

Transanal Endoscopic Microsurgery

Indications and Results

1. Transanal Endoscopic microsurgery is superior to transanal excision of rectal adenomas (this thesis).
2. Transanal endoscopic microsurgery is feasible for adenomas throughout the entire rectum (this thesis).
3. Transanal endoscopic microsurgery is capable of excising mobile rectal cancer (this thesis).
4. Transanal endoscopic microsurgery and total mesorectal excision of T1 rectal cancer show similar survival rates (this thesis).
5. Transanal endoscopic microsurgery has no impact on faecal continence (this thesis).
6. Screening reduces major surgery for and cancer related mortality of colorectal tumours.
7. Endoscopic surgery and enhanced recovery programs are independently beneficial to recovery after colorectal surgery.
8. Ultrasonic instrumentation has surplus value in surgery.
9. Neo-adjuvant treatment increases the possibility of organ-preserving surgery in rectal cancer.
10. Assessment of biological markers in biopsies improves tailor-made treatment of colorectal tumours.
11. "Als we nu maar niet weelderig worden". Tjeerd Herre Kingma (1838-1930), oil-crusher and cashier, Makkum, The Netherlands.