

Treatment of localized disease

The main therapy for bronchial NETs is surgical resection. The surgical approach is dependent on the size, location and tissue type.

- Bronchoscopic laser excision of intraluminal typical bronchial NETs should be considered a suboptimal treatment and reserved for inoperable patients or performed as preoperative disobliterating procedure.
- The surgical techniques of choice are lobectomy or sleeve resection (III, A).
- Pneumonectomy should be avoided except in selected cases.
- Systemic nodal dissection should be performed since lymphonodal metastases may be present in up to 25% of cases in TC and >50% in AC.