

Palliative ("Toilet") Mammectomy, A Decision-Making Dilemma - Short Review

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Abstract

Breast cancer is one of the most severe health issues globally, but the therapy advancements and the constant adaptation of treatment protocols radically changed its prognoses. This article is a synthesis on the management of locally advanced breast neoplasms, in parallel with a review of the literature from a surgical perspective, thus allowing for the optimum detection and placement of its role and benefits in the surgical and oncology therapeutics. The role of surgery becomes controversial, with sometimes "pretentious" techniques, hard to quantify benefits and challenges that require a thorough assessment prior to opting for surgery. Another interesting aspect is the relative lack of guidelines for such cases with an extreme lesion plurimorphism. This is the very reason for the term "advanced breast cancer" NOT covering all possible situations, leaving room for niches difficult to frame within a therapy plan.

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