

THE ROLE OF SURGERY AT THORACIC ESOPHAGEAL CANCER

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HISTORY

- The first ESOPHAGEAL RESECTION WAS > 125Y ago **1877** Czerny at *Heidelberg*
- *Iver Lewis* – **1946**
- *McKeown* – **1962** (3 incisional technique)
- *Transhiatal (orringer)*
- *Thoracoscopic and Laparoscopic Today*

5 YEAR SURVIVAL

- 2013 ----- > **19%**
- Today ----- > **35%**

WHAT IS PURPOSE ?

Palliation and **increase survival** and **disease free**

REDUCTION OF PERIOPERATIVE MORTALITY

- **40%** ----- > 50 YEARS ----- > **3%**

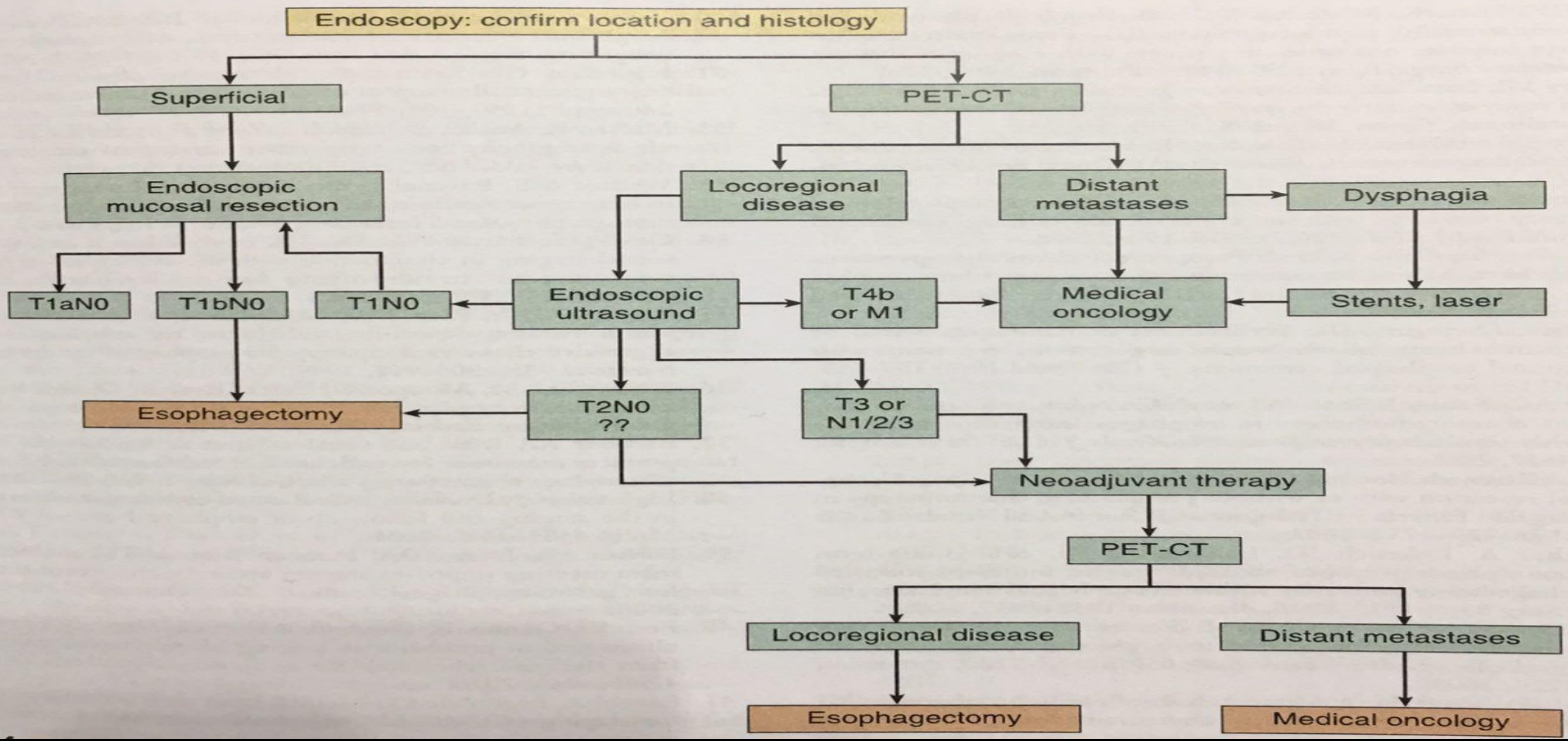
- IMPROVEMENT:

- 1- PATIENT SELECTION**

- 2- OPERATIVE TECHNIQUE**

- 3- INTENSIVE CARE**

- 4- AGGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT OF PERIOPERATIVE COMPLICATION**



- Surgical therapy :
- **the best chance for cure** with a complete resection
- **effective palliation** with relief of dysphagia

- **Esophagectomy**

- **Substitutes:** gastric tube , jejunum , colon

- **Extent of surgical resection:** up 12 cm & 5cm distal grossly normal

- **En bloc resection**

- **Lymph node dissection**

SURGERY OF ESOPHAGEAL CARCINOMA

Operable:

- T4A : Invading pleura – pericardium - diaphragm
- T2A : Simple esophagectomy
- **Surgical option: one of methods**

Inoperable:

- T4B: Aorta – vertebral body – trachea
- Obstruction, trachea esophageal fistula
- **Surgical option: esophageal bypass+ gastrostomy+ jejunostomy**

Clinical Staging Complete

No distant metastases

Consider neoadjuvant treatment for stage II and above

Surgical exploration

No distant metastases

Surgical resection with lymph node dissection as possible

Pathologic staging completed

Distant metastases suspected

Biopsy area of suspicion

If negative

If positive

Chemotherapy ± radiation; surgical palliation (eg, intubation, stents, laser)

Distant metastases

No or minimal dysphagia

Dysphagia (consider enteral feeding tube, esophageal intubation laser, or stent)

Surgery concluded

Consider chemotherapy

TABLE 38-1 Comparison of Transthoracic and Transhiatal Approaches to Esophagectomy: Perioperative Complications

Complication	Transthoracic	Transhiatal
Blood loss (mL)	1001	728
Operative time (hours)	5.6	4.0
Cardiac complications (%)	6.6	19.5
Pulmonary complications (%)	18.7	12.7
Anastomotic leak (%)	7.2	13.6
Vocal cord paralysis (%)	3.5	9.5
Chyle leak (%)	2.4	1.4
In-hospital mortality (%)	9.2	5.7

Adapted from Hulscher JB, Tijssen JG, Obertop H, et al: Transthoracic versus transhiatal resection for carcinoma of the esophagus: a meta-analysis. Ann Thorac Surg 72:306-313, 2001.

A TRIAL RANDOMIZED 100 E.C

- Preoperative chemotherapy followed by T.H.E versus T.H.E ALONE:
- SURVIVAL in neoadjuvant group **30%** at 3 y
- in T.H.E **16%**

A EUROPIAN STUDY RANDOMIZING 382 E.C S.C.C

- **Chemo+ tri field en bloc trans thoracic esophagectomy** versus esophagectomy alone:
- No difference 5 y survival

WLASH AND COWORKERS RANDOMIZED 113 PATIENT WITH ADENOCARCINOMA

- Surgery alone versus chemoradiation followed surgery
- 5 y survival :
- **50%** for neo+ surgery
- **8%** for surgery



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