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Standard terapeutico del NSCLC localmente avanzato: Radio-chemioterapia concomitante

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Why concomitant RT should be better than sequential?

EXPLOITABLE MECHANISMS IN COMBINED RADIOTHERAPY-CHEMOTHERAPY: THE CONCEPT OF ADDITIVITY†

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- Disease **progression** during induction CT →
→ less pts. completing CT schedule (58% vs. 83%)
less pts. receiving RT (64% vs. 94%) (Zatloukal 2003)
- Accelerated tumor cell **repopulation** after induction CT
- Sequential treatments increase overall **treatment time**
- CT-induced **selection** of radioresistant clones
- CT- induced anaemia → more **hypoxia** in irradiated tissue

Superior outcome compared to sequential CT-RT. Standard of care in selected patients

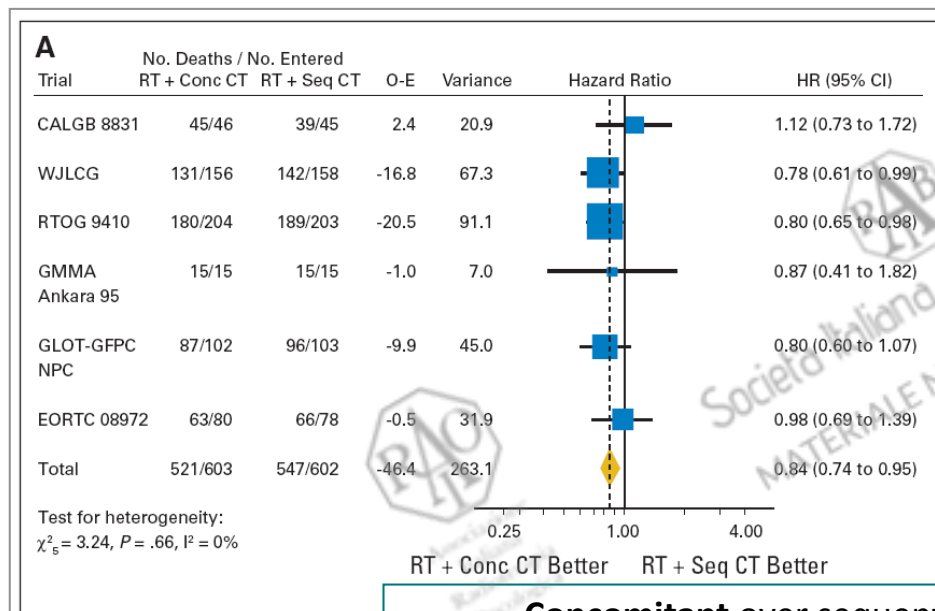
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ORIGINAL REPORT

Meta-Analysis of Concomitant Versus Sequential Radiochemotherapy in Locally Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

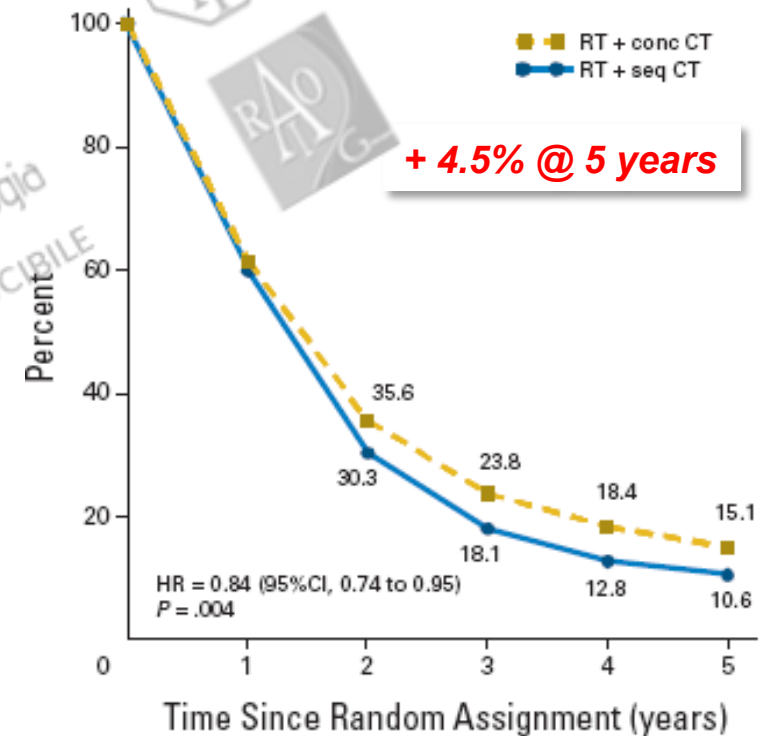
Auperin A. JCO 2010



1,205 patients, 6 RCTs

Concomitant over sequential

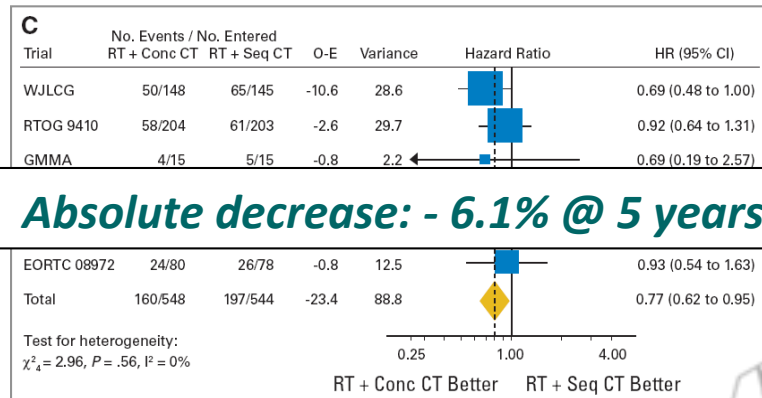
HR 0.84 (95% CI, 0.74 -0.95) **p .004**



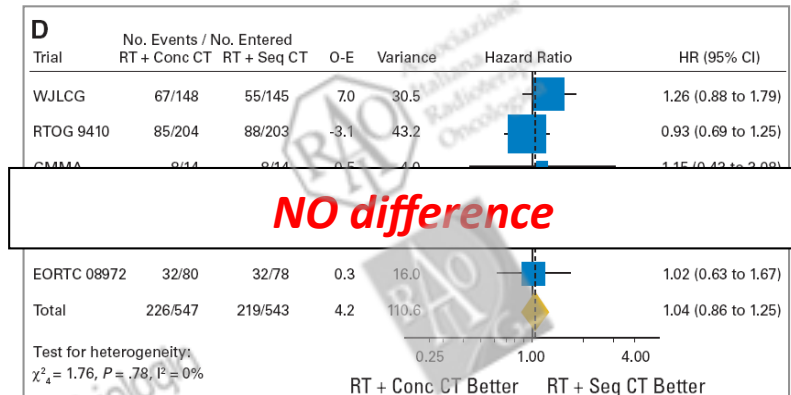
The “cost of benefit” is an **increased severe acute oesophagitis incidence**

How to improve results?

Loco-regional Progression

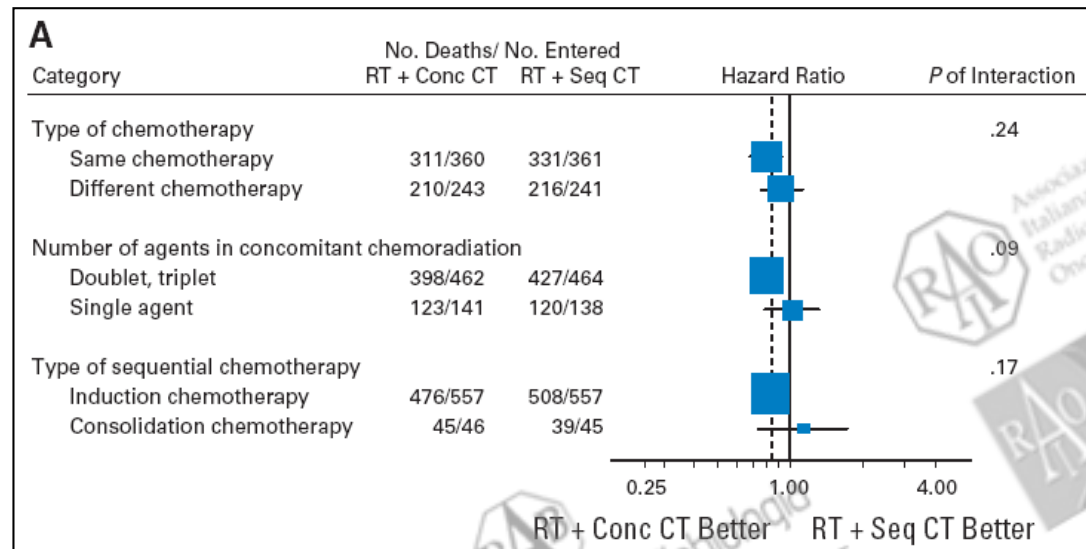


Distant Progression



- Should **Systemic** treatments be **optimized** to reduce metastatic spread?
- Should **Radiotherapy** be **enhanced** to improve / preserve local control?

The **most** efficacious chemotherapy combined with thoracic RT is **not** established

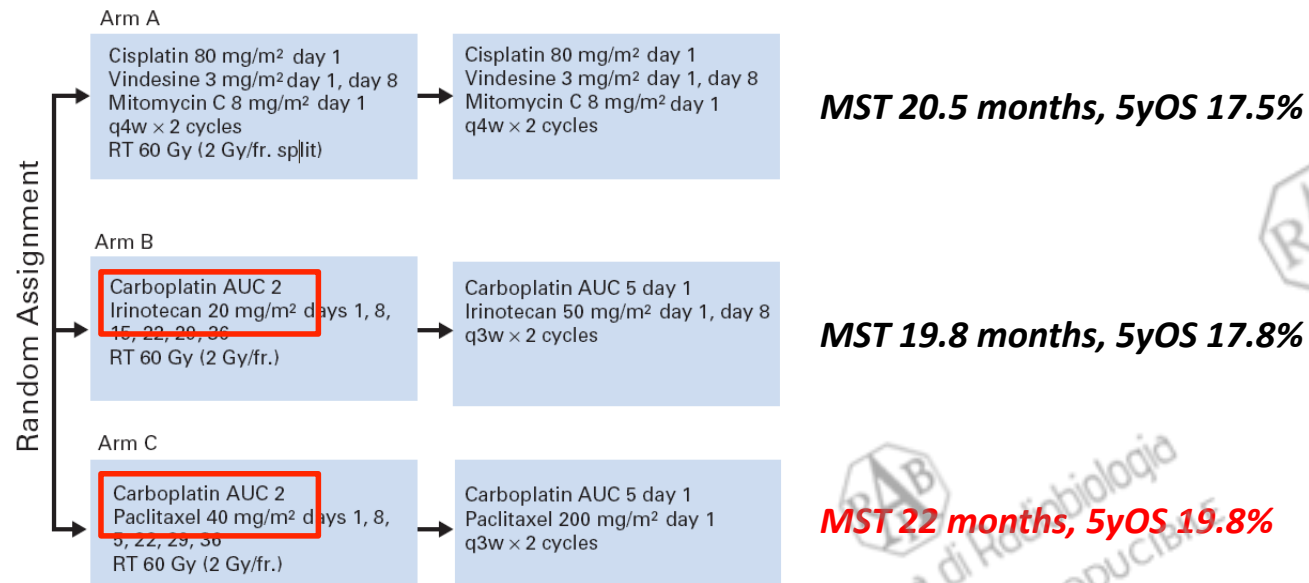


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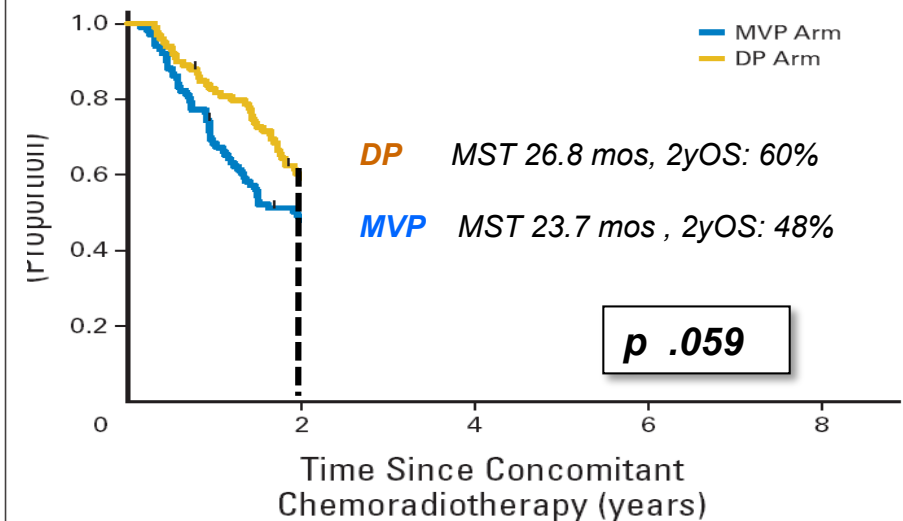
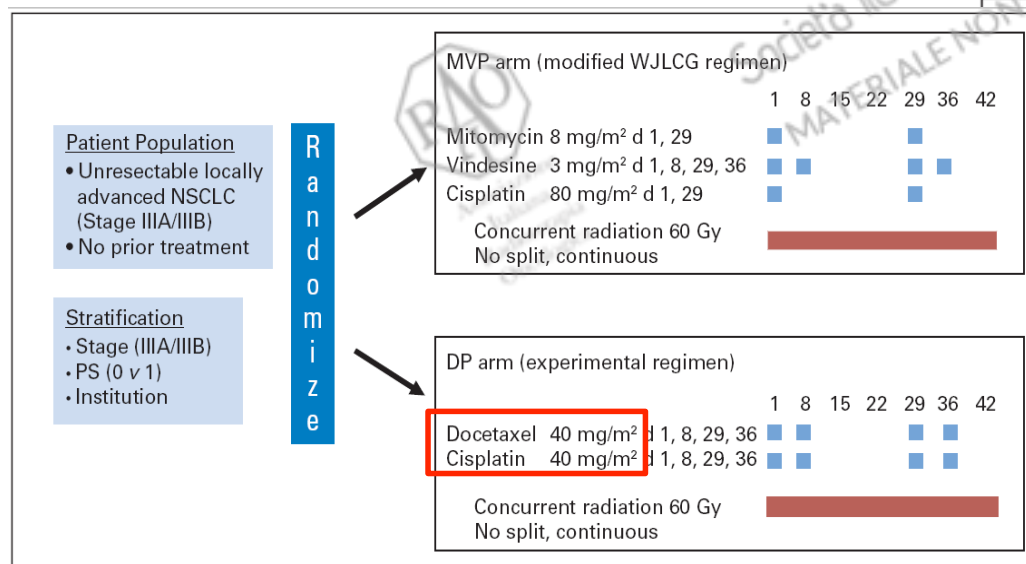
No RTCs proved significant **superiority** of a specific schedule, in concomitant setting

- **Full-dose, “old”-generation regimens**
cisplatin-etoposide, cisplatin-vindesine-mitomycin, cisplatin-vinorelbine
- **Daily/Weekly low-dose single-agent chemotherapy**
cisplatin, carboplatin
- **“New-generation” combinations**
paclitaxel-carboplatin

Slight evidence for a third-generation regimens significant benefit



Yamamoto, JCO 2010



Segawa, JCO 2010

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Phase III Study Comparing Second- and Third-Generation Regimens With Concurrent Thoracic Radiotherapy in Patients With Locally Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer. West Japan T

MST 22 vs. 20.5 months

Yamamoto, JCO 2010

Phase III Trial Comparing Docetaxel and Cisplatin Combination Chemotherapy With Mitomycin, Vinorelbine, and Cisplatin Combination Chemotherapy With Concurrent Thoracic Radiotherapy in Locally Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer. JCO 2007

MST 26.8 vs. 23.7 months (p .059)

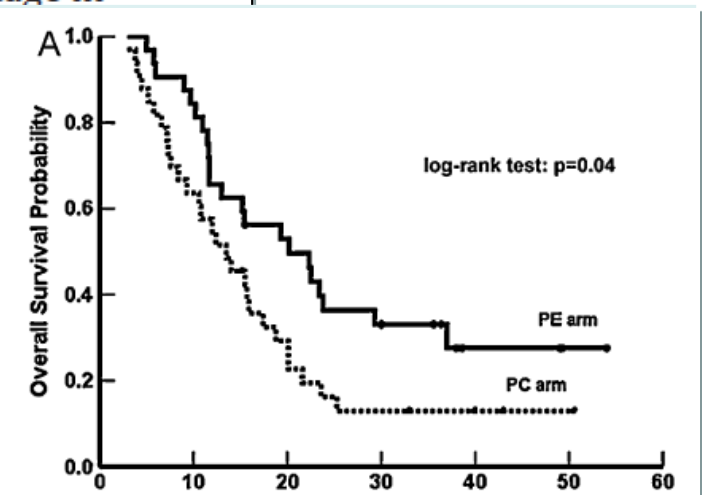
Segawa, JCO 2010

Randomized phase II study of concurrent cisplatin/etoposide or paclitaxel/carboplatin and thoracic radiotherapy in patients with stage III non-small cell lung cancer*

Luhua Wang^{a,*}, Shixiu Wu^b, Guangfei Ou^a, Nan Bi^a, Wenfeng Li^b, Hua Ren^a, Jianzhong Junling Li^c, Zongmei Zhou^a, Jima Lv^a, Xiangru Zhang^c

MST 13.5 vs. 20.2 months

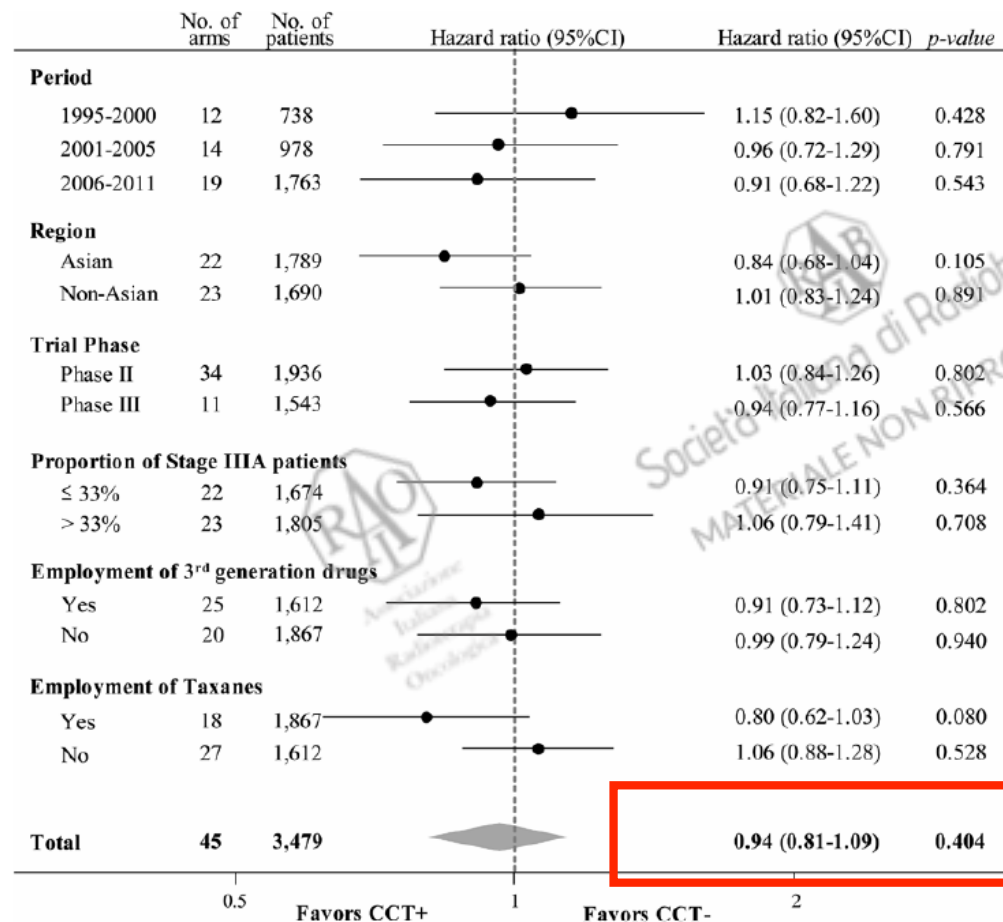
Choice should take in account the different toxicity profiles



No evidence to suggest that consolidation CT after cRTCT improves survival

Is Consolidation Chemotherapy after Concurrent Chemo-Radiotherapy Beneficial for Patients with Locally Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer?

A Pooled Analysis of the Literature



Tsujino, J Thor Oncol 2013

3.479 patients
7 Phase III Trials
34 Phase II Trials

MST 19 vs. 17.9 mos

HR 0.94 (95% CI, 0.81 -1.09)

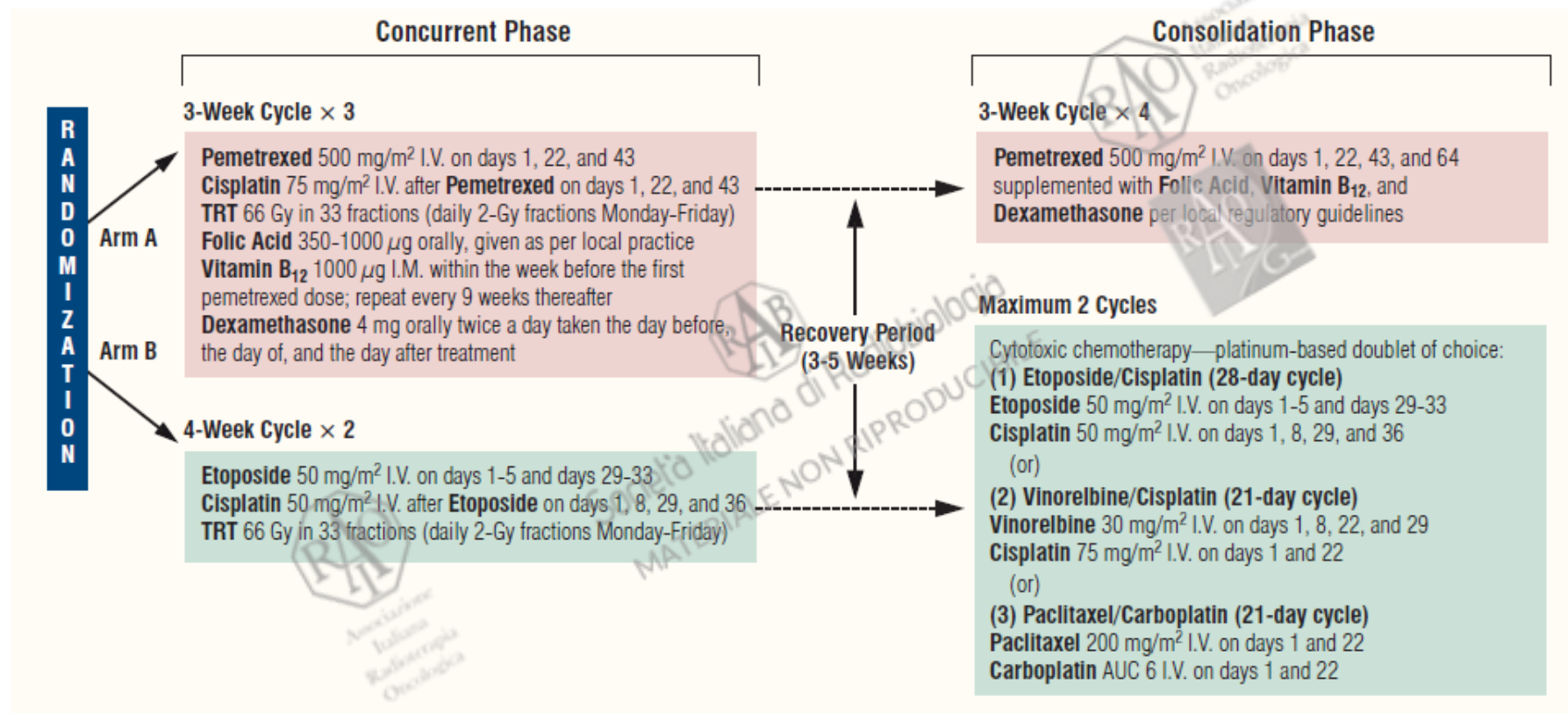
p 0.4

Histology-based strategy: **PEMETREXED**

Phase II

Authors	Treatment	Number of patients	Thoracic radiation therapy (Gy)	Median overall survival, months (95% CI)
Govindan et al. ¹³	Arm A: Carboplatin (AUC = 5) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) every 21 days ^a × 4, followed by pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) × 4	48	70	21.2 (17.1-NA)
	Arm B: Carboplatin (AUC = 5) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) Cetuximab ^a × 4 followed by pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) × 4	53	70	25.2 (14.4-NA)
Gadgeel et al. ¹⁴	Cisplatin (75 mg/m ²) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) every 21 days × 3 followed by docetaxel (75 mg/m ²) every 21 days × 3 ^b	28	66	34
Xu et al. ¹⁶	Carboplatin (AUC = 5) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) every 21 days × 5 cycles	21	60–66	NA
Brade et al. ¹⁵	Cisplatin 20 mg/m ² on days 1–5 Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) every 21 days × 4 cycles	39	61–66	19.7
Choy et al. ¹⁷	Arm A: Carboplatin (AUC = 5) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) every 21 days × 3 followed by pemetrexed 500 mg/m ² × 3	34 ^c	64–68	NA
	Arm B: Cisplatin (75 mg/m ²) Pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) × 3 followed by pemetrexed (500 mg/m ²) × 3	38 ^c	64–68	NA

Waiting for **PROCLAIM** Trial...

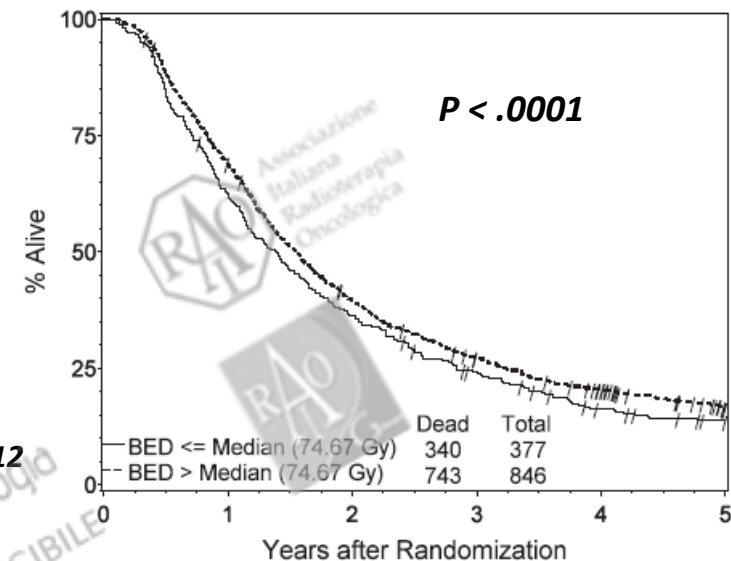


Enhancing Radiotherapy?...Fractionation

RTOG

1 Gy BED increase → + 4% relative improvement in survival

Machta, IJROBP 2010; 2012

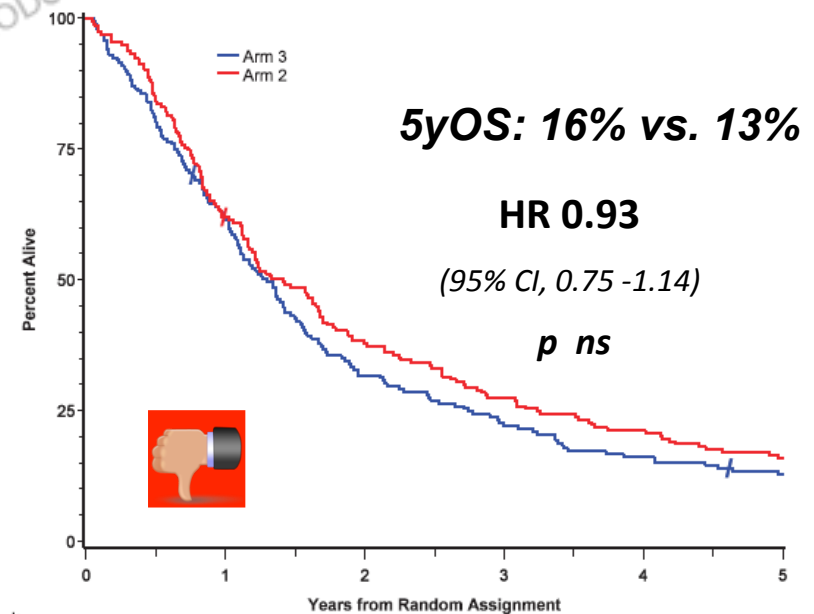


RTOG 9410 – Ph III

Arm 1:
vinblastine 5 mg/m² IV bolus weekly first 5 weeks
cisplatin 100 mg/m² IV over 30-60 minutes, days 1 & 29
(starting day 50)
63 Gy/7 wks/34 daily fractions (1.8 Gy x 25 fx, then 2.0 Gy x 9 fx)

Arm 2:
vinblastine 5 mg/m² IV bolus weekly first 5 weeks
cisplatin 100 mg/m² IV over 30-60 minutes, days 1 & 29
63 Gy/7 wks/34 daily fractions (1.8 Gy x 25 fx, then 2.0 Gy x 9 fx)

Arm 3:
oral etoposide 50 mg twice daily x 10 only on RT treatment days 1-5, 8-12, 29-33 and 36-40 (75 mg/day if body surface area < 1.7 m²)
cisplatin 50 mg/m² IV over 30-60 minutes on days 1 and 8 and 29 and 36
69.6 Gy/6 wks/58 x 1.2 Gy twice-daily fractions (at least 6 hours apart)



Curran WJ. JNCI 2011

Enhancing Radiotherapy?...Dose Escalation

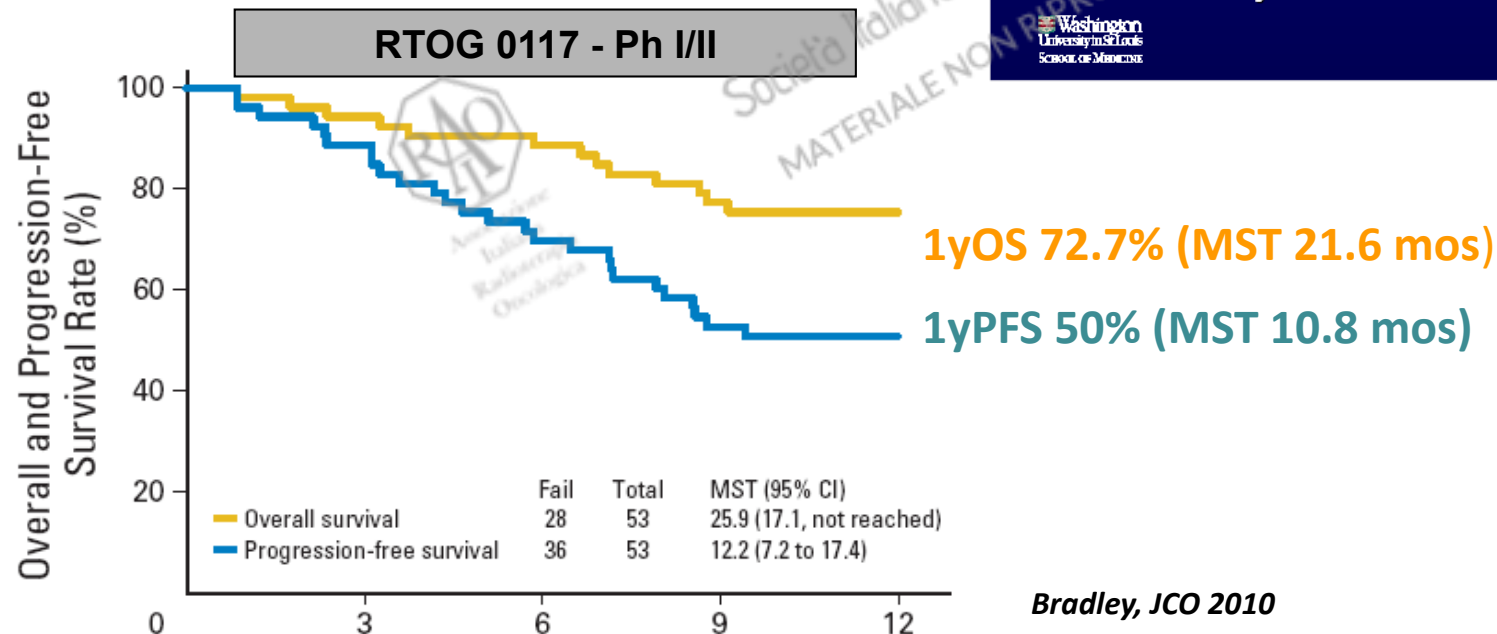
Feasibility of escalated total dose with concurrent chemotherapy

High Dose RT Approaches with ChemoRT

Group	RT Dose	Med Surv
RTOG 0117*	74 Gy	21.6 mo
NCCTG N0028*	74 Gy	37 mo
CALGB 30105*	74 Gy	24.6 mo
UNC*	74 Gy	24 mo
Historic Context		
RTOG 9410	63 Gy	17.1 mo

* Weekly Pac/Carbo for 7 weeks followed by P/C X2

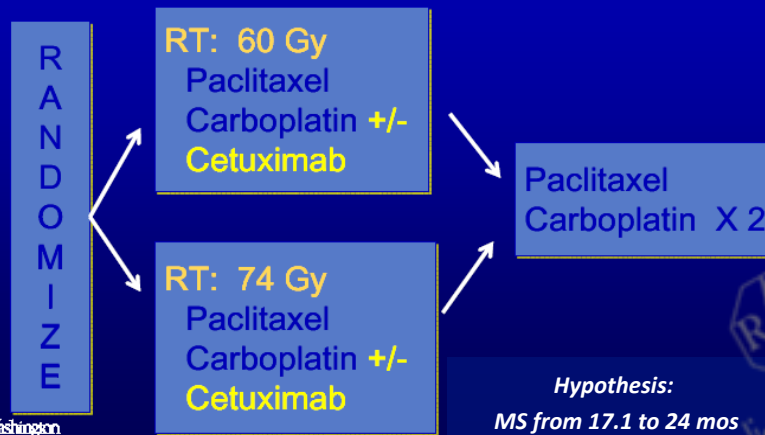
Washington
University in St. Louis
School of Medicine



Bradley, JCO 2010

Enhancing Radiotherapy?...the RTOG 0617 “Affair”

RTOG 0617, NCCTG N0628, CALGB 30609 Conventional vs. High Dose RT $\pm$ Cetuximab

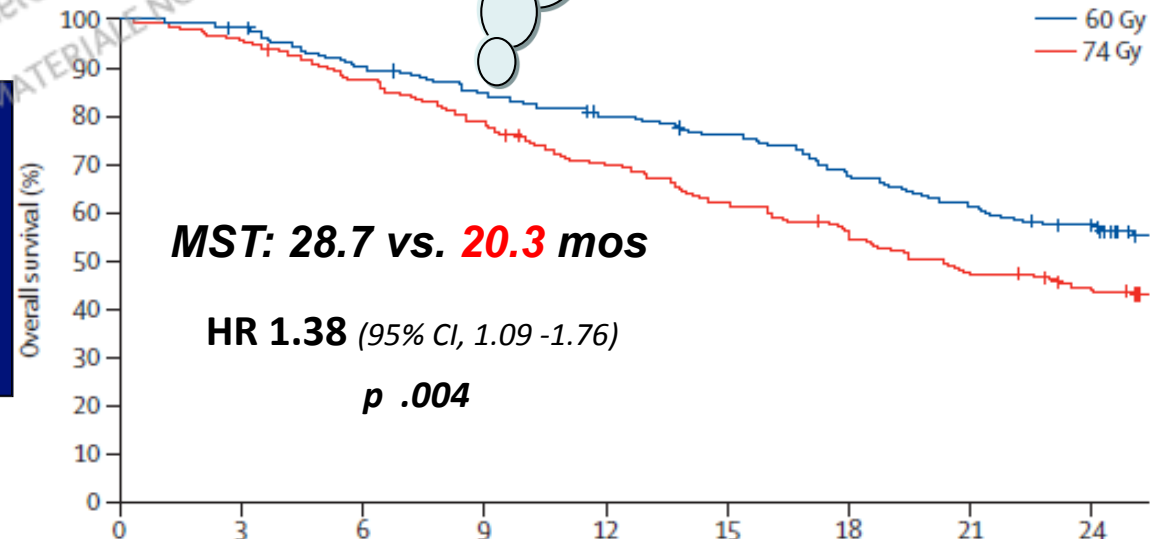


Nov. 2007- Nov. 2011

185 Institutions

544 patients, Stage IIIA-B, PS 0-1

Age 37-83 (median 64)



Bradley, Lancet 2015

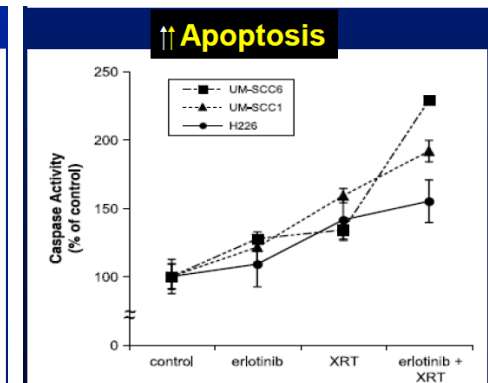
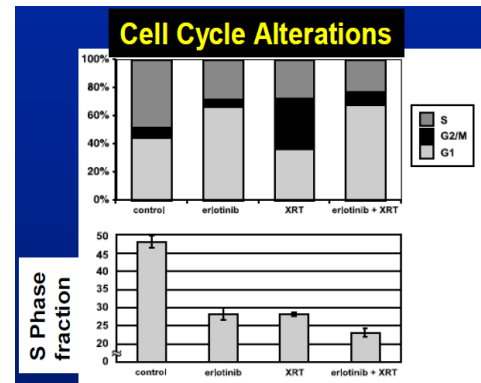
- **EGFR –Targeting agents**

- ✓ **Antibodies (Cetuximab)**

- ✓ **TKIs (Gefitinib, Erlotinib)**

- **Anti-angiogenic agents (Bevacizumab)**

- **“Endorsement” from preclinical data**
- **Improved outcome in advanced disease**



EGFR inhibitors + RT alone

A phase II study of cetuximab and radiation in elderly and/or poor performance status patients with locally advanced non-small-cell lung cancer (N0422)

57 pts	age > 65, PS 0-1	CETUXIMAB d1	CETUXIMAB w RT 60 Gy	Compliance	MST	G3-4 tox
	Any age, PS 2	ENI	2D-RT NO PET/CT	86%	15 mos	54% (mainly fatigue)

Jatoi, Ann Oncol 2010

Combined Treatment of Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer
NSCLC Stage III With Intensity-Modulated RT
Radiotherapy and Cetuximab

NEAR Trial

30 pts; IKPS $\geq$ 70	CETUXIMAB RT 66 Gy	CETUXIMAB w x 13 weeks	Compliance	MST	G3-4 tox
	ENI	IMRT-IGRT PET/CT	90%	19.6 mos	40% (10% lung)

Jensen, Cancer 2011

TKIs + RT *after* Induction CT

Arm 1

Poor risk^c (PS > 2, WL > 5%) 21 pts

Induction:
Carboplatin (AUC = 6), paclitaxel (200 mg/m²) every 3 weeks for 2 cycles and
gefitinib 250 mg daily

Concurrent:
Gefitinib 250 mg daily

Consolidation:
Gefitinib 250 mg daily

RT dose: 66 Gy

ENI, 2D-RT, NO PET

G3/4: 10% (G5: 5%)

19 mos

CALGB 30106 Phase II

Arm 2

Good risk^c (PS 0-1, WL < 5%) 39 pts

Induction:
Carboplatin (AUC = 6), paclitaxel (200 mg/m²) every 3 weeks for 2 cycles and
gefitinib 250 mg daily

Concurrent:
Carboplatin (AUC = 2) and paclitaxel (50 mg/m²) weekly, gefitinib 250 mg daily

Consolidation:
Gefitinib 250 mg daily

RT dose: 66 Gy

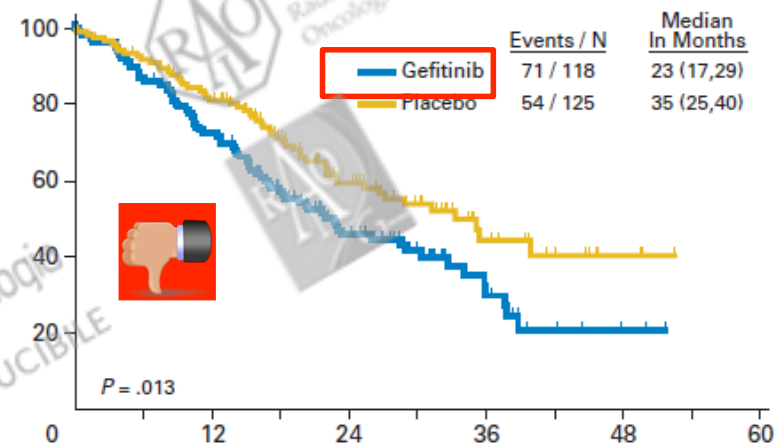
ENI, 2D-RT, NO PET



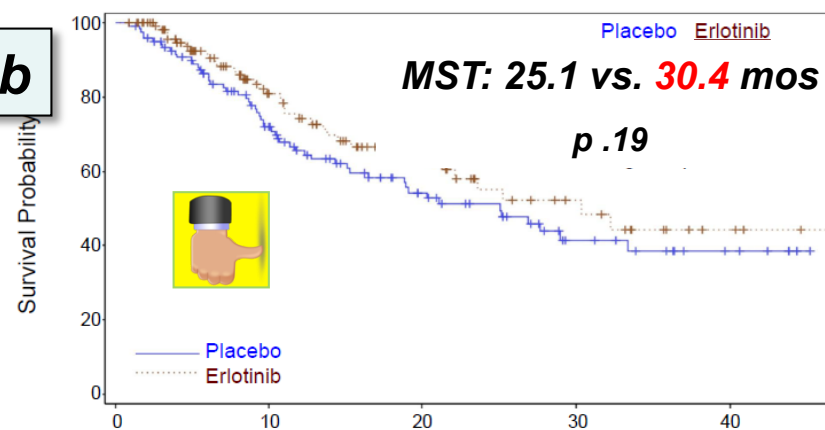
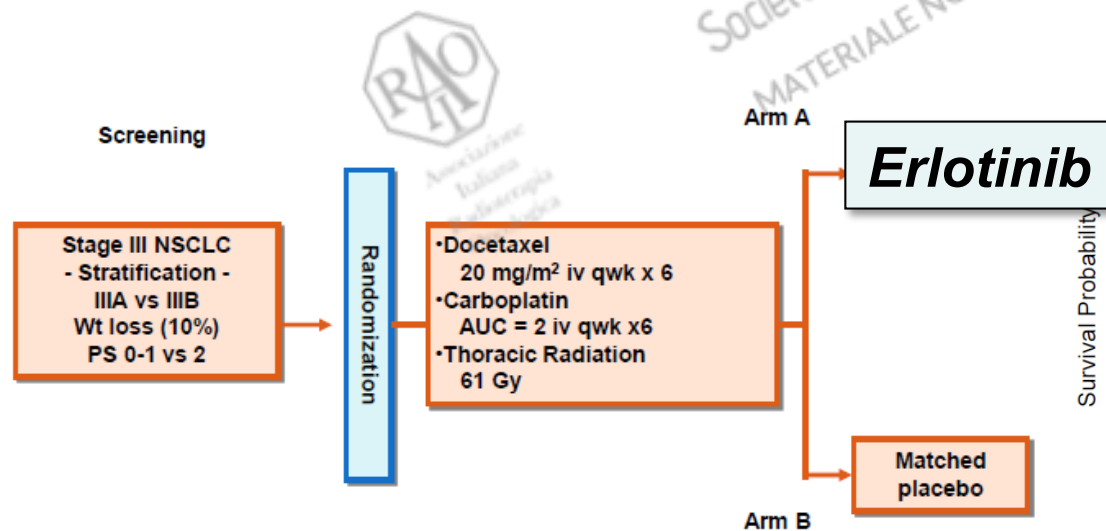
MST 13 mos

TKIs as *maintenance*

Phase III Trial of Maintenance Gefitinib or Placebo After Concurrent Chemoradiotherapy and Docetaxel Consolidation in Inoperable Stage III Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer: SWOG S0023



Kelly, *J Clin Oncol* 2008



Rigas, *J Thor Oncol* 2009

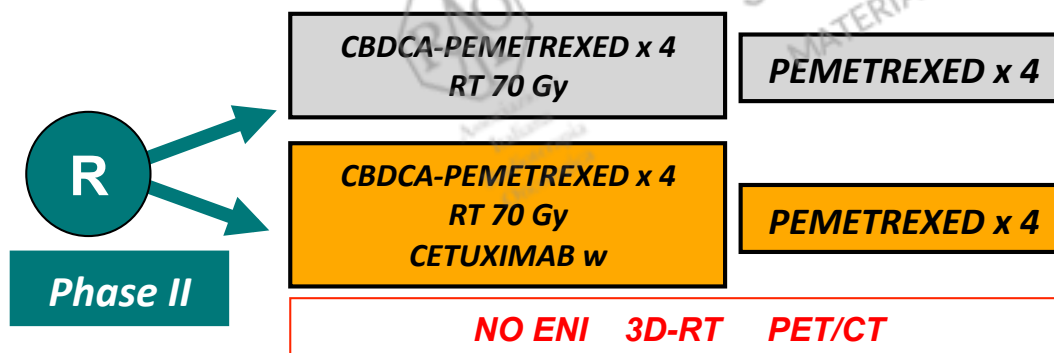
Cetuximab + RT *after* Chemo

Concurrent cetuximab and radiotherapy after docetaxel–cisplatin induction chemotherapy in stage III NSCLC: Satellite–A phase II study from the Swedish Lung Cancer Study Group

71 pts PS 0-1 (37% WL>5%)	CDDP- DOCETAXEL x 2	CETUXIMAB w RT 68 Gy	Compliance	MST	G3-4 tox
	NO ENI 3D-RT+IGRT PET/CT		82%	17 mos 24 mos (WL<5%)	Lung 5.1% 1 G5!

Hallqvist, Lung Cancer 2011

Cetuximab *concomitant* to RTCT

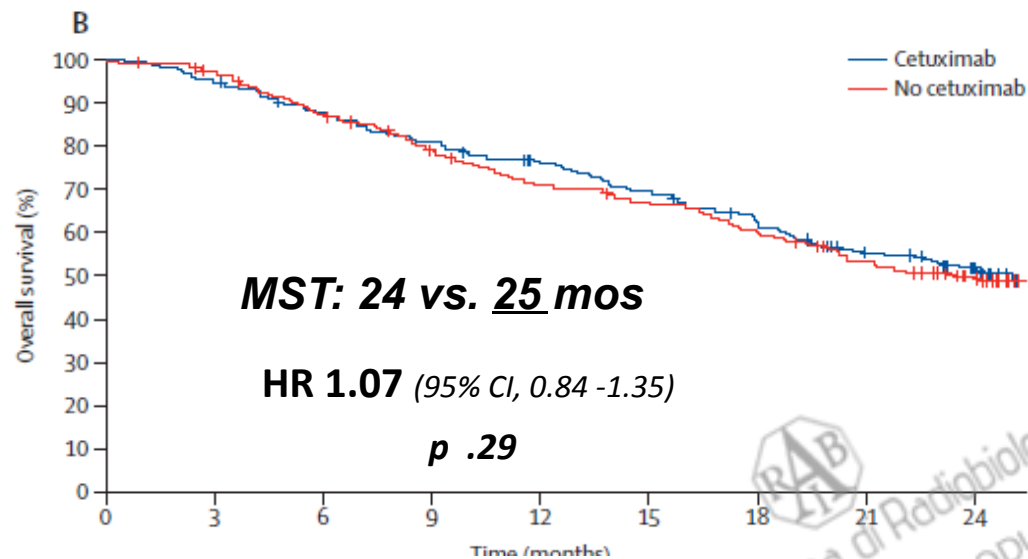


Compliance	MST	G3-4 tox
54%	21.2 mos	46%* (2 deaths related)
52%	25.2 mos	46%* (3 deaths related)
* hematological		

101 pts Good PS Adeno + Squamo !!

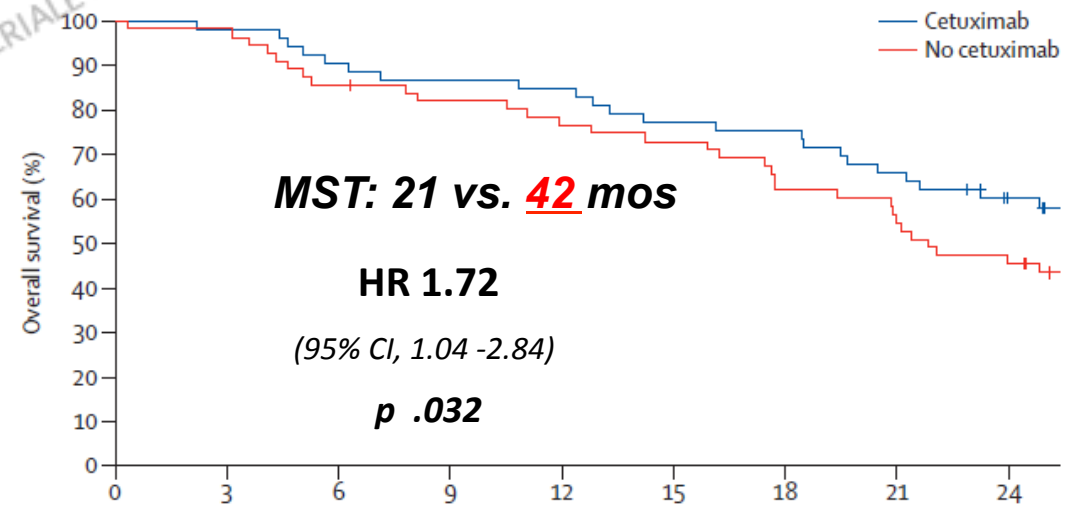
Govindan, J Clin Oncol 2011

Need for **predictive** biomarkers to identify subsets responsive to Targeted agents



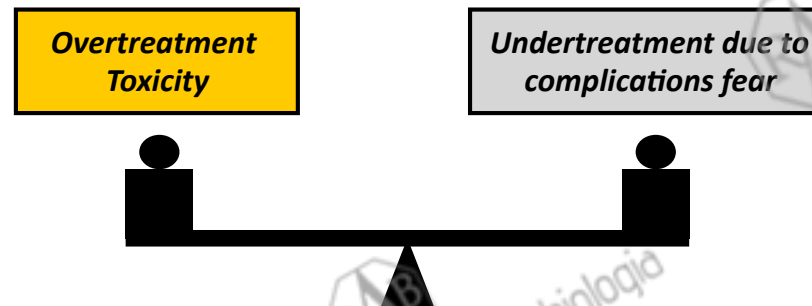
ALL PATIENTS

**203 Patients with
HIGH EGFR expression
H-score > 200**



Should cRTCT be considered Standard of Care in the **elderly**?

- Lung cancer is a typical disease of the Elderly (median age of diagnosis 71 yrs)
- Age-related comorbidities start after 70 years



Elderly are often undertreated and less likely selected for cRTCT

SELECTION

Category	No. Deaths/ No. Entered RT + Conc CT	No. Entered RT + Seq CT	Hazard Ratio	P of Interaction trend* test
Age				.38
Less than 60	239/273	217/246		*.24
60-64	95/114	100/111		
65-69	123/140	122/130		
70 or over	64/76	106/113		

Should cRTCT be considered Standard of Care in the **elderly**?

Sequential vs Concurrent Chemoradiation for Stage IIIB Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer: Randomized Phase III Trial RTOG 9410

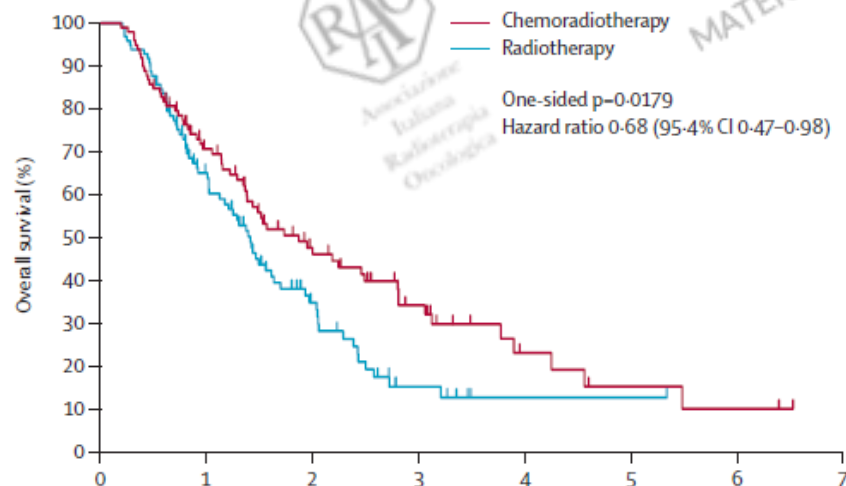
Walter J. Curran Jr, Rebecca Paulus, Corey J. Langer, Ritsuko Komaki, Jin S. Lee, Stephen Hauser, Benjamin Movsas, Todd Wasserman, Seth A. Rosenthal, Elizabeth Gore, Mitchell Machtay, William Sause, James D. Cox

SELECTION

Subgroup analysis of 104 pts > 70 yrs (17%): MST 10.5 vs. 22.4 mos
(*p* .069, analysis not pre-planned) **Langer, ASCO 2002**

SELECTION

Chemoradiotherapy with or without daily low-dose carboplatin in elderly patients with non-small-cell lung cancer: a randomised, controlled, phase 3 trial by the Japan Clinical Oncology Group (JCOG0301)



194 patients > 70 years

96.5% PS 0-1

< 10% severe comorbidity

MS 22.4 vs. 16.9 mos

Atagi, Lancet Oncol 2012

Comorbidity and PS impact at least equal than age itself on final outcome

Age dependent prognosis in concurrent chemo-radiation of locally advanced NSCLC

478 patients (137 cRTCT) Stage IIA/IIIB, 1995 - 2012



Table III. Multivariate Cox proportional hazard regression in overall survival and lung cancer specific survival.

Overall survival	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p-Value
Concomitant chemo-radiation (CRT+)	0.44 (0.20; 0.94)	0.034
Age*	1.02 (0.88; 1.19)	0.79
Interaction CRT × Age*	1.39 (1.01; 1.93)	0.050
Performance status (2-3)	1.53 (1.15; 2.03)	0.003
FEV ₁ (< 75% of normal)	1.27 (1.04; 1.55)	0.020
Treatment year (≥ 2006)	0.78 (0.61; 1.00)	0.046

Hansen, Acta Oncologica 2014

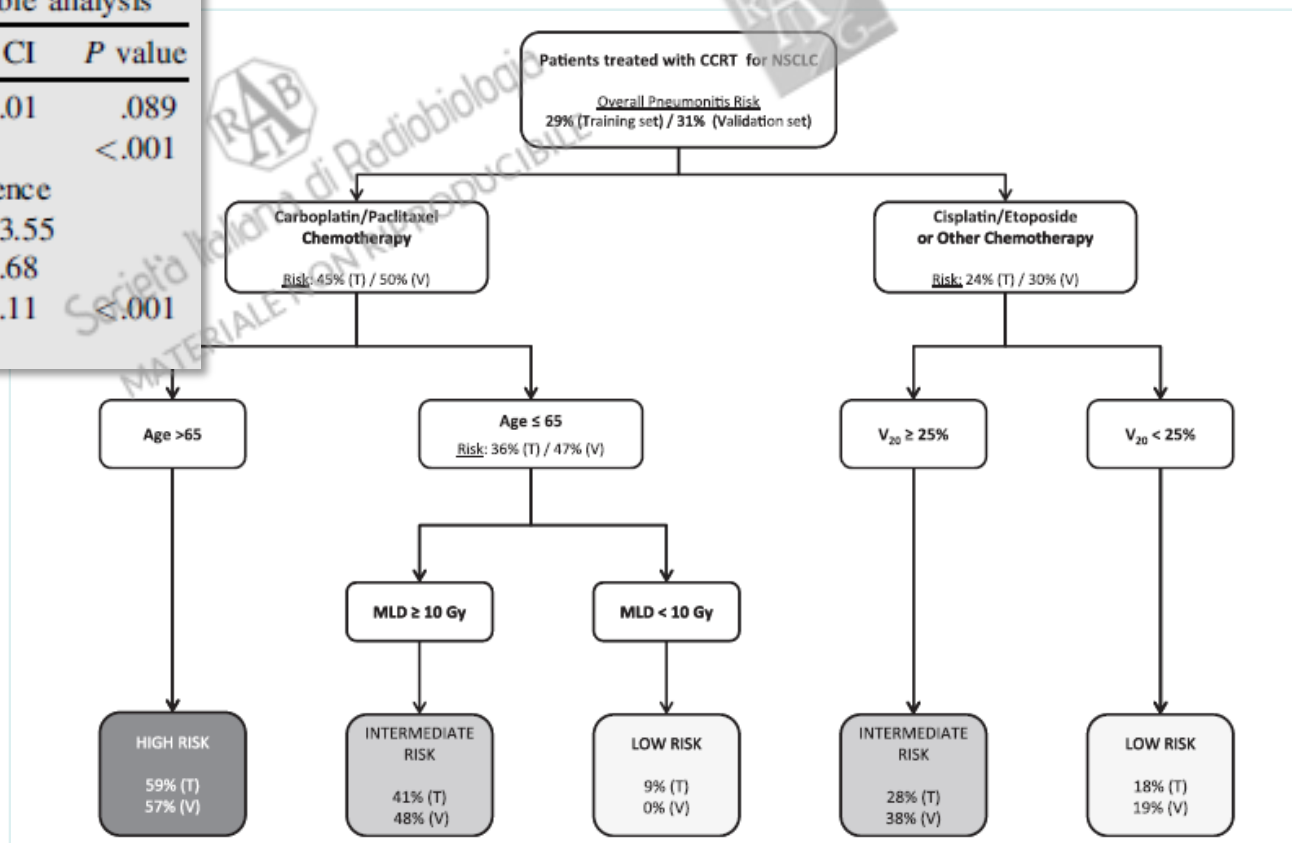
Older patients seem to have higher risk for toxicity

Predicting Radiation Pneumonitis After Chemoradiation Therapy for Lung Cancer: An International Individual Patient Data Meta-analysis

836 patients from 12 Institutions

cRTCT +/- Induction / Maintenance

Factor	Multivariable analysis		
	OR	95% CI	P value
Age (per 10-y increase)	1.38	0.95-2.01	.089
Chemotherapy regimen			<.001
Cisplatin-etoposide	1	Reference	
Carboplatin-paclitaxel	5.52	2.25-13.55	
Other	3.39	1.50-7.68	
Volume of lung receiving ≥ 20 Gy (V_{20})	1.07	1.03-1.11	<.001



Palma, JROBP 2013

Key points

1. **Concurrent** RTCT remains the standard care for **fit** patients
2. **Conventionally-fractionated** 60-66 Gy is the standard regimen
3. **No** evidence exists for **superiority** of a specific CT **schedule**
4. **Newer** drugs still need further evidence
5. **Target** therapy **might** have the potential to improve the outcome, **but...**
6. ...**selection**, based on **molecular characteristics** is crucial
7. **Elderly** patients can benefit if **well** selected. Higher **toxicity** is expected

...changing the paradigm: from “pushing the dose” to “Individualize”!

