



Lymph Node Dissection in Colorectal Cancer

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Colorectal cancer (CRC) has been diagnosed at an early stage more frequently due to the recent advances in endoscopic techniques. Even for patients with early-stage CRC, clinicians must consider the type of treatment and the depth of submucosal invasion is considered the most important factor in determining a suitable treatment strategy. Surgical resection of CRC is the cornerstone of the treatment. However, the incidence of anastomotic leakage (AL) is high, and the postoperative mortality is therefore high due to AL. There is a general consensus that comorbidities play a crucial role in the outcome of the surgery. Recent reports have suggested that older patients with certain risks could be overtreated. Overtreatment results in the possibility of subsequent excess morbidity and mortality.

Patients also need to consider radical resection, oncological resection, and surveillance. Therefore, accurate risk stratification and predictive tools are highly valued to help them in this decision-making process. Here, we discuss the risk factors of LNM in CRC patients and the technology, strategy, and the future.

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