

Re: HIFU vs Open Surgery?

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Laurie Forbes wrote:

Does anyone have any information or sources of information on the relative efficacy of HIFU (High Intensity Focused Ultrasound) and open surgery for early stage prostate cancer.

TIA for any assistance.....

LAF

Hello Laurie,

Have you read this?

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<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/HPI/CancerManagementGuidelines/Genitourinary/Prostate/HIFU.htm>

I think there's only a handful of posters who've had it done (on the prostate cancer newsgroup).

The most recent post/ man's was done I think last year and he has a recurrence

in a seminal vesical, so he's having it done again. I just lurk there more than post. Since he describes himself as being married for 53 years, I assume

he's rather elderly (well 78) and thought this procedure might be appropriate

for him, since the chance of dying of something else before this, would be high. His Gleason was 4+5. He also stated that "Trials were limited to below

Gleason 7 patients."

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Someone else was asking about it and someone pointed them to searching PubMed.

(with the words HIFU and prostate) and when I asked how to exclude mice and

rats in the search no one answered me). I was being sarcastic because studies

on rats are kind of useless.

I think I've seen some on the prostate cancer newsgroup who tried it after their initial treatment failed (or they thought it had, failed, due to slight

PSA increases).

In the situation you're inquiring about what is the age of the patient and PSA?

Have you seen the decision-making discussion here?

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<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/HPI/CancerManagementGuidelines/Genitourinary/Prostate/default.htm>

You might want to read that and look at Table 1

Stey with us, please. Steph may have a comment for you.

Is it available in your Province?

I think the BCCA pdf file says it all.

It may be a good treatment for a highly selected group of patients, but we don't know.

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