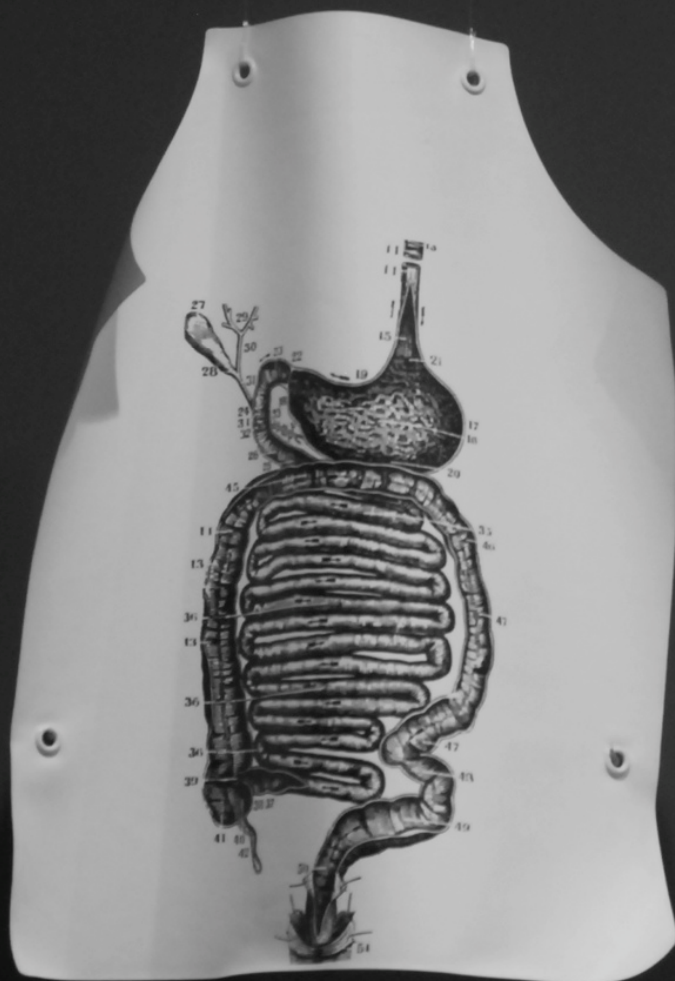


IL PERCORSO DEL PAZIENTE CON NEOPLASIA  
NEUROENDOCRINA NELLA PROVINCIA DI FERRARA



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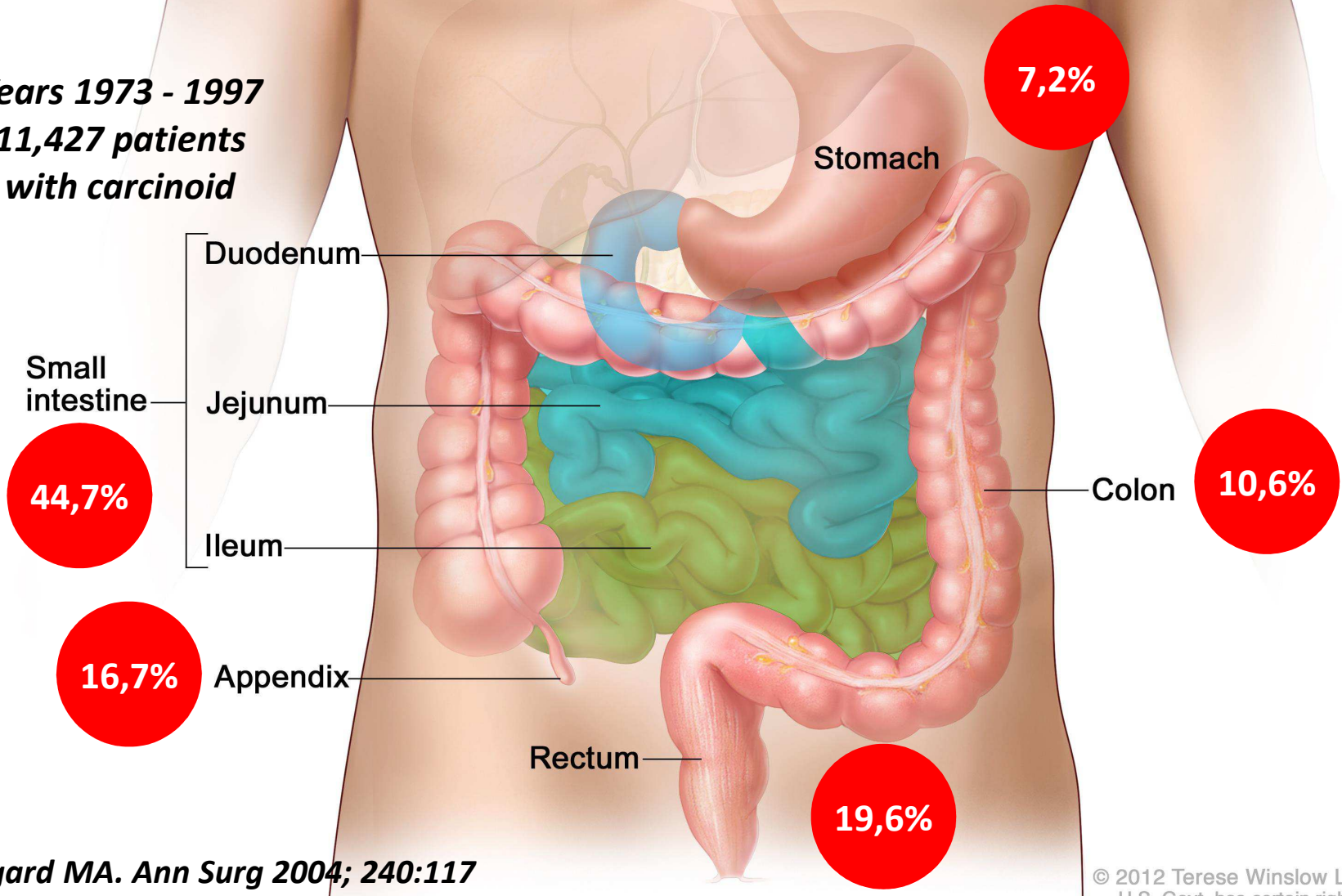
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# Parts of the Body Where Gastrointestinal Carcinoid Tumors Form

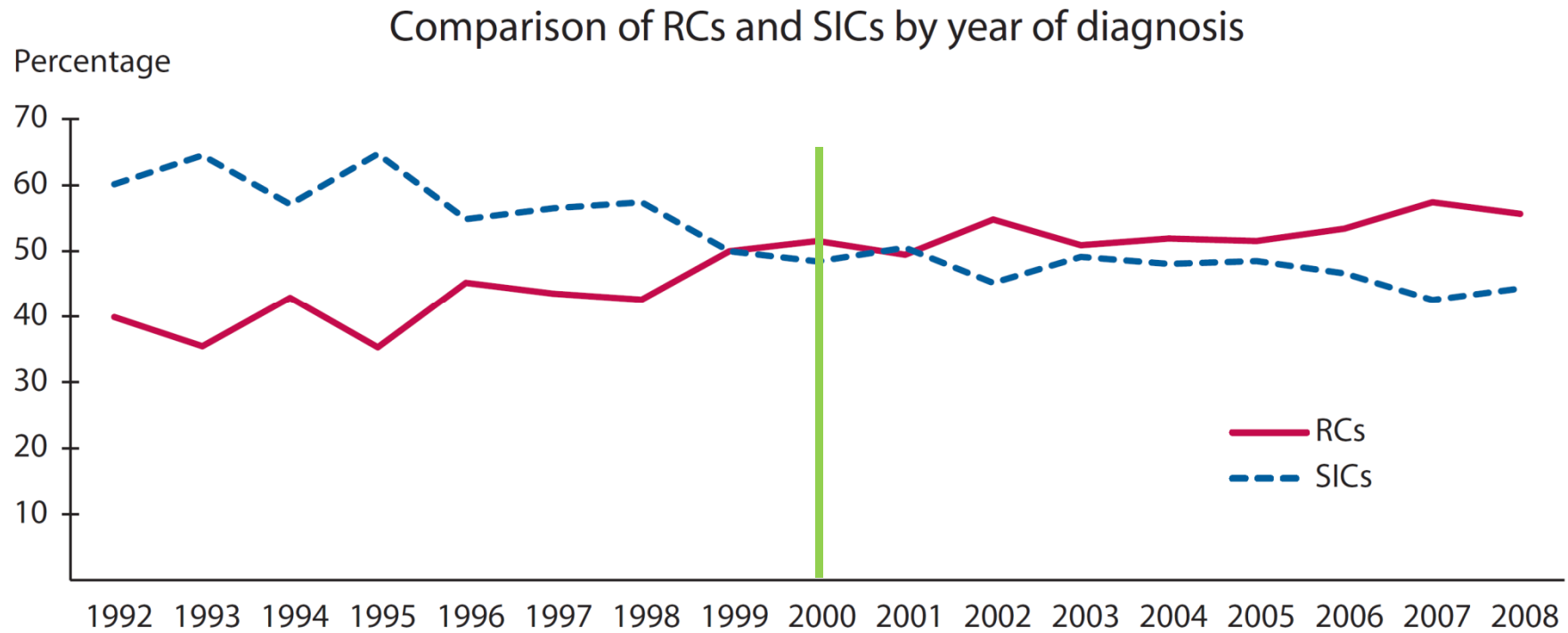
Years 1973 - 1997  
11,427 patients  
with carcinoid



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# Epidemiology



**FIGURE 1.** Comparison of rectal carcinoids (RC) and small intestinal carcinoids (SIC) during the study period.

# Surgery



The treatment of choice for a patient who has a **localized well-differentiated gastrointestinal tract neuroendocrine (carcinoid) tumors** (NET) is usually surgery.

The **extent of the surgical resection** depends on the **site** of origin and **size** of the primary tumor

# Prognosis



**TABLE II. Incidence of Metastases Related to the Size of the Primary Carcinoid Tumor**

Size (cm)	Total patient numbers	Nodal metastases patient numbers (%)	Distant metastases patient numbers (%)
Small Intestine [2,21,22]			
≤1	43	5 (12)	2 (5)
1.1–1.9	83	58 (70)	16 (19)
≥2	59	50 (85)	28 (47)
Appendix [2,21,26–29]			
≤1	431	0	0
1.1–1.9	53	4 (7.5)	2 (4)
>2	33	11 (33)	4 (2)
Colon [2,30,31]			
<2	11	2	2
≥2	62	34 (55)	24 (39)
Rectum [2,21,32–35]			
≤1	176	2 (1)	0
1.1–1.9	39	2 (5)	2 (5)
>2	42	26 (62)	17 (40)

# Prognosis



**The anatomical site of carcinoids and the tumor stage are known to be important factors in determining prognosis and survival**

**TABLE 4. 5-Year Survival Rates by Carcinoid Location (1973–1997)**

Site	All Stages	Local Stage	Regional Stage	Distant Stage
Stomach	75.1%/55.3%	90.2%/69.6%	40.4%/27.2%	18.0%/9.0%
Small bowel	76.1%/54.6%	94.5%/70.4%	84.4%/64.1%	51.2%/32.4%
Appendix	76.3%/65.0%	95.6%/87.8%	80.0%/67.6%	37.5%/26.8%
Colon	69.5%/41.8%	94.1%/77.1%	72.5%/35.3%	27.8%/4.1%
Rectum	87.5%/77.8%	94.9%/86.2%	53.7%/42.1%	14.6%/13.1%

\*Cancer-specific survival relative overall survival.  
Survival rates are all age-adjusted to standard 2000 population.

# Appendix



The **majority** of appendiceal NETs are found **incidentally** at the time of appendectomy  
**70-75% Well differentiated NET**

The reported incidence of appendiceal NETs is  
**1 NET in every 150 to 300 appendectomies**

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Most are **submucosal** and in the **distal one-third**

The **prognosis** of appendiceal NETs and **type of surgery**  
are best predicted by **tumor size**.

# Appendix



In many series, **tumors <2 cm** in diameter (found in approximately 95% of patients) have a **low likelihood of metastases at diagnosis**.

There is general agreement that tumors **<1 cm R0** can usually be treated by **simple appendectomy**

A **right hemicolectomy** has been recommended for:

- **tumors >2 cm**
- **tumors <2 cm** and **meso-appendiceal invasion or positive or unclear margins, higher proliferative rate, angioinvasion, mixed histology (goblet cell carcinoid, adenocarcinoid)**

# Appendix



Comparison of management strategies for neuroendocrine appendix tumors according to different published guidelines

	<1 cm	1 to 2 cm	>2 cm
TNCD <sup>[1]</sup>	<p><b>Cured by appendectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R0 (no tumor on margin)</li> <li>▪ Grade 1</li> </ul> <p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Base or R1</li> </ul> <p><b>No recommendation for tumor &lt;1 cm, but grade 2</b></p>	<p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Base or R1 or lymph node involvement</li> <li>▪ Lymphovascular involvement</li> <li>▪ Invasion of the mesoappendix &gt;3 mm</li> <li>▪ Grade 2</li> </ul>	Right hemicolectomy
ENETS <sup>[2]</sup>	<p><b>Cured by appendectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tip/body and R0</li> </ul> <p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Base or R1</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mesoappendix invasion &gt;3 mm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Base or R1</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tip/middle and R0, but with risk factors (lymphatic invasion, grade 2, or invasion of the mesoappendix &gt;3 mm)</li> </ul>	Right hemicolectomy
UKINETS <sup>[3]</sup>	Cured by appendectomy	<p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Serosal breach by tumor</li> <li>▪ Cellular atypia</li> <li>▪ Mesoappendix invasion &gt;3 mm</li> <li>▪ Base (perforation of the appendix) (lymphovascular and perineural invasion)</li> </ul>	Right hemicolectomy
NCCN <sup>[4]</sup>	<p><b>Cured by appendectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Confined to the appendix (complete resection: nodes, margins)</li> </ul>		Right hemicolectomy
NANETS <sup>[5]</sup>	<p><b>Cured by appendectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tip</li> <li>▪ Complete tumor resection</li> <li>▪ No lymphovascular involvement</li> <li>▪ No invasion of the mesoappendix</li> </ul>	<p><b>Right hemicolectomy if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Base</li> <li>▪ Incomplete tumor resection</li> <li>▪ Lymphovascular invasion</li> <li>▪ Mesoappendix invasion</li> <li>▪ Intermediate- to high-grade tumor</li> <li>▪ Mesenteric nodal involvement</li> </ul>	Right hemicolectomy

TNCD: Thésaurus National de Cancérologie Digestive; R0: indicates negative surgical margin; R1: indicates positive surgical margin; ENETS: European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society; UKINETS: United Kingdom and Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society; NCCN: National Comprehensive Cancer Network; NANETS: North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society.

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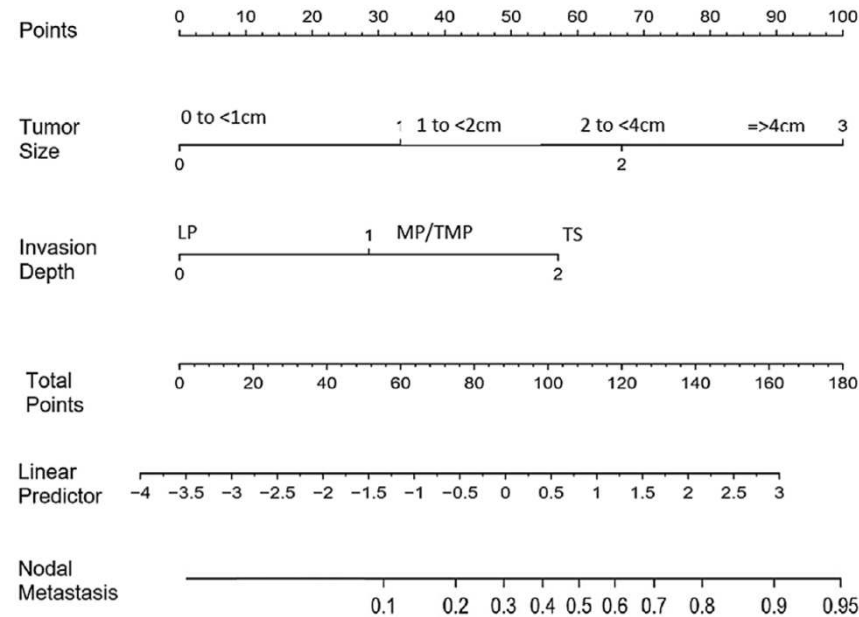
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# Novel nomogram combining depth of invasion and size can accurately predict the risk for regional nodal metastases for appendiceal neuroendocrine tumors (A-NET)

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Lamina Propria (LP)  
Muscularis Propria (MP)  
Through the Serosa (TS)



**The model predicted  
the *likelihood of nodal metastasis*,  
with an AUC of 0.89**

FIGURE 2 Nomogram

# Small intestine

Jejuno-ileal



“running the bowel”

60 cm

NETs of the small intestine are most commonly found in the ileum within 60 cm of the ileocecal valve

25%

Of patients will have more than one small bowel NET at the time of discovery.

40%

Of patients with midgut NETs have a second gastrointestinal tract malignancy.

# Small intestine

Jejuno-ileal



Due to the **significant metastatic potential**, any locoregional small bowel NET should be **resected en bloc with its lymphatic drainage field, including the mesentery**

Retrieval of **at least 8 lymph nodes** appears to be optimal to achieve **accurate staging**

**Palliative resection of the primary tumor** may be advised **even in patients** with known **distant metastases** in order **to reduce** the potential for **bowel obstruction or bleeding**, or to **palliate abdominal pain** related to the primary tumor.

# Small intestine



Disease	Localized	Regional	Distant		
Stage	I/II	III	IV		
TNM	T1–3N0M0	T4N0M0 T1–4N1M0	TxNxM1 <b>Unresectable metastatic disease</b>		
Surgical treatment	<b>Radical resection</b>		<b>Radical resection with curative intent</b>	<b>Palliative resection</b>	<b>No resection</b>
<p><b>At least 8 lymph nodes for accurate staging</b></p>	Local radical open (or in selected pts) laparoscopic resection* of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>primary tumor(s)**</li> <li>lymph nodes (dissection along the superior mesenteric root)</li> </ul> <p>Absence of diffuse bilobar liver involvement, compromised liver function, or Grade 3 tumor (neuroendocrine carcinoma).</p>		Local radical open resection of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>primary tumor(s)</li> <li>lymph nodes (dissection along the superior mesenteric root)</li> </ul> <p>in combination with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>mets (liver)</li> </ul>	Local radical open (in selected pts) laparoscopic resection of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>primary tumor(s)</li> <li>lymph nodes (dissection along the superior mesenteric root)</li> </ul>	Due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>local inoperability</li> <li>comorbidity</li> </ul>
	Aim	Free from tumor <b>R0</b>		20% Peritoneal metastases Free from tumor <b>R0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To avoid local complications (obstruction, bleeding etc.)</li> <li>To possibly improve prognosis*</li> </ul>

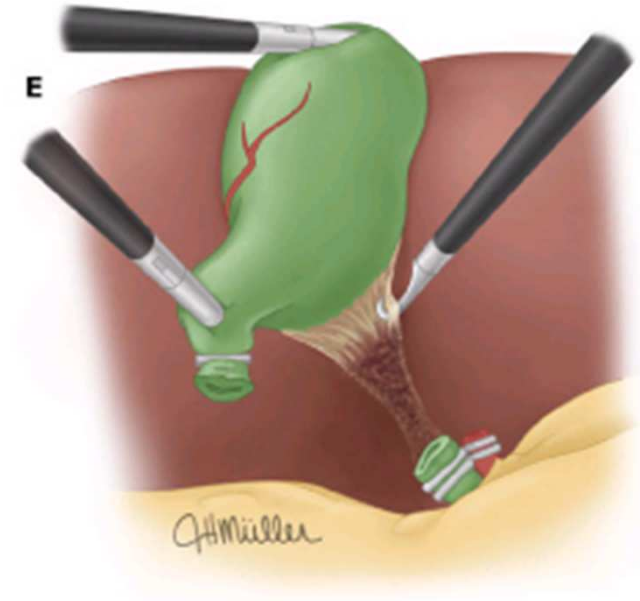
→ **Cytoreductive surgery → impact on survival**

**Fig. 2.** Therapeutic algorithm for Si-NENs. Pts = Patients; mets = metastasis. \*For details, see the text. \*\*Caution: multiple primaries.

# Small intestine



If there is a high likelihood that the patient will require **long-term treatment with a somatostatine analogue** (i.e. liver metastases, peritoneal disease, or significant nodal involvement), a **prophylactic cholecystectomy can be considered** due to the risk of gallstones development

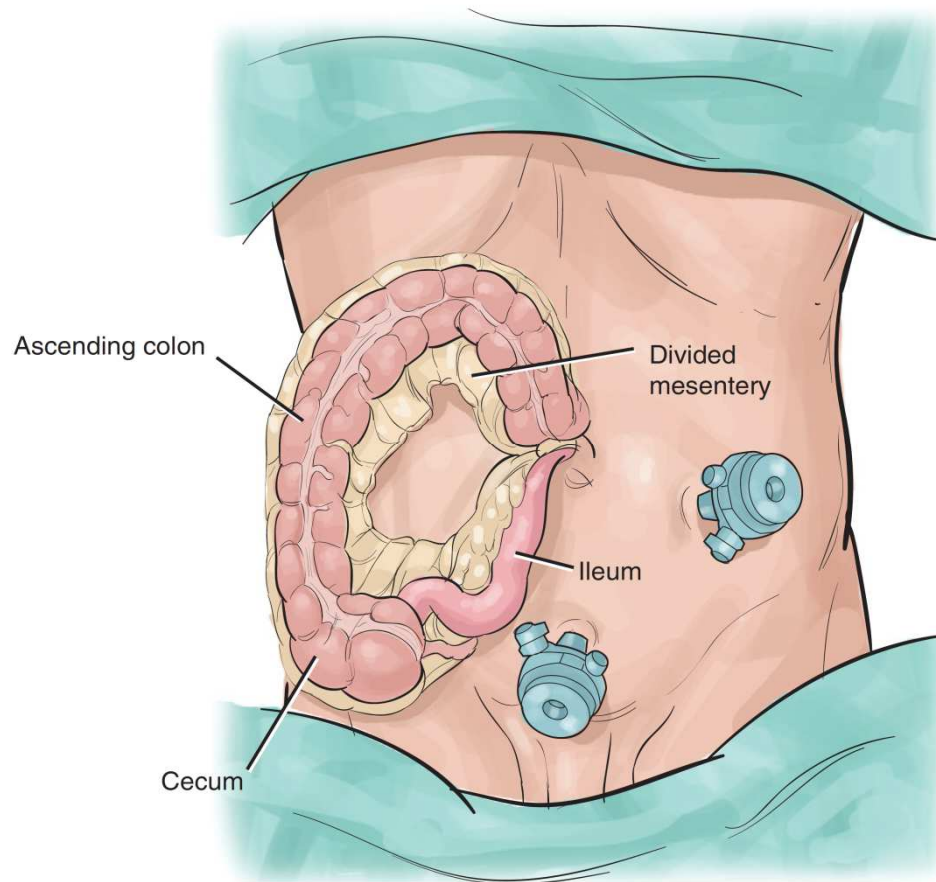


# Colon



**The majority of colonic NETs are located in the right colon,** particularly in the cecum

Colonic NETs, for the most part, are **treated like adenocarcinoma.**



**Colonic NETs < 2 cm** may be **resected endoscopically**, but an oncologic resection is required if the lesion is incompletely excised, or if the tumor is high grade.

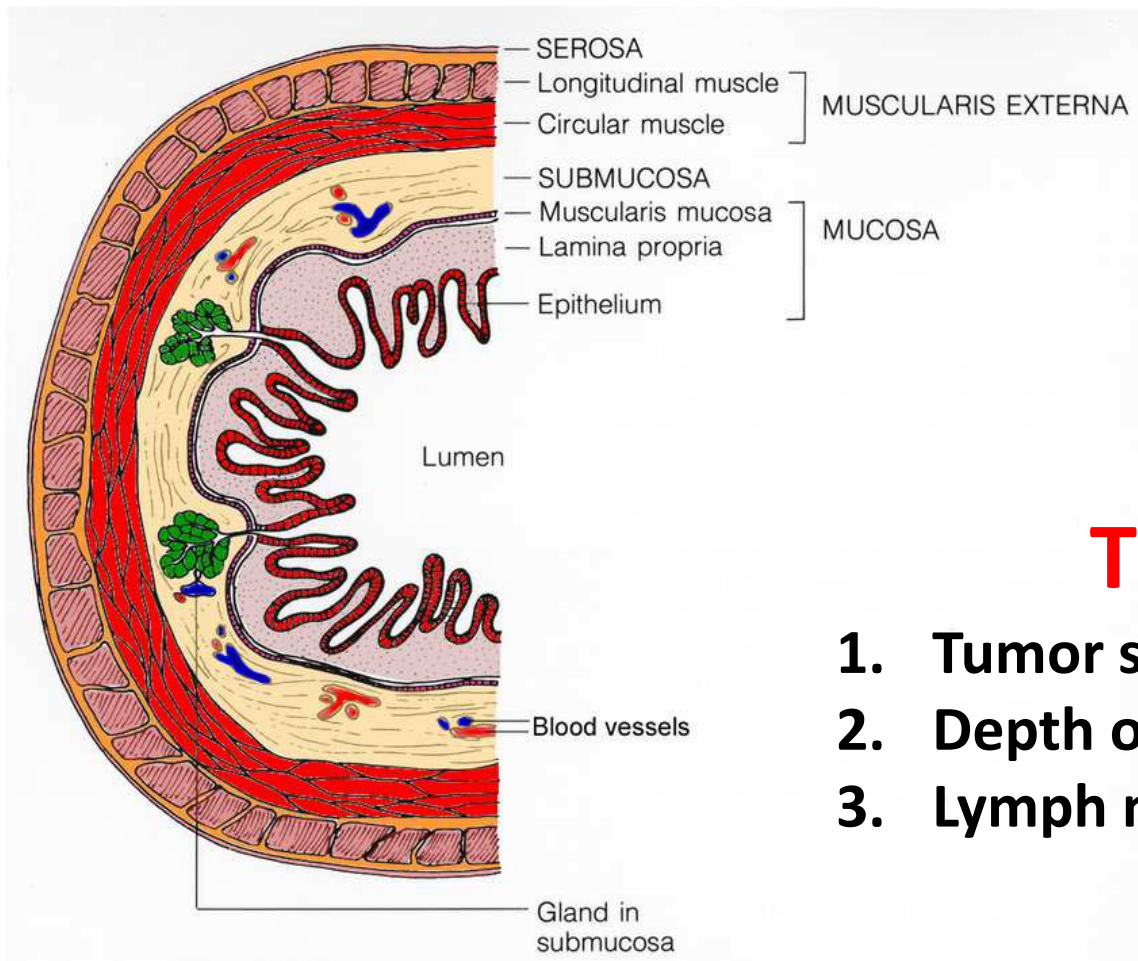
**Colonic NETs >2 cm with invasion of the muscularis propria**

endoscopic resection alone is not appropriate for the majority of colonic NETs. An **oncologic resection with colectomy and resection of the associated lymph drainage is required.**

# Rectum



**Most rectal NETs** are small, localized, and **mucosal or submucosal** in location



A **full colonoscopy** should be performed, if not already done at the time of initial diagnosis to evaluate **for synchronous lesions**.

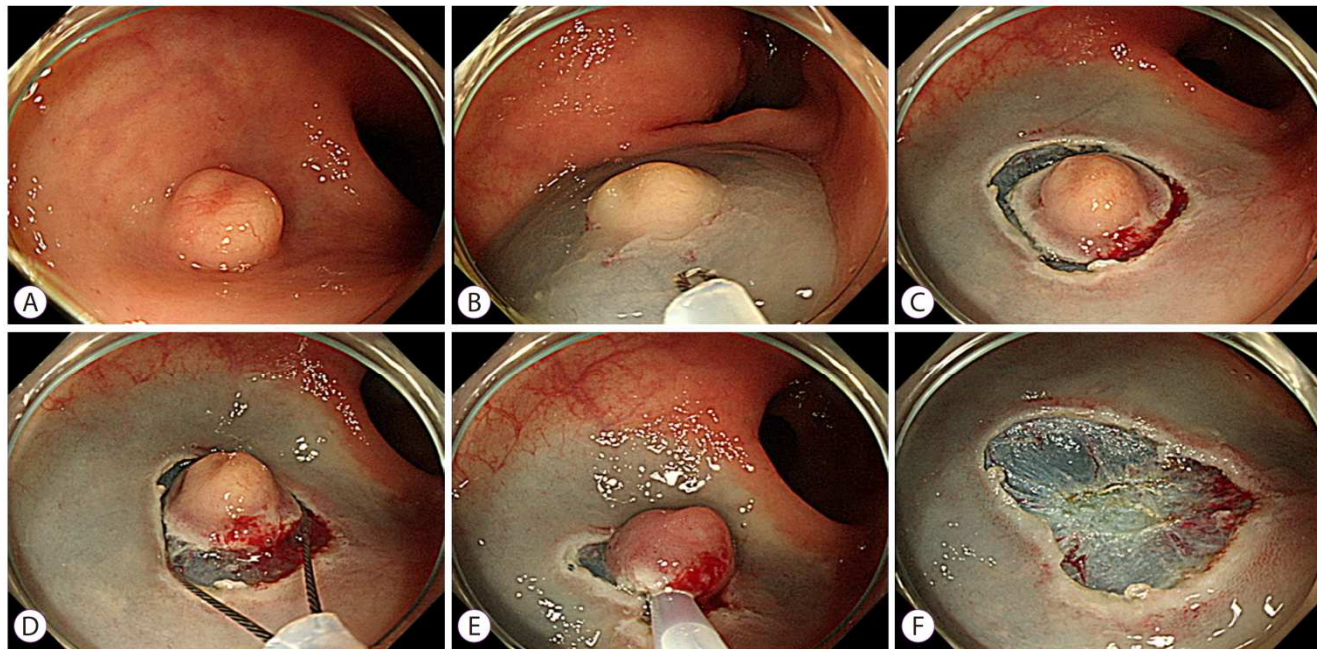
## Treatment

1. Tumor size
2. Depth of invasion
3. Lymph node involvement

# Rectum



**Rectal NETs <1 cm and confined to the mucosa or submucosa (T1)** can generally be treated by **standard endoscopic resection or endoscopic mucosal resection** particularly if they lack other risk factors (i.e. mitotic rate >2 per 10 high-power fields or lymphovascular invasion)

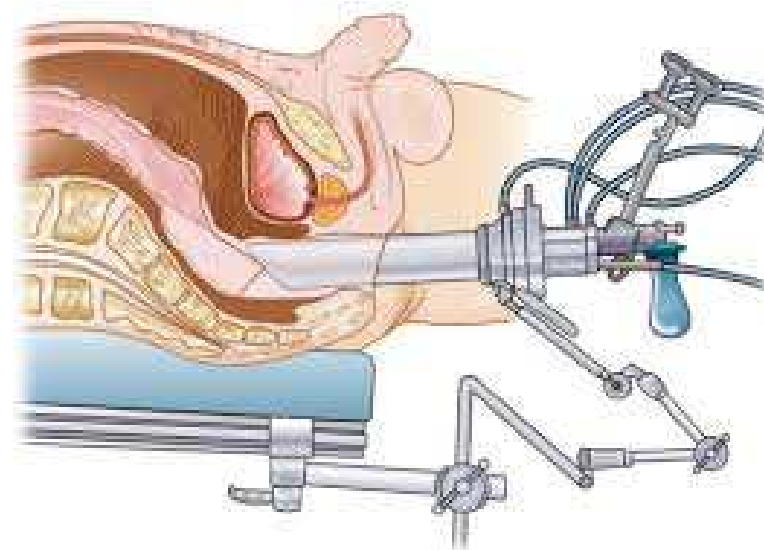
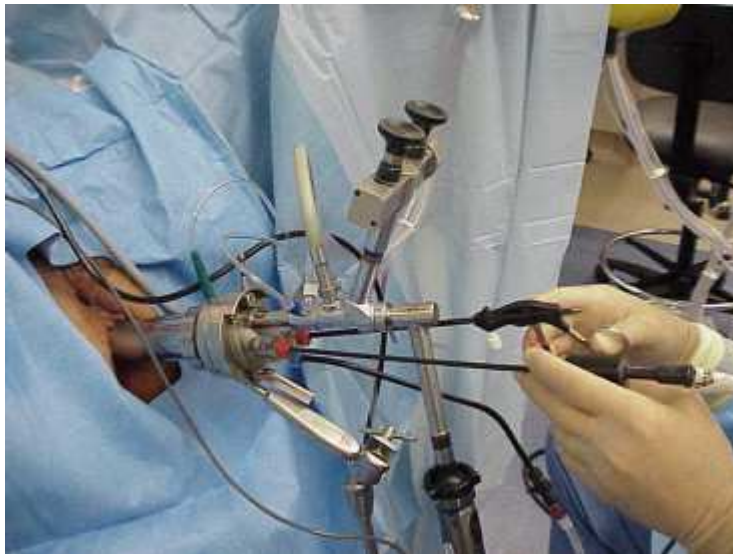


**Fig. 1.** Pre-cut endoscopic mucosal resection of a rectal neuroendocrine tumor (NET). (A) A 9 mm sized rectal NET. (B) Following submucosal injection into the tumor, the tip of the snare is introduced for circumferential incision/precutting. (C) Precutting around the tumor. (D, E) Secure snaring in the pre-cut mucosal groove. (F) A clear post-resection ulcer base is seen.

# Rectum



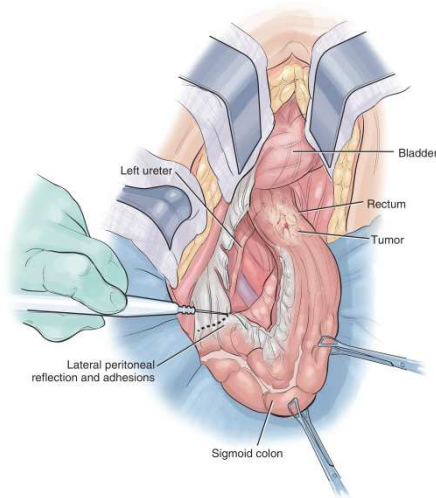
The management of intermediate-sized tumors (1 to 2 cm confined to mucosa or submucosa) is somewhat controversial



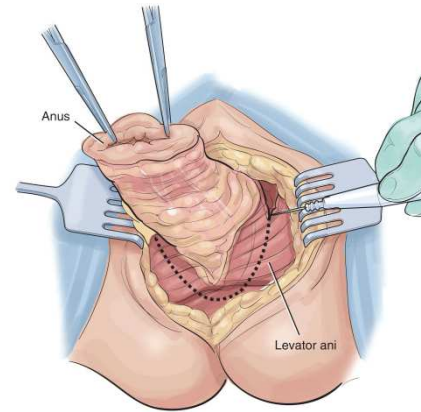
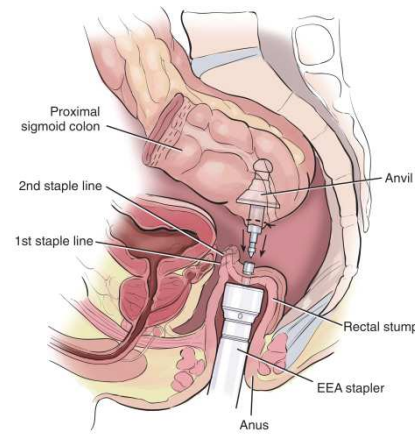
Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery [TEM],

**Transanal resection** or advanced **endoscopic resection techniques** (such as TEM) may be appropriate **for tumors lacking risk factors**, whereas **radical resection** may be more appropriate for tumors with risk factors such as **elevated mitotic rate (or Ki-67 index), lymphovascular invasion, or size >1.5 cm**

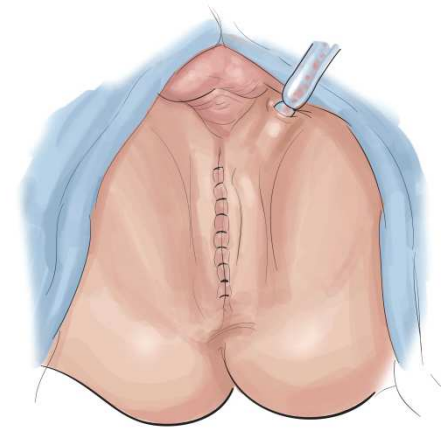
# Rectum



Low anterior resection - Total Mesorectal Excision



Abdominoperineal resection



**Rectal NETs >2 cm or those that invade the muscularis propria (T2) without metastasis (M0) should generally be treated with radical surgical resection.**

**Rectal NETs >2 cm with metastasis Palliative resection or stent for bleeding or obstruction**

# Rectum



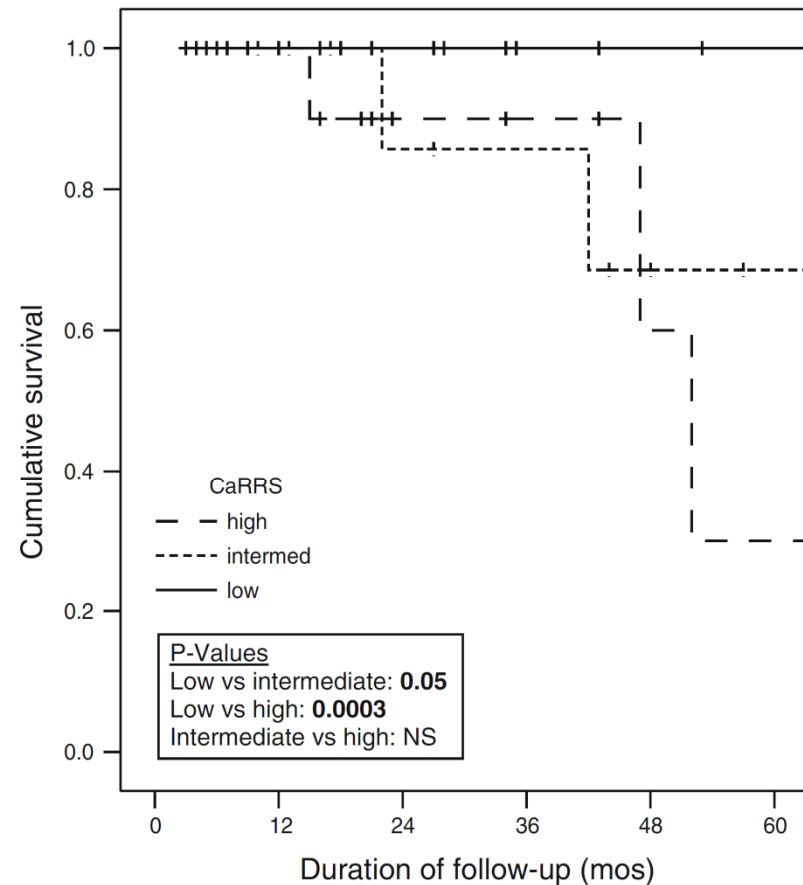
## Carcinoid of the Rectum Risk Stratification (CaRRs): A Strategy for Preoperative Outcome Assessment (5-year recurrence-free survival)

**TABLE 6.** *CaRRS: carcinoid of the rectum risk stratification*

Points	Size (cm)	Depth	Lymphovascular invasion	Mitotic rate (HPF)
0	< 1	Mucosa/submucosa	No	< 2/50
1	1–1.9	Muscularis or deeper	Yes	≥2/50
2	≥2			

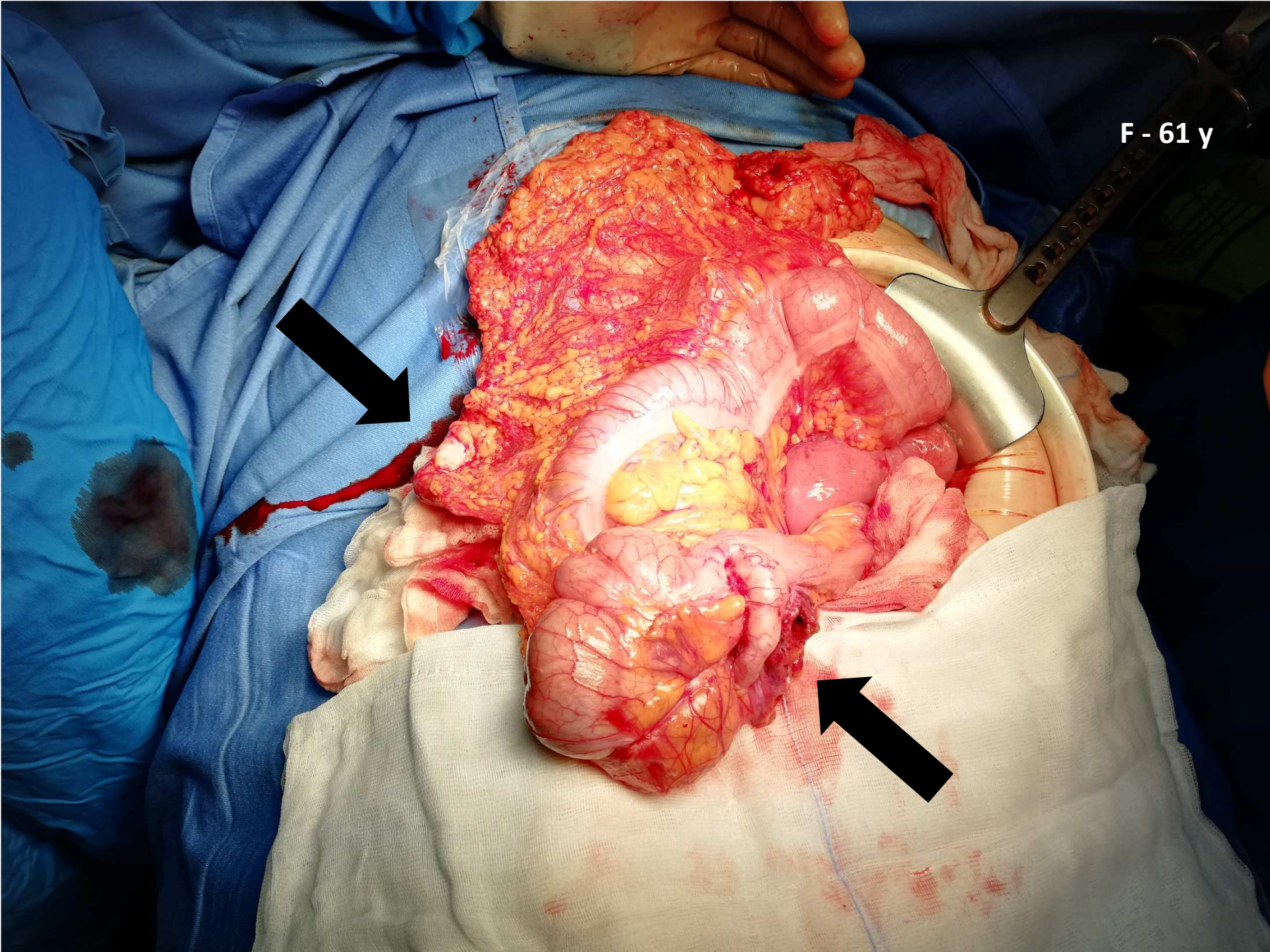
To obtain CaRRS, add patients associated with each clinico-pathologic feature.

Low risk = 0 points, intermediate risk = 1–2 points, high risk = ≥3 points.



**FIG. 2.** Recurrence-free survival for patients based upon carcinoid of the rectum risk stratification (CaRRS) scores.

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### 2010 ENETS/WHO nomenclature and classification for neuroendocrine neoplasms arising in the gastrointestinal (GI) tract

Differentiation	Grade	Mitotic count*	Ki-67 index <sup>¶</sup>	Traditional	ENETS, WHO
Well differentiated	Low grade (G1)	<2 per 10 HPF	<3%	Carcinoid, islet cell, pancreatic (neuro)endocrine tumor	Neuroendocrine tumor, G1
	Intermediate grade (G2)	2 to 20 per 10 HPF	3 to 20%	Carcinoid, atypical carcinoid <sup>Δ</sup> , islet cell, pancreatic (neuro)endocrine tumor	Neuroendocrine tumor, G2
Poorly differentiated	High grade (G3)	>20 per 10 HPF	>20%	Small cell carcinoma	Neuroendocrine carcinoma, G3, small cell
				Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma	Neuroendocrine carcinoma, G3, large cell

ENETS: European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society; WHO: World Health Organization; HPF: high-power fields.

\* Counted in 10 HPF; 10 HPF = 2 mm<sup>2</sup>, at least 40 fields (at 400x magnification) evaluated in areas of highest mitotic density. Cut-offs per American Joint Commission on Cancer Staging Manual, 8th edition.

<sup>¶</sup> Ki-67 index as assessed by MIB1 antibody staining: percent positive after count of 2000 cells in area of highest nuclear labeling. Cut-offs per American Joint Commission on Cancer Staging Manual, 8th edition.

<sup>Δ</sup> The term "atypical carcinoid" only applies to intermediate-grade neuroendocrine tumors of the lung.