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Podium Presentation
Approximate length (minutes) 20 minutes

Poster Presentation

Title of Abstract: Overcoming the Challenges of Hemipelvectomy in Cancer Patients

Curriculum Vitae (indicate how you would like to be introduced)

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ABSTRACT OF PRESENTATION

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OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES OF HEMIPELVECTOMY IN CANCER PATIENTS

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Rehabilitation post external hemipelvectomy presents daunting challenges to the patient; the operation requires removal of part of the pelvis and the entire lower extremity, leaving the patient with a very large wound, reduced bony sitting support and radically altered body image. The team approach can greatly assist in recovery. The interdisciplinary team that meets regularly at SJR includes hospitalist, physiatrist, team coordinator, nursing, physical therapist, occupational therapist, dietician, social worker, pharmacist, prosthetist, and pastoral care worker; patient care encompasses pain control, wound care, bowel and bladder management/retraining (including ostomies), nutrition, mobility, seating, and psychological, social and spiritual issues. Though the condition is rare, the team at St. John's Rehab has treated 4 patients since March, 2006. This presentation, based on the 4 case studies and a literature review, will describe the contribution of team management to successful outcome post external hemipelvectomy due to cancer.