ANATOMICAL PROSTATE mpMRI FEATURES AND CONTINENCE RECOVERY AFTER ROBOT ASSISTED RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY: IS THERE SOMETHING BEYOND MEMBRANOUS URETHRAL LENGTH?
RESULTS FROM A LARGE, MULTI-INSTITUTIONAL COHORT

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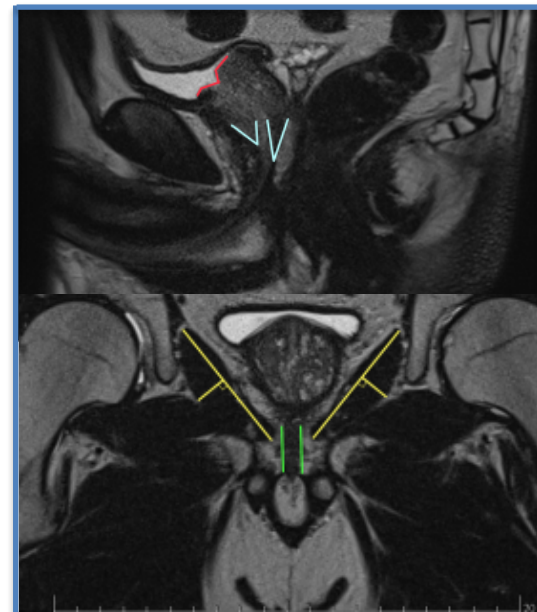6: Dept. of Urology, University of Naples Federico II, Naples, Italy.

STUDY AIM: To assess the **association between pre-operative variables, MRI features and postoperative continence recovery** (CR).

METHODS: **235 RALP-pts** perfomed 1.5/3-Tesla mp-MRI
3 urologists analysed the MRI (outcomes blinded)
Continence: no pad usage

UVA and MVA Cox regression analyses:

- **APEX OVERLAPPING** (AO: ant, post, ant & post and no),
- **PROSTATE VOLUME** (PV),
- **BLADDER NECK SHAPE** (BNS: round vs square),
- **LEVATOR-ANI THICKNESS** (LAT)
- **MEMBRANOUS URETHRAL LENGTH** (MUL),
- **DEMOGRAPHICS AND COMORBIDITY SCORES** (Age, BMI, CCI).

RESULTS

- Mean follow-up: 22 months.

- **The 12 and 24-mo continence rates were 78.3% and 82.0%,** respectively.

- Overall, 169 patients (72.3%) had a C.C.I. ≤2

Variables:	Overall Population (n= 235)
BMI Mean-median (IQR)	25 - 25.6 (23.5; 27.5)
Prostate Volume. - cc^3 Mean-median (IQR)	42 cc - 35 (27-51)
Membranous urethral length (mm) Mean-median (IQR)	15,5 – 15 (13-18)
Levator ani thickness– mm Mean-median (IQR)	10,7- 10.5 (9.5; 12)
Apex overlapping (n, %) • no • anterior • posterior • anterior + posterior	• 74 (31.4%) • 72 (30.6%) • 35 (15.0%) • 54 (23.0%)

MULTIVARIABLE ANALYSIS PREDICTING CR

Variable	HR	95%CI	p-value
C.C.I.	0.26	0.11 - 0.54	**0.003**
BMI	0.99	0.90-1.10	0.97
MUL	1.05	1.01 - 1.1	**0.03**
AO	0.95	0.77-1.16	0.62
BNS	1,09	0.65-1.81	0.74
LAT	1	0.87-1.17	0.89
PV	1	0.98-1.01	0.98

CONCLUSIONS: Our results underline the **role of MUL, together with clinical and pathological variables**, in models predicting Continence Recovery. While other MRI parameters may not necessarily be assessed, **MUL inclusion is recommended**.