

Two Surgeries Equal For Esophageal Ca

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Minimally invasive esophagectomy matched open surgery for survival in patients with esophageal cancer and led to examination of significantly more lymph nodes, authors of a meta-analysis concluded.

Survival among patients treated with either of the techniques was similar at intervals ranging from 30 days to 5 years, although nonsignificant differences favored the minimally invasive approach, as reported in the August issue of *Archives of Surgery*.

Analysis of survival by geographic region showed numerical advantages for Eastern and Western centers when comparing minimally invasive with open surgery, according to Guy Eslick, Ph.D., of the University of Sydney in Australia, and co-authors.

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