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In this work different types of colostomy as well as caecostomy were discussed.

First, historical aspects of the development of colostomy surgery since it was first purposed by Amussat in (1839) as well as the role of the British surgeons Miles, Goligher, Patey and Butler in the development of colostomy surgery were discussed.

Various indications of colostomies including anorectal anomalies, Hirshsprings disease, colon and rectal injuries, Carcinoma of the colon and its complications, diverticular disease of the colon, complex anorectal and rectovaginal fistulae were discussed.

The technique of various types of colostomy "simple loop, end, double barrel, Devine, and blow hole colostomy" as well as caecostomy were described together with various modifications introduced in the surgical techniques specially of simple loop colostomy.

The complications that may arise after colostomy surgery and their management and the subsequent closure of temporary colostomies and the complications of colostomy closure were also discussed with some details.

Different efforts to establish a continent colostomy were discussed and lastly special attention was paid to new trends in colostomy care.

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