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Minimally Invasive Treatment of Cholecysto-choledochal Lithiasis - "Rendez-vous" Technique

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Abstract

Introduction: In our paper we present the results of a study that was meant to provide a complex answer to the question: "Which is the most appropriate, most correct and least expensive treatment for mixt cholecysto-choledochal lithiasis (MCCL)?"

Material and Methods: Based on a five year experience (2008-2012), analysed retrospectively, during which 143 patients with MCCL were treated, we are trying to find answers to some of the questions that we have asked ourselves from the very beginning of this period. The answers were guided by alternative therapeutic options, for a pathology that does not have a "gold standard", with respect to the solutions available.

Results: Given the fact that the period during which the study was conducted was chosen randomly and that the patients were included consecutively, the representativeness of the results is ensured for any other patient diagnosed with this pathology and admitted to a clinic with the same specialty, dimensions and equipment as the one presented.

Conclusions: This paper compares the results of our study to those of others, in terms of different or similar approach therapeutic options, developed in other minimally invasive surgery centres in the world, the final conclusions being encouraging for the therapeutic sequence that we practice.

Key words: mixt cholecysto-choledochal lithiasis, ERCP, intraoperative cholagiography

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