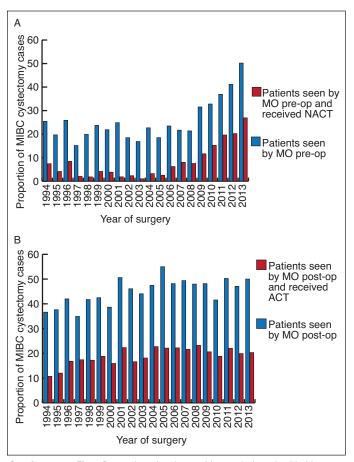
ORIGINAL RESEARCH – APPENDIX

Effect of centralization on complex surgical care: A population-based case study of radical cystectomy

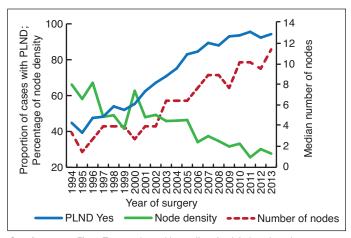
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Supplementary Fig. 1. Proportion of patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer treated with cystectomy in Ontario from 1994–2013 seen by medical oncology (MO) in the **(A)** preoperative and **(B)** postoperative settings, and subsequent use of neoadjuvant (NACT) and adjuvant chemotherapy (ACT) among these patients.



Supplementary Fig. 2. Temporal trend in quality of pelvic lymph node dissection. PLND: pelvic lymph node dissection.

Variable Variable	Value	1994-1998	1999-2003	2004-2008	2009-2013	р
		n=927	n=1231	n=1721	n=1695	
Interval from diagnosis to date of cystectomy, months	Mean ± SD	13.58±25.95	15.08±30.83	17.32±35.20	13.84±32.65	0.005
	Median (IQR)	3 (1–12)	3 (1–13)	3 (1–13)	4 (2–9)	< 0.001
	1-3 months	531 (57%)	664 (54%)	884 (51%)	794 (47%)	< 0.001
	4-6 months	103 (11%)	147 (12%)	218 (13%)	346 (20%)	
	7-12 months	65 (7%)	110 (9%)	176 (10%)	198 (12%)	
	13-24 months	81 (9%)	108 (9%)	134 (8%)	140 (8%)	
	>24 months	147 (16%)	202 (16%)	309 (18%)	217 (13%)	
Distance from home to surgical hospital, km	Mean ± SD	40.75±84.33	40.24±86.58	45.64±99.97	45.59±92.19	0.248
	Median (IQR)	9 (4–37)	11 (4–38)	13 (5–45)	14 (5–45)	< 0.001
	0–50 km	743 (80%)	987 (80%)	1337 (78%)	1324 (78%)	0.15
	51–100 km	96 (10%)	133 (11%)	221 (13%)	204 (12%)	
	101–200 km	47 (5%)	66 (5%)	94 (5%)	93 (5%)	
	201–300 km	6 (1%)	10 (1%)	16 (1%)	29 (2%)	
	>300 km	35 (4%)	35 (3%)	53 (3%)	45 (3%)	

IQR: interquartile range; SD: standard deviation.

Supplementary Table 2A. Adjusted analysis on short-term outcomes by surgeon volume from 2009–2013							
	Surgeon volume OR (95% CI)						
	Ω1	Q2	O3	Q4	р		
	n=439	n=408	n=443	n=404			
30-day mortality [^]	Ref	0.73 (0.34–1.54)	0.46 (0.20-1.07)	0.53 (0.23-1.24)	0.245		
90-day mortality [^]	Ref	0.64 (0.39-1.03)	0.45 (0.27-0.76)	0.60 (0.36-0.99)	0.017		
30-day re-admission^*	Ref	0.85 (0.62-1.17)	1.11 (0.82–1.50)	1.10 (0.81–1.50)	0.340		
90-day re-admission^*	Ref	1.00 (0.75-1.33)	1.14 (0.86-1.51)	1.15 (0.86–1.53)	0.630		

[^]Adjusted for age and comorbidity. *Numerator for hospital re-admission rate included cases discharged and re-admitted and those who died in hospital before discharge and cases never discharged at 30/90 days. Denominator included all cases. Cl: confidence interval; OR: odds ratio.

		Surgeon volume OR (95% CI)						
	Q1	Q2	O3	Q4	р			
	n=439	n=408	n=443	n=404				
CSS^	Ref	0.83 (0.67–1.04)	0.71 (0.57–0.89)	0.82 (0.65–1.02)	0.023			
OS^	Ref	0.95 (0.79-1.13)	0.83 (0.70-1.00)	0.83 (0.69-0.99)	0.100			