



Preface: controversies & considerations of penile surgery

Amidst Covid-19, 2020 was surely a year we won't forget. One of the many differences faced by physicians was the inability to convene at a scientific meeting and have the random side bar conversations about our idiosyncratic practices, especially the subtleties that affect our surgical technique. For us, some of our biggest surgical practice changes came from these side bars, rather than the key note lectures. This special edition is meant to capture some of the subtleties we missed out on isolated from our peers. We have assembled a world class group of authors to discuss issues and techniques that often are important but are difficult to quantify in traditional scientific literature. There is no specific data that prolonged catheterization following penile implant surgery is suboptimal, but we know it to be so. What does the sex life of a patient after anterior urethroplasty, penectomy or with concealed penis entail? How should we manage gunshot wounds to the genitals or address sclerosing lipogranuloma? What are the tips and tricks for residual curvature, pain management, or length optimization for penile implants? Should we embrace shock wave therapy for erectile dysfunction (ED) and use male slings for incontinence? We hope you find the answers to these and many other questions surrounding penile surgery from this special edition. Special thanks to the *TAU* team in making this edition possible. We look forward to discussing your take on our esteemed authors' thoughts at the next scientific meeting... in person... without a mask!

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