

Certitudes and controversy regarding neural elements preservation in total mesorectal excision technique (ETM)

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Abstract

The total excision of the mesorect, as a technique of reference in the surgical solution of rectal cancer, is evaluated today through the view of the oncological and functional outcome. Within the functional outcome, the genito-urinary disorders which follow the damage of the pelvic vegetative nervous structures, still cause discussions and controversy among dedicated specialists in this area. The work plans to share an experience of over ten years of ETM practice, in which the technico-tactical accumulation have been realized progressively, outlining a relatively codificated attitude, centered on the «critical moments» of this intervention.

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