

Radical laparoscopic prostatectomy Prostatectomía radical laparoscópica

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Radical laparoscopic prostatectomy (RLP) is an attractive therapeutic modality for localized prostate cancer. The results obtained with this technique are similar to those obtained with open radical prostatectomy, which continues to be the gold standard for the treatment of prostate cancer. The surgical access for RLP can be extra-peritoneal or trans-peritoneal. The advantages of laparoscopy are lower bleeding rates, less need for transfusion and shorter recuperation time and hospital stay. The oncological results of RLP are similar, but in any case better, than those obtained with open retropubic radical prostatectomy. Recent reports raised the concern that laparoscopic prostatectomy could have higher rates of relapse of cancer. However this opinion is questionable. RLP is a difficult technique and should be performed by experienced teams. Robot assistance facilitates the procedure and could improve functional and oncological results. Therefore RLP is nowadays an alternative to tradit