low
Ovarian endometrioma	No	Yes
Associated adenomyosis	No	Yes

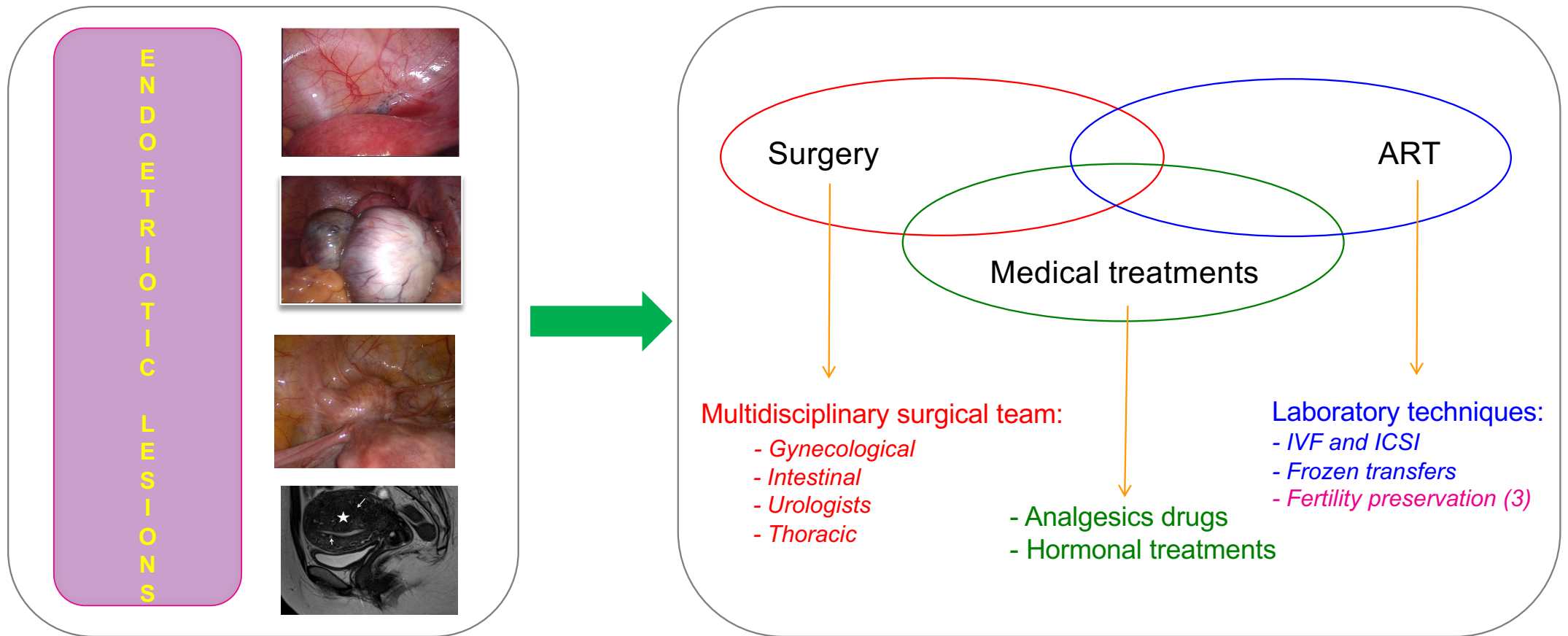
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Multi - disciplinary patient approach






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