# Surgery for oesophageal cancer: How we can improve?

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## Surgery: Ways to improve outcomes

- Appropriate patient selection
- Preconditioning
- Surgical technique
- Minimally invasive approach
- Enhanced recovery program after surgery (ERAS)
- Center volume

## Appropriate patient selection

- > Relative contra-indications to surgery
  - Severe co-morbidities or multiple comorbidities
  - Age is no more a limitation
  - WHO PS 2
  - Weight loss > 15%, not corrected after nutritional support
  - Severe arteriopathy (grade ≥3)
  - Cirrhosis with no portal hypertension

## Appropriate patient selection

- > Absolute contra-indications to surgery
  - Persistent weight loss >20% despite nutritional support
  - WHO PS 3 or 4
  - Respiratory insufficiency (FEV <1 000 ml/sec)</li>
  - Decompensated cirrhosis, portal hypertension
  - Cardiac and Renal insufficiencies

## Preconditioning

- Tobacco / alcoohol cessation
  - > 4 weeks
  - − ≥ pulmonary complications
- Buccodental hygiene
  - ➤ Mediastinal/pulmonary infections
- Respiratory conditioning
  - Preoperative physiotherapy for all patients
  - Intensive preop rehabilitation + bacteriological sputum analysis for high risk patients

## Preconditioning – Malnutrition

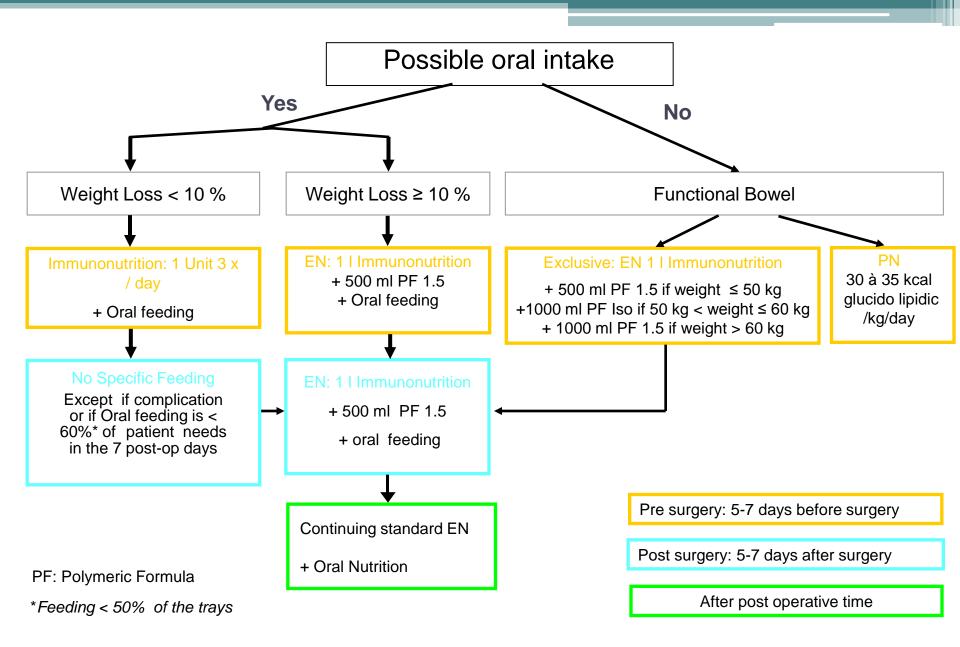
### To detect malnutrition

- Prevalence 60 to 85%
- 7 neoadjuvant treatment toxicity, postop morbidity and mortality, tumoural recurrence
- > response to chemotherapy, survival and QOL

### To correct malnutrition

Guidelines

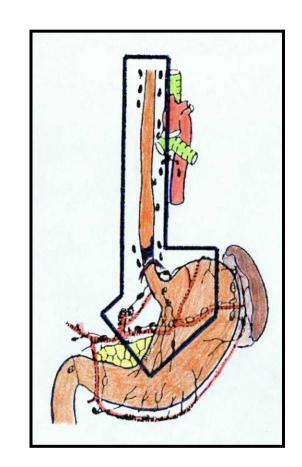
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- Weight loss <10% : oral supplements</p>
- Weight loss > 10% and/or neaodjuvant treatment: enteral feeding
- Immuno-enhanced nutrition 5-7 days prior to surgery
- Immuno-enhanced nutrition during neoadjuvant phase under investigation phase III trial (NCT 01423799)



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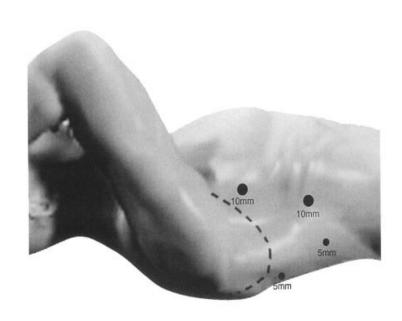
### Appropriate surgical technique

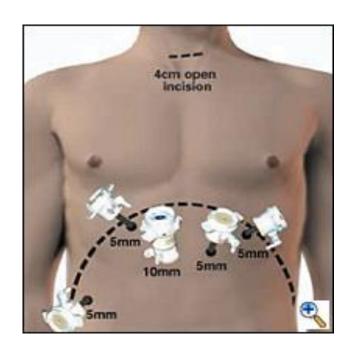
- R0 resection
- Transthoracic oesophagectomy
- Extended 2-field lymphadenectomy
- At least 23 LN examined



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## Minimally invasive surgery





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### TOTALLY MIO vs. Open Oesophagectomy

Outcome	No. of studies	No. of patients	OR/WMD	95% CI	P-value	HG $\chi^2$	HG P-value
MIE versus open							
Operative time	5	312	5.91	-39.53, 51.34	0.80	29.13	< 0.001
Blood loss	5	312	-268.53	-369.91, -167.16	< 0.001	12.14	0.02
ICU stay	3	216	-0.97	-1.31, -0.63	< 0.001	1.16	0.56
Length of stay	4	267	-2.75	-4.65, -0.86	0.004	2.01	0.57
GI bleeding	2	171	0.32	0.04, 2.81	0.30	0.01	0.91
Anastomotic leak	5	447	0.58	0.28, 1.20	0.14	3.43	0.49
Anastomotic stricture	4	379	1.58	0.30, 8.40	0.59	15.07	0.002
Gastric conduit ischemia	3	236	1.80	0.34, 9.60	0.49	1.88	0.39
Respiratory complications	5	447	0.58	0.35, 0.98	0.04	2.91	0.57
Cardiac complications	3	368	1.11	0.51, 2.45	0.79	0.42	0.81
Chyle leak	5	447	1.37	0.35, 5.47	0.65	2.73	0.44
Vocal cord palsy	5	447	0.76	0.19, 3.10	0.71	0.12	0.94
Total morbidity	5	447	0.52	0.32, 0.84	0.007	4.36	0.36
30-day mortality	5	447	0.55	0.19, 1.57	0.26	0.04	0.98
Number of LN retrieved	4	240	1.02	-0.84, 2.88	0.28	2.76	0.43

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### HYBRID MIO vs. Open Oesophagectomy

HMIE versus open							
Operative time	3	653	5.64	-31.77, 43.05	0.77	18.60	< 0.001
Blood loss	3	653	-147.87	-297.40, 1.67	0.05	8.58	0.01
Anastomotic leak	4	806	0.51	0.28, 0.91	0.02	0.50	0.92
Respiratory complications	4	806	0.68	0.48, 0.96	0.03	1.12	0.77
Cardiac complications	4	806	0.67	0.42, 1.07	0.09	2.44	0.49
Chyle leak	2	562	1.48	0.23, 9.53	0.68	1.81	0.18
Vocal cord palsy	4	806	1.54	0.89, 2.67	0.13	1.45	0.69
Total morbidity	3	725	0.62	0.31, 1.25	0.18	5.17	0.08
30-day mortality	4	806	0.56	0.19, 1.60	0.28	0.92	0.34
Number of LN retrieved	3	632	-1.44	-6.61, 3.73	0.58	19.37	< 0.001

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- Comparison open vs. MIO
- Multi-centre RCT
- MIO 56 patients
- Open Resection 59pts
- Oesophageal Tumours

including Siewert type I

### **MIO Performed By**

- Thoracoscopy / Laparoscopy and

cervical incision

#### **Open Resection**

- Right thoracotomy and intrathoracic anastomosis

### **Primary Endpoints**

- Respiratory complications in first 2 weeks

#### **Secondary Endpoints**

 Operative / Postoperative / Oncological Data

	00 (N=56)	MIO (N=59)	p value
Primary outcomes			
Pulmonary infection within 2 weeks	16 (29%)	5 (9%)	0.005
Pulmonary infection in-hospital	19 (34%)	7 (12%)	0.005
Secondary outcomes			
Hospital stay (days)*	14 (1-120)	11 (7-80)	0.044
Short-term quality of life†			
SF 36†			
Physical component summary	36 (6; 34-39)	42 (8; 39-46)	0.007
Mental component summary	45 (11; 40-50)	46 (10; 41-50)	0.806
EORTC C30†			
Global health	51 (21; 44-58)	61 (18; 56-67)	0.020
OES 18‡			
Talking	37 (39; 25-49)	18 (26; 10-26)	0.008
Pain	19 (21; 13-26)	8 (11; 5-11)	0.002
Total lymph nodes retrieved*	21 (7-47)	20 (3-44)	0.852
Resection margin§			0.080
RO	47 (84%)	54 (92%)	
R1	5 (9%)	1(2%)	
pStage¶			0.943
0	0 (0%)	1(2%)	
1	4 (7%)	4 (7%)	
lla	16 (29%)	17 (29%)	
IIb	6 (11%)	9 (15%)	
III	14 (25%)	11 (19%)	
IV	5 (9%)	4 (7%)	
No residual tumour or lymph-node metastasis	7 (13%)	9 (15%)	
Mortality			0.590
30-day mortality	0 (0%)	1(2%)	
In-hospital mortality	1 (2%)	2 (3%)	

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Pulmonary infection defined – clinical manifestation with confirmation on CXR or CT scan and positive culture

But some limitations ....

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# Open versus laparoscopically-assisted oesophagectomy for cancer: a multicentre randomised controlled phase III trial - the MIRO trial

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- Comparison open vs. MIO
- Multi-centre RCT
- Oesophageal Tumours
- Including Siewert I

### Surgical Procedure

- Thoracotomy plus Laparoscopy

### **Primary Endpoints**

- Major 30 day morbidity

### **Secondary Endpoints**

- 30 day morbidity, mortality, pulmonary morbidity
  - DFS, OS, QOL, Medico-economic

Briez et al. BMC Cancer 2011, 11:310

## **ERAS** program

**Synonym:** Enhanced Recovery After Surgery = Fast track surgery

Khelet Lancet 2003

### **Definition:**

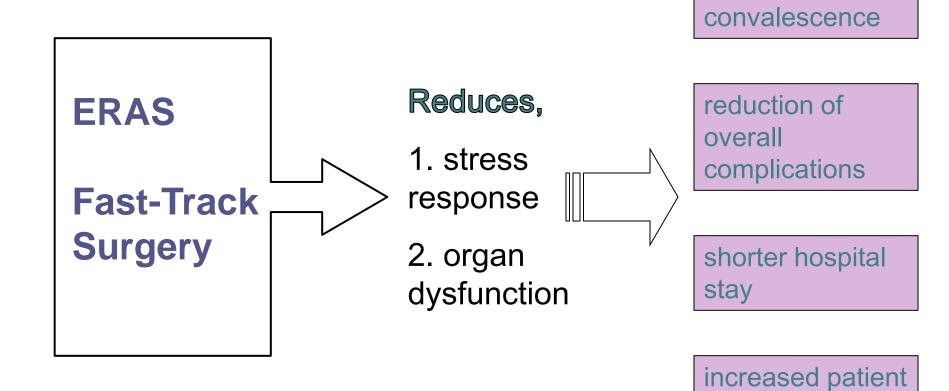
A concept for acceleration of postoperative convalescence by a multimodal rehabilitation program

### Multimodal strategy:

Accelerate rehabilitation - shortened hospitalisation Improve outcomes

### Aims:

To attenuate the Stress Response After Surgery and To Enable Rapid Recovery



comfort

accelerated

## The Process – Preoperative, Peri-operative and Post-Operative

Engage patient with process

Pre-admission counselling

Set goals/targets for post-operative care

Pre-operative discharge planning

Fluid and CHO **loading** until 1H – decrease Iresistance

No Premed

Epidural analgesia Short acting anaest agents

Goal directed fluid management esophageal doppler (ODM) or pulse waveform analysis (PWA) – (LiDCO)

Short incisions/MIS

Normothermia

DVT prophylaxis

No NG tube when possible

Non-opiate analgesia

Prevention of nausea and vomiting

Stimulate gut motility

Early enteral nutrition

Early removal of catheters

Mobilisation regime



## Effectiveness of a written clinical pathway for enhanced recovery after transthoracic (Ivor Lewis) oesophagectomy

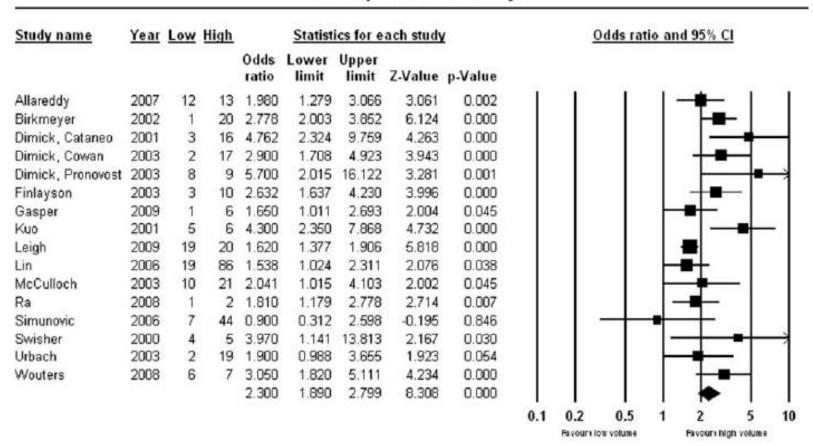
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- Cohort comparison (74 control vs. 74 intervention)
- POM: 4% vs 1%
- Morbidity: 38% vs 31%
  - Less pulmonary complications\*
- 59% successfully completed the fast-track protocol
- No readmission
- Median LOS: 13 vs. 9\* days

### Center volume and hospital mortality

### **Hospital Mortality**



Postoperative mortality < 5% in high volume centers

### Center volume and long-term survival

#### **Hospital Survival**

Study name Year Low High	Year	Low	High		Statistics for each study			<u>y</u>		Odds rat	io and 95% CI	
	Odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Z-Value	p-Value							
Rouvelas	2007	1	7	1.110	0.968	1.273	1.490	0.136	Ĩ		+■-	
Sundelöf	2008	9	10	1.300	0.943	1.792	1.602	0.109			+	_
Simunovic	2006	7	44	1.200	0.849	1.697	1.031	0.303		_	<del>-</del> -	_
Birkmeyer	2007	3	14	1.320	1.000	1.742	1.962	0.050			-	_
				1.170	1.049	1.305	2.824	0.005			-	
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Probability for being alive at 5 years 7 in high volume centers

## Take home messages

- Appropriate patient selection: age is no more a CI
- □ Preconditioning: correct malnutrition to ≥ morbi-mortality
- □ Surgery: extended resection to 7 radicality, ∠ recurrence
- □ Mini-invasive approach: to ⊃ morbidity
- □ Enhanced recovery approach: to 

  morbidity and LOS



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