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**Review of the 1st draft Assessment report for Regional hyperthermia for high-risk soft tissue sarcoma treatment**



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Nina Jebsen Haukeland University Hospital	29	3.2	Suggest rephrasing: There are more than 70 unique subtypes of sarcoma, each subterm typically indicating the tissue type the tumour morphology resembles.		Thank you, we rephrased
			Surgery: The primary aim of curative surgery is to excise the whole tumour with wide margins ensuring a safety cuff of healthy tissue surrounding the complete circumference of the tumour to remove infiltrative extensions and make sure no cancer cells are left behind.		Thank you, we rephrased
	30		Radiation: In most cases, a technique called intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) or volumetric modulated arc therapy (VMAT) is used.		Thank you, we rephrased
	49	B0002 line10	Benefits of hyperthermia treatments <del>they</del> are...		Thanks
	68	A0025 line 8	Suggest to add the following: The Scandinavian Sarcoma Group has meticulously developed a risk-system-system in high-grade soft tissue sarcoma in order to select patients for adjuvant chemotherapy. The system takes into account the following risk factors for disease recurrence: tumour size, vascular invasion, tumour necrosis and infiltrative growth pattern. Suggested references: Gustafson P. Soft tissue sarcoma Epidemiology and prognosis in 508 patients. Acta Orthopedica Scandinavica 1994; 65, 259. Thesis. Gustafson P , Åkerman M, Alvegård TA, et al. Prognostic information in soft tissue sarcoma using tumour size, vascular invasion and microscopic tumour		Thank you, added

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			<p>necrosis—the SIN-system. Eur J Cancer 2003; 39: 1568-1576.</p> <p>Engellau J, Bendahl PO, Persson A, et al. Improved prognostication in soft tissue sarcoma: independent information from vascular invasion, necrosis, growth pattern, and immunostaining using whole-tumor sections and tissue microarrays. Human Pathology 2005; 36:994-1002.</p> <p>Jebsen NL, Bruland ØS, Eriksson M et al. Five-year results from a Scandinavian sarcoma group study (SSG XIII) of adjuvant chemotherapy combined with accelerated radiotherapy in high-risk soft tissue sarcoma of extremities and trunk wall. Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys. 2011 Dec 1;81(5):1359-66. doi: 10.1016/j.ijrobp.2010.07.037. Epub 2010 Oct 8. PMID: 2093333</p> <p>Sundby Hall K, Bruland ØS, Bjerkehagen B et al. Adjuvant chemotherapy and postoperative radiotherapy in high-risk soft tissue sarcoma patients defined by biological risk factors-A Scandinavian Sarcoma Group study (SSG XX). Eur J Cancer. 2018 Aug;99:78-85. doi: 10.1016/j.ejca.2018.05.011. Epub 2018 Jun 19. PMID:29929092</p>		

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