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Needle point

Total neoadjuvant therapy for locally advanced rectal cancer: the fuse is lit

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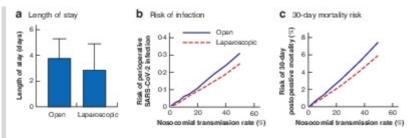
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Nosocomial SARS-CoV-2 transmission in postoperative infection and mortality: analysis of 14 798 procedures

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This study used a national administrative database to estimate perioperative SARS-CoV-2 infection risk, and associated mortality, relative to nosocomial transmission rates. The impact of nosocomial transmission was greatest after major emergency surgery, whereas laparoscopic surgery may be protective owing to reduced duration of hospital stay. Procedure-specific risk estimates are provided to facilitate surgical decision-making and informed consent. Estimated risks

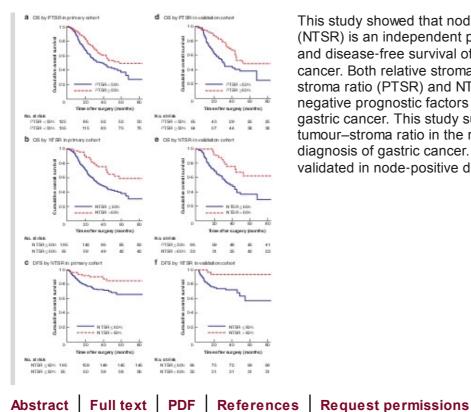
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Gastric cancer nodal tumour-stroma ratios influence prognosis

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This study showed that nodal tumour-stroma ratio (NTSR) is an independent prognostic factor for overall and disease-free survival of patients with gastric cancer. Both relative stroma-rich primary tumourstroma ratio (PTSR) and NTSR were independent negative prognostic factors for overall survival in gastric cancer. This study supports assessment of tumour-stroma ratio in the routine pathological diagnosis of gastric cancer. validated in node-positive disease

Systematic review

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Local recurrence after local excision of early rectal cancer: a meta-analysis of completion TME, adjuvant (chemo)radiation, or no additional treatment

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			Local rec	urrence		
		IAT	eT	ME		CRT
	Proportion of patients	Weighted average (%)	Proportion of petients	Weighted average (%)	Proportion of patients	Weighted average (%)
pT1	268 of 3050	8-1 (5-6, 9-9)	5 of 180	2-8 (1-2, 6-5)	24 of 365	44 (23, 94)
Low risk	75 of 1019	6-7 (4-8, 9-3)	0 of 28*	a	0 of 1*	0
High risk	44 of 262	13-6 (8-0, 22-0)	5 of 123	4-1 (1-7, 9-4)	10 of 254	3-9 (2-0, 7-5)
pT2	136 of 545	28-9 (22-3, 36-4)	5 of 70	4 (1, 10)	65 at 444	147 (11-2, 19-0)

This meta-analysis showed that patients who undergo no additional treatment after local excision of pT1–2 rectal cancer have a high risk of local recurrence, especially those with high-risk pT1 and pT2 lesions. The risk of local recurrence after adjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy for high-risk pT1 tumours seems to be similar to that after completion TME. For pT2 tumours, adjuvant (chemo)radiotherapy seems less effective than radical surgery.

No additional therapy after local excision of pT1-2 associated with high risk of local recurrence

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Randomized clinical trials

Tension-free mesh *versus* suture-alone cruroplasty in antireflux surgery: a randomized, double-blind clinical trial

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b Mesh repair



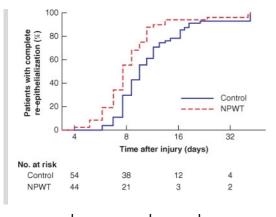
This RCT compared standardized, routine use of tension-free polytetrafluoroethylene mesh repair *versus* simple sutured cruroplasty repair of the diaphragmatic hiatus in type I hiatus hernia in patients with chronic gastro-oesophageal reflux disease scheduled for laparoscopic antireflux surgery. Rates of recurrent hiatus hernia were no different between groups. Mesh not beneficial

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Randomized clinical trial of negative pressure wound therapy as an adjunctive treatment for small-area thermal burns in children

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In this RCT, children with small-area thermal burns were randomized to standard silver-impregnated dressings or standard dressings in conjunction with continuous negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT). Adjunctive NPWT decreased time to reepithelialization, with attendant improvements in dressing change requirements and scar management referrals. There were no statistically significant differences in pain, itch, or laser Doppler measures of perfusion.

Negative pressure wound therapy hastens epithelialization

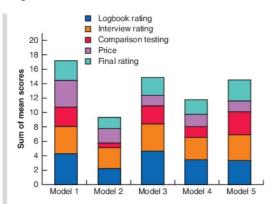


Original articles

The Lifebox Surgical Headlight Project: engineering, testing, and field assessment in a resource-constrained setting

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Poor surgical lighting represents a major patient safety issue in low-income countries, and currently there is no fit-for-purpose surgical headlight to meet the demands of this setting, both in terms of design and price. In this study, engineering testing of 14 surgical headlights, and field testing of five finalist candidate headlights with surgeons in Ethiopia, was undertaken to determine the best performing light and evaluate critical attributes for further design modifications. After testing in operating room working conditions and a head-to-head comparison test, one headlight was chosen that best fit design and cost preferences; this

headlight will undergo further design modifications and testing to develop a final product for wide distribution and improvement of surgical safety. Bring the light

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Rates of re-excision and conversion to mastectomy after breast-conserving surgery with or without oncoplastic surgery: a nationwide population-based study

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	Re-exclusion		Odda		
	No (n = 15420)	Yes (r = 2765)	Univerlable analysis (c = 16188)	Multivariable analysis (r = 18186)	Pt
Type of surgery					< 0.00
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Volume displacement	3067 (85-5)	804 (14-5)	0-92 (0-83, 1-01)	048 (0-75, 0-90)	
Wolarme recluction	009 (09-7)	79-00-9	0-92 (0-48, 0-80)	0-50 (0-99, 0-99)	
Wolarme replacement	121 (79-1)	22 (20-9)	5-43 (0-67, 2-12)	5-16 (0-78, 5-73)	
Year of operation					0.00
2012	2295 (86-T)	372 [13:0]	1.00 (valerance)	1.00-beterancel	
2013	2392 (89-3)	471 [14-7]	1-06 (0-01, 1-24)	147 (0.62, 1-26)	
2014	2330 (84-7)	421 (15-3)	112 (046, 140)	1-12 (0-06, 1-31)	
2015	2208 (94-1)	410 [15:0]	5-17 (1-00, 1-09)	1-19/1-02, 1-09	
2016	2144 (84-6)	309 (15-4	5-12 (0-96, 1-91)	1-18 (0-87, 1-03)	
2017	2083 (84-1)	399 [15-9]	5-10 (1-00, 1-00)	1-21 (1-64, 1-42)	
2018	2023 (84-6)	369 (15-4	5-12 (0.96, 1.01)	5-19 (1-01, 5-08)	
Age Inegrit	61-811-6	20.0011-20	010 010 010	0.99 (2.66, 2.97)	× 0-00
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a a	11780 (84-8)	2107-09-00	1-00 beforenced	1-00-beferences	
1	2148 (85-6)	352 (14-1)	0.85 (0.78, 0.99)	0.94 (0.63, 1.07)	
2	962 08-0	156 [14-0]	0-87 (0-73, 1-04)	0-06 (0-61, 1-15)	
20	585 (90-1)	56 (9-8)	0-59 (0-45, 0-78)	0-69 (0-52, 5-91)	
Histological finding	nen be-d	- an in-sh	and press, and		< 0-00
Ductal	12 614 (85-4)	2160(7440	1-02-(reference)	1 CE deferencei	< 0.00
Lobular	1627 (80-6)	361 (19-1)	1.38 (1.32, 1.64)	1-40 (1-23, 1-549	
Other				146 (142, 170)	
Unanana	1269 (84.2)	236 [15-7] 3 (76-7)	100 (0.04, 1.26)	0.18 (0.04, 0.76)	
Differentiation grade	16 (80-3)	906-0	117 (0.04, 4.03)	0.10 (0.04 0.10)	< 0.00
unarenaicon grees	4246 (80-3)		1-00-baterancel	1-00-devicemental	<040
	6058 (80-7)	565 (11-7)- 1900 (16-8)	1-35 (1-23, 1-48)	1-02 (1-19, 5-47)	
-	3141 (83-6)	806 (16-2)	5-00 (1-10, 1-40)	5-18 (1-00, 5-00)	
Not determined	1209 (84-0)		5-00 (1-14, 1-46)	5-18 (1-68, 5-68)	
		200 [15-7]	-		
Unknowle	111 (66-0)	68 (M-3)	3 61 (2:40, 5:00)	349 (247, 533)	
Geetrogen roceptor (%)					0-80
<10	1962 (88-7)	310 [18-3]	510 (048, 1-24)	0-07 (0-66, 1-12)	
1:10	15490 (88-0)	2077 (15-0)	1-00 (reference)	1-00 (reference)	
Unknown	08 (67-0)	16-(82-7)	2-75 (1-51, 8-01)	3-69 (1-66, 8-21)	
HERE status					< 0-00
Negative	13 775 (86-6)	22111 (7.4-4)	1-00 (reference)	1-00 (teferance)	
Paelive	1498 (79-1)	420 (21.4)	547(148, 148)	140 (142, 147)	
Unionaria	154 (82-8)	38 (11.0)	124 (084, 148)	0.66 (0.62, 1.06)	
T onlegary					< 0.00
11	12 294 (88-9)	2018 (14-1)	1-00 (reference)	1-00 (reference)	
12	3087 (81-7)	698 [18-3]	1-36 (1-24, 1-50)	1-38 (1-20, 1-46)	
15	07 (H3-5)	48 (55-5)	7-90-(5-13, 12-16)	7-16-(4-50, 11-10)	
Unknown	7 (83-6)	4 (36-4)	3-48-(1-02, 11-69)	2-58 (0-64, 10-37)	
N category					<0-00
ND	10 865 (85-6)	1384() 4-0	1-OD (reference)	1.00 (reference)	
MI	3501 (83-0)	718 [17-0]	525(114, 108)	100(108, 108)	
NZ	821 07-4	162 22.41	378(147, 2.04)	161(124, 180	
18	245(77-6)	70(22-9	175 (1-34, 2-33	1-39 (1-05, 1-84)	
Unknown	295 08-0	38-011-6	0-70 (0-68, 1-10)	0.75 (0.62, 1-00)	

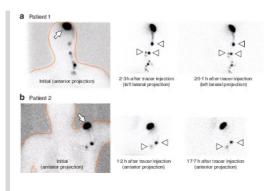
Compared with breast-conserving surgery, oncoplastic surgery results in a modest decrease in re-excision rates and less frequent conversion to mastectomy. Rates similar to breast-conserving surgery only

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Same-day or next-day sentinel node biopsy after lymphoscintigraphy for melanoma using ^{99m}Tc-labelled antimony sulphide colloid

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If ^{99m}Tc-labelled antimony sulphide colloid is used for lymphoscintigraphy in patients with melanoma, accurate intraoperative identification of sentinel nodes (SNs) during surgery the following day is possible and reliable using a γ detection probe because significant onward migration of tracer from SNs to second-tier nodes does not occur overnight. Consistent with this finding, no difference in melanoma-specific or overall survival was observed between patients having sameday or next-day SN biopsy procedures. However, the situation may be different when ^{99m}Tc-labelled albumin

nanocolloid is the tracer used for preoperative lymphoscintigraphy; SN biopsy as soon as possible after lymphoscintigraphy is likely to be required if accurate intraoperative SN identification is to be achieved.

Use nanocolloid same day only?

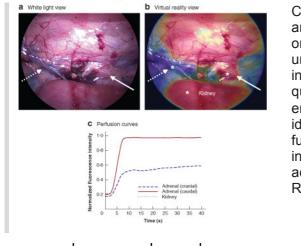
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Intraoperative imaging for remnant viability assessment in bilateral posterior retroperitoneoscopic partial adrenalectomy in an experimental model

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Currently, the minimal functional adrenal remnant size, and the impact of intraoperative imaging technologies on remnant function after partial adrenalectomy, is unknown. In the present experimental study, intraoperative perfusion assessment, using quantitative fluorescence imaging, confocal laser endomicroscopy and contrast-enhanced CT, enabled identification of gland segments at risk. Mitochondrial function essential for steroidogenesis was preserved in all adrenal segments in this model of partial adrenalectomy. Ready for translation?

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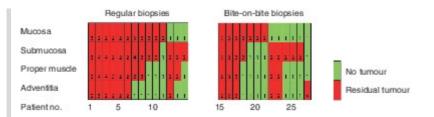
Residual disease after neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy for oesophageal cancer: locations undetected by endoscopic biopsies in the preSANO trial

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Remnant cancer missed by endoscopic biopsies was located in the mucosa in two-thirds of patients with residual disease after neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy (nCRT). One-third of patients had residual disease in the submucosa underneath a tumour-free mucosa. The yield of biopsies in active surveillance after nCRT could be improved by sampling larger areas of oesophageal mucosa and using biopsies targeting the submucosa. What lies beneath

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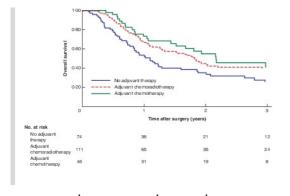
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Adjuvant therapy following oesophagectomy for adenocarcinoma in patients with a positive resection margin

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In UK practice, surgical resection margin status is often used to stratify patients for receipt of adjuvant treatment. This cohort study suggested both an overall and recurrence-free survival benefit following adjuvant therapy in patients with positive margins, who had undergone neoadjuvant chemotherapy and resectional surgery for oesophageal adenocarcinoma. The benefit seemed greater with adjuvant chemoradiotherapy and in poor responders to neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Decreases recurrence and improves survival

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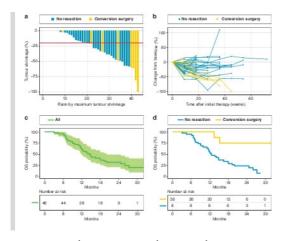
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Phase I/II study of adding intraperitoneal paclitaxel in patients with pancreatic cancer and peritoneal metastasis

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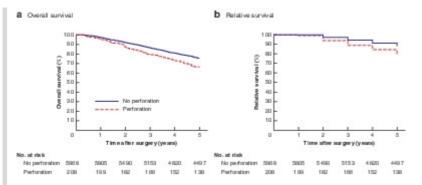
This multicentre phase I/II study was undertaken to determine the recommended dose of the combination of intravenous gemcitabine, intravenous nab-paclitaxel and intraperitoneal paclitaxel in patients with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma and peritoneal metastasis, and to evaluate its clinical efficacy and safety. This regimen exhibited promising clinical efficacy, with acceptable tolerability. Effective and safe in pancreatic cancer

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Impact of rectal perforation on recurrence during rectal cancer surgery in a national population registry

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Incidental perforation remains a significant risk factor for local recurrence even with optimized management of rectal cancer. This must be considered when discussing adjuvant treatment and follow-up.

Increases local recurrence

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Surveillance pouchoscopy for dysplasia: Cleveland Clinic Ileoanal Pouch Anastomosis Database

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ference	No. of patients	Dysplasie in pouch	Dysplasia in ATZ	Cancer arising from pouch	Cancer arising from ATZ
riks of al. ¹⁰	1200	5	3	0	10
fir of al. ²⁸	3203	2	16	5	10
eert series	3672	0	7	1	5
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C-reactive protein trajectory to predict colorectal anastomotic leak: PREDICT Study

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Table 4 Diagnostic indices for ability of daily C-reactive protein change exceeding 50 mg/l to predict anastomotic leak requiring intervention						
Timing of CRP increase > 50 mg/l	Sensitivity	Specificity	PLR	NLR	PPV	NPV
Between any 2 days	0-85	0.51	1.75	0.29	0-08	0.99

From day 1 to day 2	0.63	0.57	1.48	0.64	0.07	0.97
From day 2 to day 3	0.32	0.90	3.10	0.76	0.14	0.96
From day 3 to day 4	0.20	0.96	4.99	0.84	0.21	0.96
From day 4 to day 5	0.17	0.97	6-44	0.85	0.25	0.96

C-reactive protein (CRP) trajectory is accurate for ruling out anastomotic leak after colorectal surgery, and can provide reassurance for early discharge. Biomarkers help

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Conditional risk of diverticulitis after non-operative management

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	Recurrence (n = 322)	No recurrence (n - 666)	Pt
Patient details			
Age (years)*	61-0 (49-0-72-0)	62-0 (51-0-73-0)	0.261‡
Sex ratio (M : F)	139:183	314:355	0.302
CCI score			< 0.001
0	161 (50-0)	429 (84-1)	
1	36 (11-2)	86 (12-8)	
22	125 (38-8)	164 (23-0)	
Immunosuppression	81 (25-2)	65 (9-7)	<0.001
Previous diverticulitie	36 (11-2)	44 (8-6)	0-018
Radiological details			
Location			0-124
Sigmoid colon	208 (64-6)	415 (82 0)	
Descending colon	78 (24-2)	147 (22-0)	
Both	30 (11-2)	107 (16-0)	
Length of inflammatory segment (mm)*	61-0 (45-0-83-0)	57-0 (44-D-79-0)	0-018‡
Length of colors involved > 5 cm	219 (68-0)	441 (85-9)	0-563
Thickness of inflamed colonic wall (nm)*	10 (9-12)	10 (7-12)	0-0641
Extraluminal air	64 (19-6)	127 (19-0)	0-801
Philipmon	9 (2-0)	25 (3-7)	0-569
Abscess	53 (16-5)	73 (10-9)	0-019
Treatment			
WOC (x 10%/l/*	11-3 (9-9-13-7)	11-4 (8-0-14-2)	0-742‡
Percutanecus drain	18 (2-0)	35 (5-2)	0-932

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Conditional recurrence-free survival for diverticulitis improved with each year survived recurrence-free. Although several factors at index presentation may be associated with early recurrence, the conditional probability of recurrence according to many of these risk factors converges with time. Operation unnecessary

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International variation in managing locally advanced or recurrent rectal cancer: prospective benchmark analysis

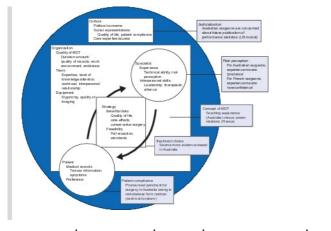
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An international benchmark trial of the management of ymrT4 and locally recurrent rectal cancer was undertaken in France and Australia between 2015 and 2017. This trial highlights the differences in worldwide treatment of locally advanced and locally recurrent rectal cancer. Standardized care should improve outcomes for these patients. Differences worldwide



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