

Name of Journal: *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*

ESPS Manuscript NO: 03254349

Manuscript Type: Review Study

Trends on the use of Neoadjuvant Radiotherapy and Clinical Staging for Rectal Cancer

STATISTICAL CONSIDERATION:

Analysis for patients receiving radiation and surgery were examined. Graphical analysis was then done comparing the years in which a radiation first treatment algorithm started. Univariate analysis using Cox proportional hazard model will be constructed. All factors that have a p-value < 0.10 will be used for multivariable analyses. All tests will be two-sided with P values < 0.05 being considered statistically significant in the final model. A dedicated biostatistician was used for data interpretation and results.