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# **Hemorrhoids:**

**Medical / Instrumental treatment**

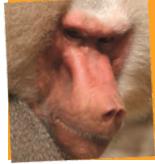
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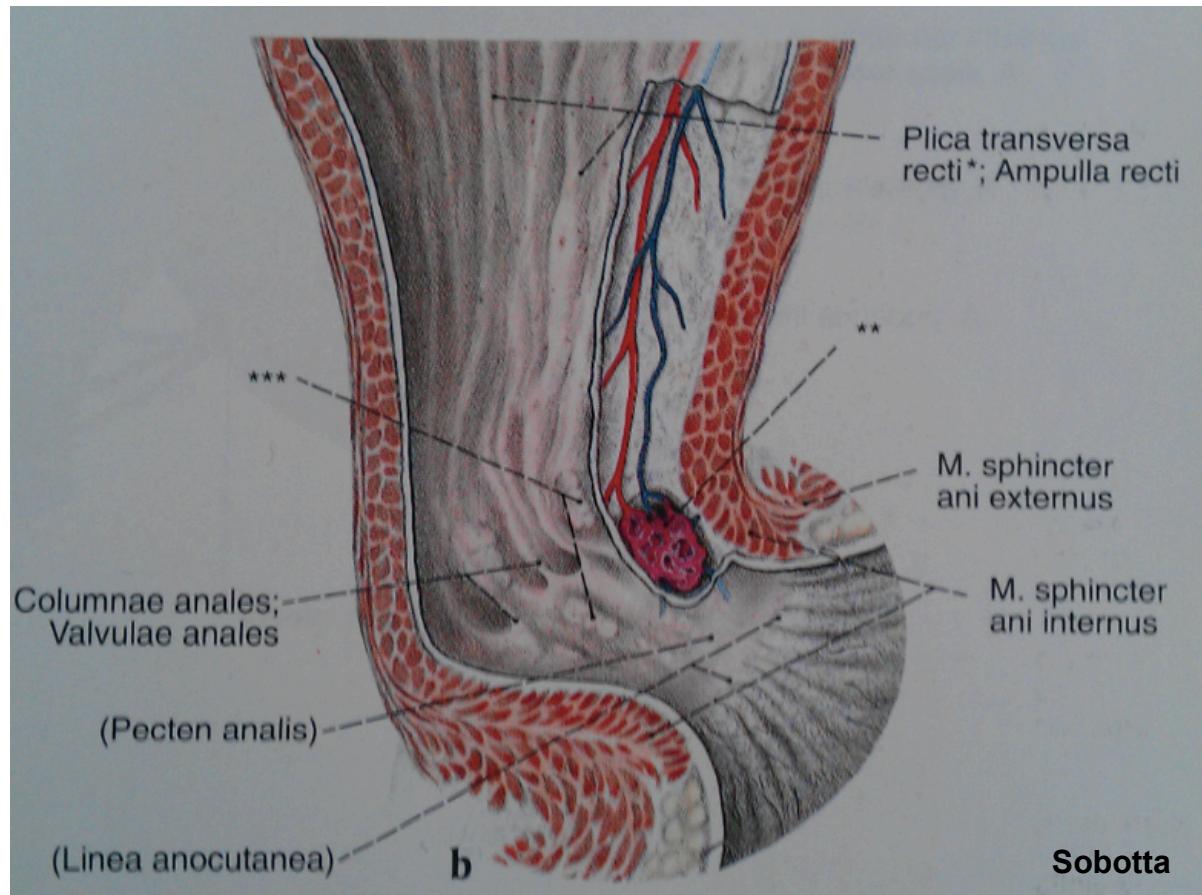
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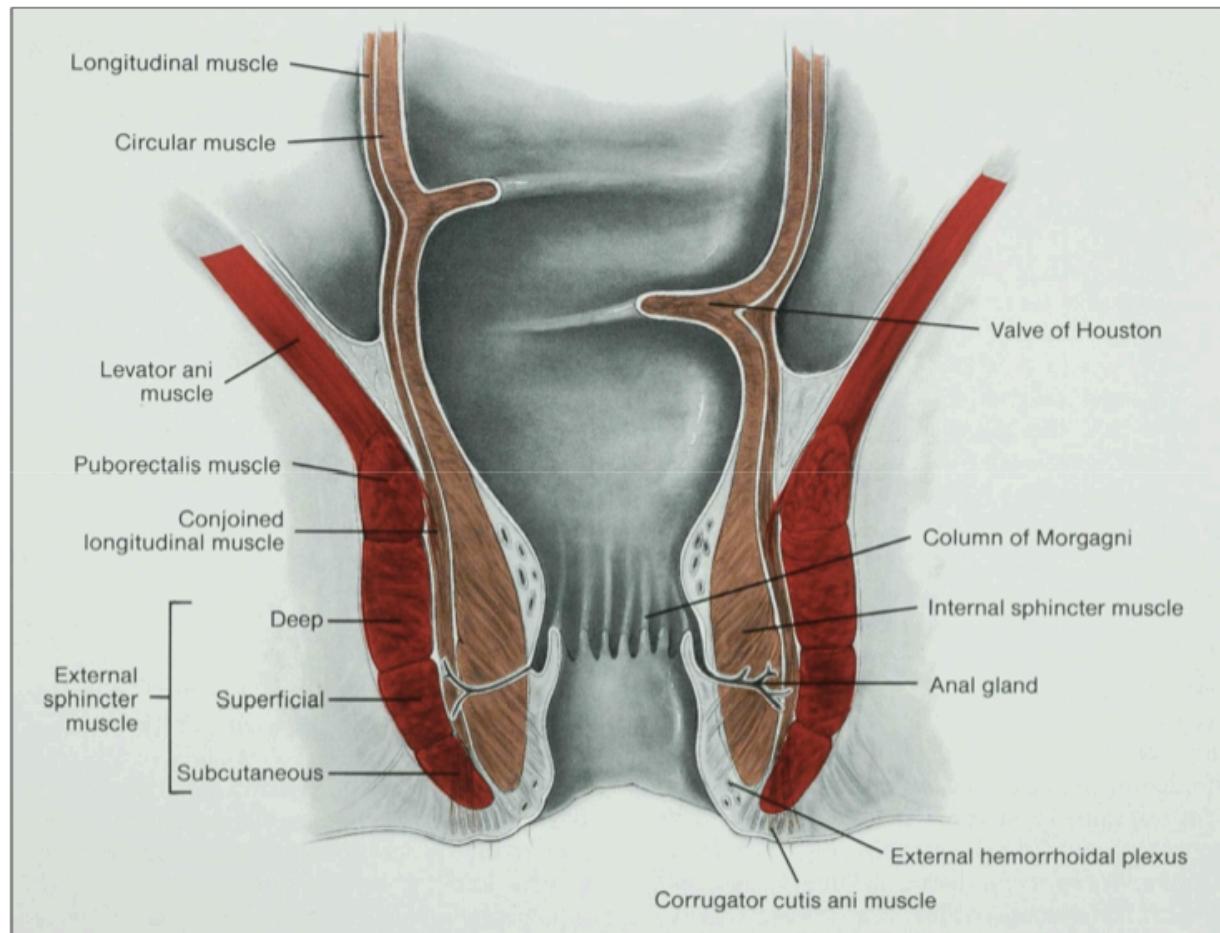


# Internal / External Hemorrhoids



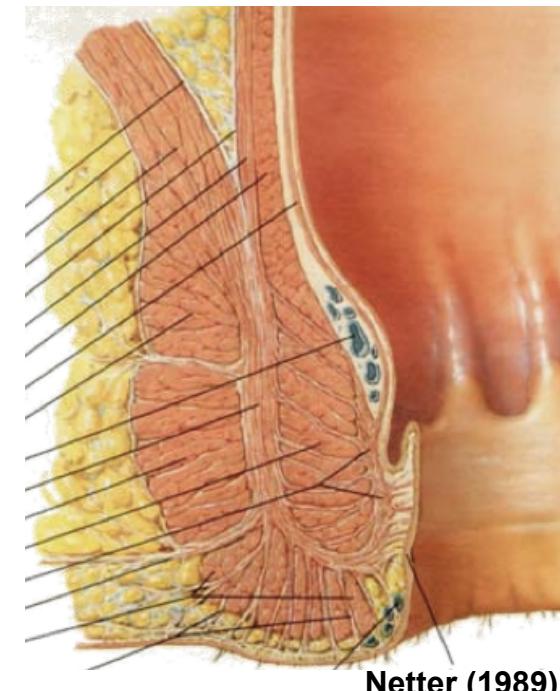
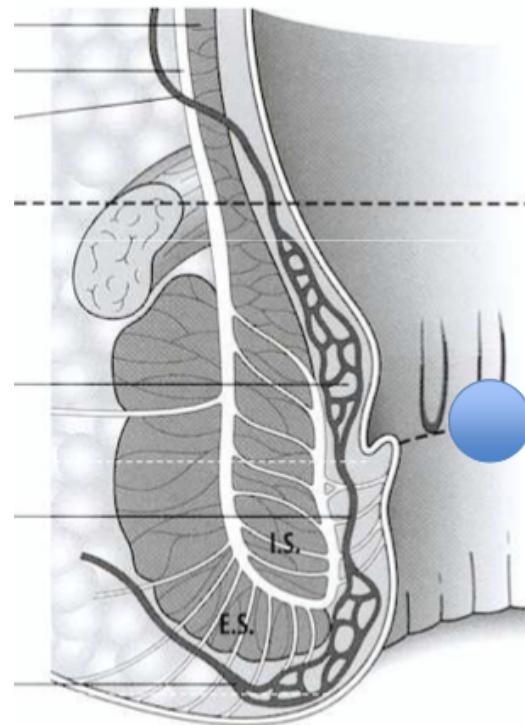


# Internal / External Hemorrhoids





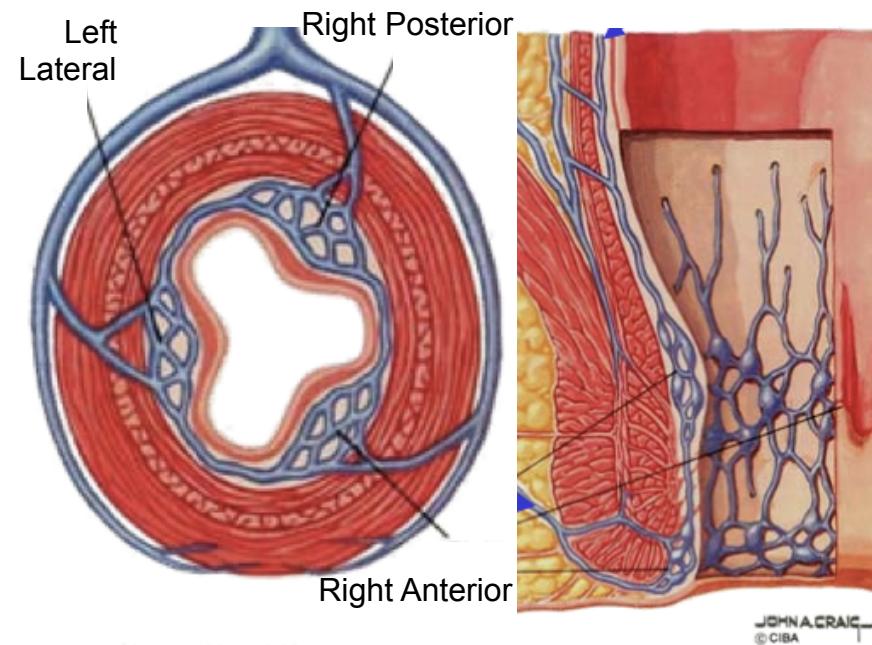
# Internal / External Hemorrhoids





# Anatomy

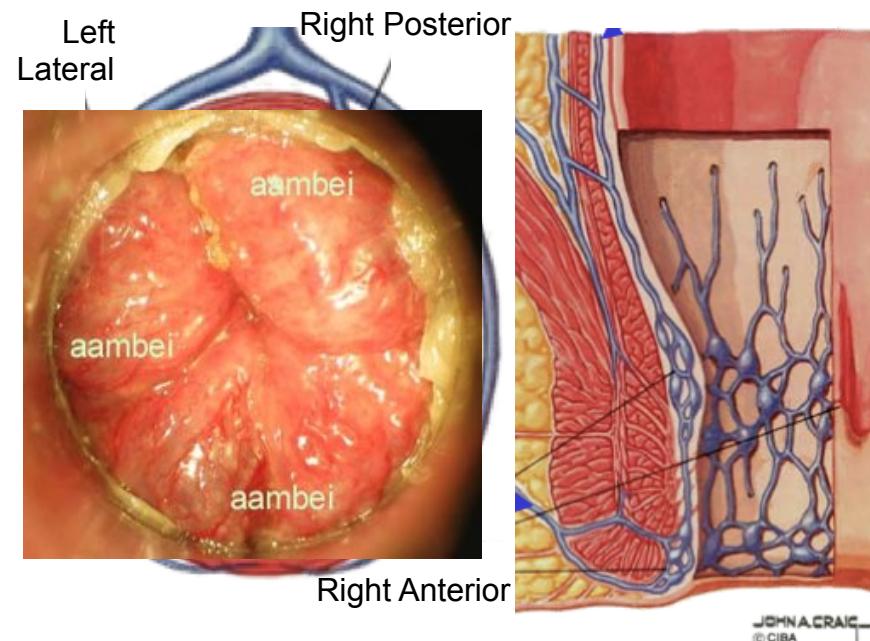
Three Cushions





# Anatomy

## Three Cushions





# God, Thanks for the hemorrhoids!

## Some historical aspects



De slag van Waterloo, Jan Willem Pieneman, 1824



# God Thanks, I've got Hemorrhoids

## Physiological aspects

Maintaining continence

Rest pressure: hemorrhoids: 15-20 %



# God Damn, I've got Hemorrhoids

- Internal hemorrhoids
  - Prolapse
  - Bleeding
  - Thrombosis
- External hemorrhoids
  - Thrombosis
  - Mariske / skintag



## Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

Grade I: congested hemorrhoids, no externalization

Grade II: passing beyond linea dentata  
with spontaneous reduction

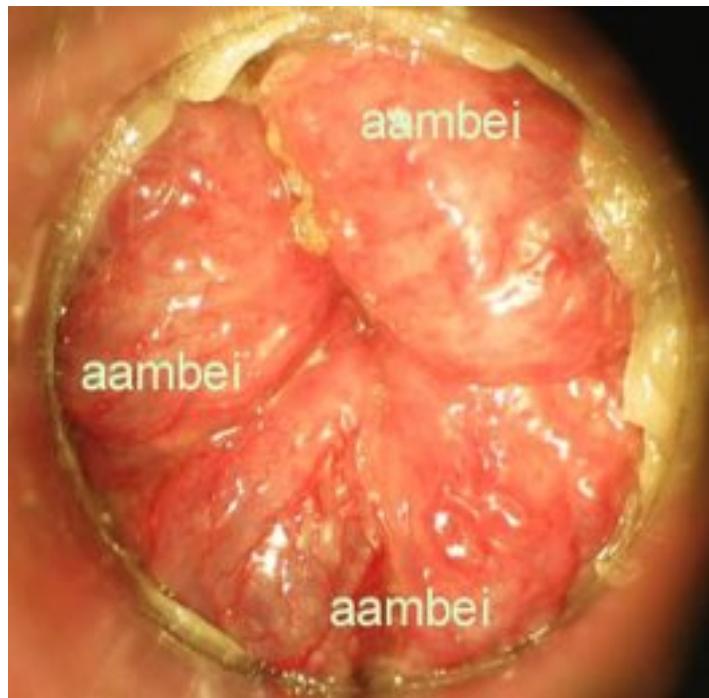
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# Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

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# Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

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# Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

## Treatment

A. Instrumental/surgical treatment needed?

Grade I-II-III: IR coagulation - Rubber band ligation

Grade III-IV: Surgery

B. Stool softeners <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jensen Act Chir Scand 1988

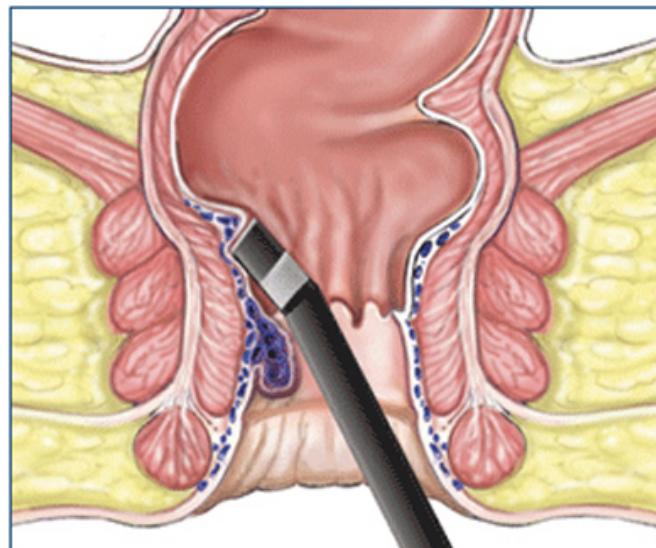


# Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

## Instrumental Treatment

AIM:

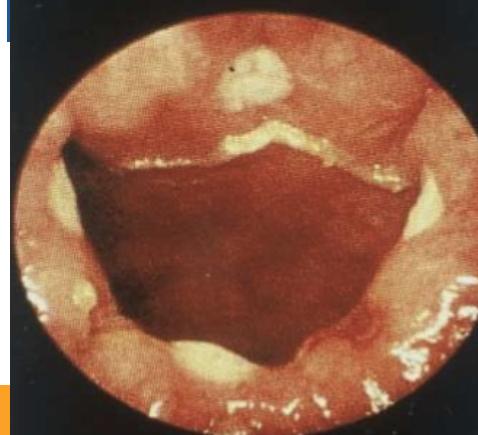
- NOT: a resection of hemorrhoids
- LIFTING of hemorrhoids = 'restoring' original position





# Internal Hemorrhoids: Prolapse

## Instrumental Treatment





# Internal Hemorrhoids: Bleeding

## Symptoms

- blood around stools
- blood dripping in the water closet
- blood on paper
- painless



# Internal Hemorrhoids: Bleeding

## Treatment

- Transit 'normalization'

Cochrane Collaboration 2005

- Instrumental or Surgical therapy
  - Treatment needed?
  - Grade I-II-III: Instrumental
  - Grade IV or relapsing: Surgical



# Internal Hemorrhoids: Bleeding

## Infra-Red coagulation – Rubber Band Ligation

Table 4 Follow-up after treatment of haemorrhoids with rubber band ligation (RBL) and infra-red coagulation (IRC). Data are presented as absolute numbers and percentages (%)

	Symptom-free	Mild symptoms	Full recurrence of symptoms	Total
RBL				
First-degree	21 (58)	8 (22)	7 (19)	36
Second-degree	2 (22)	5 (55)	2 (22)	9
Third-degree	5 (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5
Total	28 (56)	13 (26)	9 (18)*	50
IRC				
First-degree	18 (50)	10 (28)	8 (22)	36
Second-degree	8 (50)	6 (38)	2 (13)	16
Third-degree	1 (33)	1 (33)	1 (33)	3
Total	27 (49)	17 (31)	11 (20)†	55



# Internal Hemorrhoids: Bleeding

## Infra-Red coagulation – Rubber Band Ligation

Table 3 Side-effects of treatment of haemorrhoids with rubber band ligation (RBL) and infra-red coagulation (IRC)

	RBL (n = 59)	IRC (n = 63)
None	9	11
Mild bleeding	22	31
Severe bleeding	–	–
Pain/discomfort		
VAS > 5	36	17
Mean VAS (0–10)	5.5 (3.7)	3.3 (3.3)
At follow-up contact	9	3
Fever	2	–
Urine retention	1	2
Soiling	1	1
Proctitis	–	1

One patient in the IRC group developed a painful anal fissure.

VAS, visual analogue scale.



# Internal Hemorrhoids:

## Intrumental therapy: complications

- Pain
- Urinary retention / Dysuria
- Bleeding

*no rubber band ligation if INR therapeutic*

- Septicemia
- fever / abcedation / fistulization

Fournier gangrene – fatal outcome



# Internal Hemorrhoids: Thrombosis

Clinical picture



# Internal Hemorrhoids: Thrombosis

## Treatment

- Medical
  - NSAID / corticoids
  - local corticosteroid
  - analgetics
- Surgical
  - Hemorrhoidectomy

# External Hemorrhoids: Thrombosis

Clinical picture



# External Hemorrhoids: Thrombosis

## Treatment

- Medical
  - NSAID / corticosteroids
  - local corticosteroid
  - analgetics
- Instrumental (hard – no clear edema – localized)
  - Incisional
  - Excisional

# Indications for surgery

- Anemia due to hemorrhoidal blood loss
- Frequently recurring internal/external hemorrhoidal thrombosis
- Internal prolapse grade 4 and symptomatic