Is lymphadenectomy indicated in patients with T1 moderately differentiated penile cancer?

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We agree with Dr. Pettaway’s comments. However, as compelling as the recently published series may be (reference 2) the overall literature remains conflicted for those patients with T1 moderately differentiated tumors. Furthermore, even in that series metastatic disease was present in a significant (13%) number of patients. In a disease that remains only curable by surgery, and where delaying the surgery until metastases develop has been shown to significantly decrease survival, groin dissection must remain an important option for such patients.

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