Figure 4 Traction on in-line Goldfinger™ starts delivery of anvil through staple line.

the pouch gastrotomy. The anvil and its spike are connected within the abdomen having first tied a short extracorporeal loop of 2/0 polypropylene to the anvil spike (Fig. 2). A small lateral gastrotomy is created and the Goldfinger™ delivered through the stomach (Fig. 3). The anvil is connected to the Goldfinger™ using the polypropylene loop and the Goldfinger™ straightened and pulled back through the stomach to deliver the anvil through the staple line (Fig. 4). The polypropylene loop can be used as a useful retractor whilst the remainder of the gastric pouch is fashioned.

DISCUSSION

This method provides smooth delivery of the anvil head and prevents the tip of the anvil spike from traumatising the rugal folds of the stomach.

TECHNICAL TIPS

Combined laparoscopic peritoneal dialysis catheter insertion and epigastric hernia repair to avoid delaying dialysis

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We describe a simple technique to repair simultaneously an epigastric hernia and laparoscopically site a peritoneal dialysis catheter (PDC) without the need to delay dialysis. An open dissection is performed to achieve a pneumoperitoneum by placing camera port through the hernial sac (Fig. 1). With the patient in the Trendelenberg position, a second incision is made and a PDC on an introducer is sited percutaneously into the pelvic sump.

Figure 1 Laparoscopic port insertion through ventral hernial defect to allow simultaneous peritoneal tube placement and hernia repair.

After the cuff is placed anterior to the peritoneum, the PDC may then be tunnelled laterally. The camera port is removed and the defect repaired with 1/0 nylon.

A simple technique to achieve effective suction during laparotomy

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Figure 1 A 9 x 9 inch sterile gauze is wrapped around the Pooler sucker.