

Hodgkin Lymphoma in Older Patients

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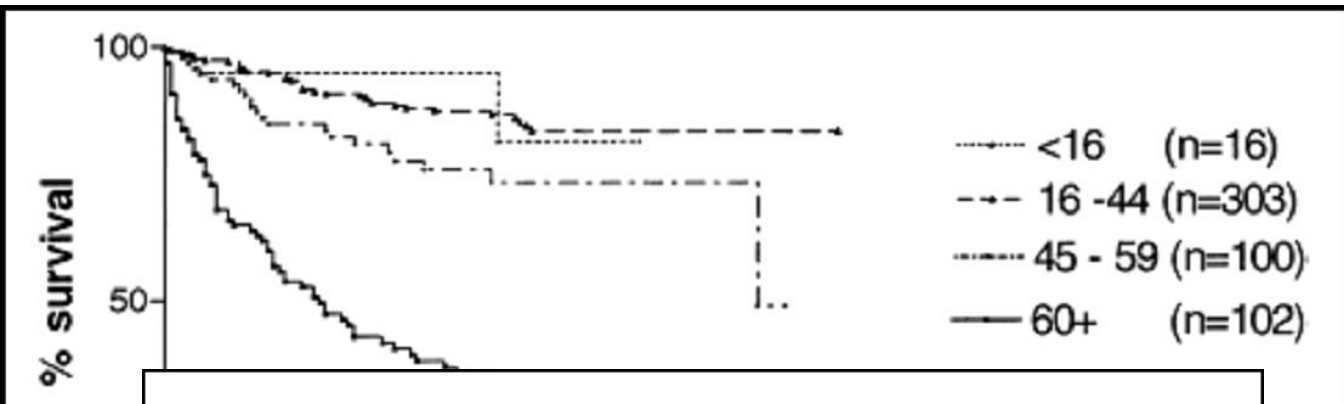
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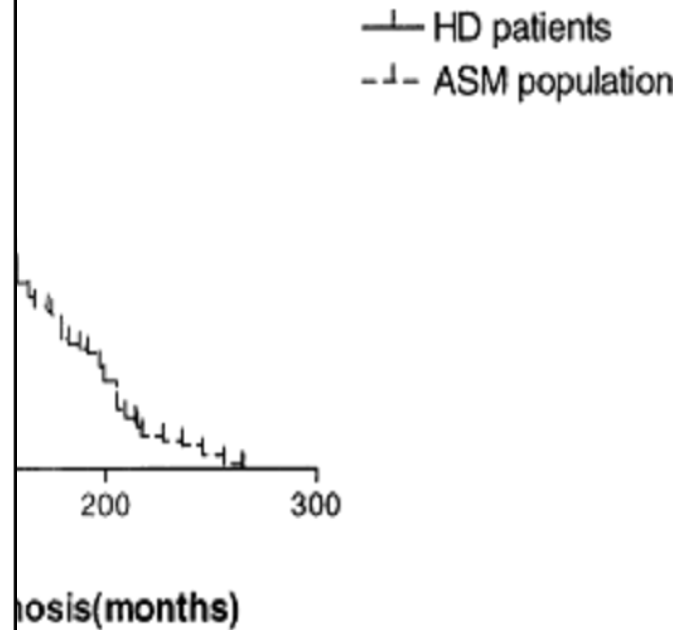
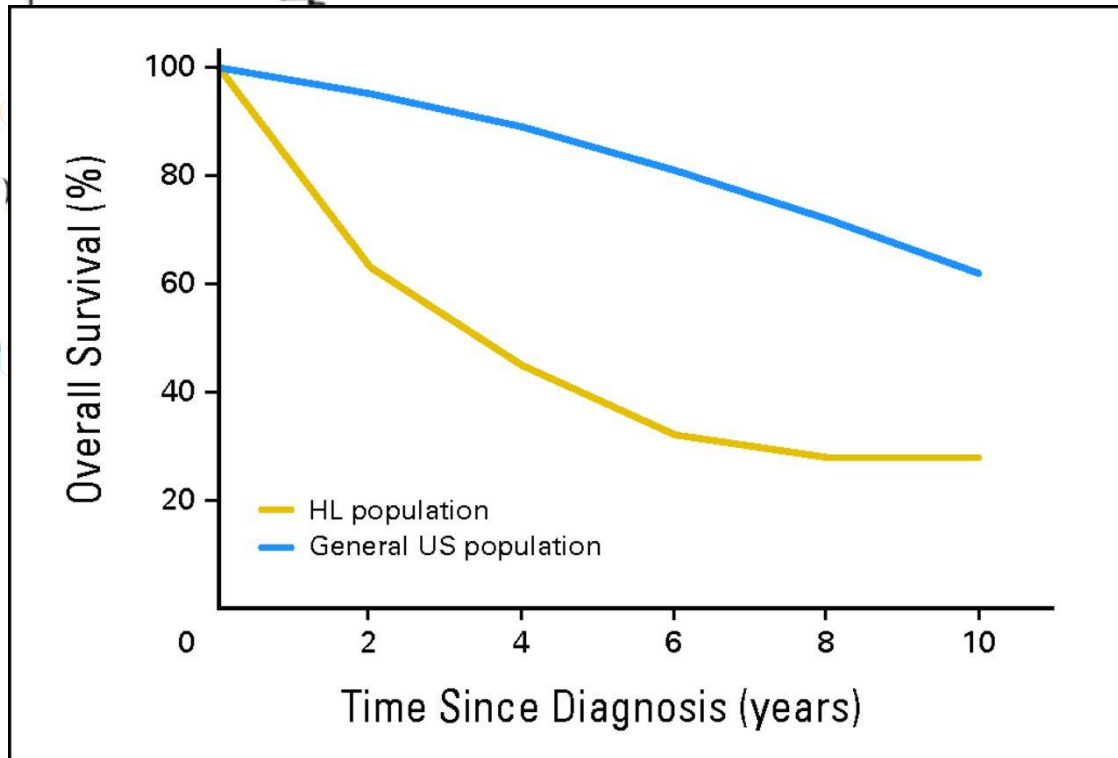
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- **Outcomes disproportionately inferior to younger patients (and other cancers):**
EFS and OS ~ 40-50% inferior
- **Standard treatment approach absent**
- **? Why**
 - **Co-morbidities precluding appropriate Rx**
 - **Inadequate treatment delivery/intensity**
 - **Treatment-related toxicities (esp. BLT)**
 - **? Different biology/disease (eg, mix cell, EBV)**

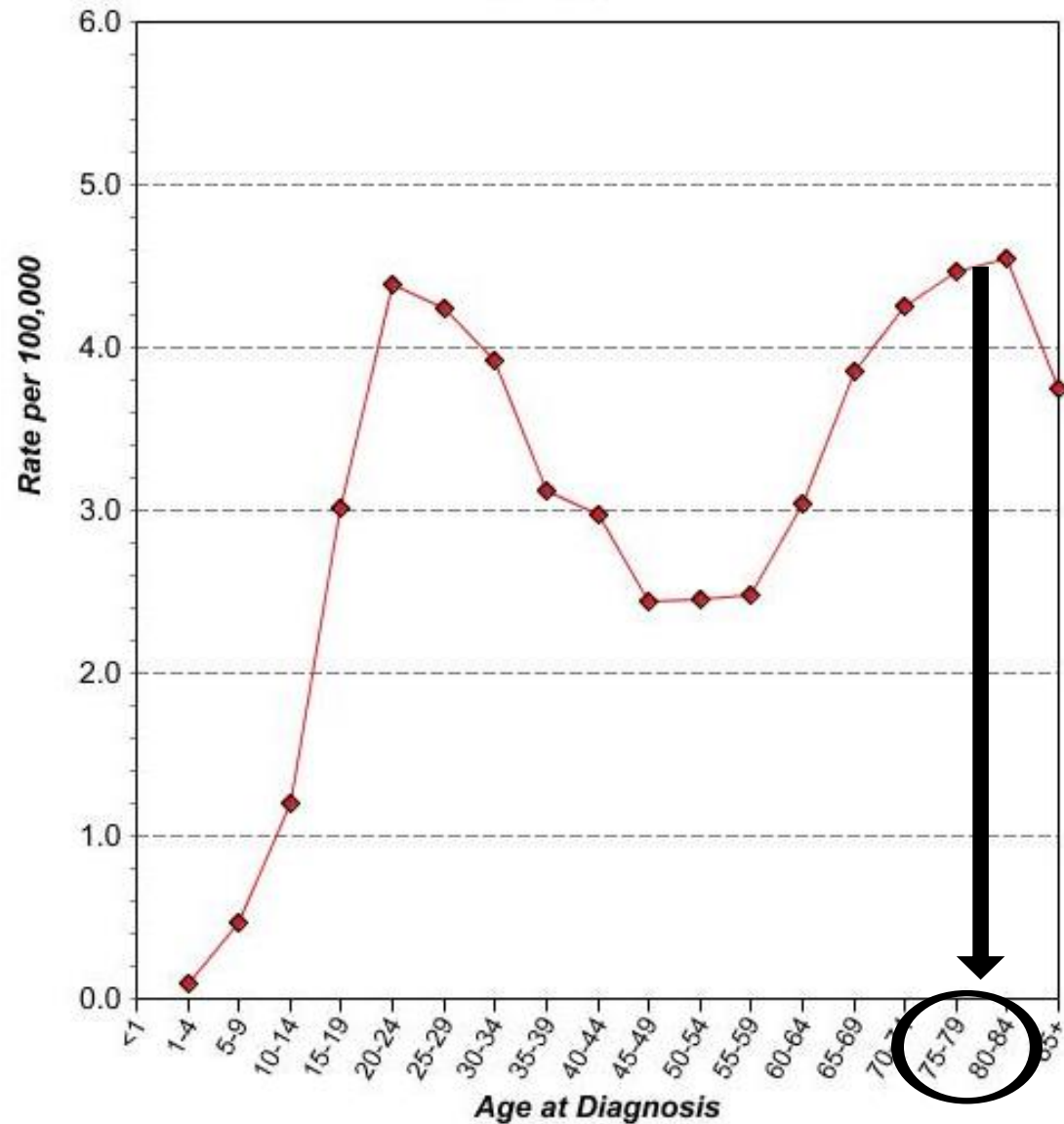
Outcomes of elderly HD



Overall survival (by age)



US Age-Specific SEER Incidence Rates



SEER Stat Database: Incidence-SEER 17 regs public use (2000-2008), NCI, DCCPS, Surveillance Research Program, Cancer Statistics Branch, released April 2010.

Elderly HD: patient characteristics

Author/Series (country)	No. pts	Data source	Median age, years (range)	Gender	Stage	B symptoms	Bulky mediastinum	Histology
Levis, 1994 (Italy)	65	Retrospective (registry) 1982-1989	72 (66-80)	NR	I/II 57% III/IV 43%	41%	2%	MC 62% NS 29%
Weeks, 2002 (United States)	56	Retrospective (1982-1998)	NR	M 57% F 43%	I/II 27% III/IV 73%	59%	7%	NS 39% MC 34%
Stark, 2002 (United Kingdom)	102	Prospective (popul. based)	M: 69 (60-85) F: 72 (60-91)	M 51% F 49%	IA/IIA 36% IIB/IV 64%	51%	NR	NS 42% MC 32%
Landgren, 2003 (Sweden)	88	Retrospective 1973-1994	72 (60-92)	M 55% F 45%	I/II 31% III/IV 69%	64%	2%	MC 42% NS 17%
Levis, 2004 (Italy)	111	Prospective phase II	71 (66-83)	M 53% F 47%	I/II 56% III/IV 44%	39%	8%	MC 47% NS 34%
Engert, 2005 (Germany)	372	Clinical trials 1988-1998	65 (60-75)	F 52%, M 48%	I/II 53% III/IV 47%	50%	9%	NS 41% MC 35%
Feltl, 2006 (Prague, Czech)	52	Retrospective (1973-1993)	65 (60-84)	NR	I/IIA 19% IIB-IV 81%	83%	NR	MC 40% NS 31%

Adapted from: Evens A, Sweetenham J, Horning S. Oncology, 2008.

Prognostic features (IPS): Advanced Stage Disease

- Age >45
- Stage IV
- Hgb < 10.5 gm/dL
- Lymphocyte count < 600/mm³ or < 8%
- Male gender
- Albumin < 4 gm/dL
- WBC > 15,000/mm³

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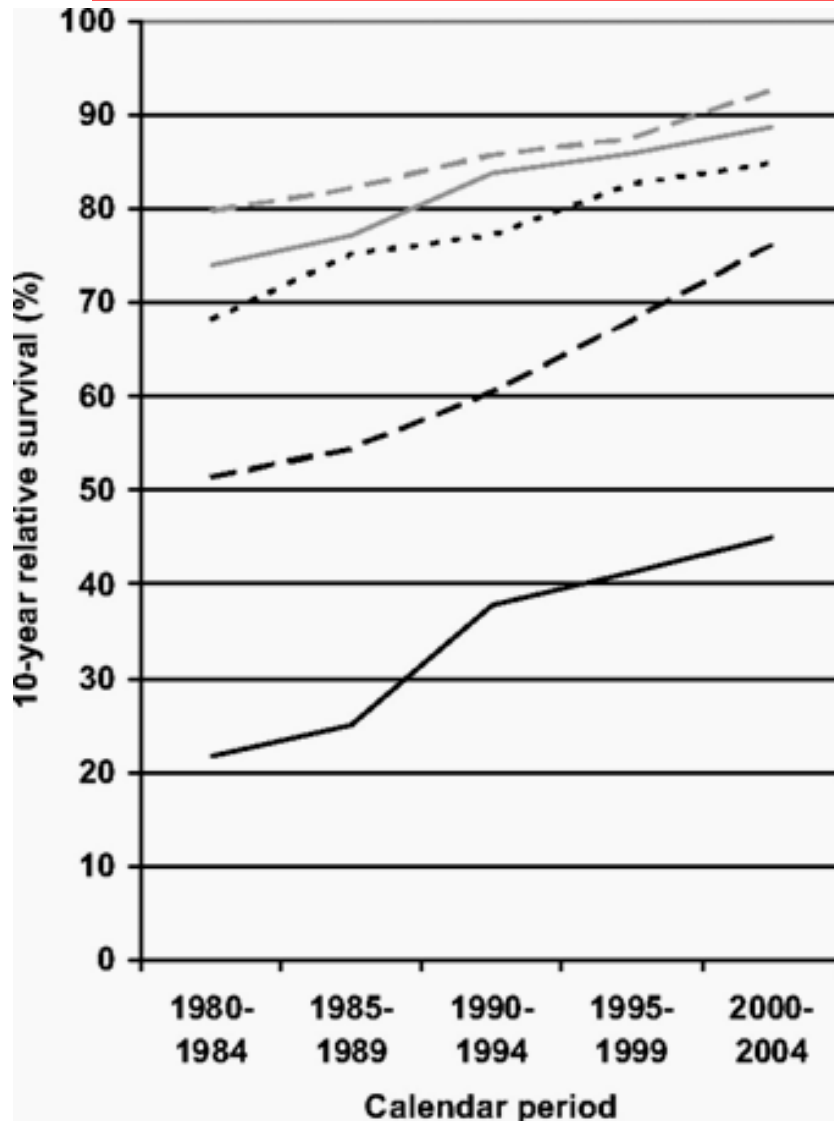
 Only 9% pts age >55 years (55-65); none over age 65

Personal communication, V.Diehl

Treatment of Elderly HD (1970 to 2000):

- **TRM (ABVD 23%, BEA_{base} 21%, BACOPP 12%)**
- **Decreased intensity of chemotherapy and individualized dosing**
 - e.g., CVP/CEB, ChIVPP +/- OEPA
- **Dose intensity important?**
 - 5-year CSS 51%, OS 39% (MOPP/ABV)
 - RDI > 65% improved OS (P=0.001)
- **Non-anthracycline options**
 - e.g., VBM and ChIVPP: sub-optimal outcomes

“Catch up” for older HD pts?



- Pts age 45-59 years and ≥ 60 years with increased 10-year relative survival by 25% and 23%, respectively.

- A strong age gradient persists (in 2000-2004), with 10-year relative survival of:

Age 15-24 yrs: 93%

Age 25-34 yrs: 89%

Age 35-44 yrs: 85%

Age 45-54 yrs: 76%

Age 60+ yrs: 45%

— 15-24 — 25-34 ··· 35-44 - - 45-59 — 60+

Chicago Elderly HD (2000-2009)

- **Retrospective analysis (1/00-1/10), n=95 HD pts \geq age 60 years (median 67 yrs; 60-89; 33% \geq age 70)**
 - U Chicago, Rush, Northwestern, LGH, Loyola
- **Characteristics**
 - NOS 42%, NS 34%, MC 18%, and LP 6%
 - Prior malignancy 27%, Hx CAD 20%, B sx 52%, Wt loss 35%, PS >1 29%, and stage III/IV 65%, and IPS 4-7 in 64%
- **Functional status**
 - 61% with any grade 3-4 co-morbidity (CIRS-G), 29% “not fit”, 13% loss ADLs, and 18% w/ geriatric syndrome

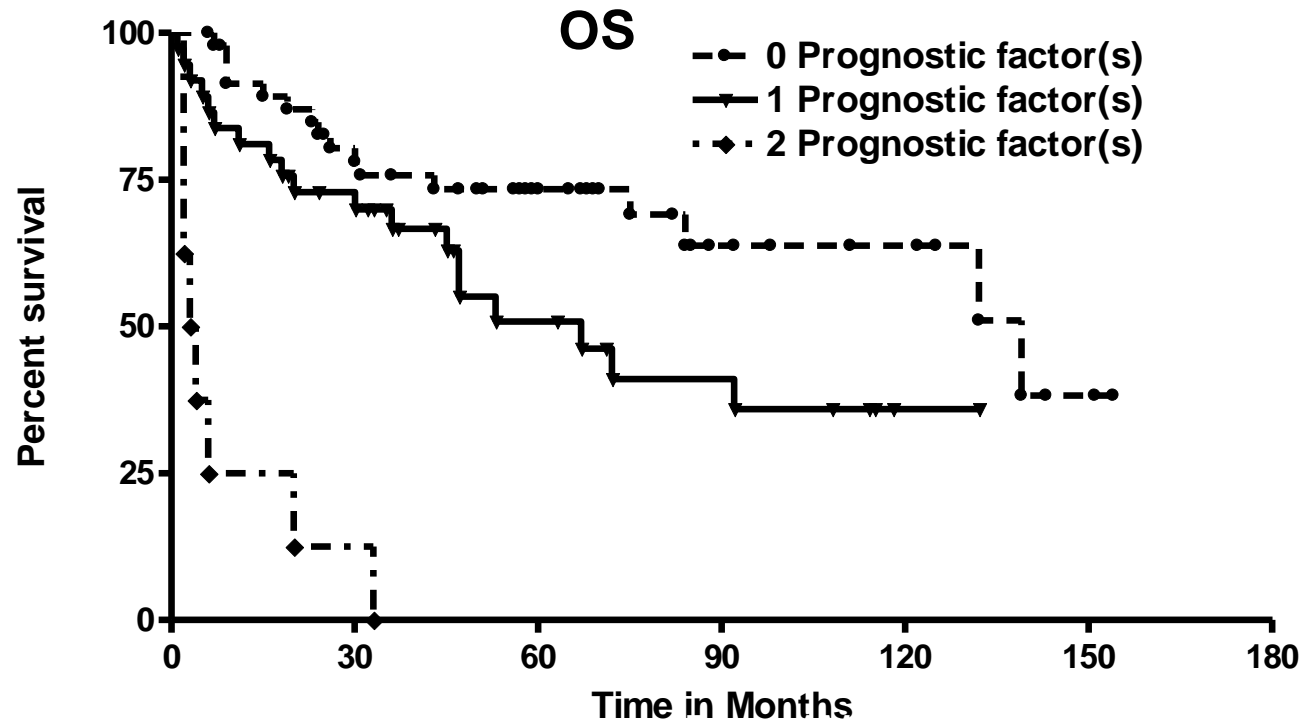
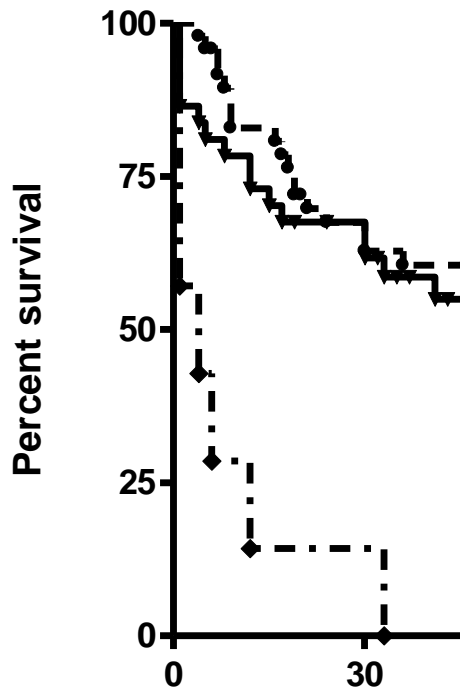
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	N	2-yr	5-yr	P
EFS				
All pts	95	63%	47%	
Stage				
I/II	32	81%	65%	
III/IV	61	52%	37%	0.007
OS				
All pts	95	73%	58%	
Stage				
I/II	32	90%	79%	
III/IV	61	63%	46%	0.001

- ORR 88% (75% CR)
- BLT 33% (Death: 31%)
- Inferior EFS and OS (on univariate): age >70, B symptoms, weight loss, PS >1, albumin, Hx CAD, stage III/IV, any CIRS-G 3/4, and ADL loss
- Multivariate: Age >70 (OR 2.24, p=0.02) loss of ADL's (HR 2.71, p=0.04), and lack of CR (HR 8.1, p<0.0001),

Chicago Elderly HD: EFS + OS Prognostic Model

- 1) ADL loss
- 2) >70 years



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n=854
n=812 eligible

ABVD (n=404)

**6-8 CYCLES
MODIFIED IFRT 36 Gy ONLY TO
PATIENTS WITH MASSIVE
MEDIASTINAL DISEASE**

STANFORD V (n=408)

**12 WEEKS CHEMOTHERAPY
MODIFIED IFRT 36 Gy TO SITES
>5 CM IN MAXIMUM
TRANSVERSE DIMENSION**

Response

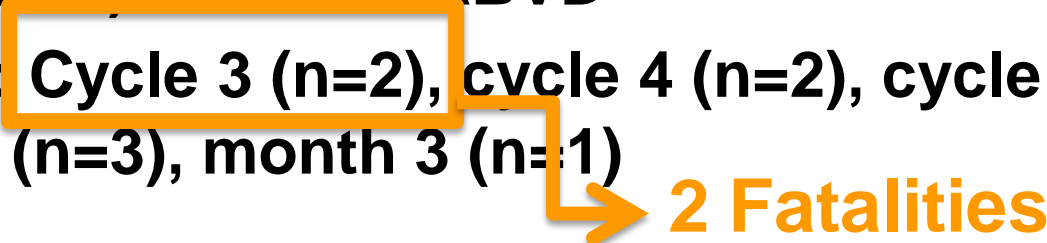
	ABVD		Stanford V	
	N	%	N	%
CR	6	26	4	20
Clinical CR	9	39	9	45
PR	2	9	0	0
SD	4	17	2	10
PD	0	0	2	10
Not eval.	2	9	3	15

**Older vs Younger
Subjects**

**CR/clinical CR:
65% vs 71%
(p=0.49)**

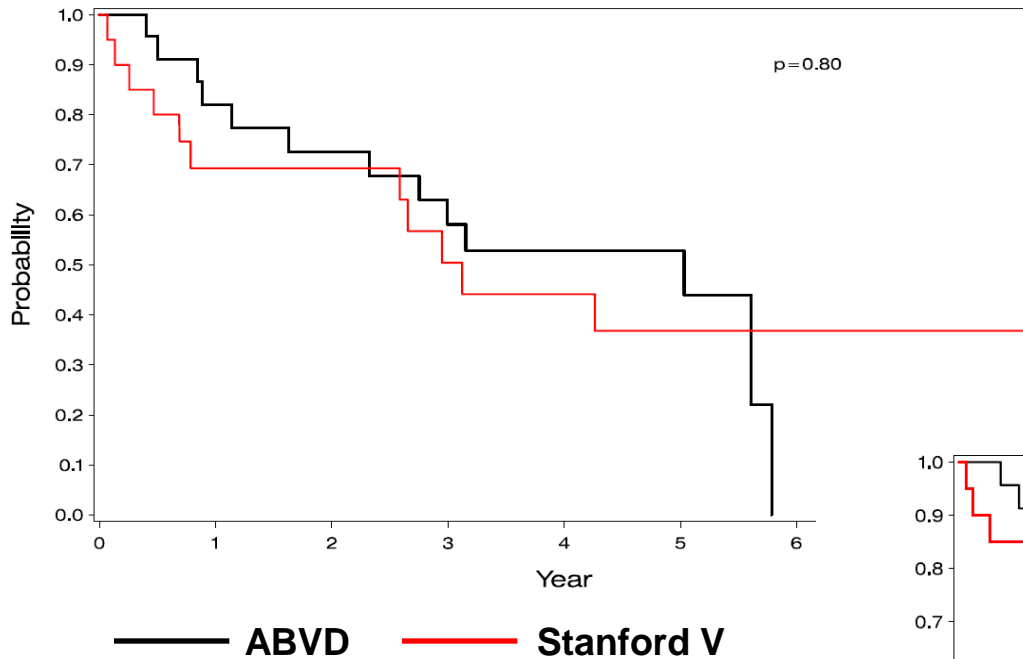
**ORR:
70% vs 78%
(p=0.19)**

Toxicity (non-hematologic)

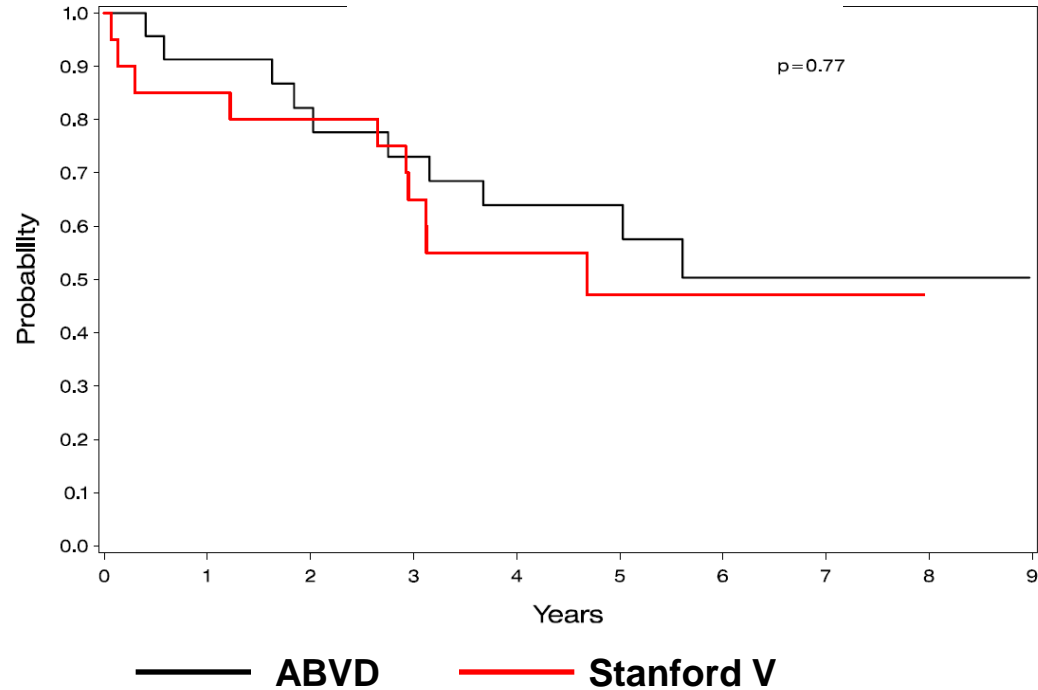
- Overall treatment-related mortality: 9.3% (vs 0.3% <60 years, $p < 0.001$)
 - Grade 5: 2 ABVD (bleomycin lung toxicity n=2) and 2 Stanford V (GI bleed/RF+ colitis/sepsis)
 - Bleomycin lung toxicity
 - CTCAE coding: grade 3 or 4 hypoxia, DLCO, pneumonitis, pulmonary other, etc
 - Overall incidence: 26% (fatality rate: 18%)
 - Age 69 yrs (61-78) and 50% (5/10) non-smokers
 - 91% (10/11) received ABVD
 - Timing: **Cycle 3 (n=2)**, cycle 4 (n=2), cycle 5 (n=2), cycle 6 (n=3), month 3 (n=1)
-  2 Fatalities

Survival: ABVD vs Stanford V

Failure-free survival

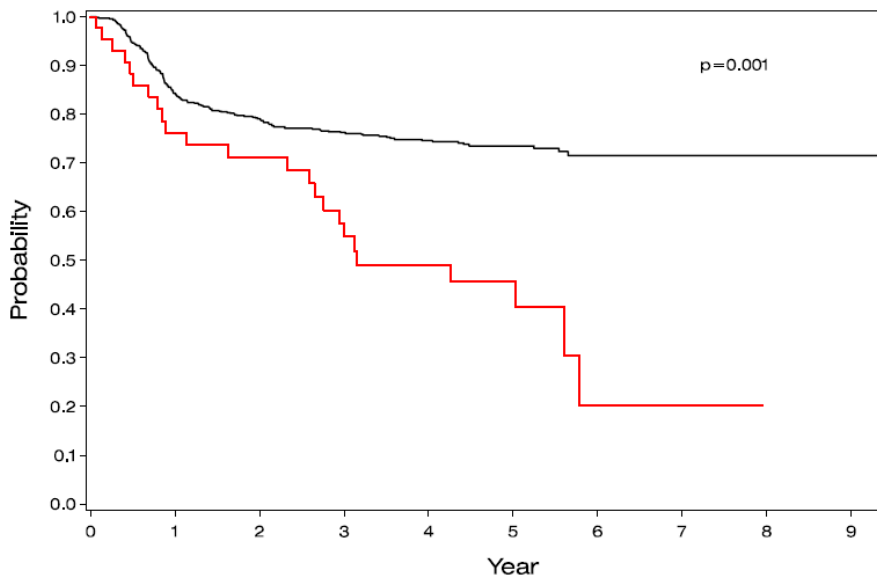


Overall survival



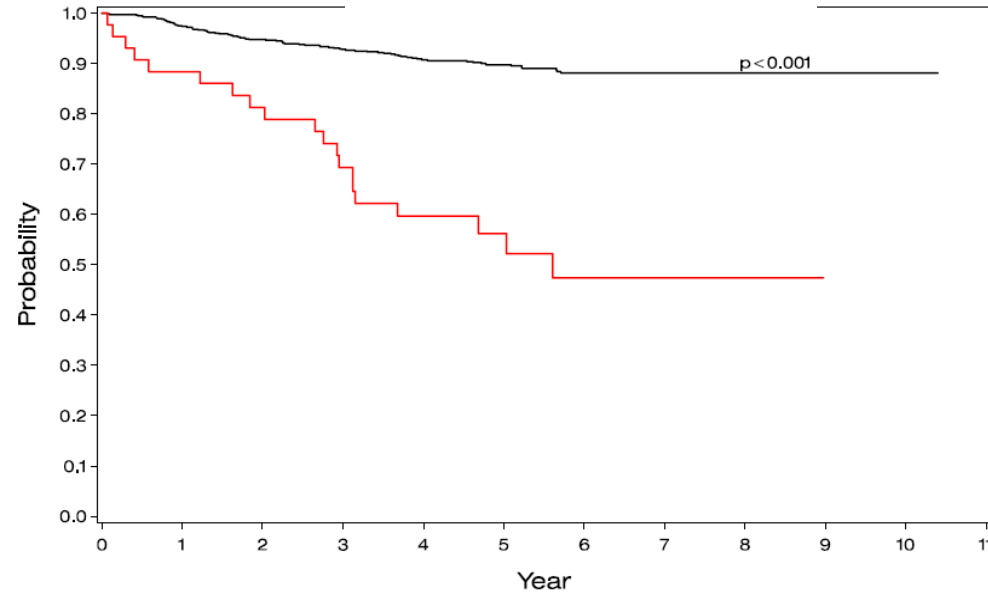
Survival: Older vs Younger HD

Failure-free survival



— <60 yr — ≥ 60 yr

Overall survival



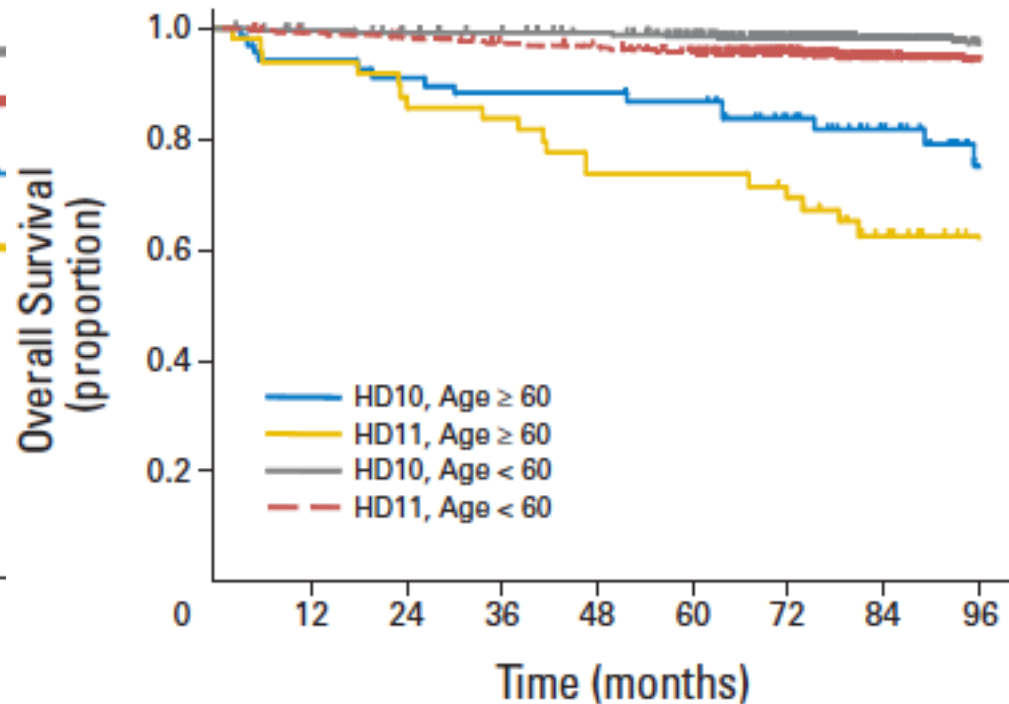
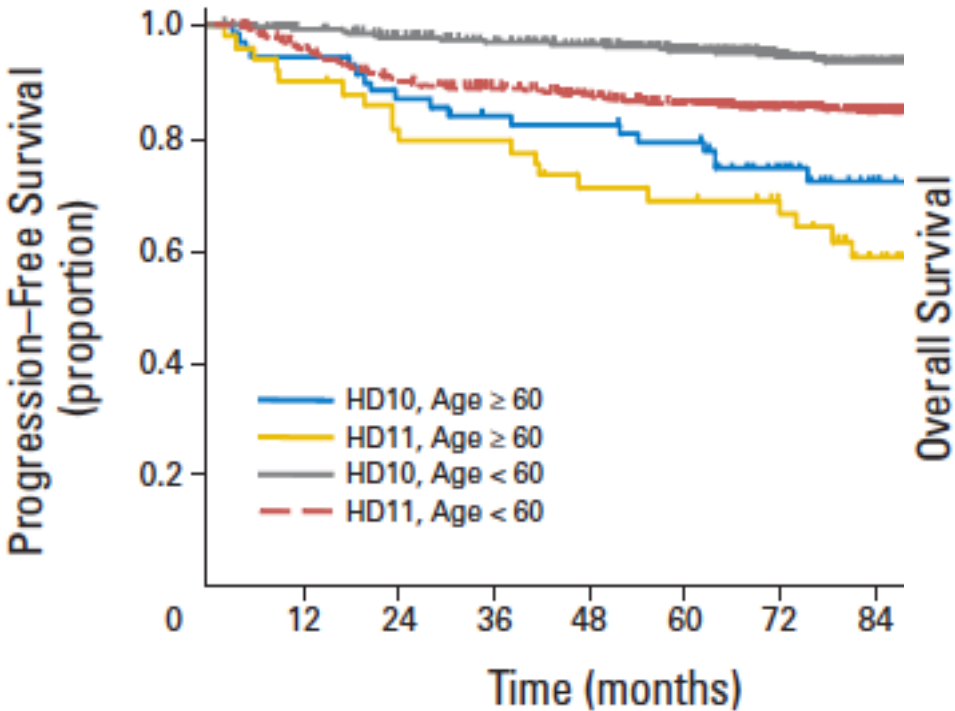
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FFS	3-year	76%	56%	0.002
	5-year	74%	48%	
OS	3-year	93%	70%	<0.0001
	5-year	90%	58%	

Early-stage HD: GHSG

- **HD10 and HD11: 68 and 49 elderly HD pts (median ages 65 and 64 years)**
- **HD10: 2-4 ABVD + 20-30 Gy**
- **HD11: ABVD vs BEACOPP(base) + 20/30Gy**
- **WHO grade 3/4 toxicities: 68% (grade 4) 18%**
- **TRM of 5% (vs 0.4% in age <60 years)**
- **CR rate 89% (vs 95% younger pts, p=0.001)**

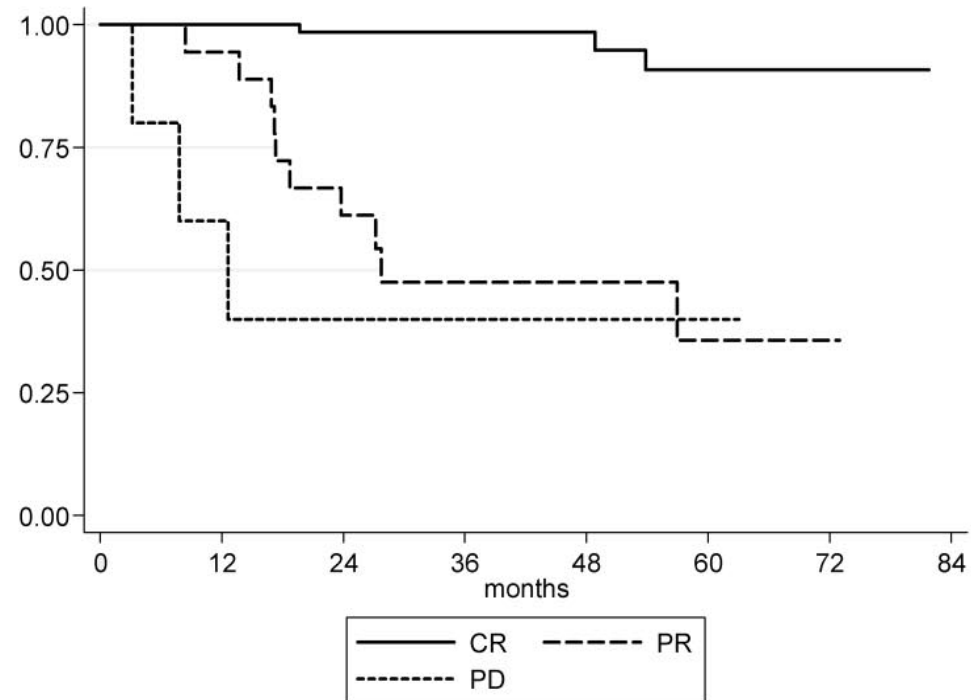
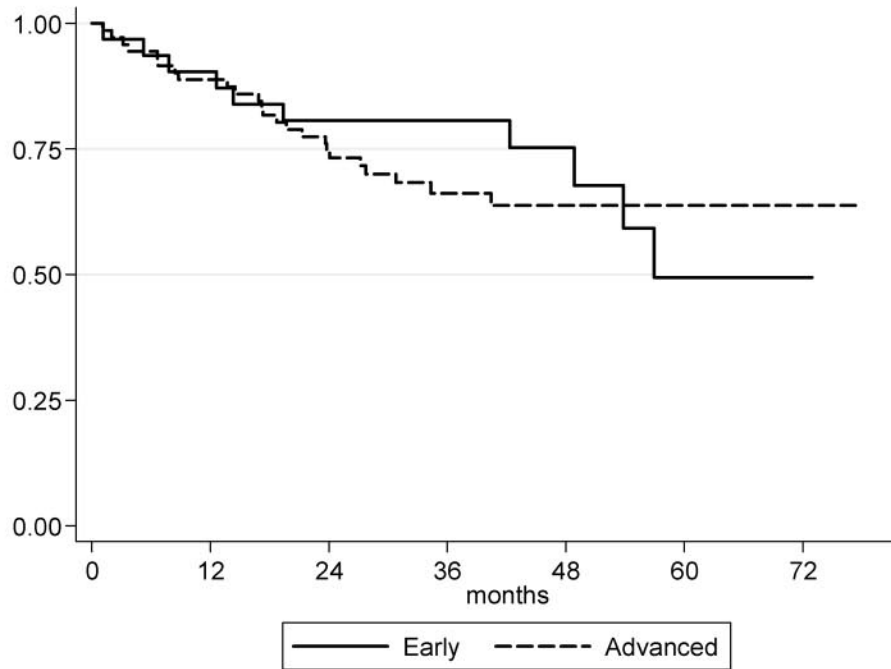
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Current/Future Directions

SHIELD Programme

- VEPMB (n=103): median age 72 years
- CR rate: 75% for ES and 61% for AS
- 3-year OS and PFS of 66% and 58%,



CR: Hgb, ADL, IDL, Comorbid, PS, albumin

Other Regimens for Older Patients

- **CHOP**
 - **29 pts (11 stage I/II; 18 stage III/IV); median age 71 years (60–91) treated with 2-4 cycles + XRT or 6-8 cycles of CHOP**
- **PVAG**
 - **RDI 88%; ORR 81% (CR 78%); TRM 2%**
 - **Advanced stage pts: 3-year PFS 58% and 30-year OS 64%**

Brentuximab vedotin in older HD pts

- **Clinical trials SG035-0001 to SGN35-008**
- **N=16 pts (median age 66, range 60-82)**
- **Versus young pts: worse PS, creatinine, co-morbidities, con meds, and prior cancer Rx**
- **More anemia (30% vs 10%), sensory PN (60% vs 46%), fatigue (58% vs 43%), and any grade 3/4 (70% vs 56%)**
- **ORR 56%, median OS 12.4 months (2-yr 48%)**
- **No factors predicted response or toxicity (besides prior hx of AEs)**

Incorporation of SGN-35 into Frontline Therapy

PET1 and CT1 (staging)

2 cycles SGN-35
(1.8 mg/kg q 3 wks)

PET2 (first 22 pts)

CR, PR, SD

6 cycles AVD

CT + PET (all pts)

CR, PR

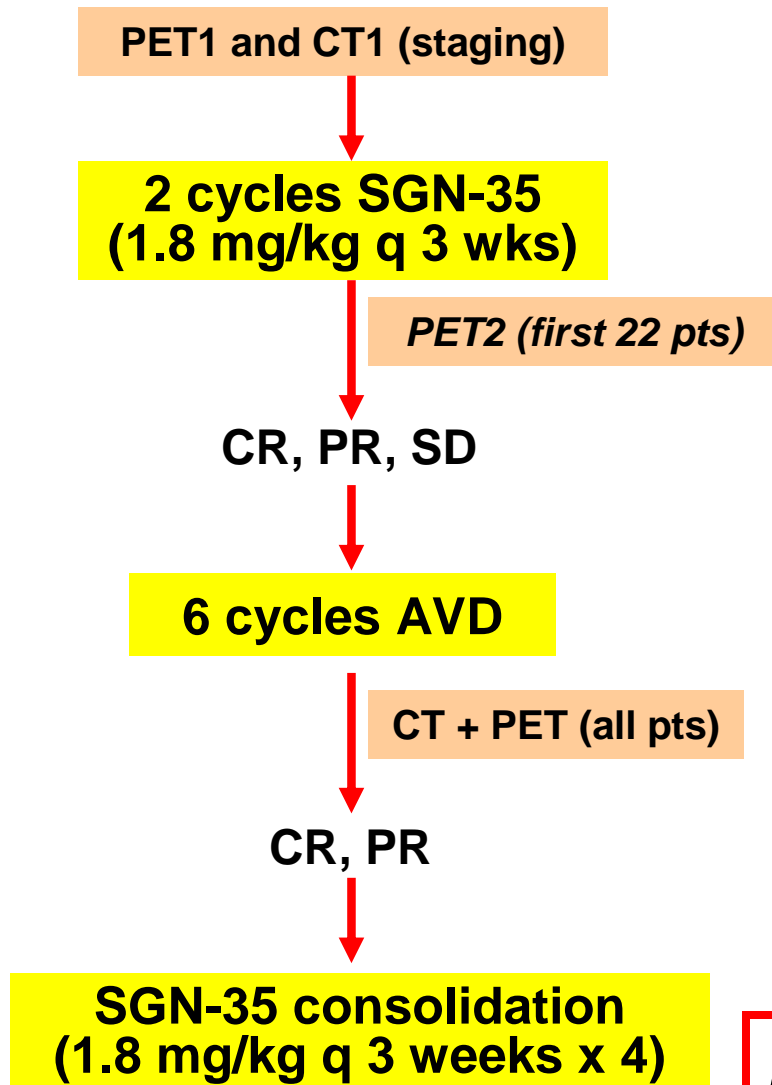
SGN-35 consolidation
(1.8 mg/kg q 3 weeks x 4)

- Phase II investigator-initiated study
- Untreated advanced-stage elderly HD (\geq 60 yo)
- Participating institutions: Tufts, Northwestern, Univ. of Chicago, MSKCC, Ohio State, MDACC, Stanford Nebraska, and UMass
- Window (lead in) study with SGN-35
- Tissue based studies
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Pancreatitis in patients treated with brentuximab vedotin: a previously unrecognized serious adverse event

<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Data</i>
Median age (years)	45 (range: 23-65)
Gender	Male (n=4); female (n=4)
Indication	cHL (n=7); ALCL (n=1)
Median number of BV doses	2 (range, 1-3)
Median BV dose	150 mg (range: 85-180 mg)
Median onset from most recent dose	12 days (range: 9-16 days)
Median lipase (u/L)	599 (range: 169-1143)
Severity of pancreatitis AE	Grade 5 (n=2); Grade 4 (n=1); Grade 3 (n=6)

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Older HD Summary

- **Different characteristics/epidemiology**
- **Outcomes suboptimal with conventional Tx**
- **Toxicity and TRM (caution re: bleomycin-lung toxicity)**
- **Recent retrospective prognostic/outcomes**
- **Ph. II studies: VEPEMB, CHOP, and PVAG**
- **Need more prospective studies and improved therapeutic options**
 - **Examine functional tools in elderly (i.e., ? PET)**
 - **Incorporate co-morbidity and ADL assessments**
 - **Trials examining integration of novel agents**

Ciao, Grazie

