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Gynecologic Operative Procedures in Women Over the Age of Seventy

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Aim. To present operative procedures in elderly women aged 70 and more.

Patients. The study included 61 women out of 1,326 patients surgically treated at the Department in 1995 and 1996.

Results. Stage III ovarian carcinoma according to FIGO classification was found in seven (11.5%), endometrial carcinoma in 17 (27.9%), and ovarian tumor in eight (13.1%) women. The remaining 29 (47.6%) women underwent corrective gynecologic operations for uterus descensus and prolapse. Vaginal or abdominal hysterectomy was performed in 56 (91.8%) and explorative laparotomy in four women. Surgical procedure was well tolerated by all patients.

Conclusion. Almost a half of elderly women presented for an operative procedure which was not an emergency but served to eliminate hygienic-social inconvenience.

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