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**Case Report:**

**An anomalous origin of obturator artery: A case report**

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**Abstract:**

The obturator artery normally arises from the anterior trunk of internal iliac artery. Variations in its origin and course has drawn attention of surgeons, anatomists and radiologists. The literature contains many articles that report variable origins. Interesting variations in the origin and course of the principal arteries have long attracted the attention of anatomists and surgeons.A case of abnormal origin of obturator artery was observed in a 55-year-old male cadaver, while doing routine dissection for first year MBBS students in Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. The artery was arising from the inferior epigastric artery close to its origin from external iliac artery. The artery later crossed the external iliac vein and accompanied the obturator nerve and vein to enter the obturator canal. General surgeons dealing with laparoscopic herniorrhaphy should be aware of the aberrant obturator artery.

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