

**Introduction/Background** Melanoma of the female lower genital tract is a rare and aggressive disease, with poor long-term clinical outcomes. Although rare, vulvar melanoma is the second most common histological type of vulvar cancer, representing 7–10% of all malignant vulvar neoplasms.

**Methodology** Management of vulvar malignant melanoma is challenging. No unified, effective, and standardized treatment plan has been established for this disease. Radiation therapy and chemotherapy do not seem to benefit survival. In fact, there is still no consensus on the use of adjuvant therapy and only a single case series and few case reports on this topic are available. Encouragingly, accumulating evidence supports the role of immunotherapy in improving survival of patients with metastatic melanoma however, there is no evidence of its use in relation to patients with high-risk melanoma as first-line adjuvant therapy.



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**Results** We herein describe the preoperative, postoperative and follow-up clinical data of two patients with the diagnosis of high-risk vulvar malignant melanoma, 6-mm and 4,2-mm Breslow depth, respectively. Both of them underwent radical surgery consisting of radical vulvectomy and inguinal lymphadenectomy. Histopathological study revealed that the margins of the surgical pieces were free of disease and the inguinal staging was negative. No adjuvant therapy was proposed in multidisciplinary committee due to the lack of scientific evidence. However, very soon after radical surgery, they presented with recurrent disease and extensive metastatic disease.

**Conclusion** Malignant vulvar melanoma has a poor prognosis not only for those with regional and distant metastatic disease but also for patients with high-risk disease. The use of immunotherapy has increased over time and may improve survival in those with distant disease. The current dilemma is

the lack of consensus on its use after surgery, even in high-risk patients. These data support further investigation into the role of immunotherapy for vulvar melanoma to optimize outcomes.

**2022-RA-1696-ESGO IMPACT OF ERAS IMPLEMENTATION FOR VULVAR CANCER SURGERY**

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**Introduction/Background** Surgical literature and information on vulvar cancer is restricted. *Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal*(CHUM) has a high volume of vulvar cancer patients. Gynaecological Enhanced Recovery after Surgery(ERAS) guidelines was implemented in 2017. This study compares CHUM's practices to available ERAS guidelines, evaluates ERAS compliance and the impact of its implementation on vulvar cancer outcome.

**Methodology** A retrospective cohort study was conducted at CHUM and included vulvar cancer patients operated in 2015 (pre-ERAS implementation) and 2019–2020 (post-ERAS implementation). Same day discharge and non-elective patients were excluded. Vulvar surgery and gynaecologic oncology ERAS guidelines were compared to CHUM's practices by comparing protocol items. ERAS impact was measured by comparing pre-post implementation cohorts: length of stay (LOS), rates of complications, readmissions, and survival outcomes. Statistical significance was 0.05.

Abstract 2022-RA-1696-ESGO Table 1. Comparison between ERAS vulvar surgery and gynecologic surgery guidelines and CHUM's practices

Item number	ERAS protocol item description	Vulvar guidelines recommendations (NCCN, 2020)	Gynaecologic oncology guidelines (NCCN, 2017)	CHUM's vulvar and gynec practices from 2015 to 2020
<b>Predecision information, education, and counseling</b>				
1P	Preoperative education, education, and counseling	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
<b>Preoperative optimization</b>				
2	Prophylactic antibiotics	Strong recommendation	Not present	Yes
3	Preoperative bowel preparation	Strong recommendation	Not present	Yes
4	Preoperative and postoperative prophylaxis	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
<b>Postoperative care</b>				
5	1500 kcal preoperative and postoperative nutrition	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
6	Compression socks	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
7	Preoperative and postoperative analgesia	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
8	Preoperative and postoperative antiemesis	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
9	Preoperative and postoperative urinary catheter	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
10	Preoperative and postoperative wound care	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
11	Preoperative and postoperative discharge planning	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
12	Preoperative and postoperative patient education	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
13	Preoperative and postoperative patient assessment	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
14	Preoperative and postoperative patient follow-up	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
15	Preoperative and postoperative patient satisfaction	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
16	Preoperative and postoperative patient safety	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
17	Preoperative and postoperative patient compliance	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
18	Preoperative and postoperative patient adherence	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
19	Preoperative and postoperative patient knowledge	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
20	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-management	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
21	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-efficacy	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
22	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-confidence	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
23	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-empowerment	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
24	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-advocacy	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
25	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-assertiveness	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
26	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-respect	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
27	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-esteem	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
28	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-worth	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
29	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-identity	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
30	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-concept	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
31	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-image	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
32	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-perception	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
33	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-awareness	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
34	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-acceptance	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
35	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
36	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-kindness	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
37	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
38	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
39	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
40	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
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47	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
48	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
49	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes
50	Preoperative and postoperative patient self-compassion	Strong recommendation	Present	Yes

**Results** 78.9% of CHUM's practices correspond with ERAS vulvar surgery guidelines (table 1). 113 patients were analysed: 51(45.1%) pre-ERAS and 62(54.9%) post-ERAS. Histological types were 69,9% squamous-cell carcinoma, 5,3% adenocarcinoma, 4,4% melanoma, 5,3% squamous-cell carcinoma with other components, 9,7% persistent VIN-III, and 5,3% Paget's disease. 73,5% of patients had primary treatment and 23% had an adjuvant treatment. Compliance increased from 50,84% pre-ERAS to 56,89% post-ERAS (p=0,523). Post-operative LOS significantly decreased from 7 to 3 nights (p=0,004). No serious complication occurred

during hospitalisation, only one serious complication in post-ERAS cohort occurred after hospitalisation. Readmissions decreased from 11.8% to 4.8% ( $p=0.173$ ). Survival analysis was conducted on stages I-II squamous-cell carcinoma; no significant difference was found between pre-post implementation on overall survival ( $p=0.277$ ) and disease-free survival ( $p=0.671$ ).

**Conclusion** Although CHUM's practices correspond to 78.9% of the ERAS vulvar surgery guidelines, our compliance remains below 60% and did not significantly increase after ERAS implementation. This might be due to a lack of documentation in patients' record. The main impact of ERAS implementation was the LOS significant decrease.

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### PREHABILITATION TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES OF PATIENTS WITH GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER: A NEW WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY?

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**Introduction/Background** Prehabilitation programmes aim to optimise the period between cancer diagnosis and treatment, by enhancing an individual's functional and mental capacity prior to surgery. The aim of this study was to review the literature evaluating the effect of prehabilitation programmes on postoperative outcomes and quality of life of patients with gynaecological cancer undergoing surgery.

**Methodology** This was a systematic review, performed according to Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines. Databases including Pubmed, Medline, EMBASE (Ovid) and PsycINFO were systematically searched to identify studies evaluating the effect of prehabilitation programmes on patients with gynaecological cancer. Both unimodal and multimodal prehabilitation programmes were included encompassing physical exercise, nutritional and psychological support. Primary outcomes were operative complications and quality of life. Secondary outcomes were anthropometrics and adherence to the programme.

**Results** Seven studies fulfilled the inclusion criteria, comprising 580 patients. Included studies comprised non-randomised prospective studies ( $n=4$ ), retrospective studies ( $n=2$ ) and one case report. Unimodal programmes and multimodal programmes were included. In patients with ovarian cancer, multimodal prehabilitation resulted in significantly reduced hospital stay and time to chemotherapy. In patients with endometrial and cervical cancer, prehabilitation was associated with significant weight loss, but no significant effects on operative complications or mortality. No adverse events of the programmes were reported.

**Conclusion** Evidence on the effect of prehabilitation for patients with gynaecological cancer is limited. Future studies are needed to determine the effects on postoperative complications and quality of life.

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### NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL, PATIENT-RELATED PREDICTIVE MODEL FOR THE OCCURRENCE OF CINV: PROSPECTIVE, MULTICENTRE STUDY IN GERMANY (NOGGO-EMRISK TRIAL)

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**Introduction/Background** Nausea and vomiting are one of the most common and challenging side effects related to chemotherapy. The aim of the study was to develop a predictive score for chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) in patients with gynaecological cancers planned for chemotherapy by identifying non-pharmacological, patient-related risk factors.

**Methodology** A research-based questionnaire of 27 risk factors was designed and handed out to chemotherapy-naïve patients with gynaecological malignancies. Data on nausea and vomiting from at least 3 cycles of therapy was collected. Variable selection via stepwise and LASSO regression combined with patients' history was used to determine few questions with high predictive power. Bayesian logistic regression (risk prediction model) was implemented with a cut-off chosen to reach a sensitivity of 80%. Area under the curve analysis (AUC) was performed and the accuracy of prediction calculated.

**Results** 191 patients were enrolled, of which 174 (91.1%) received at least one dose of chemotherapy (intention-to-treat population). Most patients suffered from ovarian cancer (68.0%) and received the carboplatinum/paclitaxel chemotherapy combination (57.5%). Leading predictive factors for CINV were educational status, nausea and vomiting due to other medication, motion sickness, anxiety from therapy in general, anxiety from nausea due to therapy, emetogenic potential of the therapy and distress level. 142 (81.6%) patients answered all questions concerning these factors. Among those, 107 (66.0%) were affected by nausea or vomiting. The AUC of the predictive score based on the above mentioned factors was 0.727 (95% CI [0.636, 0.818]), with a sensitivity of 80.4% [72.9%, 87.9%], a specificity of 48.6% [31.4%, 65.7%] and an overall accuracy of 72.5% [65.5%, 79.6%].

**Conclusion** To this day, a patient-related predictive model for the occurrence of CINV is missing, making the choice of the right antiemetic prophylaxis difficult. The score featured in our study showed very promising predictive power and is currently being validated.