

# Patterns of care

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## Response assessment:

- DRE
- MRI
- Endoscopy

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**Response assessment:**

**11 weeks after start of (chemo)radiotherapy**

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**6 weeks after chemoradiation**

**10 weeks after radiotherapy short course**

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- ‘Patients with ypCR have an excellent prognosis’

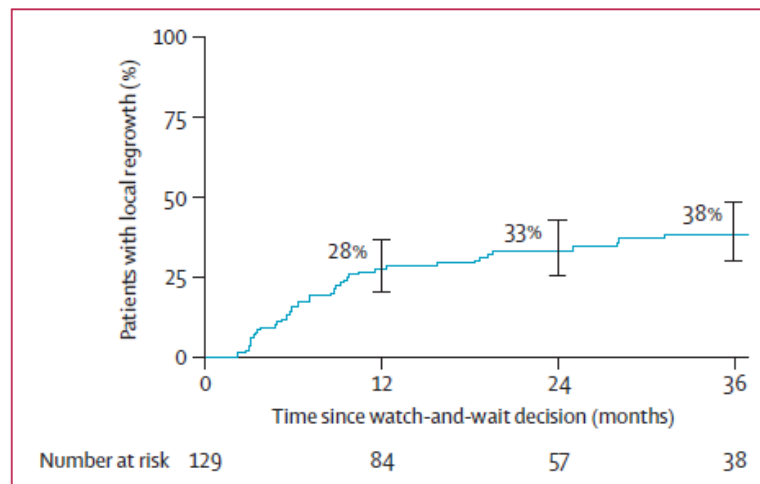


- >10 yrs experience
- Pre-selected patients



# Watch-and-wait approach versus surgical resection after chemoradiotherapy for patients with rectal cancer (the OnCoRe project): a propensity-score matched cohort analysis

Andrew G Renehan, Lee Malcomson, Richard Emsley, Simon Gollins, Andrew Maw, Arthur Sun Myint, Paul S Rooney, Shabbir Susnerwala, Anthony Blower, Mark P Saunders, Malcolm S Wilson, Nigel Scott, Sarah T O'Dwyer



**Figure 2:** Actuarial local regrowth rates in the 129 patients with a clinical complete response managed by watch and wait

	Luminal regrowth only (n=41)	Synchronous luminal regrowth and distant metastasis (n=3)	Distant metastases only (n=4)
Salvage treatments for local regrowth	36 (88%)	1 (33%)	0
Rectal surgery			
Abdominoperineal resection	20 (49%)	1 (33%)*	0
Anterior resection	8 (20%)	0	0
Hartmann's resection	2 (5%)†	0	0
Subtotal colectomy	1 (2%)	0	0
Contact (Papillon) radiotherapy‡§	5 (12%)	0	0
Other treatments	5 (12%)	2 (67%)	4 (100%)
Surgery for distant disease			
Liver resection	0	0	2 (50%)
Inguinal lymphadenectomy	0	0	1 (25%)
Palliative chemotherapy	4 (10%)‡	2 (67%)	1 (25%)
Palliative treatment (no chemo)	1 (2%)§	0	0

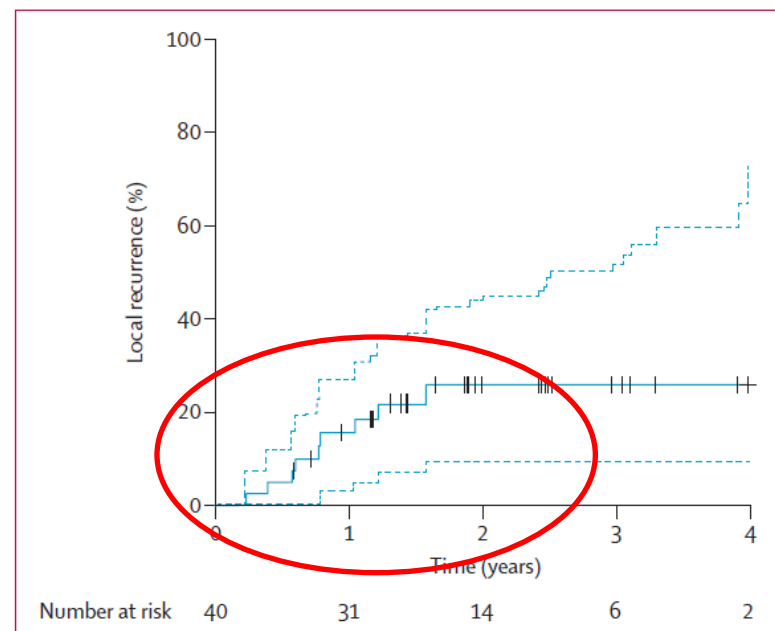
Data are number (%). \*Plus liver resection. †R0 in one patient; R1 in one patient. ‡Patient choice in two patients; unfit for major surgery in two patients (one patient with advanced lung cancer; one patient with several comorbidities). §Patient unsuitable for chemotherapy or major resection because they had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, recurrent chest infections, and hypertension.

**Table 2:** Subsequent first-disease event and treatment in the 129 patients with a clinical complete response managed by watch and wait

# High-dose chemoradiotherapy and watchful waiting for distal rectal cancer: a prospective observational study

Ane L Appelt, John Pløen, Henrik Harling, Frank S Jensen, Lars H Jensen, Jens C R Jørgensen, Jan Lindebjerg, Søren R Rafaelsen, Anders Jakobsen

	Early surgery after incomplete response (n=7)	Surgery at local recurrence (n=9)*
Surgery type		
Abdominoperineal resection	6 (86%)	9 (100%)
Other	1 (14%)	0 (0%)
Pathological evaluation		
Primary tumour		
pT0	2 (29%)	0
pT1	2 (29%)	2 (22%)
pT2	2 (29%)	3 (33%)
pT3	1 (14%)	4 (44%)
Node		
pN0	6 (86%)	9 (100%)
pN1	1 (14%)	0



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# Case report

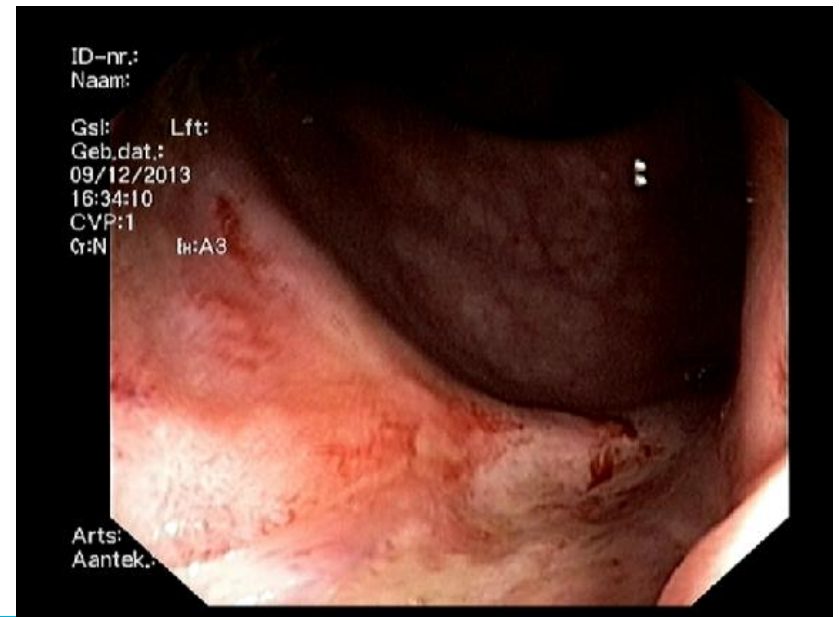
- 75 yr old male
- Perfect clinical condition
- cT3N1 rectal cancer 35mm, 10mm of anorectal ring
- 'no stoma'
- Chemoradiation

# Case report

- 2.5 months after chemoradiation



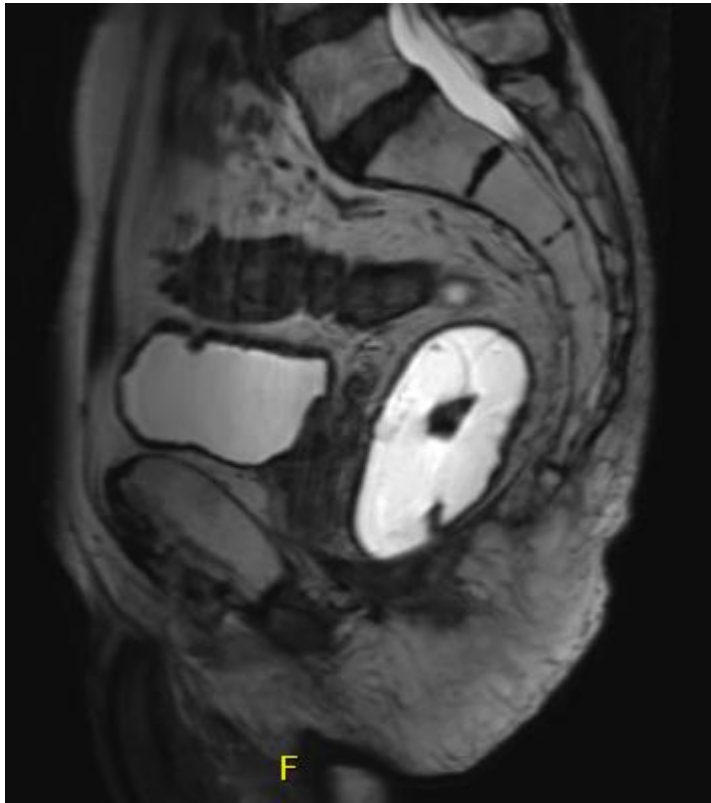
no residual disease



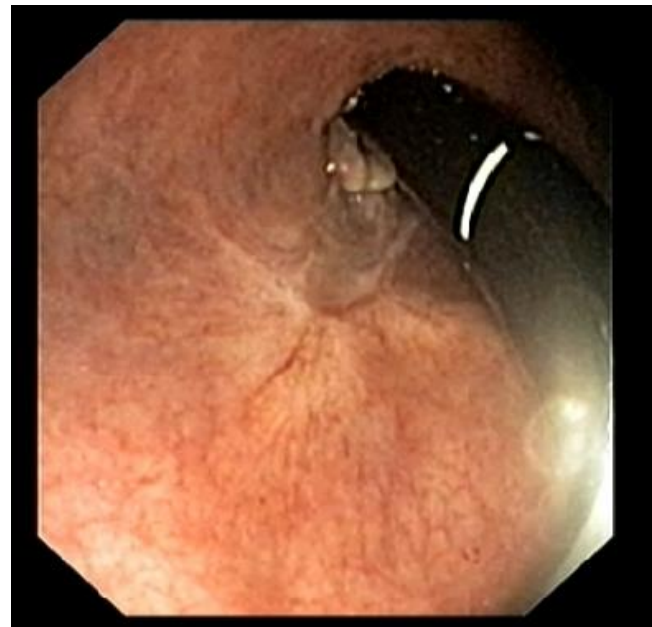
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# Case report

- 17 months after chemoradiation



no residual disease



# Case report

- 23 months after chemoradiation: 'abdominal discomfort'

Primary tumor not visible, lymph node at S1



No abnormalities



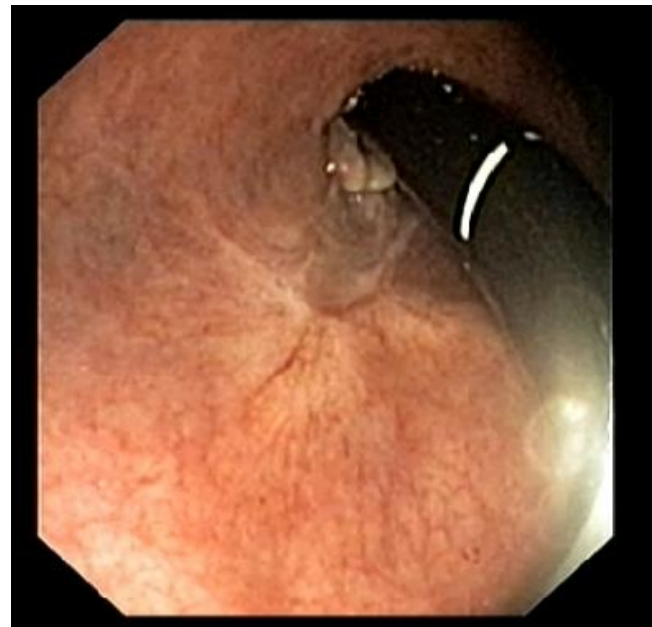
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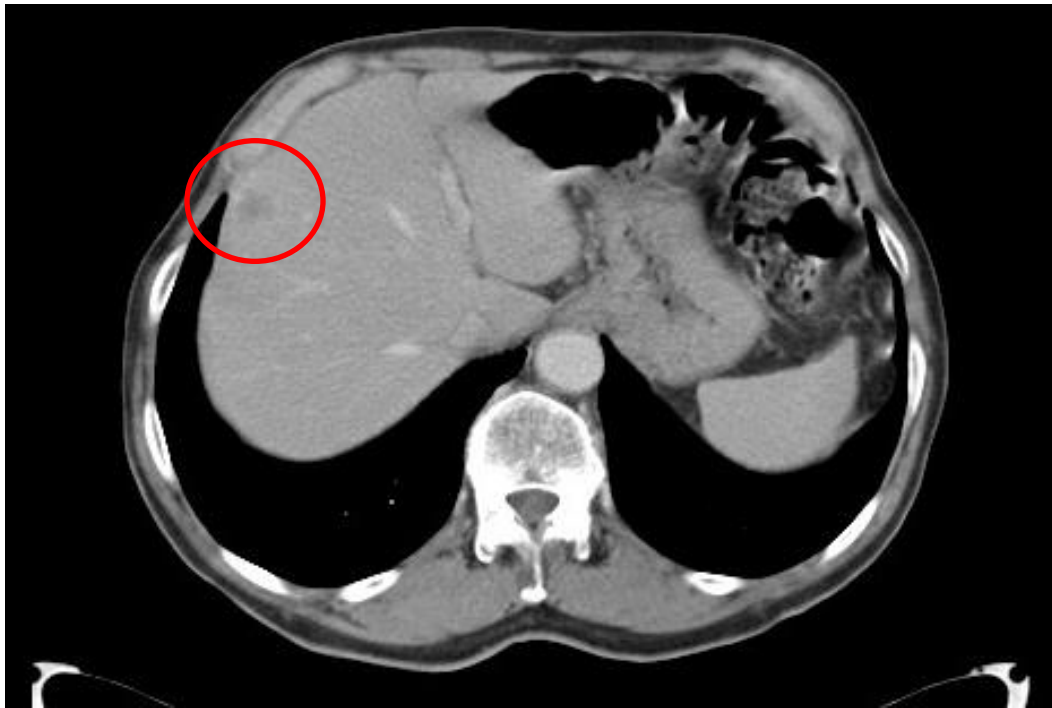
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# Case report

- 23 months after chemoradiation



1 liver metastasis in  
segment VIII

Started with systemic  
therapy because patient  
refused surgery



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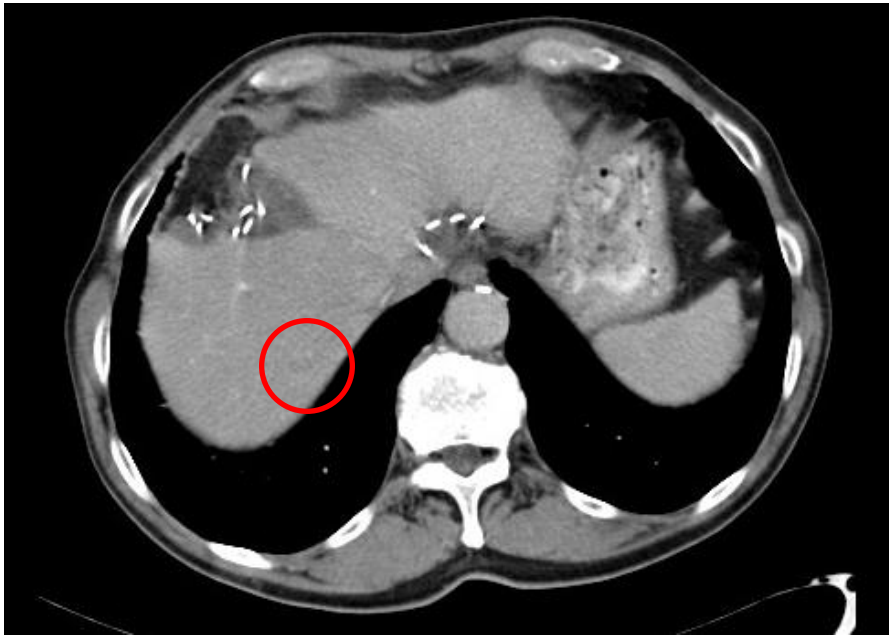
# Case report

- After 2 courses of systemic therapy, severe LARS symptoms
- 28 months after chemoradiation:
- Abdominoperineal resection with segment VIII and II resection
- Pathology:
  - I) Liver: segment VIII: 15mm metastasis
  - II) Liver: segment II: 9mm metastasis
  - III) APR: small submucosal lesion of 3 mm well differentiated adenocarcinoma 15mm above anorectal verge. 20mm perineural tumordeposit, all other mesorectal nodes without lymph node metastases.

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# Case report

- 31 months after chemoradiation



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# Case report

- 31 months after chemoradiation
- Multiple new liver lesions
- Started with palliative systemic therapy
- Deceased 4 years after chemoradiation

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# MRI

- **Response assessment is not easy:**
- Intraluminal disease
- Mesorectal nodes (50-60% accuracy)
- Extra mesorectal nodes
- Nodes above the radiation field

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# Endoscopy

- **Response assessment is not easy:**
- Clinical complete response (ypT0)                      wait
- Near complete response (ypT1)                      wait or TEM
- Incomplete response (ypT1-2)                      TEM or TME
- No response (ypT2-3)                      TME

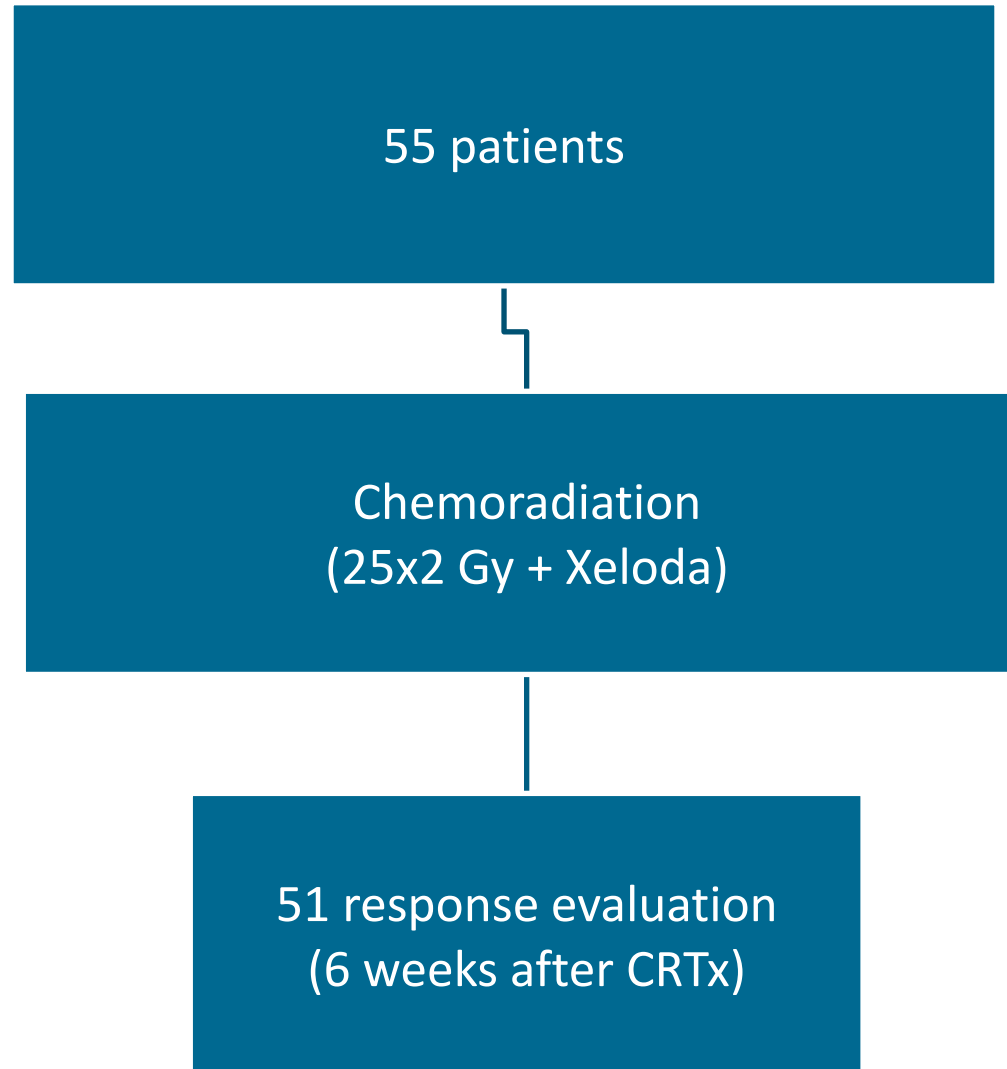
# Chemoradiation therapy for rectal cancer in the distal rectum followed by organ-sparing transanal endoscopic microsurgery (CARTS study)

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	No of patients* ( <i>n</i> = 55)
Age (years)†	64 (39–82)
Sex ratio (M : F)	30 : 25
Tumour size (cm)‡	3.4 (3.0–5.0)
Clinical tumour category	
cT1	10
cT2	29
cT3	16
Clinical node category	
cN0	50
cN1	5
Distance from anal verge (cm)‡	3.5 (2.0–6.0)

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# CARTS



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# Response evaluation

**DRE, MRI, endo-anal US, Endoscopy**

**6 weeks after chemoradiation**

**26 patients endoscopy pictures available**

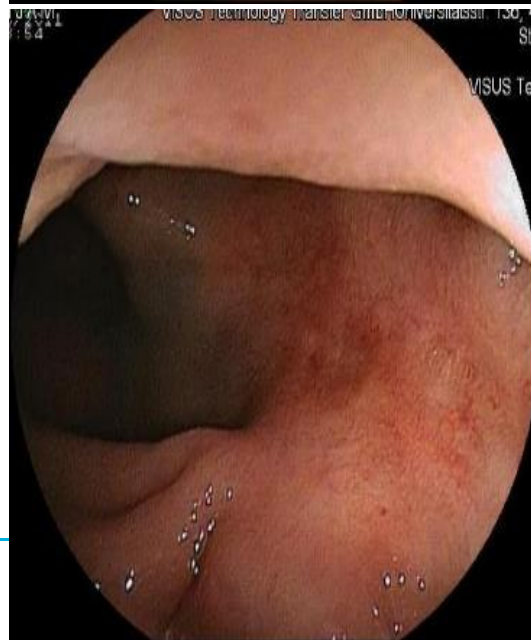




# Patient: ypT2

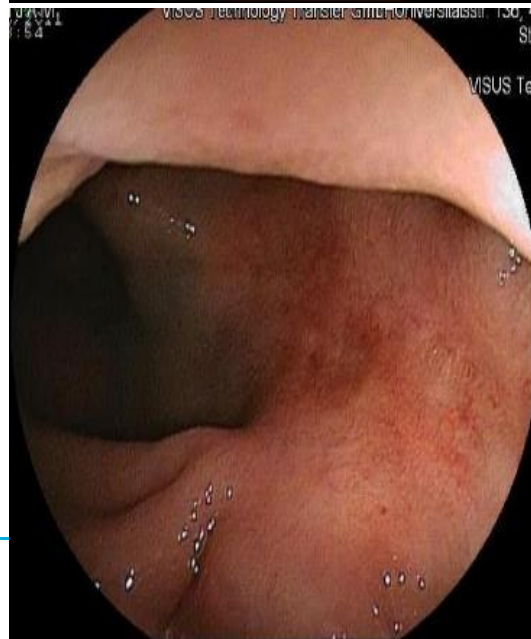
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# Patient 3: ypT0





# Patient 4 ypT0

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# Patient 6: ypT3

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# CARTS endoscopies

Not easy

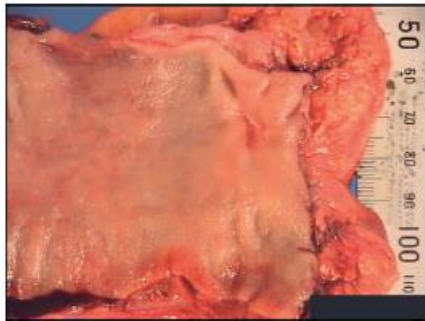
6-8 weeks repeated examinations

Dedicated examiners

Learn from feedback

# The surgical significance of residual mucosal abnormalities in rectal cancer following neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy

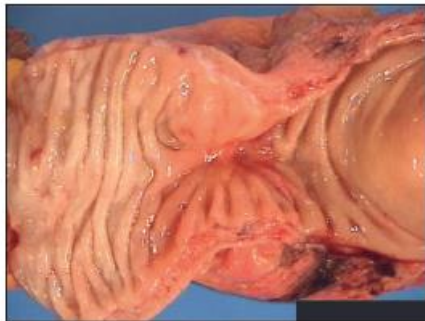
F. M. Smith<sup>1,2</sup>, K. H. Chang<sup>1,2</sup>, K. Sheahan<sup>2,3</sup>, J. Hyland<sup>1,2</sup>, P. R. O'Connell<sup>1,2</sup> and D. C. Winter<sup>1,2</sup>



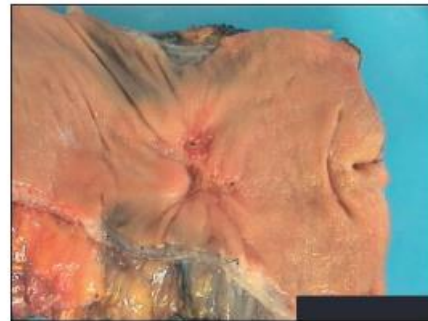
a Very small mucosal defect



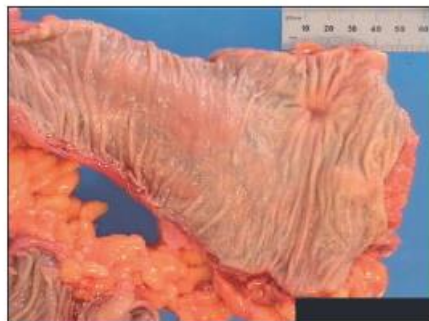
b Deep mucosal ulcer



c Stenosis and ulceration



d Mucosal puckering and irregularity



e Shallow but definite mucosal ulcer

- Various suspicious lesions demonstrated to be ypT0N0
- ycPR = ypCR = 19/31 = 61%

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# CARTS Clinical response (DRE, Scopy, EndoUS, MRI)

- 4 pts with minor/no clinical response: TME surgery
  - 2 ypT1N0 (overstaged)
  - 2 ypT2N1
- 47 pts with successfull clinical response: TEM treatment
  - 21 ypT0N0
  - 9 ypT1N0
  - 15 ypT2N0 (understaged)
  - 1 ypT3N0
  - 1 ypT0N1

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Treatment	ypT0-1	Total
5x5Gy 5-15 weeks delay	26 (15.2%)	171
Chemoradiation	210 (23.3%)	900
Total number	236	1071

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