

Surgical Advances in Ovarian Cancer

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evolution of surgery
for recurrent ovarian
cancer.....







Where Do We Come From?

What Are We?

Where Are We Going?

Setting the scene

- ▶ Ovarian cancer accounts for 5% of all cancer deaths in females in UK
- ▶ Approx 200 new cases of ovarian cancer in Northern Ireland every year
- ▶ Surgery can be primary (including delayed) or secondary
- ▶ Close relationship with chemotherapy

Primary cytoreduction principles

- ▶ General acceptance:
 - ▶ R0 associated with improved outcome
 - ▶ 6 cycles of platinum-based chemotherapy is optimum
- ▶ Unit to unit variation
 - ▶ Appetite for upfront surgery vs delayed primary surgery
 - ▶ Radical excisions

Where do we come from?

- ▶ 1970's - granulosa cell tumours became the most studied recurrence
- ▶ Radiotherapy common adjuvant treatment
- ▶ Varying chemo regimens and timings

- ▶ 1980's – relook laparotomy popular
- ▶ CT / USS being used to assess ovarian cysts

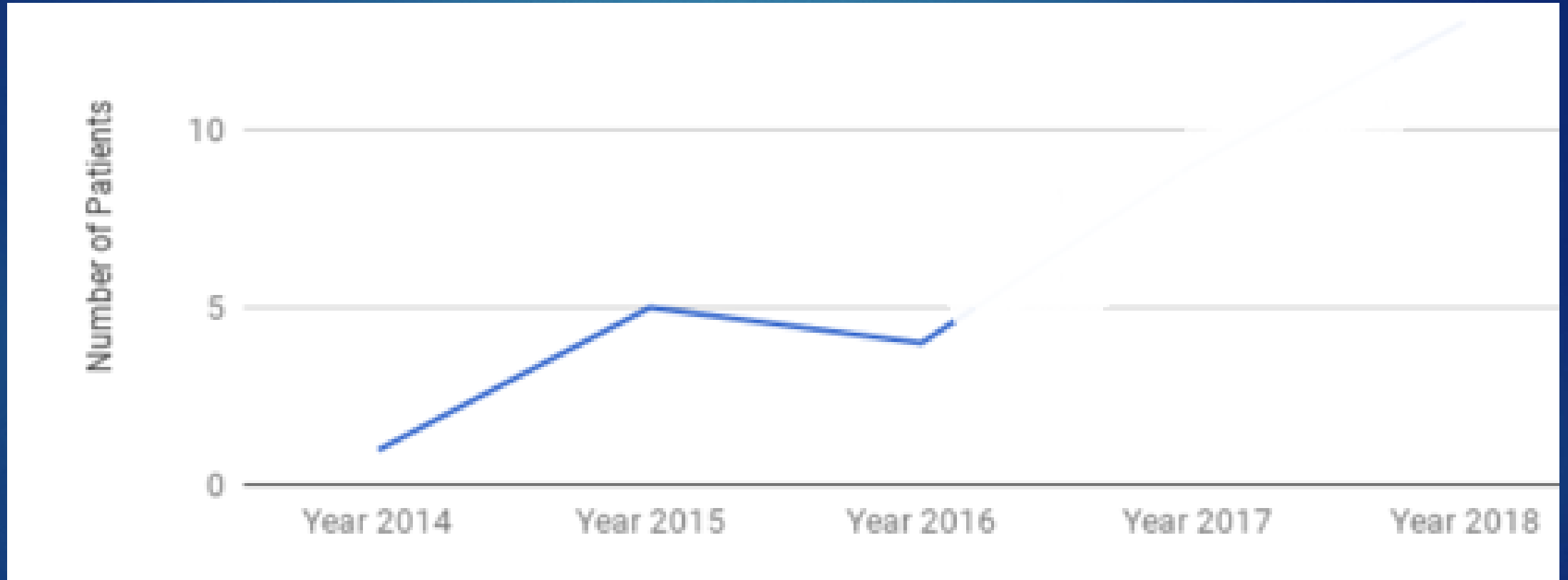
1990's

- ▶ Secondary debulking and its influence on survival – controversial
- ▶ Second-look surgery falling out of favour
- ▶ Cytoreduction of relapsing tumour masses seems to prolong survival
- ▶ Patients with a relapse free interval of more than 12 months
- ▶ Expectation of more selective operation strategies - new biologic indicators
- ▶ New developments in minimally invasive surgery

DESKTOP trials 1+2

- ▶ (Harter et al 2009, 2011)
- ▶ Helped create and validate a score to predict complete resection in recurrent ovarian cancer:
 - ▶ Complete resection at first surgery
 - ▶ Good performance status
 - ▶ Absence of ascites

Belfast 2014 - 2016

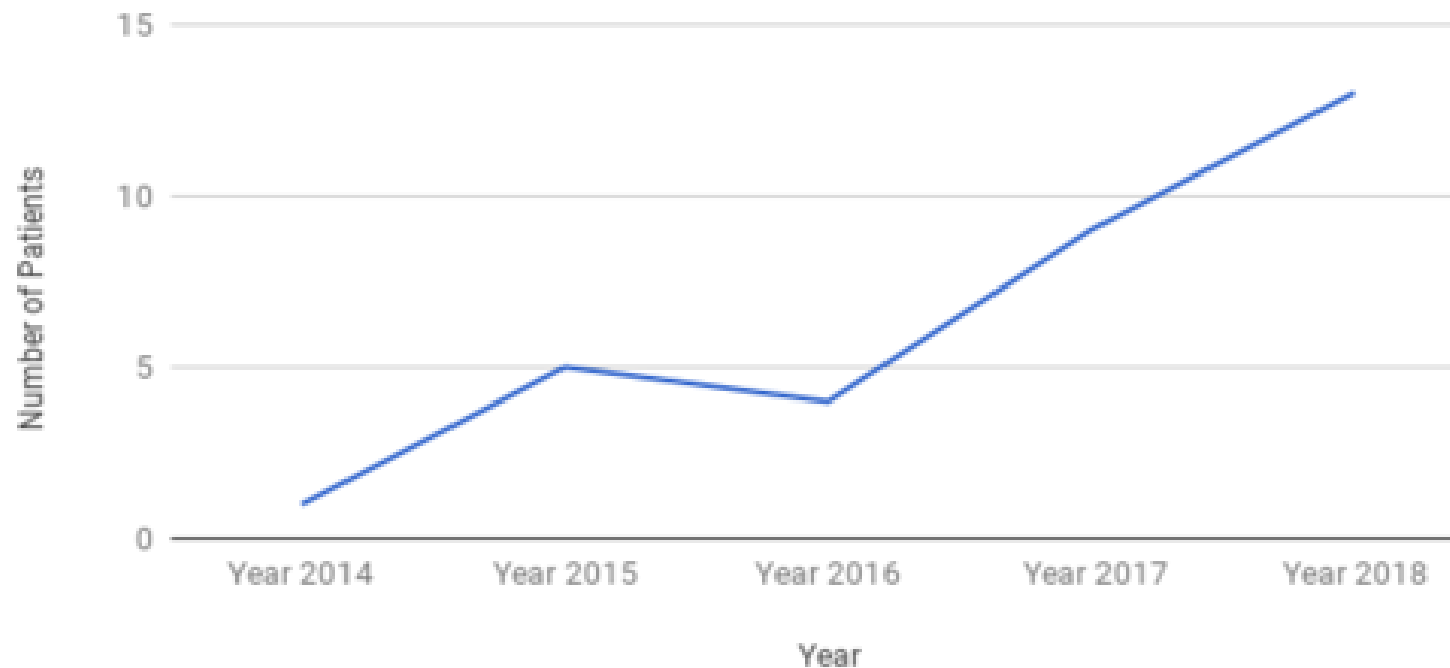


What are we?

- ▶ Growing body of evidence to support the theory that R0 resection is associated with improved disease-free survival and overall survival (Felsing et al 2018)
- ▶ Some data suggest no improvement in overall survival (but improved progression free survival) (Coleman et al 2017)
- ▶ Evaluation carried out at regional cancer centre

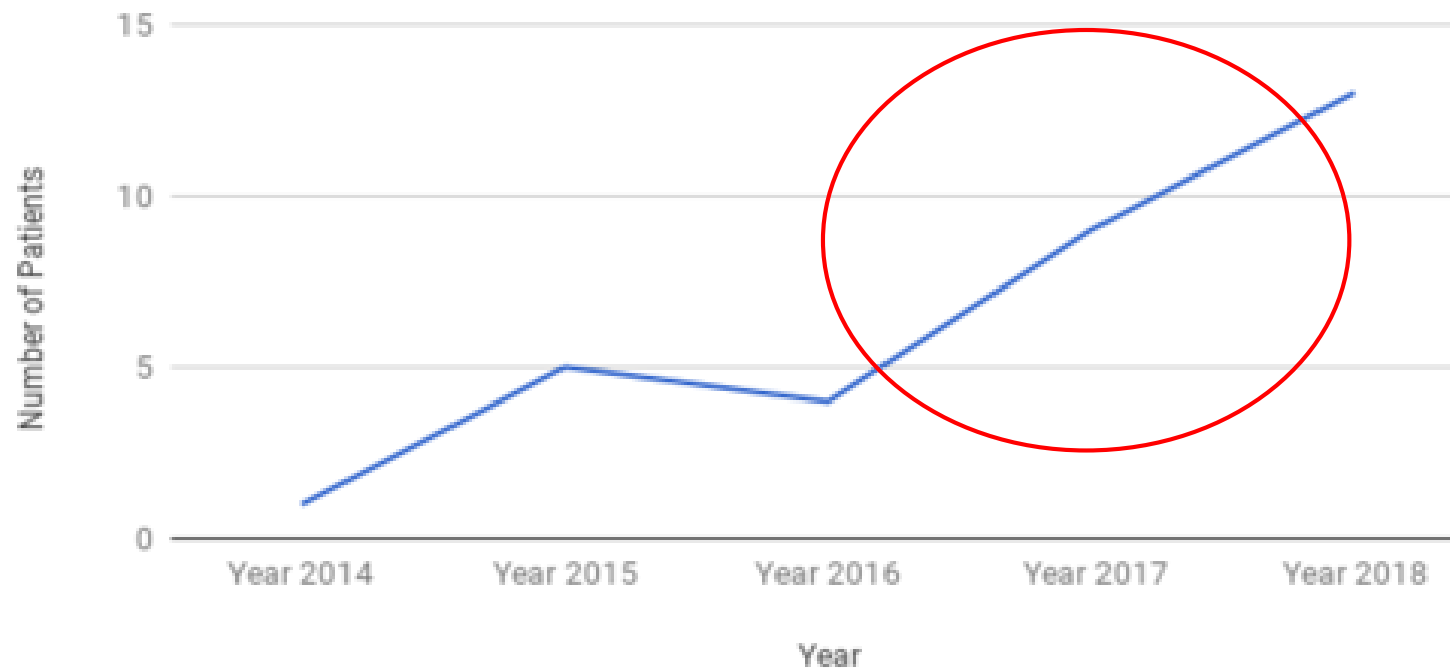
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Number of patients included: **32**

Mean age: **61**

Mean BMI: **30.6**

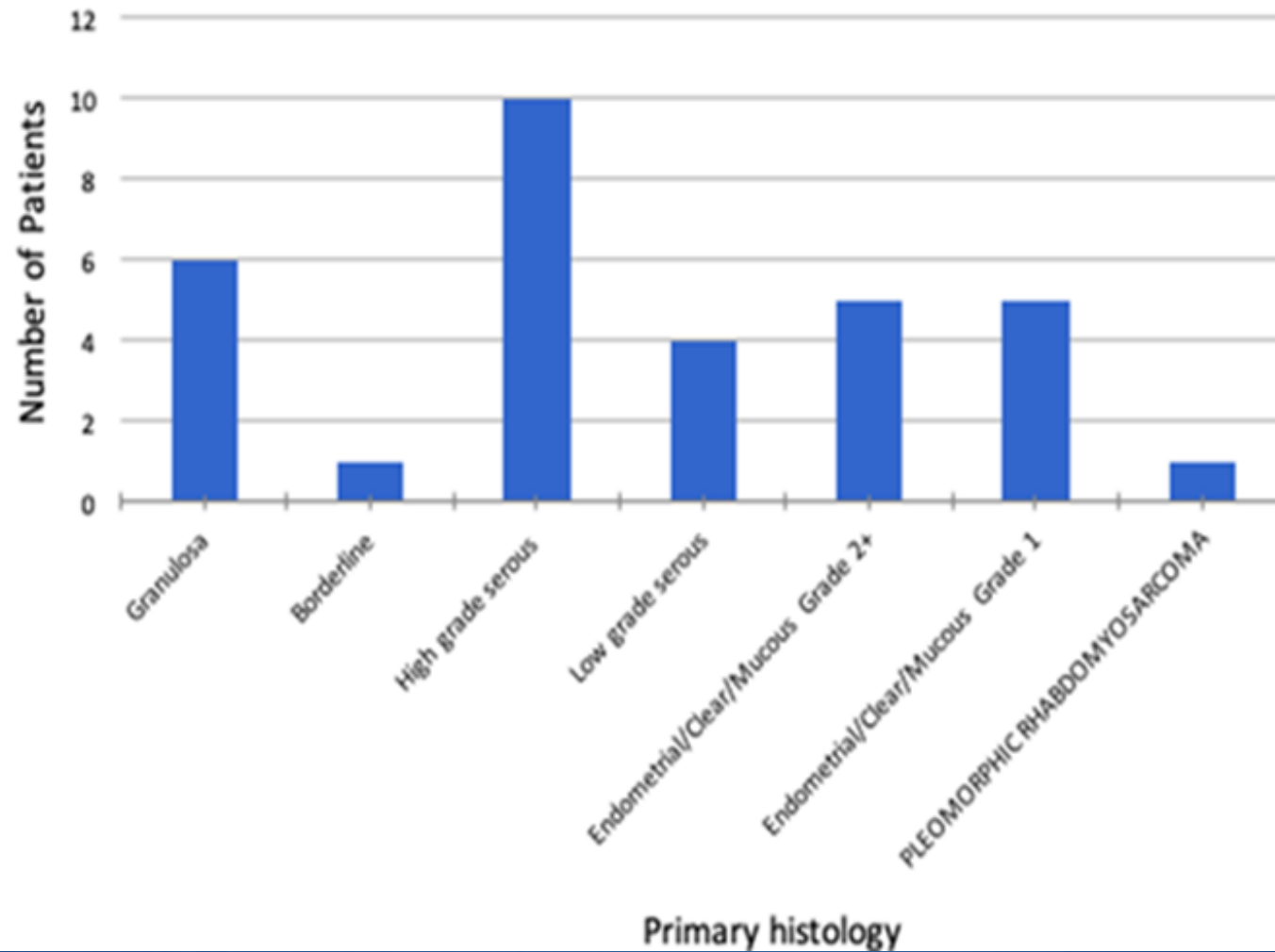
Comorbidities: **18** had one or more recorded

7 had none

7 had no information recorded

Comorbidities included; **Diabetes (2), Chronic lung diseases (7), Hypertension (2), Hyperlipidaemia (2)**

A Bar Chart Showing the Primary Histology Patients Following Primary Surgery



Mean time from initial operation to recurrence: **51.6** months

Operation type: **30 laparotomy, 2 laparoscopic;**
(including 5 bowel resections, 2 ureteric stenting)

Buddy operations: **18 cases**

Complete cytoreduction: **29 patients**

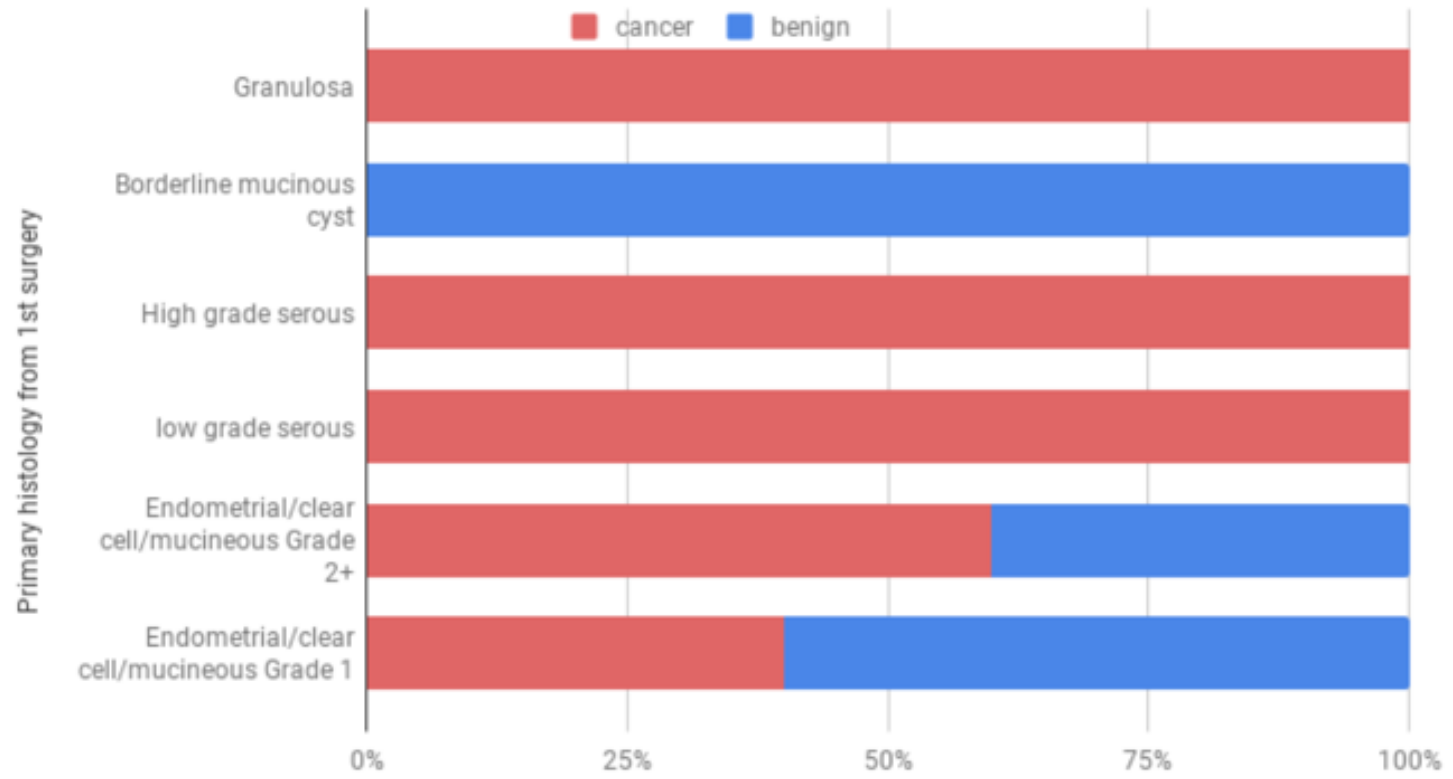
Optimal debulking: **1 patient**

Histology of the recurrence
matched initial surgery in **26 cases**
and was benign in **6 cases**

Within this cohort there has been 1
death

→ **31 of the 32** patients are living

Chart showing if histology from the initial surgery match the recurrence



How to utilise these data?

- ▶ Small sample
- ▶ High complete cytoreduction rate to R0
- ▶ High survival rate

- ▶ Mucinous / endometrioid / clear cell “recurrences” should be carefully considered

- ▶ Secondary cytoreduction programme is safe and effective

Where are we going?

- ▶ Expectation of more secondary / tertiary cytoreduction as evidence builds – DESKTOP 3 (Du Bois et al 2017)
- ▶ Individualised treatment plans:
 - ▶ BRCA status (germline vs wildtype)(Marchetti et al 2018)
 - ▶ Artificial intelligence – disease free interval most important prognostic feature (Bogani et al 2018)
 - ▶ Biomarkers (Lheureux et al 2019)

HIPEC

- ▶ Hyperthermic intra-peritoneal chemotherapy
- ▶ Used “routinely” in pseudomyxoma management
- ▶ Increasing use in ovarian cancer (Cianci et al 2018)
- ▶ Appears to improve survival in primary and recurrent ovarian disease - R0-cytoreduction was 95%
- ▶ Severe morbidity and mortality were observed in 15 % and 2%, respectively
- ▶ The 3 y OS was 77% in primary and 79% in recurrent ovarian cancer
- ▶ R1 cytoreduction and positive lymph nodes were risk factors in multivariate analysis (Arjona-Sanchez & Rufián-Peña 2018)

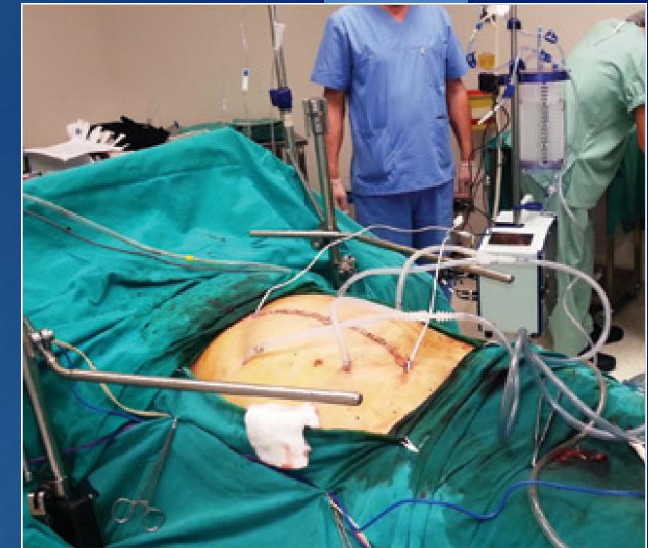


Figure 7. HIPEC application with closed abdominal technique

Take home messages

- ▶ Evolution of surgery for recurrence has come a long way in a few decades
- ▶ Local study of outcomes was reassuring and supportive of expanding the programme
- ▶ More evolutionary steps to be taken in new few decades



Thank you



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