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INTRODUCTION

This first Canadian temporal lobe epilepsy surgery workshop was held at London, Ontario on November 14th and 15th, 1997.

This workshop brought together many individuals involved in the evaluation and care of patients with medically refractory temporal lobe epilepsy to examine the neurological, neurosurgical, neuropsychological and social components of this disorder. We sought to establish Canadian guidelines for: 1) identifying patients who may be candidates for temporal lobectomy, and 2) evaluation of such patients intensively in hospital. Components of this evaluation include analysis of the seizure semiology, interictal and ictal EEGs, high quality neuroimaging and neuropsychological tests of language and memory. Invasive recordings may be required in certain circumstances. The impact of the seizure disorder on the patient's personal, academic and professional life needs thorough assessment by clinical psychologists during the pre-operative assessment.

Current and future neurosurgical approaches to temporal lobectomy were reviewed. A moderate evolution in this regard is anticipated.

Outcome after surgical intervention constituted an ultimate and pivotal topic of this workshop. Not only was effectiveness of surgical intervention on seizure control considered, but measures of quality of life were reviewed. Factors in the neurological and psychological pre-operative assessments that were predictive of post-operative seizure control and life adjustment were sought.

All participants hope that publication of this workshop's proceedings will enhance awareness of temporal lobectomy as an early therapeutic option for this common and often socially disruptive seizure disorder.

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