The Evolution of Surgical Techniques in the Management of Hirschsprung's Disease: A Historial Review

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Abstract

Harald Hirschsprung provided the first thorough description of clinical outcomes in patients with congenital megacolon. Over the following century, significant advancements were made in understanding the causes, improving diagnosis, and developing effective treatments for Hirschsprung's disease (HD). This article outlines the evolution of surgical management for HD, starting with Orvar Swenson, who introduced the first complete transrectal dissection, and highlighting the contributions of other innovative surgeons whose work helped shape the current approaches to managing the disease.

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