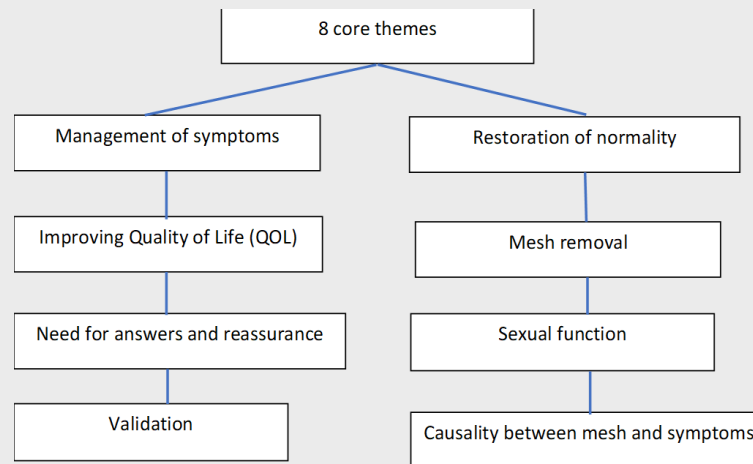


Background

Pain is the commonest complication of mesh continence devices. This study aimed to explore the goals and expectations of women with Mesh Associated Pain Syndrome (MAPS).



Methods

280 women with MAPS were invited to provide free text comments on their concerns regarding their mesh complication and expectations of treatment at the mesh complication service.

Results

179 Women reported concerns regarding pelvic floor dysfunction. Improved quality of life, information and choice were valued. A proportion of patients requested mesh removal surgery.

“Just to get on with life”.

“To be pain free and able to walk”.

“That I’m being listened to and believed”.

Implications

These findings support the importance of exploring patient expectations related to mesh complications. Whilst many women seek mesh removal, informational empowerment, choice and validation is pursued by others.



Women with mesh related pain seek improved quality of life, knowledge and validation: thematic analysis reveals varied goals of mesh affected women

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