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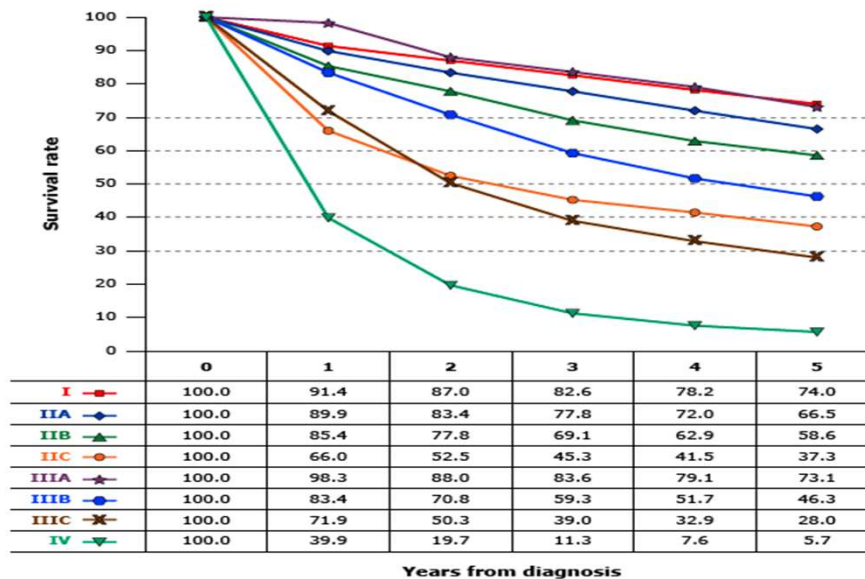
SEER 5-year survival rate for colorectal cancer in USA 2023

| SEER Stage | Percentage Diagnosed | Five-Year Survival Rate |
|------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Localized | 35% | 90.9% |
| Regional | 35% | 73.4% |
| Distant | 23% | 15.6% |
| Unstaged | 6% | 48.6% |
| Overall | | 65% |

5-year survival of CRC by age and stage at diagnosis 2004-2014

| Age (y) | AJCC Stage | n | 1-year | | 5-years | |
|---------|------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | | | Survival (%) | 95% CI | Survival (%) | 95% CI |
| 20-64 | I | 26,341 | 98.3 | 98.1, 98.5 | 95.2 | 94.7, 95.6 |
| | IIA | 21,680 | 98.2 | 97.9, 98.4 | 89.6 | 89.0, 90.2 |
| | IIB | 4,169 | 90.7 | 89.7, 91.6 | 67.6 | 65.8, 69.4 |
| | IIIA | 4,433 | 98.2 | 97.7, 98.6 | 91.3 | 90.0, 92.4 |
| | IIIB | 17,945 | 96.1 | 95.8, 96.4 | 76.9 | 76.0, 77.7 |
| | IIIC | 11,853 | 93.5 | 93.0, 94.0 | 61.8 | 60.7, 62.8 |
| | IV | 30,669 | 64.7 | 64.1, 65.2 | 14.2 | 13.7, 14.7 |
| ≥65 | I | 33,848 | 92.5 | 92.1, 92.9 | 89.1 | 88.3, 89.8 |
| | IIA | 33,564 | 91.9 | 91.5, 92.3 | 84.4 | 83.5, 85.1 |
| | IIB | 5,972 | 75.9 | 74.6, 77.1 | 55.0 | 53.0, 56.9 |
| | IIIA | 3,872 | 92.2 | 91.0, 93.2 | 85.1 | 82.8, 87.1 |
| | IIIB | 20,198 | 85.6 | 85.0, 86.1 | 64.6 | 63.6, 65.7 |
| | IIIC | 11,376 | 77.4 | 76.5, 78.2 | 45.5 | 44.2, 46.8 |
| | IV | 30,246 | 39.1 | 38.5, 39.7 | 7.4 | 7.0, 7.8 |

SURVIVAL BY



CHEMOTHERAPY OPTIONS

- Approx 80% of colon cancers are localized to the colon wall and lymph nodes.
- Surgery is the only curative modality for localized colon cancer.
- Goal of postoperative ADJUVANT therapy is to eradicate micrometastasis and increase cure rates.
- Benefits of adjuvant chemotherapy is established to stage III disease (Node positive)



CHEMOTHERAPY OPTIONS

- Approx 20-25% of colon cancers are diagnosed at advanced stage. (stage IV)
- Systemic chemotherapy is the mainstay of treatment.
- Treatment is PALLIATIVE and prolongs survival.
- VEGF inhibitors and Monoclonal antibodies are part of the chemotherapy backbone for treatment.
- Surgery is occasionally an option in selected oligometastatic disease.



BACKGROUND

- 5-fluorouracil (5-FU) was introduced in 1958 with modest improvement in treatment of advanced colon cancer.
- Further improvements were demonstrated by biomodulation of 5-FU activity when administered in conjunction with leucovorin.
- More effective 5 FU based combination regimen were designed over the years.
- Adjuvant chemotherapy was established as standard of care for Node positive disease in early 90's when clinical trials showed survival benefit. Initially 5 FU, Leucovorin and levamisole and subsequently different 5FU and leucovorin based regimen were shown effective.
- Oxaliplatin was subsequently proven to be superior when added to 5 FU and leucovorin and is currently established as the standard regimen.

CHEMOTHERAPY REGIMEN

- Most treatment involves a combination of oral and intravenous chemotherapy drugs
- Oxaliplatin, 5 Fluorouracil, leucovorin, Capecitabine
- Drugs are administered in a specific order and on specific days
- For Node positive colon cancer, a course of oxaliplatin containing chemotherapy is generally recommended for most patients. Treatment in older patients is controversial and is customised.

CHEMOTHERAPY-Benefits

NODE POSITIVE COLON CANCER, (Stage III)

- 30% reduction in risk of recurrence and 22-32% reduction in mortality with modern chemotherapy

NODE NEGATIVE COLON CANCER (Stage II)

- Benefit is small and treatment is individualized based on risk factors and shared decision making as well as choice of chemotherapy.
- (T4, <12 nodes in resected specimen, perforation, obstruction, poorly differentiated, lymphovascular invasion). In addition MMR and MSI status

CHEMOTHERAPY-Duration

SIX MONTHS VS THREE MONTHS

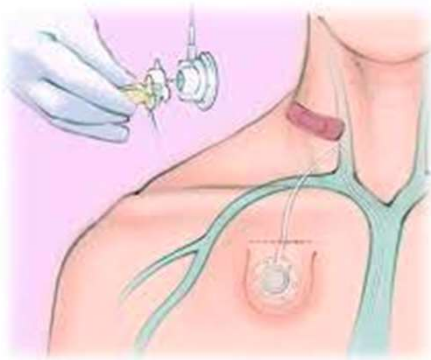
- Six month of therapy is the standard approach. Optimal duration is evolving
 - 6 MONTHS-high risk
 - 3 MONTHS-Low risk

CHEMOTHERAPY-side effects

- Generally should commence 6-8 weeks after surgery
- Placement of in central venous catheter (Mediport)
- Portable pump

SIDE EFFECTS (toxicities)

- Nausea, stomatitis, diarrhea, decreased appetite
- Myelosuppression (decreased blood counts)
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Hand foot syndrome



CHALLENGES & Future directions

- New models for risk determination
- New more effective regimens
- ctDNA

THANK YOU