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Introduction

Extensive pre- and postoperative care and modern anesthetic procedures have also resulted in a widening of the range of indication for gynecologic operations for elderly patients today. This has been underscored by numerous studies dealing with surgical geriatric gynecology, most of them published in recent years. This tendency will undoubtedly continue in future years. For this reason, we consider it valuable to carry out a systematization of existing data and to compare them with our own material.

Our survey commences with a general chapter presenting individual problems of geriatric gynecology and pointing out possibilities for future clinical research. Furthermore, references about surgical geriatric gynecology are compared.

The special chapter contains an analysis of material obtained from 17 West Berlin gynecological departments with special consideration of postoperative mortality. Our own previous reports on surgical geriatric gynecology constitute an integral part of this study, but are only mentioned in appropriately placed marginal notes.