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MINI-INVASIVE SURGICAL TECHNIQUE IN KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

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INTRODUCTION: OUR GOAL IS TO OBJECTIVELY PRESENT OUR RESULTS AFTER UTILIZING A RELATIVELY NEW TECHNIQUE WHICH IN TEORY SEEMS TO INCREASE PATIENT'S COMFORT AND FUNCTIONAL RESULTS.

METHOD: 19 PATIENTS HAD UNDERGONE KNEE ARTHROPLASTY IN OUR CLINIC, OPERATED BY THE SAME TEAM USING MINI-INVASIVE SUB-VASTUS APPROACH WITH STANDARD INSTRUMENTATION. RESULTS WERE COMPARED WITH A CONTROL GROUP, MADE OF PATIENTS WITH KNEE ARTHROPLASTY OPERATED BY THE MEANS OF PARAPATELLAR APPROACH. WE USED FOR EVALUATION RX IN CEDARA, KSS, WE COUNTED SURGERY TIME AND POSTOP. BLEEDING.

RESULTS: IMMEDIATELY POSTOP. MINI-INVASIVE SURGERY HAS BY FAR SUPERIOR RESULTS. THE NEED FOR REHABILITATION IS REDUCED, POSTOP. FLEXION IS 90°. SURGERY TIME IS ON AVERAGE WITH 33 MINUTES INCREASED WHEN COMPARED TO STANDARD APPROACH. WE DID NOT NOTICE ANY MALALIGMENT OF THE IMPLANTS. A LONG TERM FOLLOW-UP WAS IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO STUDY'S SHORT TIME.

CONCLUSION: IT SEEMS THAT MINI-INVASIVE SURGERY IN KNEE ARTHROPLASTY IS SUPERIOR TO CLASSICAL APPROACHES ON SHORT-TERM, CONDITIONED BY A PERFECT SURGICAL TECHNIQUE.

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