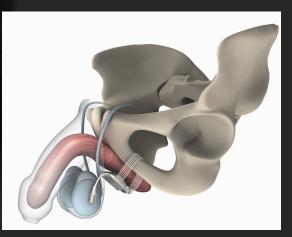


Introduction and Method

- Stress urinary incontinence is debilitating
- Arises mainly from radical prostate surgery
- ♦ The ATOMS® (A.M.I., Feldkirch, Austria) is a new adjustable system consisting of a balloon mechanism which is inflated via a buried port-catheter
- Allows ongoing adjustments of pressure exerted by the system in an outpatient setting, without the need for general anaesthetics
- ♦ 2019 meta-analysis Esquinas et al 67% dryness on average, 90% improvement after adjustment
- ♦ First UK experience on using ATOMS®

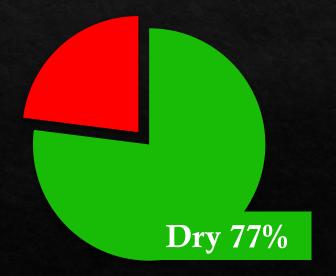
- ♦ 70 men average age: 70.3 (range 50 81)
- 94% post radical prostatectomy
- 11 had previously undergone a conventional sling and 14 had urethral bulking agents in the past
- 15 have had precious radiotherapy
- ♦ All underwent insertion of ATOMS®
- Performed under general anesthetic
- Follow up for up to 5 years.





Results and Discussion

- ♦ 54/70 (77%) post ATOMS are dry (defined as using up to a maximum of one pad for reassurance only).
- ♦ 35/54 (65%) achieved dryness within 6 months (range 1-24 months).
- ♦ Average pad usage was 3.3 pre-op and 0.8 post-op



- Of the 16 patients where ATOMS have been ineffective, 7 had undergone radiotherapy previously.
- However, pad usage still reduced by 56% in these post-radiotherapy patients.
- There were **8 (11%) complications**: 4 cases of retention, 2 wound infections treated medically, 1 balloon mechanism erosion requiring re-implantation and 1 case of infected device requiring removal.

ATOMS appears **effective in treating men with SUI**, including when other surgical therapies have failed.

Its efficacy is hindered by radiotherapy

But still reduced overall pad usage.

Further studies on ATOMS in larger numbers with longer followups are required to confirm these positive outcomes.