



Rectal Cancer: New Insights into the Diagnosis and Treatment

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Rectal cancer has been a driving challenge for basic science (carcinogenesis, molecular biology, pharmacology) and clinical medicine, such as pathology, gastroenterology, radiology, surgery oncology and medical/interdisciplinary oncology. The multimodal treatment or conservative therapy of defined stages in rectal cancer has now become standard and is continuously improving. New developments are aiming at individualizing treatment to radiochemotherapy without resection in patients at a high risk for surgery. The outcome in rectal cancer treatment varies with surgical quality and the quality of interdisciplinary multimodal diagnosis and treatment, molecular biology included. In this context, continuous developments contribute to individualized concepts and highest quality at specialized centers.

This Special Issue on rectal cancer provides new insights into the diagnosis and treatment of this cancer type, frequent in Western countries and increasing in incidence in Eastern countries.





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