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Percutaneous Renal Biopsy : A Report of 200 Cases

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Abstract:

In the diffuse medical diseases of kidney, percutaneous renal biopsy is a valuable, safe and hazardless procedure. With the aid of this nearly new technique renal pathology, the natural history of renal diseases and the response of renal diseases to therapy, as well as the prognosis of renal disorders can be evaluated.

We have analysed 210 percutaneous biopsies in Tehran. Complications were observed in 13% of cases, there is no mortality and no patient required drastic therapeutic intervention. Anuria, peri-renal colic and peri-renal hematoma were the only serious complications, which were seen in 4 patients, and were readily controlled with simple measures. We obtained renal tissue in 95% cases of our patients and in 91% of them the tissue was adequate for clear diagnosis. Like other authors, we believe that the procedure, when properly performed, can give a far more valuable information about the patients without any real dangerous risk.

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