

Inclusion

Patients with acute left-sided malignant colonic obstruction fulfilling the in-/exclusion criteria

Decline to participate

Randomization after informed consent (N=120)

Treatment

Colonic stenting as bridge to elective surgery (N=60)
Dependent on tumor staging:
a) Incurable disease; stent serves as palliative therapy
b) Curable disease; elective surgery

Emergency surgery (N=60)
In case of colostomie:
a) Restoration of bowel continuity within 3-6 months if patient is fit enough
b) No restoration if patient is not fit enough

Follow-up

Follow-up for 6 months

Analysis

Analysis on intention-to-treat basis, quality of life, morbidity and mortality