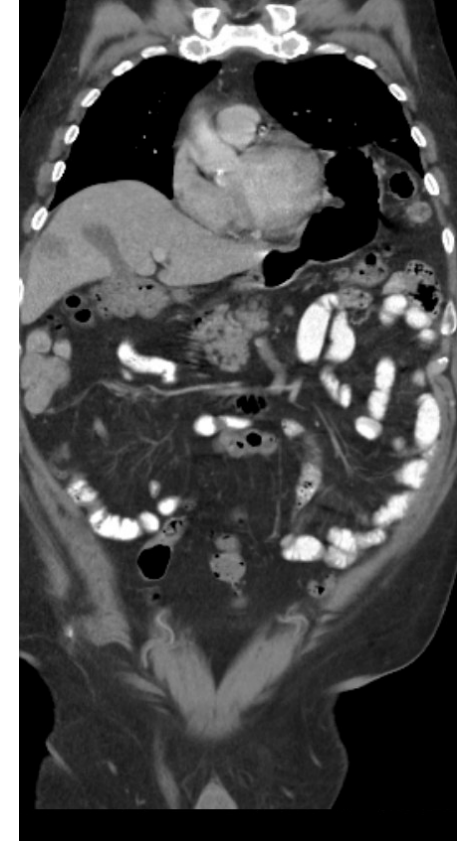


# GI Malignancies: Cases & Discussion

# Case 1

- 64 y/o M with no significant PMH presents with weight loss and anemia
- CA 6.0
- CT CAP showed 6 lesions in R hepatic lobe; proximal rectal wall thickening
  - Left lobe volume relatively small

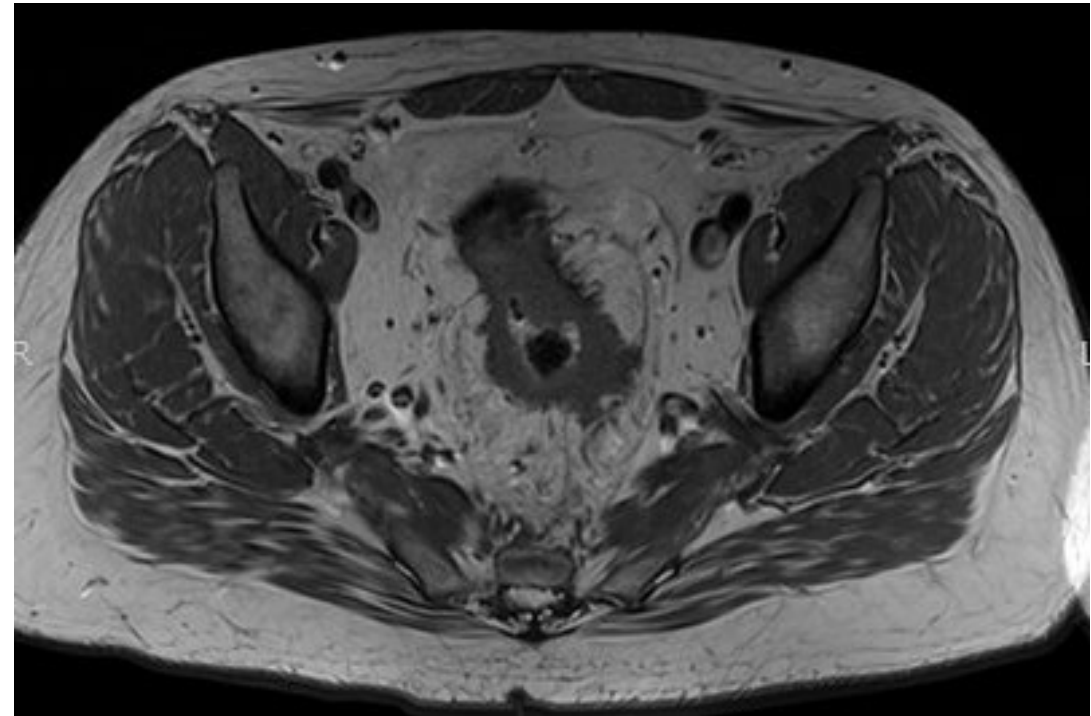
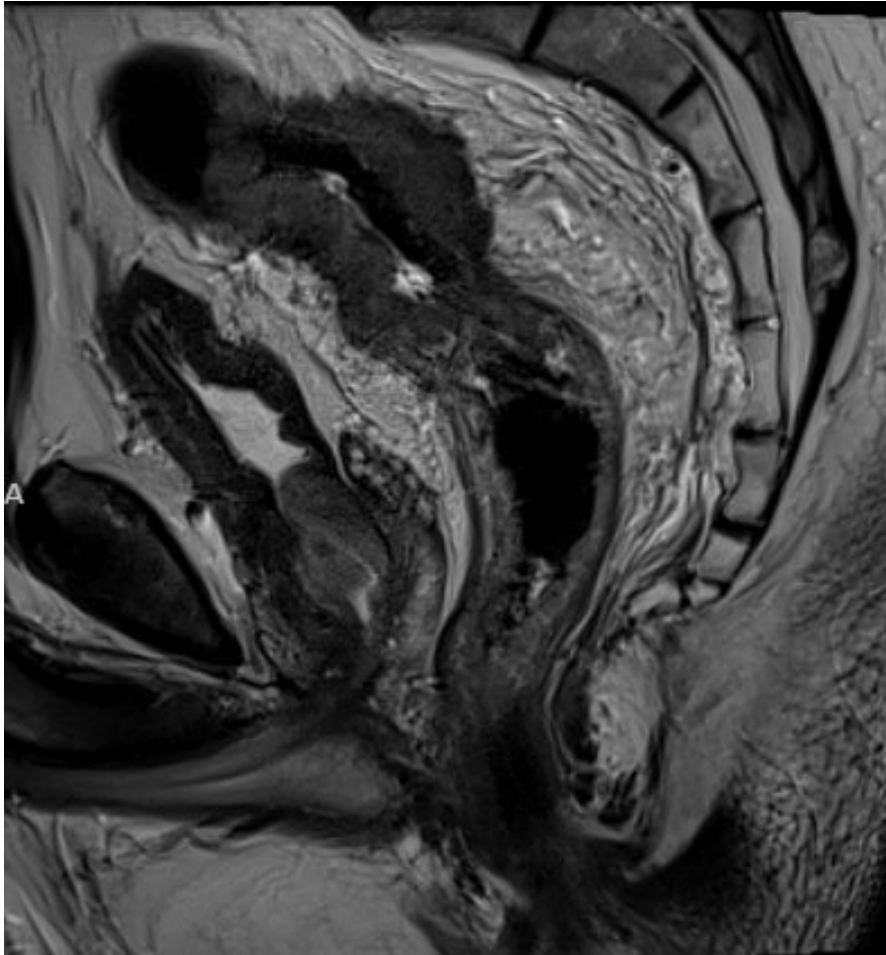


# Case 1

- Colonoscopy Findings:
  - Malignant appearing mass in the proximal rectum causing partial obstruction beginning about 12 cm from anal verge
- Pathology:
  - Moderately differentiated invasive adenocarcinoma
  - pMMR by IHC
  - Tumor NGS: CHEK2, APC, FBXW7 mutations. MSS, TMB low.



# Case 1



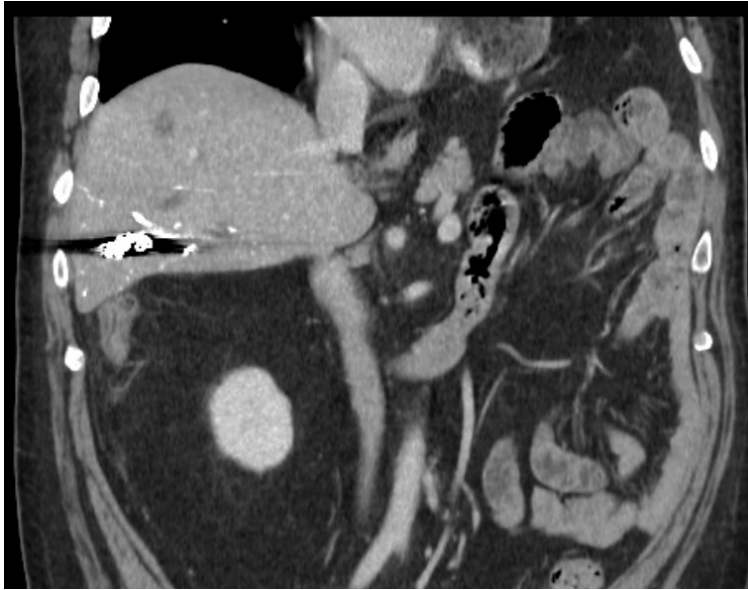
- MRI rectum: T4a tumor in upper rectum, + EMVI with 3 suspicious mesorectal lymph nodes. Mesorectal fascia is involved

# Case 1

- In this patient with minimally symptomatic rectal adenocarcinoma with liver metastases, how would you approach/sequence therapy?

# Case 1

- Received short course radiation (25 Gy in 5 Fx) to primary tumor.
- Began mFOLFOX + bevacizumab
- Underwent portal vein embolization to R liver lobe



- CT after 6 cycles of chemotherapy showed scattered hyperdense particles s/p PVE/HVE
- Only 2 hepatic lesions visualized, both in R lobe, both smaller in size

# Case 1

- Completed 3 more months of chemotherapy (6 months total).
- Restaging imaging showed continued response in liver. MRI rectum showed partial response but probable residual tumor.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy showed “malignant-appearing, intrinsic moderate stenosis in proximal rectum”
- Discussed at tumor board with recommendations for Low Anterior Resection



# Case 1

## **SPECIMEN**

1. Sigmoid colon, rectum, and omentum
2. Proximal donut
3. Distal donut

## **FINAL PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS**

1. Rectum, sigmoid colon, omentum; low anterior resection:
  - Invasive adenocarcinoma
  - Pathologic stage: ypT3N0
  - See synoptic
2. Colon, proximal donut, excision:
  - Segment of colon with no diagnostic histopathologic alterations
  - Negative for malignancy
3. Colon, proximal donut, excision:
  - Segment of colon with no diagnostic histopathologic alterations
  - Negative for malignancy

TUMOR SYNOPTIC: (COLON and RECTUM)  
Standard(s): AJCC 8th Edition

## **SPECIMEN**

Procedure: Low anterior resection

## **TUMOR**

Tumor Site: Rectum, entirely above the anterior peritoneal reflection  
Histologic Type: Adenocarcinoma  
Histologic Grade: G1, well differentiated (>95% gland formation)  
Tumor Size: 2.5 cm  
Tumor Extent: Invades through muscularis propria into pericorectal tissue  
Macroscopic Tumor Perforation: Not identified  
Lymphovascular Invasion: Not identified  
Perineural Invasion: Not identified

## **TREATMENT EFFECT:**

Residual cancer with evident tumor regression (partial response, score 2)

## **MARGINS**

Margin Status for Invasive Carcinoma: All margins uninvolved by invasive carcinoma and dysplasia  
Margin Status for Non-Invasive Tumor: All margins negative for dysplasia  
Closest Margin to Invasive Carcinoma: Radial, 1.5 cm

## **REGIONAL LYMPH NODES**

Number of lymph nodes involved: 0  
Number of lymph nodes examined: 27  
Tumor Deposits: Not identified

## **PATHOLOGIC STAGE**

TNM Descriptors: y, post treatment  
pT Category: pT3; Tumor invades through muscularis propria into pericorectal tissue  
pN Category: pN0; No regional lymph node metastasis



# Case 1

- Post-LAR imaging showed stable R liver lesions x 2, no new sites of disease
- Decision made to proceed with R hepatectomy

## **FINAL PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS**

### **1. GALLBLADDER, CHOLECYSTECTOMY:**

Ulcerative and perforated cholecystitis

One benign lymph node (0/1)

### **2. RIGHT LIVER, PARTIAL HEPATECTOMY:**

Consistent with metastatic colorectal adenocarcinoma (2 nodules)

Margins all negative

See comment

# Case 1

- 9 months post liver resection, develops new 1.5 cm metastasis in liver
- What are remaining available treatment options?

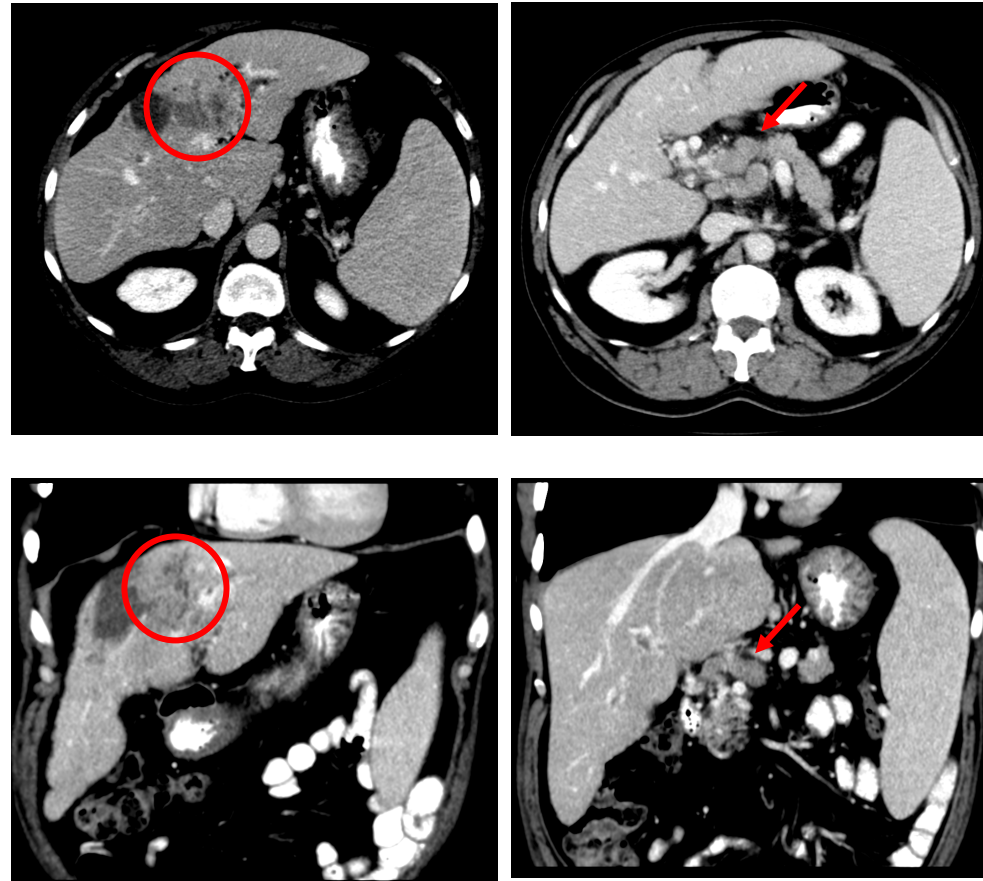
## Case 2

- 66 y/o M with history of hepatitis C infection s/p treatment with SVR, cirrhosis, HTN
- Presented with new HCC – 2 cm LI-RADS 5 lesion in segment VIII. AFP at diagnosis 150.
- What are initial options of management in this patient?

## Case 2

- Patient undergoes yttrium-90 radioembolization and liver transplantation evaluation begins.
- Repeat imaging 6 weeks after Y-90 radioembolization shows post-treatment changes in segment VIII. New 3.8 cm lesion is noted with portal vein invasion. Newly enlarged periaortic lymph nodes (2.3 cm, 3.2 cm, 2.8 cm).
- AFP is 170 (from 150 at diagnosis).

## CT Abdomen/Pelvis - Baseline



# Case 2

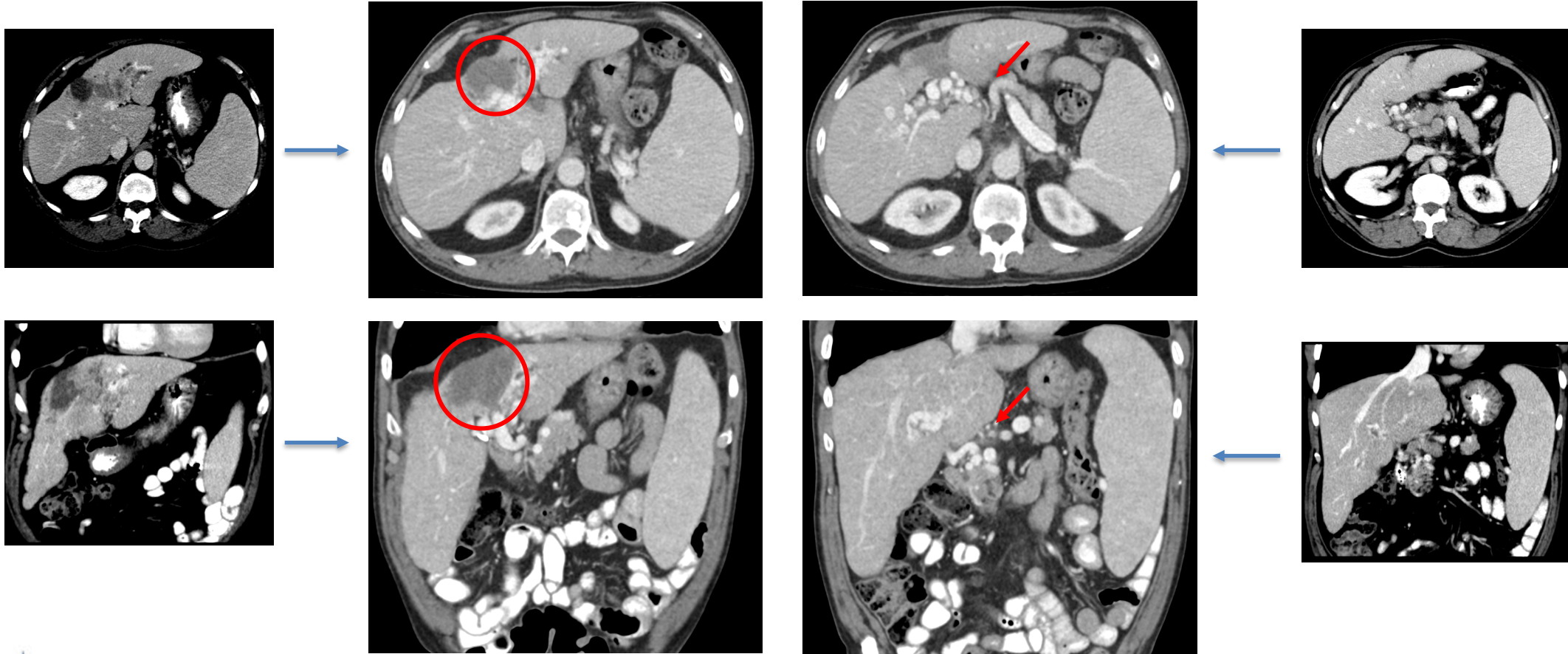
- What are options for therapy now?



## Case 2

- Patient began atezolizumab cycle 1 and received Y-90 radioembolization to new 3.8 cm lesion three days post-infusion.
- Bevacizumab added to atezolizumab with cycle 2 after EGD confirmed no esophageal varices.

## CT Abdomen/Pelvis – 2.5 years later



# Thank you!

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