Challenges in uro-oncology: Bladder cancer in the elderly

Thematic Session 02

Sunday 18 March
10:30 - 12:00

Location: Green Area, Room 2 (Level 0)

Chairs: M. Babjuk, Prague (CZ)
       J. Bjerggaard Jensen, Aarhus (DK)

Aims and objectives of this session
The ageing of the population is the phenomenon apparent in all developed countries. It is connected with increasing incidence of several malignancies including bladder cancer. As muscle invasive bladder cancer is life threatening disease even in elderly patients, remains radical cystectomy important tool in our armamentarium.

The aim of the session is to discuss all aspects of radical surgery in a frail elderly population. Very important is preoperative assessment of patients’ frailty and identification of those, who will profit from radical approach. There is no doubt, that the essential role for the fate of the patient is the high quality of surgery and perioperative care, which should be concentrated in high volume centers.

Significant number of dangerous complications, particularly gastrointestinal, are connected with urinary diversion. Careful selection of method of diversion seems to be of special importance. For the most frail patients, the cutaneous ureterostomy possibly with extraperitoneal approach, could be a valid option. It does not require bowel isolation and manipulation, reduces operation time, number of bowel and metabolic complications by maintaining radicality of surgery and reasonable quality of life. For patients who are not fit enough for surgery, the optimal palliative approach must be identified.

10:30 - 10:45
Pre-operative assessment in elderly cancer patients
G. Niegisch, Düsseldorf (DE)

10:45 - 11:00
Curative treatment for muscle-invasive bladder cancer in elderly patients: A systematic review
V. Fonteyne, Ghent (BE)

11:00 - 11:15
Optimising anesthesia in the frail patient: What the urologist needs to know
P.Y. Wüthrich, Berne (CH)

11:15 - 11:45
Debate The critically ill patient with locally advanced bladder cancer - Ureterocutaneostomy?
Moderator: M. Babjuk, Prague (CZ)

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A. Pycha, Bolzano (IT)

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S. Siemer, Homburg (DE)
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