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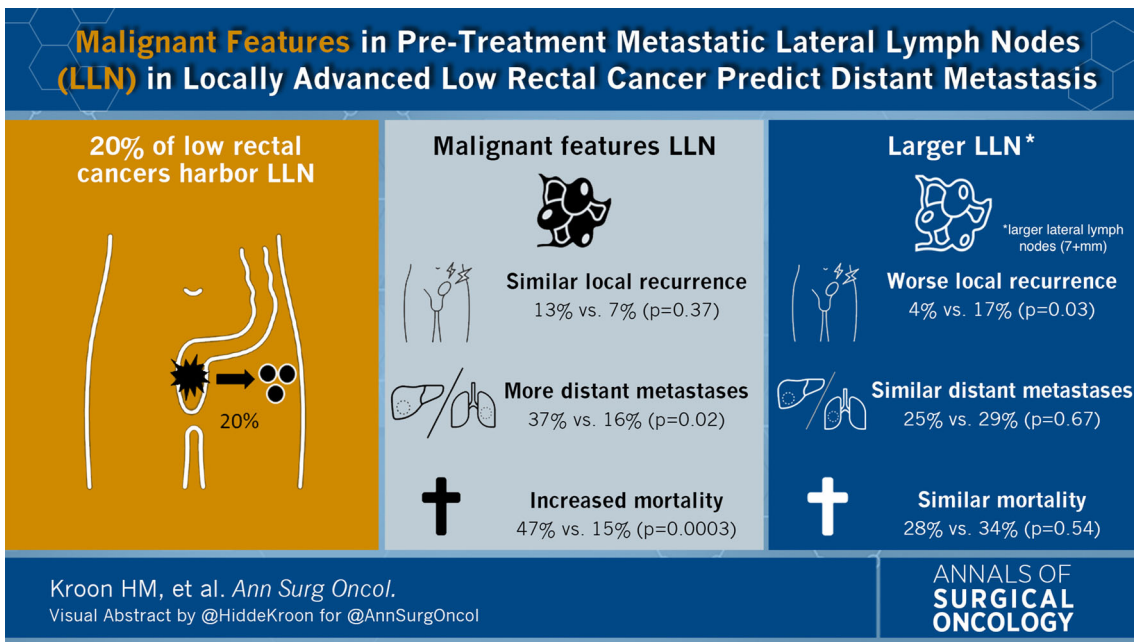
## ASO Visual Abstract: Malignant Features in Pretreatment Metastatic Lateral Lymph Nodes in Locally Advanced Low Rectal Cancer Predict Distant Metastases

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The study presented in our article describes that enlarged lateral lymph nodes (LLN) in rectal cancer predict local recurrences after chemoradiotherapy followed by

total mesorectal excision (TME) (<https://doi.org/10.1245/s10434-021-10762-z>). In addition, LLN that also harbor malignant features are predictive for distant metastases.



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