

Less Invasive Tx Touted In Older NSCLC Patients

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Video-assisted thoracoscopic resection may be a good surgical option for treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) in elderly patients, a case series study suggested.

The procedure was associated with shorter hospitalizations compared with conventional thoracotomy among patients in their 80s, Chad Hall, BS, of the University of Nebraska in Omaha, and colleagues found.

Serious complications were less common with the minimally-invasive surgical approach as well, the group reported at the annual CHEST meeting here.

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