





ROBOTIC APPROACH FOR PANCOAST TUMOUR RESECTION

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ROBOTIC APPROACH FOR PANCOAST TUMOUR RESECTION a) Introduction Pancoast syndrome is a set of characteristic symptoms caused by the presence of a tumour in the pulmonary apex. It requires a multidisciplinary approach involving neoadjuvant treatment with chemo and/or radiotherapy in addition to surgery depending on the response. b) Indication for the technique Pancoast tumours involving the first rib with a good response after neoadjuvant treatments reducing the size of the tumour, considered resectable by minimally invasive robotic approach. c) Description of the technique We describe the case of a 67-year-old woman with a right upper lobe lung mass infiltrating the first right rib and soft tissues. Imaging tests and mediastinoscopy show a right Pancoast tumour compatible with a poorly differentiated squamous carcinoma cT4N0M0. The patient received four cycles of neoadjuvant treatment with good response in PET-CT scan, so surgical rescue is considered. A classic robotic approach withfour ports, accessory port and CO2 insufflation was performed. We proceeded to perform the robotic right upper lobectomy with the resection of the first rib using disc forceps for the anterior costal section and a custom-designed costotome for the posterior section. We completed the mediastinal lymphadenectomy and left two pleural drains with no complications. d) Conclusion Robotic Pancoast tumour resection is feasible for selected cases by a team with experience in VATS first rib resection and/or robotic surgery offering the significant advantages of minimally invasive surgery including less postoperative pain, early hospital discharge and good recovery.