

PROTOCOL SUMMARY: This summary of the practical details of Quasar is also available as a wall chart (to be put up in the hospital) and as a pocket summary protocol (for both medical and nursing staff)

Quasar

Quick And Simple
And Reliable
Colorectal Cancer Trial

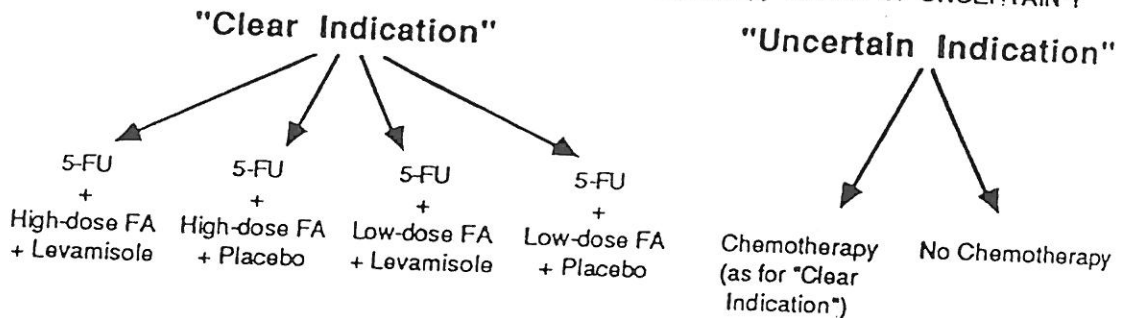
Systemic Chemotherapy: who should be treated and which regimen is most effective?

Eligibility

- Any patient who has undergone apparently curative surgery for colorectal cancer
- No clear contraindication to systemic chemotherapy

Chemotherapy: CLEAR or UNCERTAIN need?

- Decide — Do you consider the indication for chemotherapy "CLEAR" or "UNCERTAIN"?



Telephone Randomisation

- Obtain patient consent
- Prepare for telephone questions using the randomisation notepad
- Ring 24-hour service 0800-585323 (toll-free) or 0865 240972
- When questions on randomisation notepad have all been answered, a specific treatment pack number will be given for patients allocated chemotherapy.

Treatment

- Systemic chemotherapy: six months' treatment with a 5-fluorouracil and folinic acid based drug regimen
 - If the patient is randomised to systemic chemotherapy, get trial pack with the allocated number. The treatment should be started as soon as possible. Systemic chemotherapy should be continued for six months, unless a clear contra-indication is thought to have developed (see Section 4 of protocol, or page Quasar Coordinator on 021-472-1311 if in doubt). If systemic chemotherapy is stopped for any reason, it should (if possible) be resumed later.
 - If the patient is randomised to no systemic chemotherapy, the treatment should be avoided if possible, and should be given only if a clear indication for such treatment is thought to have developed.
 - All other management as considered appropriate by responsible physician with no extra tests or follow-up visits.

Annual Follow-up

- Almost no extra effort!
 - Once a year, give:
 - details of any recurrence
 - survival status
 - date and cause of death if died

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— also for urgent medical queries, for unblinding trial tablets (only if considered definitely necessary) and for reporting any serious (i.e. fatal, life-threatening, or disabling) adverse experiences believed to be due to trial treatment.

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