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# Expanding field of stereotactic surgery

- I -Functional stereotactics
- II- Mass lesions stereotactics
- III- Localizing stereotactics + open surgery

#### I -Functional stereotactics

- A. Movement disorders
- B. Pain syndromes
- C. Intractable epilepsy
- D. Psychiatric disabling disease
- E. Spasticity
- F. Spinal stereotactics procedures

#### A .Movement Disorders

- 1. Parkinsonian tremor
- 2. Essential tremor
- 3. Cerebellar dyskinesia
- 4. Torticollis spastics

### Pain syndromes

- 1. stereotactic lesions to alleviate pain
- 2. stereotactic stimulation with electrodes to achieve pain relief

#### II- Mass lesions Stereotactics

- A. Diagnostic mass lesions stereotactics
- B. Therapeutic mass lesions stereotactics

# B. Therapeutic Mass Lesions stereotactics

- 1. Aspiration and evacuation of fluids
- 2. Interstitial radioisotopes application
- 3. Stereotactic radiosurgery
- 4. Coagulation / resection with stereotactics instruments
- 5. Intraneoplastic drug delivery with stereotactic instruments

# III. Localizing Stereotactics + Open Surgery

- A. Interventional stereotactics
- B. Localizing stereotactics

### Indications for stereotactic Intervention

- Absolute indications regarding the disease
- Relative indications regarding the disease
- Absolute indications regarding the patient
- Relative indications regarding the patient

### Indications for stereotactic interventions

- I. Indications for functional
- II. Indications for diagnostic
- III. Indication for therapeutic
- IV. Indications for localizing interventions

## Indications for functional stereotactic interventions

- A. Movement disorders
- B. Intractable pain
- C. Otherwise intractable epilepsy
- D. Psychiatric disease

#### A. Movement disorders

- 1. Parkinsonian tremor
- 2. Essential tremor
- 3. Cerebellar tremor
- 4. Post traumatic movement disorders
- 5. Torsion dystonia
- 6. Torticollis spastica
- 7. Hemi- dystonia

### B. Intractable pain

- 1. Cancer pain
- 2. Chronic intractable pain

# II.Indications for diagnostic stereotactic interventions

- Mass lesions that are deep seated
- Mass lesions that lie bilaterally (Butter fly growth)
- Mass lesions that present multiple, and vital locations
- -Mass lesions that grow diffusely without true demarcations on CT
- Mass lesions that are of suspected infectious origin (herpes, AIDS)
- Mass lesions that are of suspected systemic origin (Hodgkin, Leukemia)
- Mass lesions that have invaded the skull base considerably

# Indications for stereotactics biopsy in brain tumors in cases without known primary tumor elsewhere

| Mass lesion number | Surgical technique  | Histology                                   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 1                  | Removable: craniotomy not removable: biopsy if further treatment is justified | glioma lymphoma metastasis miscellaneous    |
| ≥2                 | Biopsies If further treatment is justified                                    | metastasis multiple Primaries miscellaneous |

### Indications for stereotactic biopsy in brain tumors in cases with know primary tumor elsewhere, but without metastatic spread

| Mass lesion number | Surgical technique  | Histology   |
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| 1                  | Removable: craniotomy not removable: biopsy if further treatment is justified | metastasis second tumor non neoplestic disorders  |
|                    | in further treatment is justified   | miscellaneous                                     |
| ≥2                 | Biopsies: if further treatment is justified                                   | metastasis non- neoplstic disorders miscellaneous |

# Indications for stereotactic diagnostic biopsy in mass lesion of the brain

- A. Patients without previous history of tumor, who present a single mass lesion
- B. Patients without previous history of tumor who present multiple mass lesions.
- C. Patients with a know primary tumor elsewhere, who present a single mass lesion but having no signs of metastasis elsewhere in the body
- D. Patients with a know primary tumor else where, present a multiple mass lesion in the brain without other metastatic spread

# III. Indications for therapeutic stereotactic interventions

- A. Aspiration and evacuation of fluids
- B. Interstitial radioisotope application
- C. Stereotactic radiosurgery

#### A. Evacuation of fluids

- 1. Cystic craniopharyngioma
- 2. Cystic glioma
- 3. Subependymal or leptomeningeal cysts
- 4. Colloid cyst of third ventricle
- 5. Brain abscess
- 6. Primary hematoma

# IV. Indications for localizing stereotactic intervention

- A. Small tumors in the white matter
- B. Small subcortical arteriovenous malformations
- C. Small white matter abscesses
- D. Lobar and putaminal hematoms
- E. Subcortical foreign bodies

# Contraindicatios for stereotactic interventions

- In general
- In detail

#### **Contraindications**

#### In general:

- Very young patients
- Patients with skull defects
- Patients with disturbed blood clotting
- Extremely rich vascularity of the target area
- All patients who are no longer suitable condidate for surgery due to hypertension, cardiac failure or other internal disease
- Any stereotactic intervention without an up to date angiography

#### Contraindication

In detail:

According to the subgroups I-IV

### I. Contraindications for functional stereotactic interventions

- A. Movement disorders
- Chorea and athetosis
- -Tardive dyskiness
- -Hemiballismus (post traumatic syndrome)
- -Bilateral thalamotomies (relative Contraindications )
- B. Chronic pain syndrome
- Survival ≥ 1-2 years after surgery( de- afferentation pain (dysesthsia))
- Bilateral lesion of the C1-C2 level (high morbidity and possible induction of sleep apnea
- C. Medically refractory epilepsy
- D. Psychiatric disabling disease
- E. Spasticity

### II. Contraindications for diagnostic stereotactic interventions

- A. Resectable lesions
- B. Normal brain tissue
- C. Intraventricular tumors
- D. Lower brain stem lesion
- E. Vascular lesions
- F. In or near the subarachnoid space

# III. Contraindications for therapeutic stereotactic interventions

- A. Aspiration and evacuation of fluids
- 1. Cystic craniopharyngioma
- 2. Post traumatic hematoma
- 3. Interstitial irradiation of tumors
- 4. Stereotactic rediosurgery

# IV. Contraindications for localizing and interventional stereotactic

- A. Aneurysms
- B. Deep seated arteriovenous molformation
- C. Foreign bodies

### Pitfalls in stereotactic surgery

- I. Technical problems
- II. Pitfalls by underlying pathology

### I. Technical problems

- A. The superficial targets
- B. Clinical signs of increased ICP
- C. Bleeding at the target site

### II. Pitfalls by underlying pathology

- A. Vascular lesions
- B. False positive and false negative results
- C. Unsuspected mass lesions

### Unsuspected mass lesions

- Multiple sclerosis plaques
- Cerebral infarction
- Hematoma (ICH) may simulate a neoplasm
- Epidermoid

#### Mass lesion stereotactics

- A. Diffusely growing tumors
- B. Butterfly tumors
- C. Multiple tumors
- D. Small deep seated tumors
- E. Cystic tumors
- F. Brain stem tumors
- G.Pineal gland tumors
- H. Skull base invading tumors

