

BÖLÜM 8

BAŞ-BOYUN KANSERLERİİNDE RASYOTERAPİ ve RASYOTERAPİ PROTEZLERİ

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Kanser çağımızın sık rastlanan ve ölümle sonuçlanabilen ciddi rahatsızlıklarından biri haline gelmiştir. Erken evrede tanı konulabilmesi ve gelişen teknoloji ile sağ kalım oranı giderek artmaktadır.

Radyasyonun tanı ve tedavi amaçlı kullanımı, 1985'te Röntgen tarafından X ışınlarının bulunması ve 1898'de Curie tarafından Radyum'un keşfedilmesinden bu yana artarak ve gelişerek devam etmektedir¹. Radyoterapi, baş ve boyun kanseri hastaların başarılı sonuçlarla tedavisi için standart ve yaygın olarak kullanılan prosedür olarak karşımıza çıkar².

Radyasyon tedavisi, kanser tedavi yönteminden biridir ve çoğu tümör tipinin tedavisinde ve bazı hematolojik malignitelerde kullanılır. Radyoterapi (RT) alanında kullanılan cihazların gelişmesi tedavinin başarısına yansımaktadır. Gelişen teknoloji sayesinde tümoral dokuya spesifik yüksek düzey doz uygulanarak, normal dokuya verilen hasar minimuma indirmek amaçlanmaktadır. Radyasyon onkolojisi, sağlıklı dokuda salınan enerjiyi en aza indirirken hastalıklı dokuda nasıl, nerede ve ne kadar enerji biriktirileceği detaylarına odaklanır.

Radyasyon tedavisi, benign vakalarda proliferasyonun önlenmesinde ve çoğunlukla malignitelerin tedavisinde kullanılmaktadır. Terapötik sonuçları iyileştirmek için rutin olarak cerrahi, kemoterapi veya her ikisi ile birleştirilmektedir.

Radyasyon Fiziği

X ışınları Wilhelm Roentgen tarafından 1895 yılında keşfedilmiştir³. 1896'da ise Henri Becquerel doğal olarak oluşan bazı elementlerin iyonize radyasyon yaydığını keşfetmiştir⁴. Birkaç yıl içinde iyonize radyasyon, tıbbi görüntüleme ve radyasyon tedavisi için dünya çapında kullanılmaya başlanmıştır.

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özel dikkat gerektirdiğinin net bilgisini vermektedir. Radyoterapi protezlerinin sadece radyoterapinin tedavi sonuçlarını iyileştirdiği ve çevredeki normal dokudaki komplikasyonları azaltmakla kalmaz, aynı zamanda daha güvenli ve erken radyoterapi sonrası protez tedavisini kolaylaştırdığı ve hastanın oral fonksiyonunun iyileşmesine ve restorasyonuna katkıda kazanmıştır. Ayrıca yaşam kalitesini artırmaya yardımcıdır^{58,59}.

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