

Radical surgery for ovarian carcinosarcoma – a case report and literature review

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Abstract

Ovarian carcinosarcomas are rare gynecologic malignancies associated with an overall poor survival. The best way to obtain a good control of the disease seems to be complete cytoreduction; association of adjuvant platinum based chemotherapy was extrapolated from therapeutic guidelines for advanced epithelial ovarian cancer and seems to be effective in carcinosarcomas too. However the most important prognostic factor remains complete cytoreduction at the moment of diagnosis. We present the case of a 55 years old patient diagnosed with stage IIIC ovarian cancer in whom an R0 resection was performed. The histopathological findings revealed the presence of ovarian carcinosarcoma. At an one year follow up the patient is free of any recurrent disease.

Key words: ovarian carcinosarcoma, advanced stage, R0 resection

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