Current Management Of Rectal Cancer

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Colorectal cancer was the second most common malignancy diagnosed in Australia and New Zealand in 2016. Of these, 25-30% were in the rectum. Surgery remains the mainstay of the management of rectal cancer, however the assessment, modality of surgery used and neoadjuvant treatment continue to evolve.

There has also been a move to watch and wait for a complete pathological response after long course neo adjuvant treatment.

This talk will review current evidence in the management of rectal cancer, treatment outcomes from Australasia and outline possible future directions in the management of rectal cancer.