



**Encefalo: metastasi cerebrali**

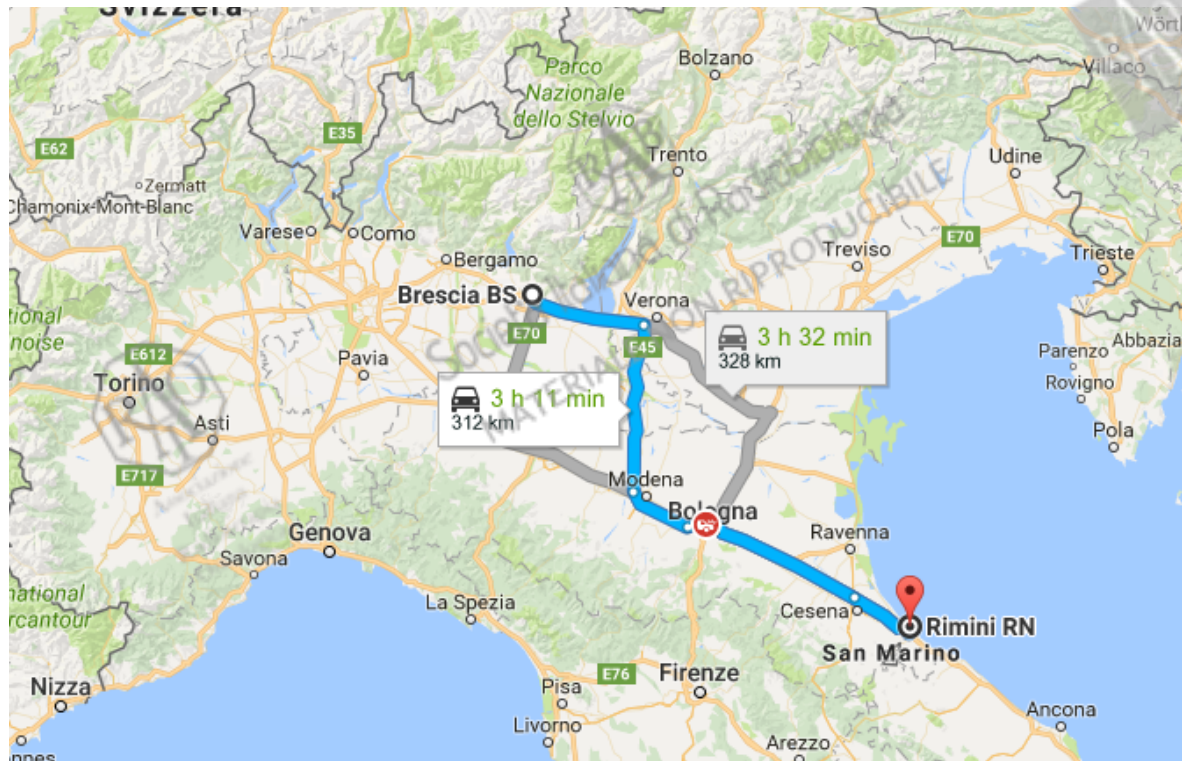
**Frazionamenti e dosi nella radioterapia delle metastasi cerebrali**

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- Radiotherapy?
- Radiotherapy --> solid results
- SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic



- **Radiotherapy?**

- Radiotherapy in the past --> solid results
- Stereotactic radiotherapy --> from radiobiology to clinic



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## Why radiotherapy?

In the past → the standard WBRT

rapid treatment  
feasible everywhere  
treatment of visible and occult mets

Obj → short-term symptomatic palliative treatment (OS 6 months)



# Why radiotherapy?

| Study                             | Number of patients | Randomization Gy/# fractions   | Median survival (months) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Harwood and Simpson [18] 1977     | 101                | 30/10 versus 10/1              | 4.0–4.3                  |
| Kurtz et al. [19] 1981            | 255                | 30/10 versus 50/20             | 3.9–4.2                  |
| Borgelt et al. [17, 20] 1981 1980 | 138                | 10/1 versus 30/10 versus 40/20 | 4.2–4.8                  |
| Borgelt et al. [17, 20] 1981 1980 | 64                 | 12/2 versus 20/5               | 2.8–3.0                  |
| Chatani et al. [21] 1986          | 70                 | 30/10 versus 50/20             | 3.0–4.0                  |
| Haie-Meder et al. [22] 1993       | 216                | 18/3 versus 36/6 or 43/13      | 4.2–5.3                  |
| Chatani et al. [23] 1994          | 72                 | 30/10 versus 50/20 or 20/5     | 2.4–4.3                  |
| Murray et al. [24] 1997           | 445                | 54.4/34 versus 30/10           | 4.5                      |

\* Adapted from Khuntia et al. [25].

## Why radiotherapy?

In the last 15 years  
from WBRT alone to other therapeutic options

- Surgery
  - Surgery plus RT
  - SRS
  - FSRT
  - WBRT + SRS
- WBRT  
Only surgical bed

Better survival → more attention to side effects of the treatments



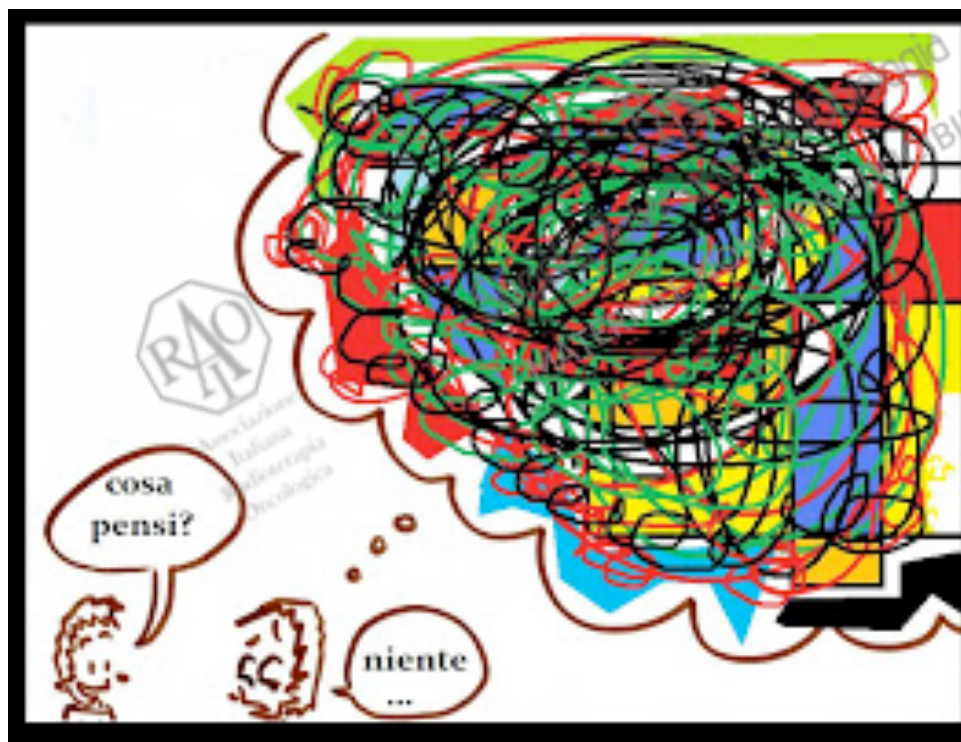
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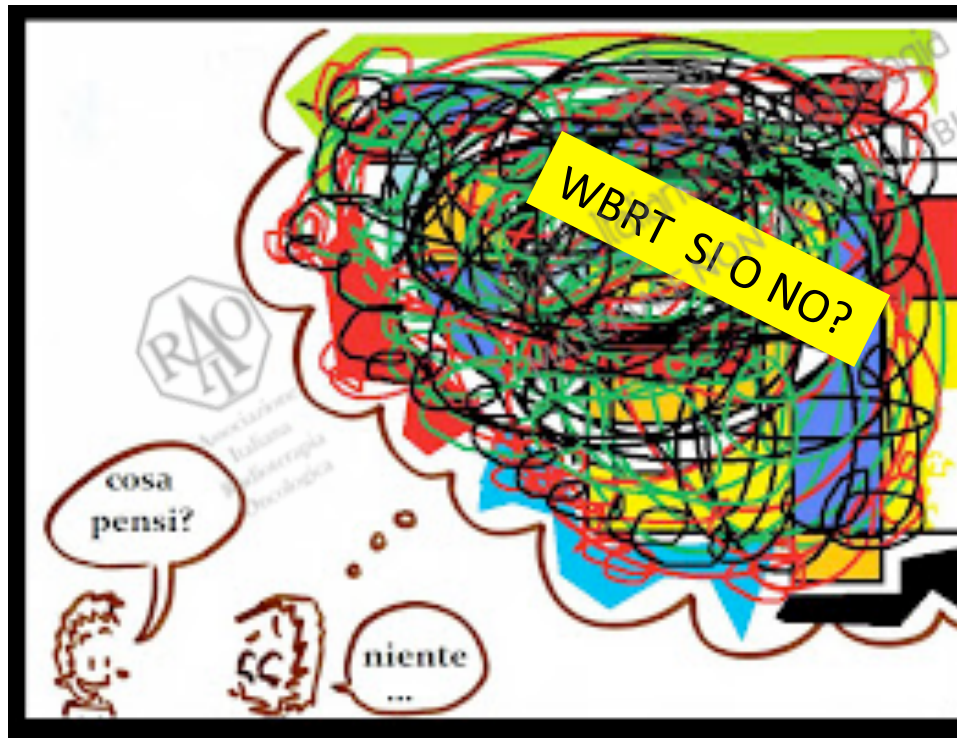
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## Radiotherapy --> solid results

2006 – 2011: SRS ± WBRT

3 TRC showed, in patients with  $\leq 4$  BM:

- no OS reduction without WBRT
- optimal local control with SRS, better with SRS + WBRT
- higher brain relapse in SRS group (even if also 25% of pts in WBRT had brain progression)
- worse neurocognitive outcome with WBRT

## Radiotherapy --> solid results

|                                            | <b>JROSG 2006*</b><br><b>132 pt, SRS ± WBRT</b><br><b>1-4 BM</b>                                       | <b>MDACC 2009**</b><br><b>58 pz, SRS ± WBRT</b><br><b>1-3 BM</b>     | <b>EORTC 22952-26001</b><br><b>2011***</b><br><b>199 pz, SRS ± WBRT 1-3 BM</b>                       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dose</b>                                | ≤ 2 cm → 22-25 Gy<br>> 2 cm → 18-20 Gy                                                                 | ≤ 2 cm → 22-25 Gy<br>> 2 cm → 18-20 Gy                               | Single ≤ 3.5 cm → 25 Gy<br>Multiple ≤ 2.5 cm → 25 Gy                                                 |
| <b>Local control</b><br>(SRS +WBRT vs SRS) | 12 m Brain<br>Recurrence: 46.8% vs 76.4% (p <0.001); 12 mm distant brain rec: 41.5% vs 63.7% (p<0.003) | 1 year distant brain control: 73% vs 45% (p .02)                     | Local control (2 years) 33 vs 48% (p 0.023)<br>Distant brain control a 2 anno: 28 vs 44% (p .<0.002) |
| <b>Median overall survival</b>             | OS (SRS+WBRT vs SRS): 7.5m vs 8.0 m (ns)                                                               | OS (SRS+WBRT vs SRS): 5.7 m vs 15.2 m (p .003)                       | Neurologic death (SRS +WBRT vs SRS): 10.7 m vs 10.9 m (ns)                                           |
| <b>Toxicity</b><br>(SRS +WBRT vs SRS)      | Neuro cognitive worsening at 12 m: 28% vs 30% (ns)                                                     | 4 m neurocognitive worsening: 52% vs 24% (statistically significant) | No neurocognitive assessment                                                                         |

\*Aoyama H et al Jama 2006; 265 (21), 2483; IJROBP 2007; 68, 1388;

\*\*EE Chang et al Lancet Oncol 2009; 10: 1037

\*\*\* Kocher M et al JCO 2011; 29(2): 134



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### Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question

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#### Don't routinely add adjuvant whole brain radiation therapy to stereotactic radiosurgery for limited brain metastases.

- Primary analyses of randomized studies have demonstrated no overall survival benefit from the addition of adjuvant whole brain radiation therapy (WBRT) to stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) in the management of selected patients with good performance status and brain metastases from solid tumors.
- The addition of WBRT to SRS is associated with diminished cognitive function and worse patient-reported fatigue and quality of life. These results are consistent with the worsened self-reported cognitive function and diminished verbal skills observed in randomized studies of prophylactic cranial irradiation for small cell or non-small-cell lung cancer.
- Patients treated with radiosurgery for brain metastases can develop metastases elsewhere in the brain. Careful surveillance and the judicious use of salvage therapy at the time of brain relapse allow appropriate patients to enjoy the highest quality of life without a detriment in overall survival. Patients should discuss these options with their radiation oncologist.



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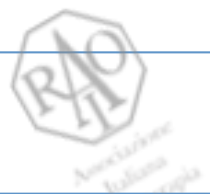
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Is the game over? → probably not

RTOG 95-08 PHASE III; 331 patients WBRT ± SRS  
WBRT could improve OS in patients with good prognostic factors (RPA class 2) or NSCLC; and in patients with RPA 3.5-4 and NSCLC (Andrews DW et al lancet 2004, 363: 1665; Sperduto PW et al IJROBP 2014, 90:526)

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**Modern techniques consent us to perform WBRT with  
hippocampal sparing  
Ongoing NRG-CC001 WB ± HS**

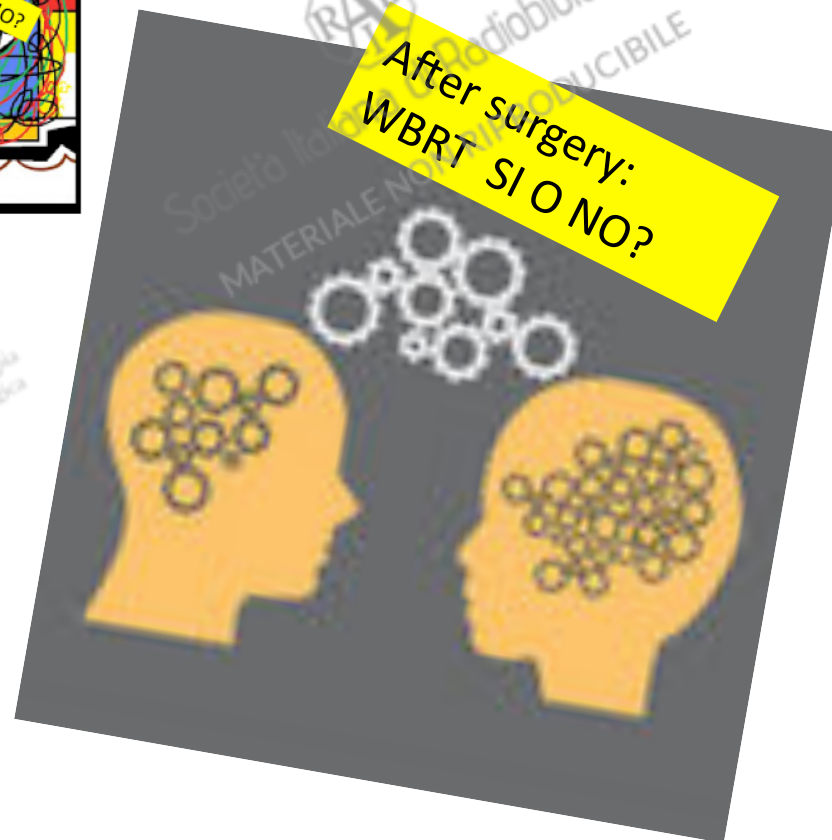
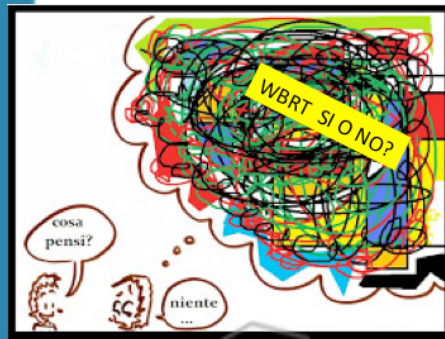
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- Which dose?
- The future



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### Post surgery → WBRT

Data from the literature confirm the utility of WBRT after surgery

- WBRT 1,8 Gy Fr → 50,4 Gy
- Local and distant intracranial control
- Freedom from neurologic death;
- Failure on the tumor bed (46 vs 10%  $p < 0.001$ ) Patchell RA et al JAMA 1998; 280(17): 1485

### EORTC 22952-26001

- WBRT 30 Gy in 10 fr
- Reduced local relapse (59 vs 27%  $p < 0.001$ )
- Reduced distant intracranial mets (42 vs 23  $p = 0,008$ )
- No difference in OS Kocher M et al JCO 2011; 29(2): 134



## Radiotherapy --> solid results

Post surgery → from WBRT to SRS and FSRT

Speedest evolution towards SRS

- Post-operative SRS is now commonly administered as an alternative to post-operative WBRT
- Obj → reduce the very high risk of recurrence in the operative bed.
- No randomized trials; the approach is supported by the evidence of higher recurrence rate in the surgical site
- The omission of WBRT produces pattern of relapse similar to those showed in the SRS alone trials and no detrimental OS
- Better neuro-cognition



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Post surgery → from WBRT to SRS and FSRT

Quicker evolution toward SRS (FSRT?)

- Mostly retrospective trials (8; 2010-2016)
- N° of patients: range 39-165
- Dose: between 16 and 18 Gy; 27-30 in 3 fr Gy
- CTV: surgical cavity; PTV: CTV + 2mm
- Median OS: 10,9-24 months (better in FSRT)
- Local recurrence: 7-19% (better in FSRT)
- Distant failure: 33-64%

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Yes → LOCAL TREATMENT



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### \* RTOG 90-05

Obj: to search the MTD in patients with BM already treated with WB

$\leq 2$  cm  $\rightarrow$  18 Gy  
21 - 30 mm  $\rightarrow$  15 Gy  
31 - 40 mm  $\rightarrow$  12 Gy



### MTD

24 Gy  $\rightarrow$   $\leq 2$  cm  
18 Gy  $\rightarrow$  21-30 mm  
15 Gy  $\rightarrow$  31-40 mm

## SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

2014 Japan → is there a limit in terms of mets number?

Observational prospective study; 1200 pz (1/6 con 5-10 BM) → unico vincolo: no BM > 3 cm

- comparison: 2-4 BM vs 5-10 BM
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- no difference → OS (0.9 month; ns), neurological death, brain disease progression (66% vs 72%), WBRT; MMSE outcome
- Higher lepto-meningeal spread R in the 5-10 BM group

Yamamoto M et al, J neurosurg, 2013; 118: 1258

- comparison: 2-9 BM vs >10 BM
- ".....carefully selected patients with 10 or more tumors are not unfavourable candidates for SRS alone....."

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How the better treatment has to be to chosen?

- disease characteristics?
- histology?
- prognosis?
- toxicity?
- others?



## SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

|                      | FSRT (2000-2009)<br>n° 448                                | SRS (1994-2005)<br>n° 2157                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| dose                 | 24-40 Gy in 3-5 fr                                        | 10-25 Gy                                                 |
| margin               | 2-10 mm                                                   | no margin                                                |
| median GTV           | 0,52–4,47cm <sup>3</sup><br>(median 2,8 cm <sup>3</sup> ) | 1,3 to 5,5cm <sup>3</sup><br>(median 2 cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
| median survival      | 5–16 months<br>(median 8,7 m)                             | 5,5 to 22 months<br>(median 11 months)                   |
| 1-year survival rate | 68,2–93% (median 82,5%)                                   | 71 to 95% (median 85%)                                   |
| necrosis             | 3,1%                                                      | 0,5 to 6% (median 2,4%)                                  |
| +WBRT rates          | 30%                                                       | 58%                                                      |



## SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

GTV > 500 mm<sup>3</sup> and ≤ 4200 mm<sup>3</sup> (Ø 20mm) → **both**

GTV < 500 mm<sup>3</sup> (Ø 10 mm) → **SRS**.

GTV > 4200 mm<sup>3</sup> (Ø 20 mm) → **FSRT** 4 to 6 Gy fractions in 10–12 days (margin of 2 mm)



## SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

- **Retrospective** analysis 214 pts; SRS vs FSRT in **radio-resistant vs radiosensitive** tumours
- The decision was guided by GTV dimension, adjacent critical structures (brainstem, optic chiasm)
- **Median peripheral dose 20 Gy**
- Statistical analysis: Radiosensitive vs radio-resistant



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- Median peripheral dose 20 Gy
- Statistical analysis: Radiosensitive vs radio-resistant
- Equivalent rates of local control
- TTLF p=0.46
- The analysis within the SRS and FSRT groups → worse local control in pts with radio-resistant t. in the FSRT group (14.4 vs 41.5 months) --> maintained at multivariate analysis
- No different toxicities



## SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

- **Retrospective analysis** 98 pts; FSRT 36 Gy in 6 fr (large lesions and near OAR) vs SRS 20 Gy
- Median follow-up 7 months
- 1 y Local PFS: 69% vs 71% ( $p=0.31$ )
- FSRT not inferior to SRS
- Higher tox in SRS group (5% vs 17% -->  $p=0.05$ )



# SRS or FSRT ?--> from radiobiology to clinic

| Treatment                    | Patients (n) | Median survival (months) by RPA class                                             |                                                                             |                       |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                              |              | Class 1<br>(Primary controlled, age <65, no<br>extracranial metastases, KPS ≥ 70) | Class 2<br>(primary uncontrolled OR age<br>≥65, OR extracranial metastases) | Class 3<br>(KPS < 70) |
| WBRT (RTOG phase III trials) | 1176         | 7.1                                                                               | 4.2                                                                         | 2.3                   |

(b)

| Score             | 0       | 0.5   | 1      | Sum GPA score | RTOG MS | WBRT and/or SRS MS** |
|-------------------|---------|-------|--------|---------------|---------|----------------------|
| Age               | >60     | 50–59 | <50    | 3.5–4         | 11.0    | 21.7                 |
| KPS               | <70     | 70–80 | 90–100 | 3             | 6.9     | 17.5                 |
| Number brain mets | >3      | 2–3   | 1      | 1.5–2.5       | 3.8     | 5.9                  |
| ExtraCNS mets     | Present | —     | None   | 0–1           | 2.6     | 3.0                  |

MS = median survival (months).

(c)

| Primary                    | Median survival<br>(Months) | 95% CI     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Non-small-cell lung cancer | 7.00                        | 6.53–7.50  |
| Small cell lung cancer     | 4.90                        | 4.30–6.20  |
| Melanoma                   | 6.74                        | 5.90–7.57  |
| Renal cell carcinoma       | 9.63                        | 7.66–10.91 |
| Breast cancer              | 11.93                       | 9.69–12.85 |
| Gastrointestinal cancer    | 5.36                        | 4.30–6.30  |
| Unknown                    | 6.37                        | 5.22–7.49  |

The role of prognostic factors

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## The accuracy of predicting survival in individual patients with cancer.

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**METHODS:** The authors prospectively estimated survival in 150 consecutive cancer patients (median age 62 years) with brain metastases undergoing radiosurgery. They recorded cancer type, number of brain metastases, neurological presentation, extracranial disease status, Karnofsky Performance Scale score, Recursive Partitioning Analysis class, prior whole-brain radiotherapy, and synchronous or metachronous presentation. Finally, the authors asked 18 medical, radiation, or surgical oncologists to predict survival from the time of treatment.

**RESULTS:** The actual median patient survival was 10.3 months (95% CI 6.4-14). The median physician-predicted survival was 9.7 months (neurosurgeons = 11.8 months, radiation oncologists = 11.0 months, and medical oncologist = 7.2 months). For patients who died before 10 months, both neurosurgeons and radiation oncologists generally predicted survivals that were more optimistic and medical oncologists that were less so, although no group could accurately predict survivors alive at 14 months. All physicians had individual patient survival predictions that were incorrect by as much as 12-18 months, and 14 of 18 physicians had individual predictions that were in error by more than 18 months. Of the 2700 predictions 1226 (45%) were off by more than 6 months and 488 (18%) were off by more than 12 months.

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|                                | Dana Farber 2014<br>n°70                                    | Couper univ;<br>New Jersey<br>2009<br>n°27 (52 BM) | Hannover 2012<br>n° 75 (108 BM)                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dose</b>                    | 5 x 5 Gy; 7 x 3 Gy                                          | 20-36 Gy in<br>4-6 Fr                              | 6 -7x5 Gy, 5x6 Gy,<br>7-10x4 Gy, 5-6x5 Gy                         |
| <b>Local control</b>           | 68% (6m); 54%(1y)                                           | 93.9% (6m);<br>68.2% (1<br>year)                   | EQD2 35 Gy: (if<br>EQD2>35 Gy 14.9 m<br>vs 3.4 m if EQD2<35<br>Gy |
| <b>Median overall survival</b> | 10.7 months                                                 | 10.8 months                                        | 9.1 months related<br>to GTV, BED >39Gy,<br>extracranial disease  |
| <b>Toxicity</b>                | G1-2 acute tox in 11 pt (16%)<br>3 RMN alterations no sympt | 1 pts had G3<br>toxicity                           | Higher acute tox if<br>EQD2>35 (31% vs 8%<br>p=0,026)             |



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## Stereotactic radiosurgery and hypofractionated stereotactic radiotherapy: Normal tissue dose constraints of the central nervous system

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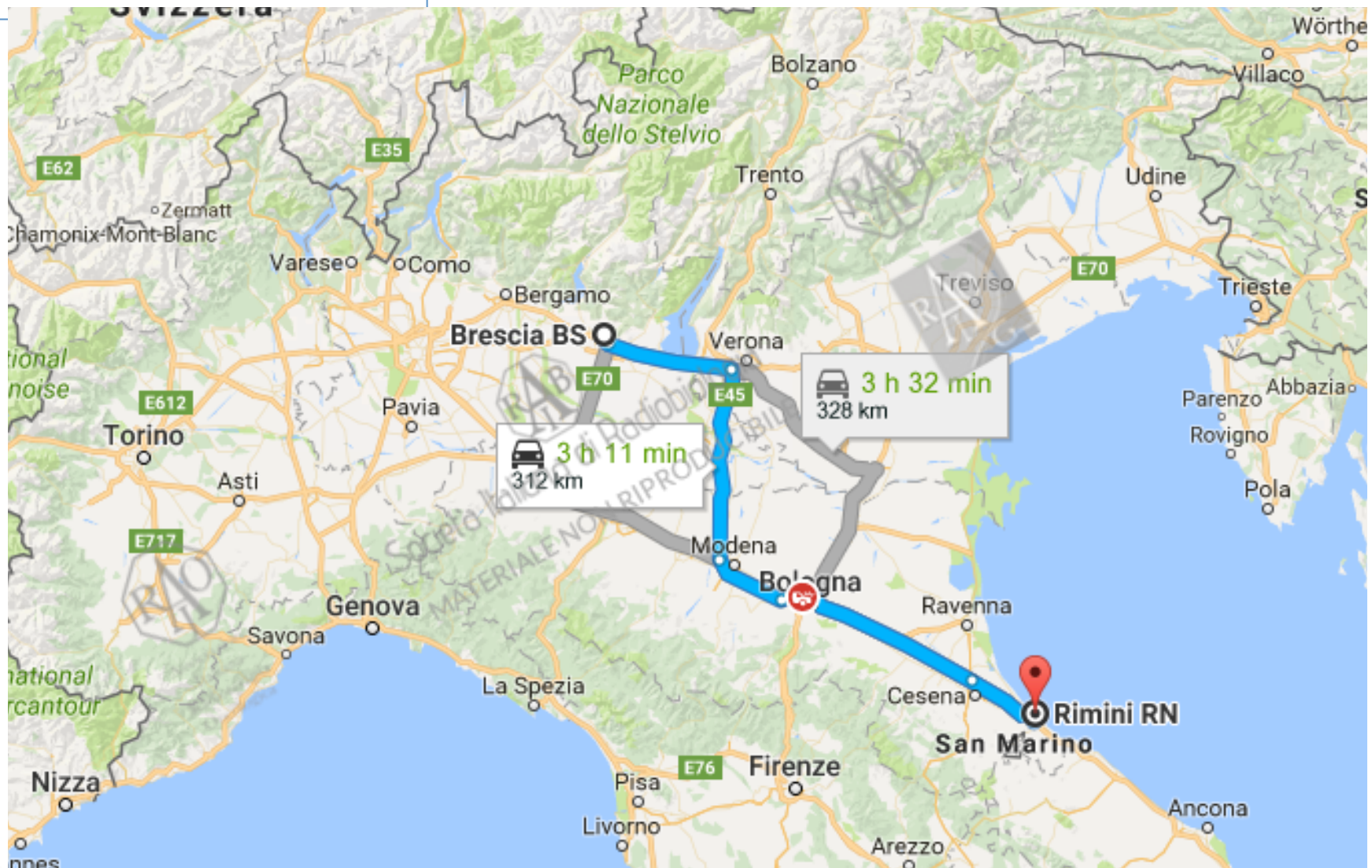
**Table 2**

Summary of central nervous system dose expected to yield acceptable toxicity outcomes after single fraction SRS.

| Structure                     | Outcome                                                                   | Constraint                                                  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brain parenchyma <sup>a</sup> | Necrosis                                                                  | Tissue V12 <5–10 ml<br>Tissue V10 <10 ml                    |
| Brainstem                     | Necrosis or neurologic deficits                                           | <10–12 Gy maximum                                           |
| Optic nerve/optic chiasm      | Vision loss, anopsia, decreased visual acuity                             | <10–12 Gy maximum                                           |
| Carotid artery                | Occlusion                                                                 | <20–23 Gy maximum                                           |
| Acoustic neuroma              | Symptomatic cranial nerve V and/or VII neuropathy<br>Hearing preservation | <12–13 Gy at tumor margin<br><12–13 Gy at tumor margin      |
| Modiolus of cochlea           | Hearing preservation                                                      | <4–5 Gy maximum                                             |
| Cochlea                       | Hearing preservation                                                      | <6 Gy maximum                                               |
| Spinal cord (RTOG 06-31)      | Symptomatic myelopathy                                                    | 0.35 ml <10 Gy <sup>b</sup><br>0.035 ml <14 Gy <sup>b</sup> |
| Cauda equina (RTOG 06-31)     | Symptomatic neuritis                                                      | <16 Gy maximum <sup>b</sup><br>5 ml <14 Gy <sup>b</sup>     |
| Spinal cord (conservative)    | Symptomatic myelopathy                                                    | <8–10 Gy maximum                                            |
| Thecal sac (conservative)     | Symptomatic myelopathy                                                    | <10–14 Gy maximum                                           |

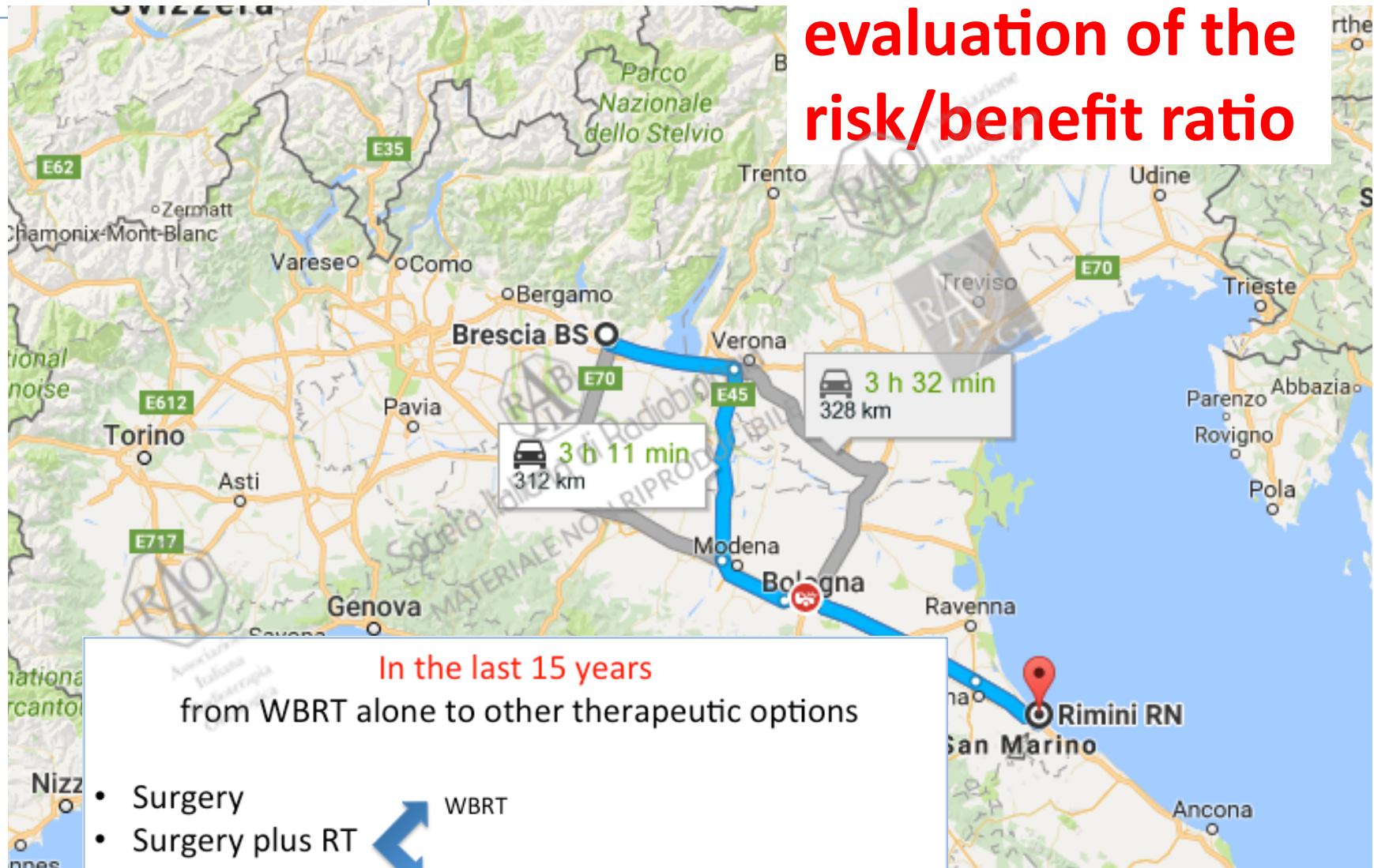


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In the last 15 years  
from WBRT alone to other therapeutic options

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  - Surgery plus RT
  - SRS
  - FSRT
  - WBRT + SRS
- WBRT  
Only surgical bed



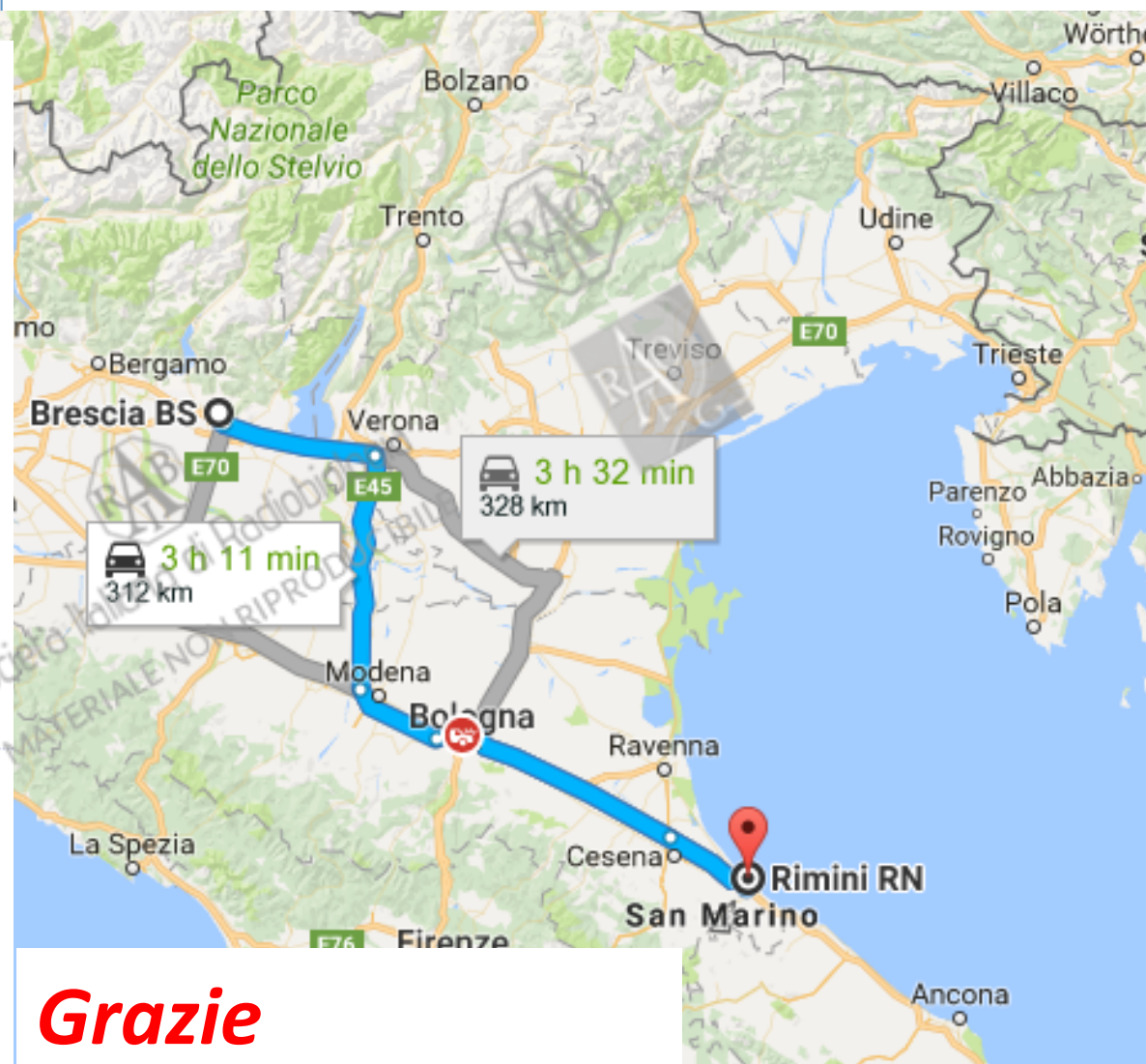
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