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The management of lymph nodes during radical cystectomy

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Much controversy remains as to the appropriate extent of lymph node dissection (LND) that is best suited to individual patients undergoing cystectomy for bladder cancer. Factors that seem to be important include the level of lymph node dissection performed, the number of lymph nodes removed, the ratio of positive to negative lymph nodes, and the total "volume" of lymph nodes removed, among others. Several studies have suggested that "inadequate" LND is associated with poorer outcome. The controversy that remains is largely related to the definition of the extent of "adequate" LND, and how this is best defined.

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State of healthcare in the United States

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Healthcare reform has been a topic of much debate in the United States and this presentation will highlight concerns about the delivery of healthcare including cost, quality, and accessibility. Healthcare spending in the United States has dramatically increased as life expectancy has increased. In 1950 the United States spent 5.2% of GDP on healthcare with an average life expectancy of 68.2 years. As recent as 2007, the United States spends 16.3% of GDP on healthcare with a life expectancy of 78.2 years. The presentation will explore the reasons for increasing costs as well as the future of healthcare in the United States.