

**PP-044****Extreme chondrosarcoma: is there any end of the palliative surgery?****K. Tsanidis***Saint Luke's Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece*

Material: Two patients, a man aged 56 years old and a woman 57 years old, suffer of extreme chondrosarcoma. With the term "extreme chondrosarcoma" we intend a low-grade, primary or secondary chondrosarcoma which is difficult to control it because of its multiple recurrences or metastases. The first patient presented a pathological fracture in his right femoral neck and underwent to his first operation some 25 years ago on 1990. The second patient presented an eminence in she's left public ram and operated 20 years ago, on 1995, for first time.

Method: The two patients underwent to numerous operations since - more than twenty (20) - for both, in two continents. Multiple surgical specialties required to involving during the years, such as general surgeons, neurosurgeons, urologists and others. Some very demanding operations were performed to both with the most demanding one, lasting for 13 hours. Nouvelle approaches required to conceiving, at least two. More than 100 units of blood were administrated and the estimated total cost exceeds the 2 million euros.

Results: The "common" in these patients is the inadequate first operation. Both are alive and the mean survival time is over 22 years. They learned living with the tumor, facing it as part of their life. The woman is a very active teacher despite of her nephrostomy and the man is a businessman, owner of 3 companies, walking with a prosthetic leg because of his right hip disarticulation and he is recovering from his last operation, some 2 weeks ago (cervical spine decompression and tumor debulking).

Conclusion: There is no limit for palliative surgery as long as it benefits the patients. Is notable that despite the controversial treatment, every time is much harder for the surgeon but is surprising good the patient respond.