

## Introduction

The TrenGuard Patient Positioning device is a neck and shoulder pad that prevents cephalad migration during surgery.

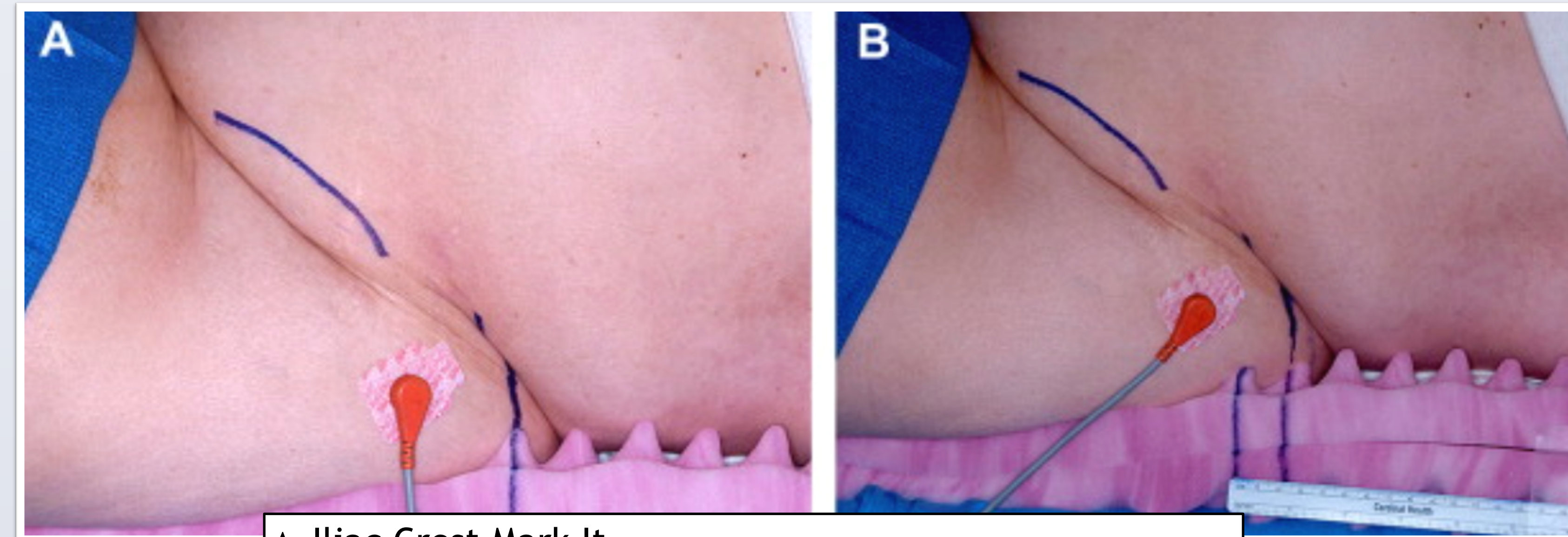
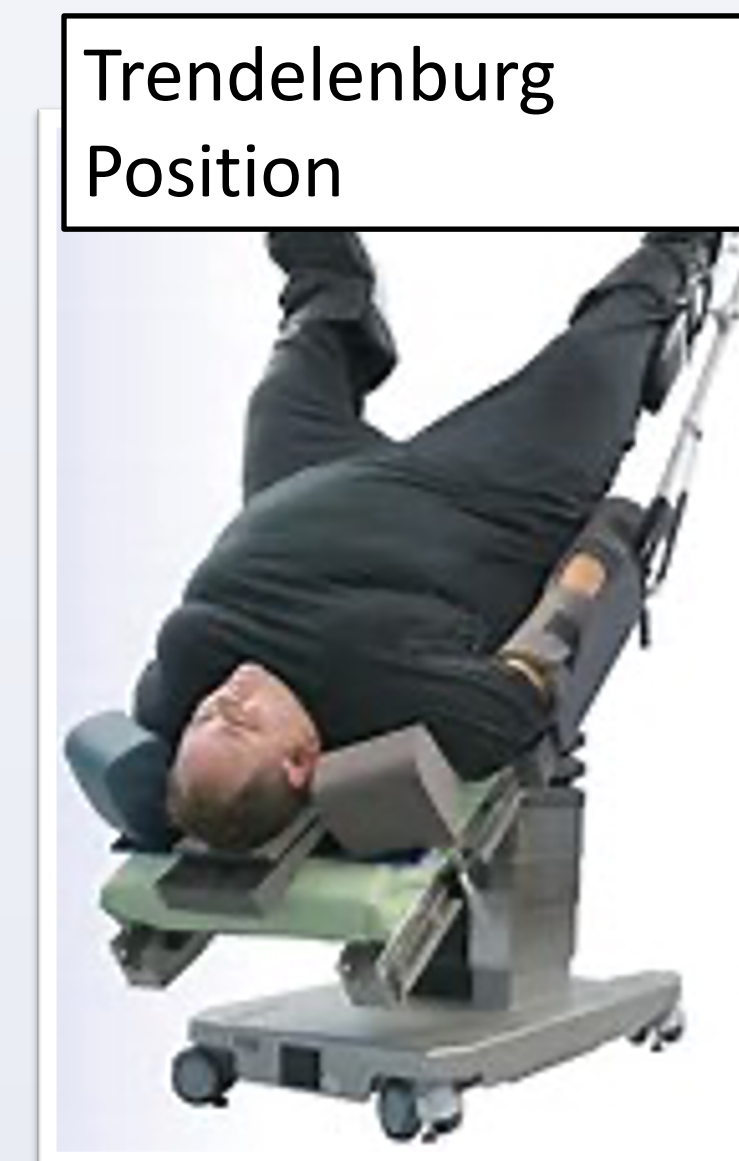
## Study Aims

- Evaluate the efficacy of the TrenGuard patient position device as compared to standard methods of patient positioning.
- Evaluate any Elixhauser comorbidities associated with increased risk for cephalad migration on the operating table.

## Methods

- 8 hysterectomies, 17 inguinal hernia repairs, and 9 prostatectomies which composed the 34 robotic cases.
  - 9 inguinal hernia repairs used tape
  - 25 cases used the TrenGuard.
- 15 mm of deviation was considered positive migration.

## Materials



A: Iliac Crest Mark It  
B: Iliac Crest Check It  
Mark It, Check It, Chart It uses similar method but iliac crest is replaced with tragus

## Results

- There was not more shift with the Trenguard than when compared with the tape (p=0.403).
- 8 patients shifted (24%).
  - The significant associations with shift were procedure and gender.
  - None of the hysterectomies had shift while 12% of the inguinal hernias and 67% of the prostates had shift (p=0.003).
    - The significance in gender is probably tied to the procedure.

## Conclusions

This was a negative study that does not allow us to draw a conclusion on whether we were able to reject the null hypothesis. Further tests should be considered with greater numbers of patients and position devices to arrive at a conclusion.

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