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# Failure of Treatment in Cervical Cancer Patients

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# **Cervical** cancer is the second cause of women death of gynecology malignancy which has an important role in our country with mortality rate of 50%.

#### Treatment:

#### Surgery or Radiotherapy

Surgery is limited to stage IIA of the disease

primary radiotherapy is used for treatment in all stages of the disease.

## indications of Radiotherapy after surgery

# for the patients with the medium to high risks factors .

## High risk factors:

- vaginal positive margin
- lymph nodes involvement
- macroscopic involvement of parameter



To evaluate the indications of postoperative radiotherapy with studying the files of the patients with cervical cancer that had undergone radiotherapy after hysterectomy.

# **Materials and Methods**

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In this cross-sectional study, **93 patients with cervical cancer who** had undergone radiotherapy after hysterectomy and were referred to tumor clinics of Ghaem and Omid hospitals 10 years from 1988 to 2008 were studied.

Inclusion criteria was: performing radiotherapy after hysterectomy in the patients with cervical cancer and

information of files.

## **Evaluated parameters:**

- Failure type of Treatment
- Overall survival
- disease free survival
  - 1 year, 18 months,
- 2 years, 3 years, 5 years

## Statistical analysis:

- Chi-square
- Log Rank
- kaplan-mayer

Results

28 patients radical hysterectomy,
55 cases simple hysterectomy
10 cases supracervical hysterectomy.

type of treatment after surgery	Frequency	
Radiotherapy	69	
Chemoradiotherapy	16	
missing	8	
Total	93	



#### The rate of DFS during 10 yrs



### 3 and 5 years DFS were 52% and 74 %

# 3 and 5 years overall survival were 76.2%, and 67%

#### Comparison of DFS according to failures of treatment

Time	Survival in the group	Survival in the	
	without failure	group with failure	
6 months		95.6%	
1 year		78.9%	
18 months	87.5%	62.5%	
2 yrs	87.5%	54.8%	
3 yrs	74%	52.6%	
4 yrs	74%	49.9%	
5 yrs	74%	47%	

### **Comparison of DFS according to** failures of treatment



هست-censored نیست-censored surgeon errors were determined in 64 patients

pathologist errors in 23cases

radiotherapist errors in 6patients

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# The rate of DFS during 10 yrs according to type of surgery



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#### The rate of O.S in the patients





## Frequency of the patients with recurrence according to type of error



## Comparison of the rate of O.S in the patients with failure of treatment according to its type

Survival (%)	1 year	18 months	2 yrs	3 yrs	5 yrs
surgeon	93.9	81.8	74.6	65.5	65.5
Surgeon +patient	85.7	85.7	71.4	47.6	0
Surgeon+ pathologist	-	-	80	80	80
Pathologist+ radiotherapist	-	-			66.7
Test result	Log rank		P = 0.234		$\lambda^2 = 9.27$

# Discussion

#### The rate of 5-yrs survival: 67%

#### **5-yrs DFS:**

74%.

In comparison with the study of Pieterse et al. and Lasry et al., the rate of survival in the present study was lower.

# 18 months, 3-yrs, and 5-yrs DFSin the group without errors were87.5%, 62.5%, 74%and

in the group with errors 52.6%, 74%, 47%

which the difference was statistically significant (P=0.05).

## Radiotherapy after radical surgery at first stages of cervical cancer increases complications of combined therapy.

Yessaian et al., and the study of the group of Cochrane Gynecology-Oncology

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#### According to the above reserch:

chemoradiotherpy has increased the rate of overall survival rather than radiotherapy, but it didn't improve the rate of disease free survival.

# In the present study: failures of treatment in 74 cases.

\*Since there was surgeon failure in 64 cases, the most failures was related to surgeon.

About half of the surgeon failures (41%) was unsuitable surgery

The second more common errors of surgeon was not examination of the patient before hysterectomy and unawareness of wide tumor extension and parameters involvement; therefore, unsuitable surgery and remaining of tumor residue after surgery.

# Conclusion

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There were failures in 69.9% of cases which this rate is high that it should be removed with attempts of the pathologist, the radiotherapist, and especially the surgeon.



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