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Vulvovaginal reconstruction in vulvar cancer

In 2014, the SEER database recorded 2.4 newly diagnosed vulvar cancers per 100,000 women in the US; the number of deaths has been stable since the 80's with 0.5 per 100,000. Approximately 0.3% of women will be diagnosed with vulvar cancer at some point during their lifetime. Surgery aiming to achieve local control is the primary goal of treatment of neoplastic disease that involves the external female genitalia. In fact, traditional radical surgery produces anatomic distortion due to loss of the specific skin contour. Despite an intention to reduce surgical radicality during the last years, an impaired quality of life based on sexual dysfunction and/or disturbed body image remains a major obstacle. Thus, surgical techniques restoring important parts of vulvovaginal form and function are decisively warranted and should be a central part of vulvar surgery. Here in we describe indication, surgical procedure, and potential complications of various skin flap techniques with either random vascularization or based on vascular territories.

Biography

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