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Cooke AL, Metge C, Lix L, et al. Tamoxifen Use and Osteoporotic Fracture Risk: A Population-Based Analysis. *J Clin Oncol*. 2008 Oct 6. Epub ahead of print.

Gierga DP, Brewer J, Sharp GC, et al. The correlation between internal and external markers for abdominal tumors: implications for respiratory gating. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys*. 2005;61(5):1551-1558.

**Abstracts:**

Strosberg JR, Choi J, Gardner N, et al. First-line treatment of metastatic pancreatic endocrine carcinomas with capecitabine and temozolomide. *J Clin Oncol*. 2008;26(May 20 suppl). Abstract 4612.

Poplin E, Levy DE, Berlin J, et al. Phase III trial of gemcitabine (30-minute infusion) versus gemcitabine (fixed-dose rate infusion) versus gemcitabine plus oxaliplatin (GEMOX) in patients with advanced pancreatic cancer (E6201). *J Clin Oncol*. 2006 ASCO Annual Meeting Proceedings Part I. 2004;24(18S June 20 suppl):LBA4004. Abstract.

**Textbooks:** Holzbeierlein JM, Smith JA Jr. Natural history and surgical management. In: Vogelzang NJ, Shipley WU, Scardino PT, et al, eds. *Comprehensive Textbook of Genitourinary Oncology*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia, Pa: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2000:384-424.

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Purpose  
Data sources  
Study selection  
Data extraction  
Results of data synthesis  
Conclusion

### For Original Research Studies:

Objective  
Design  
Setting  
Patients/participants  
Interventions  
Main outcome measures  
Results  
Conclusion

### Sample - Abstract

**Background:** *Prior to the use of cisplatin, durable complete remissions of metastatic testis cancer were rare. In 1977, a treatment program including a chemotherapy program of cisplatin, vinblastine, and bleomycin (PVB) led to high response rates and acceptable toxicities in patients with disseminated testis cancer. Since then, various regimens such as bleomycin, etoposide, and cisplatin (BEP) have been tested for good- and poor-risk disease and for salvage therapy.*

**Methods:** *The author reviewed the results of prospective, randomized clinical trials that have markedly improved the outlook of patients with this type of cancer according to risk.*

**Results:** *These trials have defined the current standard combination chemotherapy and their schedules, depending on risk category. Standard therapy for both good-risk and poor-risk disease remains BEP therapy. High-dose chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow or peripheral stem cell rescue transplantation is being investigated to overcome chemotherapy resistance.*

**Conclusions:** *While the present state of the art for treating metastatic testicular cancer is promising, approximately one third of patients will not achieve a remission. Trials of new agents may provide strategies to increase patient survival.*

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