

COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION FOLLOWING SURGICAL TREATMENT OF DIGESTIVE SYSTEM DISORDERS

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Abstract. The postoperative period following surgical interventions for digestive system disorders presents significant challenges, including high risks of complications and impaired quality of life. This study investigates the effectiveness of comprehensive rehabilitation programs compared to standard postoperative care. Conducted at the Republican Specialized Scientific-Practical Medical Center of Therapy and Medical Rehabilitation in Andijan, the study evaluates key outcomes such as complication rates, hospital stay duration, and functional recovery. Findings demonstrate that comprehensive rehabilitation significantly reduces postoperative complications, accelerates recovery, and improves quality of life. These results underscore the importance of multidisciplinary and individualized approaches in postoperative care.

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Introduction. Surgical treatment of digestive diseases represents a critical milestone in patient management. While the intervention itself addresses the primary pathology, the recovery period often entails substantial risks, including postoperative complications, decreased quality of life, and delayed functional recovery. Addressing these challenges requires a robust and comprehensive rehabilitation strategy, integrating physical, nutritional, psychological, and pharmacological components. This research, conducted at the Republican Specialized Scientific-Practical Medical Center of Therapy and Medical Rehabilitation in Andijan, evaluates the impact of such rehabilitation programs on clinical outcomes [1],[2].

Materials and Methods. Study Design and Population

The study involved 200 patients who underwent surgical treatment for digestive diseases between 2020 and 2023. Participants were allocated into two groups:

-Main group (n=100): Received comprehensive rehabilitation interventions, including physiotherapy, dietary adjustments, pharmacological support, and psychological counseling.

-Control group (n=100): Received standard postoperative care without specialized rehabilitation measures.

Rehabilitation Protocol

The rehabilitation process was structured into three stages:

1. Preoperative Preparation: Focused on antisecretory therapy and correction of metabolic imbalances to optimize surgical outcomes [3].
2. Early Postoperative Period: Emphasized restoring intestinal motility and managing immediate postoperative symptoms [4].
3. Late Postoperative Period: Targeted long-term physical and social reintegration, utilizing tailored exercise programs and psychological support [5], [6].

Outcome Measures. Key outcomes assessed included:

- Incidence of postoperative complications;
- Duration of hospital stay;
- Quality of life improvements, measured using the SF-36 questionnaire;
- Time to functional recovery of the gastrointestinal tract.

Results

The comparison between the main and control groups is summarized in Table 1.

Parameter	Main Group	Control Group
Incidence of postoperative complications	15%	28%
Average length of hospital stay	12 days	18 days
Improvement in SF-36 scores	+45%	+20%
Restoration of gastrointestinal function	3 days	6 days

Key Findings

-Complication Reduction: The incidence of complications in the main group was nearly halved compared to the control group ($p < 0.05$) [2].

-Hospitalization Duration: Comprehensive rehabilitation reduced the average hospital stay by six days.

-Quality of Life: Patients in the main group reported a 45% improvement in SF-36 scores, significantly higher than the control group's 20% improvement [4].

-Functional Recovery: Intestinal motor function was restored within three days in the main group versus six days in the control group [1],[5].

Discussion

The results underscore the efficacy of comprehensive rehabilitation in enhancing postoperative outcomes for patients undergoing digestive system surgeries. The integration of physiotherapeutic techniques, nutritional guidance, and psychological support not only mitigates complications but also accelerates recovery and improves overall well-being. Preoperative preparation emerged as a critical factor, aligning with findings from previous studies [1],[3].

Insights from Additional Studies

Further research highlights the critical role of enhanced recovery protocols (ERPs) in postoperative care. Smith and Brown (2018) emphasize that ERPs can reduce hospital stays and improve patient outcomes by standardizing perioperative processes [6]. Nutritional interventions, as discussed by Doe and Wilson (2020), are also pivotal in mitigating postoperative complications and accelerating healing [7]. Psychological support during recovery, particularly interventions tailored to reduce stress and anxiety, has been found to significantly enhance patient satisfaction and recovery rates [8]. Advances in physiotherapy, as highlighted by Wang and Zhou (2021), further demonstrate the importance of individualized exercise regimens in improving postoperative mobility and reducing complications [9].

The growing consensus on the multidisciplinary approach, as reviewed by Patel and Singh (2019), underscores the importance of coordination among surgeons, dietitians, physiotherapists, and psychologists to optimize patient recovery [10]. These findings align with our study's outcomes, reinforcing the necessity of comprehensive rehabilitation programs in clinical practice.

Conclusion

Comprehensive rehabilitation is pivotal for successful recovery following surgical treatment of digestive system disorders. This approach significantly reduces postoperative complications, shortens hospital stays, and enhances patients' quality of life. Implementing such programs in clinical settings is essential to advancing patient outcomes and healthcare efficiency.

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