

Endoscopy and General Surgery - Parts of the Same Activity*

Horia Doran, Traian Pătrașcu

Surgical Clinic of the Clinical Hospital "Dr. I. Cantacuzino", "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest

Abstract

Aim: In general and digestive surgical departments, an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment of our patients require a wide and continuous access to endoscopy. As many surgical clinics have already developed their own endoscopy units, we plead for the future presence of at least 1 or 2 surgeons, board certified in endoscopy, in every surgical department.

Method: We have retrospectively analyzed the activity of the endoscopic unit as a part of the Surgical Clinic of "Dr. I. Cantacuzino" Clinical Hospital since 2007, when it was settled, and its benefits, regarding a higher accessibility for our patients and a reliable support for all the doctors.

Results: The number of procedures has increased constantly, from 137, performed by 2 surgeons in 2007 to 1546, in 2015, when 7 surgeons were able to get involved in endoscopic procedures, on a 24/7 schedule. The etiological diagnosis of gastrointestinal hemorrhages, the early detection of gastric, colonic and upper rectal tumors, the follow-up of oncologic patients are only a few of the fields in which endoscopy proved its benefits. Furthermore, surgeons have the practical training and the legal board certification for the approach and treatment of complications.

Conclusions: An increased number of surgeons who have also board certification in endoscopy cannot be but very useful. The best way to accomplish this goal would be the inclusion of a digestive endoscopy module during the training program of all future general surgeons.

Key words: digestive endoscopy