



# Rektumkarzinom: Sphinktererhalt: Zu welchem Preis?

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# Goals of Rectal Cancer Surgery

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- **Local and systemic tumor control**
- **Survival in the long-term**
- Preservation of continence and function
- Quality of life



# Quality of Life: Definition



- PERSONAL FACTORS
- SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

**QOL**  
QUALITY of LIFE  
MEASURES

# Quality of Life: Determination

Name	Beschreibung	Ergebnisse
<b>SF-36</b>	<b>Allgemeiner Fragebogen</b> 66 Begriffe, 8 Dimensionen (körperliches Befinden und Funktion, Einschränkungen, Sozialfunktion, mentales Befinden, Vitalität, somatische Schmerzen, allgemeine und gesundheitliche Wahrnehmung)	Skala von 0–100; hohe Werte korrelieren mit einer besseren Funktion und Wohlbefinden
<b>EORTC-QLQ-C30<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Karzinomspezifischer Fragebogen</b> 30 Begriffe, 5 funktionelle Skalen (körperlich, funktionell, kognitiv, emotional, sozial), 3 Symptomskalen (Müdigkeit, Schmerzen, Übelkeit/Erbrechen), eine globale Gesundheitsstatusskala und LQ-Skala, 5 Einzelbegriffe (Dyspnoe, Anorexie, Schlafstörung, Konstipation und Diarrhö), wahrgenommene finanzielle Auswirkung	Subskala von 0–100; Hohe funktionelle Werte bedeuten eine hohes Funktionsniveau; hohe Symptomwerte bedeuten ein hohes Niveau von Symptomen und Problemen
<b>EORTC-QLQ-CR38<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Krankheitsspezifischer Fragebogen</b> 38 Begriffe einschließlich Symptome und Nebenwirkungen der Therapie, Körperbild, Sexualität, Zukunftsperspektiven	Subskala von 0–100; Hohe funktionelle Werte bedeuten eine hohes Funktionsniveau; hohe Symptomwerte bedeuten ein hohes Niveau von Symptomen und Problemen



<sup>2</sup>Aaronson NK et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 1993

<sup>3</sup>Sprangers MA et al. Eur J Cancer 1999



# Determinants of QoL

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- Rectal and bladder function
  - Evacuation problems
  - Incontinence
- Sexual function



# Postop. urogenital dysfunction

n=98, lap. TME, after RT

6 mts postop.



• Bladder function:	72%	23%	5%
• Ejaculation:	56%	19%	25%
• Potency:	63%	16%	21%
• Female sexuality:	53%	14%	32%

# Postop. satisfaction

597 pts, follow-up 5 yrs

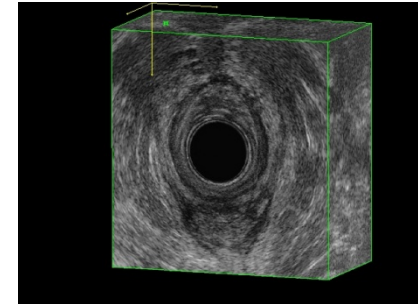


	<b>5X5 Gy+TME</b>	<b>TME</b>
w/o Stoma	<b>50%</b>	<b>60%</b>
Stoma	<b>75%</b>	<b>75%</b>

# QoL after Rectal Surgery

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○ Anastomosis?



○ Neo-/adjuvant treatment?

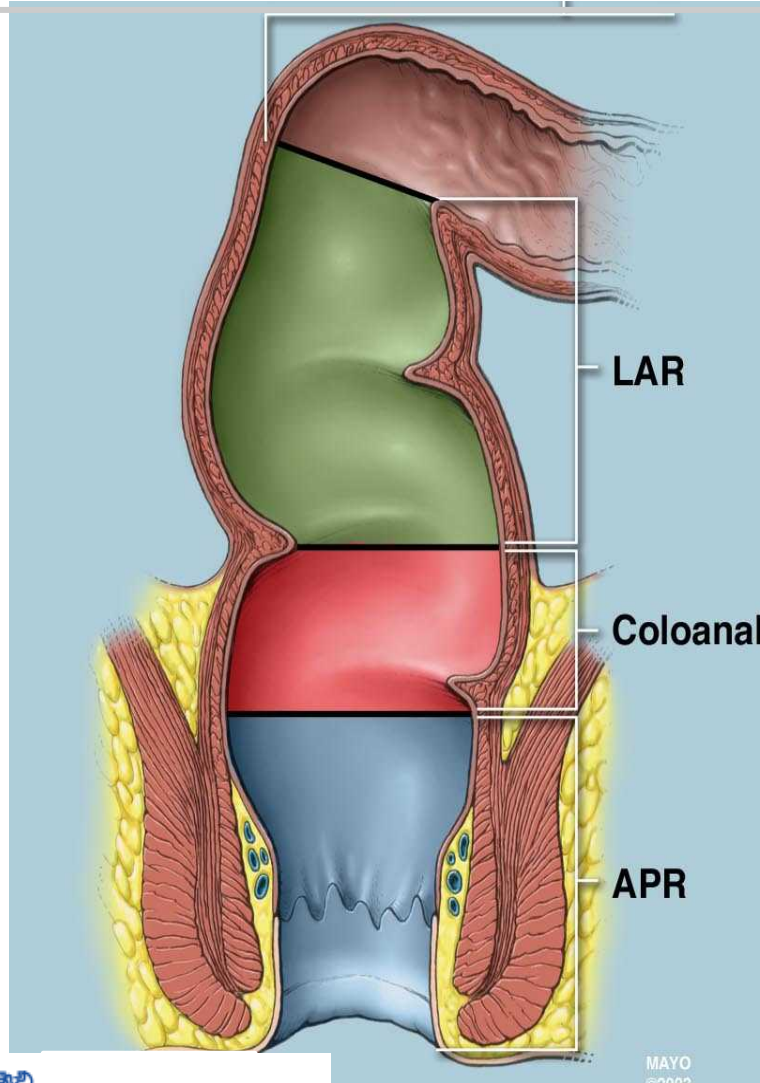


○ Colostomy?





# Low rectal resection: Distal margin



**1980**      **5cm**

**1983**      **2cm**

Williams NS. BJS 1983  
Pollett WG. Ann Surg 1983

**1995**      **<2cm**

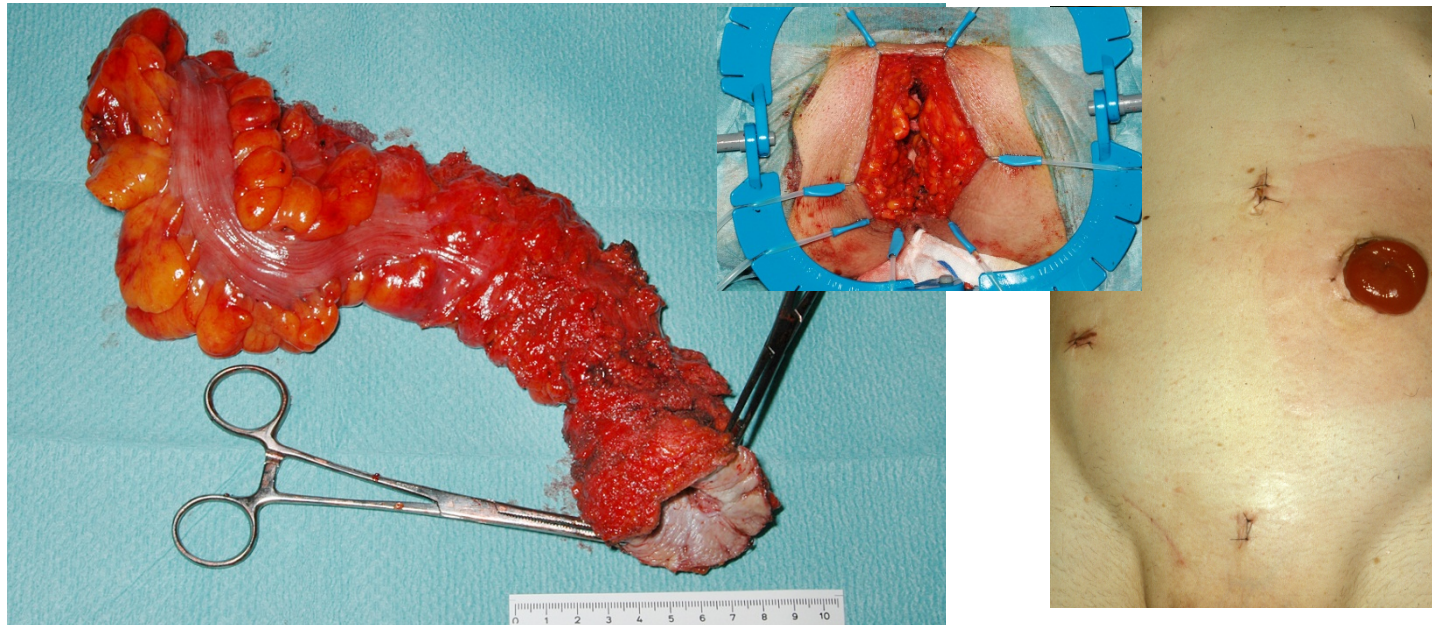
Rullier E; Ann Surg 2005



# Low Rectal Resection

**APR**

**Abdominoperineal Amputation**



# Low Rectal Resection

**APR**

VASOG II	1975-80	<b>94%</b>
EORTC	1976-81	<b>81%</b>
Stockholm I	1980-87	<b>63%</b>
GITSG	1981-85	<b>59%</b>
Swedish	1987-90	<b>56%</b>
NCCTG-7951	1980-86	<b>51%</b>
NCCTG	1986-90	<b>47%</b>
NSABP-R02	1987-92	<b>43%</b>
Dutch	1996-99	<b>27%</b>
German	1995-02	<b>25%</b>



# Low Rectal Resection

**APR**

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EORTC	1976-81	81%

## Oncological efficiency

*Neoajuvant Tx: APR 25% => 16%*

*German Rectal Cancer Study Group NEJM 2004*

## Technical advances

German	1995-02	25%
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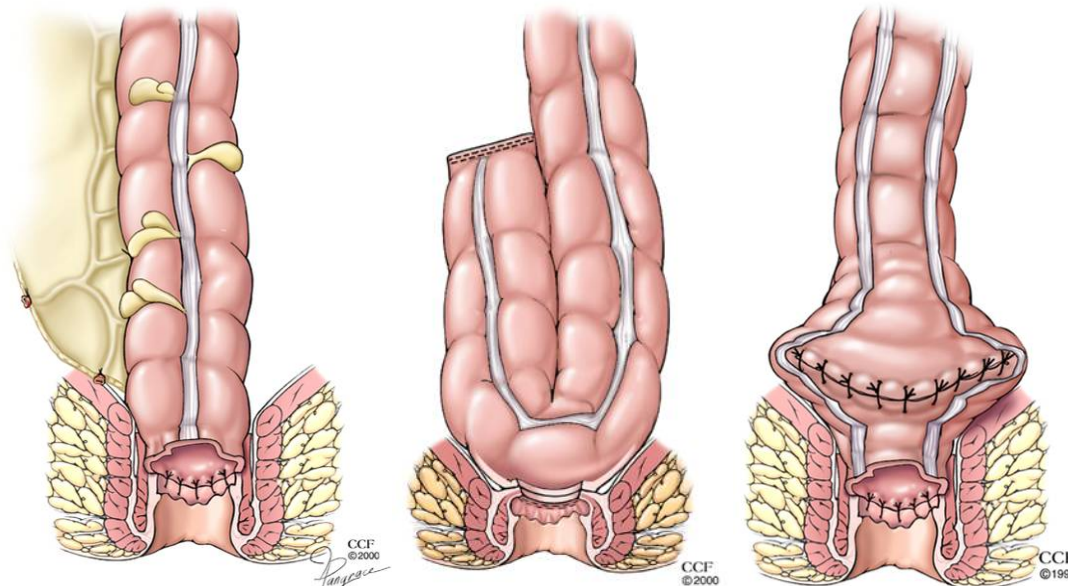


# Low Rectal Resection

**CAA**

**APR**

**Coloanal Anastomosis**

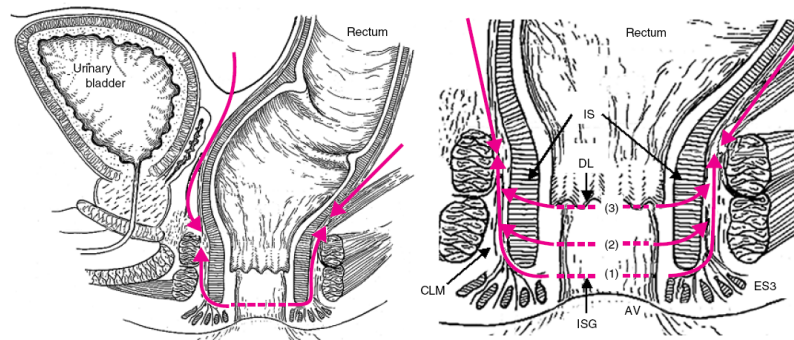


# Low Rectal Resection

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

## Sphincter-Saving Resection for All Rectal Carcinomas *The End of the 2-cm Distal Rule*

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Véronique Vendrely, MD,‡ and Frank Zerbib MD, PhD§*





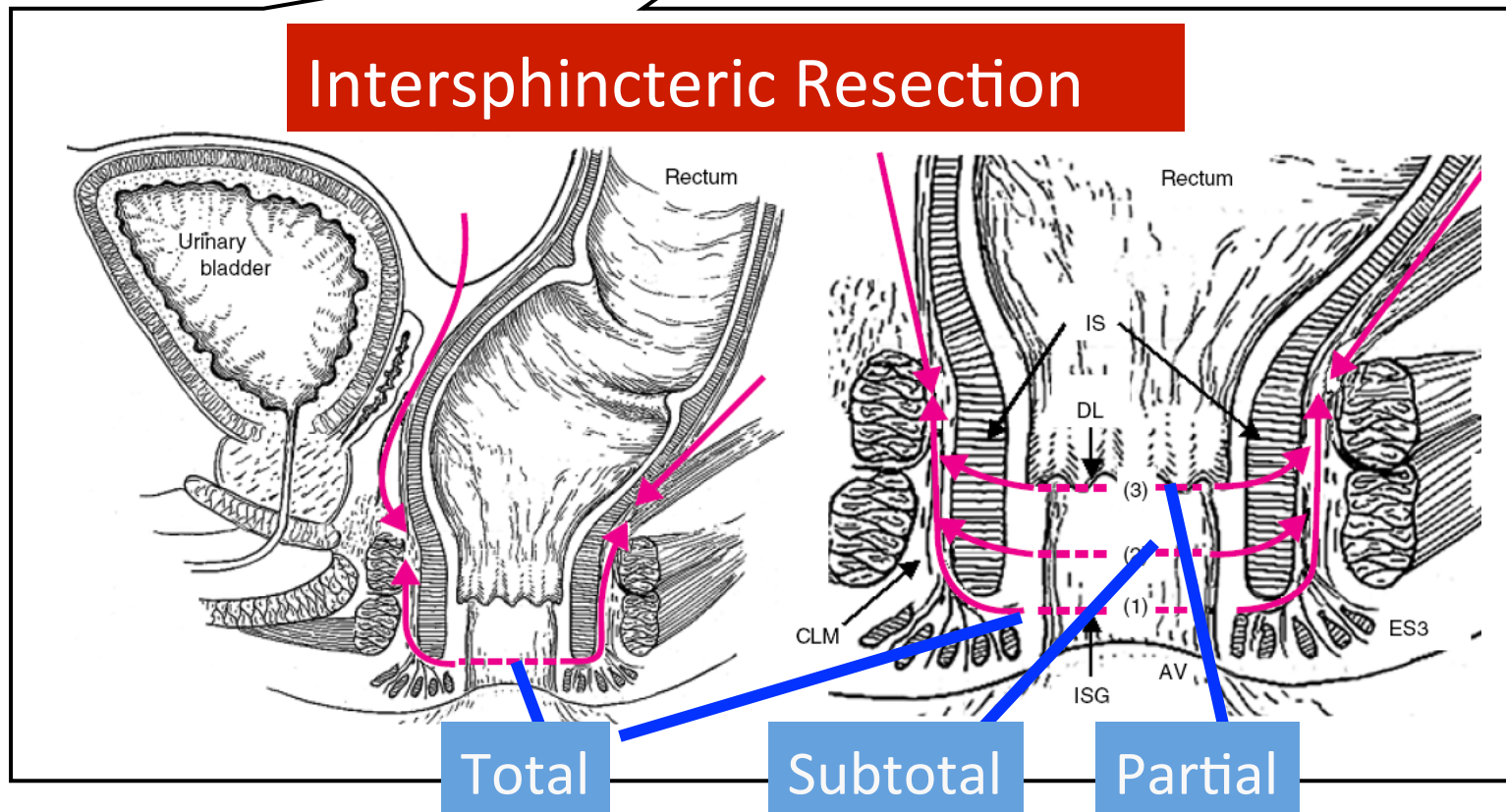
# Low Rectal Resection

**CAA**

**ISR**

**APR**

## Intersphincteric Resection



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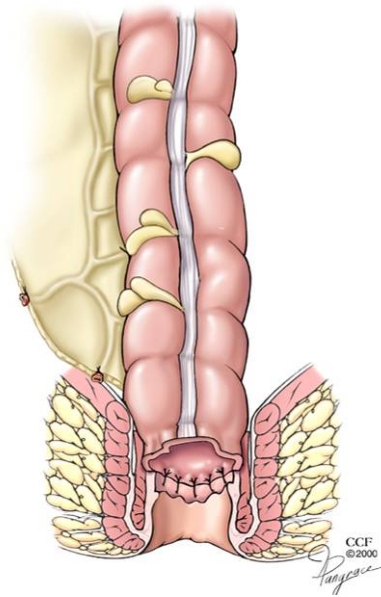
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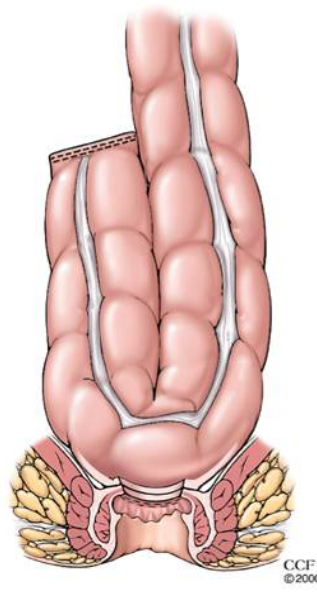


# Impact of Reconstruction

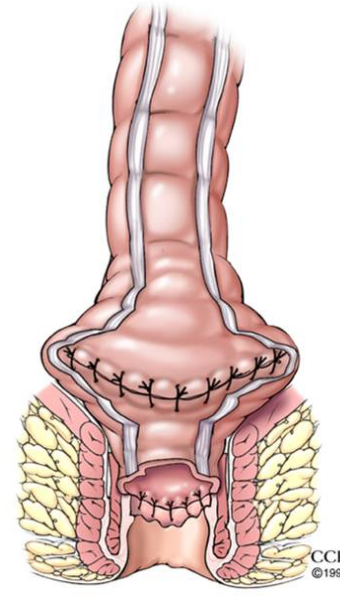
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**ISR**



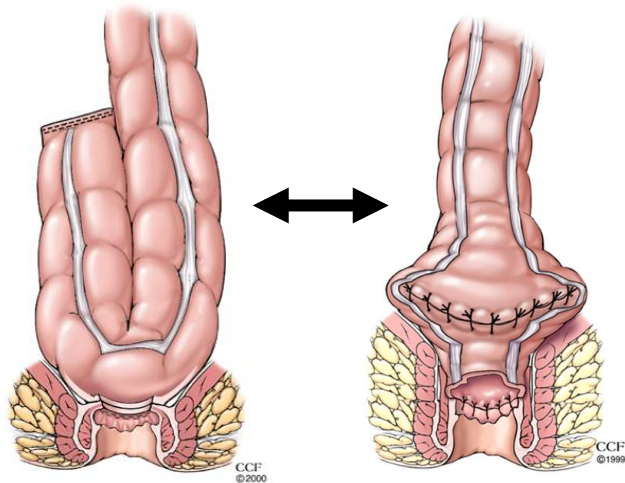
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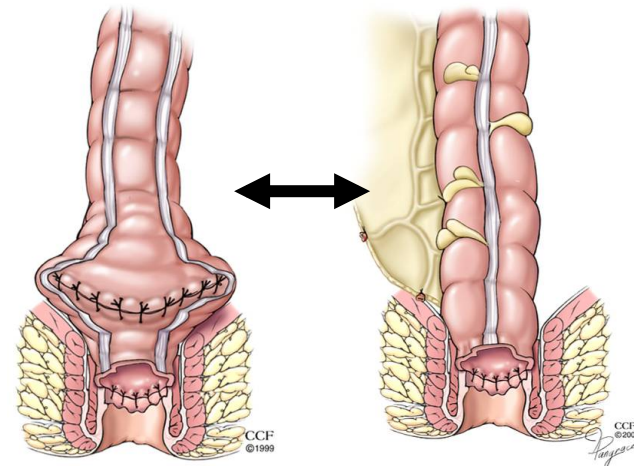


# Impact of Reconstruction

J-Pouch eligible

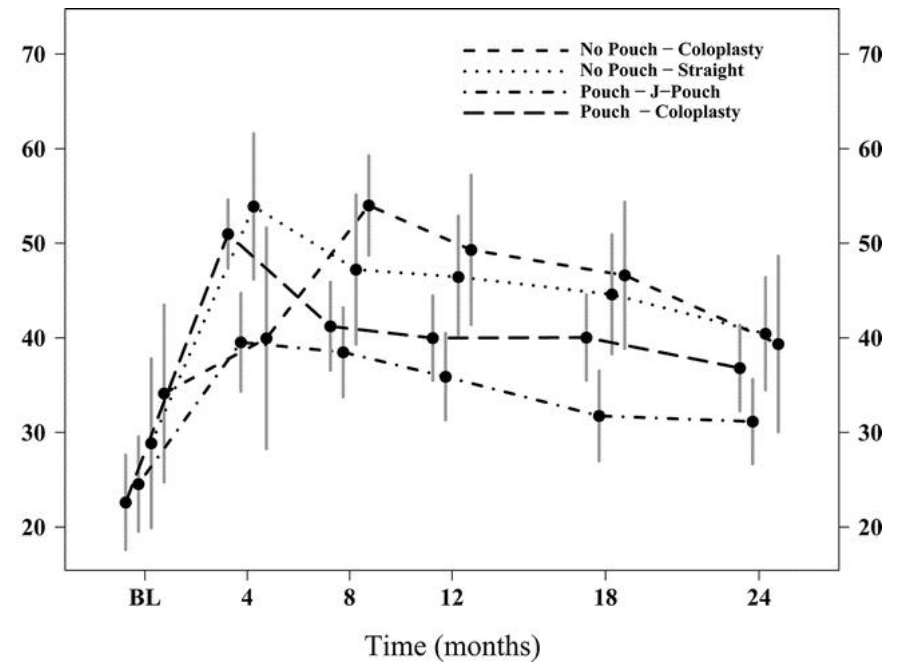
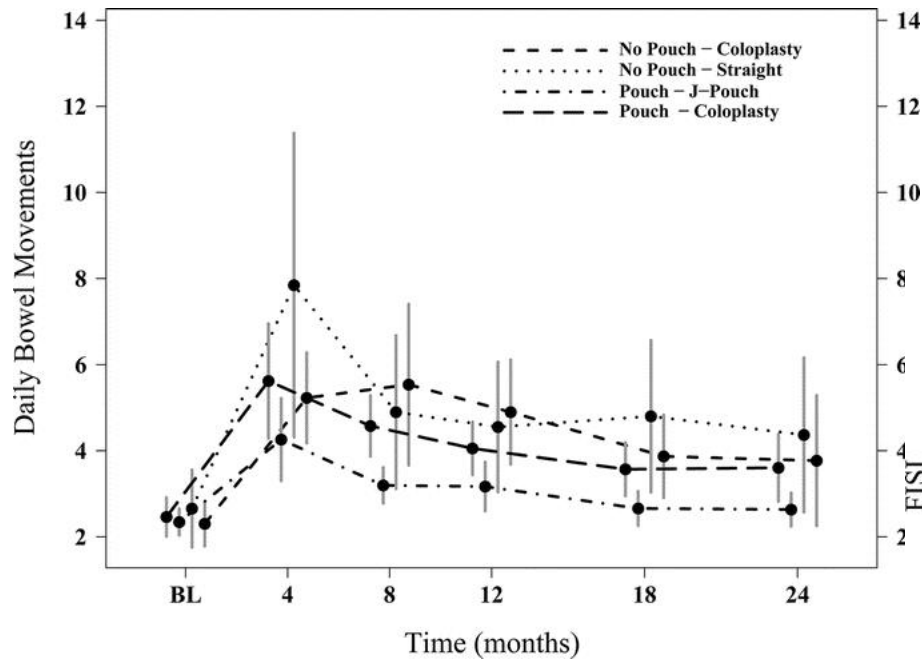


J-Pouch ineligible



n=364, multicenter PRT, all 48 month FU

# Impact of Reconstruction



# Impact of Reconstruction

**TABLE 5.** Intergroup Comparison of Quality of Life

Parameter	J-Pouch Ineligible		<i>P</i> *	J-Pouch Eligible		<i>P</i> *
	Coloplasty (CP-1)	Straight (SA)		J-Pouch (JP)	Coloplasty (CP-2)	
SF-36 MCS						
Preoperative	48.0 ± 10.3	48.1 ± 9.5	0.89	50.8 ± 8.67	50.0 ± 9.2	0.61
4 mo	48.6 ± 9.2	44.4 ± 10.6	0.18	51.5 ± 9.2	49.6 ± 9.7	0.20
12 mo	50.9 ± 8.0	47.4 ± 10.3	0.19	52.8 ± 7.8	52.7 ± 8.3	0.96
24 mo	52.1 ± 8.5	47.0 ± 11.6	0.09	52.4 ± 8.9	53.5 ± 7.8	0.47
SF-36 PCS						
Preoperative	46.5 ± 8.3	47.2 ± 8.9	0.59	50.2 ± 7.5	50.2 ± 6.8	0.56
4 mo	44.5 ± 9.1	42.5 ± 8.9	0.41	48.6 ± 7.8	47.9 ± 8.1	0.71
12 mo	47.7 ± 9.1	48.8 ± 9.7	0.46	51.9 ± 6.6	51.5 ± 7.5	0.88
24 mo	49.6 ± 8.7	50.1 ± 8.4	0.78	52.4 ± 7.2	52.3 ± 6.3	0.53

\*Quantitative data summarized as mean ± SD, and compared using Wilcoxon rank sum test.



**Sensitivity of SF-36 ?**

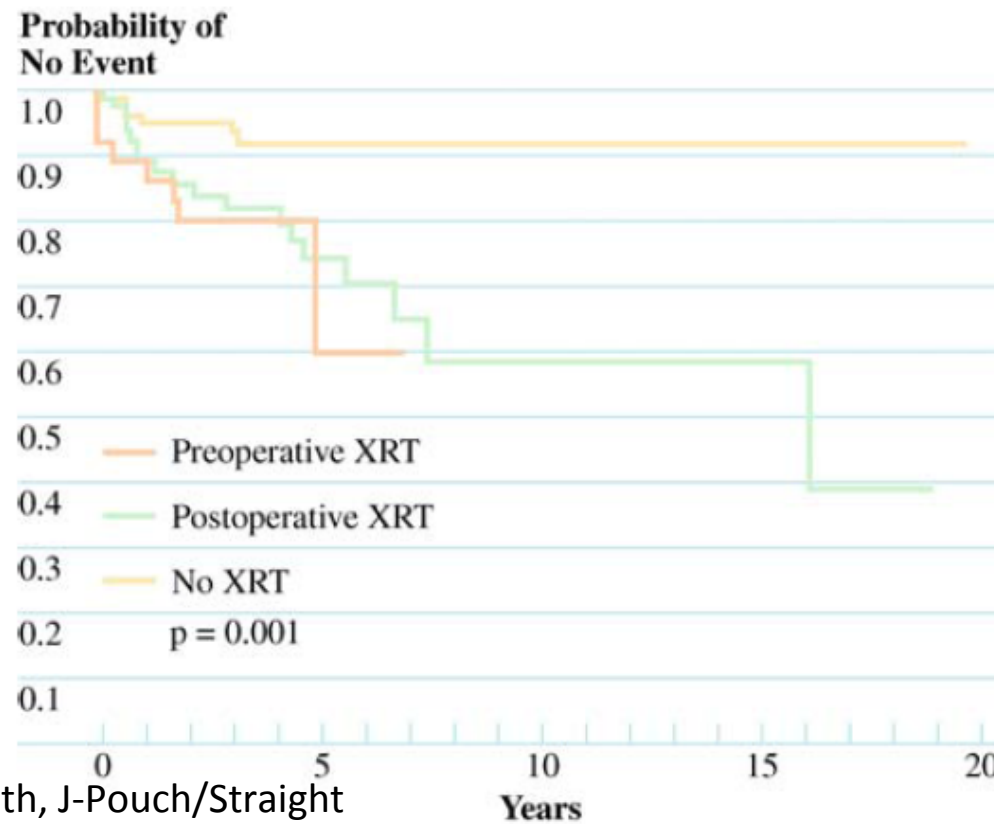
# Function, Continence

CAA

ISR

APR

Colostomy-free survival



n=192, median FU 65 month, J-Pouch/Straight

# Function, Continence

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**CAA**

**ISR**

**APR**

- **Permanent Stoma 24%**
- 61% anorectal dysfunction (incontinence, fistula, abscess)
  - 9% bowel obstruction
  - 9% patient-related
  - 22% recurrence

n=192, median FU 65 month, J-Pouch/Straight

# Function, Continence

**CAA**



**ISR**

**APR**

Functional Results After ISR and CAA for Low Rectal Cancer

	ISR Group (n = 40)	CAA Group (n = 37)	P Value
Stool frequency per 24 hr	2.8 ± 2.1	2.3 ± 1.3	0.22
Urgency	15 (37)	14 (38)	1
Stool fragmentation	25 (62)	24 (64)	1
Dyschesia	16 (40)	12 (32)	0.64
Feces-flatus discrimination	25 (62)	27 (73)	0.34
<b>Continence Wexner score</b>	<b>10.8 ± 5.2</b>	<b>6.9 ± 4.2</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Antidiarrheal medications	24 (60)	13 (35)	0.04
Alimentary restriction	8 (20)	11 (30)	0.43
Continence Kirwan classification			<0.01 <sup>a</sup>
<b>I Perfect</b>	<b>6 (15)</b>	<b>12 (32)</b>	
II Incontinence of flatus	15 (38)	18 (49)	
III Occasional minor soiling	14 (35)	7 (19)	
IV Frequent major soiling	5 (12)	0	
V Incontinent (required colostomy)	0	0	

ISR = intersphincteric resection; CAA = conventional coloanal anastomosis.

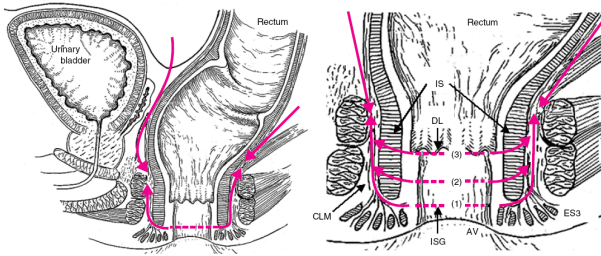
Data are numbers with percentages in parentheses unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>a</sup> I–II vs. III–IV–V.

Retrospective, n=37 CAA and n=40 ISR, median FU 56 month

Bretagnol F et al. DCR 2004

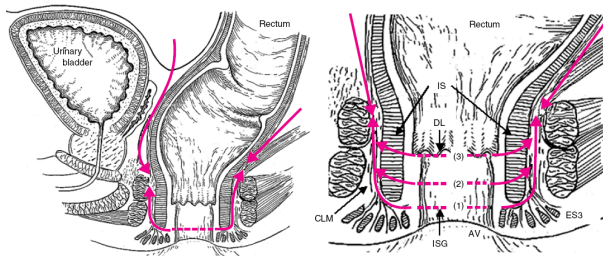
# Impact of Reconstruction



- Bowel/24h 1.7-5
- Urgency 19-58%
- Leakage day 15%
- Leakage night 20%
- Wexner Score 6-12

Review, n=612, 13 studies

# Impact of Reconstruction



**TABLE 2.** Clinical course of anal dysfunction in patients who underwent ISR followed by stoma closure

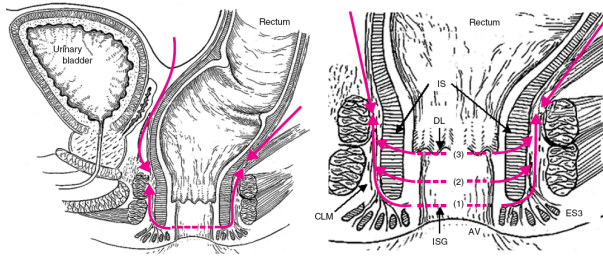
<i>Symptoms related to anal function</i>	<i>3 months</i>	<i>6 months</i>	<i>12 months</i>	<i>24 months</i>
Bowel movements >5 per day	53/90 (59)	41/85 (48)	27/76 (36)**	15/58 (26)**
Incontinence of gas	20/84 (24)	23/80 (29)	17/71 (24)	14/56 (25)
Incontinence of loose stools	34/88 (39)	22/84 (26)	20/74 (27)	14/60 (23)*
Incontinence of solid stools	24/88 (27)	18/84 (21)	17/74 (23)	10/60 (17)
Soiling during the day	35/90 (39)	22/85 (26)*	20/74 (27)	14/60 (23)*
Soiling during the night	21/90 (23)	13/85 (15)	13/74 (18)	11/60 (18)
Pad wearing	67/87 (77)	54/85 (64)	42/74 (57)**	37/59 (63)**
Cannot discriminate between feces or flatus	19/88 (22)	10/85 (12)	8/74 (11)	3/58 (5)**
Urgency	16/87 (18)	11/85 (13)	9/74 (12)	10/58 (17)
Stool fragmentation	45/87 (52)	35/85 (35)	34/74 (46)	30/58 (52)
Very low satisfaction	21/85 (25)	10/85 (12)*	10/72 (14)	10/58 (17)

ISR = intersphincteric resection. • Data are proportion of patients reporting daily problems via questionnaire, with percentages in parentheses. Percentages with each anal dysfunctions in 6, 12 and 24 months were statistically compared with those in 3 months using Fisher's exact test.

n=96, median margin 15mm, median FU 37 month



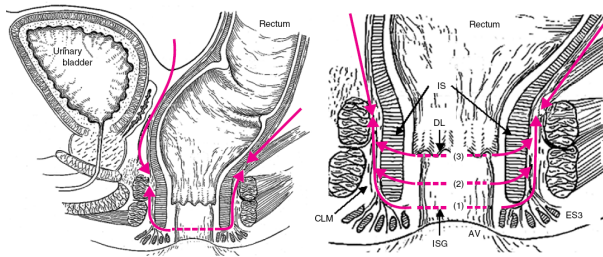
# Impact of Reconstruction



Wexner score	ISR	LAR
1 (incontinence for solid stool)	2.2	2.0
2 (incontinence for liquid stool)	2.4	1.9
3 (incontinence for gas)	2.8	2.2
4 (use of pads)	3.2	1.7
5 (social life limitations)	2.3	1.7
<b>Summary score (0–20)*</b>	<b>12.90</b>	<b>9.50</b>

\*p, 0.0038

# Impact of Reconstruction



**TABLE 5.** Factors Influencing Functional Outcome: Multivariate Analysis

	<b>OR</b>	<b>IC 95%</b>	<b>P</b>
Age	1.03	0.98; 1.08	0.20
Gender	1.14	0.37; 3.52	0.82
Stage			
0-1-2	1		
3-4	1.31	0.44; 3.95	0.63
<b>Preop. radiotherapy</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>1.05; 8.98</b>	<b>0.04</b>

n=90, median margin 12mm, median FU 56 month

# Function, Continence

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CAA

ISR

APR

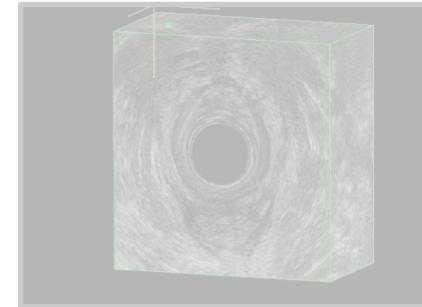
- Change/Empty bags 2-4x/day
- Change appliance every 2-3 days
- 5'339€ / year
- Parastomal hernia up to 45%
- Skin Problems 20%
- Prolapse 2-5%



# QoL after Rectal Surgery

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○ Anastomosis?



○ Neo-/adjuvant treatment?



○ Colostomy?





# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment



Dutch TME trial, 1996 - 1999, 1,861 patients  
Rotterdam Symptom Check List (RSCL) : ‹VAS›

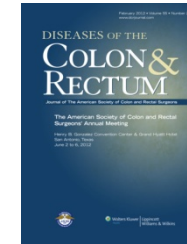
	RT+	RT-	p
Incontinence	<b>62%</b>	<b>38%</b>	p<0.001
Bowel moves./d	3.7%	3.0%	p=0.011
Pads	56%	33%	p<0.001



# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment

Swedish trial

64 pts, follow-up **14 yrs (9-23)**



	RT+	RT-	p
Incontinence	<b>57%</b>	<b>26%</b>	p<0.001
Soiling	38%	16%	P<0.001
Bowel moves / d	3	1.5	p<0.001

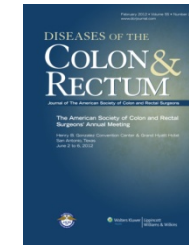


# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment

Coloanal Anastomosis (Straight/J-Pouch Anastomosis)

RT: 50.4 Gy

192 pts, follow-up 5 J.

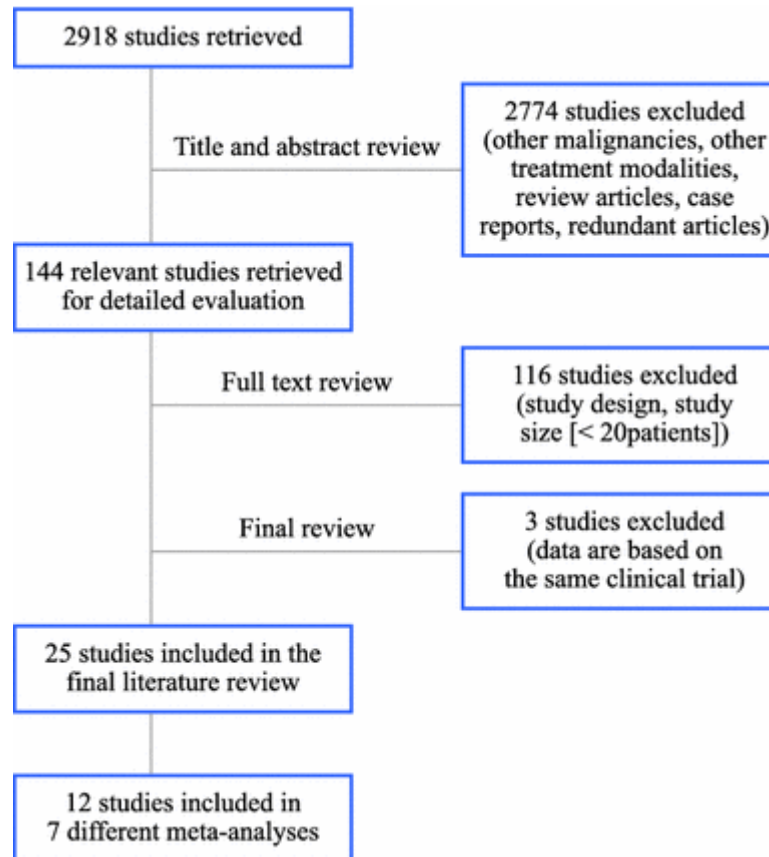


	RT+	RT-	p
Incomplete evacuation	<b>55%</b>	<b>30%</b>	p<0.001
Impaired general health status	<b>36%</b>	9%	P<0.001
Impaired social life	<b>50%</b>	26%	p<0.001



# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment

**25 Studies**  
**n= 6548**



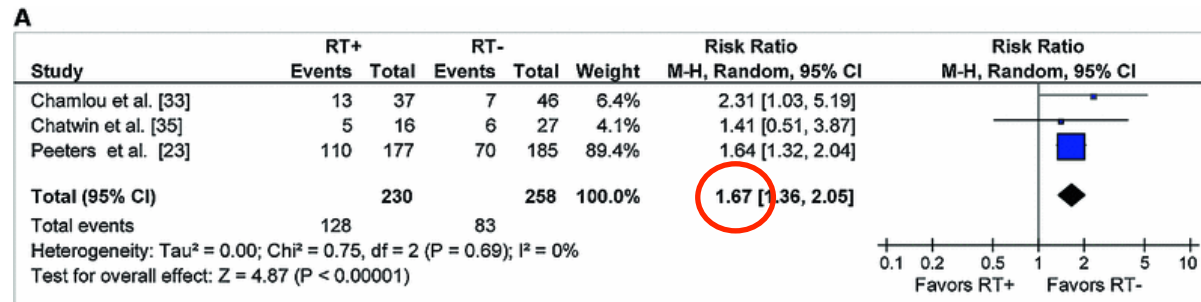




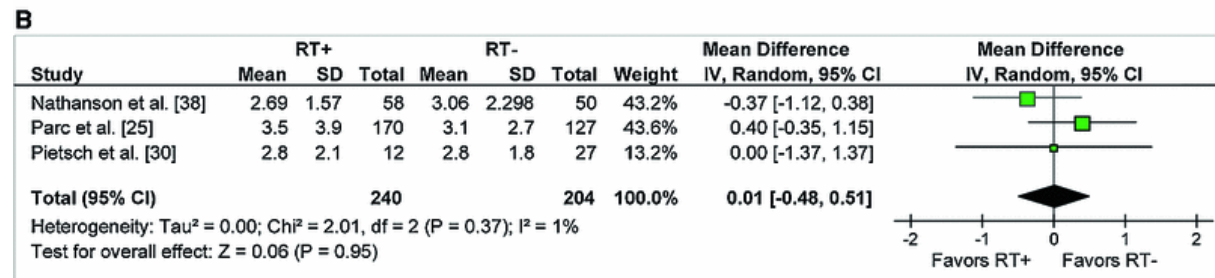
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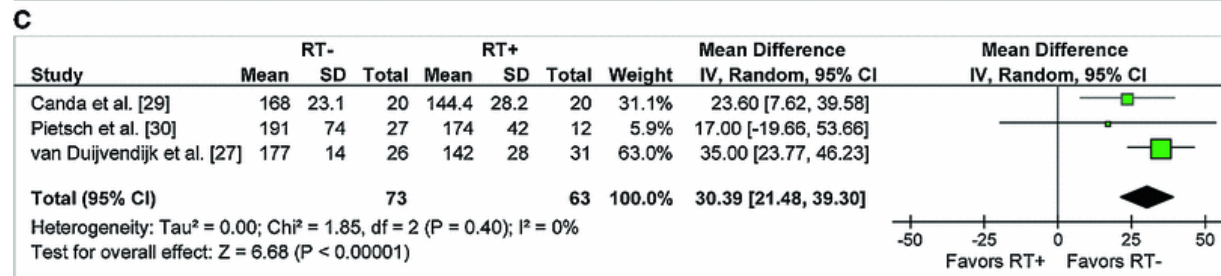
Stool-Incontinence



Bowel movements/d

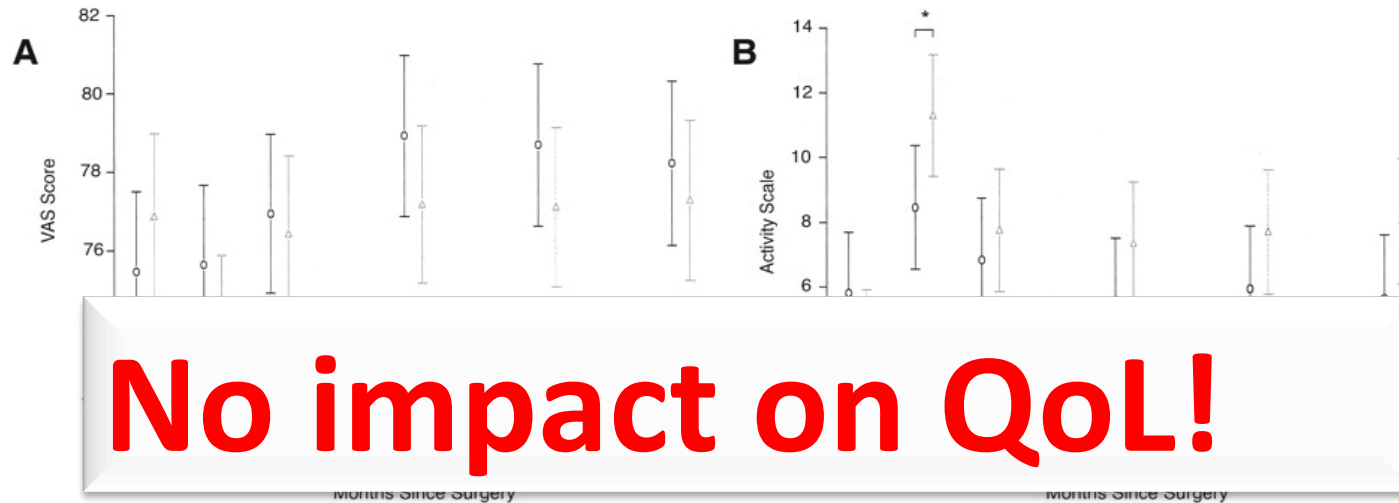


Max. squeeze pressure

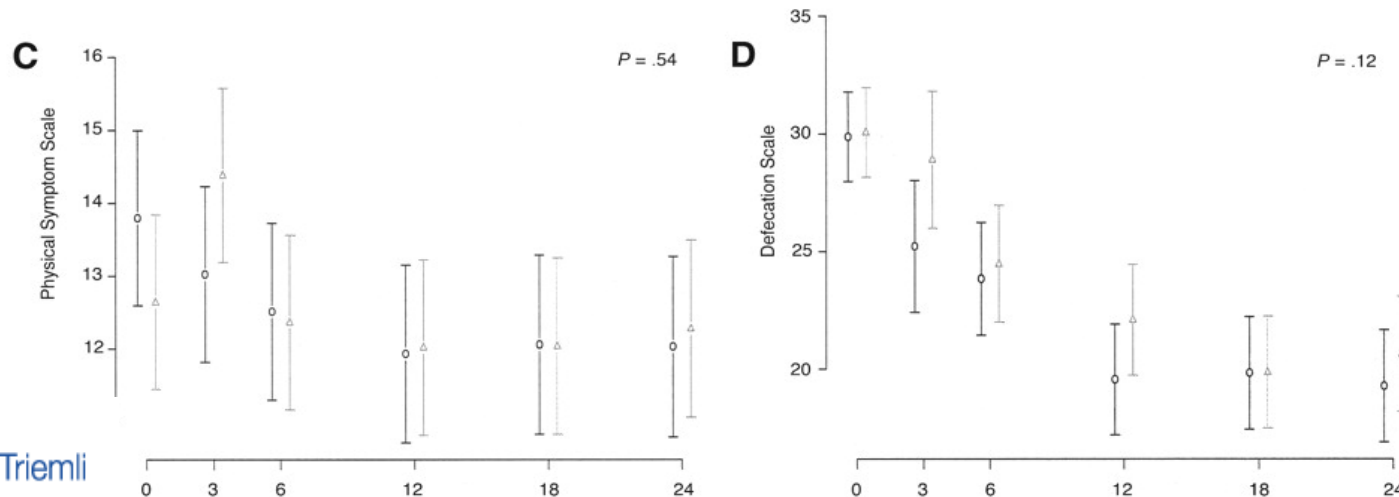




# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment



**No impact on QoL!**



n=990  
TME, 5x5Gy



# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment

	PRT+			PRT-			P
	3	12	24	3	12	24	
<b>Male</b>							
Sexual functioning	46.2	46.4	47.4	40.3	39.4	40.8	.004
Erection disorders	43.4	52.6	53.9	44.2	45.3	47.1	.03
Ejaculation disorders	34.1	39.1	42.5	32.7	28.6	31.7	.002
<b>Female</b>							
Sexual functioning	51.8	48.2	50.0	35.2	30.3	29.9	< .001
Vaginal dryness	35.5	39.5	38.8	33.3	29.9	35.1	.21
Pain during intercourse	23.6	21.5	20.7	22.9	16.9	20.0	.67

n=990  
TME, 5x5Gy



# Effect of neoadjuvant treatment

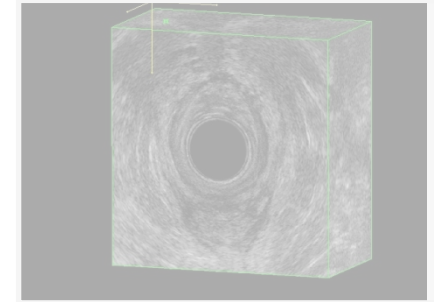
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# Sphincter-preservation vs. APR

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**23%** der Patienten nach APR

**Hochgradigen psychischen Störungen**





# QoL: APR vs. AR

11 Studies, non-randomized, n=1412



## Metaanalysis

6 Studies: AR = APR

4 Studies: AR > APR

1 Studies: AR >/< APR

**Meta-Analysis not possible!**



# QoL: APR vs. AR

35 Studies, non-randomized, n=5127



## Metaanalysis

14 Studies: AR = APR

21 Studies: AR  $>/<$  APR

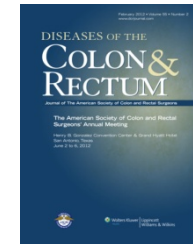
**No conclusion possible!**





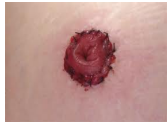
# QoL: APR vs. AR

Multicenter Study, n=253, 13 Centers, 11 countries



Permanent colostomy with negativ effect in all dimensions **only in patients from southern Europe and arabic countries**

=> QoL after APR influenced by **social and cultural differences**



# QoL: APR vs. AR

11 studies, n = 1443  
APR: 33%  
QoL: up to 2 yrs postop.





# QoL: APR vs. AR



	SF-36	QLQ C30	QLQ CR38 P/R	n	n (APR)	n (AR)	Erfassung	
Allal, 2000		✓	✓	p	23	11	12	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
Camilleri-Brennan, 2002	✓	✓	✓	r	106	53	53	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
Gosselink 2005		✓	✓	r	122	51	71	–
Grumann 2001		✓	✓	p	73	23	50	1 J. nach Chirurgie
Guren 2005		✓	✓	r	319	90	229	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
Jess 2002	✓			r	40	14	26	20.1 Monate
Kuzu 2002	✓			r	178	75	103	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
Rauch 2004		✓	✓	r	121	53	66	–
Schmidt 2005			✓	p	249	46	203	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
Sideris 2005		✓	✓	r	132	42	90	–
Vironen 2006	✓			r	82	28	54	> 1 J. nach Chirurgie
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>1,443</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>957</b>	



# QoL: APR vs. AR



	Studien	n (APR)	n (AR)	P - Wert
<b>QLQ C30</b>				
Global health	8	369	774	0.68
Physical	7	279	545	0.45
Role	8	369	774	0.31
Cognitive	6	226	479	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Emotional	6	226	479	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Social	8	369	774	0.19
Fatigue*	7	279	545	0.31
Pain*	7	346	724	0.30
Nausea*	5	203	442	0.68
Dyspnoea*	5	203	429	0.99
Insomnia*	7	279	545	0.89
Appetite loss*	5	203	442	0.28
Constipation*	5	217	452	0.10
Diarrhoea*	7	316	708	1
Financial difficulties	5	203	442	0.42

Pro APR



# QoL: APR vs. AR

	Studien	n (APR)	n (AR)	P value
<b>QLQ CR38</b>				
Body image	5	217	452	0.17
Sexual function	5	247	454	<b>0.01</b>
Sexual enjoyment	4	151	221	0.30
Future perspective	5	179	276	<b>0.002</b>
Micturition problems*	6	270	505	1.00
GIT symptoms*	6	270	505	0.69
Weight loss*	4	194	402	0.06
Male sexual problems*	4	202	359	0.02



Pro AR

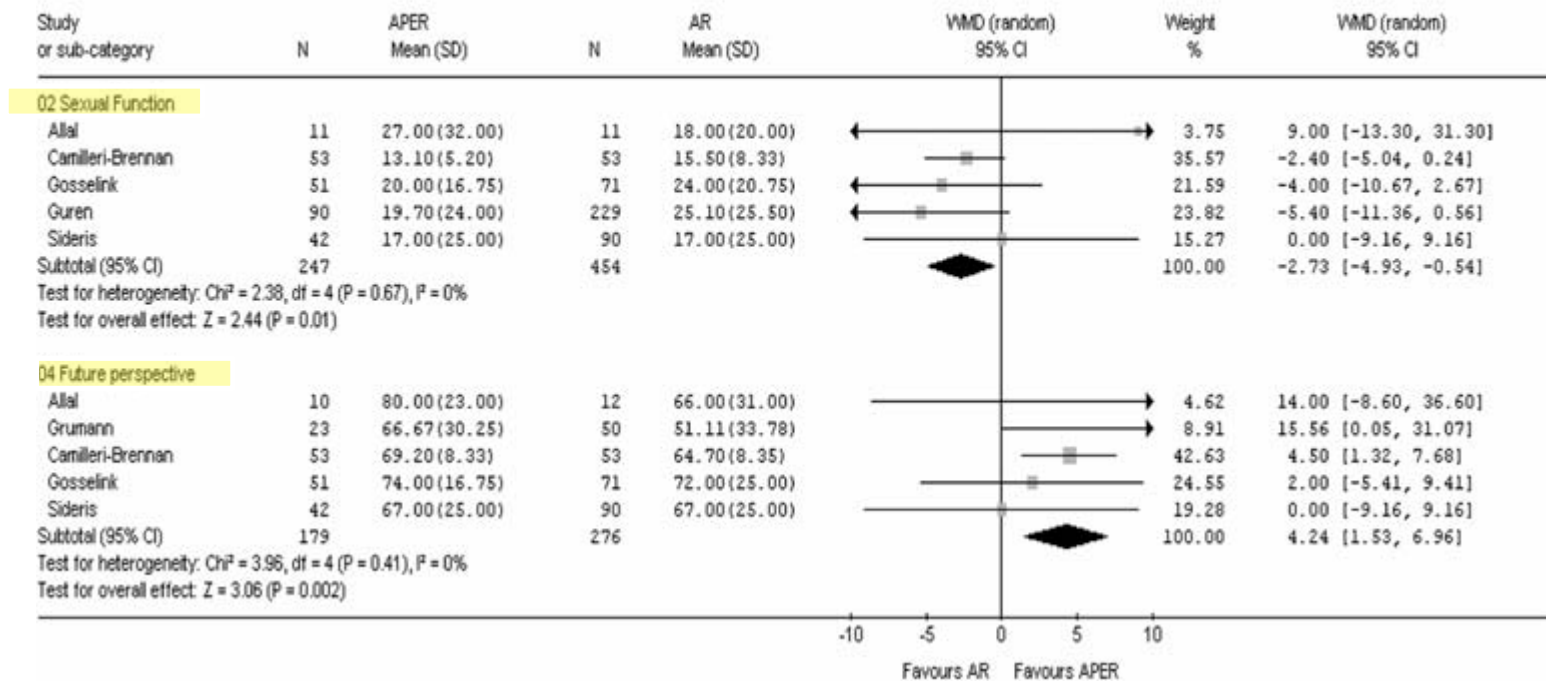
Pro APR



# QoL: APR vs. AR



Review: Quality of Life in Anterior Resection vs Abdominoperineal resection  
 Comparison: 13 CR38 APER vs AR sexual function and future perspective  
 Outcome: 01 APER vs AR





# QoL: APR vs. AR

	Studien	n (APR)	n (AR)	P value
<b>SF-36</b>				
General quality of life	4	170	236	0.22
Physical function	4	170	236	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Role function	4	170	236	<b>&lt;0.006</b>
Social function	4	170	236	0.30
Bodily pain	4	170	236	<b>0.005</b>
Mental health	4	170	236	0.18
Role (emotional)	3	156	210	0.29
Vitality	4	170	236	<b>0.003</b>



Pro AR

# Conclusions

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**Rectal function: determined by**  
- reconstruction (CAA/ISR)  
- RT

**Functional impact => QoL??**

**APR: Data on QoL inconclusive**

**Counseling on individual basis**





# uncover ostomy

I'm Jess.

I'm your average university student.

I go to class, study hard and  
occasionally have some fun.

I lead a completely normal life.

And I have an ostomy.