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Use of gentamicin in the treatment of access-port infections.

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BACKGROUND: A therapy concept for access-port infections is presented. METHODS: Between January 2001 and May 2005, 556 adjustable gastric bands were placed laparoscopically, and access-port infection data were analyzed. 6 early infections and 1 late infection occurred. 2 early infections were treated successfully with placement of a PMMA-chain at the port-site--without port removal. 2 other early infections were treated successfully with port removal and later reconnection; however, infection recurred at the access-port soon after reconnection, so a PMMA-chain was positioned around the port. The last 2 early infections were treated successfully by port removal and later connection of a new access-port surrounded by a PMMA-chain. The late access-port infection appeared to be caused by gastric erosion. RESULTS: Complete healing was achieved in all cases of early infection, and follow-up revealed no complications with subsequent band adjustments. The gastric erosion required removal of the entire banding system. CONCLUSION: For early port infection, the placement of a PMMA-chain around the subcutaneous port appears to be a safe and effective approach that is less invasive than the usual port removal under general anesthesia. Placing the PMMA-chain is a rapid and simple procedure that allows retention of the original access-port. Once local healing is complete, the port can then be accessed easily and safely for band inflation.

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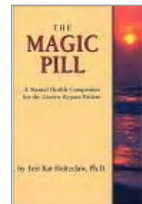
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