Management of Localized Prostate Cancer



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Outcomes After Radical Prostatectomy

- Early post-op complications
- Bladder neck contracture
- Urinary incontinence
- Erectile dysfunction
- Rate of positive surgical margins
- Biochemical recurrence
- Have all been associated with surgical technique

Does a patient's chance of cure depend on the surgeon?

- MSKCC, Baylor, Cleveland Clinic, Wayne State
- 9376 patients undergoing RP from 1987 2003:
 - 210: missing data; 1316: neoadjuvant therapy
 - 7850 patients in sample
- 73 surgeons
 - 38 only conducted RP at a study institution
 - 23 conducted < 20 RP's before treating 1st study patient



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Radical Prostatectomy

- Robotic-assisted laparoscopic RP (RALP)
- Laparoscopic RP
- Open retropubic RP
- Perineal RP

Open versus Minimally Invasive Radical Prostatectomy

<u>Open</u>

- Advantages
 - Familiarity/Experience
 - Well defined results
 - Excellent cancer control
- Disadvantages
 - Incisional pain
 - Higher blood loss
 - Difficult to visualize nerves without loupes

Minimally Invasive

- Advantages
 - Shorter recovery
 - Rapid return to work
 - Less blood loss
 - Early catheter removal
 - Magnified image
- Disadvantages
 - Technically challenging
 Loss of sense of touch
 - Immature outcome data
 - ? long-term CA control



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Reference	No. patients	Continence 98% 95% 93% 91% 91%	
Kleinhans (1999)	44		
Steiner (2000)	593		
Walsh (2000)	64		
Bianco (2006)	1472		
Tewari (2003)	200		
Patel (2005)	200	98% 86%	
Esposito (2006)	625		
Zorn (2007)	300	90%	

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Potency	Potency After RALP and Open RP					
Reference	No.	% BNS	Time after OR	Potent		
Catalona (1999)	798	86	18 months	68%		
Walsh (2000)	64	100	18 months	86%		
Graefen (2006)	542	NA	12 months	90%		
Eastham (2007)	97	60	6 months	72%		
Tewari (2003)	200	100	12 months	84%		
Joseph (2006)	150	86	6 months	68%		
Esposito (2006)	160	NA	24 months	70%		
Zorn (2007)	161	62	12 months	80%		



Reference	No.	pT2	pT3
Hull (2002)	1000	13%	
Harris (2003)	508	2%	48%
Touijer (2006)	692	5%	22%
Menon (2003)	100	11%	40%
Menon (2004)	565	23%	
Ahlering (2003)	1-50	27%	50%
	51-140	5%	44%



Conclusions: Radical Prostatectomy

- · Most patients are candidates for either RALP or open RP
- Either approach is technically demanding with functional and cancer control outcomes dependent on the skill/experience of the surgeon
- Studies to date have shown that RALP:
 - · Results in shorter hospital stay, lower transfusion rates, fewer BNC
 - No advantage in continence and potency (? Inferior results)
- · Costs are higher for RALP
 - Initial costs of procedure
 - ? Secondary treatment costs (continence and potency)









Focal Cryotherapy Outcomes

- Focal cryoablation is 48 men: mean follow-up: 4.5 yrs
- 45 of 48 patients (94%) have stable PSA levels (ASTRO)
- Of 24 patients who were biopsied all were negative
- Potency was maintained to the satisfaction of the patient in of 36 of 40 patients
- All were continent

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HIFU

- HIFU, or high intensity focused ultrasound, is a therapy that destroys unhealthy tissue with rapid heat elevation
- Ultrasound energy is focused at a specific location in the body. At that location, or focal point, the temperature rapidly rises to almost 90 degrees Celsius (195 degrees Fahrenheit). Any tissue at the focal point is destroyed















Focal Therapy in Prostate Cancer Conclusions

- Feasible and safe
- Issues
 - Which patient is best suited for focal therapy?
 - What is the best energy source?
 - How should patients be monitored?



Conclusions

- Screening with PSA identifies prostate cancer when it is more likely confined to the prostate
- Radical Prostatectomy has a high likelihood of cure but is technically challenging with results dependent on the surgeon
- New technologies for focal treatment are being delevoped

