



*CENTER FOR WOMEN'S CARE AND
REPRODUCTIVE SURGERY
Gynecologic Endoscopic Surgery*

*Bladder Neck Suspension / Pelvic Floor
Reconstruction*

The Modified Burch Procedure, a surgical procedure developed by Dr. Lyons, is used in the management of urinary stress incontinence, which is the involuntary loss of urine--usually during some physical activity such as lifting, sneezing, laughing, jogging, bending, or stooping. Childbirth and loss of estrogen associated with menopause--conditions that can weaken muscles supporting the bladder--are common causes for the condition.

Surgical therapy is indicated after conservative therapies have been proven ineffective, or if the condition is interfering with daily activities. The procedure takes one to two hours based on the patient's anatomy, and has an eighty per cent success rate.

In keeping with a total approach to pelvic floor defects, including pelvic prolapse, Dr. Lyons has also developed procedures for posterior pelvic floor relaxation. The procedure for rectocele (a defect in the rectum that causes severe constipation) is also performed laparoscopically in a similar fashion to the laparoscopic bladder suspension. By performing these procedures via laparoscope, the patient experiences a significant decrease in post-operative pain. Once again, she is able to resume her normal activities, including elimination of bodily wastes, more quickly than if the surgery had been performed using a scalpel.

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