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# Is There a Role of Regional Therapy in Colorectal Cancer? (CON)

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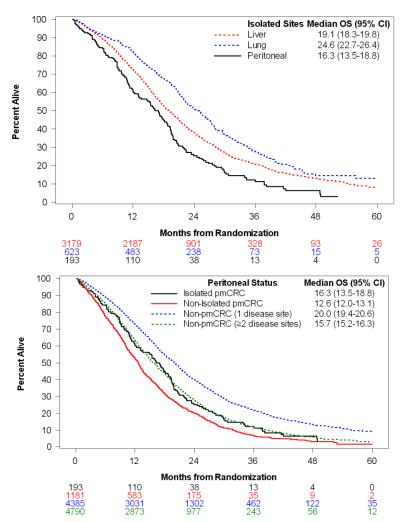




## Systemic Chemotherapy has Activity in Peritoneal Carcinomatosis: ARCAD 1<sup>st</sup> Line Experience

Study	Accrual Period
N016966	02/2004-02/2005
OPTIMOX1	01/2000-06/2002
OPTIMOX2	12/2002-06/2003
C97-3	12/1997-12/1999
CAIRO	01/2003-12/2004
CAIRO2	06/2005-12/2006
COIN	03/2005-05/2008
FOCUS	05/2000-12/2003
FOCUS2	01/2004-07/2006
03-TTD-01	04/2002-08/2004
AGITG MAX	07/2005-06/2007
HORG 99.30	10/2000-12/2004
GONO	11/2001-04/2005
FIRE II	09/2004-12/2006

	Median OS					
		[months]	Hazard Ratio			
	Events/Total	(95% CI) <sup>†</sup>	(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	P-value		
All patients with isolated orga Disease Sites	n/disease site			<.0001		
Liver-only	2269/3179	19.1 (18.3-19.8)	0.75 (0.63-0.88)	0.0004		
Lung-only	391/623	24.6 (22.7-26.4)	0.53 (0.44-0.64)	<.0001		
Peritoneal-only	159/193 <sup>\$</sup>	16.3 (13.5-18.8)	Reference	-		
Distant Lymph Nodes-only	281/405	19.4 (17.0-21.9)	0.69 (0.57-0.84)	0.0003		
Other Isolated Organ/Site	127/178	18.0 (14.4-20.5)	0.85 (0.67-1.07)	0.1707		
Multiple Organs/Sites <sup>‡</sup>	4757/5971	15.0 (14.6-15.3)	1.02 (0.87-1.20)	0.8058		
Disease Sites Liver-only	1907/2543	18.3 (17.7-19.2)	0.78 (0.65-0.93)	<.0001 0.0047		
Liver-only	1907/2543	18.3 (17.7-19.2)	0.78 (0.65-0.93)	0.0047		
Lung-only	332/511	23.8 (22.0-26.0)	0.55 (0.45-0.67)	<.0001		
Peritoneal-only	137/163	16.3 (12.9-19.2)	Reference	-		
Distant Lymph Nodes-only	228/320	18.2 (16.5-21.3)	0.72 (0.58-0.89)	0.0025		
Other Isolated Organ/Site	107/147	18.4 (13.6-20.7)	0.84 (0.65-1.08)	0.1705		
Multiple Organs/Sites <sup>‡</sup>	3719/4498	14.5 (14.1-15.0)	1.04 (0.87-1.23)	0.6856		
All Arms with at Least One Ta Disease Sites	rgeted Agent			<.0001		
Liver-only	362/636	22.2 (20.5-25.7)	0.58 (0.38-0.90)	0.0157		
Lung-only	59/112	27.4 (23.8-33.5)	0.42 (0.26-0.69)	0.0006-		
Peritoneal-only	22/30	17.1 (13.0-22.1)	Reference			





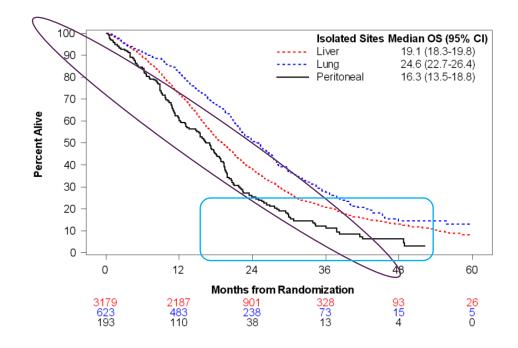
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## Flaws of Historical Control Comparison and CRS+/-HIPEC

- Chemotherapy historical outcomes include many patients who are NOT CRS candidate
  - Cannot compare outcome of predominantly non-CRS candidates to lower burden of disease CRS patients
- Many centers incorporate neoadjuvant therapy prior to CRS, therefore excluding poor biology that is less likely to benefit, and therefore further enriching with better prognosis peritoneal only disease
- CRS/HIPEC series do not capture accurately Time Off Chemotherapy following CRS and therefore practically discounting the impact of systemic therapy in this population
- There is no data on impact of burden of disease on systemic therapy response and outcome (lower burden undergo CRS).
- <u>Up to 10% -24% of patients with PC and neoadj therapy have cPR at CRS; path</u> response is the most important predictive factor of outcome
- Prospective clinical trials with CRS have recently reported a mOS of 41.7 months in the setting of perioperative systemic therapy (PRODIGE7).

It is hard to argue against the role of CRS, especially given the potentially curative outcome in some patients (albeit rare).

<u>I will argue that there is NO ROLE FOR HIPEC or PIPEC in the management of</u> metastatic colorectal cancer to the peritoneum



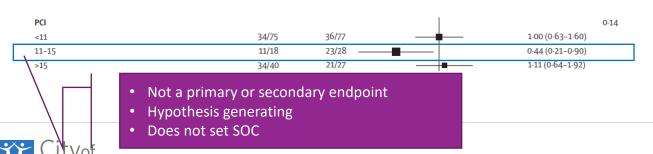
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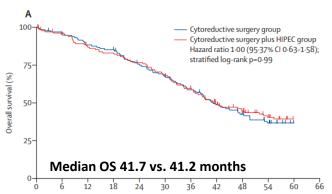




#### PRODIGE7: CRS + HIPEC vs. CRS for CRC Peritoneal Metastases

- Prior therapy allowed
- Peritoneal-only disease
- Peri-operative therapy mandated (95% receive pre or/plus post CRS systemic Rx)
- ECOG 0-1
- PCI ≤ 25
- Pts expected to have a full cytoreduction (no visible or < 1mm residual disease)</li>
- Closed (Ox 360mg/m²) or open (460mg/m²) abdominal techniques + pre-op 5-FU/LV
- Primary outcome OS
- No difference in OS by adding HIPEC
- No difference in peritoneal DFS by adding HIPEC
- Severe complications at 30 days 42% HIPEC vs 32% CRS
- Severe complications at 60 days 26% HIPEC vs 15% CRS

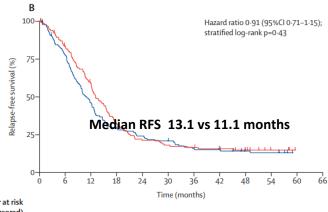




Number at risk (number censored)

Cytoreductive 132 (1) 124 (4) 113 (4) 109 (5) 94 (7) 83 (8) 72 (8) 56 (12) 45 (16) 36 (19) 27 (28) 22 (33) surgery group

Cytoreductive surgery 133 (2) 123 (4) 111 (5) 106 (5) 98 (5) 87 (5) 74 (7) 58 (10) 49 (14) 37 (22) 30 (28) 22 (33) plus HIPEC group

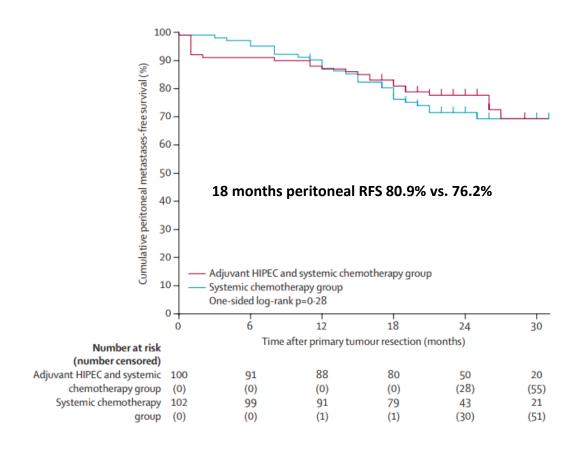


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## Adjuvant HIPEC in Pts with Locally Advanced Colon Cancer (COLOPEC)

- HIPEC therapy would be expected to be mostly effective in eradicating micrometastatic disease
- COLOPEC evaluated the role of adjuvant HIPEC in T4N0-2 patients at the time of surgery vs. surgery with both arms receiving post-op adj chemotherapy
- Adj oxaliplatin 460mg/m<sup>2</sup> HIPEC (30 min, 42C) + FU/LV at time of surgery or 5-8 w post surgery
- Laparoscopy at 18 months in pts without recurrence
- Primary Endpoint: Peritoneal Metastases Free interval at 18 months
- No difference in peritoneal RFS (but more noted on laparotomy in control arm)
- More delay in systemic adjuvant therapy in the experimental arm (10 weeks vs. 6 weeks)
- 18-month DFS 69% experimental arm vs. 69.3% control
- 18-months OS 93% experimental arm vs. 94.1% control



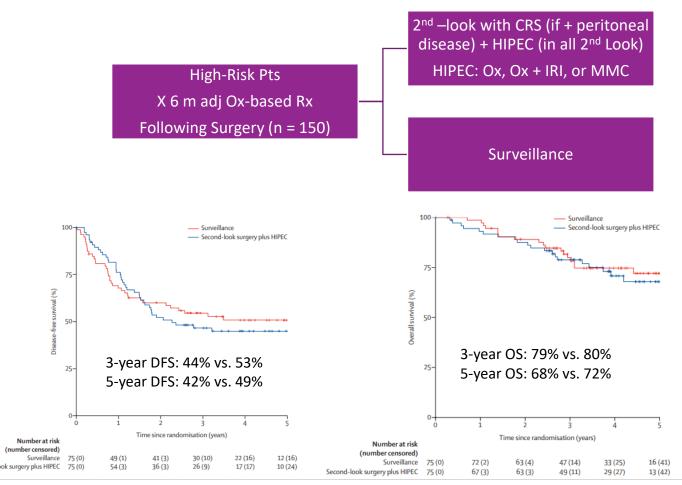
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## PROPHYLCOP-PRODIGE15: Second-Look Surgery vs. Surveillance in Patients at High-Risk for Carcinomatosis

- Patients with resected peritoneal CRC, resected ovarian CRC mets, and perforated CRC were enrolled
- Primary end point was 3 years DFS
- HIPEC: Ox (460mg/m²), (Ox/IRI 300/200/m²), MMC (35m/m²)
- No difference in DFS (numerically better in surveillance)
- No difference in OS
- Major post-op complications postsecond look were seen in 41% of patients



Goere D, Lancet Oncol. 21: 1147-54





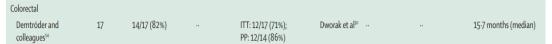
## HIPEC Should Only be Investigated in Prospective Clinical Trials

- 3 prospective trials failed to show benefit
- 3 clinical trials confirm increased morbidity (First Do No Harm!)
- MMC is NOT the answer outside of a clinical trial setting
  - $\circ$  Multiple retrospective comparative trials show no benefit for MMC vs. Oxaliplatin<sup>1,2,3</sup>
  - Comparative retrospective analysis of pre-op chemotherapy followed by CRS with or without MMC HIPEC showed no benefit to HIPEC<sup>4</sup>
  - MMC has minimal to no systemic activity in MCRC (first line and refractory trials)
- The failure of oxaliplatin 30 min infusion does not justify a 90 min infusion
  - No clinical evidence of the superiority of 90 min infusion over 30 min
  - o 30 min infusion of systemic oxaliplatin (XELOX30) has shown similar clinical outcome to 90 min (granted difference in admin mode than HIPEC)<sup>5</sup>



### Is there a role for PIPAC in MCRC with PC?

- Pressurized intraperitoneal aerosol chemotherapy (PIPAC)
  - Potential improved distribution
  - o enhanced tissue uptake
  - better tolerance
  - can be given repeatedly
- To date, NO randomized clinical trials have reported on a benefit from PIPEC in colorectal cancer PM
- PIPAC-OPC3 phase 2 trial in resected peritoneal carcinomatosis (60-patient single arm- not reported)



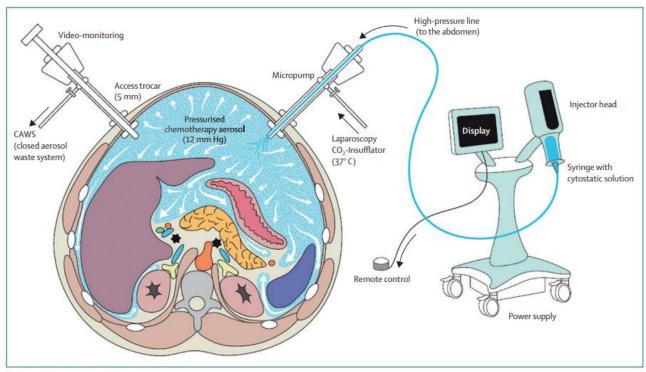


Figure 2: Schematic of PIPAC set-up

A hermetically sealed 10–12-mm trocar and a 5-mm balloon trocar are inserted. The liquid chemotherapy regimen is vaporised using a standard injector connected to a nebuliser. Reprinted from Hübner and colleagues<sup>36</sup> with permission from Médicine et Hygiène. PIPAC=pressurised intraperitoneal aerosol chemotherapy.

Alyami M, Lancet Oncol 2019; 2368-77





#### Demtroder Trial: 17 Pts with Pre-Treated CRC with PM

only patients without further treatment options, patients whose disease had not responded to or relapsed after available treatments and those for whom other treatments were contraindicated

all but one patient received prior palliative combination systemic chemotherapy including FOLFOX or FOLFIRI and/or cetuximab and/or bevacuzimab. The last patient specifically requested a combined protocol that included PIPAC and systemic chemotherapy to maximize the therapeutic potential.

pressurized aerosol containing oxaliplatin at a dose of 92 mg/m2body surfacein a 150-ml dextrose solution was applied via the nebu-lizer and injector

At least 3 treatments were planned with histological response assessment

TRG1: mass w and/or TRG2: or change cells

TRG3: or difficulty fibrotic TRG4: without

TRG0: indicated a tumor without regression

TRG1: dominant tumor mass with obvious fibrosis and/or vasculopathy

TRG2: dominantly fibrotic changes with few tumor

TRG3: very few tumor cells difficult to locate in the fibrotic tissue

TRG4 : only a fibrotic mass without tumor cells



Demtroder C, Colorectal Disease; 18: 364–371

### Demtroder Trial: Design and Results Flaws

#### **Design Pitfalls**

- Small sample size
- Retrospective
- Heterogenous population
- Systemic chemo "on demand" with 1 patient chemo-naïve and receiving 1<sup>st</sup> line IV Chemo + PIPAC
- 11/17 patients received systemic chemo along with PIPAC (no details on the systemic treatment)
- 6/17 patients had 1 or less prior systemic treatment
- Median Peritoneal Cancer Index was 16 (+/-10), yet not considered as CRS candidate (better prognosis population)

17 14 9 5 1 1 PIPAC 2 PIPAC 3 PIPAC 4 PIPAC 6 PIPAC



### Evaluable for histological response:

- 7/14 complete (1 had CRS and was not a complete path response)
- 4/14 major
- 2/14 partial
- 2/14 no response

Mean OS = 15.7 m

#### Results Pitfalls

- 86% histological response does not reflect overall population
- No correlation between histological response and overall outcome provided
- No results on RADIOGRAPHIC response
- No data on TTP (radiographic)
- No data on post-progression therapy

Leads me to conclude that this study does not provide evidence of substantial efficacy

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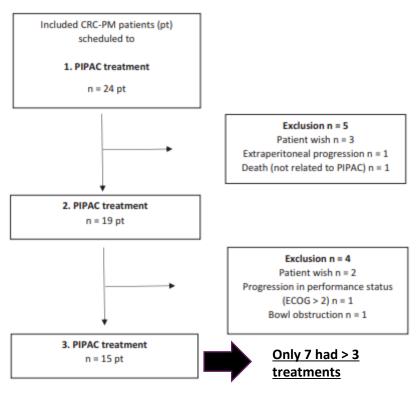




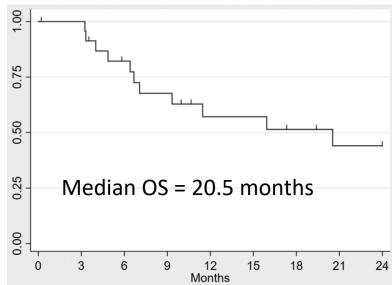
### PIPAC-OPC1/OPC2 Experience with Ox-based PIPAC

Mount on of a street	21
Number of patients	24
Number of procedures	75
Age: years, median (range)	64 (40-80)
Performance status	
0	7 (29%)
1	14 (58%)
2	3 (13%)
Gender	
M/F	13/11
Chemotherapy	
Neoadjuvant <sup>a</sup>	4 (17%)
Adjuvant <sup>b</sup>	10 (42%)
Palliative <sup>c</sup>	22 (91%)
Bidirectional treatment <sup>d</sup>	3 (12.5%)
PCI score (median, range)	
PCI when ≥ 11 regions evaluated (n = 16)	14.8 (1-30)
PCI when < 11 regions evaluated (n = 8)	2.6 (1-8)
PCI total	10.7 (1-30)
Ascites	
Yes (%)	7 (29%)
Median, range (mL)	50 (10-2700)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Four patients received neoadjuvant chemotherapy prior to primary colorectal cancer surgery. <sup>b</sup>Ten patients received adjuvant chemotherapy after primary colorectal cancer surgery. <sup>c</sup>Two patients did not want to receive systemic chemotherapy. <sup>d</sup>Tree patients received bidirectional treatment (PIPAC and systemic palliative chemotherapy).



Histological regression seen in 54% if ITT population



- No PFS reported
- No Post-Progression Treatment Reported
- No Chemo-free interval data post progression reported

Bremholm Ellebaek S. Pleura and Peritoneum; 2020; 20200109





### Systematic Review of PIPAC Trials in CRC

- Only one study reported on PFS (median was only 3 months!!)
- If a modality of treatment is associated with a robust mPFS, why is it not reported?
- What happened to the other 9 studies that did not report OS?
- Are we dealing with a reporting bias?
  - Studies with good OS will report OS
  - Those with bad OS will not report it
  - PFS not reported since it is poor
  - Lack of transparency regarding associated systemic therapy given with PIPAC and its potential impact on outcome?
- If histological response is so good across several studies, how come conversion to CRS is so poor?

Table 9 Progression-free and overall survival

Studies	CRC patients	Evaluated patients	Total PIPAC-OX	Median (months)	1 year	Calculated from	Follow-up (months)
A. Progression-free survival							
De Simone [2020] (20)	23	16 (b)	32 (b)	3	ns	ns	ns
B. Overall survival							
Demtröder [2016] (15)	17	17	42	15	65% (c)	First PIPAC	22±4 (d)
Ellebæk [2020] (17)	24	24	75	21	60% (c)	First PIPAC	29 [?-?] (e)
De Simone [2020] (20)	23	16 (b)	32 (b)	27	ns	ns	ns
Kurtz [2018] (21)	17	17	ns	Not reached	60% (c)	First PIPAC	10±4 (d)
Sgarbura [2019] (22)	66	66	ns	Not reached	67% (c)	First PIPAC	5 [5-11] (e)

(b) Reported in patients that underwent at least 2 PIPAC; (c) as estimated from Kaplan-Meier survival curve; (d) mean ± standard deviation; (e) median [interquartile range]. CRC, colorectal cancer; PIPAC-OX, pressurized intraperitoneal aerosol chemotherapy with oxaliplatin; ns, not shown.

Table 10 Eligibility for secondary cytoreductive surgery

Studies	CRC patients	Evaluated patients	Total PIPAC-OX	CRS performed
Demtröder [2016] (15)	17	17	42	2
Ellebæk [2020] (17)	24	24	75	0
Alyami [2019] (25)	31	31	ns	0
Girshally [2016] (26)	ns	ns	ns	6

CRS, cytoreductive surgery; CRC, colorectal cancer; PIPAC-OX, pressurized intraperitoneal aerosol chemotherapy with oxaliplatin; ns, not shown.

Lurvink, R. J Gastrointest Oncol 2021;12(Suppl 1):S242-S258





#### Concerns with PIPEC Trials

- Minimal data on PFS
- No details on pre-PIPAC therapy and refractoriness vs. exposure to prior chemotherapy
- Confounded by the administration of systemic therapy in many patients
- No details on Peritoneal DFS vs non-peritoneal DFS
- Histological response not adequately validated as a surrogate marker of response
- Low conversion rate to CRS
- No details on post-PIPAC systemic therapy
- Conclusion: NOT prime for Off-Study administration!!



