

## BÖLÜM 18

### Dil Kökü için Cerrahi Seçenekler

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#### GİRİŞ

Obstrüktif uyku apnesi (OUA), uyku sırasında tekrarlayan üst solunum yolu kollapsı ile karakterize, aralıklı hipoksemi, sık uyanma ve uyku bölünmesi ile sonuçlanan bir kronik uykuda solunum bozukluğudur. Aralıklı hipokseminin tetiklediği oksidatif stres ve inflamasyon nedeniyle hastalar metabolik, nörobilişsel ve kardiyovasküler hastalıklar açısından yüksek risk altındadır (1). Sürekli pozitif hava yolu basıncı (CPAP), orta-şiddetli OUA için birinci basamak tedavi seçeneğidir. Ancak, bazı yan etkiler nedeniyle birçok hasta CPAP tedavisine uyum sağlayamazlar (2). CPAP tedavisini istemeyen ya da tolere edemeyen çok sayıda OUA hastasında hastalığa neden olan anatomik obstrüksiyonu tedavi etmek için tasarlanmış birtakım oral apareyler ve cerrahi prosedürler vardır (3).

Cerrahi tedavi OUA'de semptomları hafifletebilen, uzun süreli sekel riskini azaltabilen ve yaşam kalitesini iyileştirebilen değerli bir alternatifdir. Bu amaçla yapılan ilk cerrahi olan uvulopalatofaringoplasti (UPPP) yumuşak damağa yönelikti. Ancak bu teknik hastalığın şiddetini azaltsa da apne ataklarını etkili bir şekilde önleyememiştir. Damağın daha agresif cerrahi rezeksyonu ile damak cerrahisini iyileştirmeye yönelik girişimler, daha yüksek komplikasyonlarla sonuçlanmış, ancak daha başarılı sonuçlar elde edilememiştir. Bunun yerine, cerrahi tedavinin yumuşak damak dışı hava yolu obstrüksiyonu bölgelerinin genişletilmesiyle daha iyi sonuçlar gözlemlenmiştir. Özellikle hipofarinks ve

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