

SURGICAL TREATMENT OF WELL-DIFFERENTIATED THYROID CANCER, TOTAL THYROIDECTOMY YES OR NO?

FOLLICULAR THYROID CANCER

Summary: Follicular thyroid cancer is the second most common thyroid malignancy. This tumor has a predisposition for hematogenous dissemination and extrathyroid spread. Accurate cytological diagnosis of follicular thyroid cancer is not possible and this fact highlights the necessity for surgical treatment of any suspicious thyroid nodule.

Aggressiveness of this tumor is greater than in the case of papillary thyroid cancer and it is the reason for radical surgical treatment of follicular thyroid cancer.

Total thyroidectomy facilitates later adjuvant therapy with thyroid hormones and radioiodine. This procedure improves the outcome and the risk of relapse.

Results of our study clearly demonstrate that diagnosis of follicular thyroid cancer in us is established in the early phase of the disease (78.57%), but the significant number of the patients (21.43%) is still in the advanced phase of the disease.

Key words: Follicular thyroid cancer, Hürthle cell carcinoma, total thyroidectomy.