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Congratulations for establishing a unit dedicated to pelvic exenterations. Good results of complex surgical procedures



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Title: Critical review of contemporary management in a new pelvic exenteration unit: the first 25 consecutive cases
Study Design: retrospective study
Authors Methodology: retrospective study of 25 patients operated in one medical center
Authors Results: 25 pelvic exenterations for locally advanced tumors reviewed: 13 rectal adeno CA; 5 colonic CA; 3 cervical carcinomas; and 3 sacral chordomas.
These included 10 total, 4 anterior, 7 posterior and 4 lateral exenterations. R0 was achieved in 16 (64%) patients. None of the patients died. Three (12%) suffered major complications. During a median followup of 17.6 months (range 6.3-39 months) there were 7 (30.4%) recurrences and 4 deaths. R1 margin was not related to postoperative recurrence in this series.
Authors Conclusions: Good results of pelvic exenteration in this series may be related in part to careful patient selection, detailed pre-operative planning, multi-disciplinary team work and adaptation of modern operative techniques/ologies.
Reviewers Comments: The authors report on their experience in operating 25 selected patients with comparable results to those reported in the medical literature. Many of these are studies reporting relative small series of



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patients. There are however, some reports with larger number of patients, such as Heriot AG et al. who report 160 patients in the article quoted in this manuscript and 139 other patients operated between 2008-2011 in a follow-up study not quoted here. Furthermore, as described by the authors, Yang TX et al, systematically review 1049 patients from 23 studies. It is for this reason that following the initial reading of this manuscript I had the impression that nothing is being renewed here. However, after rereading this manuscript I feel this article deserves to be published in the World Journal of Gastroenterology. The real strength of this manuscript is in the part where the authors describe their methodologies in working up patients and during surgeries. This part is well written and offers good references. This will be of value for those interested in this topic.