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Have patients with early squamous carcinoma of the vulva been overtreated in the past? The Norwegian experience 1977-1991

M. Scheistrøen, J. M. Nesland, C. Tropé - Oslo, NORWAY

Conservative surgery in early vulvar squamous cancer has reduced morbidity without compromising patients’ 5-year survival. During the last two decades the management of early vulvar cancer has changed from the radical surgical method introduced by Stanley-Way to more conservative and individualized procedures. The FIGO staging system has also been altered in an effort to better predict patient prognosis according to stage of disease. The results of early vulvar cancer treatment from a single institution from the 15-year period 1977-1991 are presented.

Chemotherapy for recurrent epithelial ovarian cancer previously treated with platinum. A systematic review of the evidence from randomized trials


Randomized trials failed to demonstrate the clear superiority of any one chemotherapy regimen for recurrent platinum-pretreated epithelial ovarian cancer.

Is there a link between vulval cancer and blood group?


Women with lichen sclerosis who are in blood group A are more likely to develop squamous cell carcinoma.

A case of B-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma involving the uterus

G. Koliopoulos, D. Parkin, E. Paraskevaidis - Aberdeen, UNITED KINGDOM

A case of B-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma involving the uterus presenting as an ovarian cyst is reported.

Concurrent radiotherapy and weekly paclitaxel for locally advanced or recurrent squamous cell carcinoma of the uterine cervix. A pilot study with intensification of dose

A. Cerrotta, G. Gardani, R. Cavina, F. Raspagliesi, B. Stefanon, I. Garassino, R. Musumeci, S. Tana, G. De Palo - Milan, ITALY

Weekly paclitaxel concomitant to radiotherapy in locally advanced or recurrent cervical carcinoma is feasible and effective.

Peritoneal tuberculosis mimicking ovarian carcinoma with ascites and elevated serum CA-125: Case report and review of literature

B. Piura, A. Rabinovich, E. Leron, I. Yanai-Inbar, M. Mazor - Beer-Sheva, ISRAEL

A patient with peritoneal tuberculosis presenting with signs and symptoms, imaging examinations and CA-125 status resembling those of ovarian carcinoma is described and the pertinent literature is reviewed.

Ultrasound as a possible screening method in ovarian cancer

M. Marchetti, A. Zambon, V. Lamaina, M. Spadaro, S. Marchioro - Padua, ITALY

Ultrasound examination, both transabdominal and transvaginal can be considered quite satisfactory in first level screening of ovarian cancer.

Tibolone versus 17ß-estradiol/norethisterone: Effects on the proliferation of human breast cancer cells

C. Lippert, H. Seeger, D. Wallwiener, A. O. Mueck - Tuebingen, GERMANY

Tibolone stimulated growth of MCF-7 cells in the absence and presence of estradiol, whereas an estradiol/norethisterone combination showed inhibitory activity.
Intraperitoneal cancer spread after laparoscopic cystectomy for mature teratoma with malignant transformation

P. H. Wang, M. S. Yen, C. M. Juang, Y. J. Chen, Chao, C. C. Yuan - Taipei, TAIWAN

A case of intraperitoneal tumor dissemination after laparoscopic cystectomy for ovarian mature teratoma with malignant transformation is reported.

Adnexal masses in pregnancy: a review of eight cases undergoing surgical management

Z. Duć, V. Kukura, S. Ciglar, M. Podobnik, M. Podgajski - Zagreb, CROATIA

Management options and surgical procedures in eight pregnancies complicated with adnexal masses are discussed.

c-Myc oncoprotein expression and prognosis in patients with carcinoma of the cervix: An immunohistochemical study

N. Vijayalakshmi, G. Selvaluxmi, U. Mahji, T. Rajkumar - Chennai, INDIA

c-Myc nuclear immunoreactivity is an indicator of poorer response to radiotherapy in stage II B and stage III B carcinoma of the cervix.

Preoperative imaging of primary intra-abdominal gynaecological malignancies. Diagnostic accuracy of CT-scan and MRI. A Greek cohort study


MRI should be used in patients suffering from cervical and endometrial carcinomas, while a CT-scan is suitable for ovarian cancer patients.

Interferons and their receptors in human papillomavirus lesions of the uterine cervix

M. Cintorino, S. A. Tripodi, R. Romagnoli, F. Ietta, M. G. Ricci, L. Paulesu - Siena, ITALY

The immunohistochemical expression of specific types of interferon (IFNs) in human papillomavirus (HPV) associated cervical lesions was analyzed.

The role of hysteroscopy in early diagnosis of endometrial cancer

M. Marchetti, P. Litta, P. Lanza, F. Lauri, C. Pozzan - Padua, ITALY

Hysteroscopy was found to have a very important role in the early diagnosis of endometrial cancer, especially when it was limited to the mucosal surface.

Utility of bipolar electrocautery scissors for cervical conization


Bipolar electrocautery scissors in cervical conization were useful both for the performance of operations in a shorter time and decreased for intraoperative blood loss.

Conversion of laparoscopy to laparotomy due to adnexal malignancy

G. Biran, A. Golan, R. Sagiv, M. Glezerman, J. Menczer - Tel Aviv, ISRAEL

Conversion of laparoscopy to laparotomy due to malignancy occurred in 13.7% of patients with ultrasonically complex adnexal masses. Age and CA125 levels were significant predictors of malignancy.

Current vulvar cancer treatment in Bulgaria

S. Ivanov - Sofia, BULGARIA

The treatment of carcinoma of the vulva at the National Oncological Centre in Sofia, Bulgaria over a 10-year period is outlined. There have been a number of changes in the treatment of vulvar cancer in the world as well as in our country and the quality of life for these patients has improved.

Intracystic evaluation of tumor markers in benign and malignant ovarian pathology


High positivity of tumor markers such as CA 125, CA 15.3, TPA, CA 19.9 and CEA both in the serum and intracystic fluid of patients with malignant epithelial ovarian tumors is reported.

The prevalence of human papilloma virus DNA in women with mucopurulent endocervicitis

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The prevalence of human papillomavirus infection with mucopurulent endocervicitis and the association of infection with certain risk factors were determined in the study. We concluded that HPV infection should be sought in patients with clinical evidence of mucopurulent endocervicitis even without risk factors for cervical neoplasia.