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IMPACT OF ANTI-INCONTINENCE SURGERY ON OVERACTIVE BLADDER SYMPTOMS AND RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE IN PATIENTS CONCOMITANT WITH STRESS URINARY INCONTINENCE AND OVERACTIVE BLADDER SYMPTOMS

Hypothesis / aims of study

To analyze of changes in overactive bladder (OAB) symptoms and quality of life after anti-incontinence surgery in patients concomitant with stress urinary incontinence (SUI) and OAB symptoms, such as urgency, frequency, nocturia, and urge incontinence. We assess the effect with validated questionnaires.

Study design, materials and methods

Between February 2008 and January 2010, 161 patients with clinical and urodynamic diagnoses of female stress urinary incontinence (UI) and OAB symptoms underwent TVT-O (n=51) or TVT-S (n=49) or TOA (n=61) procedure. Preoperative and postoperative evaluations included physical examination, Incontinence-Quality of Life (I-QOL) and Overactive Bladder-questionnaire (OAB-q).

Results

One-year follow-up was available on 126 of the initial 161 patients who were able to document with validated questionnaires. The overall success rate for stress urinary incontinence was 91.3%. The OAB symptoms were persistent in 39 (30.9%), and others were improved at least. Mean total I-QOL scores increased 41.8 scores and OAB symptoms severity scores decreased 33.3 scores.

Interpretation of results

There were no significant differences of improvement between types of surgery. Most patients reported significant improvements in quality of life and overactive bladder symptoms.

Concluding message

The results of this study, which suggest that anti-incontinence surgery is an efficient surgical treatment for the improvement of the overactive bladder symptoms and related quality of life as well as stress urinary incontinence itself.

Table 1. Baseline patient characteristics

	Total (n=126)	TVT-O (n=41)	TVT-S (n=36)	TOA (n=49)	p-value
Mean age (range)	56.07 (41-76)	55.52	56.70	57.10	0.612
Mean parity (range)	2.97 (1-6)	2.87	3.07	2.96	0.471
Mean BMI (range)(kg/m²)	25 (19-37)	24.73	25.54	24.91	0.349
Mean Sx duration (range)(years)	6.15 (0.25-28)	7.07	5.09	5.23	0.213
Mean follow up (range)(weeks)	5.91 (4-14)	6.00	5.81	6.14	0.742
Presence of UUI (%)	20 (15.87)	6	5	9	0.935
Sx grade (%)	67 (53.17)	23	19	25	0.986
II (%)	59 (46.82)	18	17	24	0.986
Presence of POP (%)	27 (21.42)	7	6	14	0.820

Table 2. Comparison of preoperative and postoperative I-QoL and OAB-q scores

	Subscales	Preoperative	Postoperative	p-value
	Subscales	scores	scores	
I-QoL	Total	35.44	77.31	< 0.001
	Avoidance and limiting behaviors	36.80	76.94	< 0.001
	Psychosocial impacts	39.61	79.89	< 0.001
	Social embarrassment	25.78	73.28	< 0.001
OAB-q	Symptom severity	49.05	15.75	< 0.001
-	Coping	50.55	85.50	< 0.001
	Concern	51.71	87.43	< 0.001
	Sleep	59.12	83.76	< 0.001
	Social	69.52	91.76	< 0.001
	HRQL total	55.71	86.94	< 0.001

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