

---

## Local excision of pT1 and pT2 carcinomas of the rectum from 1996 to 1999

Janko Novak

*Department for Abdominal Surgery Dr. P. Drzaj Hospital, KC Ljubljana, Slovenia*

---

**Purpose.** Our aim was to present and evaluate local excisions of rectal cancer in view of preserving organ functioning and securing surgery for cure. The current follow-up and results are discussed.

**Materials and methods.** From the beginning of 1996 to the end of 1999, we treated 21 patients for rectal cancer by local excision. All patients had lesions less than 4 cm in diameter which were not extending beyond the muscularis propria by ELUS examination.

**Results.** At the moment, 13 patients are without recurrence, 3 died of cancer unrelated cause, 4 had another operation because of recurrence, 1 was lost from follow-up for unknown reason.

**Conclusion.** The number of our patients is small and hardly of statistic value. Our opinion is that local excision has its meaning as organ saving procedure if it is supported with good follow up.

---

Correspondence to: Janko Novak, M.D., Department for Abdominal Surgery Dr. P. Drzaj Hospital, KC Ljubljana, Vodnikova 62, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Phone: +386 1 519 32 33.