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the importance of accurate individualized prediction models³.

The EORTC prognostic model is useful to clinicians, researchers and melanoma patients. Its online availability enables worldwide accurate identification of high-risk melanoma patients. This will further personalize management including decisions on adjuvant therapy, selection of patients for counselling and the creation of suitable follow-up regimens. However, we hope the prognostic model will be externally validated in more populations to ensure wider generalizability of the nomogram. To improve the predictive performance of the model, new biomarkers should be explored in the future.

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Editor

The authors initially developed and published the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) calculator for predicting risk of recurrence and melanoma-specific mortality for sentinel node-negative melanoma patients¹. This calculator is now validated through a geographical external study that ensures the transportability of the predictive performance of the model to the Australian population². The AJCC has recognized

- 1 Verver D, van Klaveren D, Franke V, van Akkooi ACJ, Rutkowski P, Keilholz U *et al.* Development and validation of a nomogram to predict recurrence and melanoma-specific mortality in patients with negative sentinel lymph nodes. *Br J Surg* 2019; **106**: 217–225.
- 2 Ipenburg NA, Nieweg OE, Ahmed T, van Doorn R, Scolyer RA, Long GV *et al.* External validation of a prognostic model to predict survival of patients with sentinel node-negative melanoma. *Br J Surg* 2019; **106**: 1319–1326.
- 3 Kattan MW, Hess KR, Amin MB, Lu Y, Moons KGM, Gershenwald JE *et al.* American Joint Committee on Cancer acceptance criteria for inclusion of risk models for individualized prognosis in the practice of precision medicine. *CA Cancer J Clin* 2016; **66**: 370–374.



European Colorectal Congress

28 November – 1 December 2022, St.Gallen, Switzerland

Monday, 28 November 2022

09.50

Opening and welcome

Jochen Lange, St.Gallen, CH

10.00

It is leaking! Approaches to salvaging an anastomosis

Willem Bemelman, Amsterdam, NL

10.30

Predictive and diagnostic markers of anastomotic leak

Andre D'Hoore, Leuven, BE

11.00

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11.45

Of microbes and men – the unspoken story of anastomotic leakage

James Kinross, London, UK

12.15

LUNCH

13.45

Operative techniques to reduce anastomotic recurrence in Crohn's disease

Laura Hancock, Manchester, UK

14.15

Innovative approaches in the treatment of complex Crohn Diseases perianal fistula

Christianne Buskens, Amsterdam, NL

14.45

To divert or not to divert in Crohn surgery – technical aspects and patient factors

Pär Myrelid, Linköping, SE

15.15

COFFEE BREAK

15.45

Appendiceal neoplasia – when to opt for a minimal approach, when and how to go for a maximal treatment

Tom Cecil, Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK

16.15

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Further.Together

17.00

Outcomes of modern induction therapies and Wait and Watch strategies, Hope or Hype

Antonino Spinelli, Milano, IT

17.30

EAES Presidential Lecture - Use of ICG in colorectal surgery: beyond bowel perfusion

Salvador Morales-Conde, Sevilla, ES



18.00

Get-Together with your colleagues

Industrial Exhibition

Tuesday, 29 November 2022

9.00

CONSULTANT'S CORNER

Michel Adamina, Winterthur, CH

10.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.00

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INTUITIVE

11.45

Trends in colorectal oncology and clinical insights for the near future

Rob Glynn-Jones, London, UK

12.15

LUNCH

13.45

VIDEO SESSION

14.15

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15.00

COFFEE BREAK

15.30

The unsolved issue of TME: open, robotic, transanal, or laparoscopic – shining light on evidence and practice

Des Winter, Dublin, IE

Jim Khan, London, UK

Brendan Moran, Basingstoke, UK

16.30

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17.15

Lars Pahlman lecture

Søren Laurberg, Aarhus, DK

Thursday, 1 December 2022
Masterclass in Colorectal Surgery
Proctology Day

Wednesday, 30 November 2022

9.00

Advanced risk stratification in colorectal cancer – choosing wisely surgery and adjuvant therapy

Philip Quirke, Leeds, UK

09.30

Predictors for Postoperative Complications and Mortality

Ronan O'Connell, Dublin, IE

10.00

Segmental colectomy versus extended colectomy for complex cancer

Quentin Denost, Bordeaux, FR

10.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.00

Incidental cancer in polyp - completion surgery or endoscopy treatment alone?

Laura Beyer-Berjot, Marseille, FR

11.30

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12.00

Less is more – pushing the boundaries of full-thickness rectal resection

Xavier Serra-Aracil, Barcelona, ES

12.30

LUNCH

14.00

Management of intestinal neuroendocrine neoplasia

Frédéric Ris, Geneva, CH

14.30

Poster Presentation & Best Poster Award

Michel Adamina, Winterthur, CH

15.00

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OLYMPUS

15.45

COFFEE BREAK

16.15

Reoperative pelvic floor surgery – dealing with perineal hernia, reoperations, and complex reconstructions

Guillaume Meurette, Nantes, FR

16.45

Salvage strategies for rectal neoplasia

Roel Hompes, Amsterdam, NL

17.15

Beyond TME – technique and results of pelvic exenteration and sacrectomy

Paris Tekkis, London, UK

19.30

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