Organ Preservation or Radical Cystectomy in Patients with Invasive Bladder Cancer? What to do after Cystectomy?

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Radical cystectomy is considered the standard of care for patients with invasive bladder cancer. The risks of organ preservation treatment modalities ("radical TUR-B", TUR-B combined with chemo/radiation therapy) will be critically discussed, as well as possibilities on how to improve the outcomes after radical cystectomy. Following cystectomy, orthotopic ileal bladder substitution should be offered to all suitable patients. Of utmost importance is, however, the appropriate patient selection and a meticulous active postoperative management in order to obtain good functional results. Special emphasis will be placed on how to avoid and, if so, how to treat complications in orthotopic bladder substitutes.