# When Do You Need EMR vs ESD?

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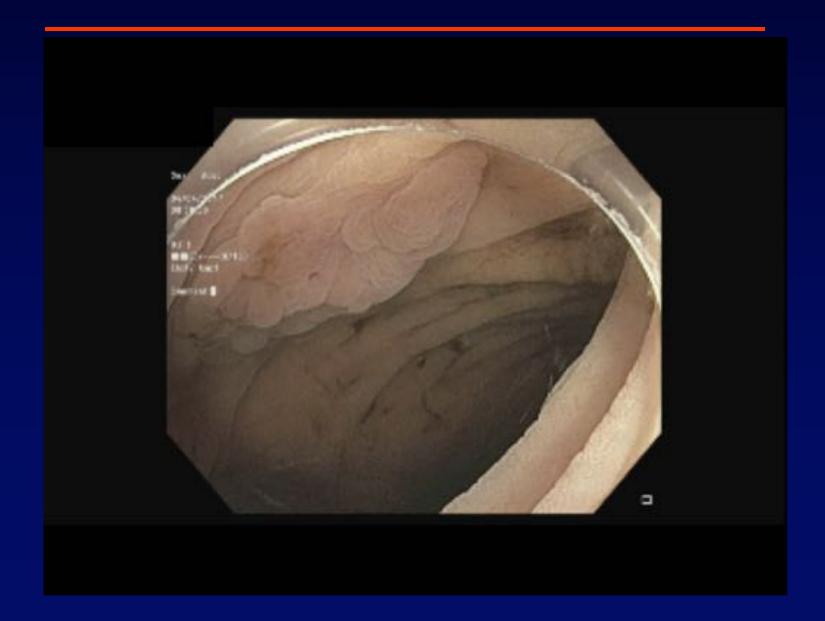
#### Colonic EMR

- Relatively easy with shorter procedure duration
- Successful and safe in most cases
- Long track record
- Ongoing improvements of technique

### Underwater EMR



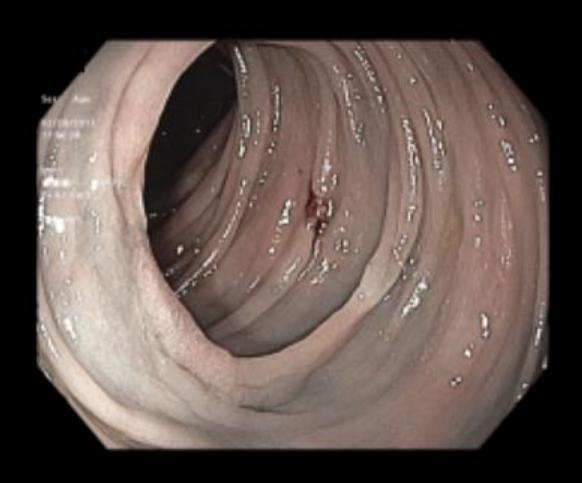
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## Working in retroflexion



## Avulsion technique



## Tip anchor technique



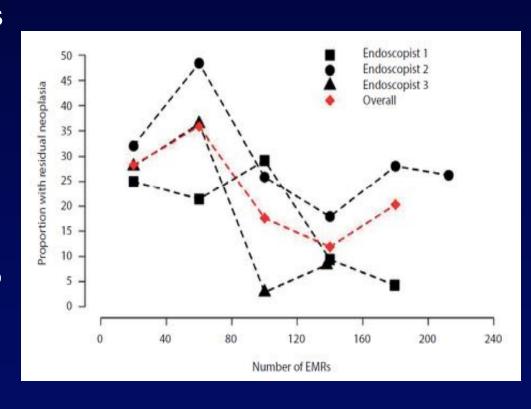
#### Colonic EMR

#### <u>But!!!</u>

- Complete resection not possible in all cases:
  - Difficult access
  - Fibrosis
  - Residual/recurrent lesion
  - Tattoo at the base
- Adjunctive therapy frequently needed
- Fragmented specimen
- High recurrence rate: 15-20%
- Easier than ESD but not easy

### **EMR Learning Curve**

- 3 experienced endoscopists
- 578 colonic EMRs
- Outcome measures
  - residual neoplasia on surveillance - 23%
  - incomplete EMR 28%
  - immediate bleeding 7%
- It took > 100 EMR for the residual/recurrence to be consistently < 20%</li>



# We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it.

Rick Warren



#### All introduced in Japan!



EMR-C; Inoue et al., Gastrointest Endosc, 1993



1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010 2018





ESD; Ono H, Gotoda T et al. Gut, 2001

#### Colonic ESD

- Ontologically sound procedure providing en bloc resection
- Lower recurrence rate/Higher curative rate
- Allows resection when EMR is not feasible
- Accurate histopathologic assessment of curative treatment
- Preserves organ integrity with higher quality of life



# Colorectal endoscopic submucosal dissection: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Endosc Int Open. 2016 Oct;4(10):E1030

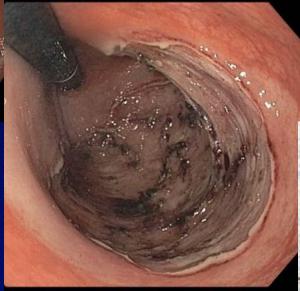
- 13,603 patients
- En bloc resection 92%
- R0 resection 83%
- Curative resection 92%
- Perforation 4%
- Recurrence 1%

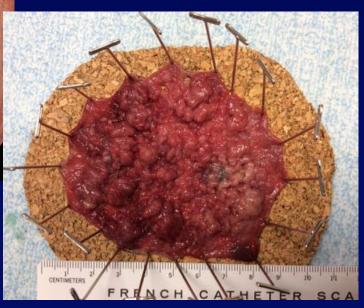
#### Recurrence

- EMR ≈ 15-20%
- ESD ≈ <1%

# Colonic ESD Has Lower Recurrence and Higher Curative Rate Compare with EMR



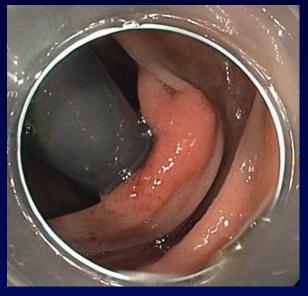




## ESD Allows Resection When EMR is not Feasible LST-NG depressed center and tattoo









# ESD Preserves Organ Integrity and Patient Quality of Life

#### Open



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Laparoscopic





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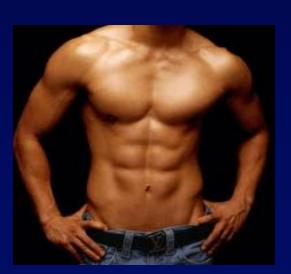
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**ESD** 







# ESD Allows for Accurate Histopathologic Assessment

EMR = ESD (except lateral margin evaluation)





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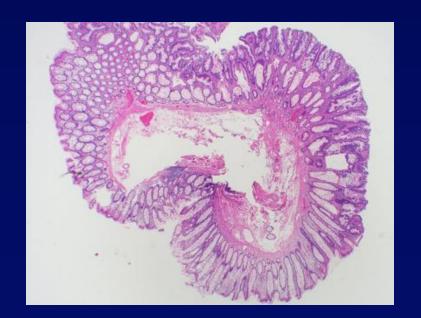
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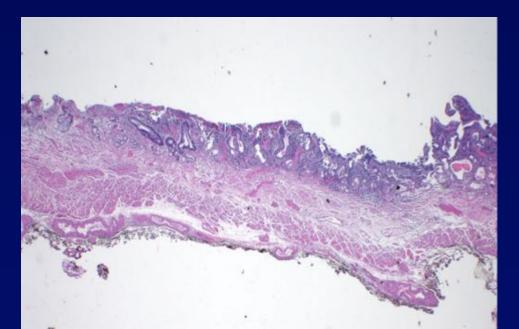




### Why is ESD sample superior?

- Lateral margin evaluation
- Deep margin evaluation
  - ESD dissection gets deeper in the submucosa
  - ESD allows for better deep margin evaluation





# Japan has simple solutions to complex problems





# Could ESD be another great Japanese invention that the West has overlooked?

### Why Not ESD in the West?

#### The Early European Experience

- 188 patients
- 16 centers
- 6 cases per center (median)
- 26 mm median lesion size
- 71% en-bloc resection
- 18% perforation

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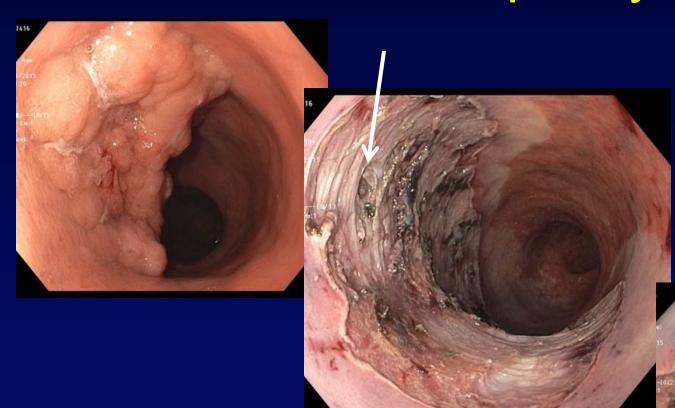
- Long procedure/not reimbursed in the West
- High complication rate
- Requires extensive training
- Laparoscopic surgery or TEMS is now easily available



#### Perforation

- EMR ≈ 1%
- ESD ≈ 4-5%

# Most perforations can be treated endoscopically

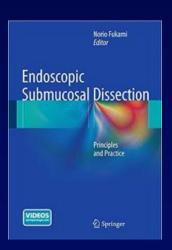


# Training Model for ESD in the US is Evolving

- 1st tier exposure courses
- 2<sup>nd</sup> tier courses
  - ASGE ESD Course
  - University of Florida Course
- 3<sup>rd</sup> tier Olympus ESD Masters Program
- Self learning resources available
  - Books

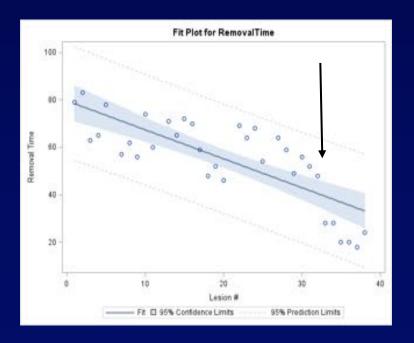
Mentorship

- Videos
- ESD experts from Japan at conferences
- Opportunity for observation in the US
- Observation outside of the US



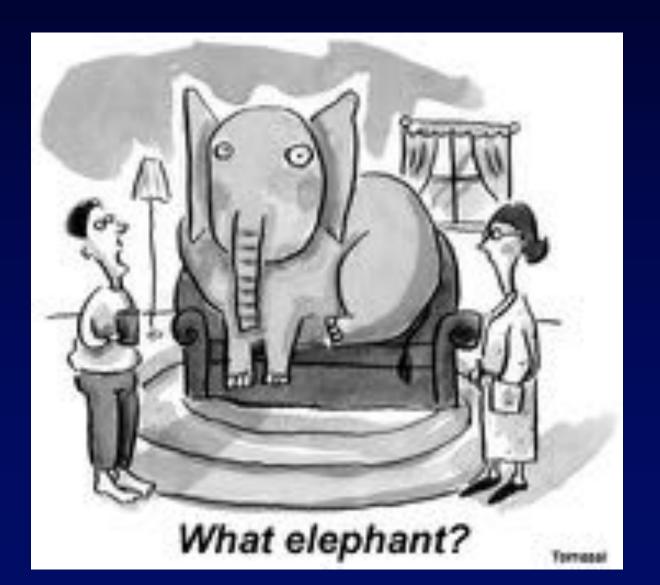
#### **ESD** Requires Extensive Training

- Visit to Japan to observe experts
- Can you learn by observing?
  - 38 ESDs in animal model (29 pre-, 9 post-observation).
  - The removal times post-observation were significantly shorter than those pre-observation (32.7±15.0 min vs. 63.5±9.8 min, p<0.001)</li>



### You Can Teach an Old Dog New Tricks?





### The Role of Surgery?

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- It is expensive
- It not feasible in many cases
- It caries high complication rate

# When is ESD is the preferred approach? Large LST Extending to the Dentate Line





### In some cases ESD is the option

FAP with rectal cuff adenoma







# ESD is feasible in cases where EMR or TEMS are not Large LST extending to the dentate line



# Laparoscopic surgery for benign polyps

- 25% of benign polyps in the US are treated with laparoscopic colonic resection
- High price to pay
  - Mortality 0.7% (1 out of 142)
  - Colostomy or ileostomy 2.2% (1 out of 45)
  - For rectal lesions risk of colostomy 6 times higher
  - Second major surgery 3.6% (1 out of 28)
  - Major complication 14% (1 out of 7)

### ESD at the University of Florida

- 152 patients
- Lesion location:
  - Esophagus 55 %
  - Stomach 15 %
  - Duodenum 2 %
  - Colon 8 %
  - Rectum 21 %
- En-bloc resection rate: 95.4%
- Median procedure duration: 92 min

### Living in Japan can be challenging









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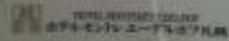
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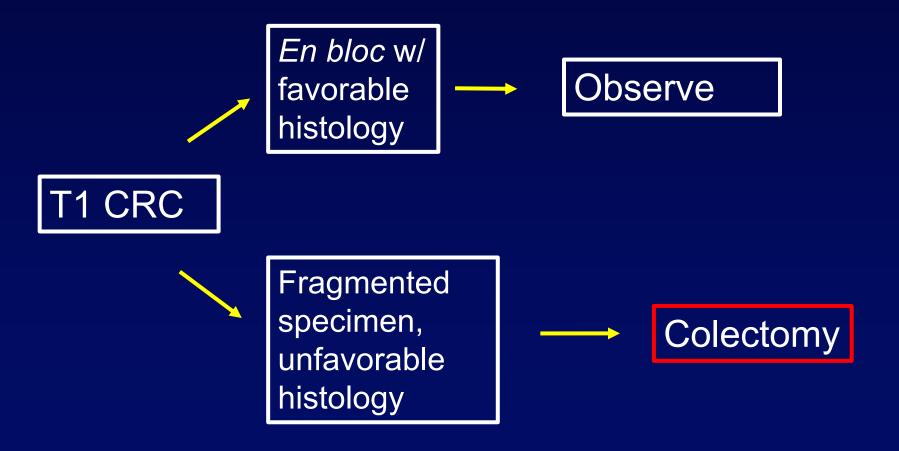




#### Indications for ESD

- Lesions that cannot be removed by EMR
- Lesions may have submucosa invasion

# Piecemeal removal of T1 CRC can lead to unnecessary surgery



# What Are the Covert Predictors of Submucosal Invasion?

- Factors associated with submucosal invasion
  - Non-granular LST
  - Recto-sigmoid location
  - Increasing size
  - Paris
    - IIC



- Is or IIa+Is (a.k.a. as skirt)
- Combined Paris classification
- Kudo pit pattern V



#### Selective Use of ESD

- Anticipated submucosal fibrosis
  - Prior EMR attempt
  - Tattoo underneath the lesion
  - Recurrent lesion
- Possible superficial submucosal invasion
  - Non-granular LST
  - Large Granular LST
    - Rectum
    - Large nodules
    - Depressed areas

### EMR versus ESD

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## EMR and ESD

#### **Immediate Goals**

- Move away from the EMR versus ESD debate
- Continue to improve both techniques
- Continue to study and critically evaluate our experiences
- Better training opportunities
- Better devices
- Industry involvement
- Society involvement

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy