

The Operative Treatment of Inguinal Hernia 33

edge of the wound from the groin enables a sterilised pad, secured by a spica bandage, to securely cover the wound without danger of slipping.

(9) *After-treatment.*—As a rule, the patient is allowed up at the end of a fortnight, and at the end of another week will be able to walk about fairly well. It is advisable, however, that he should not follow any employment calling for severe muscular

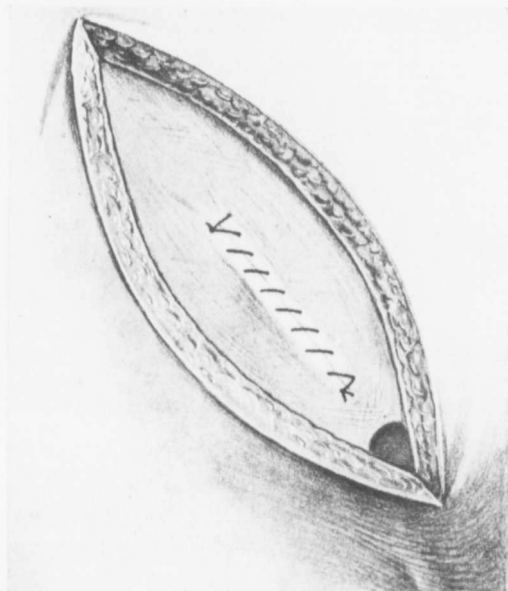


FIG. 10.

exertion for another two or three weeks, and the interval may be employed in exercise involving a gradually increasing use of the muscles. No truss is worn during convalescence, or at any time after the operation.

Treatment of the Sac when this Structure is continuous with the Tunica Vaginalis.

This arrangement of the sac may have been diagnosed before the operation, or the communication may only become evident