## 후두암 치료후 삶의 질 평가

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## Quality of Life after Treatment of Laryngeal Carcinoma

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Background and Objectives**: Head and neck cancer strikes at some of the most basic human functions, including verbal communication, social interaction, eating and breathing. Traditionally, the success of cancer treatment has been assessed by objective measures such as disease-free intervals, cure rates, and complication rates. Recently, however, there has been an increased awareness of the need to evaluate treatment effects on the individual's quality of life (QOL). The purpose of this study is to assess quality of life following various types of treatment for laryngeal carcinoma. **Material and Methods**: We assessed a quality-of-life after treatment of laryngeal carcinoma patients using WHOQOL-BREF questionnaires which was employed by the WHOQOL-group. Fifty-seven patients with laryngeal carcinoma were contacted with the completion of the survey: Radiotherapy only (n = 24), conservative laryngectomy (n = 16) and total layngectomy (n = 17). **Results**: This study demonstrates that there was no significant difference in QOL in physical health, social relationship and environment between the radiotherapy-only-group and the operation-group (conservative & total laryngectomy). However, the radiotherapy-only group had significantly better (p < .05) QOL on the psychological health domain, especially regarding body image and negative feelings than those of the operation group. **Conclusion**: The negative feeling, the body image change and the poor ability of communication have a negative impact on QOL in the operation group, especially in the total laryngectomee. Providing positive psychosocial adjustment training and voice rehabilitation programs for those who underwent total laryngectomy would be a great help in enhancing their quality of life. **(Korean J Otolaryngol 2001;44:973-81)** 

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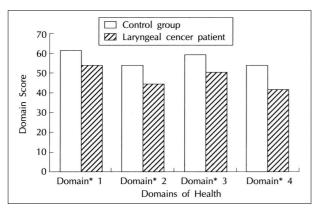
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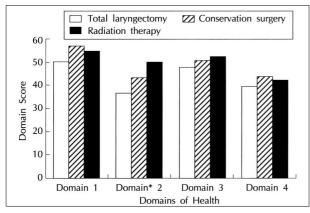
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	Sleep and rest	(item 23)
	Energy and fatigue	(item 18)
	Mobility	(item 33)
	Activities of daily living	(item 24)
	Dependence on medication	(item 12)
	Work capacity	(item 25)
II. Psychological	Positive feeling	(item 13)
	Thinking, learning, memory	(item 15)
	Self-esteem	(item 26)
	Body image and appearance	(item 19)
	Negative feelings	(item 34)
	Spirituality/religion	(item 14)
III. Social relation-	Personal relationships	(item 27)
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	Sexual activity	(item 28)
IV. Environment	Freedom, physical safety	(item 16)
	Home environment	(item 30)
	Financial resources	(item 20)
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	Information	(item 21)
	Recreation leisure activity	(item 22)
	Physical environment	(item 17)
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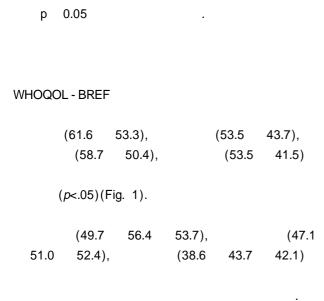
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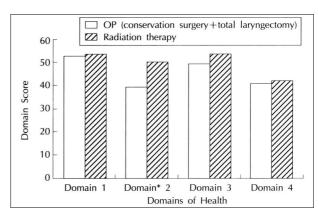


**Fig. 1.** Comparison of health related quality of life for patients with laryngeal cancer vs. control group. Domain 1: Indicates physical health, Domain 2: Psychological health, Domain 3: Social relationship, Domain 4: Environment (\*: p<0.05).

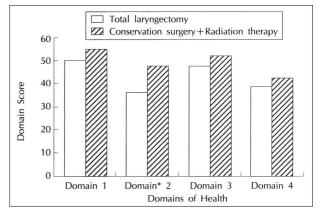


**Fig. 2.** Comparison of health related quality of life for total laryngectomy vs. conservation surgery vs. radiation therapy. Domain 1: Indicates physical health, Domain 2: Psychological health, Domain 3: Social relationship, Domain 4: Environment (\*: p < 0.05).





**Fig. 3.** Comparison of health related quality of life for operation group (total laryngectomy and conservationlaryngectomy) vs. radiation therapy. Domain 1: Indicates physical health, Domain 2: Psychological health, Domain 3: Social relationship, Domain 4: Environment (\*: p<0.05).

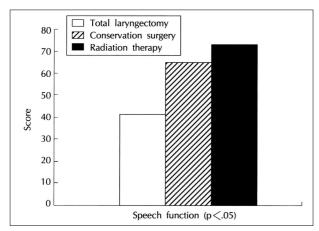


**Fig. 4.** Comparison of health related quality of life for total laryngectomy vs. conservative laryngectomy and radiation therapy. Domain 1: Indicates physical health, Domain 2: Psychological health, Domain 3: Social relationship, Domain 4: Environment (\*: p < 0.05).

(p < .05) (Fig. 4).

Table 3. Problems of swallowing

For swallowing	Total	Conservation	Radiation
roi swallowing	laryngectomy surg		therapy
Generally possible	17	15	23
Difficult	-	1	1
Greatly difficult	-	-	-



**Fig. 5.** Comparison of voice and quality of life for total laryngectomy vs. conservative laryngectomy vs. radiation therapy.

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