

### **Intraomental Splenic Implant - An Attempt of Reassessment**

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### **Abstract**

The permanent risk of splenectomized patients to infectious complications, the most severe being overwhelming post splenectomy infection (OPSI), determined the search for solutions in order to diminish these evolutionary possibilities. Therefore, intraomental splenic autotransplantation seems to be a viable option which, according to some authors, would have beneficial effects by restoring (at least partially) the functions of the spleen. The article presents the current experience related to this procedure (principles of surgical technique, implant location, complications, post-procedural evaluation) in an attempt to bring it back to the attention of trauma / general surgery surgeons. The procedure is simple, fast and with minimal or no complications and should be applied after any post-traumatic splenectomy.

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