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Press release (Danish)

Livmoderhalskræft i tidligt stadie - overvejselser i forhold til stadieinddeling, behandlingsplanlægning og opfølgning.

Gennem længere tid har der været både national og international debat om opfølgning efter behandling af tidlig stadie livmoderhalskræft. Overordnet står traditionen med rutineprægede, lægestyrede kontrolbesøg overfor en forandring mod tværfaglig, behovsvurderet opfølgning med udgangspunkt i den enkelte patients ønsker. Denne omstilling udfordrer både patienter og professionelle i sundhedssektoren med patientinvolvering og fælles beslutningstagning ud fra et fagligt velfunderet udgangspunkt.

Med afsæt i klinisk praksis er dette projekt gennemført for at bidrage med viden til det faglige udgangspunkt med følgende væsentlige resultater.

Traditionel kontrol med identificering af tilbagefald af sygdom og tidlig opstart af behandling herfor tyder på bedre overlevelse. Ændret klinisk praksis med tilføjelse af billeddiagnostik og mikroskopisk risikovurdering efter operation har betydning for stadieinddeling og behandlingsplanlægning både i Danmark og i de nordiske lande. Forandring af den traditionelle kontrol synes mere sikker på dette grundlag. HPV testning af lymfeknuder med henblik på risikovurdering efter operation i forhold til behov for opfølgning har et fremtidigt stort potentiale.

De væsentligste resultater præsenteres og diskuteres i et nyt ph.d.-projekt fra Aarhus Universitet, Health. Projektet er gennemført af Katrine Fuglsang, der forsvare det d. 10. maj 2019.

Forsvaret af ph.d.-projektet er offentligt og finder sted den 10. maj 2019 kl. 14 i Auditorium J116-113, Aarhus University Hospital, Palle Juul-Jensen Boulevard, Indgang J. Titlen på projektet er "Early-stage cervical cancer – aspects of staging, treatment planning and surveillance". Yderligere oplysninger: Ph.d.-studerende Katrine Fuglsang, e-mail: katrine.fuglsang@clin.au.dk, tlf. +45 2339 0224.

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Press release (English)

Early-stage cervical cancer – aspects of staging, treatment planning and surveillance

For a long time, there has been both national and international debate on follow-up after treatment for early-stage cervical cancer. Overall, the tradition of routine, doctor-controlled follow-up face a change towards a multidisciplinary, needs-assessed surveillance on the individual patient´s wishes. This transition challenges both patients and professionals in the health sector with patient involvement and joint decision making from a well-founded academic basis. Based on the clinical daily practise, this project has been carried out with the aim of contributing to the academic foundation with the following main findings.

Traditional follow-up with identification of asymptomatic recurrent disease and thereby early onset of treatment indicates a better survival. Changed clinical practice with the addition of imaging and microscopic risk assessment after surgery influence the staging and treatment planning both in Denmark and in the Nordic countries so that the change from traditional follow-up towards surveillance seems safer. HPV testing on lymph nodes for risk assesment after surgery in relation to the need for surveillance has a potential for further development.

The project was carried out by Katrine Fuglsang, who is defending her dissertation on 10 April 2019.

The defence is public and takes place on 10 May 2019 at 14.00 in Auditorium J116-113, Aarhus University Hospital, Palle Juul-Jensen Boulevard, Indgang J. The title of the project is "Early-stage cervical cancer – aspects of staging, treatment planning and surveillance". For more information, please contact PhD student Katrine Fuglsang, email: katrine.fuglsang@clin.au.dk, Phone +45 2339 0224.

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