LYMPH NODO-VENOUS SHUNT IN THE TREATMENT OF PROTEIN LOSING ENTEROPATHY AND Lymphoedema OF LEG AND SCROTUM

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ABSTRACT

Protein Losing Enteropathy (PLE) is a syndrome associated with several diseases affecting the gastrointestinal system. Recent comprehensive reviews can be found in eMedicine (1,2) and Gastroenterology (3). Treatment by surgery, lympho-venous anastomosis, excision of lymphangiectatic small bowel and gastrectomy and transplantation of the small intestine, depending upon the cause, have all been reported. We obtained a successful result for PLE associated with peripheral lymphedema by combining several sequential operative approaches including lymph nodo-venous shunt in the groin and reduction surgery for edema of the left leg and scrotum.