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Responsibilities and Activities

- Oversees, develops and maintains the CAP electronic Cancer Protocols (eCPs)
 - Electronic version of CAP Cancer Protocols from CAP Cancer Committee
- Performs quality review for eCP releases (i.e. HTML protocol format, metadata, and overall modeling) to help reduce risk of error
- Provides oversight for Vendor Implementation Collaboration (VIC) program
 - Efforts to support and improve vendor implementation of CAP eCPs
- Facilitates communication among pathologist end-user, vendors, public health staff, Cancer committee
 - Educates and elicits feedback, advises on issues of user implementation
- Participates in other CAP ventures into synoptic reporting
 - Work with other CAP committees (Autopsy, Cytopathology, etc.) and external organizations (AAPA)
- Supported and led by CAP Cancer Protocols and Data Standards Staff (CPDS)
 - Close interaction with marketing team
- Reports to the Council on Informatics and Pathology Innovation (CIPI)

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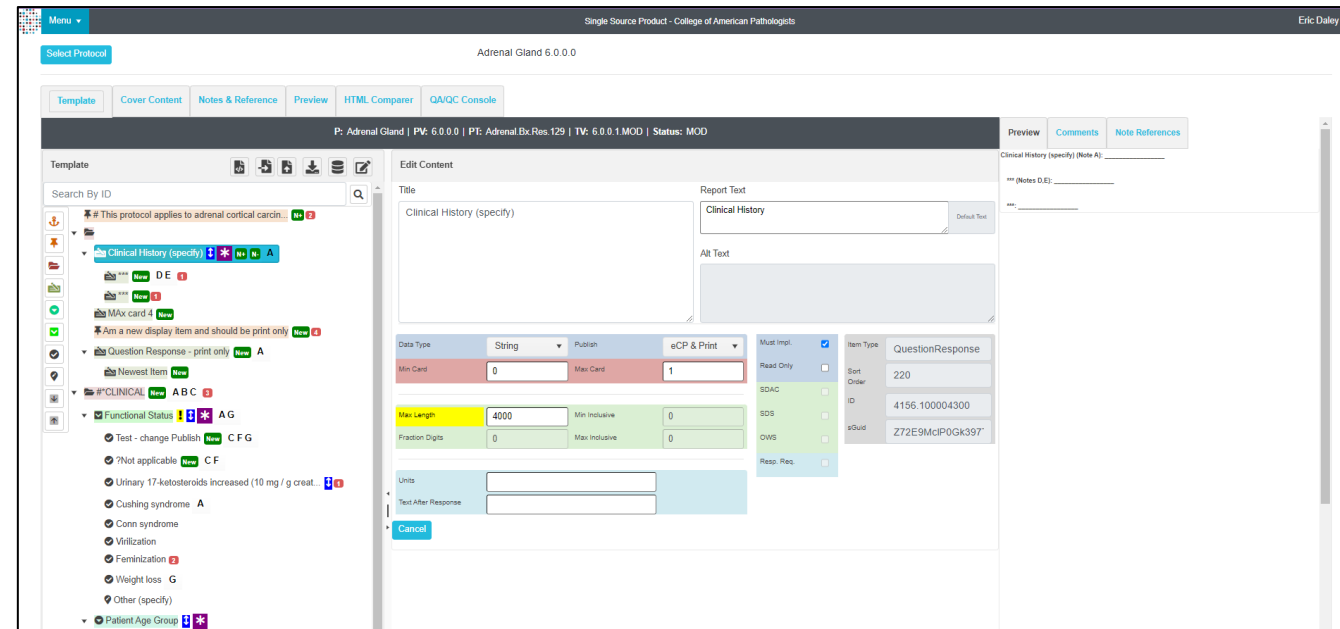


CAP Electronic Cancer Protocols

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eCP

- Produced under PERT committee guidance and derived from content created by the CAP Cancer committee
 - Collaborations with AJCC, CDC, WHO, CCO, NAACCR
- Enables pathologists to use CAP cancer protocols *directly* within their AP LIS
- Standardizes* collection and reporting of cancer data
- Reports are completed with all *required data elements*
- Improves and supports information exchange and data *interoperability*
 - Unique “*ckey*” ID for each data element
 - SNOMED* mapping
- eCPs provided to vendors using XML format using the *SDC schema definition*
 - Metadata and Rules



Cancer Synoptic Reporting at MGH

Data Capture and Storage

Anatomic Pathology Laboratory Information System (AP LIS)

Clinisys (Sunquest) CoPath Plus

- Case accessioning
- Laboratory workflow and asset tracking
- Pathologist enters free text portion of interpretation into final diagnosis field

mTuitive xPert

- 3rd party vendor synoptic reporting software interfaced with CoPath
- Launched from within a case in CoPath
- Pathologist fills out synoptic report with structured data elements
- Synoptic report is transferred back to the report in CoPath as a locked block of free text
- Synoptic structured data elements stored within database tables in CoPath

FINAL PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS
A. THYROID, LEFT LOBECTOMY (10g):
Papillary thyroid carcinoma (1.3cm, mid to inferior pole and isthmus), classical type, intrathyroidal, see note and synoptic report.
Twelve lymph nodes, negative for malignancy (0/12).
Background thyroid shows florid chronic non-specific lymphocytic thyroiditis.

Note: Immunostain for HBME-1 is positive in tumor cells and immunohistochemistry performed for BRAFV600E mutation using the mutation-specific BRAF (VE1) antibody is **positive** for cytoplasmic staining in tumor cells, consistent with a BRAFV600E mutation in this tumor

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SYNOPTIC REPORT: THYROID CARCINOMA
PARTS INCLUDED: A

pTNM STAGE SUMMARY: pT1b N0

SPECIMEN
PROCEDURE: Left thyroid lobectomy with isthmusectomy
LYMPH NODE SAMPLING: Not specified
FRESH SPECIMEN WEIGHT: 10 g
SPECIMEN INTEGRITY: Intact
TUMOR FOCALITY: Unifocal

DOMINANT TUMOR
TUMOR LOCATION: Left lobe, mid to inferior pole; and Isthmus
TUMOR SIZE: 1.3 x 1.2 x 0.9 cm
HISTOLOGIC TYPE: Papillary thyroid carcinoma, classical type
MARGINS: Uninvolved by carcinoma
DISTANCE OF INVASIVE CARCINOMA TO CLOSEST MARGIN: 0.1 cm
TUMOR CAPSULE: Partially encapsulated
TUMOR CAPSULAR INVASION: Not identified
LYMPHOVASCULAR INVASION: Not identified
PERINEURAL INVASION: Not identified
EXTRATHYROIDAL EXTENSION: Not identified
IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY: Immunohistochemistry performed for the BRAFV600E mutation using the mutation-specific BRAF (VE1) antibody is positive for cytoplasmic staining in tumor cells, consistent with a BRAFV600E mutation in

The screenshot displays the mTuitive xPert software interface for a thyroid gland synoptic report. The main window is titled 'THYROID GLAND' and contains a list of structured data elements. The 'Tumor Characteristics' section is expanded, showing fields for 'Tumor Identifier', 'Tumor Site (Note B)', 'Histologic Type (Notes D through H)', 'Histologic Type Comments', 'Tumor Size (Note C)', 'Extrathyroidal Extension (Note K)', 'Angiolymphatic Invasion (vascular invasion) (Note J)', 'Lymphatic Invasion (Note J)', 'Perineural Invasion', 'Margins (Note I)', and 'Mitotic Rate per 2 mm²'. Below this, there are sections for 'Lymph Nodes (Note L)', 'Pathologic Stage Classification (pTNM, AJCC 8th Edition) (Note M)', and 'Additional Findings'. A 'Next Unanswered' button is located at the top right of the form area, along with 'Next Required', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons. The bottom of the interface shows a status bar with 'Answer required: Remaining required: 10'.



Cancer Synoptic Reporting at MGH

Data Retrieval

CoPath Shadow Database

- Copy of production CoPath database containing day-old data (100s of tables)
- Query databases using Superset
 - open-source data exploration and visualization platform that allows users to write SQL queries against connected databases and produce customized data output
- Query produces a table → exported as a csv file
- Csv file imported into excel
- Excel Basic functionality used to transform rows into columns

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Requirements

- Knowledge of how relational databases are structured and organized and where to find content of interest
- Understanding of synoptic report content and format of questions and answer choices



Impact of COVID pandemic on Breslow Thickness at time of Melanoma Diagnosis



Melanoma Breslow Thickness During COVID

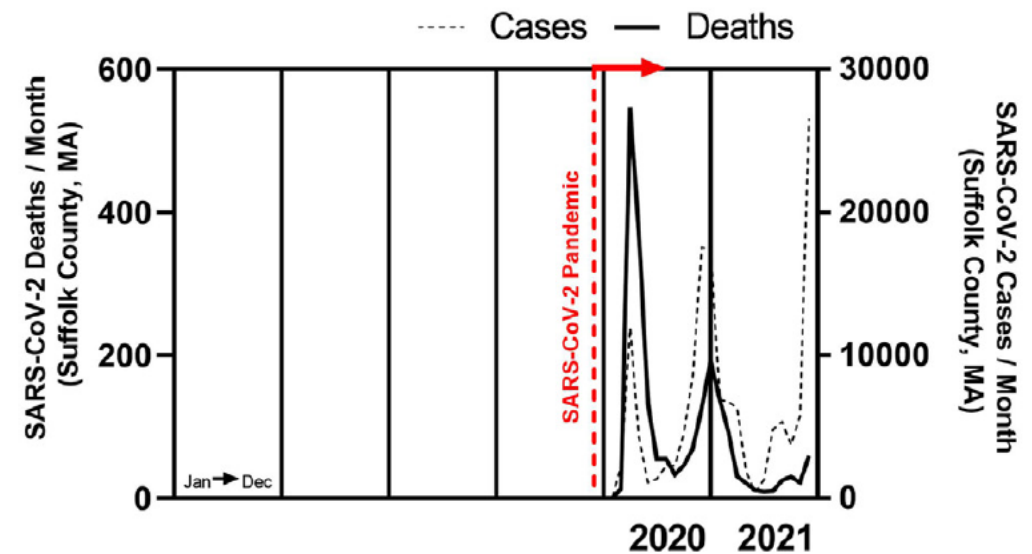
Study Overview

Goal

Evaluate longitudinal effects of care interruptions during the COVID-19 pandemic on melanoma diagnoses

Study Type: Retrospective cohort analysis of patients evaluated in a tertiary care center

Timeframe of greatest preventive care interruption: March 2020 to May 2020 based on population level Sars-COV-2 case count and mortality statistics for Suffolk county, Massachusetts



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Melanoma Breslow Thickness During COVID

Data Retrieval and Analysis

Method: Extracted unbiased structured data from standardized synoptic surgical pathology reports, including patient demographic information and Breslow thickness = most important prognostic factor for primary cutaneous melanoma

Data Set: 3160 melanoma cases (Jan 2016-Jan 2022)
 1113 internal MGH clinic cases
 2407 consultation cases reviewed

Statistical Analysis: GraphPad Prism 9.3.1
 Data binned at 1-month resolution
 Breslow thickness was compared using nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis analysis of variance

Breslow Thickness Synoptic Question

Maximum Tumor Thickness

___ Specify in millimeters (mm): _____ mm
 ___ At least ___ mm (specify in millimeters): _____ mm
 ___ Other (specify): _____
 ___ Cannot be determined (explain): _____

Superset query of mTuitive and CoPath database tables → csv export

gender	age_at_pro	Templ	question	answer_(mm)	
973	F	42	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	0.37
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974	F	41	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	1.33
988	M	27	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	0.42
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951	M	64	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (other)	1.1
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950	F	65	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (other)	approximately 1.7 mm
947	M	68	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	0.51
940	M	75	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	4.5
932	M	83	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (other)	0.74
940	F	75	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (other)	0.75
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951	F	64	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	0.28
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957	F	58	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (in mm)	1.35
961	F	54	1	Maximum Tumor Thickness (other)	0.8



Melanoma Breslow Thickness During COVID

Results

NUMBER OF MONTHLY MELANOMA DIAGNOSES RENDERED BY MGH DERMATOPATHOLOGY BETWEEN 2016 AND 2021

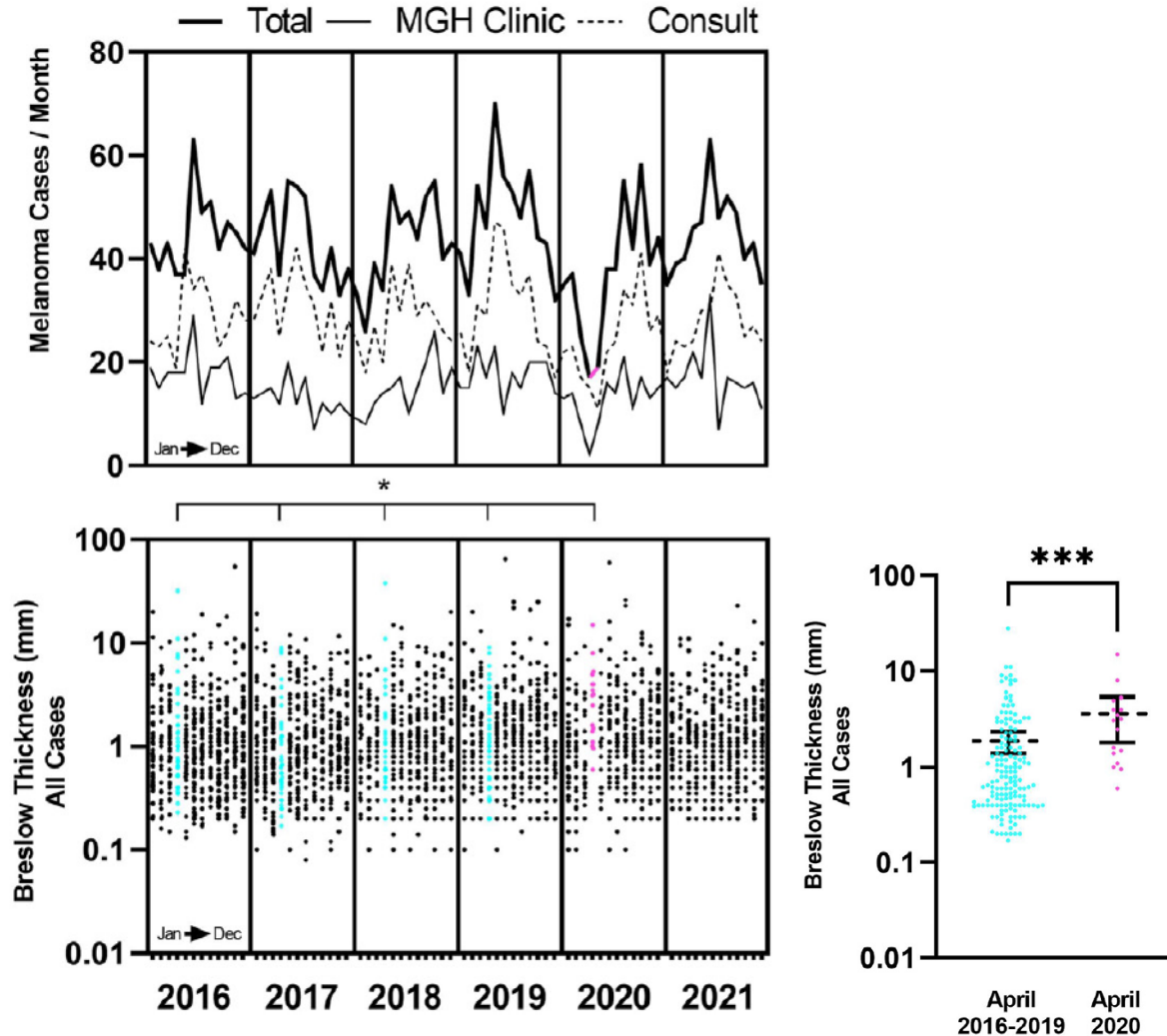
Monthly melanoma diagnoses fell sharply between March and May 2020 (overall mean of 44 to low of 17 (corresponds with country wide SARS-Cov2-2 mortality

CASE RESOLUTION REPRESENTATION OF BRESLOW THICKNESS

Significant increase in Breslow thickness of melanomas diagnosed in April 2020 when compared to the months of April in prior years as well as compared to aggregate pre-pandemic April data
Driven by loss of thin melanomas < 1mm

Suggests patients presented with more clinically advanced lesions

Long term effects of transiently delayed evaluation may not become apparent for several years



Reporting ER positivity Rates in Invasive Breast Carcinoma



Reporting ER Positivity Rates in Invasive Breast Carcinoma Overview and Data Collection

Help ensure the accuracy and quality of hormone receptor testing

Help maintain high standards in diagnostic testing, which is crucial for determining the appropriate treatment for breast cancer patients

Monitor and improve the consistency and reliability of these tests across different laboratories

ER positivity rate for all primary invasive breast cancers over the past 12 months at MGH

- **Total # of cases (invasive ductal carcinoma, invasive lobular carcinoma, invasive carcinoma) for which ER was performed**
- **Number of those cases with positive ER results (positive or low positive)**

Breast Biomarker Studies for

- Invasive ductal carcinoma
- Invasive lobular carcinoma
- Invasive carcinoma
- Ductal carcinoma in situ
- Metastatic carcinoma
- Other (specify) _____

Part Type Description

- Breast mastectomy, right
- Breast mastectomy, left
- Breast excision, right
- Breast excision, left
- Breast core biopsy, right
- Breast core biopsy, left
- Other (specify) _____

Block Tested: _____

Estrogen Receptor

- Positive, > 90%
- Positive, 50-90%
- Positive, 10-50%
- Low Positive, 1-10%
- Negative, < 1%
- Negative, 0%
- Other (Specify) _____
- Cannot be determined _____



Reporting ER Positivity Rates in Invasive Breast Carcinoma

Data Retrieval and Analysis

SQL query Shadow
database using Superset

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AND tblSectionData.SectionID = tblSectionData.TemplateInstance
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Reporting ER Positivity Rates in Invasive Breast Carcinoma

Data Retrieval and Analysis

- Query database on date and cases with Breast Biomarker Synoptic
- Export as csv and open in MS Excel
- Filter database for cases with invasive breast cancer
- Filter database for Estrogen Receptor result of positive
- Merge Tables on unique case ID, template instance, block

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- Count total cases and positive cases to get a percentage





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HARNESSING THE POWER OF PATHOLOGY DATA

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Snapshot of Ontario



Size: Over 1 million square kilometres

Population: 15.9 million people (39% of Canadians)

Health Regions: 5

Distributed cancer system:

- 1 central cancer agency: Ontario Health-Cancer Care Ontario (OH-CCO)
- 14 Regional Cancer Programs
- 80 cancer surgery hospitals

Pathology Labs: 61 cancer pathology labs

Pathology reports: 90,000+ new cancer cases per year

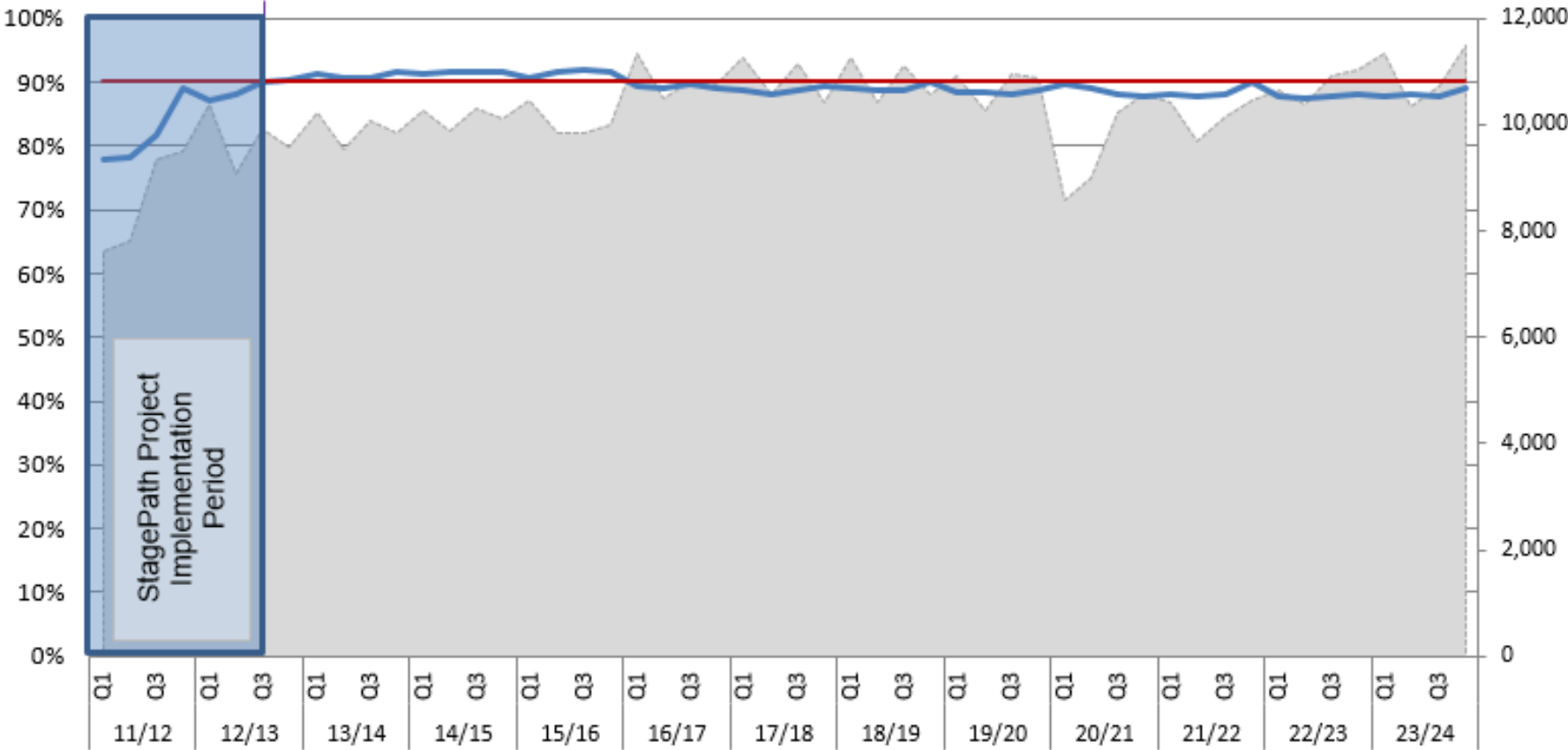


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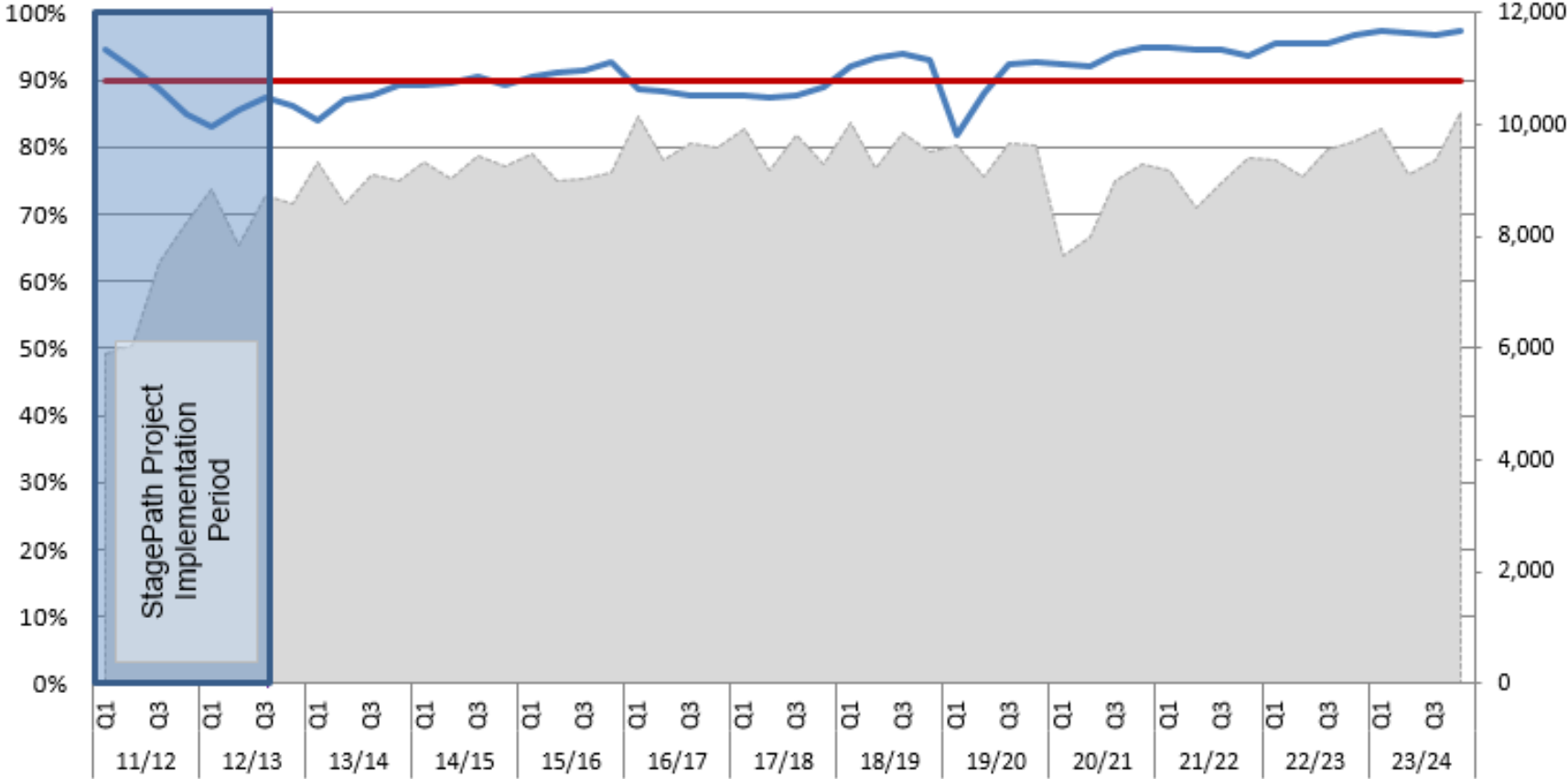
Synoptic Reporting

Provincial: Pathology Reports in Discrete Synoptic Format



Report Completeness

Provincial: Pathology Report Completeness



Surgical Pathology Quality Indicators

- The performance reports detail two surgical pathology quality indicators:
- Volume and proportion of positive margins for pT2 radical prostatectomies
- Volume and proportion of colorectal resection that examined 12 or more lymph nodes.



Evidence-Based Series 17-4 Version 2 REQUIRES UPDATING

A Quality Initiative of the
Program in Evidence-based Care (PEBC), Cancer Care Ontario (CCO)

**Optimization of Surgical and Pathological Quality Performance
in Radical Surgery for Colon and Rectal Cancer:
Margins and Lymph Nodes**

The Expert Panel on Colon and Rectal Cancer Surgery and Pathology

Revised November 2016



Evidence-Based Series 17-3 Version 2

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**Guideline for Optimization of Surgical and Pathological
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Prostate Cancer Management**

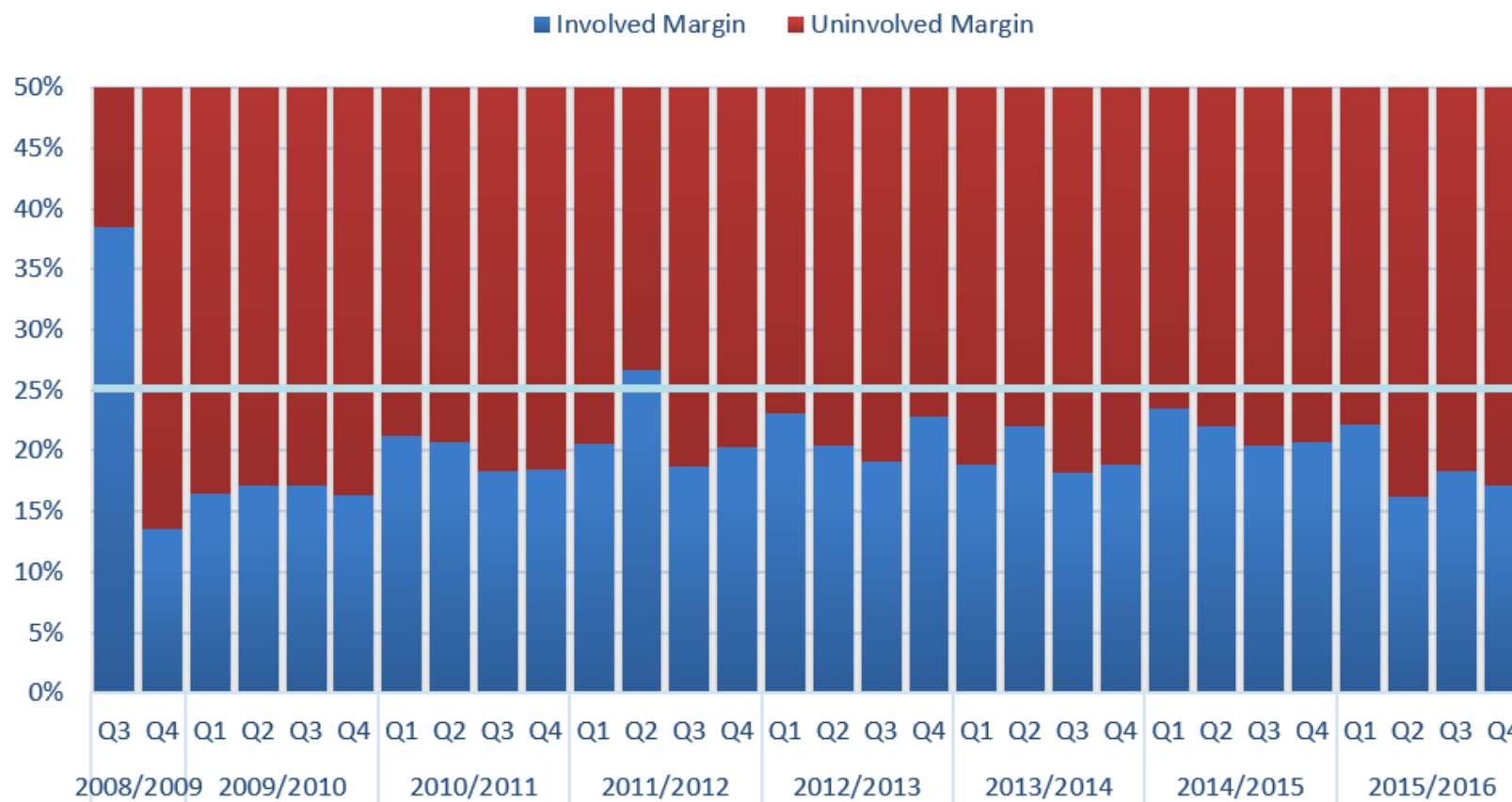
The Expert Panel on Prostate Cancer Surgery and Pathology

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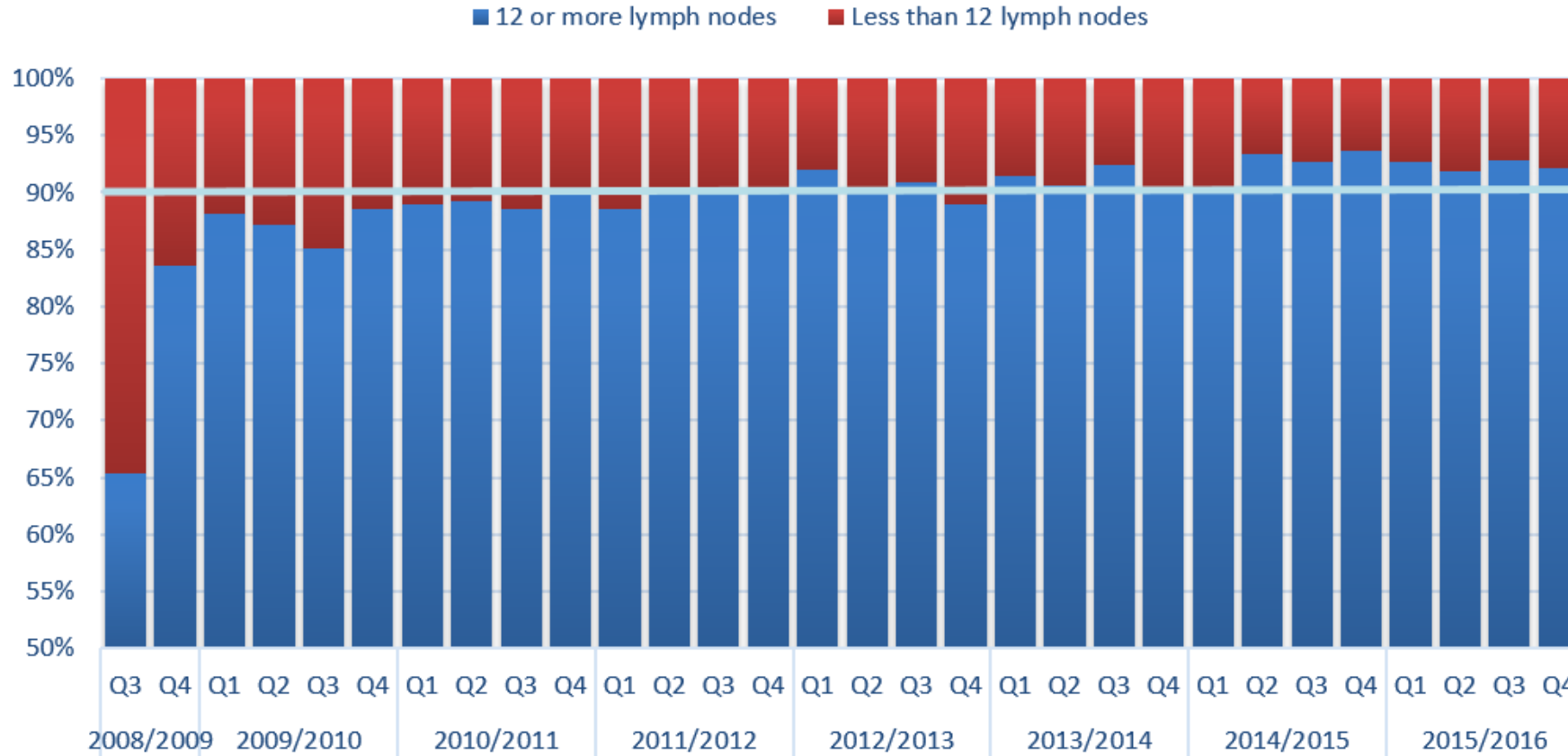
Ontario Radical pT2 Prostatectomies with involved margin



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Ontario colon cancer resection with 12 or more lymph nodes



Pathology – Part of Cancer System

Cancer System Quality Index 2021

Ontario Cancer System Performance

November 2021



CSQI – 2021 Report

Positive Margins Following Radical (or Total) Prostatectomy: pT2 and pT3

- One of the main goals of radical prostatectomy is to completely remove the cancer with negative margins while preserving urinary and erectile functions.¹⁰⁰ Positive margins increase the risk of biochemical recurrence¹⁰¹ and may increase the need for secondary treatment.

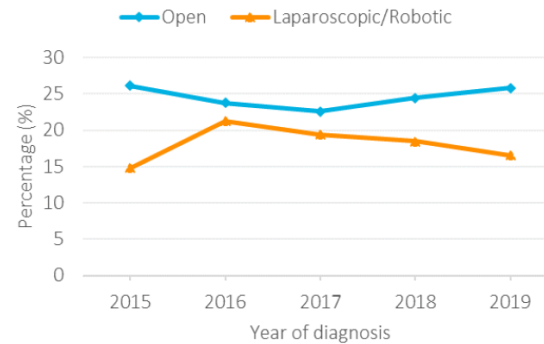
pT2 Positive Margins

- pT2 refers to pathologic staging of the cancer when the tumour is located only in the prostate.
- 21% of radical prostatectomy pathology reports for pT2 prostate cancer showed positive margins in 2019.
- This rate has remained stable since 2014.
- The rate of pT2 positive margins was higher for open compared with laparoscopic or robotic approaches at 26% and 17%, respectively, in 2019.
- Ontario is performing better than Italy (38% in 2011-2017)¹⁰² and worse than Norway (15% in 2013 to 2015, age < 75).¹⁰³
- Ontario has set a target of 20% for pT2 positive margins after surgery.
- This indicator was rated as a bright spot because Ontario is close to its target.

Exhibit 7.14 Positive margins following radical (or total) prostatectomy: pT2

Year	Synoptic reports with positive margins (%)	Synoptic reports with positive margins (N)	pT2 synoptic reports
2015	21	282	1,351
2016	22	299	1,346
2017	21	274	1,322
2018	22	291	1,321
2019	21	239	1,124

Exhibit 7.15 pT2 pathology reports with positive margins, by surgical approach



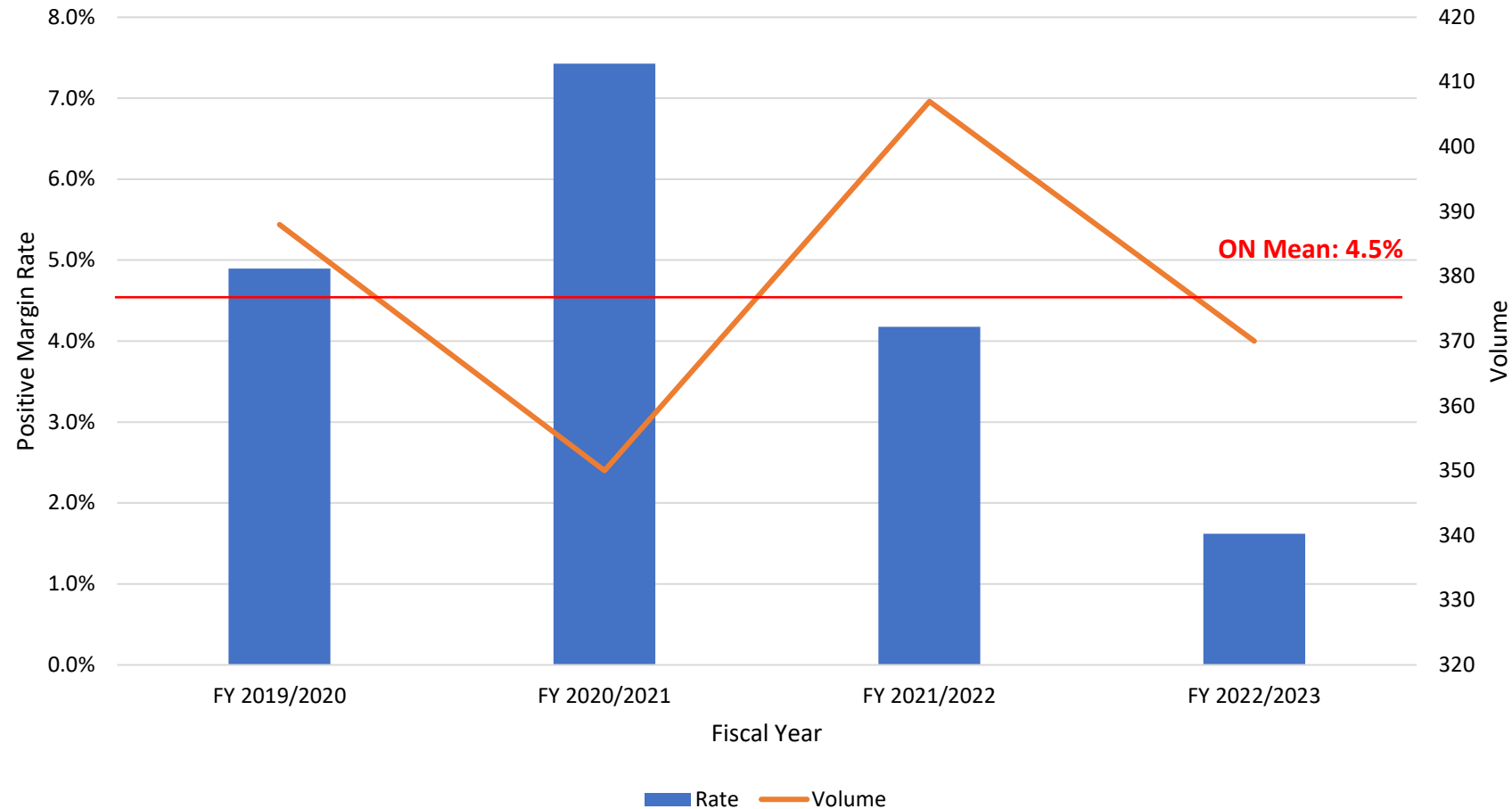
Notes: 3-7% of pT2 synoptic reports had an unknown surgical approach from 2015-2019.
Data table is available in the [Technical Supplement](#).



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Provincial Rate of Direct to Surgery Rectal Cancer Surgery Patients with a Positive Circumferential Margin, FY 2019/2020 to FY 2022/2023



FY	Volume	Rate
FY 2019/2020	388	4.9%
FY 2020/2021	350	7.4%
FY 2021/2022	407	4.2%
FY 2022/2023	370	1.6%

COVID-19 Timeline
 State of Emergency declared: March 17, 2020 State of Emergency lifted: July 24, 2020

Surgical – Pathology Indicators

Refining the thoracic surgical oncology regionalization standards for esophageal surgery in Ontario, Canada: Moving from good to better



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- international consensus on a set of 10 short-term quality measures, including **negative margins, ≥ 20 lymph nodes retrieved** and examined, no hospital stay ≥ 14 days, no in-hospital mortality, no readmission related to the surgical procedure, and no anastomotic leakage. It is recommended that these quality metrics be implemented into quality assurance programs to improve the overall survival of patients with esophageal cancer.

Using eCP's and Re-Using Data

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Experiences with electronic Cancer Protocols

- Prior to electronic, used the paper version as insert at Vanderbilt University Medical Center
 - Checklist for completeness
 - Talked to Dr. Kay Washington about automatically SNOMED encoding them
- Used paper as insert to reports at Moffitt Cancer Center
- Used paper as insert to reports at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (UTMDACC)
- Used electronic protocols at UT MDACC
- Using electronic worksheets at University of Nebraska Medical Center
 - Recently migrated from in-house version based on CAP to CAP eCP



Current applications at UNMC

- Annotation of Biorepository
- Quality Improvement Projects
 - Identify and follow-up patients with mismatch repair defects identified by IHC on tumor sections
 - Insure access to appropriate therapy, e.g. immunotherapy has been approved for any solid tumor with evidence of mismatch repair defects
 - Insure work-up for germ-line mutation
 - Insure that those with a germline mutation (Lynch's syndrome) are adequately counseled and testing offered to family members
 - Insure that Lynch's syndrome becomes a part of their problem list
 - Heightened risk of developing multiple cancers
 - Immunotherapy options for treatment
- Support SNOMED encoding project (more to come this afternoon from Professor Campbell)



Future Plans

- Use Mismatch repair IHC template searches for monthly QI review to address patient needs
- Implement Biopsy Protocols
- Support Professor Campbell's continuing work in SNOMED coding all of the required protocols (solid and pediatric tumors)
 - Listen to his talk later today to find out more!



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