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Editorial Rediscover: An Italian and international consensus meeting on locally advanced



On September 17 and 18th 2023 Professor Ugo Boggi convened the Rediscover consensus meeting on perioperative care of surgical patients with borderline resectable (BRPC) and locally advanced pancreatic cancer (LAPC). The meeting was coordinated adjacent to the 125th National Congress of the Italian Surgical Society held in Pisa, Italy. Professor Boggi and his 12-surgeon steering committee addressed 53 specific questions related to locally advanced pancreatic cancer, ranging from operative approach, neoadjuvant chemoradiation therapy, perioperative biochemical monitoring, molecular markers, diagnosis. A robust Delphi process was completed prior to convention of these international experts.

A total of 155 surgeons participated in the 2-day conference. 12 comprised the steering committee and 21 on the literature review committee. An Italian expert group included 80 surgeons. An additional 19 European and 16 Intercontinental surgeons filled out the expert

group's roster. A Validation committee was comprised of seven Italian, four European, and four Intercontinental surgeons. The entire group also included three patient representatives and a 22-member multidisciplinary advisory board.

Discussion among participants was robust and informative. The group accomplished the task of discussing every question in a live format. The validation committee has moved to the process of adjusting questions and recommendations to be presented in a white paper.

In all, this process represents a major step forward in the goal of standardizing care of patients with borderline locally advanced pancreatic cancer and highlights the possibility of international team contribution to a challenging clinical problems.

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