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Nordic Early Colorectal Cancer (NERC) Meeting Solstrand Hotel, Bergen, Norway

Join us for two days focused on cutting-edge, organ-preserving treatment of early colorectal cancer in a truly inspiring setting.

The NERC Meeting brings together clinicians and researchers from across borders to advance early colorectal cancer care and organ-preserving strategies.

Through highly interactive sessions, participants will explore the latest developments in imaging, endoscopy, surgery, pathology, and oncology.

The meeting aims to improve patient outcomes by promoting collaboration, sharing best practice, and strengthening a professional network in an intimate coastal venue just outside Bergen.

Day 1

Session 1:

Changes and Trends in Diagnostics of Early Colorectal Cancer

Epidemiology and effects of the European screening programmes – Roald F. Havre

Changes in radiology in Early Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis – Elleke Dresen

Session 2:

Local Excision of Early Colon Cancer

CROSSROADS
– Leon Moons

Role of ESD for colonic lesions – Jan Houf

Role of eFTR for early colon cancers
– Barbara Bastiaansen

Role of wedge resections
laparo-endoscopic + ICG-mapping
– Erik van Westreenen

Session 3:

Pathology in Early Colorectal Cancer

Histopathological risk factors – Keynote lecture
Hege Sætran & Miangela Lacle

Session 4:

Surgical Management in Early Colon Cancer

Role of primary surgical management –
who is not suitable for endoscopic local treatment?
– Cris Cunningham

Are limited surgical resections oncologically safe?
– Frank Pfeffer

Day 2

Session 5:

Staging of Early Rectal Cancer

Role of MRI pre local excision – Elle Dresen

Role of ERUS pre local excision – Frank Pfeffer

Session 6:

Local Excision of Early Rectal Cancer

Role of ESD/EID
– Rishab Chawla / Barbara Bastiaansen

Role of TEM/TAMIS – Jörg Baral / William Lossius

Discussion: Pro-con endoscopy vs surgical local decision
– Roel Hompes

Surveillance After Local Excision of Early Colorectal
Cancer: Challenges in High-Risk T1 Lesions
– Antonino Spinelli

Session 7:

Surgery and Radiotherapy in Early Rectal Cancer

TESAR study – Jurriaan Tuynman

Role of upfront (chemo)radiation for organ preservation,
incl. STARTREC studies – Brechtje Grotenhuis

Navigating the pelvis: robotic strategies for Early Rectal
Cancer – Deena Harji

Session 8:

New Kids on the Block

Role of robotic TAMIS – Lars Thomas Seeberg
Immunotherapy for early colorectal cancer
– Brechtje Grotenhuis

Moving boundaries for local excision of T2-cancer
– Roel Hompes

Role of CtDNA in follow-up after local excision
– Kristin Lygre