



## Personalized Treatment Modalities for Rectal Cancer

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The progress of rectal cancer treatment is remarkable. Patients with rectal cancer now have several treatment options to consider, including advanced sphincter-sparing procedures and non-operative management. Watch-and-wait programs create demanding endoscopic surveillance regimens and require diligence to ensure compliance to catch persistent and recurrent disease early for successful salvage. Surgical advances in sphincter-sparing techniques are now available, but are they always the correct decision for all patients? As we face ongoing challenges in caring for a growing number of older, frail adults, we are also seeing a surge in young-onset rectal cancer cases. The need for multidisciplinary support to discuss issues of fertility, longer-term consequences of bowel function, and quality of life during survivorship are apparent. In this Special Issue, we welcome authors to submit papers on the personalized treatment of rectal cancer.

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