

Surgical Treatment of Bone Metastases

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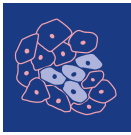
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Bone metastases are common occurrences in many cancers and are especially common in lung, breast, kidney, and prostate cancer. Bone metastases can cause painful and debilitating bony lesions or pathological fractures, and when located in the spine, even spinal cord or nerve root damage leading to paralysis can occur. Surgical treatment of bone metastases is often a major surgery (e.g., spinal surgery or joint replacement surgery) performed on patients with a poor performance status and a high mortality. However, this surgery is often advantageous for the patients with respect to pain relief and function, but it can only very seldom be considered curative. Therefore, the selection of the right patients for bone metastasis surgery and selection of the surgical technique is extremely important in this patient group.





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