


Prognosis

More than 70% of cases can be cured with chemoradiation. Relapsed disease is usually treated with surgical excision (if local) or systemic chemotherapy (if distant). Widespread vaccination against HPV and better prevention and treatment of HIV infection should lower the incidence of anal cancer.

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 For a deeper discussion on this topic, please see Chapters 192, "Neoplasms of the Esophagus and Stomach," 193, "Neoplasms of the Large and Small Intestine," 194, "Pancreatic Cancer," and 196, "Liver and Biliary Tract Tumors," in Goldman-Cecil Medicine, 25th Edition.

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