

LETTER TO EDITOR

Ventriculoperitoneal shunting

Sir,

The report on “ventriculoperitoneal shunting” is very interesting.^[1] Nigim *et al.* noted that “laparoscopic ventriculoperitoneal shunting (LVPS)-placement results compare similarly to open ventriculoperitoneal shunting (OVPS) placement in most aspects.”^[1] In fact, LVPS-placement is a new alternative that is considered minimally invasive. In Chinese experience, it is reported that “this method has fewer traumas, quicker recovery and a lower ratio of pipe end obstruction.”^[2] Similar finding is also reported from USA.^[3] Nevertheless, there are also some considerations on this technique. First, the technique required experience neurosurgeon and good case selection. According to recent reports by Bani *et al.*, the important complication of LVPS-placement over OVPS placement is shunt infection.^[4] Hence, the case with risk of infection should not be considered to use this technique.

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