

# The Surgeon's Role in Contemporary GIST Surgery How much is enough?

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### DISTRIBUTION OF GIST AND OTHER GI MESENCHYMAL NEOPLASMS

- Stomach 44%
- Small Intestine 32%
- Rectum 10%
- Large intestine 5%
- Other\* 9%

\* intraabdominal, mesentery, omentum, esophagus, diaphragm

### PRESENTATION

- Nonspecific
- 50% bleeding
- SB obstruction
- Rare perforation
- 30-50% present 'urgently'

### GIST: PROGNOSTIC FACTORS MOST IMPORTANT

- size greater than 5.0 cm
- > five mitoses per 50 HPFs
- Necrosis
- Metastases
- Distal location
- High proliferation index: Ki-67 >10%

### **GIST: NIH RISK ASSESSMENT**

	Size,mm	Mitotic Index 50 HPF
Very Low risk	<20	<5
Low risk	20-50	<=5
Intermediate Risk	<=50	6-10
	50-100	<=5
High Risk	>50	>5
	>100	Any
	Any	>10

### **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**

- Before 2000, surgery only effective therapy for 1<sup>o</sup> or 2<sup>o</sup> disease
- Even today, no cure without surgery
- Radiation, chemotherapy, IORT, HIPEC ineffective

### GIST – PRE IMATINIB –SURGERY $\pm$ CHEMO

Author (Institution)	Years	Total Patients	Complete Resection	5-year Survival
Bearhs (Mayo)	1950-74	108	52	50
Shiu (мѕксс)	1949-73	38	20	65
Parker (MCV)	1951-84	51	30	63
Pollock (MDACC)	1957-97	191	99	48
DeMatteo (MSKCC)	1982-98	200	80	54

### GIST : SURVIVAL BY PRESENTATION

### Median Survival (months)

Primary	60
Metastatic	19
Locally Recurrent	12
Metastasis Only	22
Primary + mets	23
Local Recurrence + mets	9

**DeMatteo Ann Surg 2000** 

### GIST : RECURRENCE AFTER COMPLETE RESECTION

- Recurs in >40% of patients
- Predominant site is intra-abdominal
  - Liver: 2/3
  - Local
  - Peritoneal



### **EMERGENCY PRESENTATION**

- 1/3 of patients have bleeding, obstruction, or perforation
- GIST found unexpectedly
- Must know principles
- Resect if possible
- Do FS before radical surgery to R/O lymphoma or germ cell tumor

### **PRINCIPLES IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

- Percutaneous biopsy not routinely recommended unless lesion unresectable or change in diagnosis would alter therapy e.g lymphoma or germ cell tumor
- EUS with FNA and IHC helpful

### **GIST: CYTOLOGY**

### Increasing FNAC performed endoscopically



### **PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

- 2) Main Rx for primary resectable GIST is still surgery:
  - clear margins but not radical
  - en bloc resection of involved organs
  - rupturing tumor worsens prognosis
  - no routine lymphadenectomy

### **PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

- 3) Imatinib cannot compensate for inadequate initial surgery:
  - get grossly clear margins
  - microscopic margins may not impact survival

### **PRINCIPLES IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

4) Locally advanced disease:

- downstage with imatinib (4-6 months)

5) Unsuspected metastases:

- usually poor prognosis

 avoid radical surgery unless can safely get clear margins

### **PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

1. Metastatic primary disease - initially Rx with imatinib

a. if good global response, consider resection with relapse

b. if global progression, surgery unhelpfulc. resect single imatinib-resistant clone

### **PRINCIPLES OF SURGERY IN ERA OF IMATINIB**

- 7) Recurrent disease (>40% of pts.)usually intraabdominal
- prior to imatinib, 1/3 resectable with median survival of 15 months
- resect isolated liver met with long disease free
  interval
- treat local recurrences initially with imatinib

### **EVALUATING IMATINIB RESPONSES**

- Clinical response
- CT can be misleading no shrinkage
- PET scan decreased FDG uptake, and often rapid response

# WHAT RESULTS CAN BE ANTICIPATED APPLYING THESE PRINCIPLES?



### **BENEFITS OF SURGERY**

- Surgery: curative or palliative intent
- DFS only with surgical resection
- Palliative resection can extend survival
- Optimal extent of surgical resection?

### **BENEFITS OF SURGICAL RESECTION**



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	Median survival (months)	n	5 year survival (%)	No resection	Partial resection	Total resection	Radical resection
No resection	10	317	18.2		p>0.000	p>0.000	p>0.000
Partial resection	51	258	44.7	p>0.000		p=0.218	p>0.000
Total resection	68	919	51.6	p>0.000	p=0.218		p>0.000
Radical resection	32	349	29.3	p>0.000	p=0.010	p>0.000	

#### Perez et al.

### **EFFECTS OF IMATINIB ON SURVIVAL**

- FDA approval of Imatinib in 2000
- Improved survival in advanced and metastatic GIST
- Initially unclear how to integrate surgery with imatinib
- Clues from SEER data and trials

### IMPROVING OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS FOLLOWING SURGICAL RESECTION: THE IMPACT OF IMATINIB



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## WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IMATINIB? ACOSOG Z9001: PHASE III TRIAL

- All R0, >3cm, and c kit positive
- Adjuvant Gleevec for 1 year
- Median follow-up 19.7 months
- Recurrence free survival (RFS)- 98 vs 83%
- RFS regardless of size (esp high risk)
  - DeMatteo, Lancet 2009

## WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IMATINIB? ACOSOG Z9001: PHASE III TRIAL

- See recurrences 6 months after stopping
- Continue imatinib indefinitely if high risk?
- OS similar due to short follow up and crossover design
- Need longer follow up to show if adjuvant Rx increases cure rate

DeMatteo, Lancet 2009

## ONE VS 3 YRS <u>ADJUVANT</u> IMATINIB? HIGH RISK GISTS (SCANDINAVIA)

RFS at 5 years: 66% vs 48% (HR 0.46)

- OS at 5 years: 92% vs 82% (HR 0.45)
- Benefit in exon 11 > exon 9?
- Is longer treatment justified?

Joensuu JAMA 2012

# IMATINIB- HOW LONG? FRENCH SARCOMA GROUP

- Advanced GIST with 1 year of tumor control
- Continuous Rx arm-26 patients with 31% progression
- Interrupted arm- 32 pts 81% progression at median 6 mths even if had no detectable tumor



## IMATINIB- HOW LONG? FRENCH SARCOMA GROUP

• 92% again responded to imatinib

Drug holiday not recommended

**JCO 2007** 

# IMATINIB- HOW LONG? FRENCH SARCOMA GROUP (2)

- Advanced GIST with 5 years of tumor control
- Continuous Rx arm-no progression
- Interrupted arm- 45% progression at 1 yr
- Imatinib does <u>not</u> cure advanced GISTs

#### Lancet Onc 2010

## BENEFIT OF SURGERY(DEBULKING) AFTER IMATINIB FOR ADVANCED DISEASE- F/UP 12 MTHS

- If stable disease: NED 78%,OS 95%
- Limited progression: NED 25%,OS 88%
- General progression: NED 7%,OS 0%

Raut C, JCO 2006

### **BENEFIT OF SURGERY AFTER IMATINIB FOR ADVANCED DISEASE (134 PTS KOREA)**

- If stable disease: resect residual disease
- Time to progression with resection 88 months vs. 43 months with imatinib alone
- Surgery decreased risk of progression by 3X and risk of death by 5X

Park, ASCO 2013

## COST EFFECTIVENESS 3 YEARS ADJUVANT IMATINIB (USA COST) QUALITY ADJUSTED LIFE YEARS

- QALYs 8.53 vs 7.18
- Cost \$302K vs \$217K
- Cost \$62K/QALY

Sanon J Med Econ 2013









# **INTERESTING CASES?**

### **DYSPEPSIA AND ABDOMINAL DISCOMFORT**






## **ACUTE ABDOMINAL PAIN**





















#### Before

#### After



### PREVIOUS RESECTION, STABLE DISEASE ON IMATINIB

#### **REPEAT EXPLORATION, R0 RESECTION**



GIST arising from Jejunum and attached to distal sigmoid colon



## STOMACH, PANCREAS, SPLEEN, ADRENAL, DIAPHRAGM



GIST arising from the back of the stomach-prolonged imatinib





R0 resection-Partial gastrectomy, distal pancreas, spleen, left adrenal



# STOMACH, LIVER, SPLEEN, AND TRANSVERSE COLON

#### **EIGHT MONTHS OF IMATINIB**



# EN BLOC RESECTION OF STOMACH, LEFT LOBE OF LIVER, COLON, SPLEEN







#### **R0 RESECTION-INDEFINITE IMATINIB**



#### GIST INVOLVING LIGAMENT OF TREITZ WITH FISTULIZATION

#### **IMAGES PRIOR TO IMATINIB**



#### **IMAGES PRIOR TO IMATINIB**



#### **POST IMATINIB/PRE-OP IMAGES**



### POST IMATINIB/PRE-OP IMAGES







#### D3, D4, PROXIMAL JEJUNUM



#### NECROTIC GIST FISTULA INTO DUODENUM



#### **R0 RESECTION- INDEFINITE IMATINIB**



#### OBSTRUCTED FOR 8 MONTHS ON HYPERALIMENTATION-PREVIOUS RESECTIONS INCLUDING RIGHT HEPATIC LOBECTOMY-FLEW DOWN TO OUR HOSPITAL

### METASTATIC GIST BUT NON-MALIGNANT SBO

## Don't give up too soon!

#### DILATED LOOP OF SMALL BOWEL



Dilated jejunum and collapsed ileum- no disease in liver






# Omentectomy and R2 debulking-obstruction was due to internal hernia

### **Indefinite TKIs**

#### **RECTAL GISTS**

#### SHE REFUSED A COLOSTOMY



#### GIST arising from Rectum 9 months of imatinib



- 66 yo male with urinary frequency and hard, frequent stools with straining
- Firm, fixed anterior mass 2cm above dentate line
- Transrectal biopsy = GIST

Abdomen^ONCO\_TRIPLE\_PHASE\_ABD\_PELVIS (Adult) Series Abd/Pelvis 5.0 I311 3 3/4/2013 10:41:26 5.00 mm Image #67/87



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ORIGINAL/PRIMARY/AXIAL/CT

Abdomen/ONCO TRIPLE PHASE ABD PE Series Abd/Pelvis 3.0 MPR co

- Localized to pelvisadherent to prostate and seminal vesicles
- R1 resection on prostate
- Primary repair of rectum
- Indefinite TKIs





NED/FRMARY/ANIAL/CT SOMS/MPR

# WHEN TO GIVE UP ON RECURRENCES?

- 61 yo woman presented with abdominal pain in Haiti, underwent exploration for presumed uterine fibroids
- TAH + BSO performed, resection of 24 x 19 x 12cm "uterine leiomyosarcoma"
- Tumor, recurred, diagnosis revised as GIST
- Multiple tumors on CT with response to imatinib
- Ultimate progression of disease

Abdomen^5\_TRIPLE\_PHASE\_LIVER (Adult) Series Delayed Liver 5.0 B10f 1/14/2013 10:52:22 5.00 mm Image #42/69



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ORIGINAL/PRIMARY/AXIAL/CT

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- Changed from imatinib to sunitinib
- Dramatic decrease in abdominal size in just 1 month, tolerating diet, good energy level, feeling well
- Continue sunitinib repeat imaging in 2-3 months, and reevaluate for debulking

#### WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IMATINIB?

- Neoadjuvant: locally advanced?
- Adjuvant: after all resections? Risk stratify.
- Therapeutic: Unresectable, metastatic, recurrent disease
- How long? -indefinitely for high risk.

 With new therapeutics, the role of surgery in treatment of GIST need to be continuously and repeatedly evaluated

## **THANK YOU / QUESTIONS?**