



Treatment of Gastrointestinal Tumors

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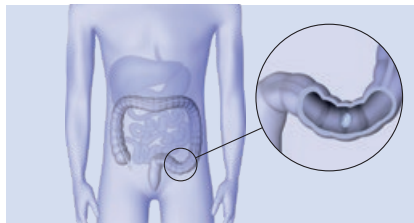
Intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) can be used for local control in gastrointestinal cancer treatments¹

In cancer surgery, the primary goal is to completely excise the tumor. However, incomplete resection is sometimes the outcome. IORT can be used for local control of colorectal tumors.² Its value has also been demonstrated in the setting of laparoscopic hemicolectomy in patients with colon cancer and gastrectomy in patients with gastric cancer.³ More effective systemic therapies in the metastatic setting have significantly extended life expectancy for patients with a metastatic disease. As a consequence, local control of the disease has taken on a greater importance given the potential for longer-term survival with fewer adverse symptoms.⁴

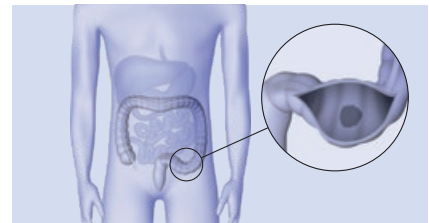
- Combination of surgical resection and low-energy IORT was found to neither increase the risk of postoperative complications nor prolong hospitalization.¹
- IORT may be a suitable technique for delivering radiation in patients with locally advanced and recurrent rectal cancer.²
- Rates of local recurrence, survival, and long-term toxicity for IORT from ZEISS were comparable with published reports using other intraoperative radiotherapy methods.²



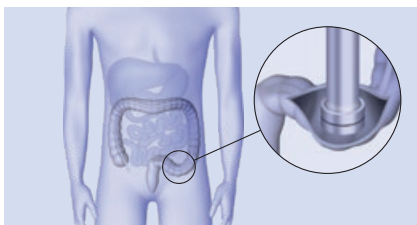
1 The position of the tumor is determined.



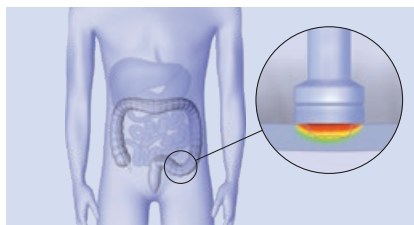
2 During surgery an invasive access point is created.



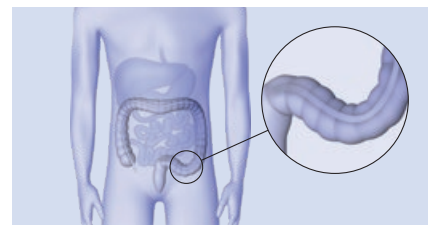
3 The tumor is surgically removed.



4 The correct size (Ø) of the applicator is determined and the applicator is positioned on the tumor bed.



5 The tumor bed is locally irradiated for about 30 minutes.



6 The applicator is removed and the incision closed.



IORT from ZEISS performed after surgical resection can increase local tumor control. Further, the use of IORT as an adjunct to surgical resection did not prolong hospitalization.⁵



The clinical rationale

IORT for gastrointestinal tumors shows low treatment-related side effects. The treatment causes no long-term toxicity and can improve local control in different patient groups.⁷ The principle for the use of IORT is to eliminate microscopic tumor foci by increasing the radiobiological effects of a single dose of radiation and to optimize the length of treatment.⁶ Based on initial studies on gastrointestinal tumors, IORT from ZEISS has shown that local recurrence improved and was well tolerated, with few side effects.^{2,3,5} According to the guidelines of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network®, abdominal cancers are considered as an indication for the use of IORT.⁸



Adapt the radiation to the needs of your patients

To irradiate the tumor bed, e.g. in the treatment of surgically exposed surfaces such as the gastrointestinal tract, ZEISS offers a complete range of applicators in different shapes, sizes and diameters. This versatility enables the physician to exactly adapt the emitted radiation beam to the form and size of the tumor bed.

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