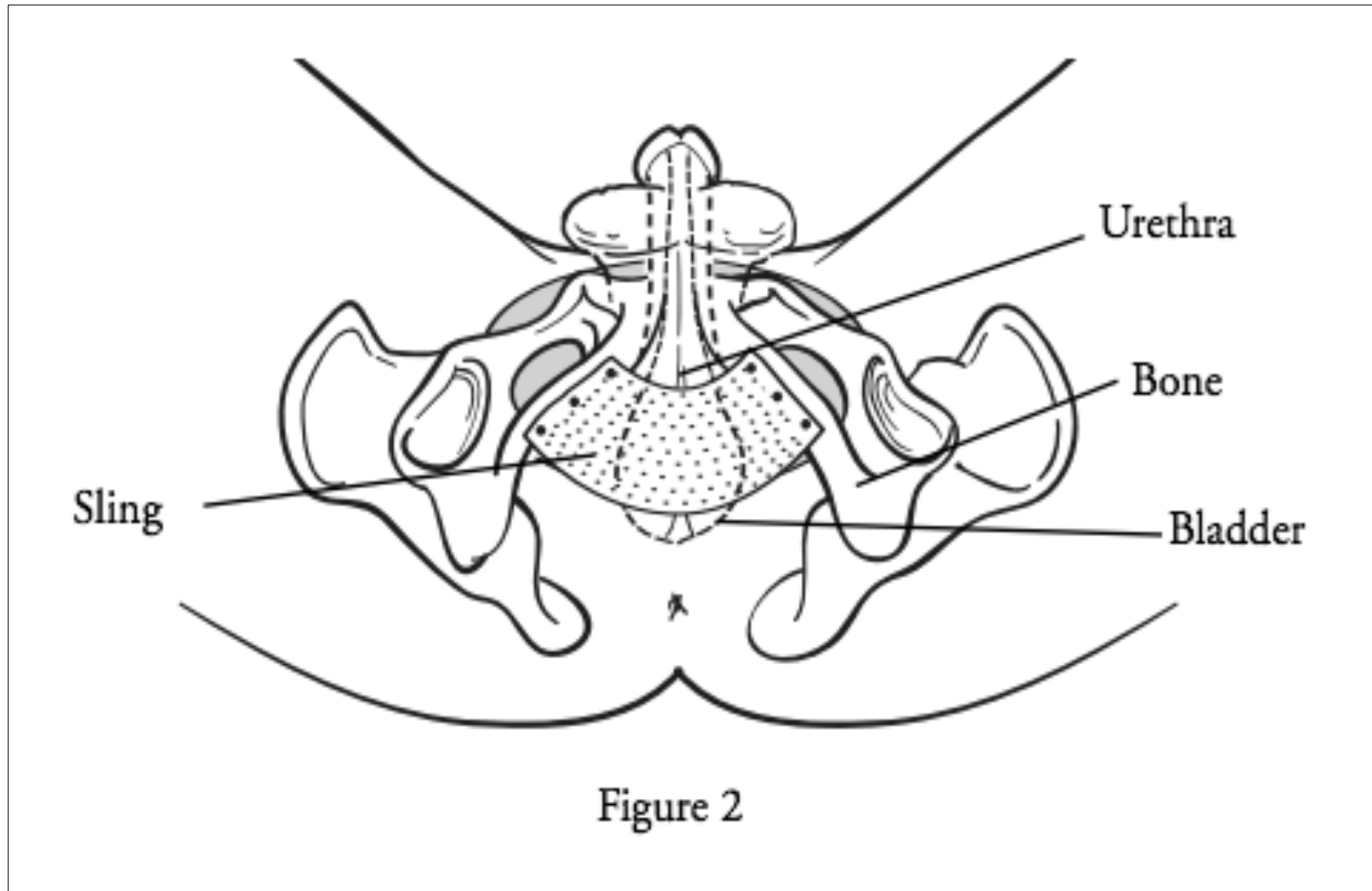


Terry Bibo's story

- Biopsy July 2006 – 4 of 12 cores malignant PCa
- August 2006 – radical open prostatectomy at John James
- Incontinence problem:
 - ★ initially: 8 pads per day
 - ★ Medication
 - ★ consultations (excellent) with Irmina Nahon
 - ★ pelvic floor exercises

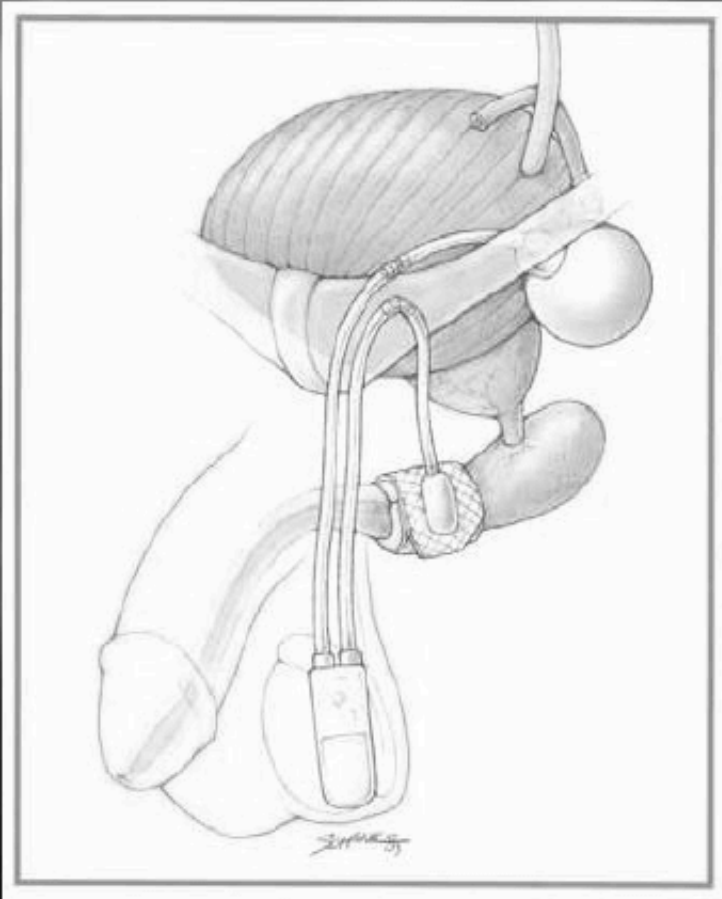
- After 18 months: STILL 4 pads per day!
- Second opinion from another ACT urologist: proposed ATOMS urethral sling
- December 20 - sling installed at National Capital Private Hospital

Placement of the sling

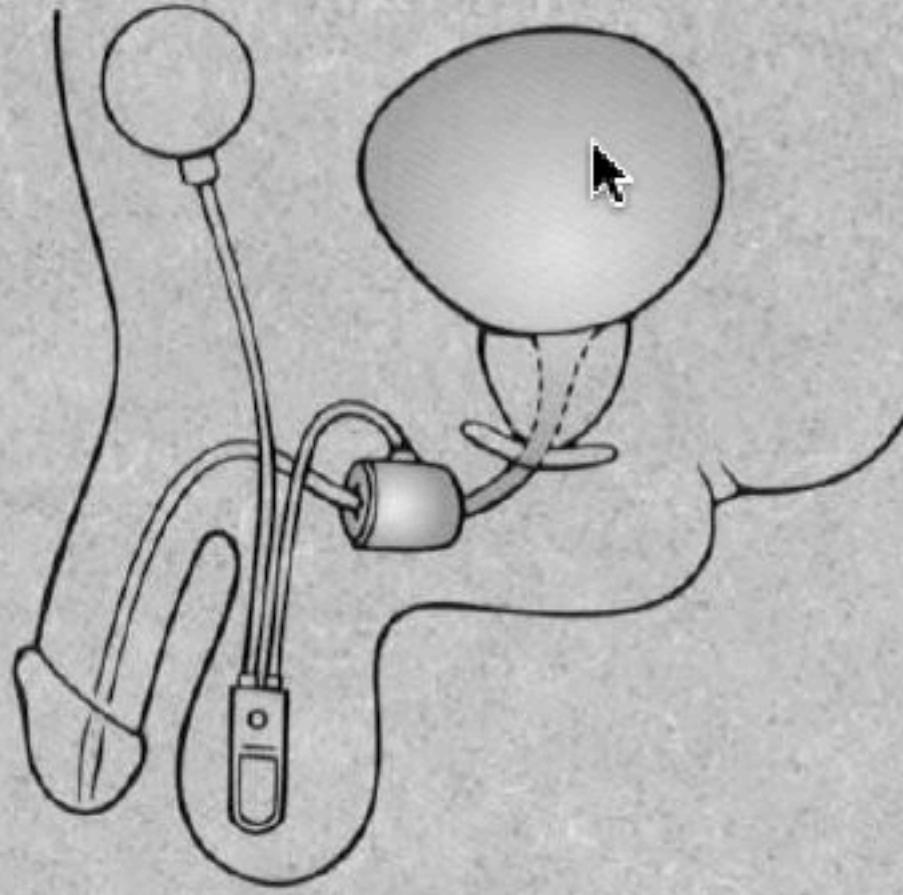


- Left hospital on Xmas Day
- 10 days of extreme discomfort
- But over next 4 years sling worked very well, until:
 - ★ Sept 2011 – pelvic strain after exercises
 - ★ “snap!”
 - ★ GP thought problem resolved
 - ★ Over 4 months increasing difficulty in uninating
- March 2012 – cystoscopy indicated sling had collapsed; erosion of sling

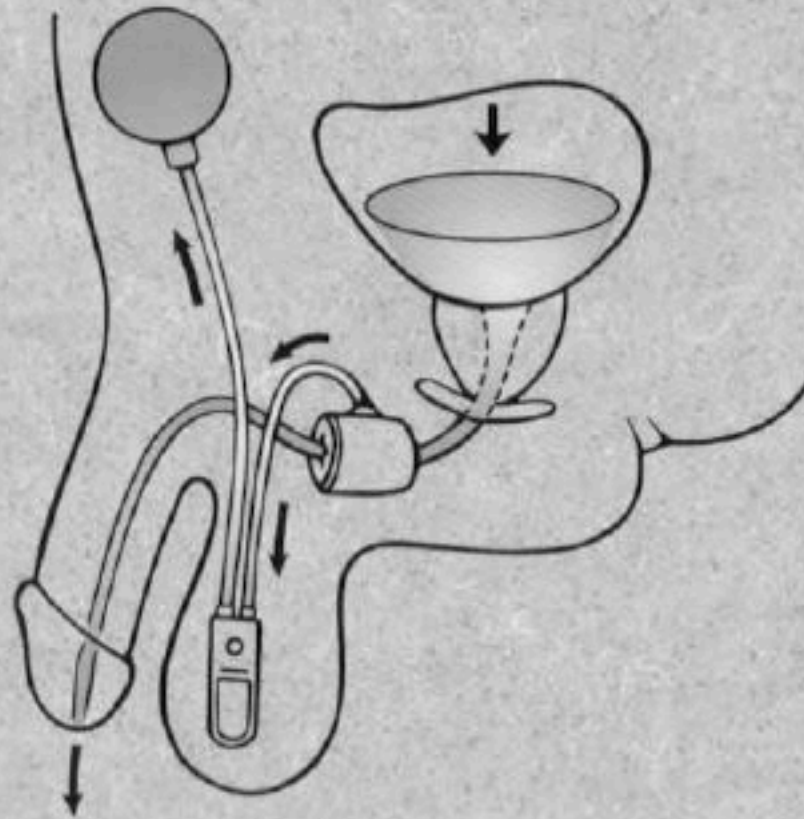
- Urologist “shocked”: 1st in Australia; extremely rare event
- Sling removed 20 March 2012 – 2 days in hospital
- Several weeks to get back to walking; healing slow
- Cystoscopy in June 2012 indicated damage that prevented installation of new sling
- August 2012 - urologist and visiting US specialist installed urethral sphincter



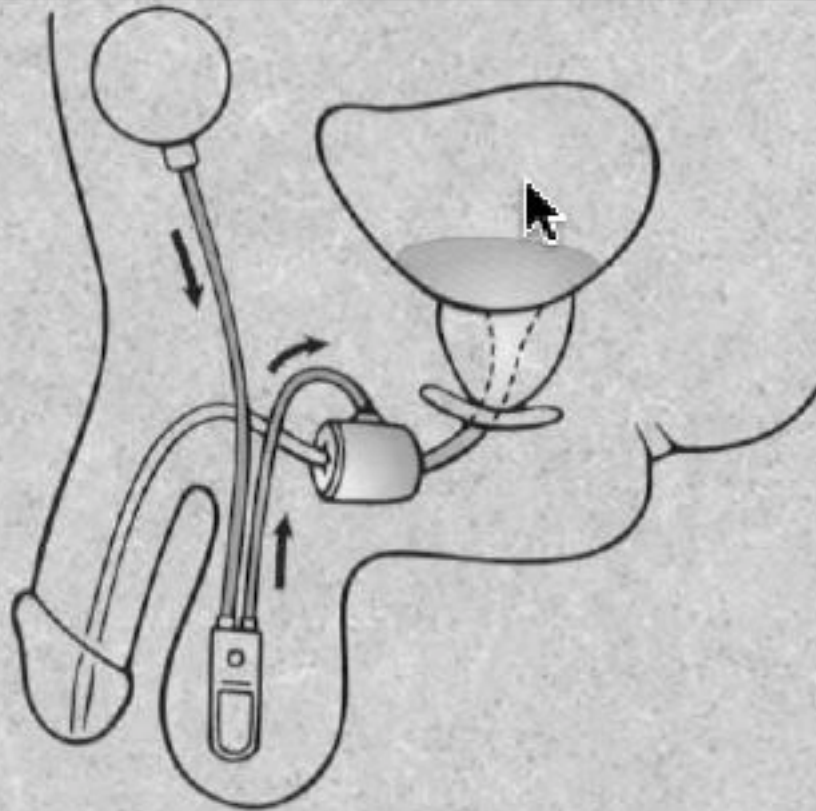
- The device is implanted in the body and cannot be seen.
- The cuff can be placed at the bulbous urethra or at the bladder neck.
- The Sphincter allows the patient to control his/her urinary function.



The cuff squeezes the urethra closed.



The patient squeezes the pump to move fluid from the cuff to the pressure-regulating balloon, allowing urination to occur.



The fluid automatically returns from the pressure-regulating balloon to the cuff, restoring continence again.

- Left hospital after 2 nights; device not “activated”
- Suprapubic catheter with thigh bag (!)
- Immediately active and walking
- Banned for 6 weeks: exercise, physiotherapy, recreational walking, stretching, carrying, etc
- Catheter removed at end of 6 weeks and device “activated”
- Resumed normal activities with no restrictions

Conclusion

- Some difficulties in learning how to use the device
- Very effective if instructions followed
- Nil incontinence since final consultation
- Satisfied with its performance. Beats the pads and catheters I have worn over the years!
- Given the choice between a sling that would perform properly for the foreseeable future and the artificial sphincter, I would prefer the sling because of convenience.