



Rectal adenocarcinomas – adjuvant and neoadjuvant treatments

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1. Optimal surgery (TME and APE) reduce local recurrence and improve survival
2. Good MRI may guide surgery and selective preoperative radiotherapy
3. Radiotherapy and surgery overtreatment may lead to poorer quality of life
4. With current neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatments distant recurrences and better survival are still a challenge
5. Complete responders to preoperative chemo and radiation treatments have excellent survival and may avoid surgery
6. New molecular classifications may define new prognostic and predictive subgroups.