

Surgical treatment of retroareolar tumors of the breast

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30 years ago, surgical treatment of retroareolar cancer was simple and total mastectomy was necessary. Since then, the possibility of a conservative treatment has appeared. In the recent years, oncoplasty brought multiples treatment options in cases of retroareolar tumors.

To give the patient the best option, you need to consider the clinical, radiological and histological aspects of the tumor. Moreover, the aspect of the breast on which the surgery was performed, as well as the patient's morphology and the contralateral breast's morphology, are important factors that must be considered as the surgery technique is chosen.

Different surgical treatments are: conservative treatment with or without areola resection , the use of glandular flaps; as well as myocutaneous flaps, and radical treatment with or without immediate or later reconstruction of the breast.

At last, the patient is the one to choose the type of surgical treatment, according to possible extra treatments (chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy). That's why the surgeon has to know the oncological side and the surgical side equally well. He has to specialize in oncoplasty.