





LYMPHADENECTOMY IN OESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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Squamous cell carcinoma of the oesophagus has a high incidence of lymph node metastases in the mediastinum and abdomen. The efficacy of lymph node dissection is assessed by the frequency and 5-year overall survival rate (efficacy index; EI).

The Japanese Esophageal Society reported the frequency and EI in three classified parts upper, middle, and lower mediastinum. The upper mediastinal lymph node was observed to have the highest frequency and EI in all three tumor locations1). Minimally invasive oesophagectomy (MIE) has already been widely accepted in the world. MIE has started to take a paradigm shift towards robotic esophagectomy. The main advantage of MIE is the magnified anatomy, which contributes to be a standardized surgical procedure. We show our standardized robotic upper mediastinal lymph node dissection based on the concentric three-layer mediastinal surgical model.

Reference

1. Efficacy of lymph node dissection by zones according to tumor location for esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

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