## Introduction

## Optimal approach for localised rectal cancer

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Rectal cancer remains one of the most challenging tumours in respect of local treatment. The many disciplines involved, the development of new insights and novel treatment strategies, and the close correlation between quality of care and outcome provides a fascinating scenario. In this educational session several of these aspects are discussed, and will be of interest to surgeons, radiotherapists, medical oncologists, radiologists and pathologists.

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