

31. BÖLÜM

LENFÖDEM KONSERVATİF TEDAVİSİ

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Lenfödem, edinsel veya konjenital sebepler sonucu lenfatik transportun bozulması nedeniyle yüksek molekül ağırlıklı proteinlerin intertisyumda birikmesiyle oluşur. İntertisyumda protein birikimi inflamasyonu başlatır. Fibrozis ve yağ dokusu artışı ile doku elastikiyeti bozulur. Mevcut durum ilerledikçe kaşıntı, deri enfeksiyonları ve trofik deri değişiklikleri gelişebilir.¹ Buna bağlı olarak lenfödem anksiyete, depresyon ve sosyal kaçınmaya sebep olarak hastaların yaşam kalitesini etkiler.²

Lenfödem primer ve sekonder lenfödem olarak sınıflandırılır. Lenfatik sistemin konjenital anomalileri primer lenfödemi oluşturur. Sekonder lenfödem daha yaygındır. Enfeksiyon, cerrahi ya da travmatik hasar sonucu gelişir.³ Filaryazis gelişmekte olan ülkelerde sekonder lenfödem en sık nedenidir.⁴ Gelişmiş ülkelerde ise kanser tedavileri en sık nedendir. Meme kanseri cerrahisi sonrası lenfödem ortalama %21 oranında görülür.⁵ Cerrahi tipi, aksiller lenf nodu diseksiyonu, aksiller radyasyon ve sistemik tedavi alıp almama bu oranı etkiler. Aksiller lenf nodu diseksiyonu sonrası lenfödem insidansı %11,8-53,5 iken sentinel lenf nodu diseksiyonu sonrası insidans %0-15,8'dir.⁶⁻⁷ Radyoterapi alanlarda lenfödem görülmesi almayanlara oranla 1.46 daha fazla bildirilmiştir.⁸ Obezite lenfödem artmasına ve konservatif tedavilerin yetersizliğine neden olur. Vücut kitle indeksi >30 ise lenfödem riski artmıştır.⁹

TANI VE DEĞERLENDİRME YÖNTEMLERİ

Lenfödem tipik olarak sinsi bir şekilde başlar. Hastalar şişlik, ağırlık hissi, gerginlik ve ağrı hissedebilir.¹⁰ Hastanın öyküsü ayırıcı tanılar için önemlidir.

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standart yaklaşımıdır. Konservatif tedavinin başarısız olduğu hastalar için cerrahi seçenekler mevcuttur. Hastalığın doğasını daha iyi anladığımızda lenfödem hastaları için daha kapsamlı tedavi seçenekleri sunulabilecektir.

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