

Supraclavicular axillary disease management

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Supraclavicular lymph node metastasis may occur concurrently with the primary breast cancer or metachronous. To achieve best treatment result, multidiscipline approach is recommended, including medical therapy, radiotherapy, and surgery.

The role of surgery for patients with supraclavicular lymph node metastasis has been a debatable issue for years. Recent studies have found that for patients with metachronous isolated supraclavicular nodal metastasis, selective neck lymph node dissection may further improve their outcome. This topic will be reviewed and discussed in this section.