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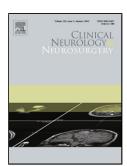
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Highlights

- Retrospective chart review of patients that required reoperation for epilepsy surgery.
- The most common reason for repeat surgery was incomplete first resection.
- Greater than 50% of patients achieved seizure freedom (Engel Class I).
- Risk of complications from reoperation was low.

Abstract

Objectives: Resective epilepsy surgery has been shown to have up to 70-80% success rates in patients with intractable seizure disorder. Around 20-30% of patients with Engel Classification III and IV will require reevaluation for further surgery. Common reasons for first surgery failures include incomplete resection of seizure focus, incorrect identification of seizure focus and recurrence of tumor.

Patient and Methods: Clinical chart review of seventeen patients from a single adult comprehensive epilepsy program who underwent reoperation from 2007 to 2014 was performed. High resolution Brain MRI, FDG-PET, Neuropsychometric testing were completed in all cases in both the original surgery and the second procedure. Postoperative outcomes were confirmed by prospective telephone follow up and verified

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