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Project Title: Patient outcomes in children following bladder neck surgery for urinary incontinence.

Research Project Description: Pediatric patients with urinary incontinence secondary to bladder neck incompetence pose a significant surgical challenge. Several different types of surgical techniques have been employed over the last several decades to enhance bladder outlet resistance and improve continence. The results of these different procedures have been mixed. One of the procedures employed for sphincteric incontinence was popularized here at the University of Florida, the Walker fascial wrap sling.

Our goal is to review pediatric patients in a retrospective fashion who have had a bladder neck sling at the University of Florida. We will focus our investigation on urologic outcomes following bladder neck sling, primarily continence. This work may lead to improvement in preoperative and postoperative management in pediatric patients with urinary incontinence.

Student Role: The student will be engaged in a research project with a motivated mentor. The student will learn how to review and interpret pertinent medical literature; be exposed to the process of submitting a research proposal; collate subject data; and write a medical manuscript for submission to a regional and/or national meeting or medical journal.