



Clinical Management of Rectal Cancer

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Message from the Guest Editor

The modern treatment of advanced rectal cancers includes the combination of the best aspects of surgical, medical and radiation oncology options. Over the last 20 years, the technical and medical development in these different treatment fields has been huge. Total neoadjuvant therapy for locally advanced rectal cancer has been shown to reduce distant failure. Robotic low anterior resection may provide potential advantages in terms of postoperative outcome and long-term functional outcome, but more evidence is needed to confirm these results. There is growing evidence that the selective use of neoadjuvant treatment in cT3 rectal cancer based on the circumferential resection margin on MRI is associated with low local recurrence rates and beneficial long-term results.

In this Special Issue, the focus will be on the results of multimodality treatments for advanced rectal cancer, taking into consideration modern surgical techniques such as robotic surgery. Of particular interest will be papers comparing the early postoperative outcome, the oncology outcome, the rate and management of complications, and the quality of life achieved using different treatments.





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