Laparoscopic Gastrectomy After Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

The safety and efficacy of laparoscopic gastrectomy after neoadjuvant chemotherapy remain unclear. Li and colleagues conducted a randomized clinical trial of 96 patients receiving neoadjuvant chemotherapy for locally advanced gastric cancer at Peking University Cancer Hospital and Institute in Beijing, China. Results suggest that patients may benefit from laparoscopic gastrectomy, in that they had lower postoperative complication rates and better adjuvant chemotherapy tolerance.

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Courtesy Authorship in Academic Surgical Publications

Courtesy authorship is defined as crediting authorship to a person who has not met standard academic authorship criteria. McClellan and colleagues analyzed results of an anonymous survey completed by 457 authors from various journals with low and high impact factors. They found that courtesy authorship remains a highly prevalent practice in both types of journals and is associated with a variety of common practices and career pressures.

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Pulmonary Embolism More Than 6 Weeks After Surgery

Large studies of the duration and the magnitude of the late postoperative risk of pulmonary embolism are lacking. In this case-crossover analysis using France’s national administrative claims database, Caron and colleagues examined the respective risks of pulmonary embolism after 6 types of surgery (excluding cancer surgery). The excess risk remained significantly elevated between 7 and 12 weeks after noncancer surgery, regardless of the type of procedure.

Invited Commentary

Sex-Based Disparities in the Hourly Earnings of Surgeons

Sex-based income disparities are often attributed to differences in hours worked, and fee-for-service systems are viewed as unbiased mechanisms for physician reimbursement. In a population-based cross-sectional analysis, Dossa and colleagues evaluated whether sex-based income disparities persist in fee-for-service systems. This study demonstrated that even when equal hours are worked, female surgeons make less money and have fewer opportunities to perform the most lucrative procedures.

Invited Commentary

Ex Vivo Lung Perfusion and Lung Transplant

Ex vivo lung perfusion allows for assessing lungs from high-risk donors for lung transplant. Long-term outcomes after transplant with lungs from donors treated with ex vivo lung perfusion are unknown. In a retrospective single-center cohort study of 230 recipients of ex vivo lung perfusion-treated transplanted lungs and 706 recipients of lungs from conventional donors, Divithotawela and colleagues found that long-term outcomes of recipients of lungs from donors who were at high risk and treated with ex vivo lung perfusion are similar to outcomes of recipients of conventional-donor lungs.

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