



DERMATOLOGICAL SURGERY

## NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER – WHEN SURGERY IS NOT POSSIBLE...

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Background: Surgery is the first-choice treatment in most cases of human non-melanoma skin cancer. However, daily practice sometimes force clinician to seek for alternative treatment methods, especially when the patient does not agree to surgical intervention or there are contraindications to surgery or anesthesia.

Observation: We present a series of patients treated in Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Allergology Medical University of Gdańsk due to non-melanoma skin cancer who were treated with non-surgical methods (laser ablation, 5-fluorouracyl, radiotherapy, cryotherapy, vismodegib) along with their clinical outcomes.

Key message: Individual approach is the key element of deciding what kind of treatment to choose in such patients. Histopathological confirmation of diagnosis is mandatory to avoid therapeutic pitfalls.

