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THE ROLE OF STEM CELLS IN THE TREATMENT OF URINARY INCONTINENCE-SURVERY²

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Abstract: At present, there are many approaches in the treatment of urinary incontinence: lifestyle modification and behavioural therapy (pelvic floor muscle strengthening exercises, quitting caffeine and fizzy drinks and so on); pharmacologic (M-cholinolytics, b3-agonists, norepinephrine - serotonin reuptake inhibitors), surgical (colposuspension, sling surgeries, artificial sphincter), minimally invasive therapy (use of botulinum toxin – type A, different types of laser, volume-forming substances). The low efficacy of both behavioural and medication therapies as well as the patients' unwillingness to undergo a surgery, necessitates searching less invasive and more effective alternative treatment for urinary incontinence. In this regard, a potential approach to treat UI is the use of cell-based therapies. Currently, clinical trials are performed to determine the role of stem cells.

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