

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Epigastric  
hernia.,POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS: , Epigastric  
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herniorrhaphy.,ANESTHESIA: , General  
inhalation.,PROCEDURE: , Following attainment of  
satisfactory anesthesia, the patient's abdomen was prepped  
with Hibiclens and draped sterilely. The hernia mass had  
been marked preoperatively. This area was anesthetized with  
a mixture of Marcaine and Xylocaine. A transverse incision  
was made over the hernia and dissection carried down to the  
entrapped fat. Sharp dissection was carried around the fat  
down to the fascial edge. The preperitoneal fat could not be  
reduced; therefore, it is trimmed away and the small fascial  
defect then closed with interrupted 0-Ethibond sutures. The  
fascial edges were injected with the local anesthetic mixture.  
Subcutaneous tissues were then closed with interrupted 4-0  
Vicryl and skin edges closed with running subcuticular 4-0  
Vicryl. Steri-Strips and a sterile dressing were applied to  
complete the closure. The patient was then awakened and  
taken to the PACU in satisfactory condition.,ESTIMATED  
BLOOD LOSS: , 10 mL.,SPONGE AND NEEDLE COUNT: ,  
Reported as correct.,COMPLICATIONS: , None.