

# The classic art of closure reinvented: Video demonstration of modified Latzko repair for vesicovaginal fistula

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Vesicovaginal fistula (VVF) continues to profoundly affect the lives of women worldwide, causing physical discomfort and social isolation. Despite modern advances, some time-tested techniques still hold immense value. One such method is the modified Latzko procedure, originally described in 1942, which remains a safe, effective, and minimally invasive approach to VVF repair, though often underrepresented in contemporary training. **Objectives:** This video presentation aims to: 1. Demonstrate the modified Latzko technique in a clear, step-by-step video format. 2. Highlight critical surgical landmarks and procedural nuances. 3. Promote the technique's value in modern urogynaecological practice. **Materials and Methods:** A narrated surgical video showcases the transvaginal approach to modified Latzko procedure in its entirety—from patient positioning and dissection to multilayer closure and postoperative management. Operative tips and variations are discussed to guide both new and experienced surgeons. **Results:** The modified Latzko approach offers success rates consistently above 85%, with minimal morbidity and excellent preservation of vaginal anatomy. It remains particularly suitable for simple to moderate-sized fistulae. The video serves as an accessible, visual learning tool to support training and adoption. **Conclusion:** In an era focused on innovation, there is value in revisiting and refining the classics. The modified Latzko procedure continues to provide excellent outcomes for women with VVF. Through surgical video education, we aim to combine tradition and modern practice, ensuring that effective solutions are not lost to time.