Prematurity and amputation: an uncertain future

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ABSTRACT

Premature birth can be associated to multiple complications in the newborn. The amputation of an extremity is one of them. Even though it is a rare complication, it can have severe consequences, because it can overlap with the more frequent complications observed in prematurity and obstruct the evolution of the patient. The major cause of amputation in a premature infant is thrombosis, which is produced by the complication of a vascular access. There is a lack of articles describing the evolution of these patients beyond the acute event. We present a case of a patient that had an amputation related to prematurity and we detail how his rehabilitation process has been so far.

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