

PEDIATRIC SURGERY

Colostomy closure

Preference Card

1. Oversew the colostomy with a 2-0 silk figure of eight stitch and leave 2 cm ends to use as a handle.
2. Cut around the colotomy with the bovie on cutting. Stay on the colon and dissect down to the fascia circumferentially.
3. When colon mobilized incise around the mucous fistula and mobilize.
4. If the caliber of the mucous fistula is adequate, use a [stapled anastomosis](#), otherwise use a [sewn anastomosis](#).
5. Irrigate then mobilize full-thickness fascia on both sides of wound.
6. Close fascia with interrupted, buried 2-0 PDS. Lay them in then tie at the end.
7. Irrigate SQ then close skin with interrupted 4-0 nylon.