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Carcinoma in situ of the larynx.

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Abstract

A series of 28 cases of carcinoma in situ of the larynx treated over the last 16 years is reviewed. The majority of the patients were treated with endolaryngeal stripping of the cords. In the few cases in which the treatment failed, early detection of disease was made and radiotherapy was successful in controlling the carcinoma. The use of radiotherapy is only advocated for selected cases because there is often difficulty in assessing a radiated larynx; radiotherapy may induce field changes, and if treatment fails, laryngectomy may have to be carried out as a salvage procedure.

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