## <u>G.I.T CANCERS - ONCOLOGIST VIEW</u>



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## **ONCO PRINCIPLE**





## Adequate Surgery + Adjuvant therapy is the Standard treatment

# Adjuvant treatment is not an answer to incomplete surgery



#### Achieving R<sub>0</sub> Resection –

# Excision of tumor with wide clearance & lymphadenectomy

## With - restoration of function

### ADEQUATE SURGERY-HOW MUCH CLEARENCE?

- Esophagus 10 cm
- Stomach 5 cm
- Hepatobiliary -
- Pancreas 1 cm
- Colon 5 cm

Clearance in Colon resection is based on vascular anatomy

1 cm

ADEQUATE LYMPHADENECTOMY HOW MANY NODES?

- Esophagus
- Stomach -
- Hepatobiliary -
- Pancreas -
- Colon

- 25 nodes
- 15 nodes
  - 3 nodes
- 10 nodes
  - 12-15 nodes

## RESECTABILITY RATE

15%

20%

- Esophagus 20%
- Stomach
  - Proximal 20%
  - Distal 35%
- Hepatobiliary -
- Pancreas -
- Colon 95%

## GOALS OF SURGICAL THERAPY

- Reasonable opportunity for cure
- Risk of death should not outweigh the prospects for cure



## PRINCIPLE

- Resectability should be determined preoperatively by CT Scan & Laproscopy
- Laparotomy should be therapeutic not diagnostic
- Palliative Laparotomy should be avoided



## APPROCH



## ORDER OF INVESTIGATION

## CONFIRMATION OF DIAGNOSIS

#### Biopsy

#### METASTATIC WORKUP

- X-ray chest
- US abdomen
- CT scan



- In general it is recommended before treatment
- Biopsy should not be done in operable liver and pancreatic cancer
- Biopsy is a must ,before starting chemo and RT (Neoadjuvant therapy)

## THE NEED OF THIS ERA



## Multidisciplinary Tumor Board

## Finalize Tumor staging

Formulates treatment plan





## DATA EXPECTED FROM PATHOLOGIST

- Grade
- Histological type
- Margin status
- Lymphovascular invasion

- No. of nodes in specimen
- No. of nodes involved
- Extracapsular disease

## **RECURRENCE - APPROCH**

#### CA STOMACH ORDER OF RECURRENCE



#### Stomach bed Lymph node Anastomosis

Ideal investigation – CT combined with endoscopy

## SURGICAL PRINCIPLE

# TNM - T stage

## Type and Location of Tumours of Oesophagus



- Location
  - Lower third Adenocarcinoma
  - Middle third , Upper third Squamous,

## Types of oesophageal resections

- Orringer procedure
- Ivor Lewis procedure
- McKeown procedure
- Left thoracotomy approach
- Thoracoabdominal approach
- Minimaly invasive procedure

# Factors determining the type of operation

## Location of the tumor

- Extent
- Concurrent pathology
- Available conduits for reconstruction
- Surgeon preference

#### Oesophagus

- Overall survival still poor in patients with esophageal cancer
- Surgery remains mainstay of treatment
- There is no ideal approach to esophagectomy
- Outcomes are best when performed in high volume centers

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### SIEWERT CLASSIFICATION:

- Type i: esophageal cancer involving OG junction
- Type ii: primary OG junction growth
- Type iii: stomach lesion involving OG junction

Type I needs esophageal resection



#### EXTENT OF GASTRIC RESECTION ? TOTAL VS SUBTOTAL GASTRECTOMY

 Proximal gastric cancer Total gastrectomy
Distal gastric cancer

Distal Subtotal gastrectomy

Morbidity & location of the primary tumor dictates the extent of gastric resection

#### EXTENT OF GASTRIC RESECTION

	MORTALITY	MORBIDITY
Proximal gastrectomy	6%	52%
Total gastrectomy	3%	38%
Distal gastrectomy	2%	28%

50% mortality is due to anastomotic leak

# ADJACENT ORGAN INVOLVEMENT HOW TO PROCEED? DUODENUM : 2 cm clearance

- OSOPHAGUS : 10 cm clearance
- COLON : segmental resection
- MESOCOLON : trace SMA node (if + unresectable)
- OMENTUM :
  - direct invasion,T3 resectable
  - Nodules metastasis
- PANCREAS :
  - Distal : distal pancreatectomy
  - Proximal : unresectable

#### After completion of total radical gastrectomy



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## LAPAROTOMY SHOULD BE THERAPEUTIC

#### Incidence & mortality rates are equal

Complete pancreaticoduodenectomy (margin negative) only has survival advantage

Only 30 - 50% of patients who undergo surgery with curative intent have their tumor successfully removed

Majority who undergo surgical exploration had no survival advantage but had morbidity, Median survival 6 months

(no difference without surgery)





#### Pancreas -

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- 1. Absence of extra pancreatic disease
- 2. A patent superior mesenteric –portal vein (SMPV) confluence
- 3. No direct tumor extension to the celiac axis or SMA



#### operable



#### inoperable



SMA involvement is a C/I for surgery whereas SMV involvement is not-Why?

- The autonomic nerve plexus and lymphatic channel passes only around the artery & not vein
- If artery is involved this neurolymphatics is also involved. So tumor clearance is not possible



## COLO RECTAL CANCER

#### GOOD PROGNOSIS among the G I T cancers 70% of cancers are in the rectum and recto sigmoid junction

## COLON EXTENT OF RESECTION

- 5cm. of normal bowel proximal and distal to the tumor
- Determined by the blood vessels that must be divided to remove the lymphatic drainage of the tumor bearing portion of the colon with tumor free margins




In rectal cancer try to preserve sphincter without compromising clearance



- Neo adjuvant chemoirrdiation
- Stapler
- Colo anal anastamosis

## DISTAL MARGIN - EMERGING CONCEPT

Previously held belief – 5 cm required.

Studies have shown that the Distal extent of cancer rarely exceeds 2 cm.(only 2.5 %)

 Chances of local recurrence are not decreased by increasing Distal margins to > 2 cm.

#### ABSOLUTE INDICATIONS FOR APR

#### Involvement of Sphincter Complex.

#### **T**3, T4 lesions of the Lower Third Rectum.

Extension of the tumor below the Dentate line.

#### TOTAL MESORECTAL EXCISION

- Commonest cause of local recurrence in rectal cancer is incomplete excision of mesorectum
- So total mesorectal excision [TME] with circumferential clearance of rectal cancer is the procedure of choice
- > TME is mandatory in lower and middle third rectal cancer
- In upper third cancer, 5cm clearance of mesorectum from lower margin of the cancer is enough

#### TOTAL MESORECTAL EXCISION

In rectal surgery, posterior plane of dissection is in-between the mesorectum and presacral fascia. It is an avascular plane and contains hypogastric nerve

Hypogastric nerve should be dissected off from mesorectum by sharp dissection

# NERVE TO BE PRESERVED

Syn\_Lathetic – Hypogastric nerve

#### superior pelvic plexus

- at sacral promontary single midline

#### Inferior pelvic plexus

- At lateral wall of the rectum with Para sympathetic –Nervi ergentis latral two



#### Adjacent organ involvement is it a advanced stage ?



- Extraperitoneal adjacent organ involvement is T4 and is still staged as IIB(T4 N0M0). Not a advanced stage.
- Ultra Radical procedures with curative intent is a worthwhile option



After APR if post operative RT is planned, pelvic cavity has to be filled with omentum or any material like implants in order to prevent small intestine to enter into pelvic cavity to avoid radiation enteritis





#### **Rectal cancer enbloc sacral resection**



### SURGICAL PRINCIPLE

# TNM - N stage

# LYMPHADENECTOMY

# Radical surgery for cancer

• GIT Cancer fails more at Radial margins.

 Chance of cure is only possible in loco regional treatment than local treatment in non metastatic cancer



LYMPHNODES - METASTASIS?

Esophagus

celiac nodes/supraclivicular node

- Stomach N3 nodes
- Pancreas
- Colon
- Rectum
- celiac nodes
  - S.M.A / I.M.A nodes
  - Common iliac nodes

# THREE FIELD LYMPHADENECTOMY

### **BASIS –** skip metastases

- 40 % of middle third and 20 % of lower third cancers have metastases in neck nodes
- 20 % of upper third cancers have metastases in celiac nodes
  - -Isonomy et al.

#### THREE FIELD LYMPHADENECTOMY

Extirpation of tumor bearing oesophagus with a wide envelope of adjoining tissues including pleura, pericardium, thoracic duct etc., to maximize loco regional control

LYMPHADENECTOMY – Mediastinum Abdomen Neck



#### **First field mediastinum**

#### **Second field abdomen**



#### third field neck







#### N1 NODES Along the Curvatures

- Rt. cardiac node
   Lt. cardiac node
   Lesser curvature node
   Greater curvature node
- 5. Supra pyloric node
- 6. Infra pyloric node

7. Lt. Gastric node
8. Common hepatic node
9. Celiac node
10. Splenic hilar node
11. Splenic A. node

N2 NODES Along the Named vessels





#### LYMPHATIC DRINAGE

- N1, N2 nodes are Regional nodes and N3 nodes are Metastasis
  - Involvement of N3 nodes is a contraindication for radical surgery
- In D2 lymphadenectomy the minimum number of nodes to be resected is 15
- RML Ratio of metastatic to uninvolved lymph nodes, is now emerging as a significant prognostic factor

# D2 GASTRECTOMY

Removal of the stomach along with omental bursa

- Greater omentum
- Lesser omentum
- Anterior layer of mesocolon
- Anterior pancreatic capsule

Lymphadenectomy upto D2 station

#### EXTENT OF LYMPH NODE DISSECTION

	MORTALITY	MORBIDITY
D2 Gastrectomy	10%	43%
D1 Gastrectomy	4%	25%

Increased mortality in D2 gastrectomy is association with splenectomy and distal pancreatectomy

# **REGIONAL VS METASTASIS**

**METASTASIS** 

Fourth tier – Principle node

along the S.M.A, I.M.A

#### REGIONAL

First tier -Epicolic nodes adjacent to colon

Second tier – Para colic along the marginal vessels

Third tier – intermediate nodes along the named branch

Colon

S.M.A / I.M.A nodes



Common iliac nodes





In colo-rectal cancer ,chance of cure is high after radical surgery when nodal disease is limited to intermediate nodes

But if principle nodes are involved it is incurable

In anterior resection – Clearance of the nodes below the left colic artery is enough

Clearance of I.M.A nodes is optional

# Sharp dissection of mesorectum preserves these structures

Radical treatment of rectal cancer results in high rate of impotence in male

In rectal surgery, posterior plane of dissection is in-between the mesorectum and presacral fascia. It is an avascular plane and contains hypogastric nerve

Hypogastric nerve should be dissected off from mesorectum by sharp dissection

## Proximal lymph node dissection

#### Follow the arterial supply

- Predominant spread along the great vessels
   Proximal extent :

   left colic
   inforior mecontoric
  - inferior mesenteric



#### A.P.R done for ant. placed lower rectal cancer, post. Vaginal wall to be removed enblock with rectum for clearence

**RATIONAL:** 

Common lymphatics in rectovaginal septum

### SURGICAL PRINCIPLE

# TNM - M stage

# METASTATIC CANCER

#### COMMENEST SITE OF METS





- Generally incurable
- In Colorectal cancer upto 3 Liver metastasis and single Pulmonary metastasis is curable (single site metastasis)



# TREATMENT - PALLIATIVE SURGERY

STOMACH : only with complication

COLORECTAL: All pts. to prevent comlications

#### PALLIATIVE GASTRECTOMY FOR METASTATIC CANCER IS IT WORTHWHILE?





 Doing palliative gastrectomy for metastatic cancer- without complication, to be avoided

# **SURVIVAL** ESOPHAGUS : 4 mths

- LIVER : 4 mths
- PANCREAS & : STOMACH

COLON

4 mths (without chemo) 8 mths (with chemo)

9 mths (with hepatomegaly)
 2 Yrs (with out hepatomegaly)
 chemotherapy adds 6 mths

#### MANAGEMENT OF TERMINALLY ILL PATIENT

 Treatment should not cause more harm than the disease itself

In oncology at some circumstances NO treatment is the best treatment


## **MULTIMODAL - PRINCIPLE**

'successful treatment depends on three main factors: a sound knowledge of the disease, a wise selection of the method of treatment and accurate and skillful technique'

**'The choice of the best method of treatment requires complete freedom from bias for any particular form of treatment**'

Stanford Cade 1940



colon



#### pancreas

#### rectum

#### Location

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## TREATMENT OPTION

#### OPERABLE CANCER:

- Esophagectomy remains the standard of care for resectable esophageal cancers
- Extend of esophagectomy THE to Three Field esophagectomy based on circumstances

#### INOPERABLE CANCER:

External beam RT & stent



## TREATMENT OPTION

#### OPERABLE

D2 Gastrectomy + Chemoradiation

#### INOPERABLE

- Without complication : Chemotherapy
- With complication :

**Palliative surgery + Chemotherapy** 



#### OPERABLE

SURGERY - Pancreaticoduodenectomy

#### INOPERABLE

 Palliative Bypass & Chemotherapy (Gemcitabine)

# COLORECTAL - TREATMENT OPTION

#### OPERABLE

- COLON Surgery & Chemotherapy
- RECTUM Surgery & Chemoirradiation

### INOPERABLE

Palliative surgery & Chemotherapy

## ADJUVANT TREATMENT

#### CHEMOIRRADIATION:

- Stomach
- Pancreas ( > 3 cm, node +)
- Hepatobiliary ( node +, margin +)
- Rectum (T3, T4, node +)
- 3 doses of bolus 5 FU during
- 1<sup>st</sup> & last week of RT (RT dose 4500 rads)
- CHEMOTHERAPY:
  - Colon cancer

## Ca. Colon – Adjuvant Chemo. Indications

## T3, T4 lesions - selected cases Any T with N1 or N2 – all cases

#### Regimens:

6 cycles of 5FU + Leucovorin is standard

 Oxaliplatin & Irinotecan in combination with others tried

## Indications – chemoirradiation in rectal cancer

- $1\ T3$  , T4 , Node positive
- 2 after conservative surgery
- 3 before exenteration
- 4 lower rectal cancer

Except T1 ,T2 lesion in upper and middle rectum

## CHEMOIRRADIATION

#### PREOPERATIVE Vs POSTOPERATIVE

#### Ideal preoperative

- Increases the survival
- Less complication
- RT field is small

#### All T3, T4 & N1 lesion warrants preoperative RT followed by surgery





Pre operative RT Patient in full bladder, prone Position Mobile small bowel shifted up

Post operative RT Patient in full bladder, prone Position Fixed small bowel not shifted up



## Advantages of Neoadjuvant therapy:

Regression has made Sphincter preservation possible.

Better Radial margins Decreases the chances of Local recurrence.

Target volume less Less risk of tumor implantation.

Decreased tumor bulk allows easier dissection in narrow pelvis.

Radiation in rectal cancer lpng course vs short course

long course 50 gy in 5 weeks
Localy advanced lesions and for sphinter
preserving surgery
short course 25 gy in 1 week
as a protocal for field sterilisation in T3
and N1 lesion



#### OPERATING SURGEON-PROGNOSTIC FACTOR?



#### Fact, always known but scientifically and statistically accepted only recently

## PANCREATIC CANCER

Surgeon as a prognostic factor in the management of pancreatic cancer

Surgeon's skill and expertise matters not hospital volume

Elizabeth Saettler *et al* Surg. Oncol. Clin. N. Am. 2003 Jan. 9(1) 133-142

## COLORECTAL CANCER

#### **REVIEW OF 13 STUDIES BY ALAN P. MEAGHER**

specialist surgeon achieved significantly better results in all outcome measures including choice of surgery (TME and sphincter preservation), adjuvant treatment (preop radiation), local recurrence rate and overall survival

Med. J. Aust. 1999 Sept 20; 171(6) 308-10

## COLORECTAL CANCER

#### centre is a prognostic factor for local recurrence and survival and sphincter preservation for mid rectal cancer

	Local recurrence	5 year survival
Cancer centre	9.5%	63%
General hospital	50%	54%
	( <i>p</i> 0.0001)	( <i>p</i> 0.04)

Luma – Perez *et al* Rev. Invest. Clin. 1999 July – August; 51(4) 205-13



## TUMOR BIOLOGY ? OR INADEQUATE TREATMENT ?

## WORD FOR A SURGEON

In all the moments of a surgeon there should be neither haste nor waste. It matters less how quickly an operation is done than how accurately it is done. Speed should result from the method and practical facility of the operation and should not be his first and formal intention.

## WORD FOR A SURGEON

It should be an accomplishment and not an aim and every movement should tell and every action should achieve something.

A manipulation if it requires to be carried out should not be half done and hesitatingly done. It should be deliberate, firm, intentional and final.

## WORD FOR A SURGEON

Infinite gentleness, scrupulous care, light handling and purposeful, effective and quest movement which are not more than a caress are all necessary if an operation is to be the work of an artist and not merely a hewer of flesh.

## **Lord Moynihan**





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