Step-by-step total pelviperitonection with modified posterior pelvic exenteration

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The fundamental aim of advanced ovarian cancer surgery is to obtain complete cytoreduction. Due to the pelvic anatomy, en bloc removal of the uterus, adnexa, rectum, and surrounding peritoneum is mandatory.

The effect of complete cytoreduction on survival in patients with advanced ovarian carcinoma has been demonstrated in many studies. In our opinion, radical oophorectomy is a technique that helps us achieve complete cytoreduction and minimizes bleeding, with a manageable rate of intra-operative and post-operative complications.

To easily understand this complex surgery, our video shows 10 systematic steps to achieve complete pelvic cytoreduction with total pelviperitonection and modified posterior exenteration.

Our patient was a 50-year-old woman with a good functional status and nutritional state. She had no co-morbidities and underwent primary cytoreductive surgery and posterior adjuvant chemotherapy. The peritoneal carcinomatosis index calculated was 8.

The steps of the technique are as follows:

1. Defining the surgical territory.
2. Lateral peritoneotomy.
3. Development of lateral avascular spaces, paravesical and lateral pararectal space.
5. Development of medial pararectal space.
7. Ureteral tunnel development.
8. Anterior and lateral parametrium section. Colpotomy.
9. Rectovaginal space development.
10. Pre-sacral space development. Sigmoid and distal rectum section.

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