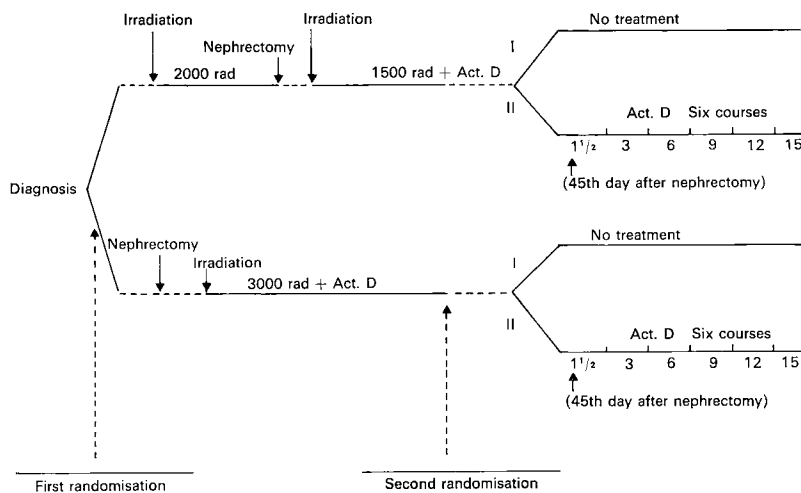


EUROPEAN TRIAL ON THERAPY OF NEPHROBLASTOMA

The International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) is planning a trial of the therapy of nephroblastoma (LEMERLE 1971). Considerable agreement exists on the treatment of these tumours, the principal methods comprising surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. Certain questions remain unanswered, however, as to the value of the different forms of administration of the two latter methods which might best be elucidated by clinical trial. Such an investigation has been proceeding in the USA for the last two years, and in anticipation of the results SIOP has planned a European trial to cover matters not included in the American work and at the same time to complete the investigation.

The purpose, scope and outlines of the work proposed were discussed and agreed at the SIOP meetings in Madrid (1969) Lyon (1970) and Mainz (1971). The main purpose was to decide (a) whether preoperative and postoperative radiation therapy yield better results than the latter alone and (b) whether multiple courses of actinomycin D therapy are more successful in preventing metastases and recurrences than one single course after surgery. The purpose might be achieved by collecting and analysing the pertinent clinical data. Schedule of the proposed trial:



The reliability of such research obviously depends on the amount of material available for analysis. All those who wish to participate are cordially invited to apply for further information to Dr P. A. Voute, Emma Kinderziekenhuis, Spinozastraat 51, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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