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Personalized Approaches to Gastrointestinal Cancers Emily Groves, MD Colorectal Surgery Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology

## Disclosures

None



 What is personalized medicine and how does it relate to cancer?

 What role does the surgeon play in personalized cancer care?

 What personalized strategies do we utilize for our cancer patients?

### What is personalized cancer care



## Go through some genomic studies



This view of personalized cancer care is pretty narrow.

- -Feasibility
- -Cost

 What can we do to personalize the care of the patient in our office?



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Surveillance (See REC-11)

#### **Rectal Cancer Treatment: Problems by Era**



#### GITSG: Gastrointestinal Tumor Study Group



N Engl J Med 1985:312;1465-1472



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#### Terminated early: CRT/Chemo recurrence 33% Control recurrence 55%



*N Engl J Med* 1985:312;1465-1472 *N Engl J Med* 1986; 315:1294-1295



NSABP: National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project



JNCI 1988;80:21-29



#### NCCTG: North Central Cancer Treatment Group



ChemoRT + chemo: 36% reduced risk of cancer-related death

N Engl J Med 1991:324;709



German Rectal Cancer Study Group



N Engl J Med 2004;351:1731-40.

#### German Rectal Cancer Study Group LR 13→6%

OS – no different



Can preoperative long course chemoradiation increase sphincter salvage rates by downstaging

N Engl J Med 2004;351:1731-40.

**1990 NIH Consensus Conference** 

- GITSG - NCCTG - NSABP R-01



JAMA. 1990;264(11):1444-1450



**Does Adjuvant Chemotherapy Work?** 

Overall Survival: 17% reduction in risk of death



Disease Free Survival: 25% reduction in disease recurrence

Favours adjuvant Favours control

21 trials 9,785 rectal cancer

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2012, Art. No.: CD004078.

#### The evolution of rectal cancer treatment



#### Two Problems:

### **Distant Recurrence**

### **Overtreatment**





# **Total Neoadjuvant Therapy**

#### "Induction"



#### "Consolidation"





## Where are we going?

Can we omit radiation in certain patients?

Can we omit surgery in certain patients?



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## **Preoperative Measures**

- Preoperative tumor assessment
- Nutrition
- Frailty, exercise tolerance
- Counseling expectations, site marking
- Patient factors



# Preoperative tumor assessment







## Malnutrition

# Implications of preoperative hypoalbuminemia in colorectal surgery

Adam Truong, Mark H Hanna, Zhobin Moghadamyeghaneh, Michael J Stamos

- Prevalence in GI surgery patients 30-50%
- Albumin < 3.5 is the strongest preoperative predictor of both 30 day morbidity and mortality

 Albumin level independently predicts complication rates such as sepsis, ARF, bleeding, SSI, failure to wean from ventilation amongst 61 other complications.



J Surg Oncol. 2017 Jun;115(8):997-1003. doi: 10.1002/jso.24617. Epub 2017 Apr 24.

#### Modified frailty index predicts postoperative outcomes in older gastrointestinal cancer patients.

Vermillion SA<sup>1</sup>, Hsu FC<sup>2</sup>, Dorrell RD<sup>1</sup>, Shen P<sup>3</sup>, Clark CJ<sup>3</sup>.

- ACS-NSQIP 2005-2012
- Surgery for GI cancers (N=41,500)
  - Age 60-90
  - 64% colorectal cancer (N=28,700)
  - Only 2.8% were considered frail (N=1,164)
- Frail patients hold longer LOS (11.7 vs. 9 days; p<.0001)</li>
- Frailty was an independent predictor of:
  Major complications OR 1.5 (95% CI 1.39-1.65 p<.001)</li>
  30 days mortality OR 1.48 (95% CI 1.42-1.75, p<.001)</li>
- Gani et al. N=1,169; 25% sarcopenic Adjusted median total hospital cost \$38,000 vs. \$24,000, p<.001</li>



# Sarcopenia (muscle wasting) is a surrogate for frailty

Inflammation, age, malnutrition, chronic disease.

Psoas muscle size at L3 is a representative





# Pre-habilitation improves patients' functional capacity to tolerate the stress of surgery

- 75 patients undergoing resection for colorectal cancer
- Randomized to prehabilitation + rehabilitation vs. rehabilitation alone
- Pre-habilitation: exercise, nutrition and coping strategies.



Fig. 2. Mean distance walked in 6min at the four study time points for the prehabilitation and rehabilitation groups (P = 0.016). Whiskers represent 95% Cls.



## Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS)

- Perioperative procedures and practices applied to patients undergoing elective surgery.
- Aim is to attenuate stress response to surgery to enable rapid recovery.
- Improves outcomes: decreased length of stay, decreased narcotic use, improved patient satisfaction.



Fast track surgery versus conventional recovery strategies for colorectal surgery (Review)

Cochrane Library

Spanjersberg WR, Reurings J, Keus F, van Laarhoven CJHM

**Cochrane** Database of Systematic Reviews

- 4 RCTs with at least 7 ERP measures each
- RR for all complications 0.5
- LOS -2.94 d
- Readmissions equal
- Major complications equal



## ERAS

#### Preop

#### Surgery

#### Postop

- Preoperative counseling
- Marking when needed
- Mechanical and abx prep
- Carbohydrate load
- Clear liquid diet until 2
  hours before surgery
- Heparin, Tylenol, Celecoxib (/ gabapentin)
- Entereg

- Minimally invasive technique when possible
- Intrathecal duramorph or TAP blocks with liposomal bupivacaine
- Conservative fluid
  administration
- Low insufflation pressures

- Clear liquid diet POD#0
- Regular diet POD#1
- Out of bed POD#0
- Foley out POD#1 or 2
- Walk five times a day
- Meals out of bed, in chair



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## **Operative Measures**

- Choice of operation and approach
- Lymph nodes, TME, CRM, and emergence of CME
- Intraoperative care



## **Total Mesorectal Excision**



 Sharp dissection in the plane between the parietal and visceral layers of endopelvic fascia.

ID and preserve autonomic sacral nerves.

## Making sense of the options

- Open
- Laparoscopic
- Robotic
- TAMIS





## **Open vs Laparoscopic**





## **Open vs Laparoscopic**

#### COLOR II

ALaCaRT

#### ACOSOG Z 6051





## Laparoscopic vs Robotic



## What is TaTME





Atallah S., Knol J, et.al. – Tech Coloproctol 2017

# TAMIS









- Genetic counseling for appropriate patients
- Tailored therapies
- OncotypeDX



### Conclusion

- Cancer care is growing more complex.
- Personalized care means we are considering more factors than we ever have before.
- By implementing multidisciplinary tumor boards, doing and tailoring preop, intraop, and post op care to each patient's needs, we can improve outcomes while reducing side effects.

## Thank you for your attention!



