

Umbilical Locator

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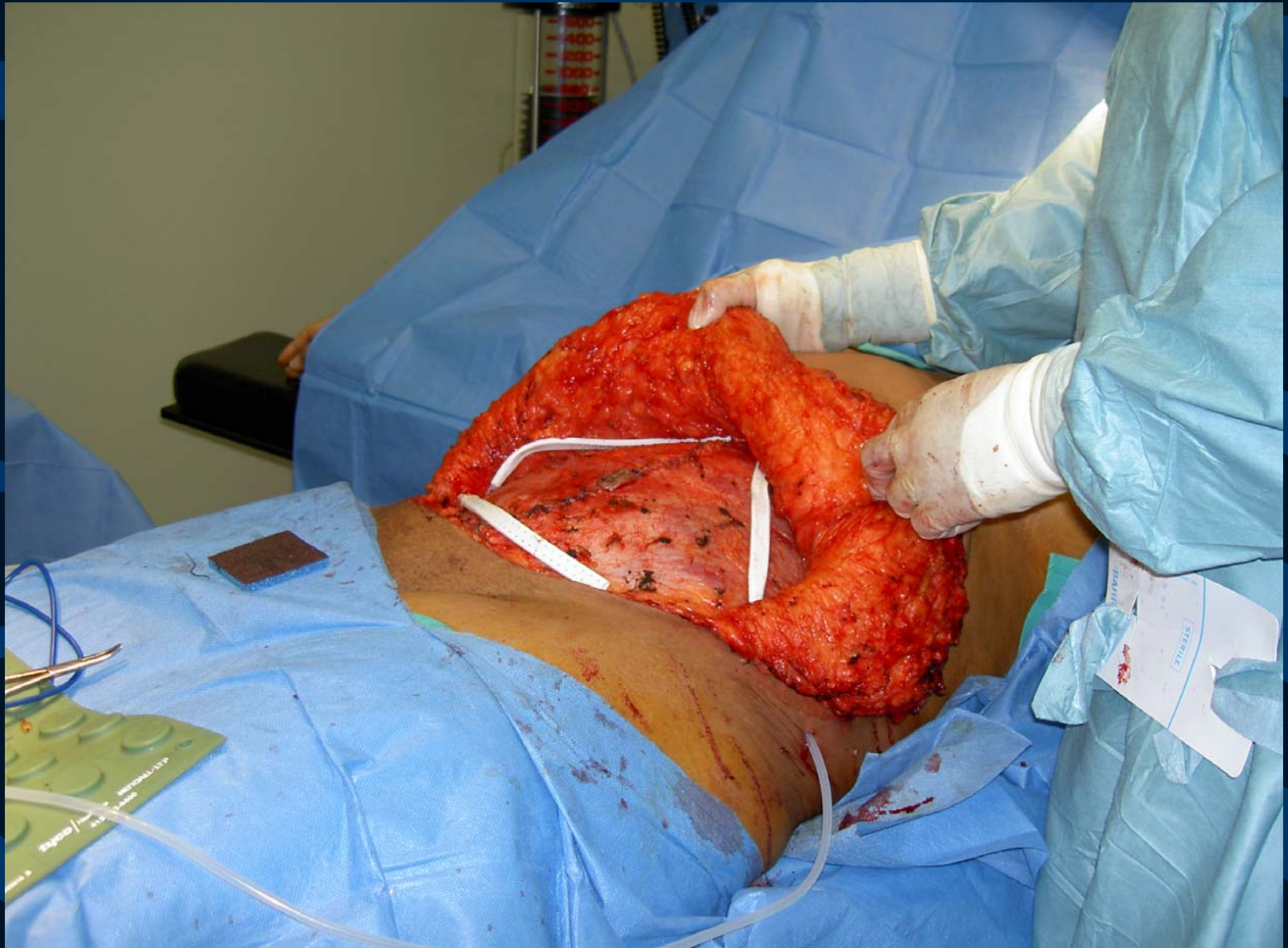
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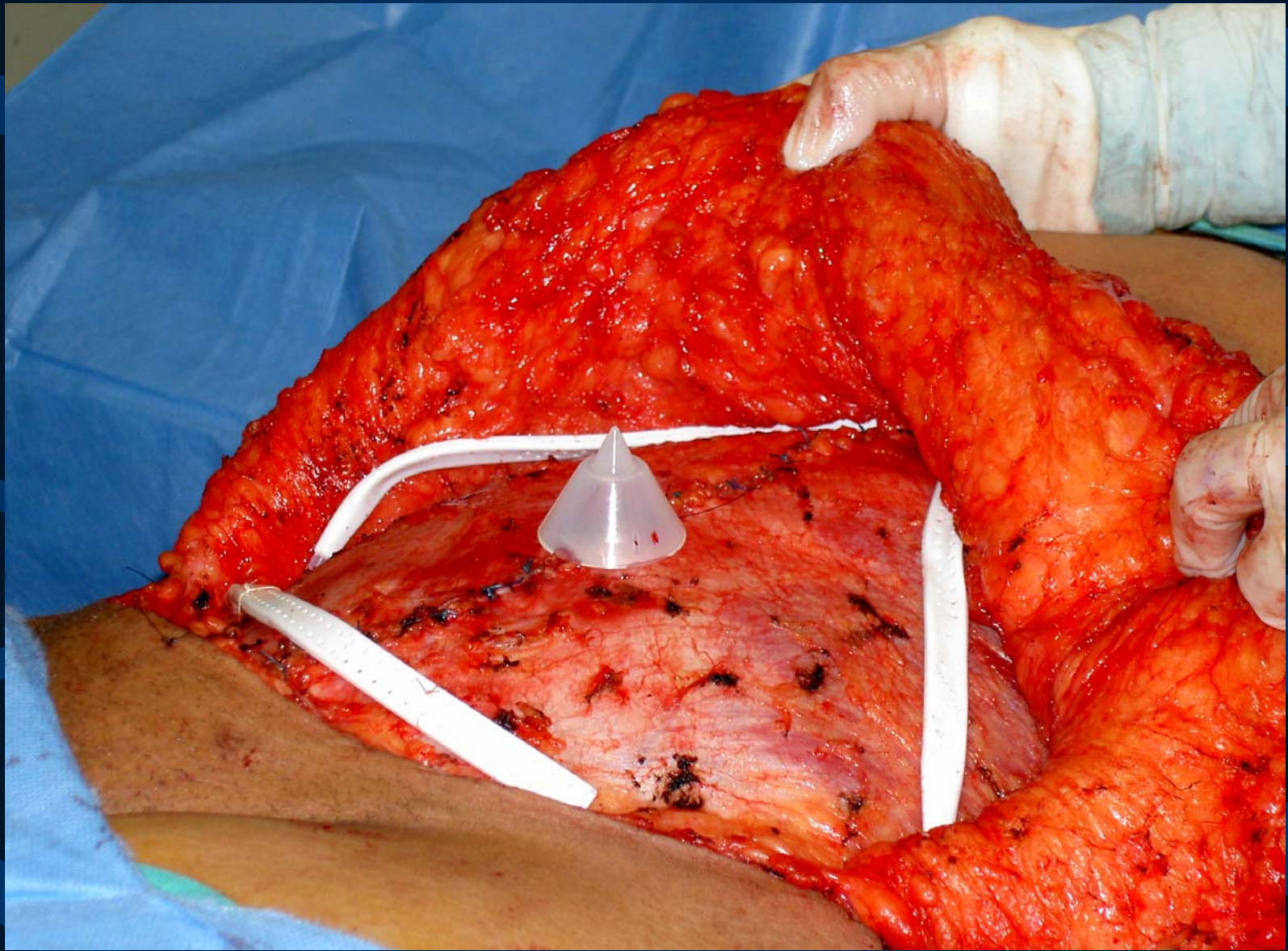
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Abdominal Contour Surgery

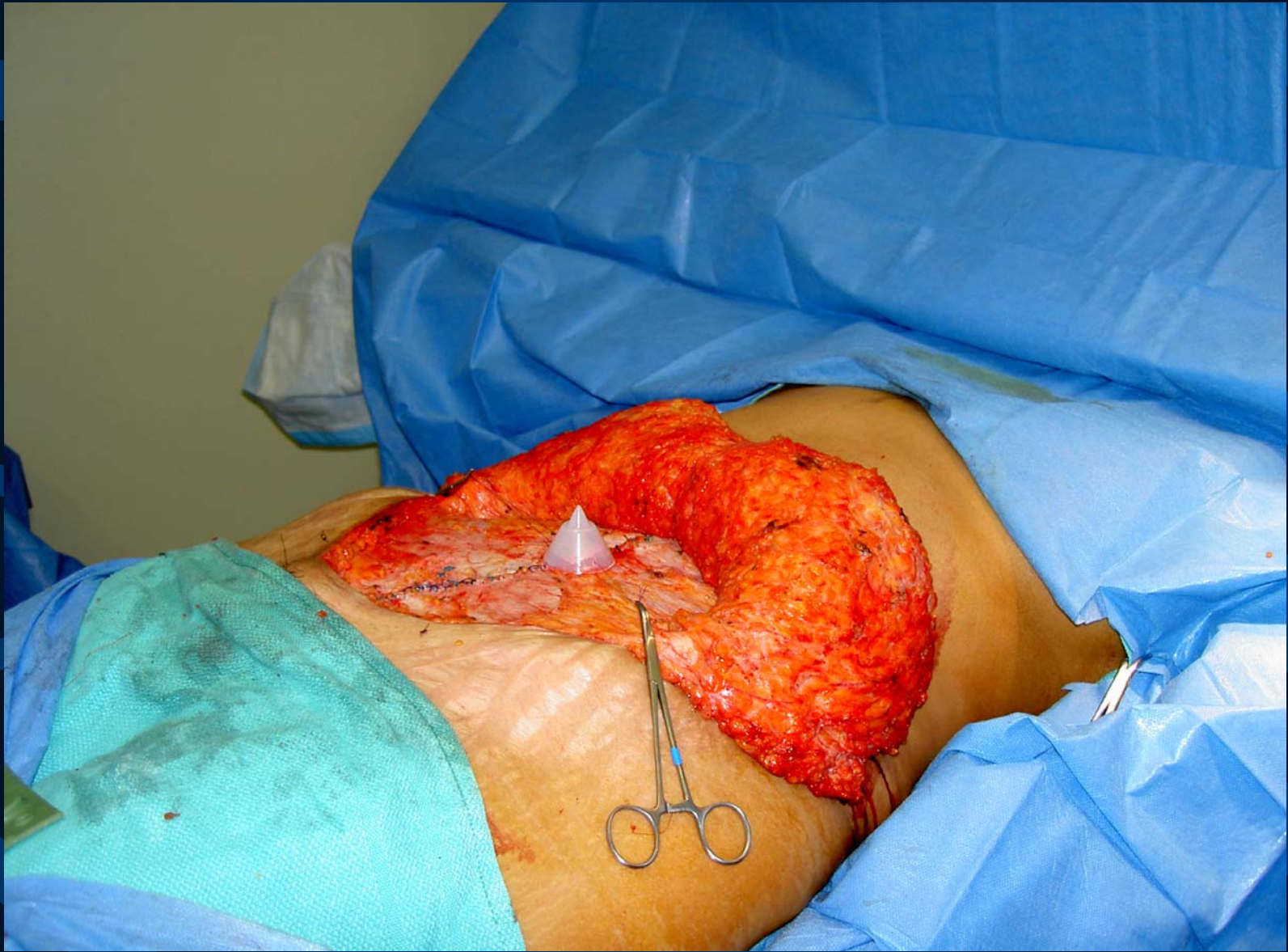
- Abdominal contour surgery is performed through a low horizontal, hip to hip incision. The transverse lower abdominal incision and cephalad dissection to the xiphoid and costal margins effectively allow mobilization of the skin in order to resect the redundant and excessive tissue.
- About ninety percent of patients have some degree of diastasis or weakening of the abdominal muscle, which is corrected at the time of surgery.
- The more challenging and aesthetically significant portion of the surgery is placement of the umbilical incision.
- The "**umbilical locator**" is a simple tool/device to allow easier localization of the umbilicus through the skin after mobilization of the redundant tissue.



- Abdominal wall application, mobilization of the redundant skin



- The "umbilical locator" is secured to the rectus fascia.



- **"umbilical locator"**, drains in place, mobilized skin shown



- The "umbilical locator", shown through the skin, localizing and identifying the central portion of the umbilicus with the redundant skin pulled caudally.



- The umbilical skin incision is made, the skin is removed, and the central portion of the "**umbilical locator**," protruding through the incision, indicates the correct location after resection of the redundant tissue.

- After proper localization, the "**umbilical locator**" is removed through the inferior incision and the closing of the incision as well as the umbilicus is performed by following the traditional technique.
- By using the "**umbilical locator**", proper location of the umbilicus is identified in order to create a more aesthetically pleasing umbilical shape at an anatomically correct position.