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the importance of accurate individualized prediction models<sup>3</sup>.

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 patients<sup>1</sup>. This calculator is now validated through a geographical external study that ensures the transportability of the predictive performance of the model to the Australian population<sup>2</sup>. The AJCC has recognized

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- 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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
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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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**Medtronic**  
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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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**BD**

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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**Takeda**



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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**

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  
**SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM**  
**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  
**FESTIVE EVENING**

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