

Adults with grade II, III and IV circumferential degree haemorrhoids

Ineligible

- previous surgery for haemorrhoids (except RBL and HALO)
- pre-existing sphincter injury
- peri-anal sepsis
- known inflammatory bowel disease
- malignant gastrointestinal disease in last 5 years
- pregnant women
- medically unfit for surgery

Assessed for eligibility

Consented

Not recruited

- declined
- patient missed

Baseline

EQ-5D, SF-36, Pain VAS, Haemorrhoid Symptom Score and Cleveland Incontinence Score, relevant clinical data

RANDOMISED

Stapled Haemorrhoidopexy (SH)
(operative details recorded)

Traditional Haemorrhoidectomy (TH)
(operative details recorded)

1 week

EQ-5D, Pain VAS, analgesia

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3 weeks

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6 weeks

EQ-5D, SF-36, Pain VAS, Haemorrhoid Symptom Score, Cleveland Incontinence Score, time to return to usual activities, analgesia and clinical follow-up

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12 months

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18 months: EQ5D if not completed at 12 months

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24 months

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24 months

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27 months: Travel costs questionnaire

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Possible longer term follow-up

60 months

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