



# Internal Hernia Following Primary Laparoscopic SADI-S: the First Reported Case

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## Abstract

**Background** Internal hernias have not been reported with primary laparoscopic single anastomosis duodeno-ileostomy with sleeve gastrectomy (LSADI-S). This is the first reported case of an internal hernia following primary LSADI-S and its surgical treatment.

**Case Presentation** In this video case report, we present a case of a 54-year-old woman with a BMI of 53 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who had undergone a primary LSADI-S for morbid obesity. The patient underwent an exploratory laparoscopy for chronic nausea and bile reflux. At surgery, we discovered a Petersen's hernia defect, which was corrected by untwisting the bowel and sewing the space closed (video). A Braun enteroenterostomy was also performed.

**Conclusions** An internal hernia following LSADI-S is rare, despite the unclosed space behind the small bowel mesentery. If they occur, they should not cause ischemia and can be fixed easily using a laparoscopic surgical approach with good postoperative outcomes.

**Keywords** SADI-S · SIPS · Internal hernia · Surgical treatment · Bile reflux · GERD

## Introduction

The single anastomosis duodeno-ileostomy with sleeve gastrectomy (SADI-S) was introduced to avoid complications associated with Roux limb construction [1–3]. Internal hernias have not been reported with this procedure. This is a case of a

Petersen's internal hernia following primary LSADI-S with its surgical treatment.

## Case Presentation

A 54-year-old woman with a BMI of 53 kg/m<sup>2</sup> had a primary LSADI-S for morbid obesity. Eighteen months postoperatively, the patient experienced gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and nocturnal regurgitation. An esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) was performed that revealed the presence of bile without hiatal hernia (Fig. 1). The pylorus was wide open, and it seemed that the afferent limb intussuscepted up to the pylorus (Fig. 1). The gastrointestinal series showed that the contrast left the sleeve stomach and went into the afferent limb and dilated it up (Fig. 2). The contrast left the

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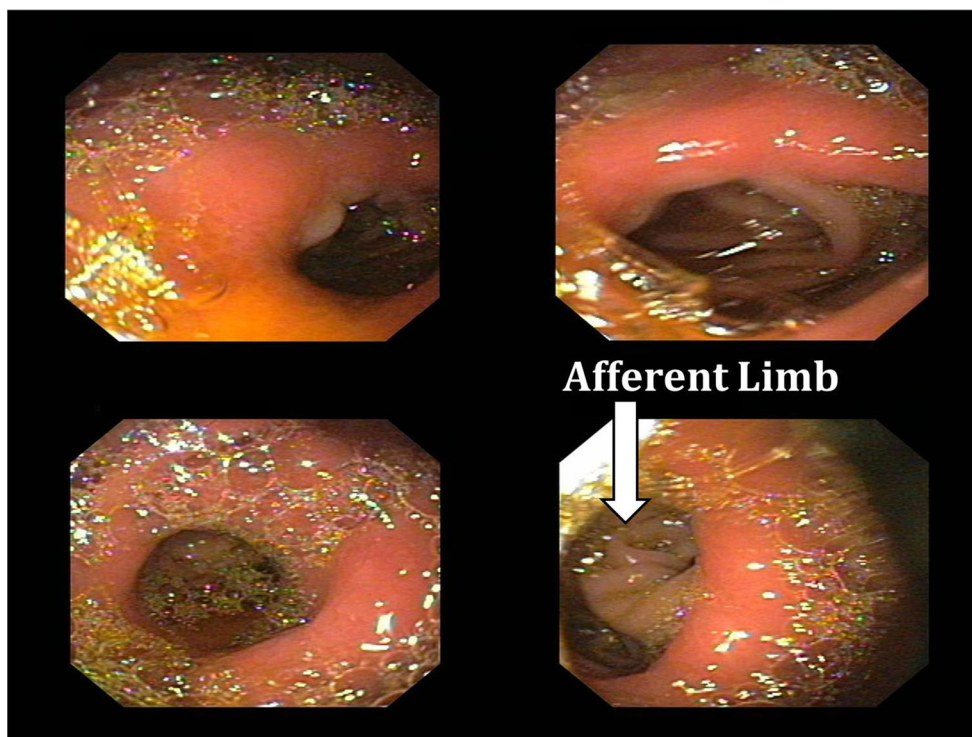
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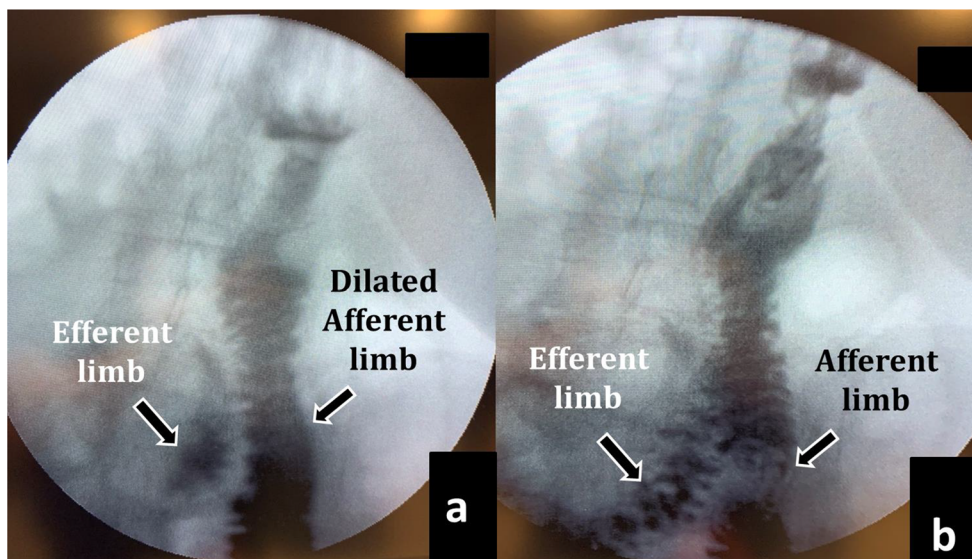
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**Fig. 1** An EGD following primary LSADI-S. *EGD* esophagogastroduodenoscopy; *LSADI-S* laparoscopic single anastomosis duodeno-ileostomy with sleeve gastrectomy. The EGD demonstrates the

presence of bile with no hiatal hernia. Also, it appears as though the small bowel is attempting to intussuscept through the pylorus



**Fig. 2** An UGI performed after 18 months following LSADI-S. *UGI* upper gastrointestinal series; *LSADI-S* laparoscopic single anastomosis duodeno-ileostomy with sleeve gastrectomy. The UGI shows **a** contrast

leaving the sleeve stomach, and going into the afferent limb and dilating it up. Small amounts of contrast passed into the efferent limb. **b.** Some contrast going back into the sleeve stomach as well as the efferent limb

afferent limb, but some went into the stomach and then in the efferent limb [4]. We elected to perform an exploratory laparoscopy for chronic nausea and bile reflux (video).

At surgery, we discovered a Petersen's hernia defect, which was corrected by untwisting the bowel and sewing the space closed. We also performed a Braun enteroenterostomy to ensure bile reflux did not occur since the patient had complained of this prior to surgery, and we worried about an incompetent pylorus.

## Conclusions

An internal hernia following LSADI-S is rare, despite the unclosed space behind the small bowel mesentery. If they occur, they can be fixed using a laparoscopic surgical approach.

## Compliance with ethical standards

**Conflict of Interest** Daniel Cottam, the corresponding author, reports personal fees and other from Medtronic and GI Windows, outside the submitted work. All other authors have no conflicts of interest to declare.

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