

Bölüm 36

MALİGN PLEVRAL MEZOTELYOMA EPİDEMİYOLOJİSİ

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Malign mezotelyoma plevra, periton, perikard veya tunika vaginalisin mezotelial yüzeylerinden kaynaklanan, kötü seyirli bir tümördür. Tüm olguların yaklaşık %90'nını malign plevral mezotelyoma oluşturmaktadır (1, 2). Malign plevral mezotelyoma, tüm dünyada insidansı giderek artan en ölümcül kanserlerden birisidir (3). Klinikte en sık izlenen semptomlar, masif ve orta derecedeki efüzyona bağlı nefes darlığı ve göğüs duvarı invazyonu nedeniyle olan göğüs ağrısıdır (4). Hastaların çoğu ileri evrede tanı alır ve sağkalımları bir yıldan daha azdır (5).

RİSK FAKTÖRLERİ

Asbest teması: Malign plevral mezotelyoma gelişmesinde en önemli risk faktörü asbest maruziyetidir (6). Olguların %70-90'ında asbest teması olduğu bildirilmektedir (7, 8). Aslında, asbestin yaygın olarak ticari kullanımından önce, hastalığın görülme sıklığı seyrekti (9, 10).

Asbestin, serpentine ve amfiboles olarak iki ana tipi vardır. Serpentinin tek tipi olan chrysotile, kıvrımlı liflerden oluşur ve beyaz asbest olarak adlandırılır. Dünya çapında kullanılan tüm asbestlerin de %95'ini oluşturur (11). Amphibole grubu ise amosite (kahverengi asbest), crocidolite (mavi asbest), tremolite ve anthophyliteden oluşur.

Asbestin, yüksek karsinojenik potansiyele sahip olduğuna dair ilk kanıtlar 1960 yıllarının başında İngiltere ve Güney Afrika'da bulunmuştur(12).

Dünya sağlık örgütü (WHO), tüm asbest türlerinin insanlarda kansere neden olduğu sonucuna varmak için kanıtları yeterli görmüştür. Nitekim Hodgson ve

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vaş yavaş azalması, 2050' den sonra genel insidansa yaklaşarak, önemli bir sorun olmaktan çıkması beklenmektedir. Kısacası günümüzde mezotelyoma global bir sağlık sorunu olmaya devam etmektedir.

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