### Clinical restaging after neoadjuvant chemotherapy for muscle invasive bladder cancer

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### **Objectives:**



- Define the clinical implication of ypT0
- Review the current state of clinical restaging after neoadjuvant chemotherapy for muscle invasive bladder cancer
- Discuss future direction to improve restaging accuracy

### ypT0: Complete clinical response after neoadjuvant systemic therapy (ie. no tumor seen on final pathology) cT0: Complete clinical response detected prior to cystectomy

#### Table 2. Cystectomy, chemotherapy and pT0 in treatment and control arms

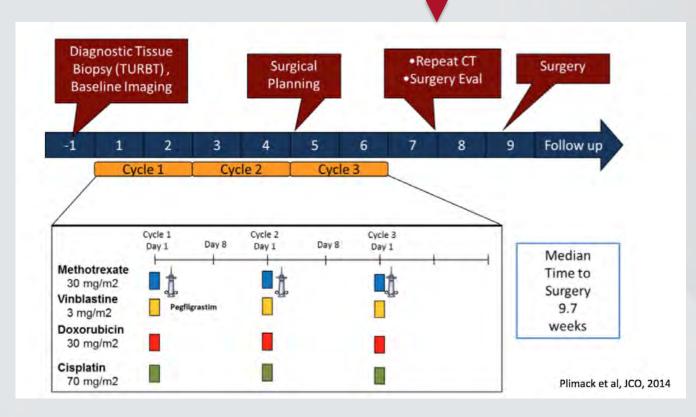
	Nordic I <sup>7</sup>	Nordic II <sup>6</sup>	SW0G <sup>5</sup>	MRC <sup>8</sup>	Totals
No. NC/control intent to treat	151/160	155/154	153/154	491/485*	950/953
No. RC/total No. (%):	264/311 (85)	271/309 (88)	250/307 (81)	494/561 (88)	1,267/1,488 (85)
NC	130/151 (86)	132/155 (85)	126/153 (82)	245/284 (86)	633/743 (85)
Control	134/160 (84)	139/154 (90)	124/154 (81)	249/277 (90)	643/745 (86)
No NC nts treated (% intent to treat)t	108 (72)	103 (66)	131 (87)±	392 (80)	734 (77)
No. pTO/total No. (%):					
NC	33/130 (25)	37/140 (26)	48/126 (38)	67/206 (33)	185/602 (31)
Control	17/134 (13)	16/139 (12)	18/124 (15)	26/211 (12)	77/605 (13)
Notes	-	Includes laparotomy in 8 pts but not RC	-	Pathology data missing on 68 pts overall	-

- ~30% with NAC
- ~12% with TUR alone
- Associated with >80% 10-year cancer-specific survival rates

## Can we leave the bladder behind?

Lavery et al., JUrol, 2014, 191, 898 Palapattu et al., J Urol, 2006. **175**, 1645 Volkmer et al., Cancer, 2005. **104**, 2384 Tollefson et al. World J Urol, 2012, 795

### **Clinical Restaging**



### If patients could be identified as cT0 -> bladder preservation protocols



### Varied Clinical Reports Suggest Worrisome Cystoscopic Miss Rate

#### The Utility of an Extensive Postchemotherapy Staging Evaluation in Patients Receiving Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy for Bladder Cancer

Adam C. Reese, Mark W. Ball, Nilay Gandhi, Michael A. Gorin, George J. Netto, Trinity J. Bivalacqua, and Mark P. Schoenberg

### 33% of seeT0, T1 or greater

J HOPKINS RETROSPECITVE

Urology, 2014. 84, 358

Absence of Tumor on Repeat Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumor Does Not Predict Final Pathologic TO Stage in Bladder Cancer Treated with Radical Cystectomy

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### 64% of seeT0, residual disease!

MDACC RETROSPECITVE

EU Focus, 2018, 720

#### A Sequential Treatment Approach to Myoinvasive Urothelial Cancer: A Phase II Southwest Oncology Group Trial (S0219)

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#### 60% of seeT0, residual disease!

SWOG PROSPECTIVE

J Urol, 2009, 181, 2476

### **Clinical Conundrum**

- Accurate preoperative prediction of pT0 could spare cystectomy in ~30% of patients.
- Requires endoscopic eval immediately prior to cystectomy
- Rigorous documentation of visual findings and pathologic sampling
- The accuracy of negative predictive value for a normal endoscopic examination was not definitively established...



#### Purpose

A prospective, investigational study to assess the accuracy of standardized cystoscopic evaluation with tissue sampling performed immediately prior to definitive radical cystectomy to predict pathologic tumor stage and identify patients who may benefit from bladder preservation therapy.

#### AT CYSTOSCOPY:

- 1. URINE CYTOLOGY
- 2. TUR MAIN TUMOR/SCAR
- 3. TUR 2<sup>ND</sup> TUMOR/SCAR (IF PRESENT)
- 4. TWO ADDITIONAL RANDOM BIOPSIES

#### SPECIMEN HAND-CARRIED TO PATHOLOGY:

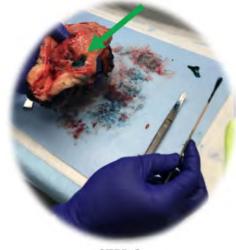


STEP A

**BRING SPECIMENT TO PATH** 



STEP B PATHOLOGY PA WILL BIVALVE SPECIMEN AND UROLOGY WILL IDENTIFY TUR SITE(S)



STEP C PATHOLOGY PA WILL INK MAIN TUR SITE GREEN. IF 2<sup>ND</sup> TUR SITE WAS NECESSARY (PT HAD 2<sup>ND</sup> TUMOR), 2<sup>ND</sup> SITE SHOULD BE INKED ORANGE

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#### Cystoscopy and Systematic Bladder Tissue Sampling in Predicting pT0 Bladder Cancer: A Prospective Trial



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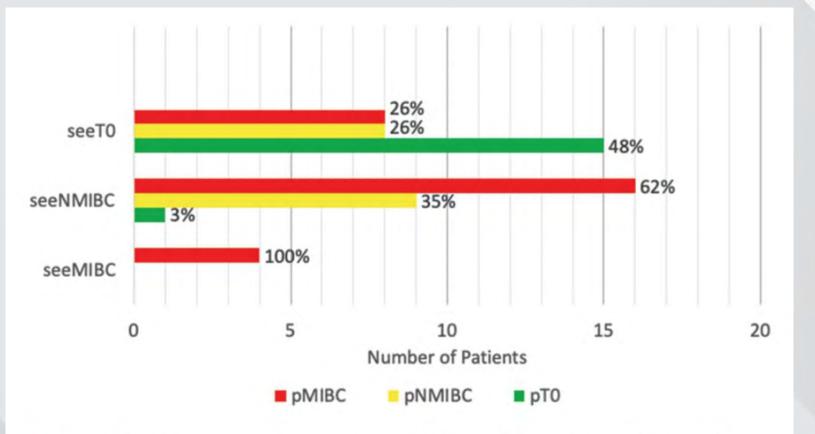
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Futility reached at 61 pts (based on the primary endpoint of NPV <70%)

- 42 (69%) MIBC all but 4 s/p NAC
- 19 (31%) NMIBC
- On SEE, 31 (50.8%) patients demonstrated no visual nor biopsy-based evidence of disease (seeT0)
  - 16/31 (51.6%) residual disease (>pT0) upon RC
  - 8/31 (25.8%) residual ≥pT2 disease upon RC
- 1 in 4 patients with seeT0 harbored MIBC

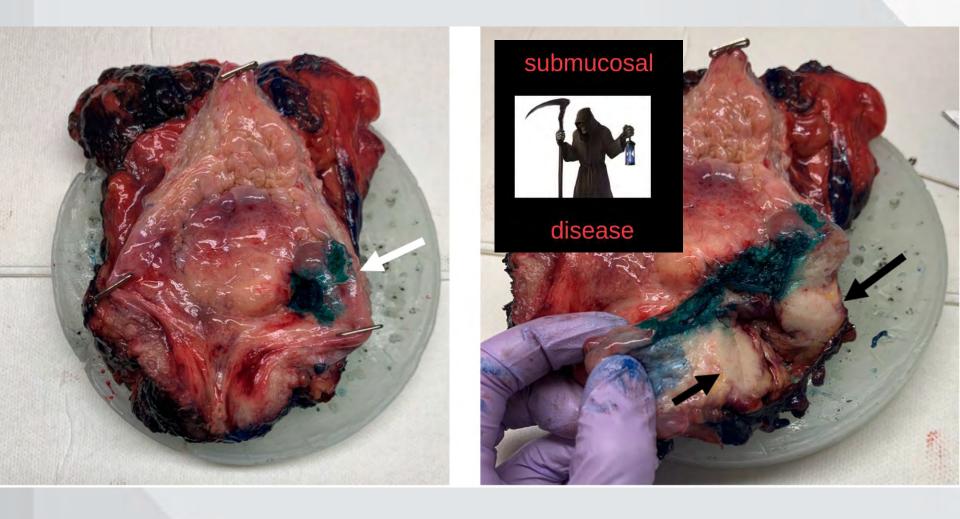
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**Figure 2.** Agreement between SEE (seeT) and final pathology (pT) for combined cohort (61)

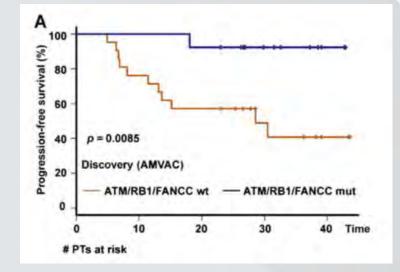




# What's the next step in the progression of clinical restaging in bladder cancer?

## **Adjuvant Testing**

- Genomic alterations predicting response and clinical benefit after neoadj therapy
- Urine Assays for circulating free DNA (cfDNA)
- mpMRI bladder (VIRADS)
- Others



Plimack et al Eur Urol 2015

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# **Circulating tumor DNA (ctDNA)**

- Tumor specific DNA fragments in circulation
- Multiple approaches with high sensitivity
- Detection precedes radiographic progression
- Dynamic changes in ctDNA carry prognostic significance
- Resolution after NAC indicates tumor response
- Prelim data suggests could be marker for ypT0

Birkenkamp-Demtröder K et al Eur Urol 2018 Bratman et al Nat. Cancer 2020 Christensen et al JCO 2019

### **INSITE** Trial

INcreasing pre-Surgical Identification of muscle Tumor Evaluations prior to planned cystectomy

> Single arm, diagnostic clinical trial of clinical reclassification of bladder cancer prior to cystectomy using transurethral resection, serum ctDNA, urine biopsy (cfDNA), and microbiome analysis

Goal: Increase accuracy for detecting cT0 by developing a diagnostic panel combining TURBT with adjuvant testing

# Thank you!

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