

SUPERFICIAL PAROTECTOMY FOR SIALECTASIA A MORBIDITY STUDY.

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ABSTRACT

The initial management for sialectasia affecting the parotid gland is conservative, but the presence of a persistent mass or intractable pain are accepted indications for surgical intervention. I compared the long term morbidity associated with superficia parotectomy in patients suffering with sialectasia with those who underwent the same operation for benign tumour, with a 5-20 year follow up. In all 185 patients were studied and the results show that operations for sialectasia, although few in number, carry a higher complication rate (70% overall) compared with those for tumours (22% overall ; P <0.001).

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