



NERC
Nordic Early Rectal
Cancer Meeting

5th

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May 6th to 8th 2015

Bergen, Norway



Haukeland University Hospital

Program

Wednesday afternoon 6th of May

"Step by step approach to rectal tumour staging"

Course administration:

Gina Brown and Jo Waage

Set up:

3-4 hours (from 14:00 to 18:00) with focus on "Gina Brown's step-by-step approach to rectal tumour MRI staging"

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th of May

Session 1: "NERC 2015 MDT"

MDT discussion of patient cases from the participants by a panel of our distinguished Faculty.

Session 2: "Mesorectal lymph nodes - do they really matter?"

Issam Al-Najami: Dual energy CT evaluation of Lymph Node in the pelvis

Gina Brown: Lymph nodes on pre-operative MRI staging – do they matter?

Rob Glynne Jones: Mesorectal lymph nodes – are the guidelines rational for neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment?

Iris Naghtegaal: Identification and potential importance of mesorectal lymph node micro metastases

Gerard Langman: Morphology and distribution of malignant mesorectal lymph nodes

Ronan Cahill: Why the lymph nodes are important to the surgeons

Session 3: "The Radiation Paradox - Do we irradiate too much or not enough?"

Stephan Benz: Should radiation therapy always be administered according to national guidelines?

Simon Bach: Neo-adjuvant radiation therapy and TEM: the STAR-TREC trial

Paris Tekkis: Should the response to neoadjuvant radiation therapy tailor the surgical treatment of rectal cancer?

Krzysztof Bujko: Adjuvant chemotherapy for rectal cancer

Chris Cunningham: The radiation paradox (How can we argue for less radiation for T3, but promote radiation for T1 and T2?)

Session 4: Transanal TME

Joep Knol: Stepwise introduction to taTME

Antonio Lacy: Does taTME make standard TME approaches obsolete?

Roel Hompes: How to implement transanal TME in clinical practice?

Session 5: Patient choice, Risk and Quality of Life issues

Katrine Emmertsen: LARS – How to measure quality of life after rectal resection.

Gary Nickolson: Radical surgery versus organ preservation: understanding the importance of relative survival

Emanuel Lezoche: Is taTME by TEM a possible alternative to APR in selected cases?

Simon Bach: Risk and patient communication in a "wait and see" strategy

NN: Risk and patient communication with TEM for cancer

NN: Risk and patient communication from an ethical point of view.

Jo Waage: Judgment under uncertainty: Heuristics and biases

Session 6: Transanal endoscopic surgery for significant rectal neoplasms

Gunnar Baatrup: How do we select patients for transanal excision?

NN: TEM ESD by waterjet technique

Neil Borley: Does more flexible setups for transanal resection increase the risk of reduced quality surgery in low volume hospitals?

Ronan Cahill: Flexible platform for transanal excision

Chris Cunningham: Local excision – what do we do when we get it wrong?

Session 7: Buess Memorial Lecture

Mario Morino: Techniques and purpose in sentinel node assessment in early rectal cancer.

On behalf of the organizing committee

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