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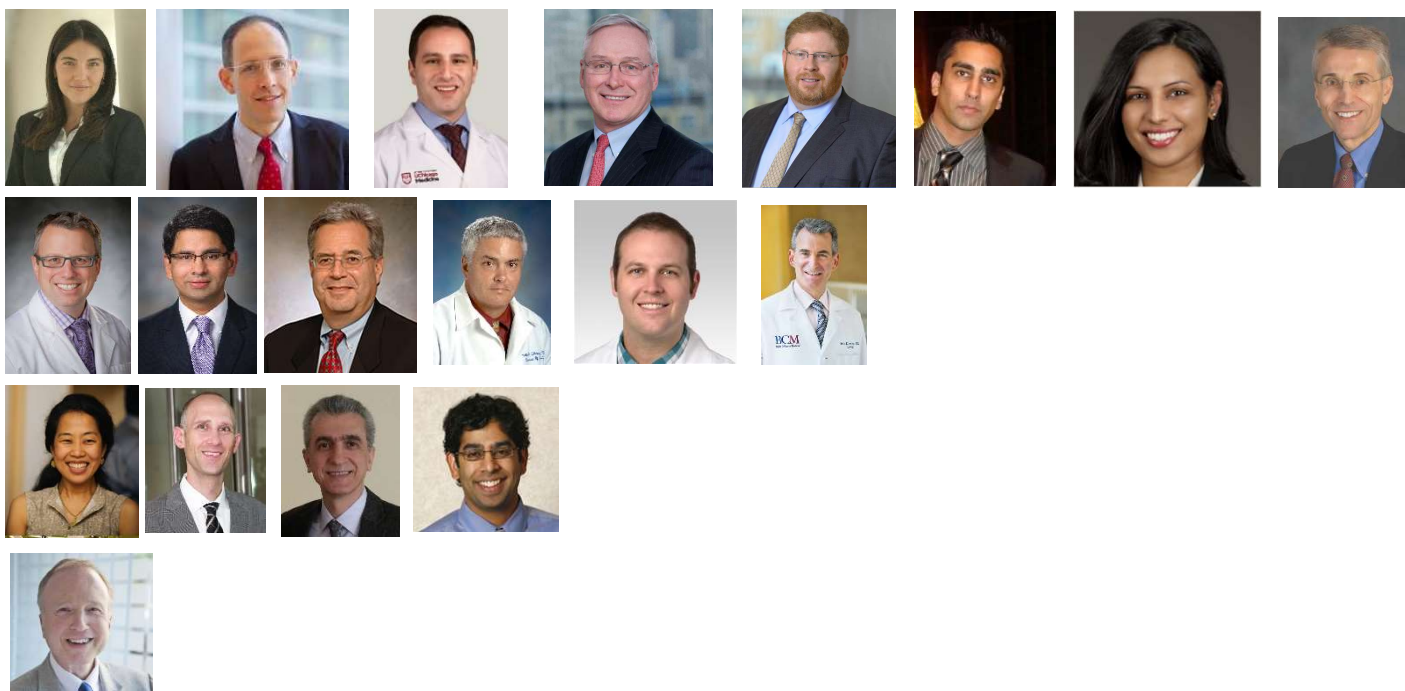
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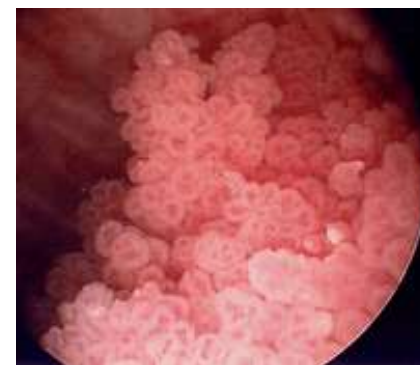
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- ❑ Eligibility patient and disease characteristics
- ❑ Radiologic considerations
- ❑ Managing new urothelial cancers within the urothelial tract
- ❑ Considerations for the patient



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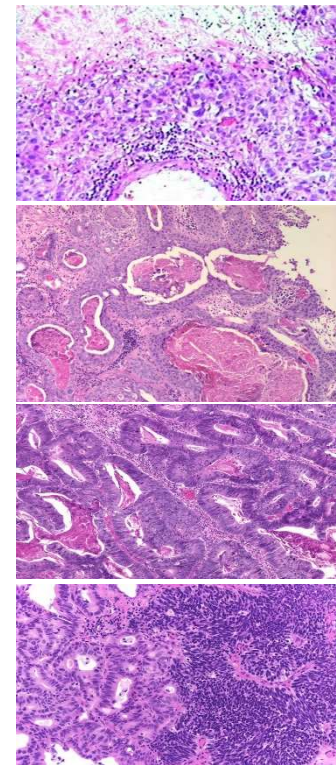


- ❑ Histologic subtypes
- ❑ Prior neoadjuvant therapy
- ❑ Site of disease
- ❑ Surgical considerations
- ❑ Timing of adjuvant therapy

Eligibility patient and disease characteristics

Histologic subtypes

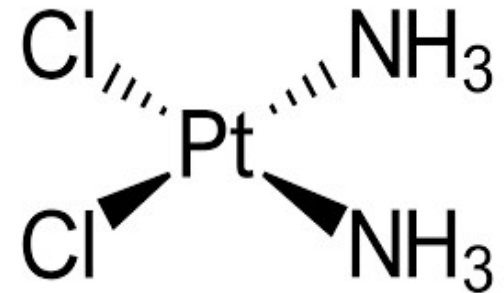
- ❑ Patients with predominant urothelial carcinoma histology who have a component of variant histology should be included in adjuvant trials
- ❑ Patients with pure non- urothelial carcinoma histology, especially mixed endocrine/small cell tumors, if included, should be analyzed separately



Eligibility patient and disease characteristics

Prior neoadjuvant therapy

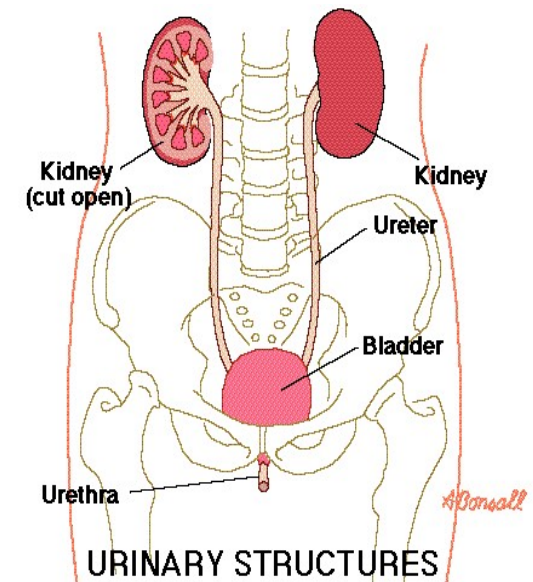
- At least 3 cycles of neoadjuvant cisplatin-based chemotherapy with a planned cisplatin dose of 70 mg/m²/cycle is a reasonable eligibility criterion
- Patients who have received non-cisplatin-based or less than 3 cycles of cisplatin-based neoadjuvant treatment should be managed/stratified as having received no neoadjuvant chemotherapy



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Site of disease

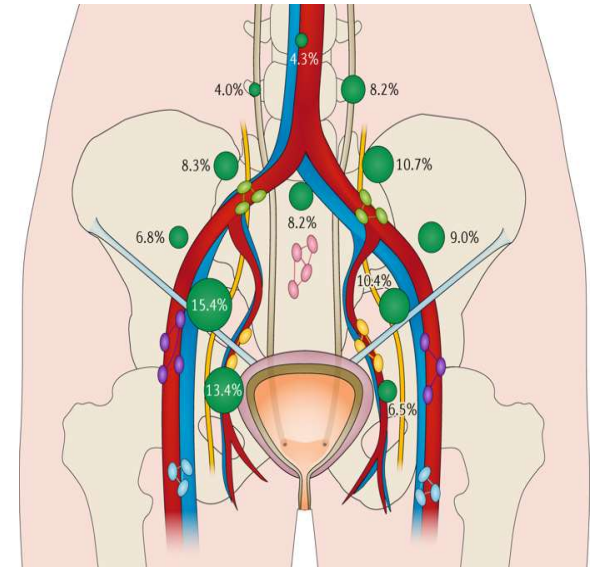
- Muscle-invasive upper-tract urothelial carcinoma should be included on adjuvant trials



Eligibility patient and disease characteristics

Surgical considerations

- Patients with microscopic positive margins (R1) should be eligible, though statistical stratification may be considered
- It is not clear if gross positive margins (R2) should be included in studies
- Bilateral (standard) lymph node dissection is both favored and sufficient for accurate staging information



Perera M et al., Nature Reviews Urology 2018

Eligibility patient and disease characteristics

Timing of adjuvant therapy

- Adjuvant therapy can be initiated as soon as the patient recovers from surgery, with a goal of 1 to 4 months post-surgery





Radiologic considerations

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- ❑ Standardizing radiologic eligibility criteria of “NED scans
- ❑ Standardizing radiologic progression criteria in follow-up scans



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- ❑ Second primary cancers
- ❑ Urethral second primary tumors
- ❑ Urine test utilization
- ❑ Augmented endoscopy
- ❑ Random bladder biopsies
- ❑ Systemic agents and BCG

Managing new urothelial cancers within the urothelial tract

Second primary cancers

- All new high-grade upper-tract primary tumors and all new MIBC tumors are considered as events for the disease-free survival endpoint
- It is not clear whether new bladder second primary tumors that are $\leq T1$ should be counted as an event for the disease-free survival endpoint
- Patients with tumors that are both low-grade and non-muscle-invasive could remain on trial if they can be managed endoscopically



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Urethral second primary tumors

- ❑ Patients with non-muscle invasive tumors manageable either endoscopically or with urethrectomy may remain on study
- ❑ Patients with muscle-invasive recurrences should be removed from trial and counted as disease recurrence



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Urine test utilization

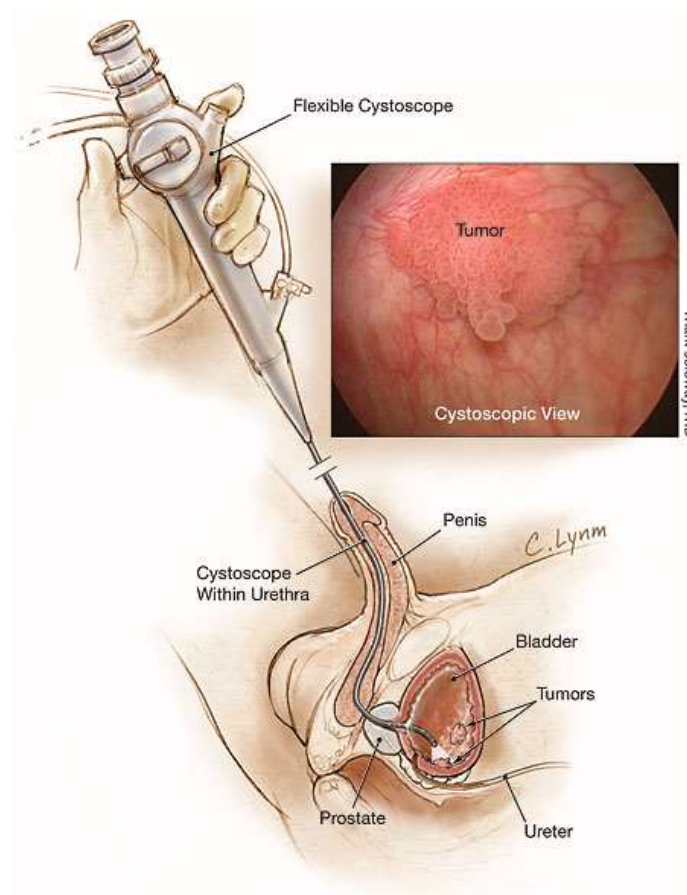
- ❑ Trials should specify if urine tests should be used for post-operative surveillance and, if so, the specific test and testing interval required



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Augmented endoscopy

- Standard-of-care guidelines for endoscopic surveillance should be followed and defined at the start of trial



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Random bladder biopsies

- ❑ Trials should specify whether random bladder biopsies should be obtained or not to rule out occult carcinoma in situ
- ❑ Further evidence is needed to inform whether this should be done for all patient with intact bladders



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Systemic agents and BCG

- Further evidence is needed to inform whether it would be appropriate to continue a systemic agent in conjunction with BCG or other intravesical therapy



Considerations for the patient

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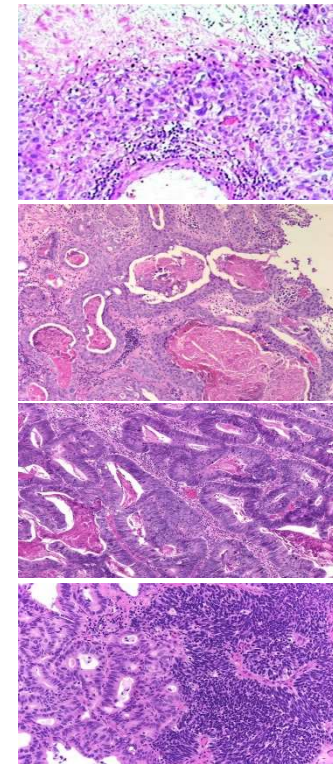


- ❑ Rare cancers
- ❑ Biopsy
- ❑ Placebo
- ❑ Blinding

Considerations for the patient

Rare cancers

- ❑ There is concern about the consistency of histologic subtype classification/diagnosis and its potential impact on enrollment.



Considerations for the patient

Biopsy

- Taking biopsies solely for the purposes of research should be carefully balanced with the best interests of the patient



Considerations for the patient

Placebo

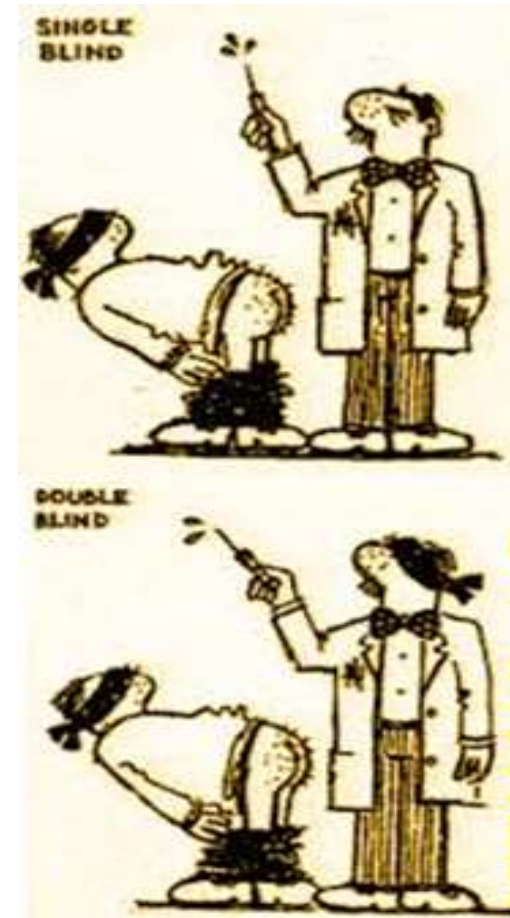
- ❑ Trial designs that eliminate the use of placebo, more heavily weight the arm with action/active agent, or allow crossover (where justified by trial data) are favored by patients.



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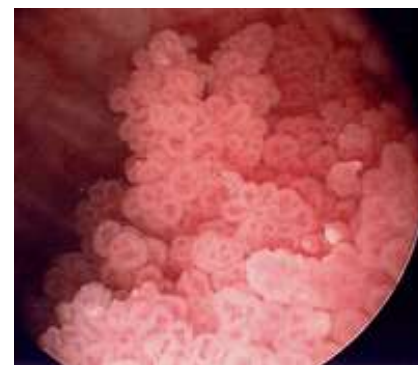
Blinding

- ❑ Patients agree to blinding; however, they should be unblinded under certain circumstances..

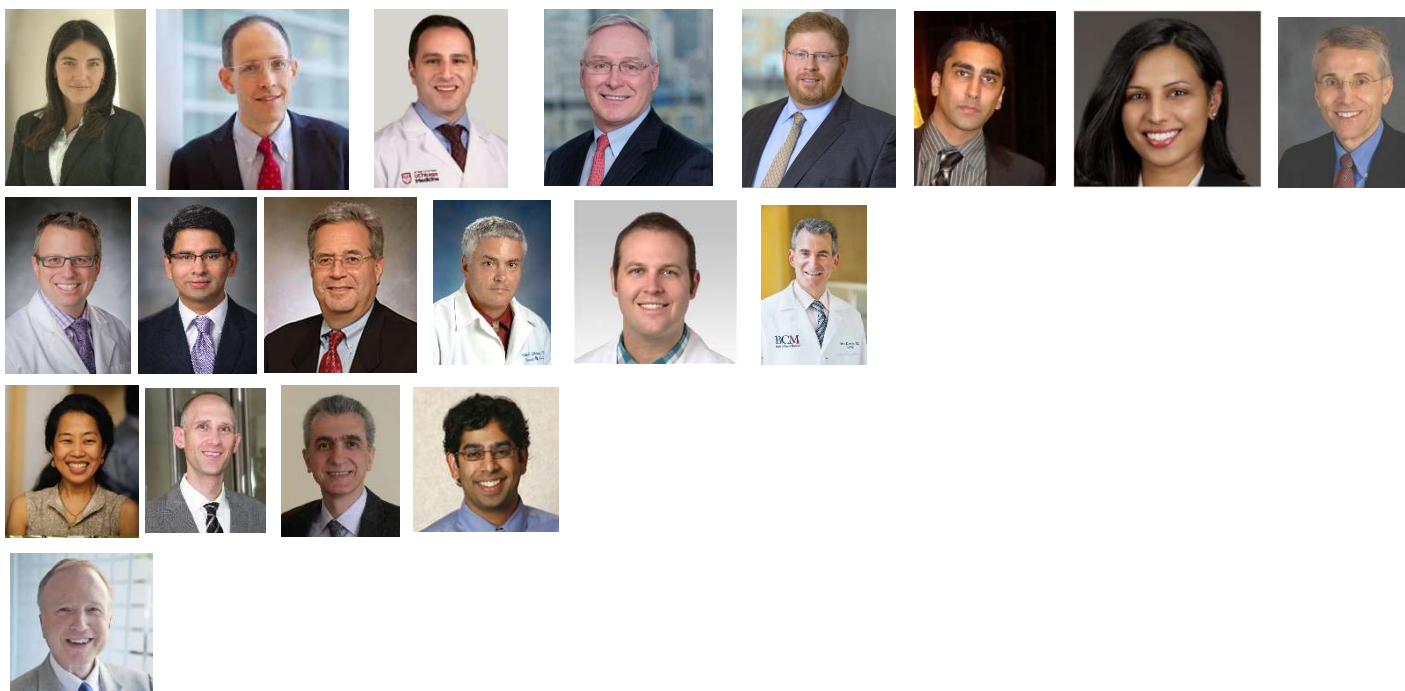


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