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Organ Preservation in Rectal CA: How and for whom?



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Effects of Neoadjuvant CRT in Rectal Cancer

Downsizing & Downstaging

Primary tumor (T)

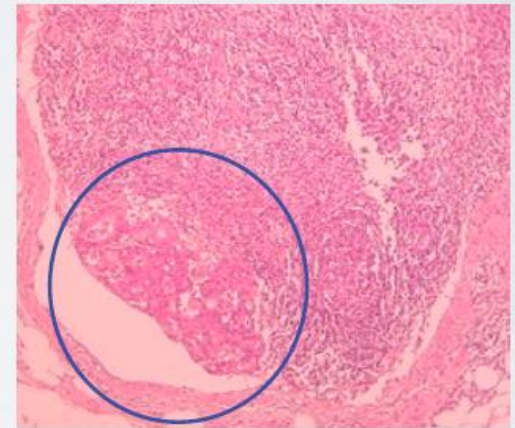
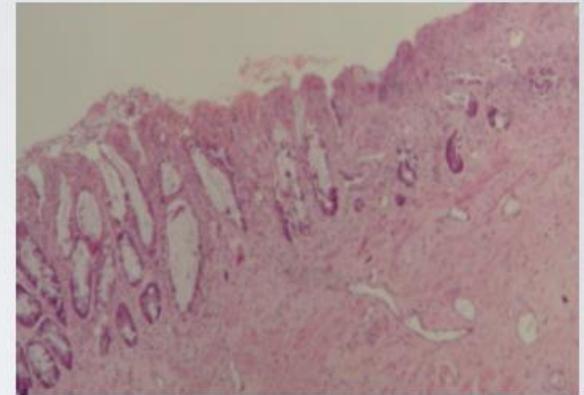


depth of tumor penetration (ypT)
final tumor size

Perirectal lymph nodes (ypN)



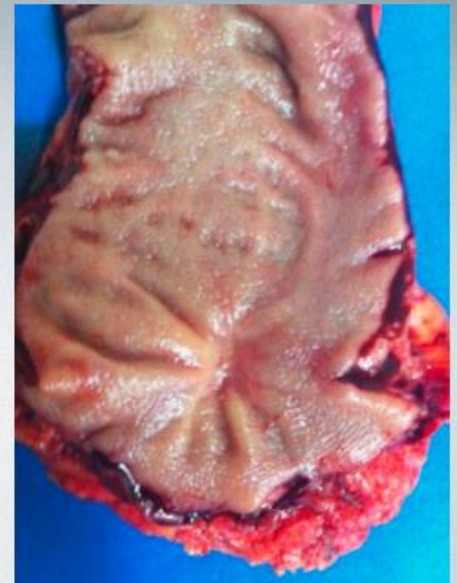
rates of stage III disease



up to 42% of cases with complete tumor regression

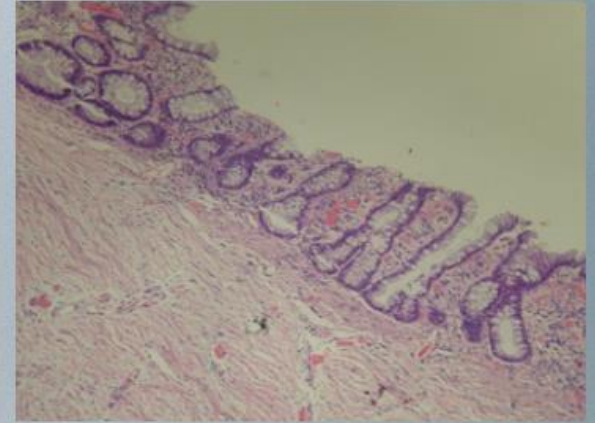
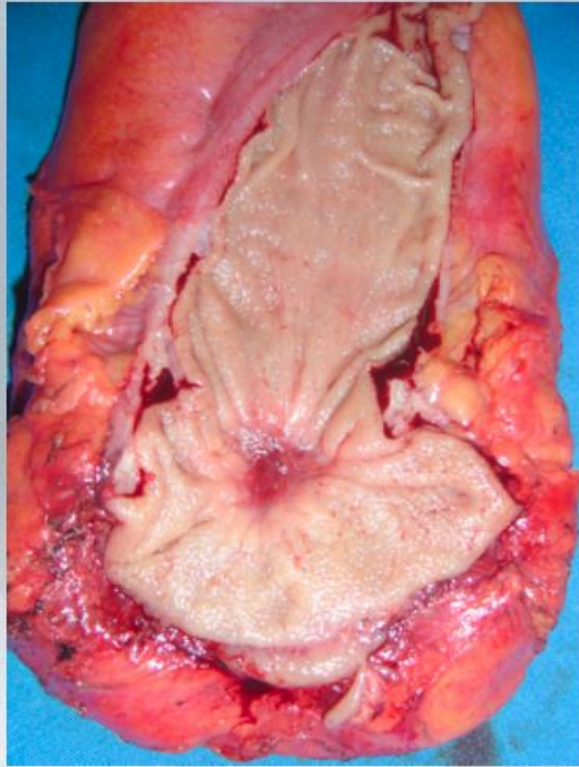
Management of Rectal Cancer

Radical Surgery for all patients after Neoadjuvant CRT?



Management of Rectal Cancer

Radical Surgery for all?



Complete Pathological Response

Management of Rectal Cancer

Radical Surgery for all?

Overall Morbidity	38%
Mortality	2-3%
Urinary Dysfunction	20%
Sexual Dysfunction	15%
Fecal Incontinence	20%
APR requirement	>10%
Stoma (temporary)	>50%
Recurrence	8-40%



cCR e Watch & Wait

Morbidity & Mortality



ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

DCR 2015

Avoiding Radical Surgery Improves Early Survival in Elderly Patients With Rectal Cancer, Demonstrating Complete Clinical Response After Neoadjuvant Therapy: Results of a Decision-Analytic Model

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Table 2. Ninety-day mortality data after proctectomy derivative of Hospital Episode Statistics database

Charlson <3

Charlson >3

Age, y	90-day mortality, %	Total no. of patients	Representative mean mortality ^a	Representative SE ^a	Parameter for β distribution		90-day mortality, %	Total no. of patients	Representative mean mortality ^a	Representative SE ^a	Parameter for β distribution	
					α	β					α	β
<61	49	4086	1.2	0.003	49	4037	47	1739	2.7	0.009	47	1692
61–70	130	5186	2.5	0.003	130	5056	133	2764	4.8	0.008	133	2631
71–80	271	4883	5.5	0.005	271	4612	242	2613	9.3	0.011	242	2371
>80	179	1512	11.8	0.021	179	1333	129	785	16.4	0.047	129	656

Mortality: >16% in >80yrs & Charlson >3



Surgical Management of Rectal Cancer

Functional Outcomes

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

DCR 2011

Risk Factors for Fecal Incontinence After Intersphincteric Resection for Rectal Cancer

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Questionnaires

>1yr from TME & ISR

101/125 patients responded (80%)

Outcome	N=101
Difficult Evacuation	89%
Score (Wexner) ≤ 10	48%
Score (median score)	11

→ Dysfunction

Management of Rectal Cancer

Radical Surgery for all?

No!

“Is it acceptable to submit a patient to a considerably morbid procedure without removing a single cancer cell?”



Angelita Habr-Gama



Assessment of Tumor Response

Basic Principle of the WW!

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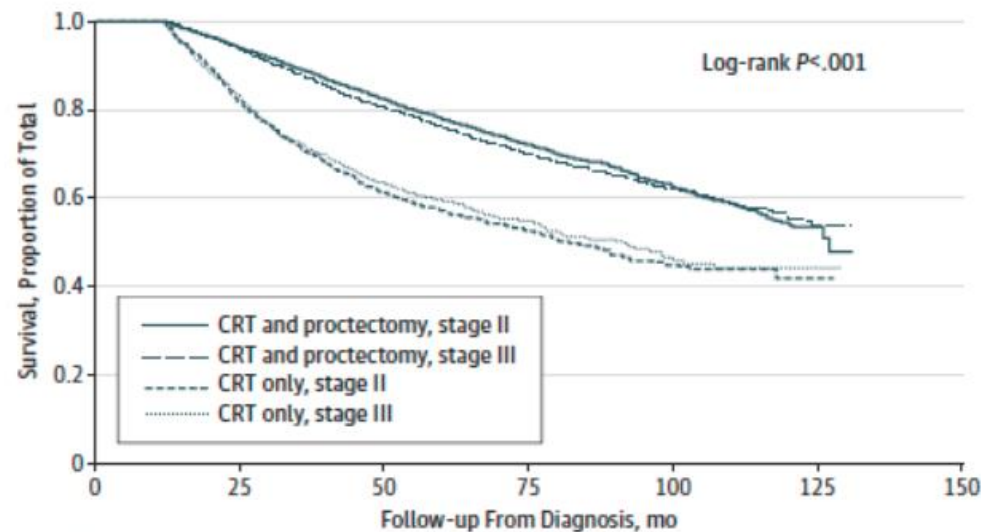
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Long-term Survival After Chemoradiotherapy Without Surgery for Rectal Adenocarcinoma: A Word of Caution

National Trends in Nonoperative Management of Rectal Adenocarcinoma

Clayton Tyler Ellis, Cleo A. Samuel, and Karyn B. Stitzenberg

Figure. Unadjusted Overall Survival of Patients With Rectal Cancer by Treatment Type and Stage of Disease



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Figure. 1

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No Surgery After Chemoradiation Is
Not Equal to Nonoperative
Management After Complete Clinical
Response and Chemoradiation

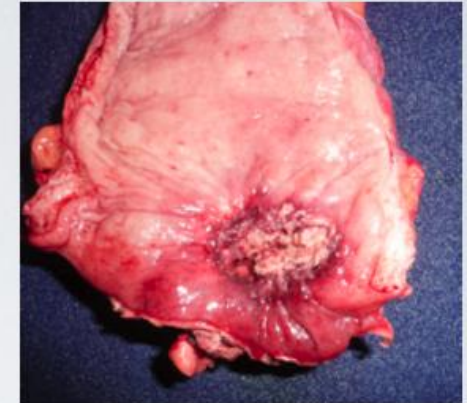
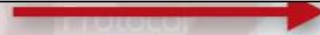
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The Basic Principle of Assessment of Response

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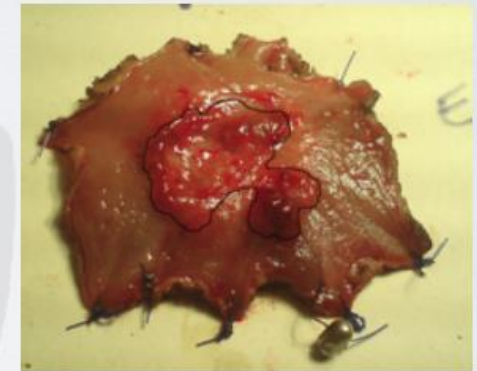
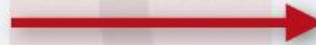
Radical Surgery...
(APR or LAR)

NO Response



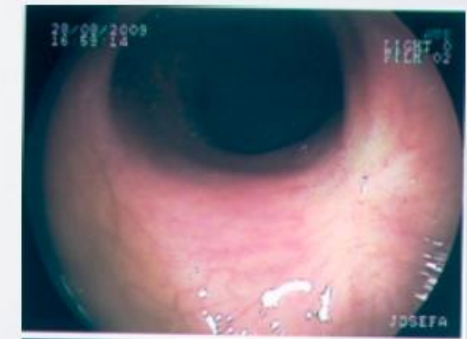
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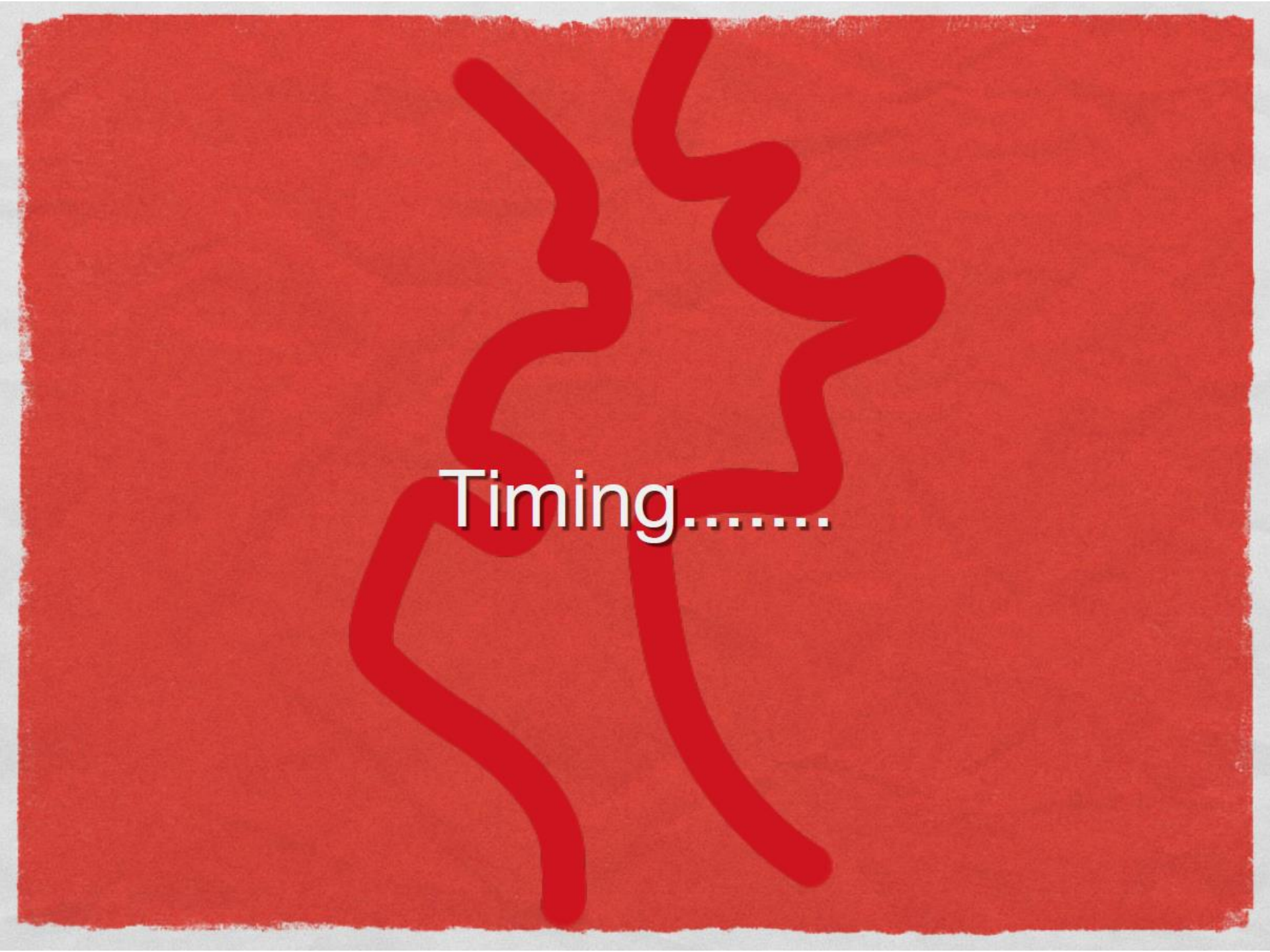
Near Complete



Watch & Wait
No immediate surgery

Complete
Response



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Timing.....

Assessment of Tumor Response

When?

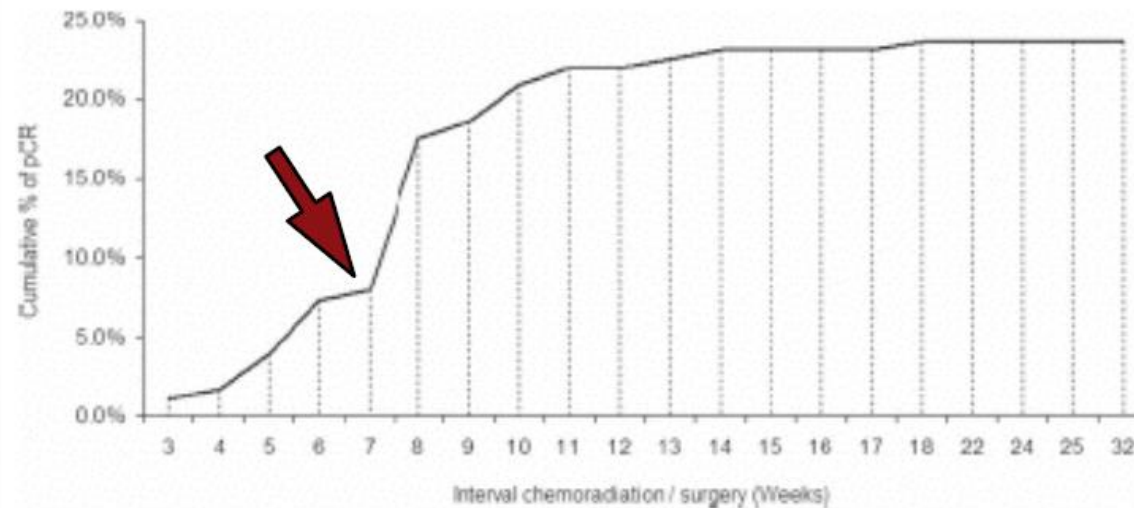


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Increase in CR rates after 7wks

Assessment of Tumor Response

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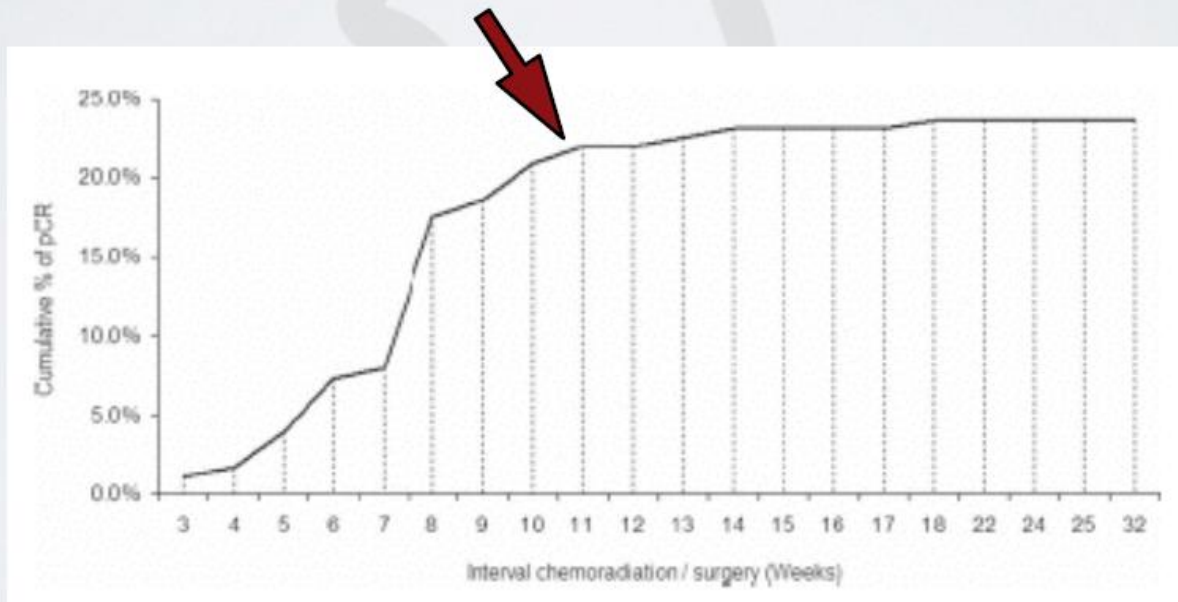


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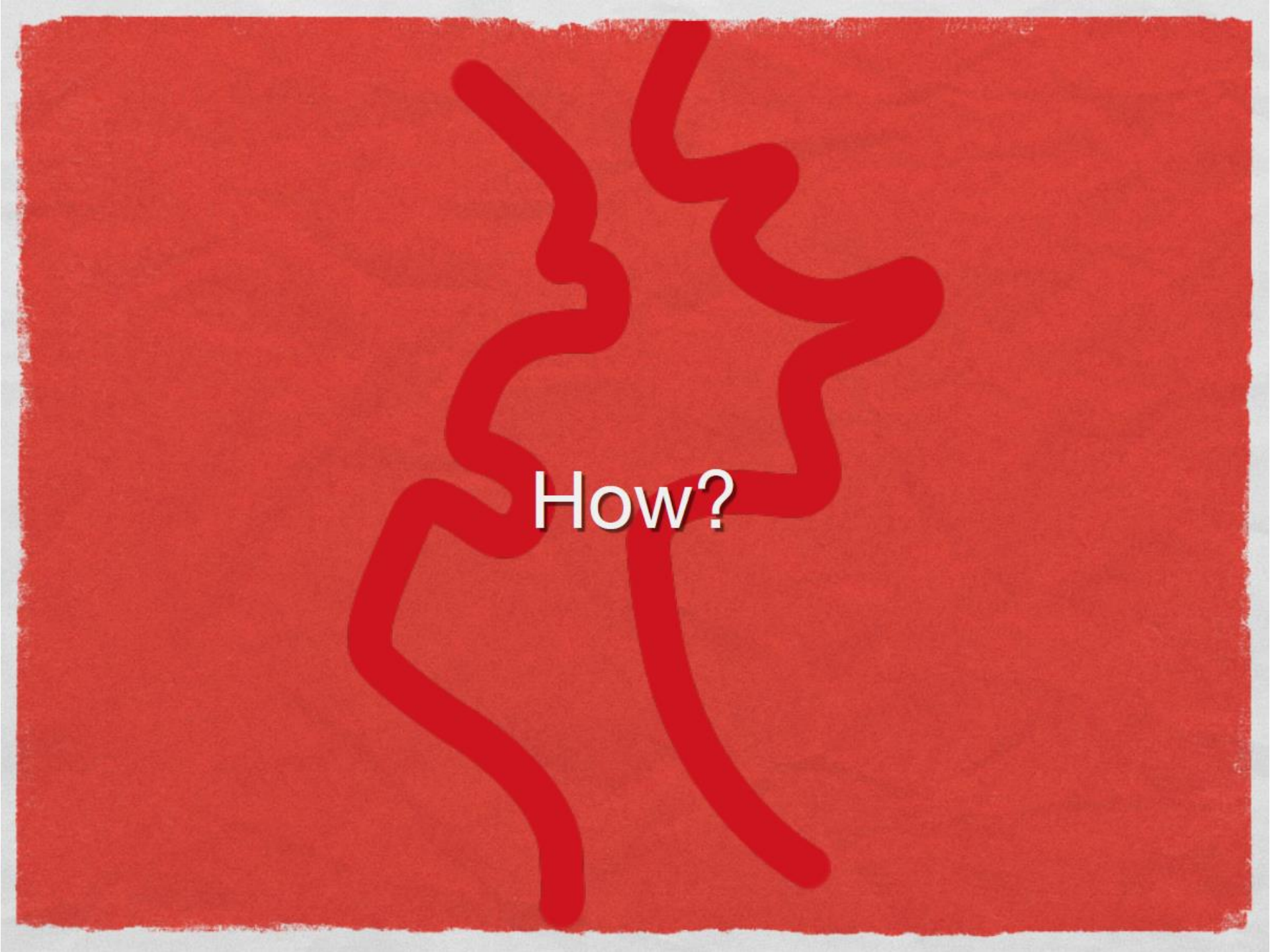
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Stabilization after 12 wks



How?

Assessment of Tumor Response

How?



Clinical
Symptoms



DRE

Endoscopy



Incomplete



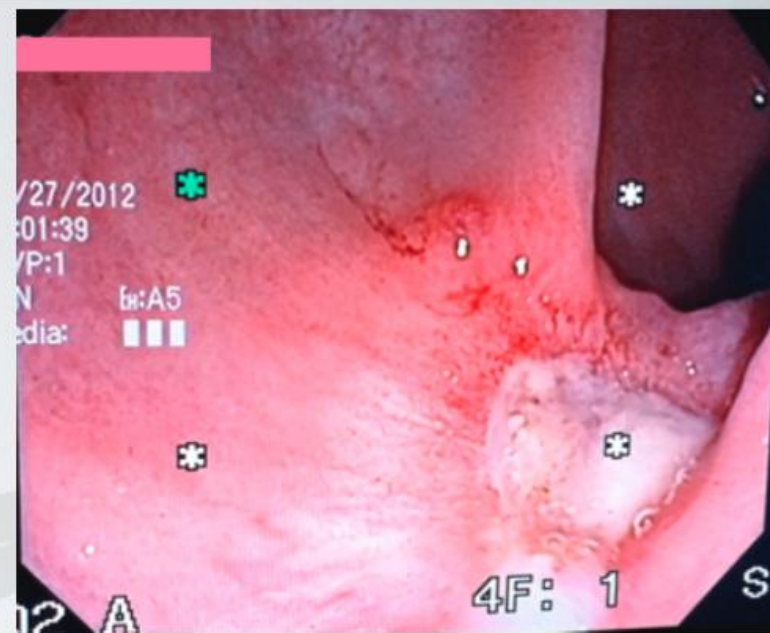
Complete



Assessment of Response

The Role of Endoscopic Biopsies

Patients with significant tumor downsizing after CRT (>30%)



	Incomplete Pathological Response	Complete Pathological Response (pCR)	Total
Positive Biopsy	25	0	25
Negative Biopsy	11	3	14
Total	36	3	39

Positive Bx = Residual Cancer

Assessment of Response

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Original article

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Role of biopsies in patients with residual rectal cancer following neoadjuvant chemoradiation after downsizing: can they rule out persisting cancer?

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Colorectal Dis 2011

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Negative Biopsy $\neq$ Complete Response
NPV=21%

Endoscopic Findings

What should be considered a Complete Clinical Response and not warrant immediate excision?

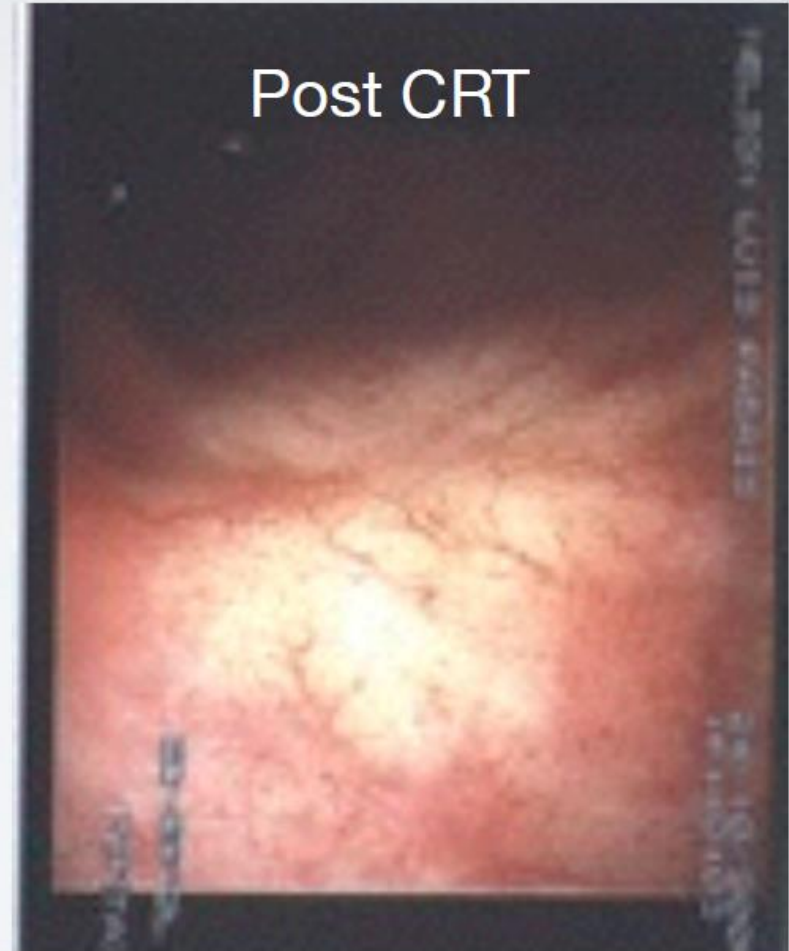
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Clinical Findings - What may not warrant prompt excision?

Pre CRT



Post CRT



No nodule, No ulcer

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Clinical Findings - What may not warrant prompt excision?



Area of whitening of the mucosa is OK

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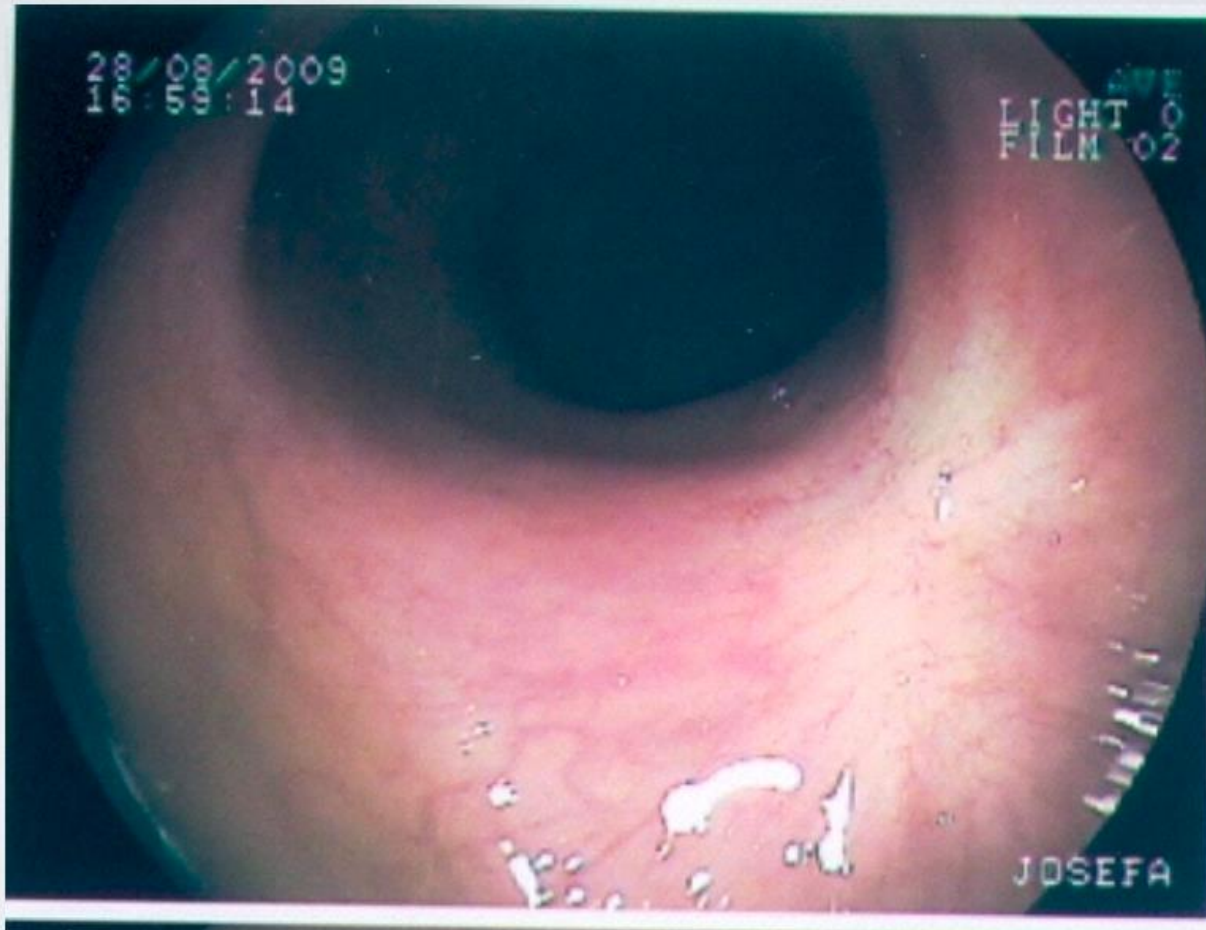
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Telangiectasia is OK

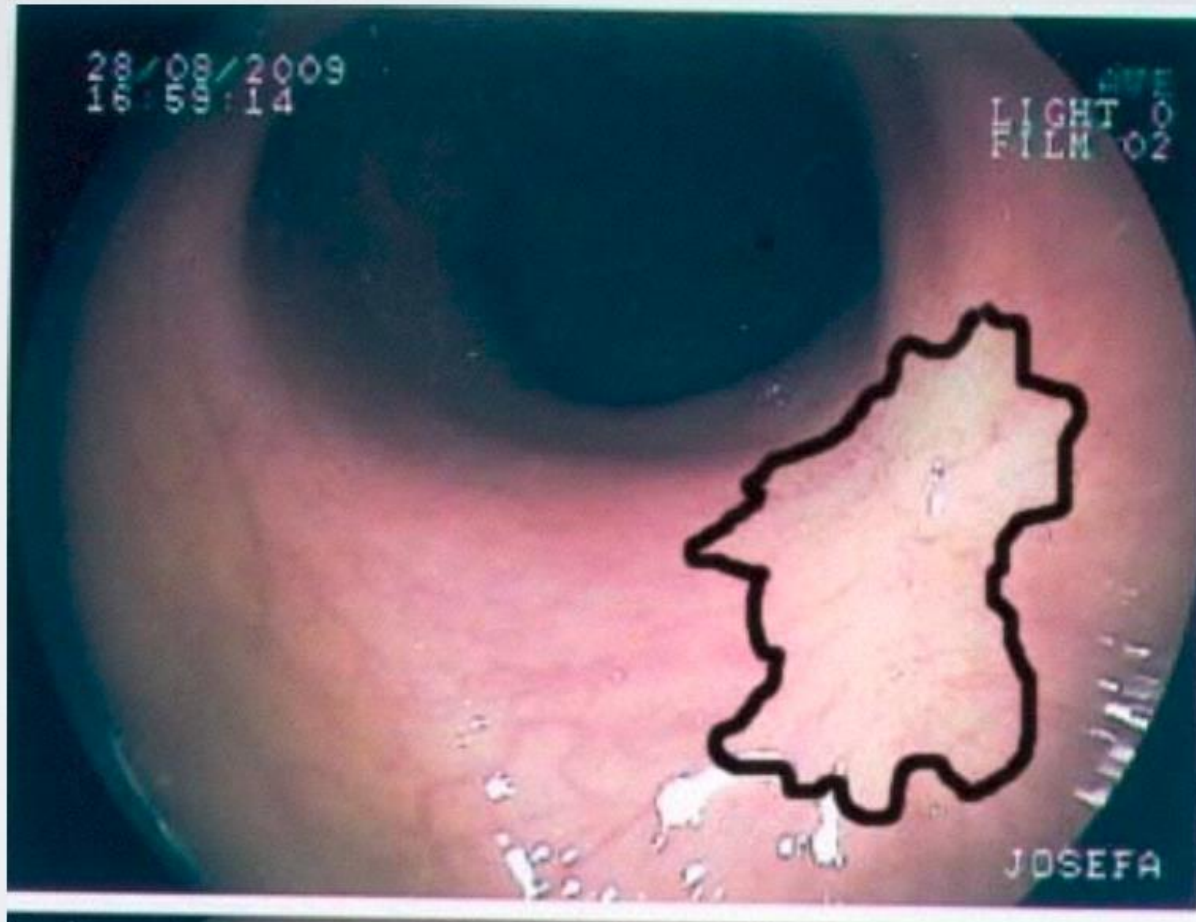
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Presence of telangiectasia is OK

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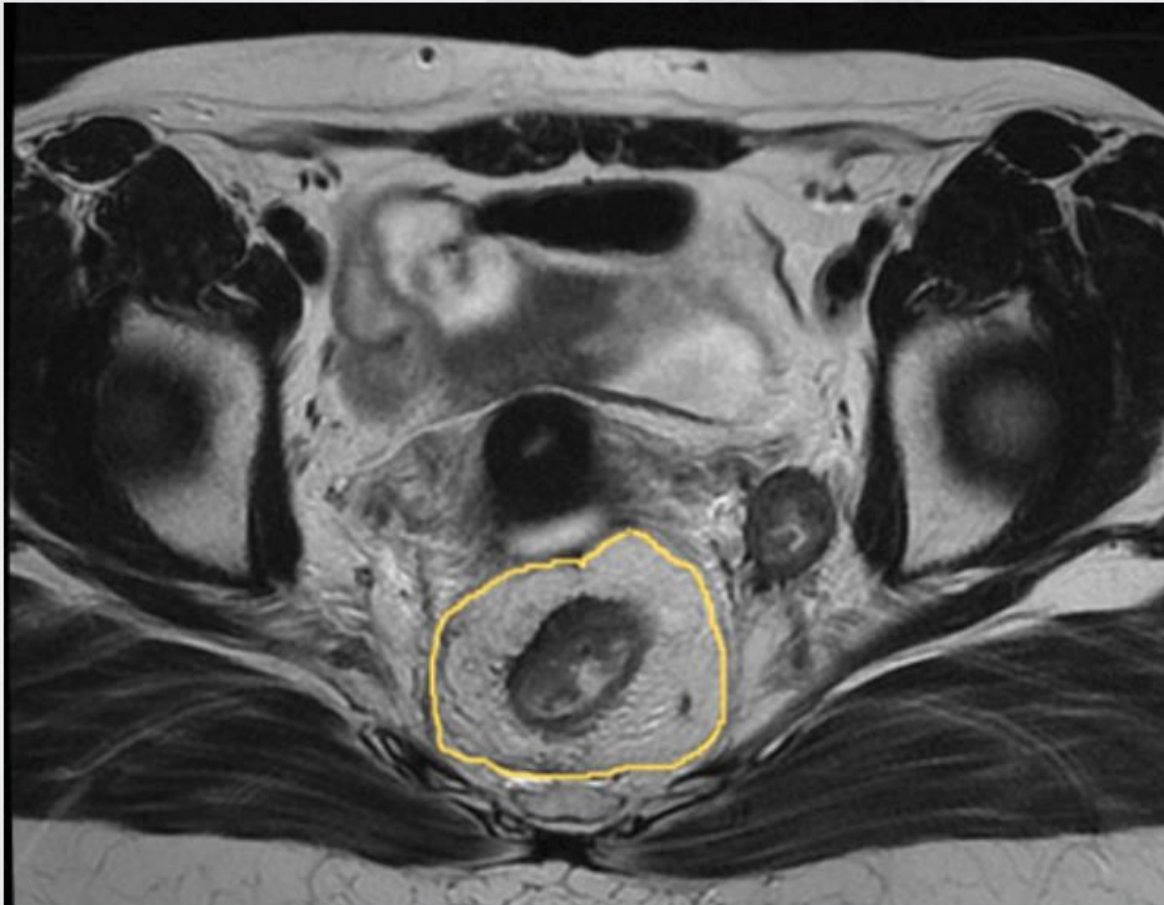


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Radiological Studies



Ruling out extra-rectal/nodal residual disease?

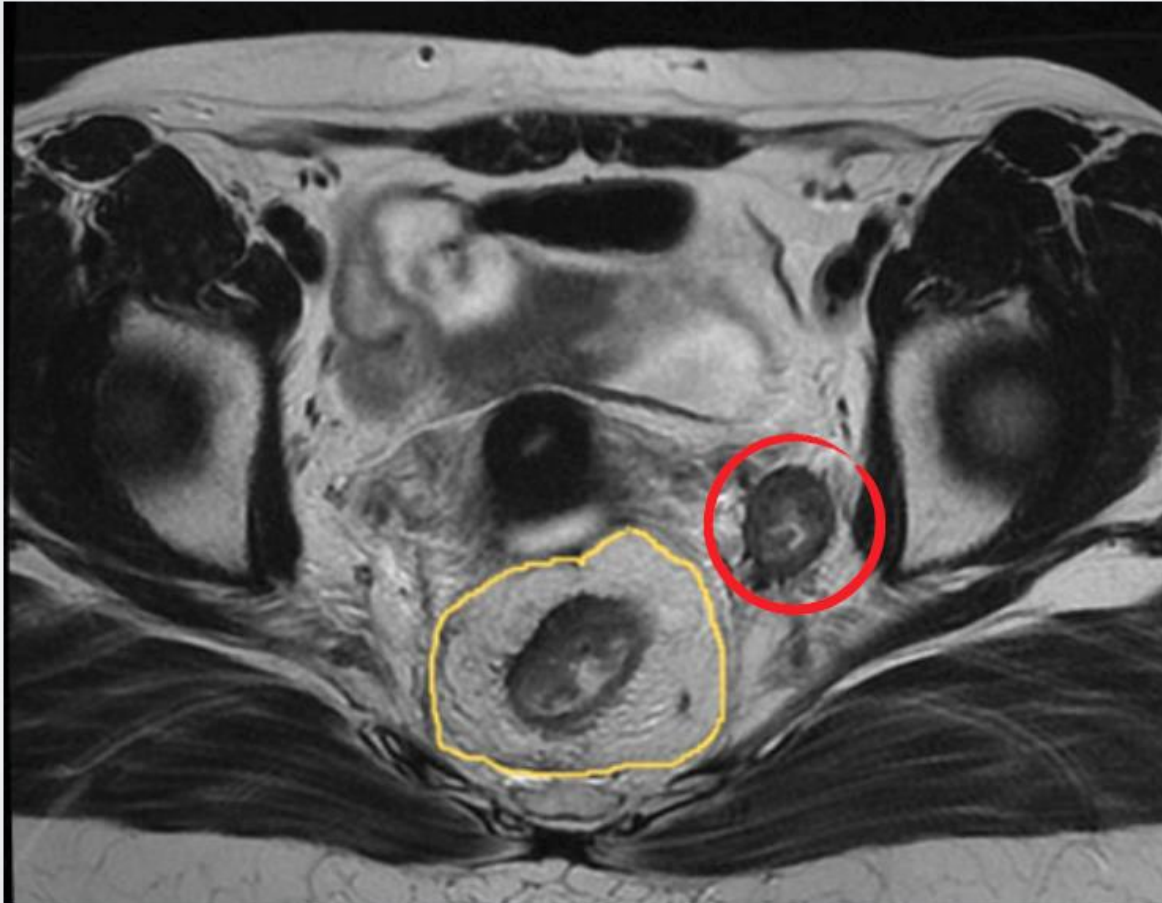


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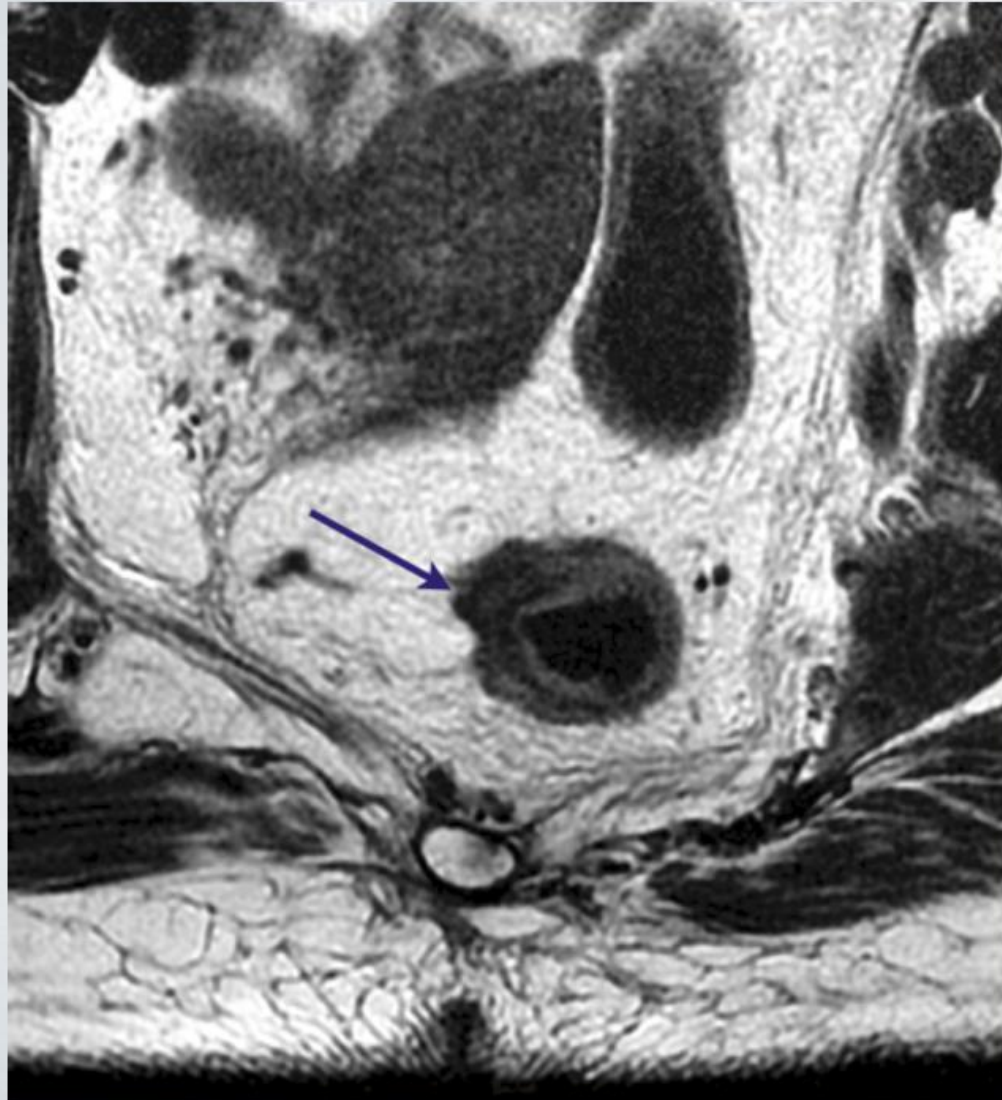


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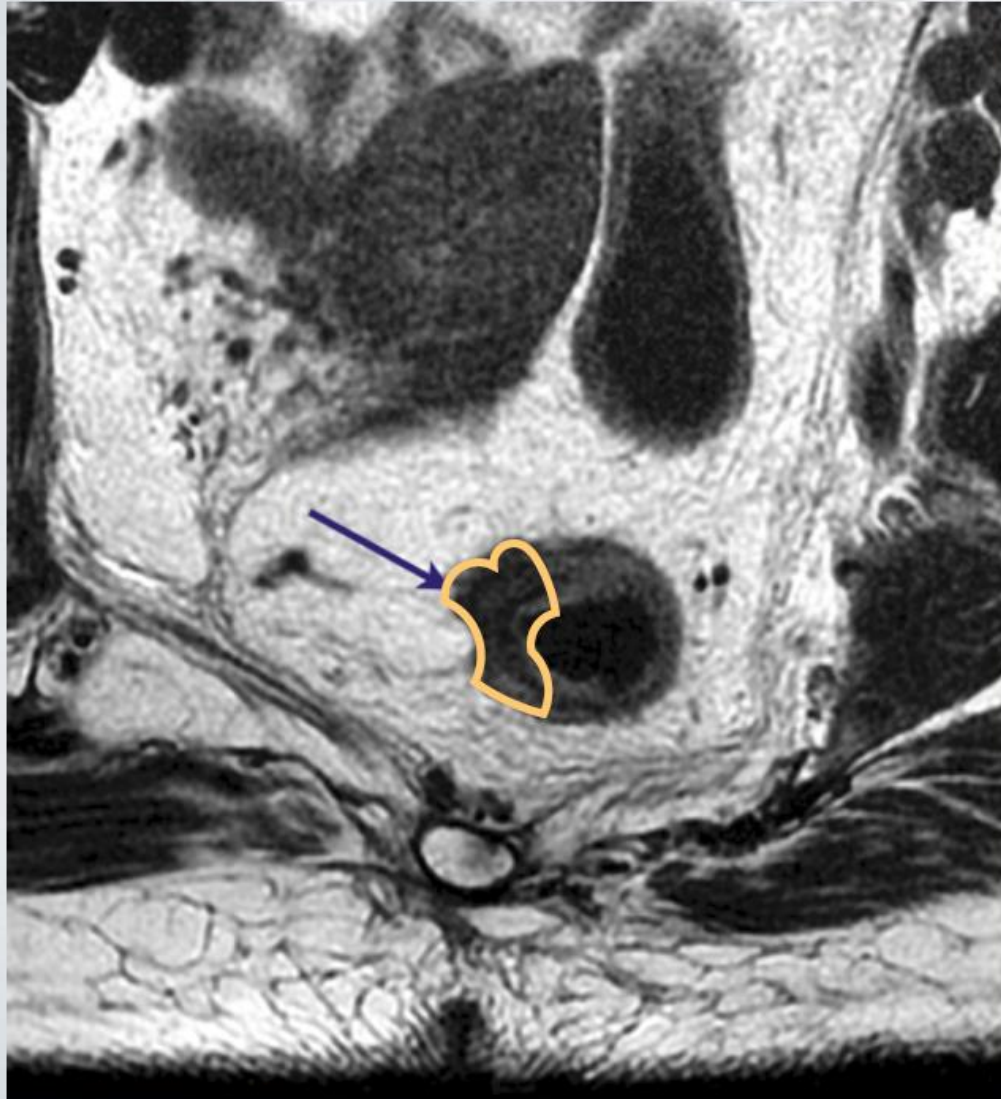
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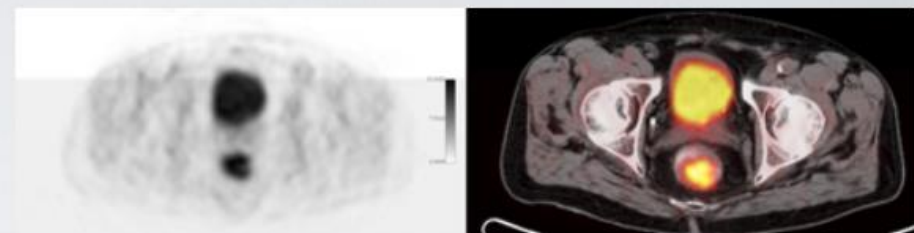
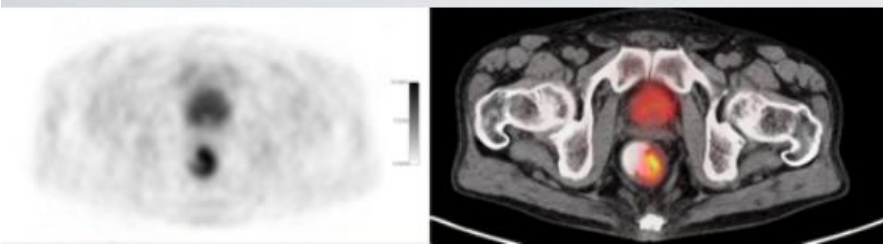
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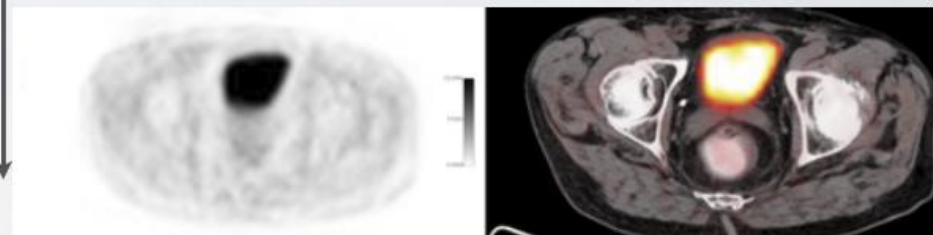
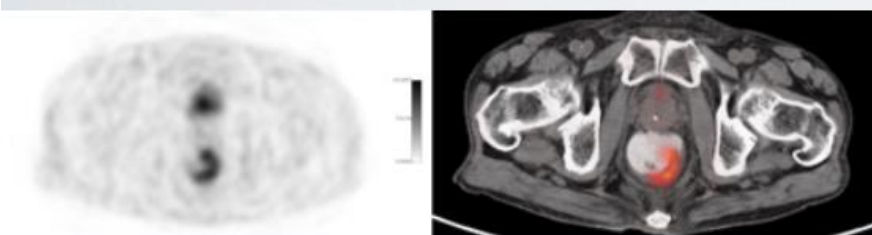
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PET/CT

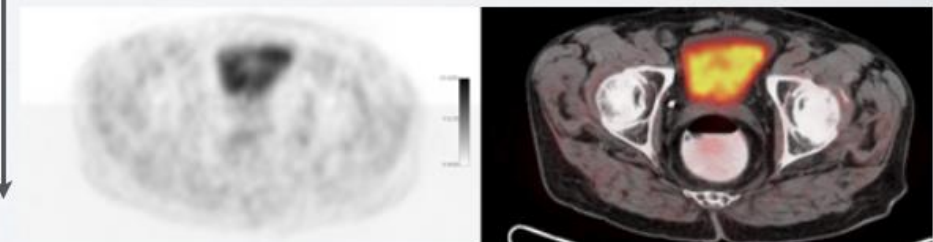
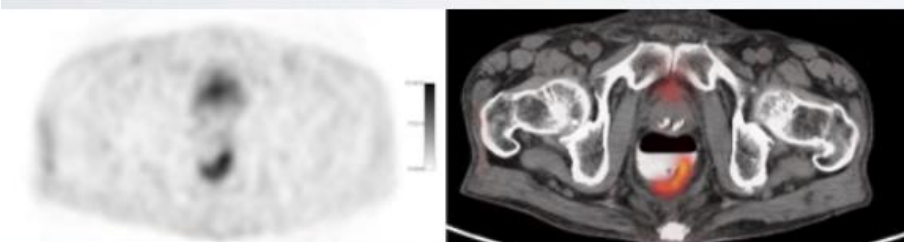
Baseline PET/CT



CRT



6wk PET/CT



12wk PET/CT

PET/CT Incomplete

PET/CT CR

Perez et al. Cancer 2011

Assessment of Response

PET/CT Study Results

Original Article

Accuracy of Positron Emission Tomography/
Computed Tomography and Clinical
Assessment in the Detection of Complete
Rectal Tumor Regression After Neoadjuvant
Chemoradiation

Long-Term Results of a Prospective Trial (National Clinical Trial 00254683)

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Feature	Formula	Result
Sensitivity	$TP / (TP + FN)$	93%
Specificity	$TN / (TN + FP)$	53%
PPV (Incomplete Response)	True Positives/All Positives	87%
NPV (Complete Response)	True Negatives/All Negatives	73%
Accuracy	$(TP + TN) / ALL$	85%

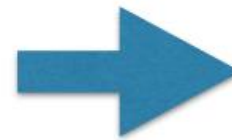
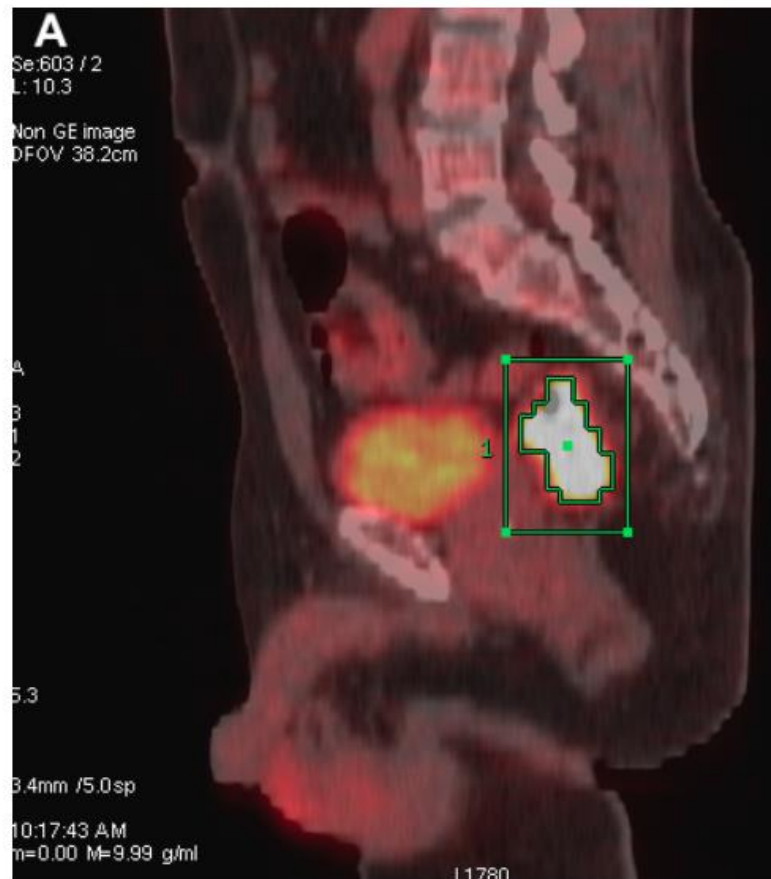
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DCR 2016

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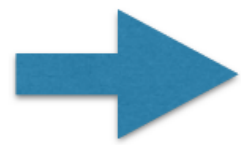
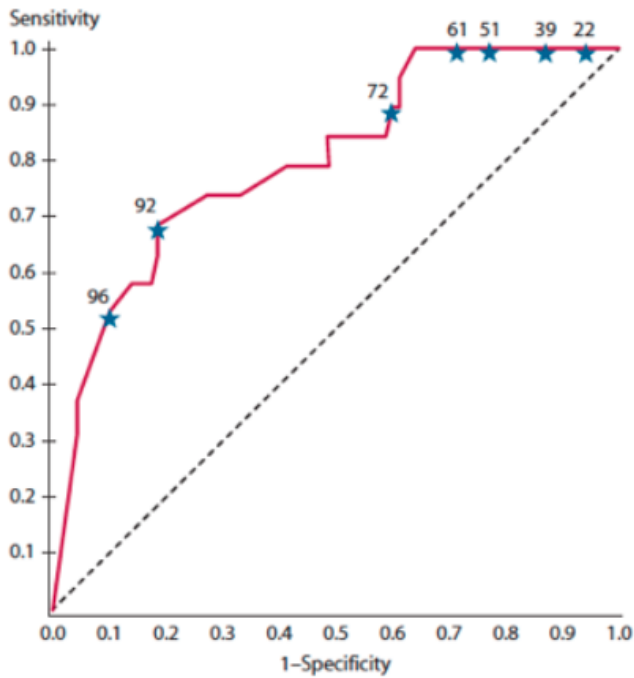
SUV
MTV

TLG (combination SUVxMTV)

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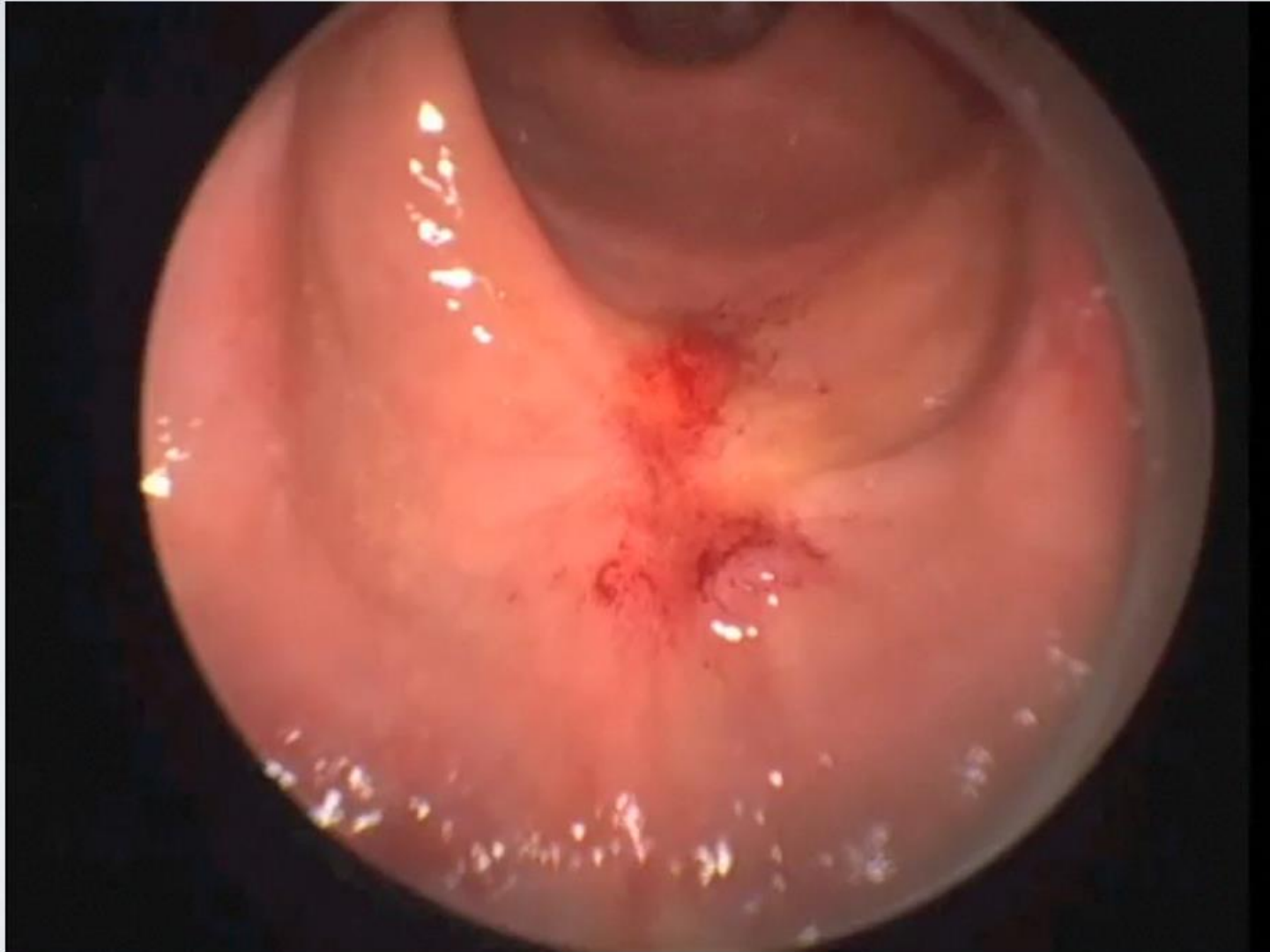


$\partial\text{TLG} \geq 92\%$
(combination SUVxMTV)
NPV = 91%

Feature	Tool	Result
NPV (Complete Response)	Visual Assessment	73%
NPV (Complete Response)	$\partial\text{TLG} \geq 92\%$	91%

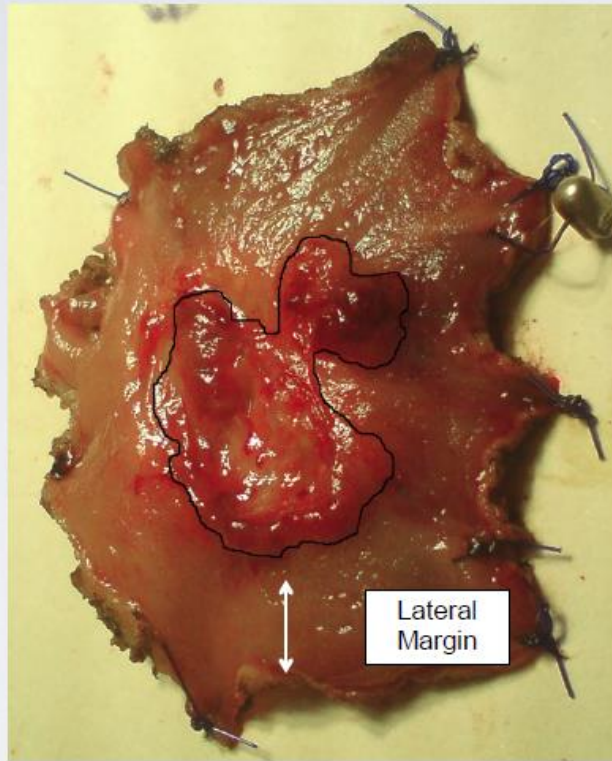
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Why not simply excise...as excisional biopsy!

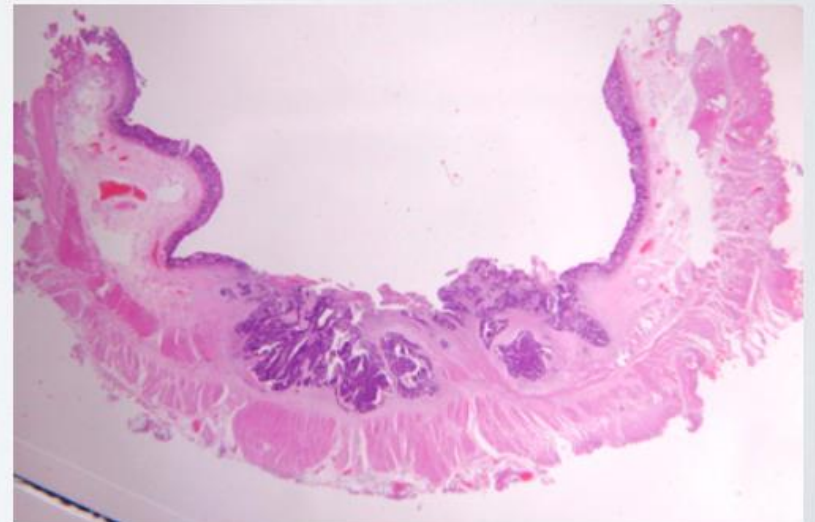
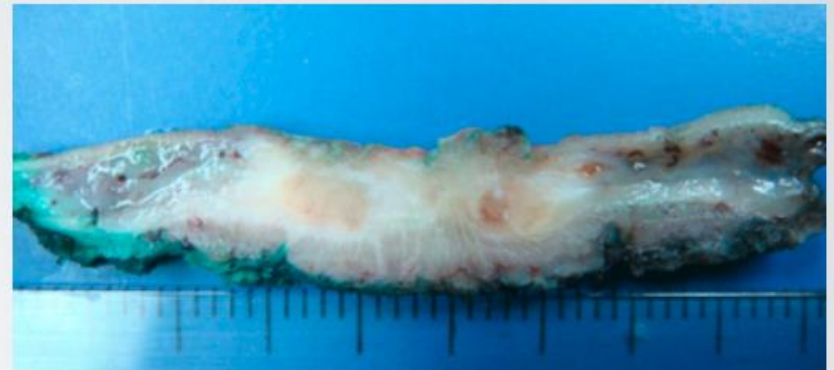


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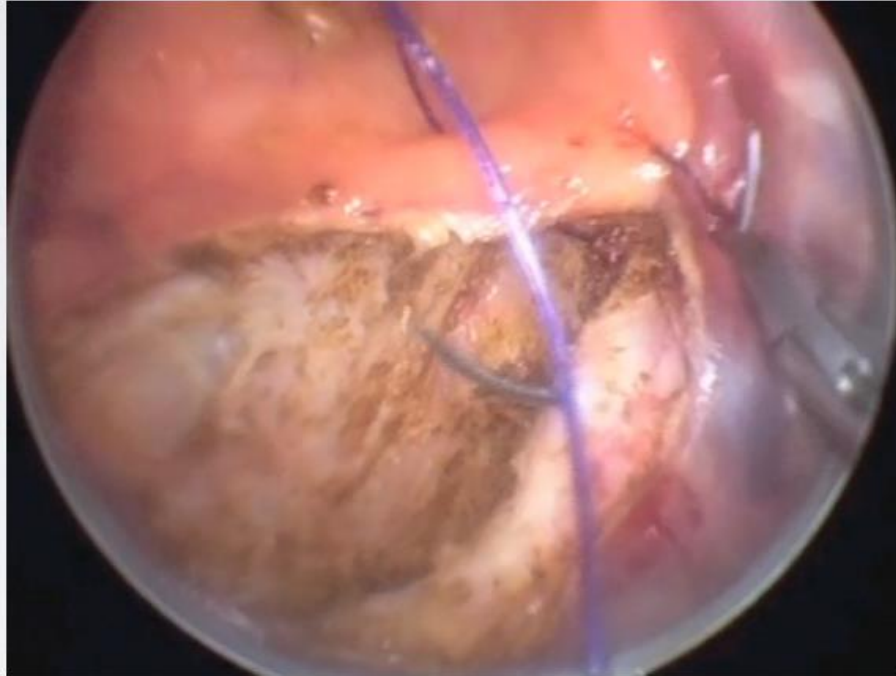


ypT status
Tumor Regression
Grades



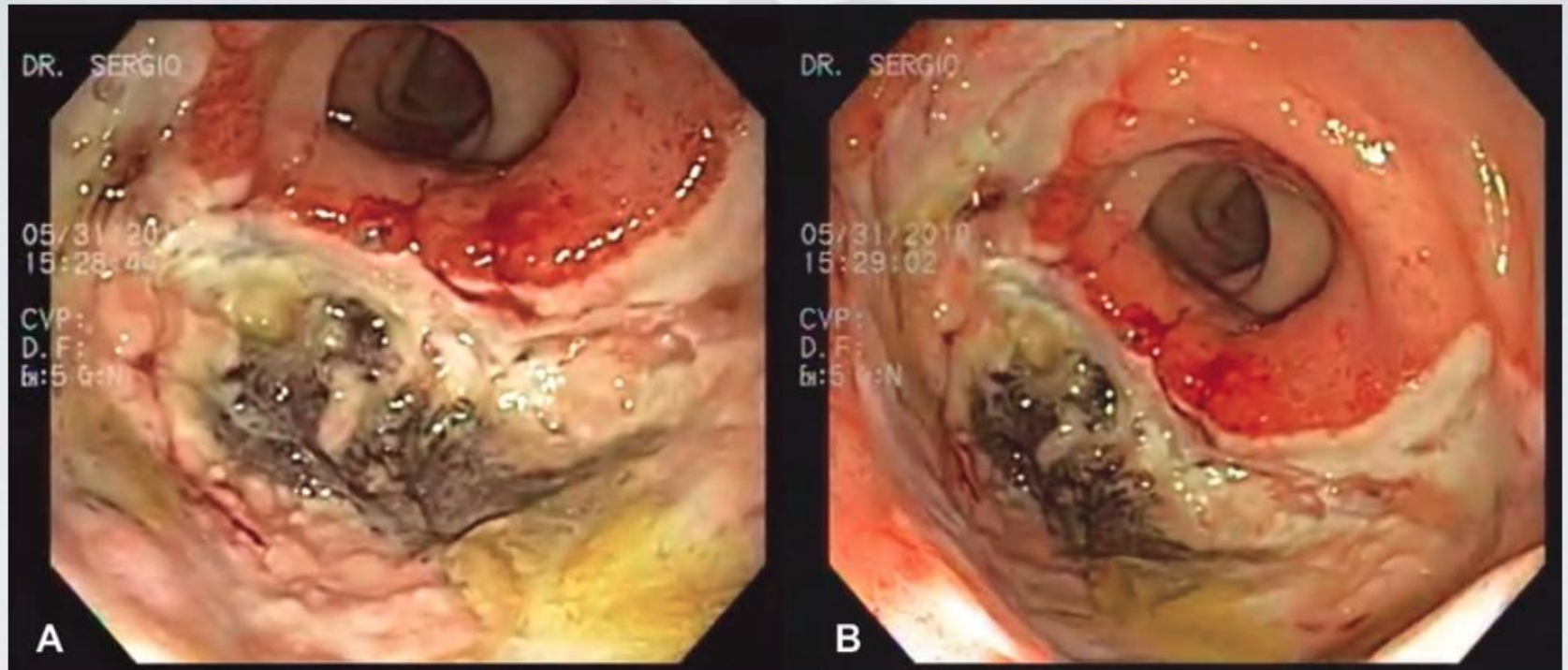
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Sphincter & Organ Preserving Strategy



Rectal CA - TEM

Morbidity



Morbidity & TEM after CRT

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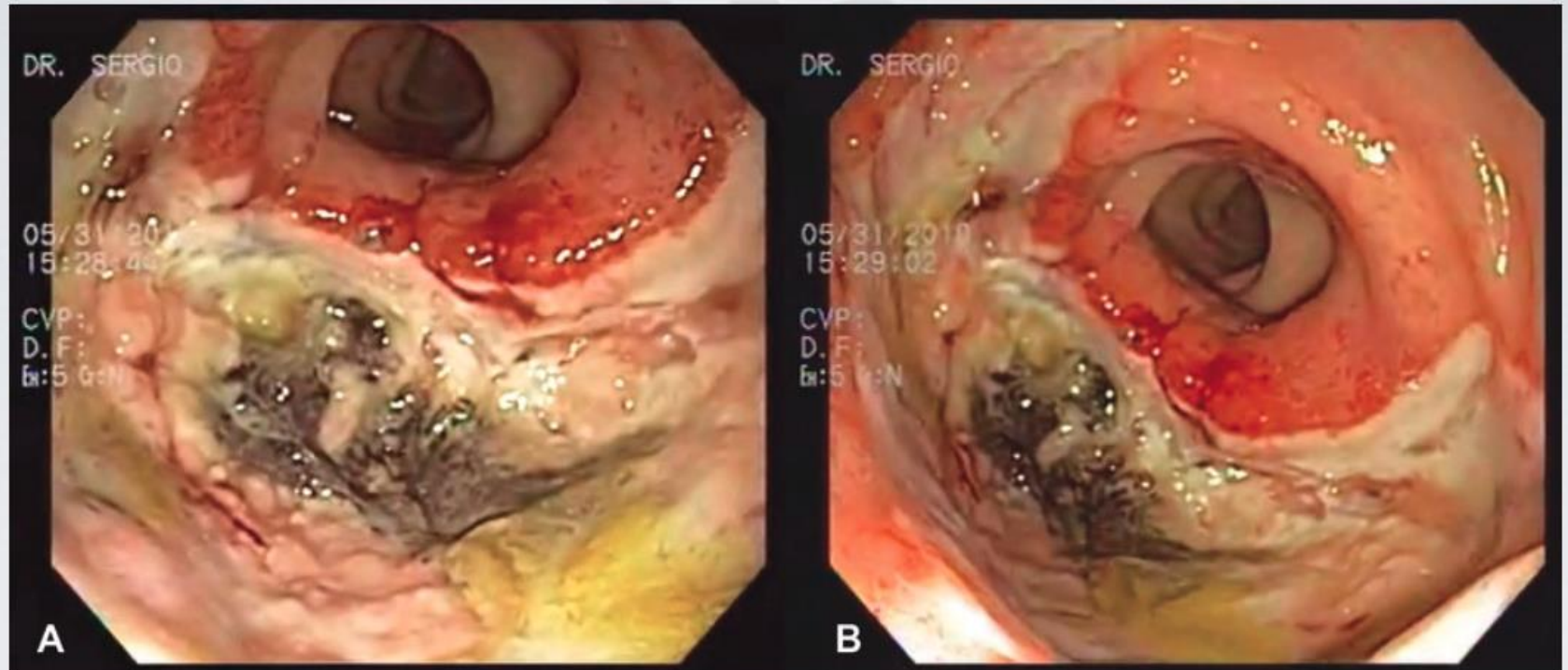
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	CRT	No CRT	p
N	23	13	
Immediate Complications	56%	13%	0.05
Wound Dehiscences	61%	23%	0.03
Readmissions	43%	7%	0.02

Rectal CA - TEM

Morbidity



Functional Outcomes

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

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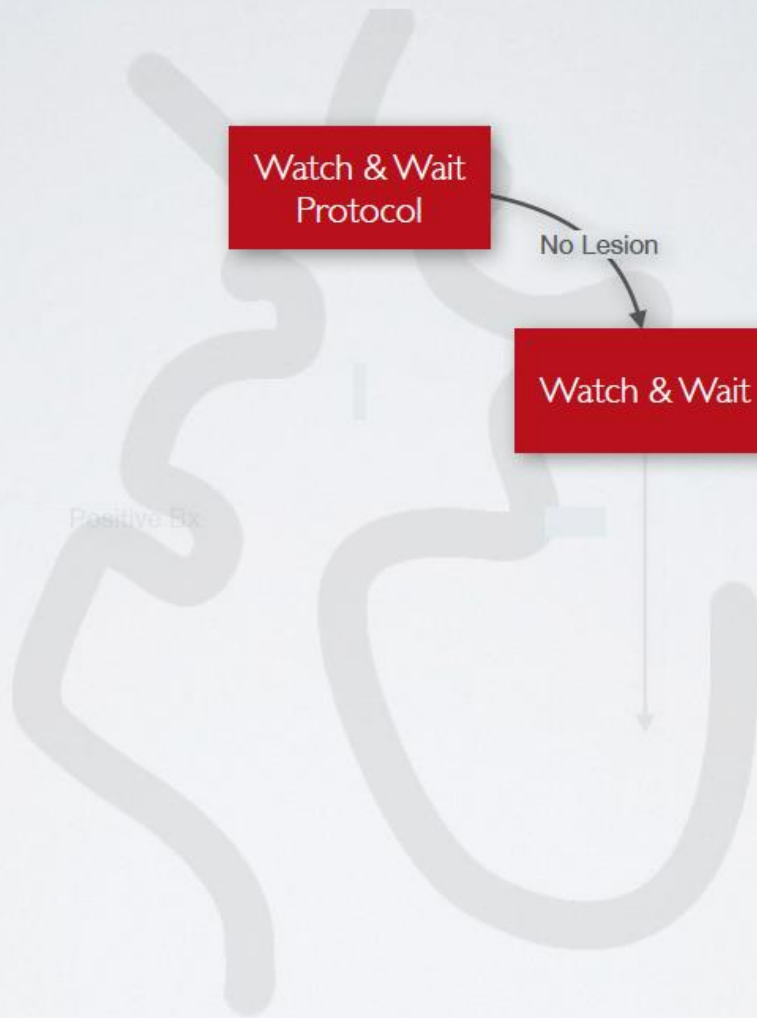


	Watch and Wait (n=53)	FTLE (n=29)	p-value*
Solid	0.3 ± 0.9	0.8 ± 1.3	0.06
Liquid	0.7 ± 1.7	1.7 ± 1.5	0.001
Gas	0.5 ± 1.1	2.0 ± 1.7	<0.001
Pads	0.3 ± 1.0	0.9 ± 1.6	0.04
Lifestyle	0.3 ± 1.0	1.0 ± 1.4	0.004
Global	2.3	6.4	<0.001

WW is better than FTLE!!!

Management of a cCR

Watch & Wait





Management of a cCR

Watch & Wait



DRE

Rigid Proctoscopy
Radiology q6mo

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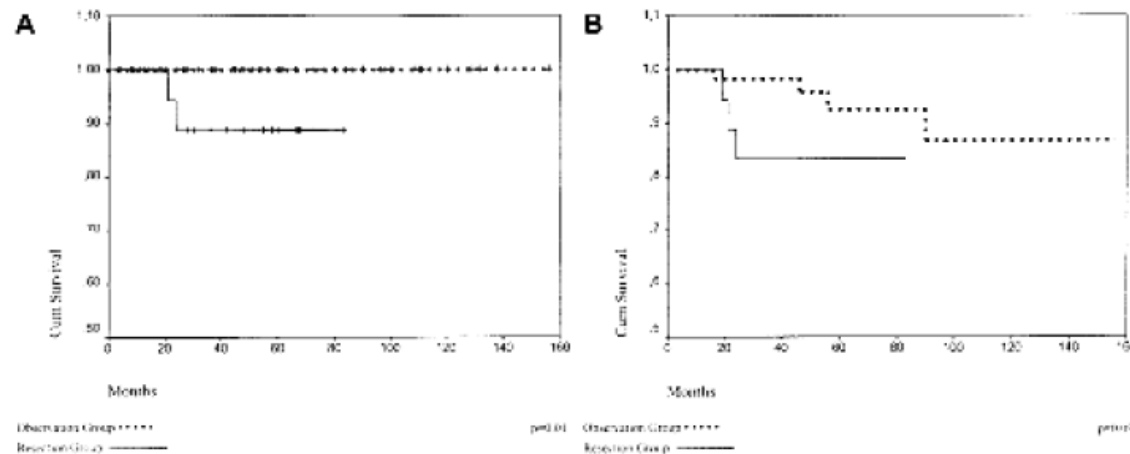
RESULTS

Operative Versus Nonoperative Treatment for Stage 0 Distal Rectal Cancer Following Chemoradiation Therapy

Long-term Results

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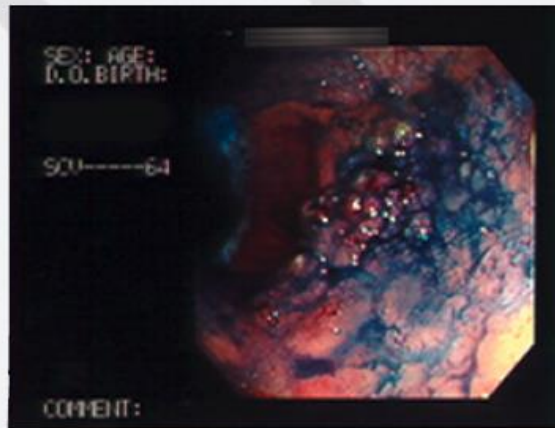
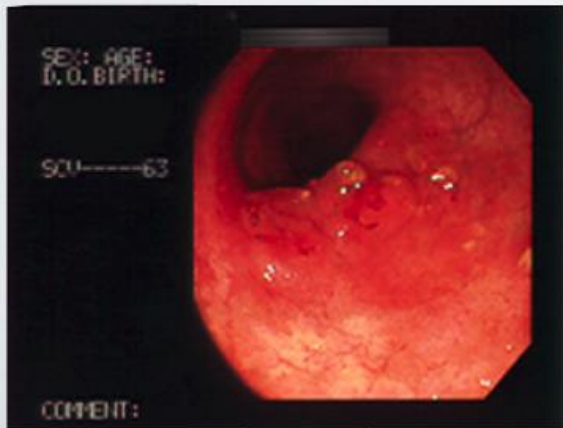
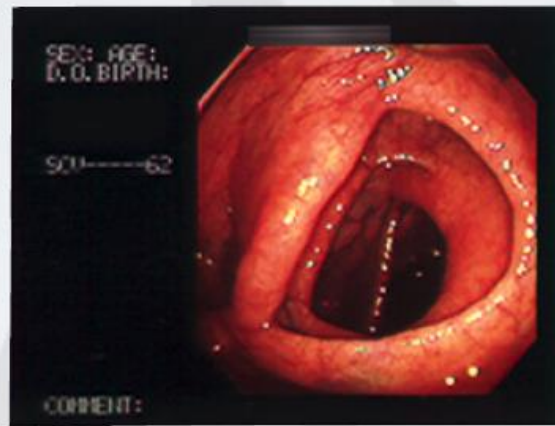
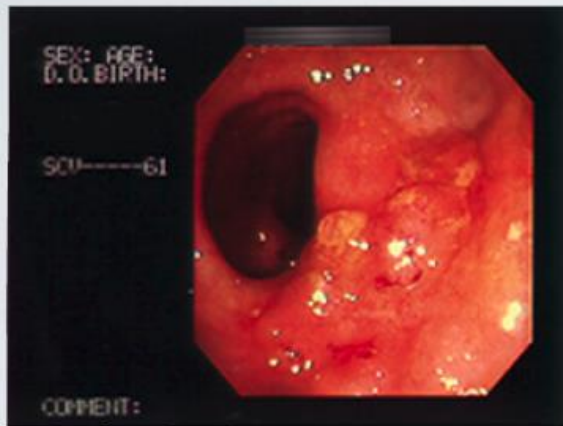


Patients with pCR had no survival benefit over cCR!!!!

Rectal Cancer Management

Watch & Wait

Recurrences after cCR



Clinical Investigation

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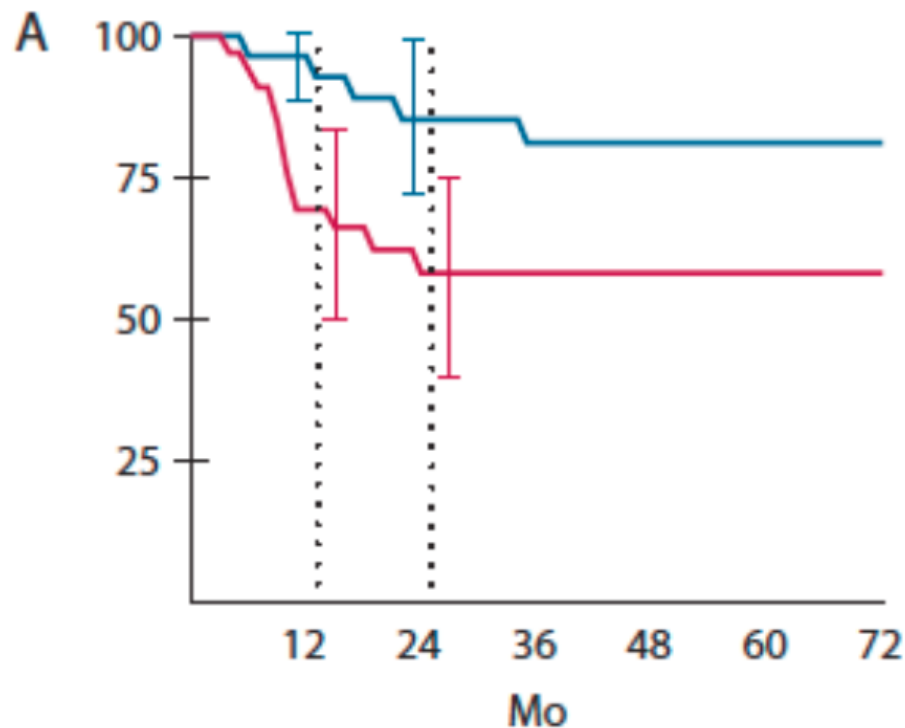
Nearly all (90%)
had an endoluminal
component



Regrowth

Relevance of Baseline Stage

Regrowth-free Survival (1yr)



cT2: 96% @ 1yr

cT3/4: 69% @ 1yr

cT2 are less likely to recur after initial cCR!

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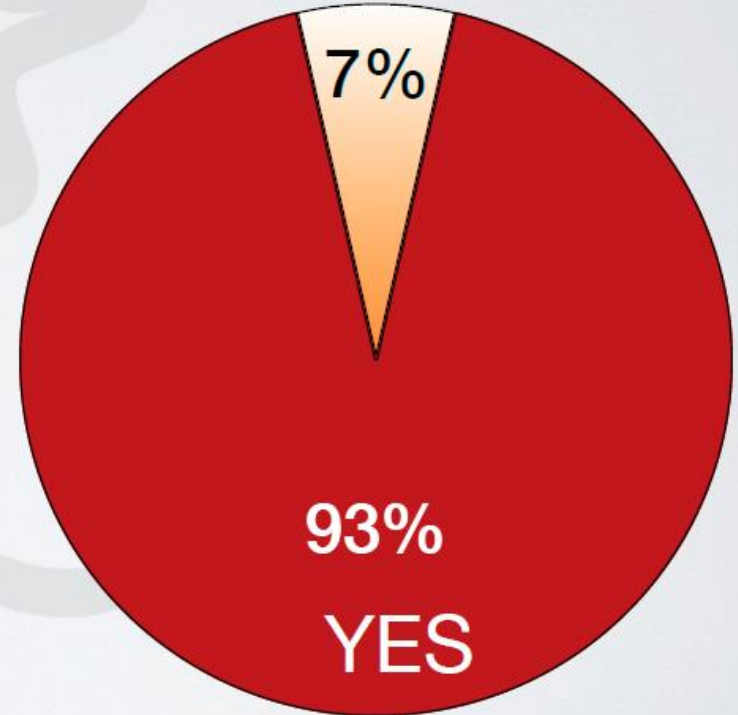
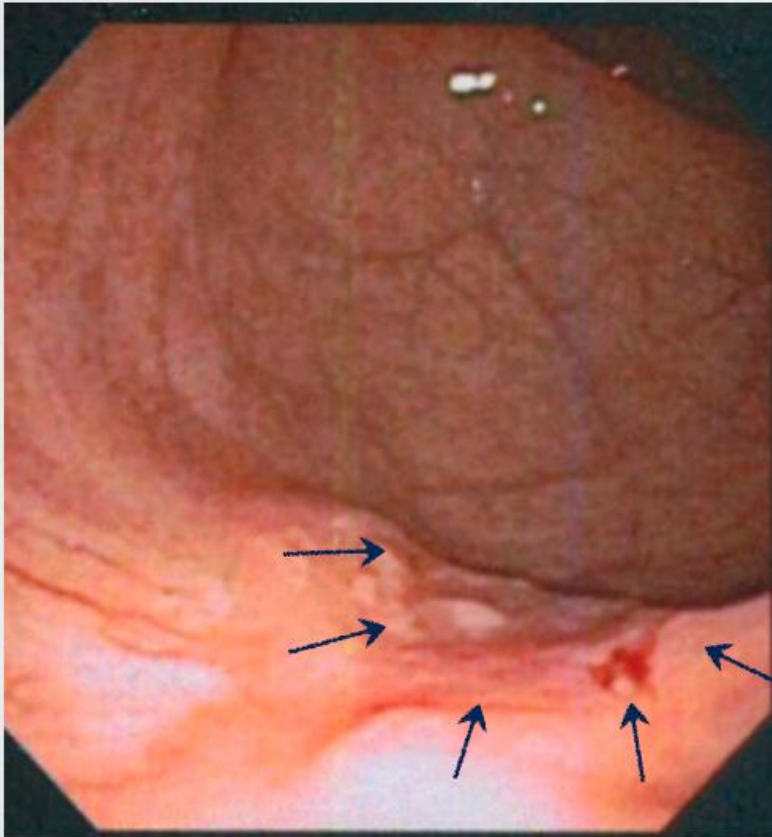
No. at risk						
— cT3/cT4	21	14	12	12	8	6
— cT2	25	22	19	16	12	11

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Are they Salvageable?



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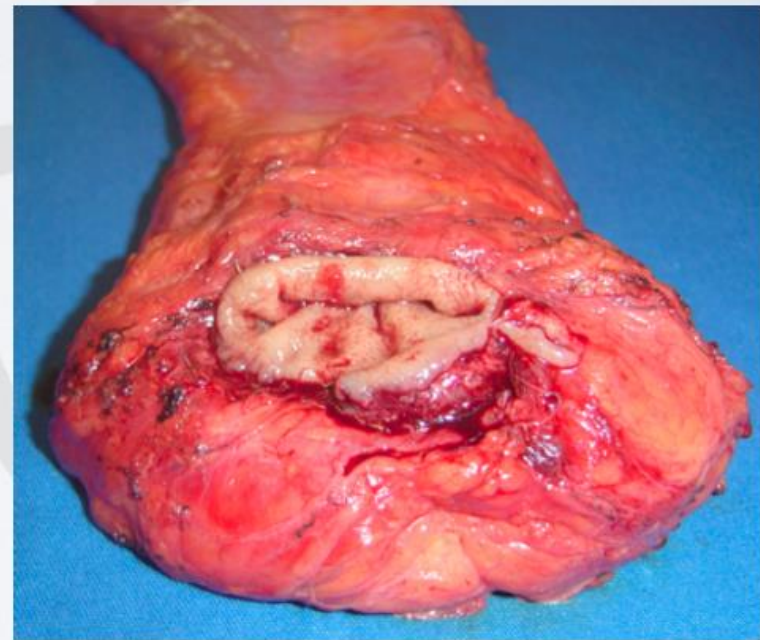
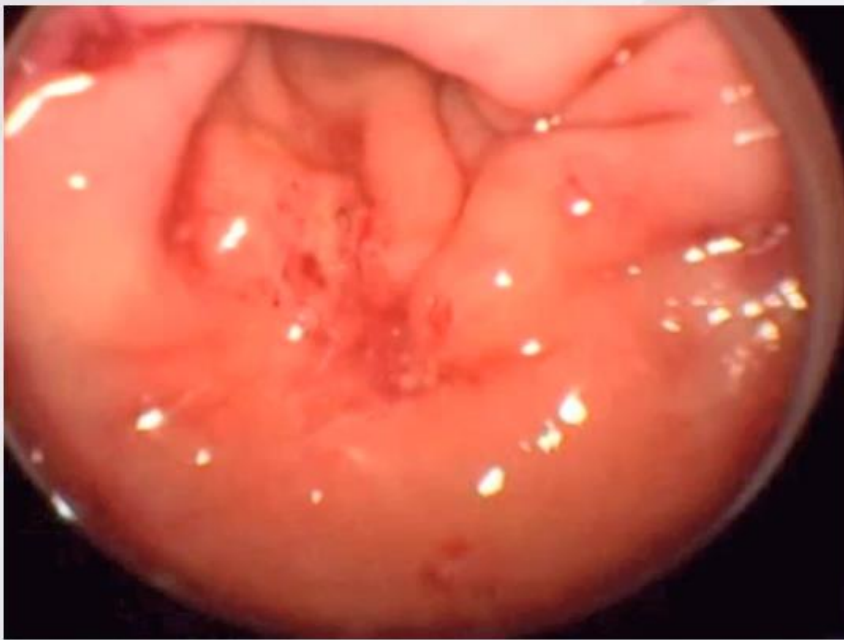
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Are they Salvageable?

Is sphincter (or rectal) preservation possible?



Treatment of Rectal Cancer

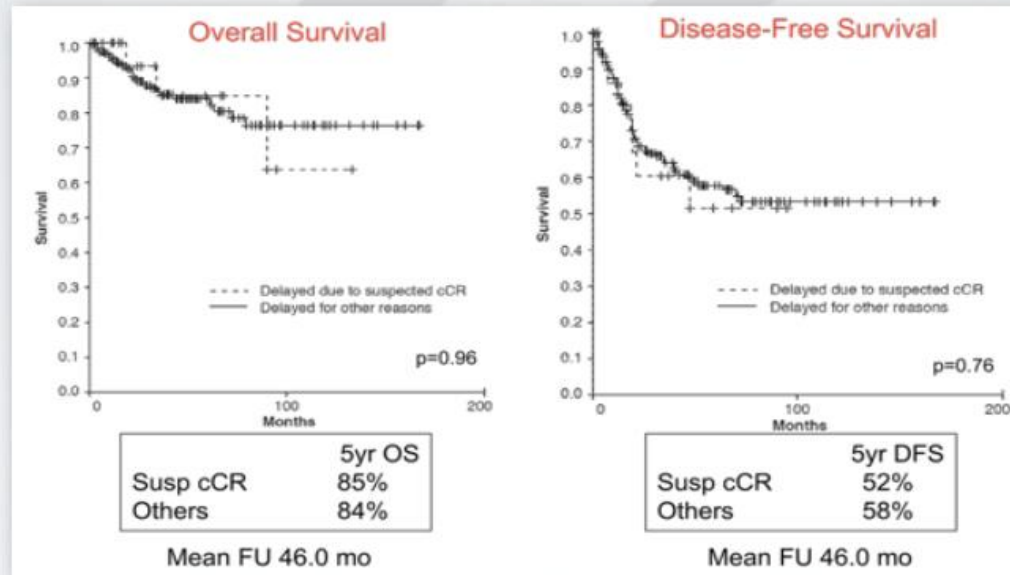
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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

INTERVAL BETWEEN SURGERY AND NEOADJUVANT CHEMORADIATION THERAPY FOR DISTAL RECTAL CANCER: DOES DELAYED SURGERY HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUTCOME?

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Delayed Surgery = No Oncological Compromise

Standard Regimen

(5FU + Leucovorin)



Low Rectal Cancer

DCR 1998

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3
days

3
days

6 wks

8 wks

Complete Response Rate
27.5%

Staging



RT – 5040cGy – 3 fields



CT – 5FU + leucovorin 20 mg/m²/day

(Bolus doses 5 FU EV – 425 mg/m²/day)

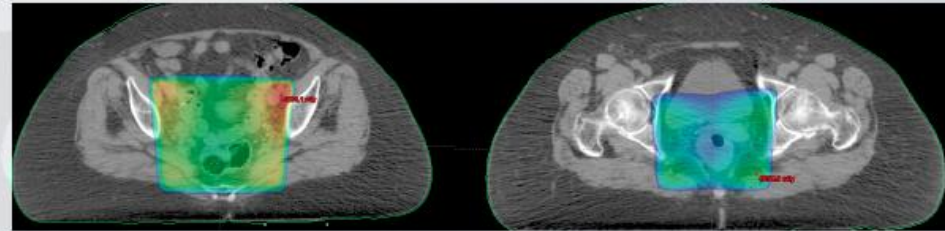
Assessment

Changes in CRT

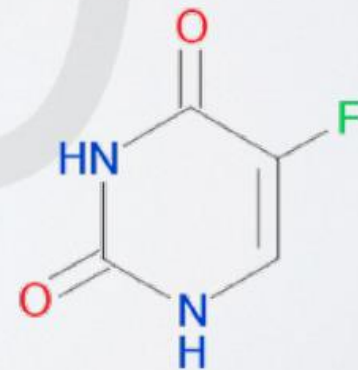
3 Major Changes

3 Changes!!!

Dose of RT



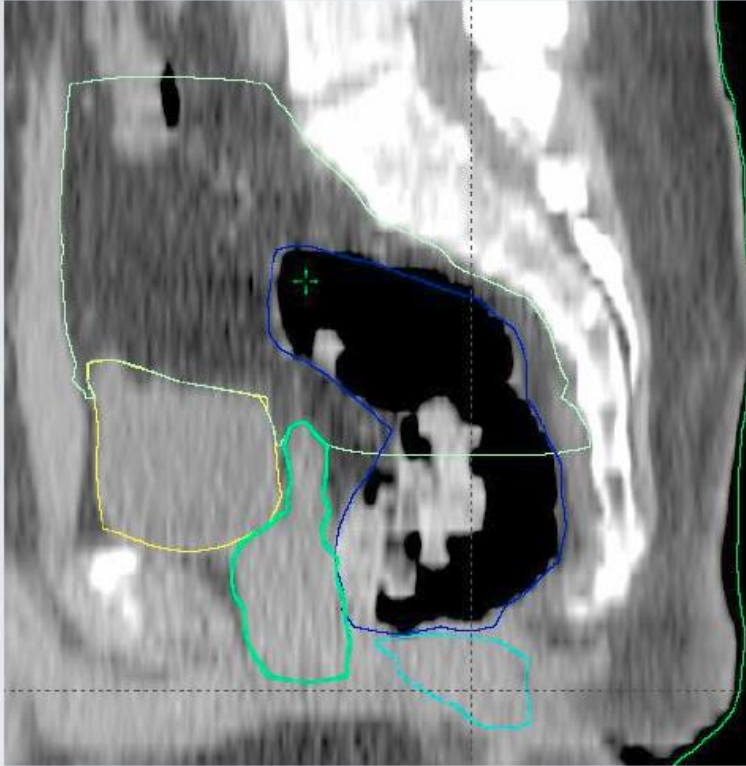
Interval CRT-Assessment



Dose of Chemo (5FU)

Changes in CRT

RT Dose



45Gy + **5.4Gy** boost

50.4Gy total



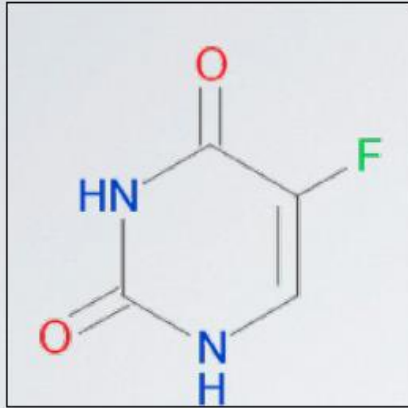
45Gy + **9Gy** boost

54Gy total

2 additional days
Almost 2x Boost

Changes in CRT

Cycles of Chemo



Dose of 5FU

2 cycles of 3 consecutive days



6 cycles of 3 consecutive days

Nearly the dose for adjuvant in stage II colorectal cancer!!!

Extended Regimen

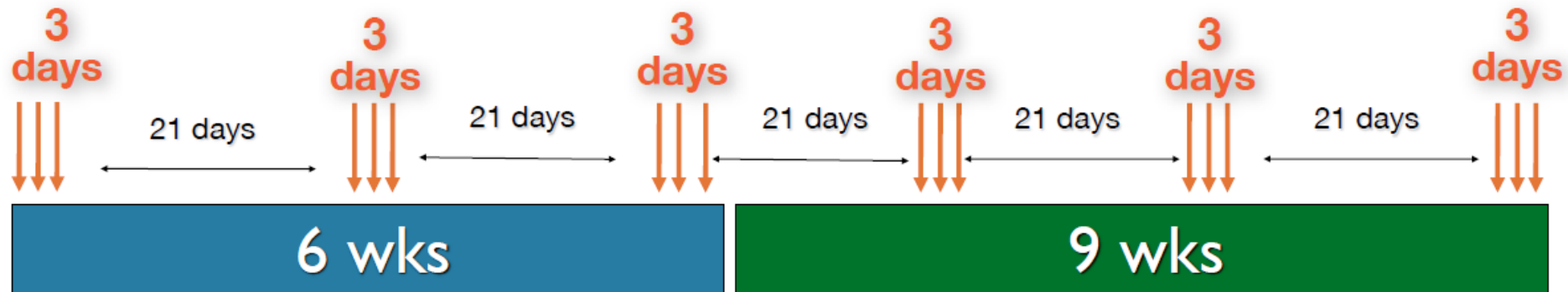
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Bolus doses

5 FU EV – 425 mg/m²/day

Leucovorin fixed dose 50mg/day

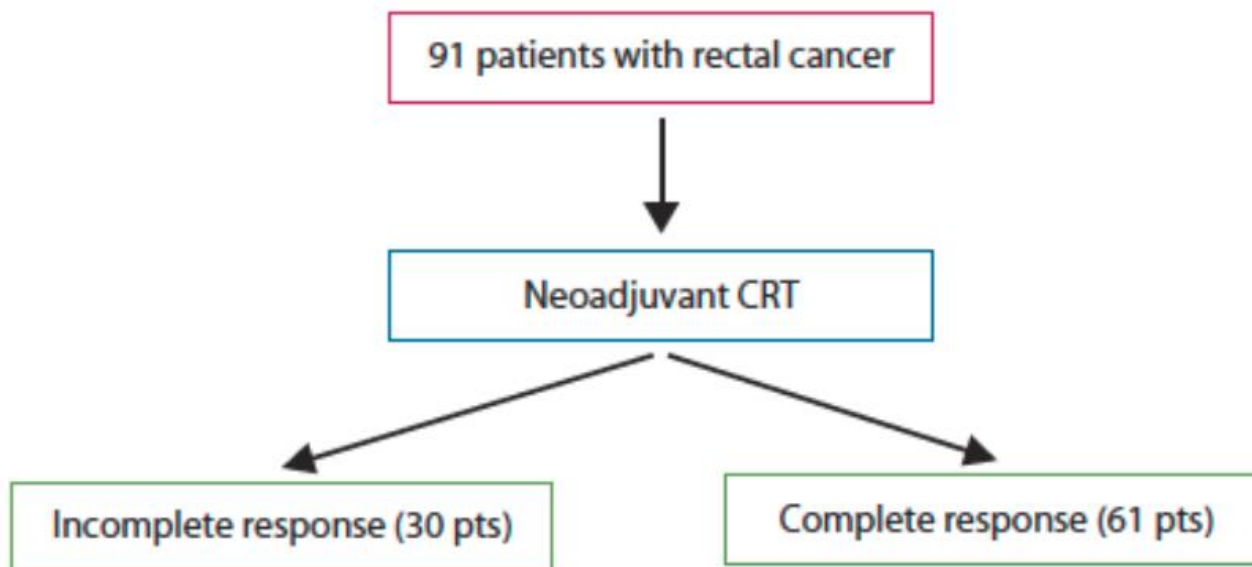
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67%

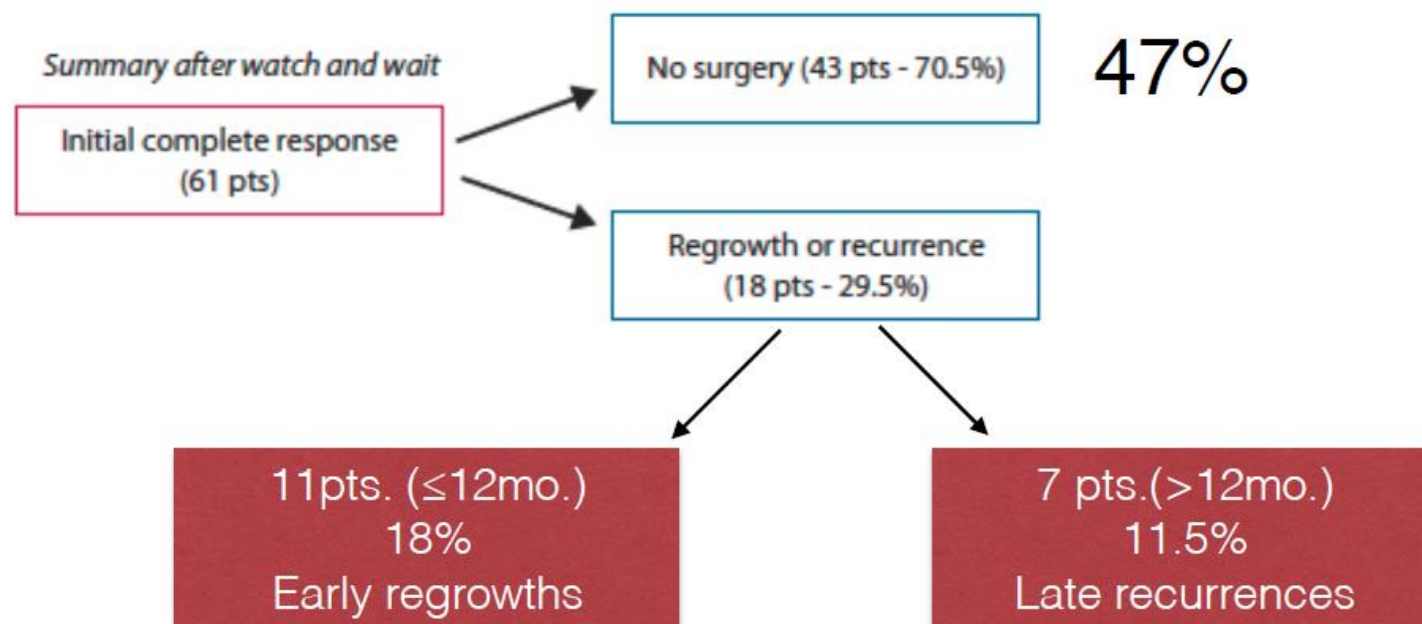
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Watch and Wait after cCR

WE are NOT the only ones!

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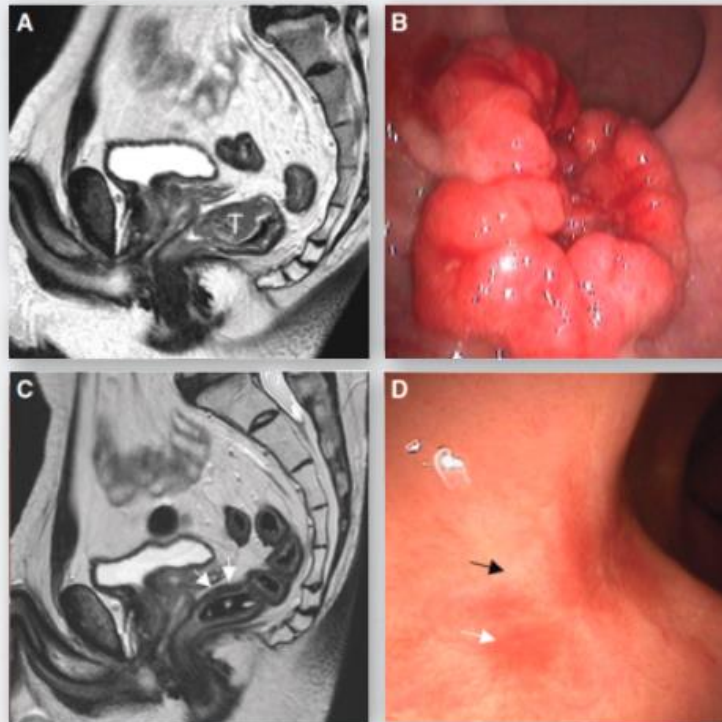
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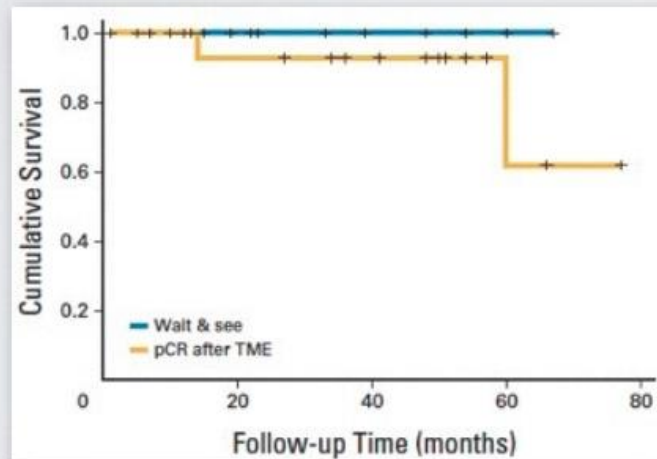
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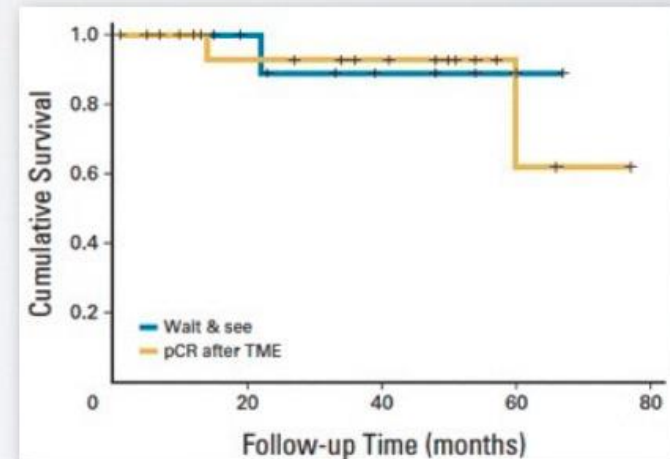


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Overall Survival



Disease Free Survival



Watch and Wait for cCR

More than 50% in cCR...?

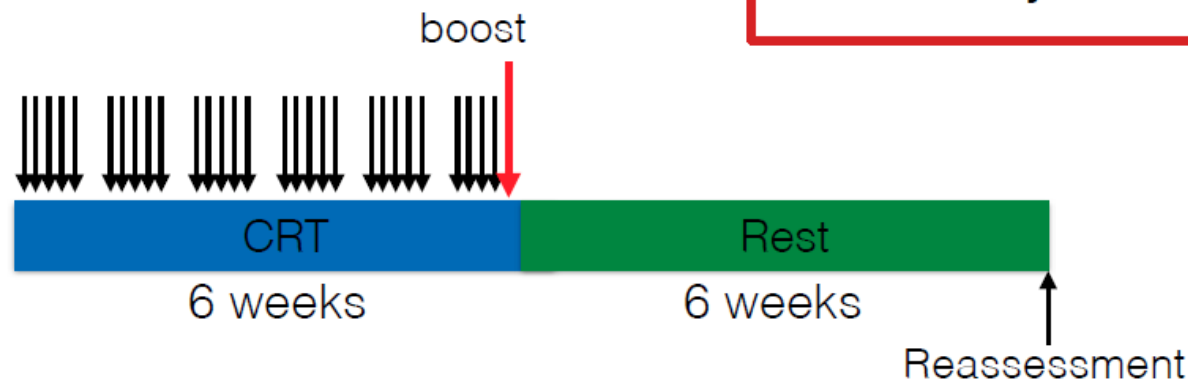
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Prospective Study
Rectal CA up to 6cm AV
T2 or T3, N0-N1

**IMRT 60Gy +UFT 300 mg/m² oral+
Boost 5Gy Endorectal brachy**



Criteria

- cCR
- Negative Bxs
- Radiological CR

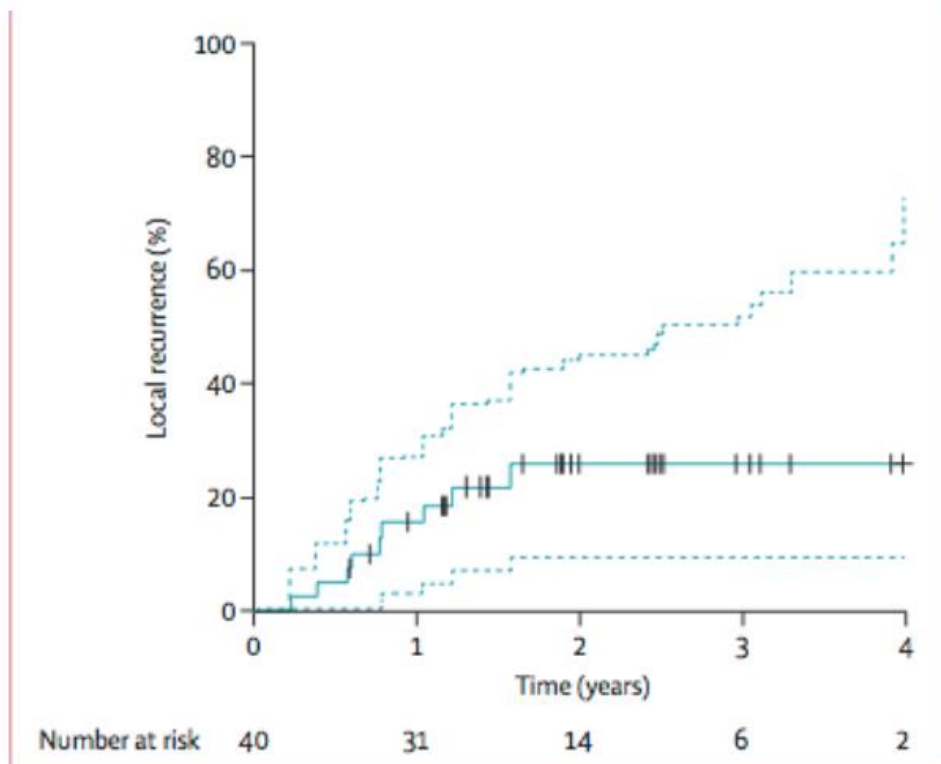
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58% cCR sustained @ 2yrs

15% LR @1yr

26% LR @ 2yr

Figure 2: Cumulative incidence of local tumour recurrence in patients allocated to observation

Time calculated from date of allocation to observation. Dashed lines are 95% CIs; markers indicate censored patients.

Watch and Wait for cCR

Propensity score...

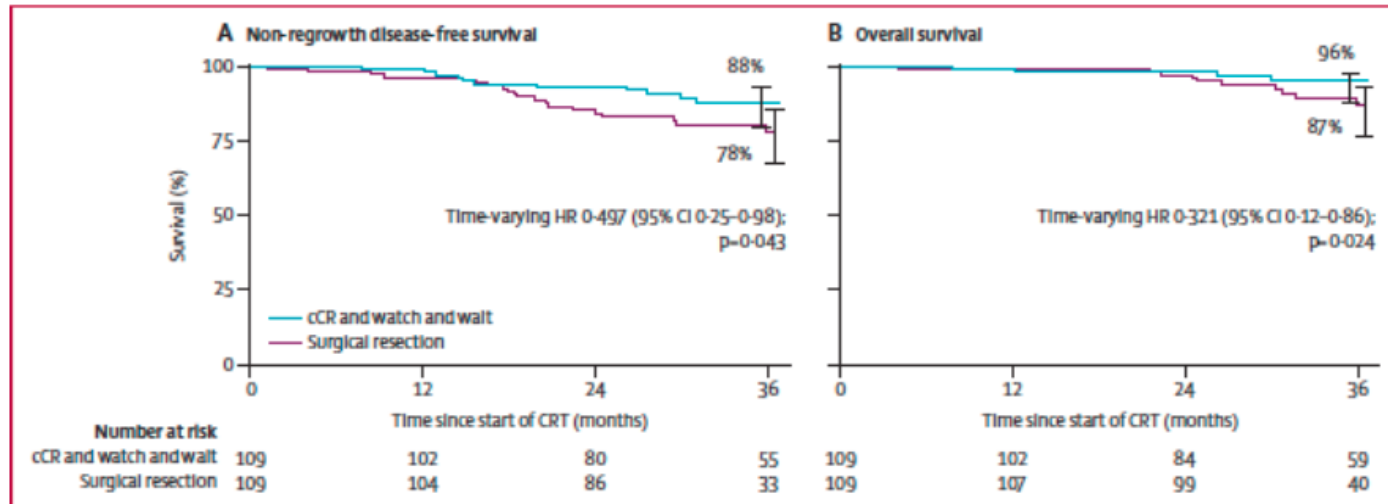
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WW was not worse; Possibly better!!

Watch and Wait for cCR

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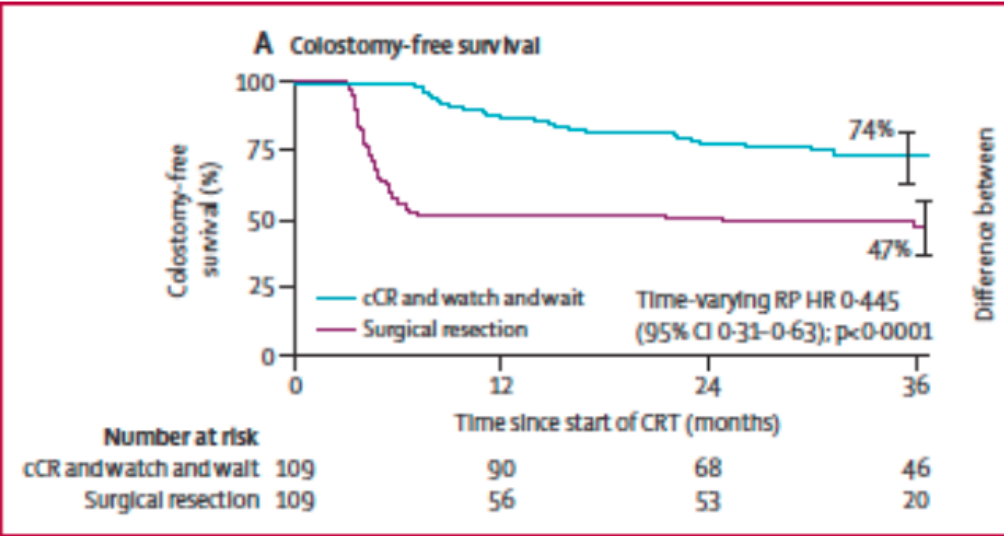
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Lesser risk for a Colostomy...

Watch & Wait

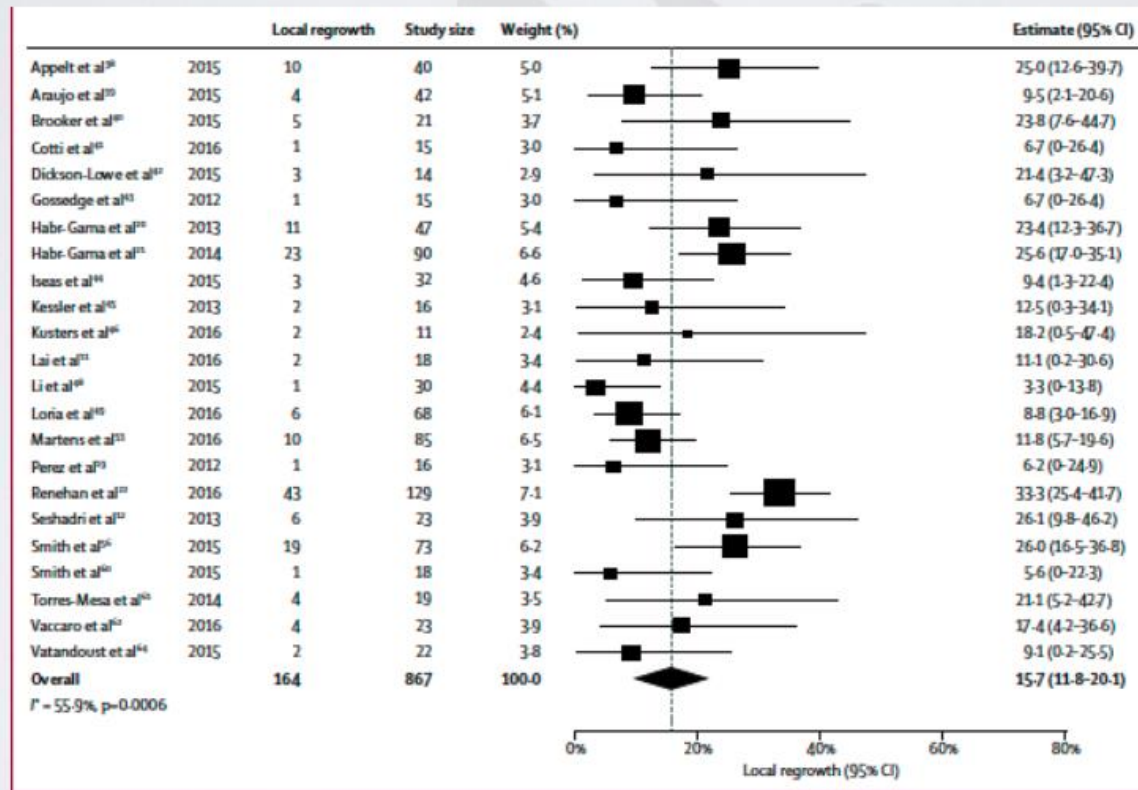
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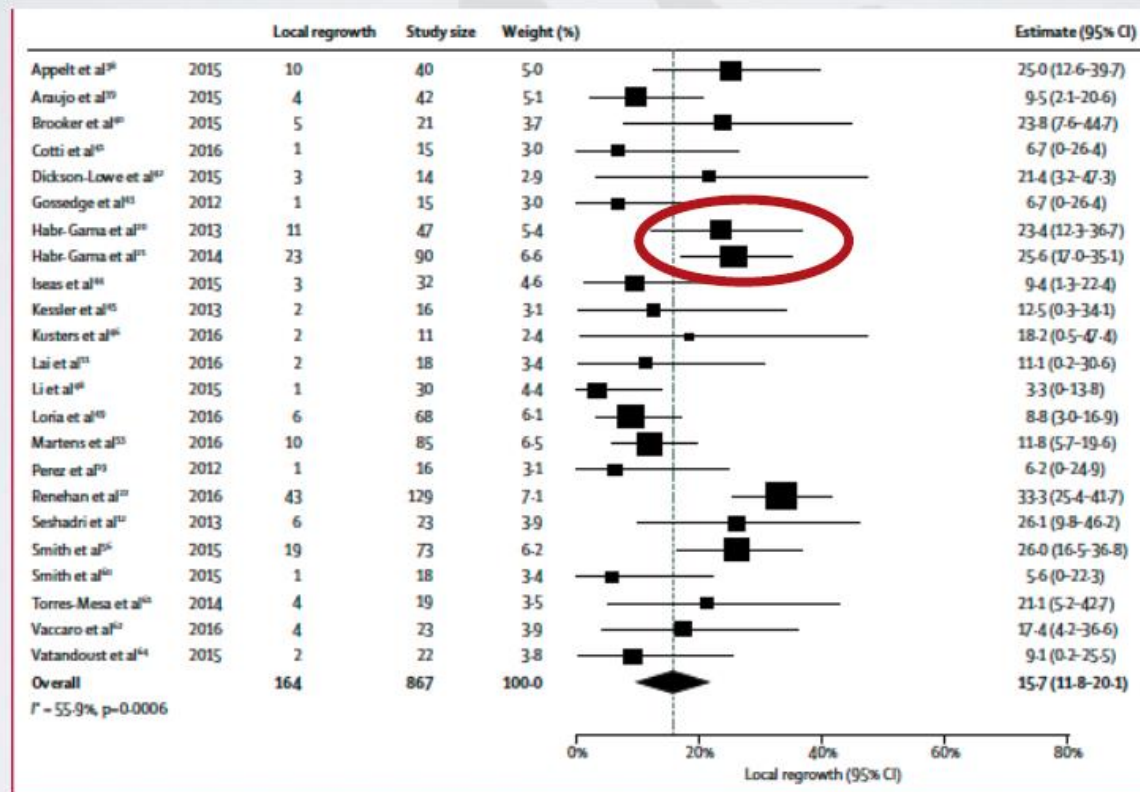
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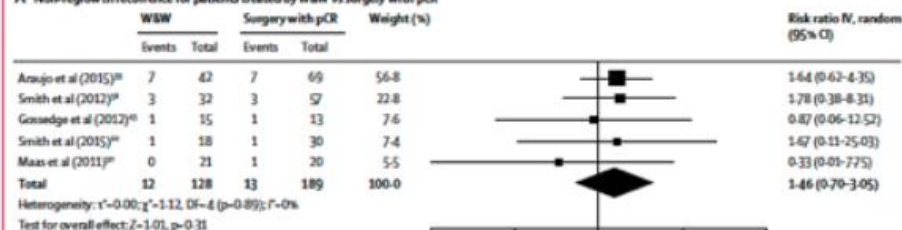
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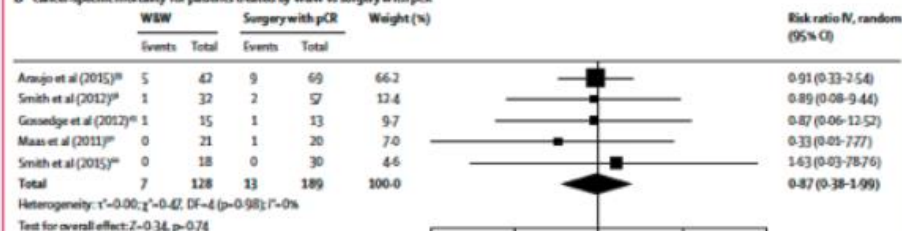
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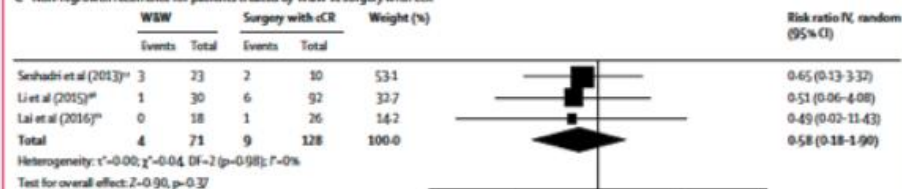
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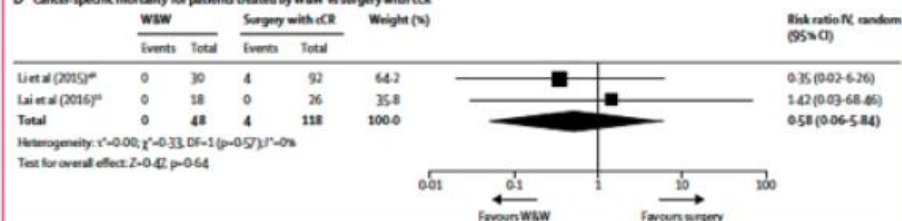
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C Non-regrowth recurrence for patients treated by WSW vs surgery with cCR



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No differences in
Oncological Outcomes...

Management of cCR...



The tide is turning...

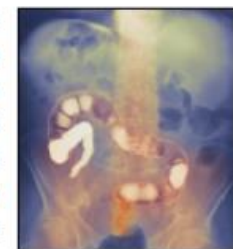
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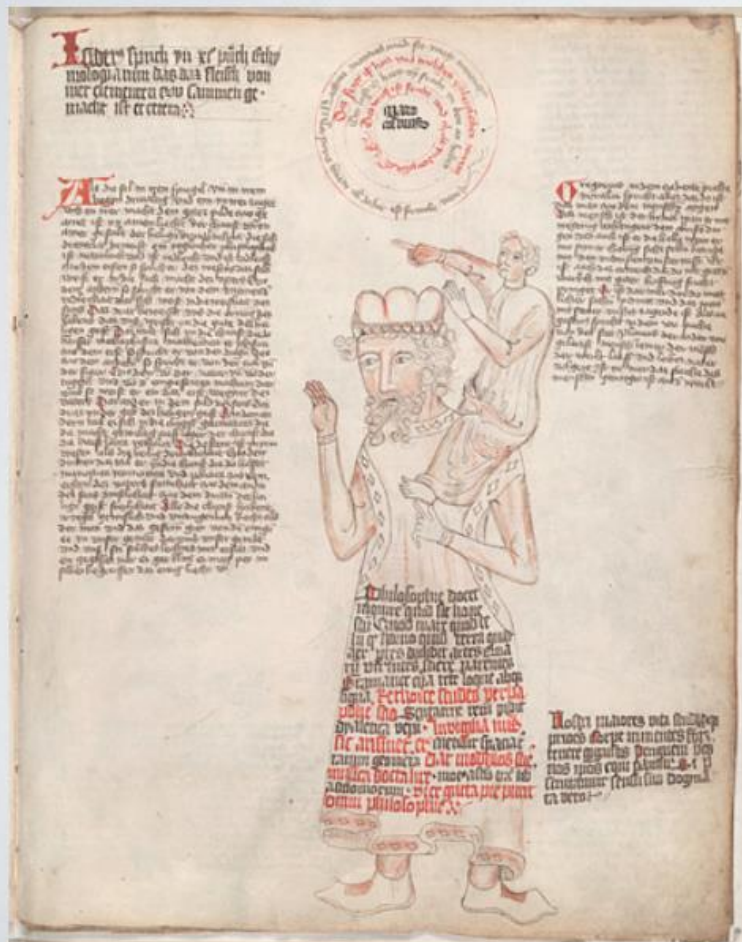


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“If I have seen a little further, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants”
Sir Isaac Newton



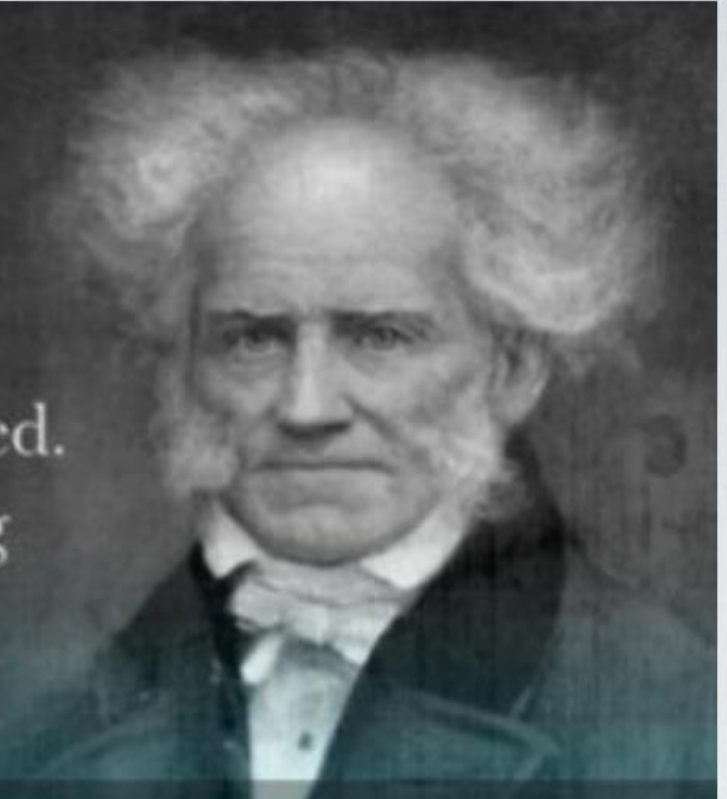
All truth passes through
three stages.

First, it is ridiculed.

Second, it is violently opposed.

Third, it is accepted as being
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- Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)



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