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Conjunctival Lymphoma a review of the last ten years.

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PURPOSE - To summarize our finding in patients with diagnosis of conjunctival lymphoma in the last ten years.

METHODS - A retrospective study of patients with conjunctival lymphoma between June 1990 and June 2000. Clinical evaluation was performed to determine diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and complications.

RESULTS - We have found nine histopathological positive results, of which only four clinical charts were complete, and consistent to being included in this study. The mean age was 59 ± 8 years, all women; all with positives results in conjunctival samples. All patient had a complete systemic screening for tumors. Two showed other masses, in different locations, with clinical and laboratorial similarity of lymphoma, of a similar type. A high rate of relapse of the tumor, after the recommeded radiation therapy of 30 Gy that was used as initial treatment was observed. Three patients needed chemotherapy for relapsed tumor. None of the patients presented recorrency after 18 months follow-up. The complications observered were cataract in two patients and one with corneal thinning, after radiation therapy.

CONCLUSIONS - In all patients the diagnosis was made through histopathological samples. The treatment was according to with the literature review, the relapsed rate never the less was higher that in the literature, probably due to the small number of patients. The complications were the same expected after radiation teraphy.