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**Tumore delle alte vie urinarie: difficoltà  
in un management multidisciplinare  
complesso**



# Dati anamnestici (Gennaio 2017)

- Età: 60 anni, **BMI = 56.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (Obese Class III)**, non totale compliance
- APP: durante controllo diabetologico ha eseguito TC addome con riscontro di lesione renale dubbia (probabile flogosi renale), da qualche settimana franca ematuria
- APR: obesità patologica, ipertensione arteriosa, diabete mellito 2, iperuricemia, ipotiroidismo, appendicectomia



# TC addome 23/02/2017

- Formazione tondeggiante di circa 48-49 mm, a struttura inomogenea, al terzo medio-superiore del rene destro, attribuibile a formazione ascessuale
- Normalità del rene di sinistra senza formazioni patologiche
- Non linfadenomegalie addomino-pelviche
- Vescica poco distesa a pareti regolari senza lesioni infiltranti o aggettanti



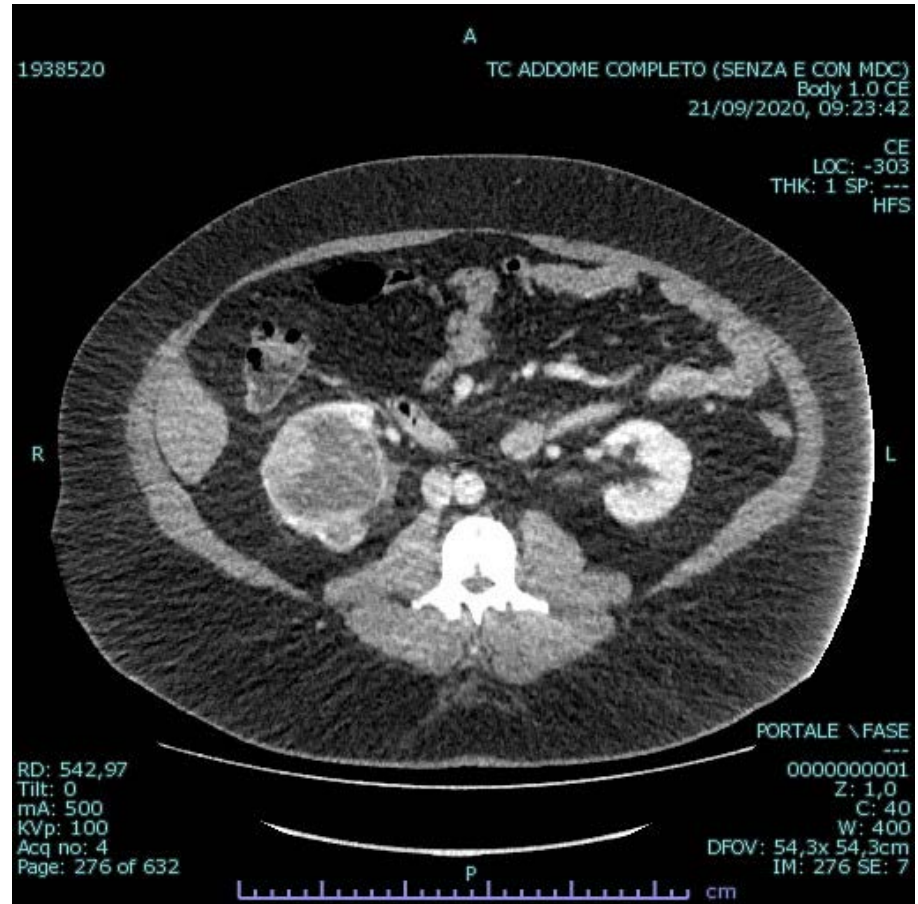
# TC addome 12/09/2018

- Invariata per morfologia e dimensioni la formazione ascessuale tondeggiante del rene di destra (48-49 mm), più omogenea
- Porzione centrale ipodensa con pareti ispessite e lieve impregnazione contrastografica.
- Non linfoadenomegalie addomino-pelviche



# TC addome 21/09/2020

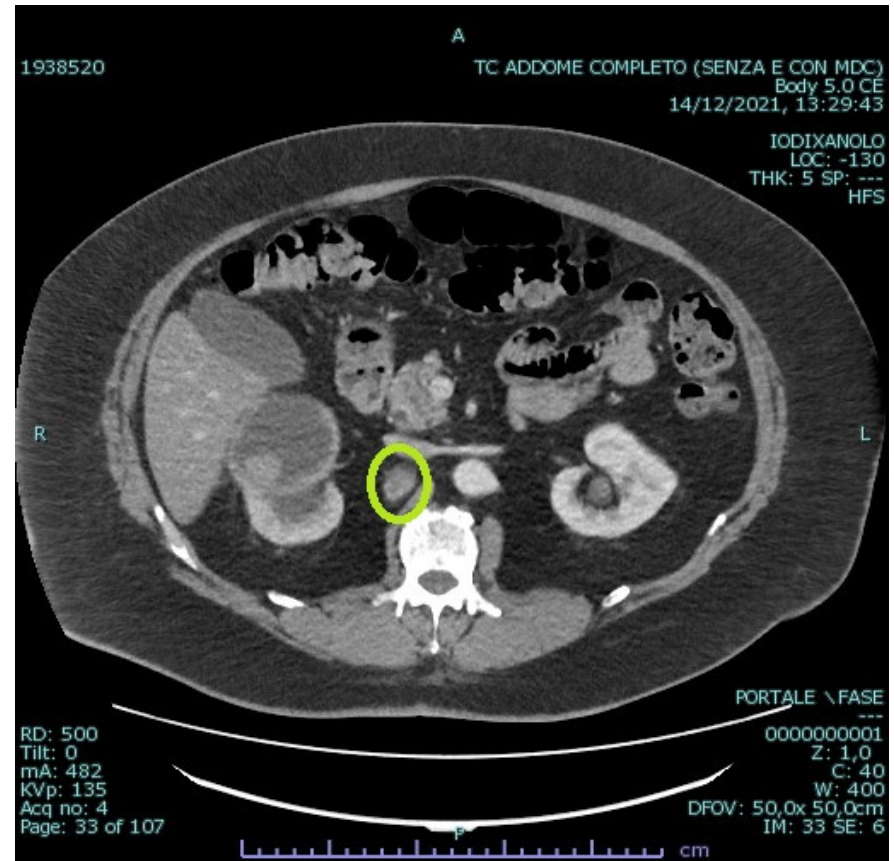
- Aumento dimensioni lesione renale (76x67 mm), ispessita la parete infero laterale (14 mm) e dotata di arricchimento contrastografico
- Non linfoadenomegalie addominali (a posteriori linfonodi sovra e sotto renali dubbi ma non sicuramente sospetti in senso oncologico)
- Invariato il resto (non lesioni in vescica)



# TC addome 14/12/2021

Accesso in PS in data 06/12/2021 per ematuria e ritenzione urinaria

- Lesione renale aumentata di dimensioni (91 x 78 mm)
- In vescica due formazioni polipoidi di 20 mm e 13 mm
- Non linfadenopatie (a posteriori aumento numerico e volumetrico di linfonodi, sopra e sottorenali, il maggiore sovrenale di 18 x 15 mm, sospetto. Più piccoli linfonodi in sede sottorenale fino al Carrefour, inferiori ai 5 mm, ma dubbi/sospetti)



# TURBT + Ureterorenoscopia destra 16/12/2021

- Vescica: Lesione papillare di circa 3 cm a livello della parete postero-laterale sinistra e una analoga a livello della parete postero-superiore/cupola di difficile raggiungimento
- Pelvi renale destra completamente occupata da tessuto papillare verosimilmente neoplastico, sanguinante



# TURBT 16/12/2021

## Esame istologico (30/12/2021)

- Neoformazione vescicale: carcinoma uroteliale ad alto grado, G2
- Base impianto: alterazioni da elettrocuzione, indenne da neoplasia
- Neoformazione pelvi renale dx: Il contenitore pervenuto contiene esclusivamente liquido fissativo



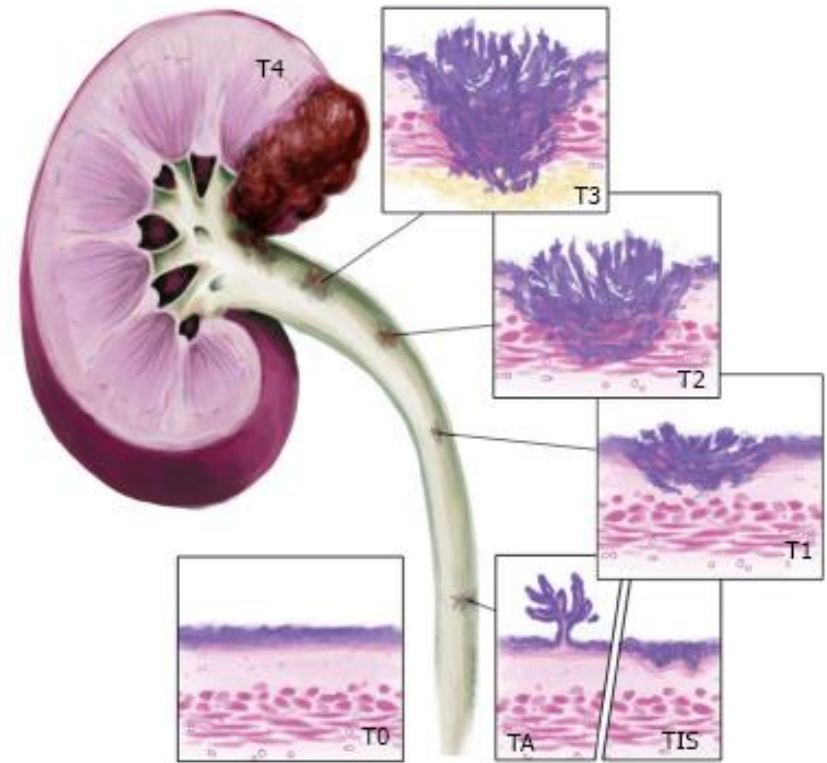


## Epidemiology

Upper urinary tract UCs are uncommon and account for only 5–10% of UCs

Annual incidence two cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Pyelocaliceal tumours are approximately twice as common as ureteral tumours and multifocal tumours are found in approximately 10–20% of cases



The 5-year survival rates of T1, T2, T3, and T4 patients were 90.2%, 78%, 43.8%, and 18.5%, respectively.

# EAU Guidelines on Upper Urinary Tract Urothelial Carcinoma

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## Bladder Cancer

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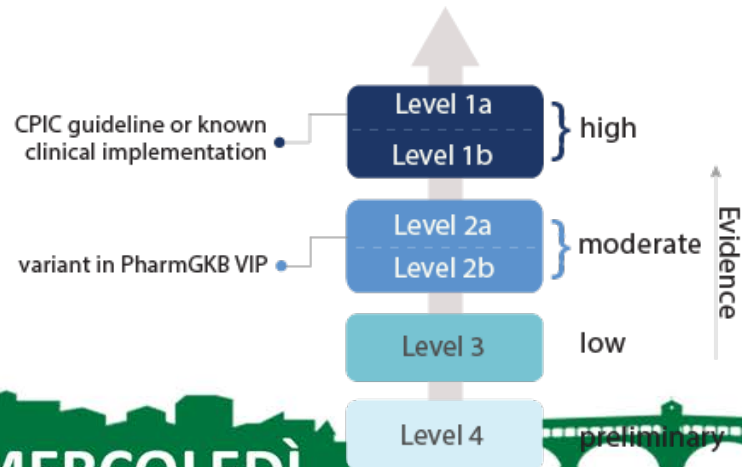


## 6.4 Summary of evidence and guidelines for the prognosis of UTUC

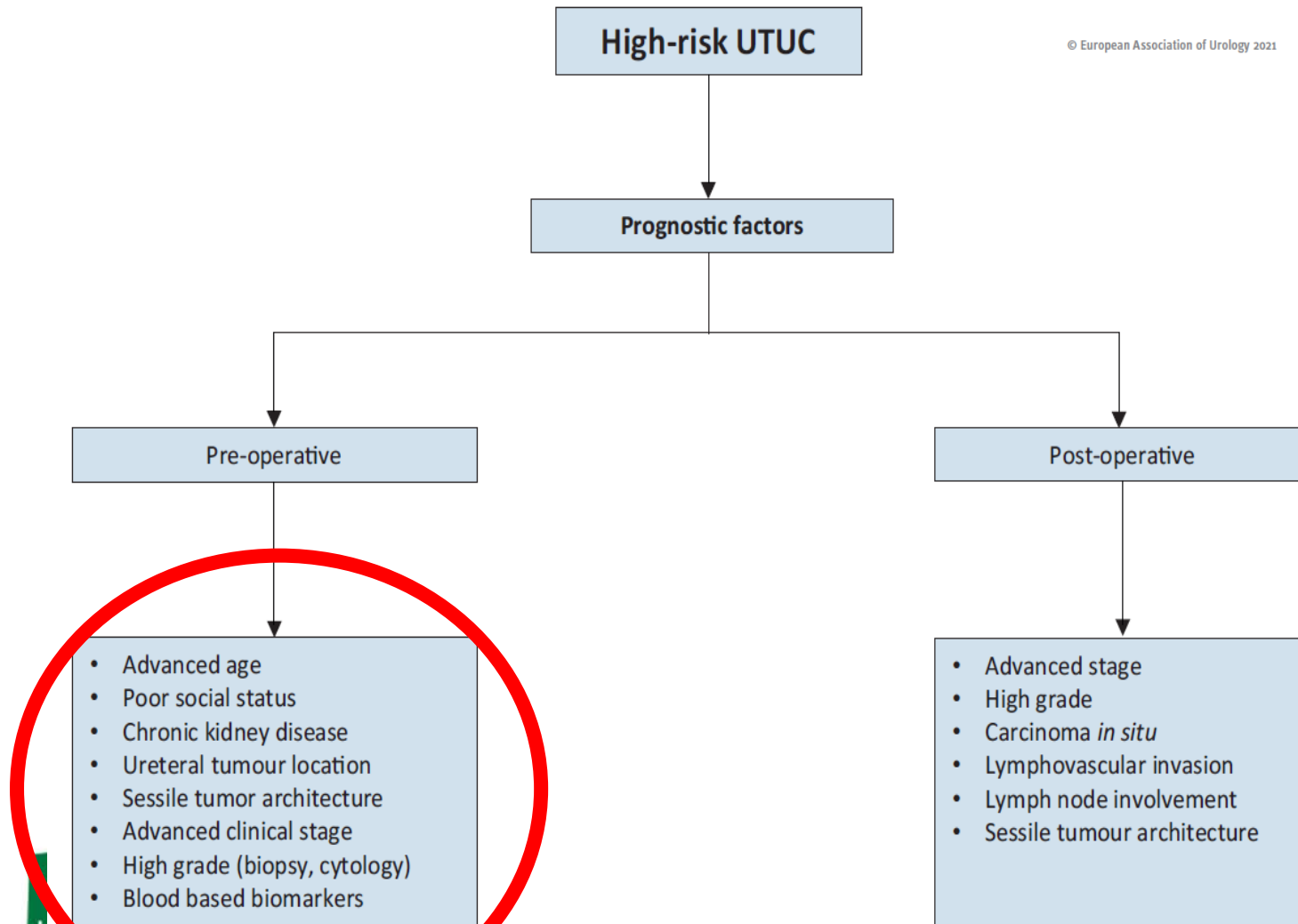
Summary of evidence	LE
Important prognostic factors for risk stratification include tumour multifocality, size, stage, grade, hydronephrosis and variant histology.	3
Models are available to predict non-organ confined disease and altered prognosis after RNU.	3
Patient, tumour and treatment-related factors impact risk of bladder recurrence.	3
Currently, no prognostic biomarkers are validated for clinical use.	3

Recommendation	Strength rating
Use prognostic factors to risk-stratify patients for therapeutic guidance.	Weak

Low level of evidence....



# Upper Urinary tract urothelial cell carcinoma: prognostic factors included in prognostic models



# Risk stratification for UTUC according to the European Association of Urology

Explore the EAU guidelines<sup>1</sup>



Patient has **ALL** of the following

- Unifocal disease
- Tumor size < 2 cm
- Low-grade cytology
- Low-grade URS biopsy
- No invasive aspect on CTU



Patient has **ANY** of the following

- Multifocal disease
- Tumor size > 2 cm
- High-grade cytology
- High-grade URS biopsy
- Hydronephrosis
- Prior radical cystectomy for bladder cancer
- Variant histology

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# Accurate staging and grading is crucial for appropriate disease management



UTUC management should include risk-stratification of tumors to identify those more suitable for kidney-sparing approaches, without compromising oncological outcomes

Risk stratification in UTUC is primarily driven by biopsy findings



# Ureteroscopic biopsy is the initial step in tissue diagnosis

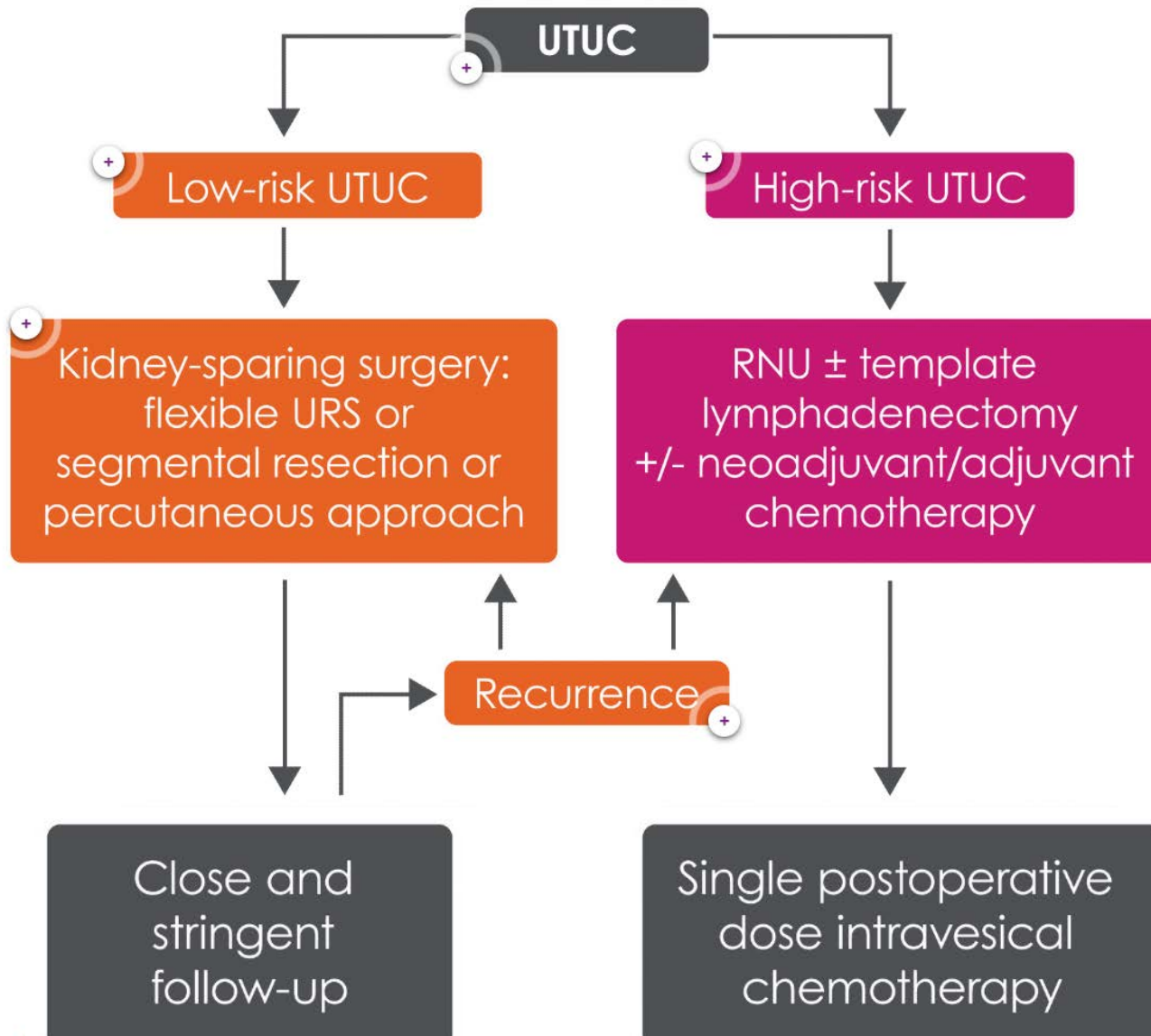


Tumor grade has been shown to be correlated with muscle invasion

Ureteroscopy also offers the surgeon a practical, accurate evaluation of tumor location, which is useful if nephron sparing approaches are to be considered



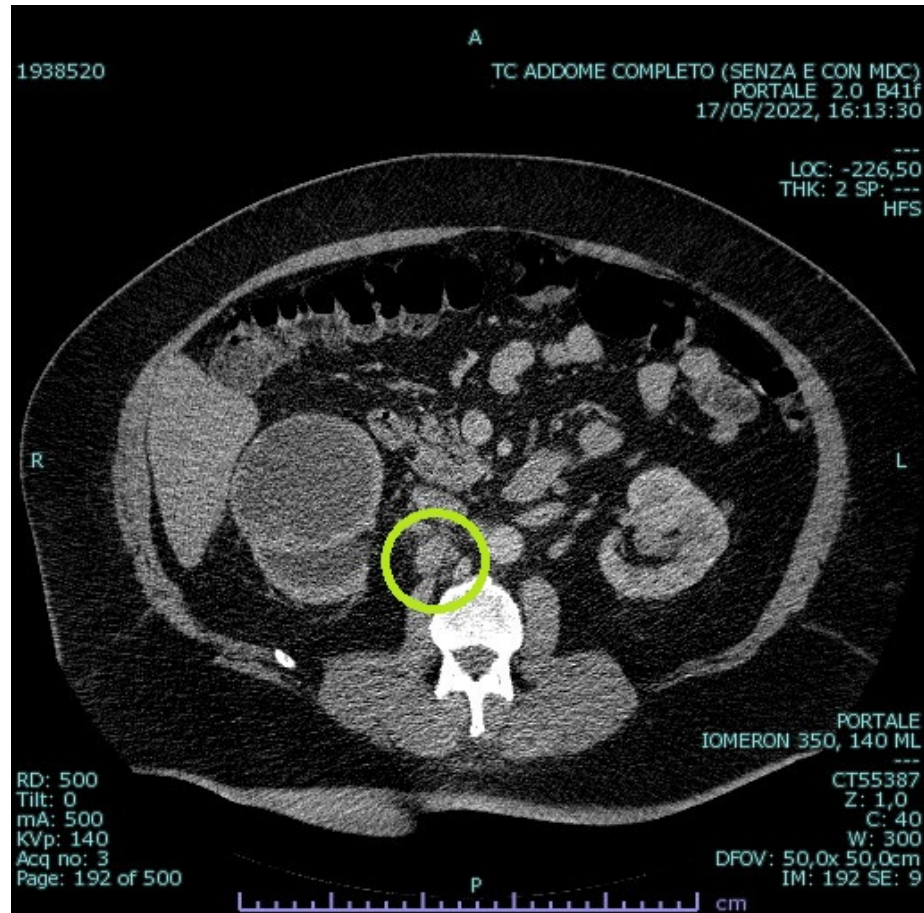
# Algorithm for UTUC treatment





# TC addome 17/05/2022

- Minimo incremento dimensionale della lesione del rene di destra
- Permangono focali ispessimenti vescicali.
- **Più evidenti per numero e dimensioni le tumefazioni linfonodali localizzate a dx, in sede retrocavale, in corrispondenza del piano passante per l'arteria renale e in sede interaorto-cavale (il maggiore di 20x16 mm).**



# TURBT 29/07/2022

- Parete posteriore e cupola occupati da neoformazione papillare di almeno 4.5 cm e presenza di altre lesioni papillari a livello diffuso nel viscere
- **Vista l'estensione della lesione e la difficoltà nella resezione si soprassiede dall'effettuare la ureterorenoscopia e la biopsia ureterale**

## **Esame istologico (08/08/2022)**

- Neoformazione vescicale: carcinoma uroteliale ad alto grado, G2-G3 non muscolo infiltrante



## Discussione Urologica

Si programma TURBT II look per sospetta neoplasia vescicale muscolo infiltrante e biopsia renale per staging upper tract



# TURB 14/12/2022

- Vescica: Si individuano 4 neoformazioni papillari di circa 6 mm ciascuna, esofitiche, a livello della cupola, associate ad alcune lesioni millimetriche sulla parete posteriore
- Pelvi renale appare occupata da plurime lesioni papillari vegetanti, biopsia
- **Esame istologico (30/12/2022)**
- Neoformazione vescicale: carcinoma uroteliale papillare ad alto grado, G2-G3, focale infiltrazione della tonaca sottomucosa
- Neoformazione calice rene destro: **frammenti di mm 1 costituiti da proliferazione papillare (citocheratina 7+), suggestiva per neoplasia uroteliale, non ulteriormente qualificabile.**



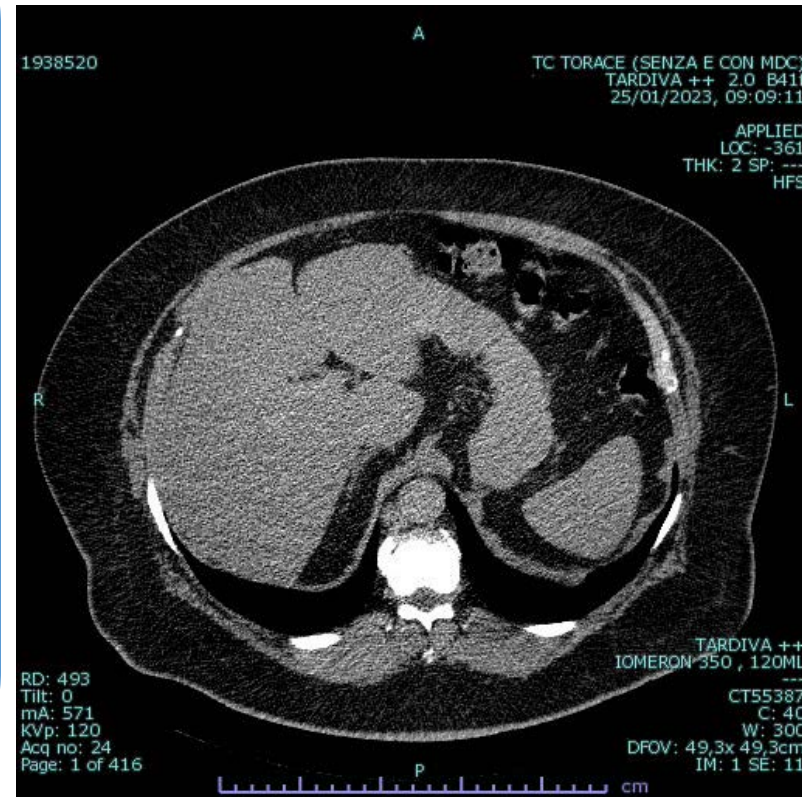
# Planning

Proposto intervento di nefroureterectomia laparoscopica con pastiglia vescicale + linfadenectomia retroperitoneale previo re-staging radiologico



# TC total body 25/01/2023

- Incremento dimensionale della massa a livello del rene destro (13cm x 10cm x 12cm)
- Disomogenee tumefazioni linfonodali in sede laterocervicale a sinistra, retroclavare bilaterale, paratracheale destra, loggia di Baretz e retrocurale para-aortica destra
- Incremento dimensionale e di numero delle tumefazioni linfonodali addominali le maggiori in sede inter-aorto-cavale, retrocavale e paracavale inferiore
- Plurimi linfonodi in sede otturatoria bilaterale sospetti
- Irregolare ispessimento della parete posteriore della vescica, con spessore fino a circa 12 mm, con impregnazione contrastografica.



# Linee guida per malattia metastatica

Malattia metastatica (9 % dei pazienti hanno malattia metastatica alla diagnosi)	Strength rating
Offer radical nephroureterectomy as a palliative treatment to symptomatic patients with resectable locally advanced tumours.	Weak
<b>First-line treatment for cisplatin-eligible patients</b>	
Use cisplatin-containing combination chemotherapy with GC or HD-MVAC.	Strong
Do not offer carboplatin or non-platinum combination chemotherapy.	Strong
Use maintenance avelumab in patients who did not have disease progression after 4 to 6 cycles of gemcitabine plus cisplatin.	Strong
<b>First-line treatment in patients unfit for cisplatin</b>	
Offer checkpoint inhibitors pembrolizumab or atezolizumab depending on PD-L1 status.	Weak
Offer carboplatin combination chemotherapy if PD-L1 is negative.	Strong
Use maintenance avelumab in patients who did not have disease progression after 4 to 6 cycles of gemcitabine plus carboplatin.	Strong
<b>Second-line treatment</b>	
Offer checkpoint inhibitor (pembrolizumab) to patients with disease progression during or after platinum-based combination chemotherapy for metastatic disease.	Strong

Wrap up

## Radiological staging

Summary of evidence	LE
The diagnosis and staging of UTUC is best done with computed tomography urography and URS.	2a
Selective urinary cytology has high sensitivity in high-grade tumours, including carcinoma <i>in situ</i> .	3
Urethrocystoscopy can detect concomitant BC.	2a

Recommendations	Strength rating
Perform a urethrocystoscopy to rule out bladder tumour.	Strong
Perform a computed tomography (CT) urography for diagnosis and staging.	Strong
Use diagnostic ureteroscopy (preferably without biopsy) if imaging and/or voided urine cytology are not sufficient for the diagnosis and/or risk-stratification of patients suspected to have UTUC.	Strong
Magnetic resonance urography or <sup>18</sup> F-Fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography/CT (to assess [nodal] metastasis) may be used when CT is contra-indicated.	Weak



Wrap up

## UPDATES

Recommendations	Strength rating
2022 recommendation: Use diagnostic ureteroscopy and biopsy if imaging and cytology are not sufficient for the diagnosis and/or risk-stratification of the tumour.	Strong
Revised 2023 recommendation: Use diagnostic ureteroscopy (preferably without biopsy) if imaging and/or voided urine cytology are not sufficient for the diagnosis and/or risk-stratification of patients suspected to have UTUC.	Strong
2022 recommendation: Magnetic resonance urography or $^{18}\text{F}$ -Fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography/CT may be used when CT is contra-indicated.	Weak
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# Take Home Messages

- UTUC = always Challenging cases
- Necessità di anticipare il tempo della discussione multidisciplinare (Radiologi-Oncologi-Medico nucleare...)
- Considerare alternative alla TC nello staging linfonodale e metastatico in casi selezionati

