

INCIDENCE AND CHARACTER OF BRONCHIAL PATHOMORPHOLOGIC FINDINGS IN PATIENTS WITH PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

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Summary

We analyzed the results of 16139 bronchoscopies in patients with pulmonary tuberculosis, performed during a period from 1970 till 2000, and in 93,1 % of cases revealed the pathomorphologic findings in bronchi: in 81,5 % — tuberculous endobronchitis, in 11,6 % — nonspecific inflammation. The main peculiarity of epidemic tuberculosis was an increase of specific diffuse forms of endobronchitis, comprising 95,5 % cases of all pulmonary tuberculosis cases.