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## Effect of Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (IORI) in Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer

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**Purpose:** Pancreatic cancer is a devastating disease and the complete resection is difficult due to its the aggressive histologic behavior. Among the possible treatments for the unresectable pancreatic cancer, intraoperative radiation therapy (IORT) has the several advantages. But the impacts of the IORT on survival and local control are not clear. We analyzed the effects of the IORT on pain control, survival duration and local control in patients with unresectable pancreatic cancer.

**Methods:** We reviewed 6 years of the medical records of 94 patients who had undergone operations involving the pancreatic adenocarcinoma (33 patient IORTs, 39 palliative surgerys only and 22 curative resections involving a curative resection). The clinicopathologic factors and outcomes of the 33 patients treated with the IORT were compared with those of the palliative surgery groups.

**Results:** The age and sex distribution and tumor stage were same for the two groups. The average tumor size in the IORT group was larger than those of the palliative surgery group. The preoperative serum CA19-9 level in the IORT group was higher than the other group. The most common reason for unresectability in the IORT group was local invasion to the adjacent organs including of the great vessels. On the contrary, distant metastasis was a more common cause unresectability in the palliative surgery group. The postoperative complications and operative times were similar in both groups. Pain relief after treatment was observed in 12 cases of the 26 patients in the IORT group, and 5 of

29 patients in the palliative surgery group (P < 0.05). The cases of minor and partial remission were more common in the IORT group than the palliative surgery group. However, the survival rate of the IORT group was no better than the palliative surgery group.

Conclusion: This study suggests that IORT may have an important palliative role especially in ameliorating visceral pain in patients with unresectable pancreatic cancer. However, IORT appears to have no significant effect on overall survival. (J Korean Surg Soc 2002;63:51-56)

**Key Words:** Pancreatic cancer, IORT (intraoperative radiation therapy)

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Table 1. Patient characteristics

	IORT (n=33)	Palliative surgery (n=39)	P-value
Mean age (years)	58.3±7.5	59.9±9.5	NS*
Sex ratio (M:F)	23:10	25:14	NS
Symptoms and signs			NS
Abdominal pain	25	30	
Weight loss	19	16	
Anorexia	11	8	
Jaundice	7	11	
Mass	1	5	
Tumor location			NS
Head	16	10	
Body	14	24	
Tail	3	5	

<sup>\*</sup>NS = statistically not significant by Chi-Square test.

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Table 2. Analysis of size, stage and tumor marker

	IORT (n=33)	Palliative surger (n=39)	y P-value
Tumor size (cm)	7.6±3.8	5.5±2.4	0.013
Stage (AJCC)			NS*
I	0	0	
II	0	0	
III	14	18	
IV	19	21	
Tumor marker			
CA 19-9	924.6±949.0	$202.7 \pm 284.3$	0.045
CEA	$82.1\pm276.1$	$11.2\pm27.6$	NS
Adjuvant chemotherapy			NS
Not done	27	27	
Done	6	12	
Postoperative external R	$\mathbf{T}^{\dagger}$		NS
Not done	19	27	
Done	14	12	

\*NS = statistically not significant by Chi-Square test;  ${}^{\dagger}$  RT = radiation therapy.

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**Table 3.** Comparison of cause of unresectability, operation time, complication and survival rate between two groups

	IORT (n=33)	Palliative surgery (n=39)	P-value
Cause of unresectability			0.003
Distant metastasis	6	21	
Local invasion	27	18	
Operative time (hour)	3.12±4.25	$2.65 \pm 1.98$	NS*
Transfusion (unit)	0.21	0.14	NS
Ileus (day)	$3.21\pm4.10$	$3.71 \pm 3.94$	NS
Complication (case)			NS
Wound infection	5	5	
Intraabd. abscess	1	1	
Bleeding	1	0	
Renal complication	0	0	
Pul. complication	3	4	
Pain relief (%)	(n=26)	(n=29)	0.04
Good (no pain)	3 (11.5%)	1 (3.4%)	
Fair (better than before op)	9 (34.6%)	4 (13.8%)	
Poor (same or worse)	14 (53.8%)	24 (82.8%)	
Distant metastasis during follow up periods	5		NS
Liver	12	16	
Lung	2	1	
Peritoneal seeding	1	2	
Bone	1	0	
Minor or partial remission (%)	6 (18.2%)	2 (5.1%)	NS
Median survival time (months)	6.50	9.17	NS

<sup>\*</sup>NS = statistically not significant by Chi-Square test.

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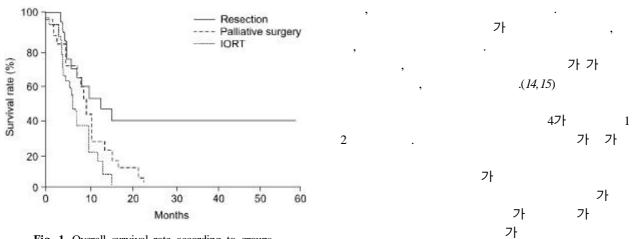


Fig. 1. Overall survival rate according to groups.

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