

Palliative pelvic exenteration - literature review

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Abstract

Although it is one of the most aggressive surgical procedures, pelvic exenteration represents the only option for patients presenting advanced pelvic tumors. Due to the improvements of surgical technique and association of neo-adjuvant therapies, pelvic exenteration is performed nowadays rather with curative intent. However there are still patients in whom a radical procedure is no longer feasible but who present invalidating symptoms. In these cases a palliative exenteration can be performed. We present a literature review of the most important studies regarding indications and outcomes of palliative exenteration

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