難治性疼痛への多角的治療 一脊髄刺激療法と漢方薬治療の併用—

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要旨: 当院では難治性疼痛に対し脊髄刺激療法 (SCS) を導入し成果を上げている. しかし, SCS が有効でも満足度が低いこともある. その中には漢方薬を併用することで,満足度が上がる症例も多い. そのような例で漢方薬の役割を検討したところ,痛みの軽減以外に,睡眠の安定化や治療に対する意欲向上等がみられ,明らかに生活の質が向上していた. 難治性疼痛は多様な要因が絡まりあっているため,一つの治療で満足することが少ない. SCS と漢方薬の併用療法の報告はほとんどされていない. SCS 後の難治性疼痛には再度,漢方治療を含め,様々な角度から治療を試みるべきであると思われた.

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Multilateral treatment for intractable pain: Combination of spinal cord stimulation and treatment with kampo medicines

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Abstract: Although spinal cord stimulation (SCS) is widely used for the treatment of chronic neuropathic pain, the satisfaction of the patients is known to rise by the combined therapy of SCS and Kampo medicines. This study aimed to investigate the role of Kampo medicines for chronic neuropathic pain by the combined therapy with SCS. The role of Kampo medicines were the improvement of the quality of life. Intractable pain consists of the multiple pathogenesis. Because only one treatment cannot be rarely satisfied, the various treatments including Kamo medicines should be tried for the severe neuropathic pain after SCS.

Key words: kampo medicines, spinal cord stimulation, chronic pain

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