# LEITLINIENPROGRAMM ONKOLOGIE







# **Quality Management in Oncology**

Building up a network between the German Guideline Program in Oncology, Cancer Registries, and Certified Cancer Centers

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#### **BACKGROUND: GERMAN NATIONAL CANCER PLAN**

#### PARTICULAR OBJECTIVES

- #5 Certification and quality management of oncological health care institutions
- #6 evidence based guidelines in oncology
- #8 meaningful reporting of quality by cancer registries (joint working group 'documentation')





## **GERMAN GUIDELINE PROGRAM IN ONCOLOGY (GGPO)**

#### BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

- -need for quality improvement in cancer care
- -need for better knowledge transfer
- -need for a common basis to improve networking of quality initiatives
- -German National Cancer Plan
  - GGPO was launched 2008, setting the goal to develop and implement high quality clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) in oncology by:









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**Clinical Practice Guidelines** 

(CPG)

provide evidence- and consensus-based recommendations



#### **Cancer Registries**

assess and report processes and outcomes

are linked with

#### **Quality Assurance**

within the framework of the German Social Code Book (§137a SGB V)

#### **Certified Cancer Centers**

support implementation – transfer of guidelines into practice



#### **CPG**

recommendations

QI development following a standardized methodology



#### **DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY INDICATORS: STEPS**

"Translation" of strong guideline recommendations (recommendations grade A) or guideline outcome objectives into potential QI (numerator/denominator) by a methodologist

Compilation of a preliminary list of QI taking potential measurability into account (2 methodologists)

Written assessment according to further specific criteria by GGPO author (Required: > 75% acceptance for each criteria)

Final selection and integration into the GGPO after review of expert panel and after discussion and formal consensus process with GGPO authors (Required: QI >75% acceptance)

## **DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY INDICATORS: THE QUALIFY INSTRUMENT**

*					
	1 Does not apply	2 Rather does not apply	3 Rather does apply	4 Applies	
1.Importance of the quality characteristic captured with the quality indicator for patients and the health care system					
2.Clarity of the definitions (of the indicator and its application)					
3.Indicator expression can be influenced by providers					
4. Evidence and Consensus Basis of the Indicator* *criteria modified for GGPO process: added: consensus basis	only strong recommendations – not re- assessed				
5. Consideration of potential risks / side effects of the indicator: Are there risks for inappropriate care which cannot be compensated for?	yes no		0		



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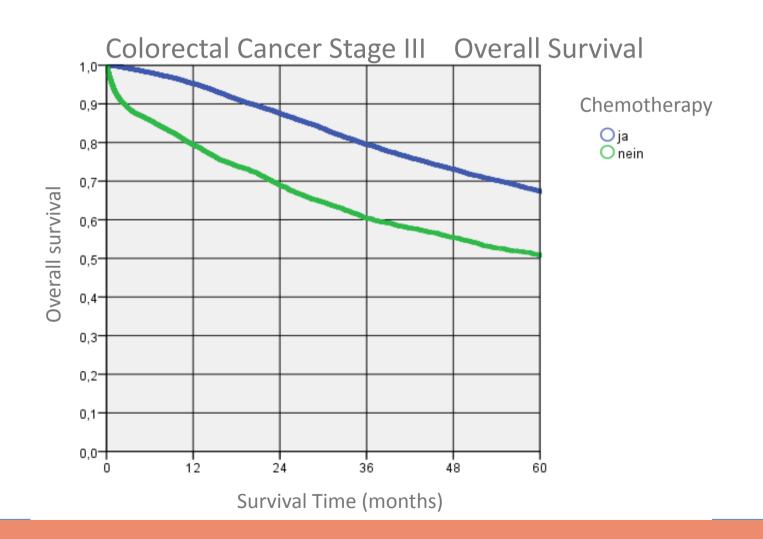
# GUIDELINE BASED QI: EXAMPLE I COLORECTAL CANCER

Guideline Recommendation	Goal	Quality Indicator (Reference Range)
Adjuvant Chemotherapy is indicated in pts with colon carcinoma UICC Stage III who underwent R0 resection.  LoE 1a, GoR A	adjuvant chemotherapies in	Numerator: Pts with colon carcinoma UICC III and R0-resection having received chemotherapy Denominator: All pts with Colon carcinoma UICC III and R0-resection  (>80%)

<sup>\*</sup> Schmiegel et al: S3-Guideline on Colorectal Cancer, 2008 (Update)



#### **COLORECTAL CANCER**





# GUIDELINE BASED QI: EXAMPLE II BREAST CANCER

Guideline Recommendation	Goal	Quality Indicator (Reference Range)
Investigation of nodal status should be performed by SNLE. GoR A  Morbidity after SNLE is reduced in comparison to axillar dissection.  LoE 1	High number of excl. SLNE for assessing nodal status in pts with invasive breast cancer pT1 pN0	Numerator: number of exclusive SNLE in invasive breast cancer pT1 pN0  Denominator: number of all primary surgery of invasive breast cancer pT1 pN0  (>75%)



Data analysis Feedback to GDGs **CPG** 

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**Cancer Registries** 

Data analysis / reporting

Certified Cancer Centers

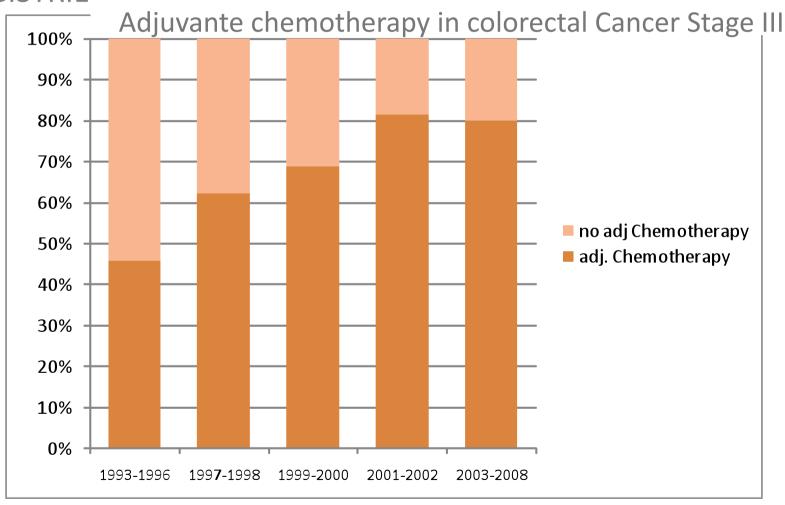
Documentation

Documentation Providing of data



## DATA REPORTING / ANALYSIS (RESULTS OF QI FROM CANCER

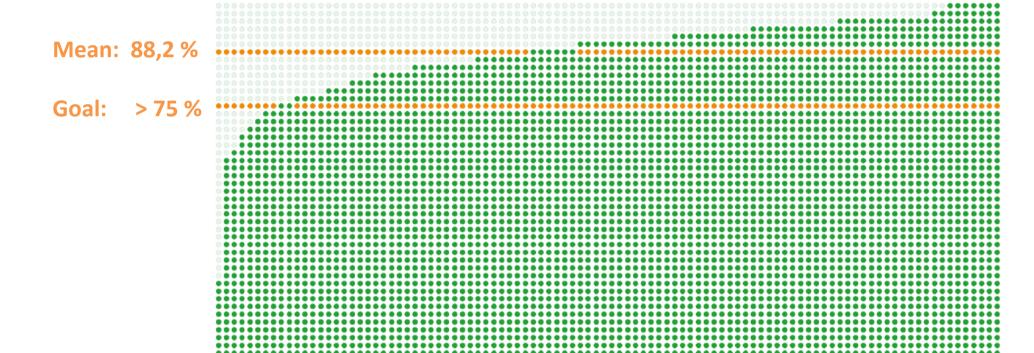
#### **REGISTRIES**





### DATA REPORTING / ANALYSIS (DATA OF CERTIFIED CENTERS)

Exclusive SNLE in patients with stage pT1 pN0

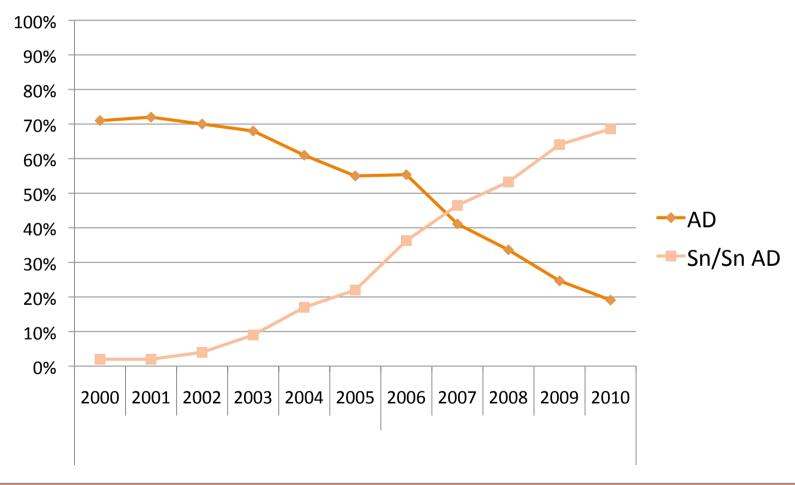


<sup>\*</sup> German Cancer Society: Benchmarking 2011 Annual report of the certified breast cancer centers



## DATA REPORTING / ANALYSIS (CANCER REGISTRIES)

Axillary dissection (AD) vs. Sentinel-lymph node biopsy with/without AD





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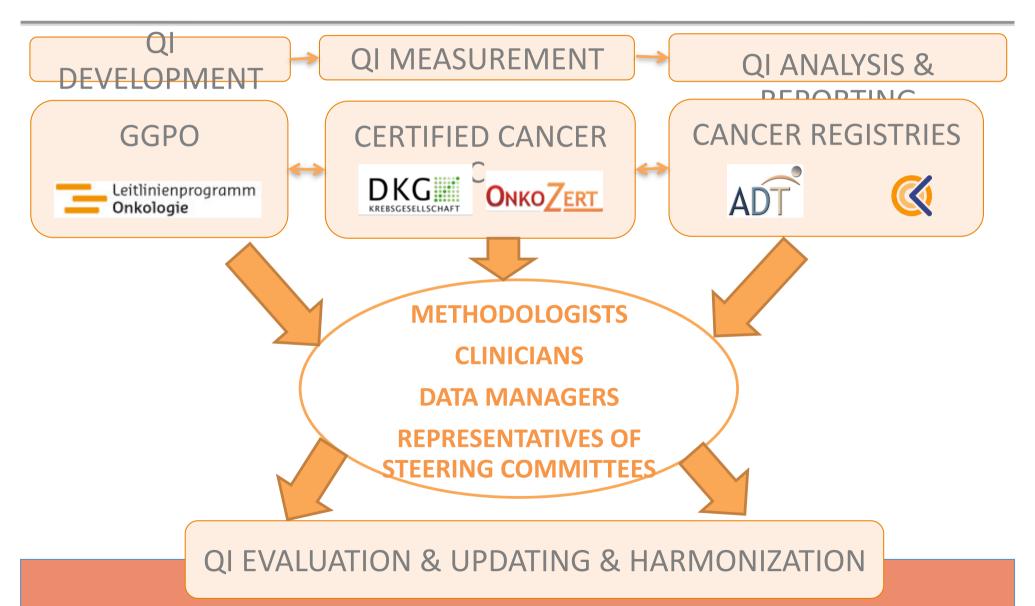
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#### QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN ONCOLOGY: THE NETWORK





#### **CONCLUSION: QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN ONCOLOGY**

#### POINTS TO CONSIDER

- QI are crucial tools for implementation and evaluation of CPG's
- QI development from CPGs should be established according to a standardized methodology
- These QI should be fitted into existing QM structures and duplication of documentation should be avoided
- A network between GDGs and institutions responsible for measuring and analyzing QM data is essential in order to update and review QI



## Thank you!

