

Treatment with penile retraction in evolutive peyronie's disease with external penis-stretching



TREATMENT OF PENILE RETRACTION IN EVOLUTIVE PEYRONIE'S DISEASE WITH EXTERNAL PENIS-STRETCHING



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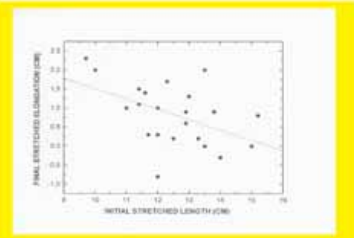
DESIGN and METHODS:

Twenty-two men (age: 18-78 years) suffering from Peyronie's disease at different stages of penile retraction were enrolled and followed-up. The stretched penis length ranged 9.7-15.2 cm. The external "Penistretcher" device was prescribed for 6 hours/day, for some months. Patients were divided into two groups, based on an arbitrary established initial (stretched penis) length cut off: [Group A]: < 12.5 cm ; [Group B]: > 12.5 cm. Both groups were not different in age and disease evolution.



RESULTS:

The mean use time resulted 5 hours/day (range: 2.5-11), for 3 months (range 1-13). The mean stretched penis lengthening resulted +0.8 (range -0.8/+2.3 cm) No adverse side effects occurred.



The stretched penis elongation resulted correlated to the initial stretched length: the shorter at the beginning, the longer at the follow-up (p<0.05).



Group	Patients n°	Penile length before PS	Penile length after PS	Significance before vs after
A (<12.5cm)	11	11.3± 0.8	12.4±0.7	P<0.01
B (>12.5cm)	11	13.6± 0.8	14.2±1.0	p=N.S.

[Group A] showed a significantly increase of penile length (p=0.01).

CONCLUSIONS:

Our data show that penis-stretching is effective in Peyronie's disease treatment, especially at the stage of severe penile retraction.

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