

THE EFFECTS OF MILK OF MAGNESIA FOR PREVENTION POST-OPERATIVE ILEUS AFTER HYSTERECTOMY: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL

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BACKGROUNDS

- Postoperative ileus (POI) following hysterectomy occurs in 10-40% of cases.
- Milk of Magnesia (MOM), a laxative, has shown effectiveness in preventing ileus after both benign and malignant gynecologic surgeries.
- Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) protocol is the standard of care, but there is limited data on the integration of MOM within ERAS.

OBJECTIVES



METHODS

- This study was conducted at the Gynecology Unit of Siriraj Hospital from September 2023 to February 2024.
- Patients undergoing hysterectomy for benign and malignant conditions (n=160)

Standard ERAS protocol group (n=80)

Standard ERAS protocol with MOM group (n=80)

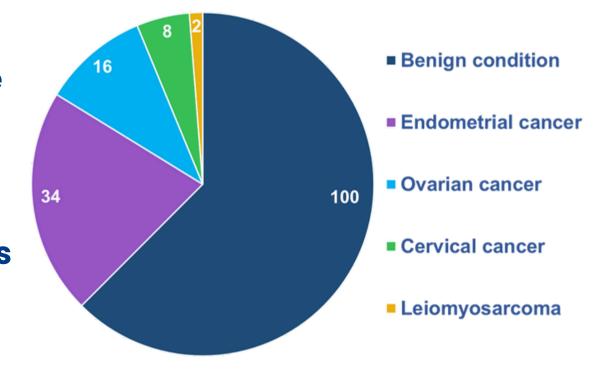
Patients in the MOM group received

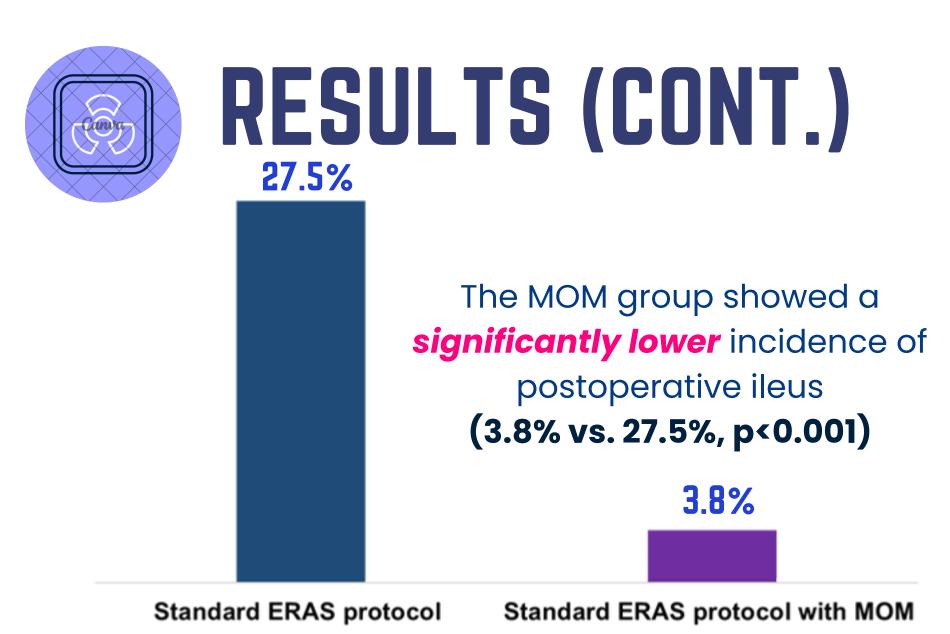
- » 15 mL of MOM on postoperative day 0
- » Follow by 30 mL twice daily until bowel movement or flatus



RESULTS

- This study aims to evaluate the efficacy of adding MOM to the ERAS protocol to enhance postoperative bowel function.
- A total of 160 patients were divided into two groups.
- 60 patients (37.5%) were diagnosed with gynecologic malignancies





	Standard ERAS protocol	Standard ERAS protocol with MOM	P-value
Time to flatus (hours)	22.3 ± 10.8	17.1 ± 7.9	P<0.001
Solid diet tolerance (hours)	28.8 ± 16.3	20.6 ± 10.9	P<0.001

- Patient satisfaction scores related to eating and daily activities were also significantly improved.
- No severe adverse events were reported in the MOM group.



CONCLUSION

• Adding MOM to the ERAS protocol is effective in reducing the incidence of POI and enhancing recovery for patients undergoing hysterectomy for both benign and malignant conditions.