Aplicabilidad de la tecnica de deteccion y biopsia del ganglio centinela en el cancer de vulva

[Applicability of sentinel-lymph-node detection and biopsy in the treatment of vulval cancer]

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To assess the percentage of sentinel-lymph-node detection in vulval cancer and the diagnostic accuracy of the test, by determination of its sensitivity and negative predictive value (NPV); and, to ascertain the adverse effects of this technology and long term relapses of tumour.

Authors' conclusions
The sentinel-lymph-node detection and false negative percentages, together with the sensitivity and negative predictive values, render this technique comparable to that of sentinel-lymph-node detection in breast cancer. Factors such as multidisciplinary team, patient selection, primary tumour site, anatomopathological technique used and learning curve are considered critical when implementing the technique. The recidivation rate is similar to that described with classic lymphadenectomy and displays fewer sideeffects, both short- and long-term.

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