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Aggressive surgical approach in the treatment of pelvic girdle tumor

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Introduction: To study the treatment results of the patients with local-spread tumours of skin, bones and soft tissue of pelvic girdle, who had crippling operations.

Methods: Interiliac amputation-hemipelvectomy was performed in 51 patients with local spreading skin tumour, soft tissue and the bones of pelvic girdle. Men were 40 (72,5%), women-11 (27,5%). Patients were at the age from 16 to 53, average age-35. Tumour was localized in 21 (41,2%) patients in proximal part of thigh bone, in 20 (39,3%)-in bones and soft tissue of pelvis, in 2 (3,9%)-in soft tissue of gluteal region, in 4 (7,8%)-in soft tissue of the thigh and inguinal region and in 4 (7,8%)-in inguinal limphnodes with infiltration of pelvis. In 6 cases giantcellular tumour was malignant, 10-osteogenic sarcoma, 12-chondrosarcoma, 5-sarcoma of Yung, 4-rabdomiosarcoma, 4- fibrosarcoma, 2-polymorpcellular sarcoma, and 1-angiosarcoma, 1-leyomisarcoma, 1-sinovial sarcoma, 4-metastasis of skin cancer in lymphatic nodes and 1-metastasis in thigh bone. On the basis of complex examination, which included: clinical-rontgenological, ultrasonography with dopplergraphy, CT and MRI the tumour volume and degree of spread on the surrounding tissue were determined. The tumour volume varied from 980 to 5250 cm3. The invasion in organs of small pelvis was a contraindication to the surgical intervention. Exarticulation of lower extremities with thigh girdle was performed in all patients. The average duration of the operation-3 hrs 10 min (2 hrs 25 min-4 hrs 15 min), average blood loss -1,3 liters (0,8-2,2 liters). Results: The patients were observed for 1-12 years. In post operative period secondary healing of wound were noted in 6 patients, hernia developed in remote term during the observation period in 1 patient. Relapse of tumour in 6 patients (11,7%), remote metastasis- in 14 patients (27,4%), relapse and metastasis in 2 patients (3,9%) were detected. Three and five year survival-44,5% and 35% respectively.

Conclusion: Therefore, the aggressive surgical approach, which includes interiliac- abdominal exarticulation, in local spreading tumours of thigh girdle is justified, relieves the patient's state, and gives the possibility for conducting further treatment and prolongation of patient's life.