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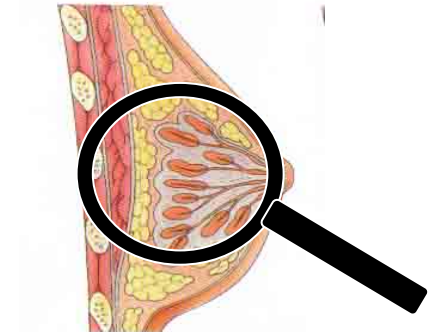


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GRANDANGOLO IN RADIOTERAPIA



ca prostata
ca mammella



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Radioterapia

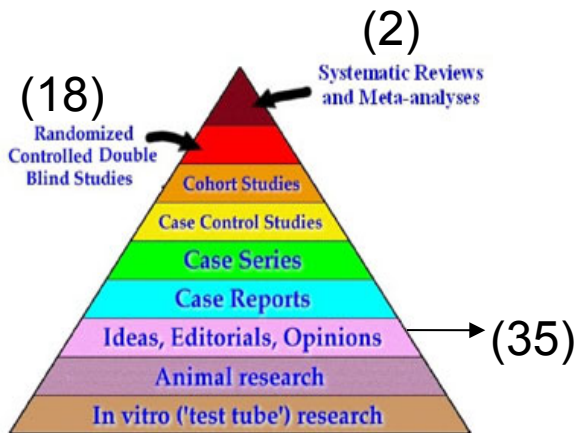
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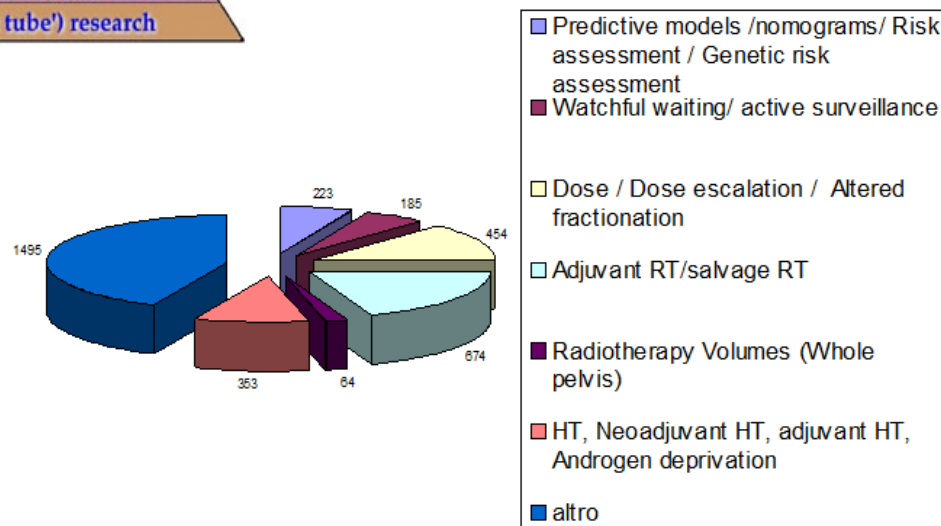


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HOT TOPIC



- Predictive models /nomograms/ Risk assessment / Genetic risk assessment
- Watchful waiting/ active surveillance
- Dose / Dose escalation / Altered fractionation
- Adjuvant RT/salvage RT
- Radiotherapy Volumes (Whole pelvis)
- HT, Neoadjuvant HT, adjuvant HT, Androgen deprivation
- altro

**MODULARE IL
TRATTAMENTO SUL
SINGOLO PAZIENTE**

EVITARE OVERTREATMENT

BIG QUESTIONS

RT linfonodi?

RT post op?

OT?



IDENTIFICAZIONE DEI GRUPPI A RISCHIO

SVILUPPO MODELLI PREDITTIVI SUL SINGOLO PAZIENTE/
NOMOGRAMMI (67 nel 2011)
(scelta trattamento, outcome, tossicità)

SORVEGLIANZA ATTIVA (ca insignificante)

RT COMPETITIVA A CHIRURGIA



BIG QUESTIONS

Irradiare
o non irradiare
i linfonodi pelvici?

IRRADIARE o NON IRRADIARE I LINFONODI?

NCCN

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NCCN Guidelines™ Version 4.2011
Prostate Cancer

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PRINCIPLES OF RADIATION THERAPY

External Beam Radiotherapy:

- 3D conformal and IMRT (intensity modulated radiation therapy) techniques should be employed. Image guided radiation therapy (IGRT) is required if dose \geq 78 Gy.
- Doses of 75.6-79 Gy in conventional 36-41 fractions to the prostate (\pm seminal vesicles for part of the therapy) are appropriate for patients with low-risk cancers. For patients with intermediate- or high-risk disease, doses between 78-80+ Gy provide improved PSA-assessed disease control.
- Patients with high-risk cancers are candidates for pelvic lymph node irradiation and the addition of neoadjuvant/concomitant/adjuvant ADT for a total of 2-3 y (category 1).
- Patients with intermediate risk cancer may be considered for pelvic lymph node irradiation and 4-6 mo-neoadjuvant/concomitant/adjuvant ADT.
- Patients with low risk cancer should not receive pelvic lymph node irradiation or ADT.
- The accuracy of treatment should be improved by attention to daily prostate localization, with techniques such as IGRT using CT, ultrasound implanted fiducials, electromagnetic targeting/tracking, or an endorectal balloon to improve oncologic cure rates and reduce side effects.
- Evidence supports offering adjuvant/salvage RT in all men with adverse pathologic features or detectable PSA and no evidence of disseminated disease.



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Guidelines

there is no general indication for irradiation to the pelvic lymph nodes.

RTOG 0924

For Patients with Prostate Cancer at Moderate to High Risk for Recurrence

RTOG 0924 is Now Available Through the CTSU

Androgen Deprivation Therapy and High Dose Radiotherapy with or without Whole-Pelvic Radiotherapy in Unfavorable Intermediate or Favorable High Risk Prostate Cancer: A Phase III Randomized Trial

Solo PV vs WP+PV

Treatment Schema

S T R A T I F Y	1. Risk Group: “Favorable” High or “Unfavorable” Intermediate Risk: 1. GS=7-10 and T1c-T2b and PSA < 50 ng/ml or 2. GS=6, T2c-T4 or > 50% biopsies + & PSA <50 or 3. GS=6, PSA > 20 ng/ml and T1c-T2b
	2. Type of RT Boost: IMRT vs Brachytherapy (HDR + PPI)
	3. Duration of Androgen Deprivation Therapy Short Term vs Long Term ADT

100 Gy LDR PPI with Pd-103
110 Gy LDR PPI with I-125
15 Gy HDR in one fraction

Arm 1

Radiation Therapy
Phase 1 (Prostate and Seminal Vesicles)
3D-CRT or IMRT - 25 treatments x 1.8 Gy = 45 Gy

Plus

Phase 2 (Prostate and Proximal Seminal Vesicles)
IMRT - 19 treatments x 1.8 Gy = 34.2 Gy
or
brachytherapy implant
see sections 6.8 and 6.9 for prescription details

and

Hormone Therapy
6 months or 32 months

Arm 2

Radiation Therapy
Phase 1 (Whole Pelvis and Seminal Vesicles)
3D-CRT or IMRT - 25 treatments x 1.8 Gy = 45 Gy

Plus

Phase 2 (Prostate and Proximal Seminal Vesicles)
IMRT - 19 treatments x 1.8 Gy = 34.2 Gy
or
brachytherapy implant
see sections 6.8 and 6.9 for prescription details

and

Hormone Therapy
6 months or 32 months

RTOG 0534

For Patients with a Rising PSA after Radical Prostatectomy

RTOG 0534 is Now Available Through the CTSU
 A Phase III Trials of Short Term Androgen Deprivation with Pelvic Lymph Node or Prostate Bed Only Radiotherapy (SPORT) in Prostate Cancer Patients with a Rising PSA After Radical Prostatectomy

RT salvataggio Letto Prostata vs WP+ Letto Prostata

	SV Involvement		
	1. No		
S	2. Yes	R	Arm 1: PBRT Alone
T		A	PBRT 64.8-70.2 Gy
R	Prostatectomy Gleason Score	N	
A	1. Gleason ≤ 7	D	
T	2. Gleason 8-9	O	Arm 2: PBRT + NC-STAD
I		M	PBRT 64.8-70.2 Gy + NC-STAD for 4-6 months,
F	Pre-Radiotherapy PSA	I	beginning 2 months before RT
Y	1. PSA ≥ 0.1 and ≤ 1.0 ng/mL	Z	
	2. PSA > 1.0 and < 2.0 ng/mL	E	
			Arm 3: PLNRT + PBRT + NC-STAD
	Pathology Stage		PLNRT to 45 Gy and PBRT to 64.8-70.2 Gy,
	1. pT2 and margin negative		NC-STAD for 4-6 months,
	2. All others		beginning 2 months before RT

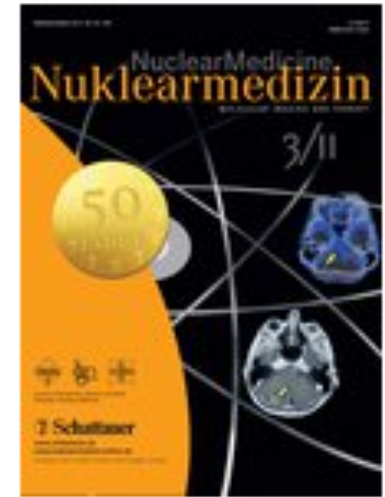
SV = seminal vesicle; RT = radiotherapy; PBRT = prostate bed RT; PLNRT = pelvic lymph node RT; NC-STAD = neoadjuvant and concurrent short term androgen deprivation

Sentinel node mapping in the prostate cancer

Meta-analysis

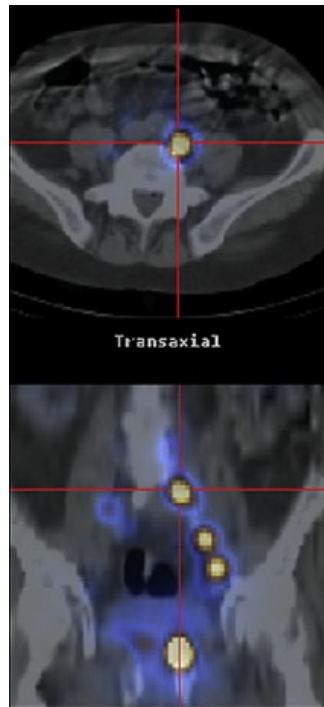
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Sentinel Node biopsy can prevent unnecessary pelvic lymph node dissection in prostate cancer patients.

This procedure is feasible
with low false negative rate
and
high detection rate.



CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Prostate

DISTRIBUTION OF PROSTATE SENTINEL NODES: A SPECT-DERIVED ANATOMIC ATLAS

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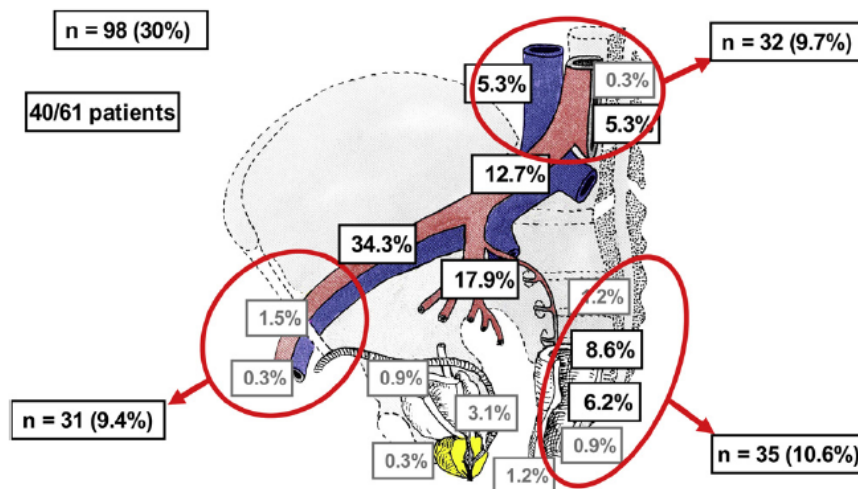
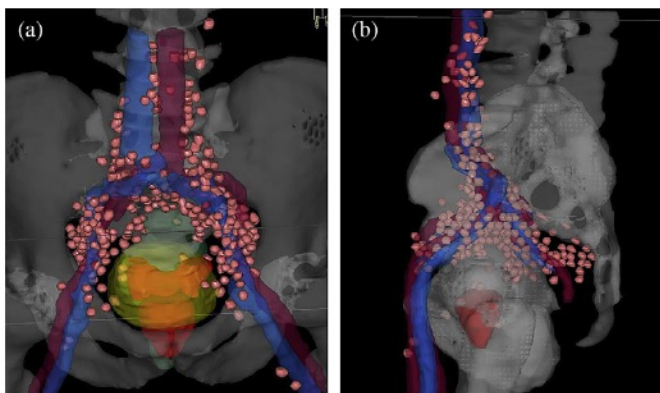


Fig. 3. Areas and anatomic distributions of sentinel lymph nodes with a potential “geographic miss.” A geographic miss was observed in 98/324 (30%) sentinel lymph nodes in 40/61 patients (65.6%); for details see Table 3.

Fig. 2. Cumulative sentinel lymph node distribution (virtual dataset) in 61 patients. A, View from ventral above. B, View from the left side. C, View bottom-up, supine position. Sentinel nodes = pink, prostate = red, bladder = yellow, rectum = green, vessels = blue/red).

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Prostate

A NEW FORMULA FOR PROSTATE CANCER LYMPH NODE RISK

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$$\%LN \text{ risk} = [GS - 5] \times [PSA/3 + 1.5 T]$$

T = 0 (cT1c), 1 (cT2a), and 2 (cT2b/cT2c)

Extent of Pelvic Lymph Node Dissection and the Impact of Standard Template Dissection on Nomogram Prediction of Lymph Node Involvement

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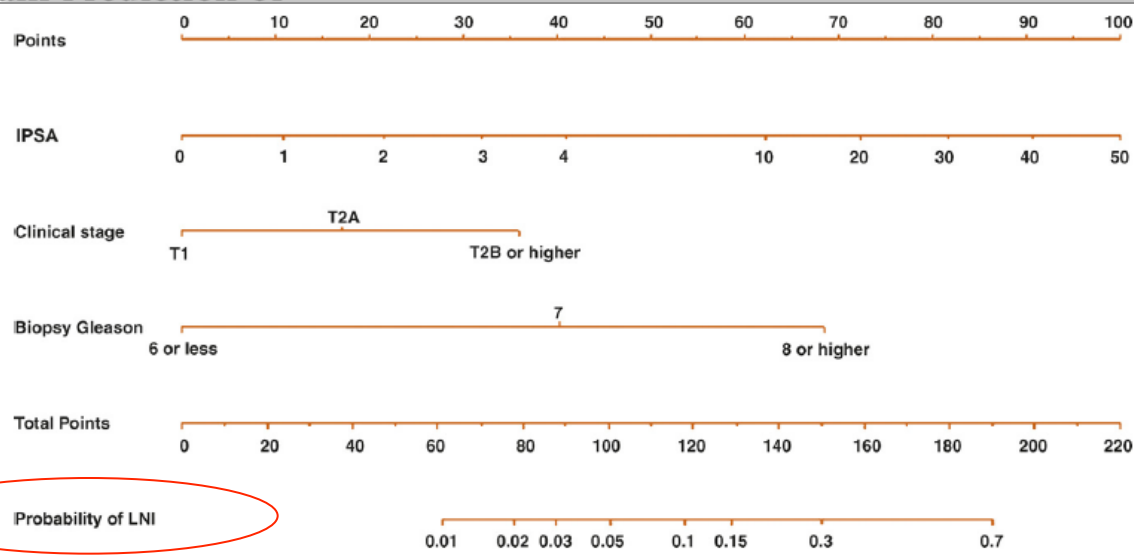


Fig. 1 - Nomogram for prediction of positive lymph nodes among patients who underwent a standard pelvic lymph node dissection. Instructions: Locate the patient's pretreatment prostate-specific antigen (PSA) on the initial PSA (IPSA) axis. Draw a line straight upward to the point's axis to determine how many points toward the probability for each of the predictors. Locate the lymph nodes. LNI = lymph node involvement.



BIG QUESTIONS

RT ADIUVANTE
O
DI SALVATAGGIO

RT ADIUVANTE O DI SALVATAGGIO?

Chi?

pT3
Marg+

PSA ?

the PSA assays used were not sensitive enough;

TRIAL TIME PERIOD : PSA Treashold of detection \geq **0.2 ng/mL**

NOW: (ultrasensitive PSA assays) able to detect levels \geq **0.01 ng/mL**

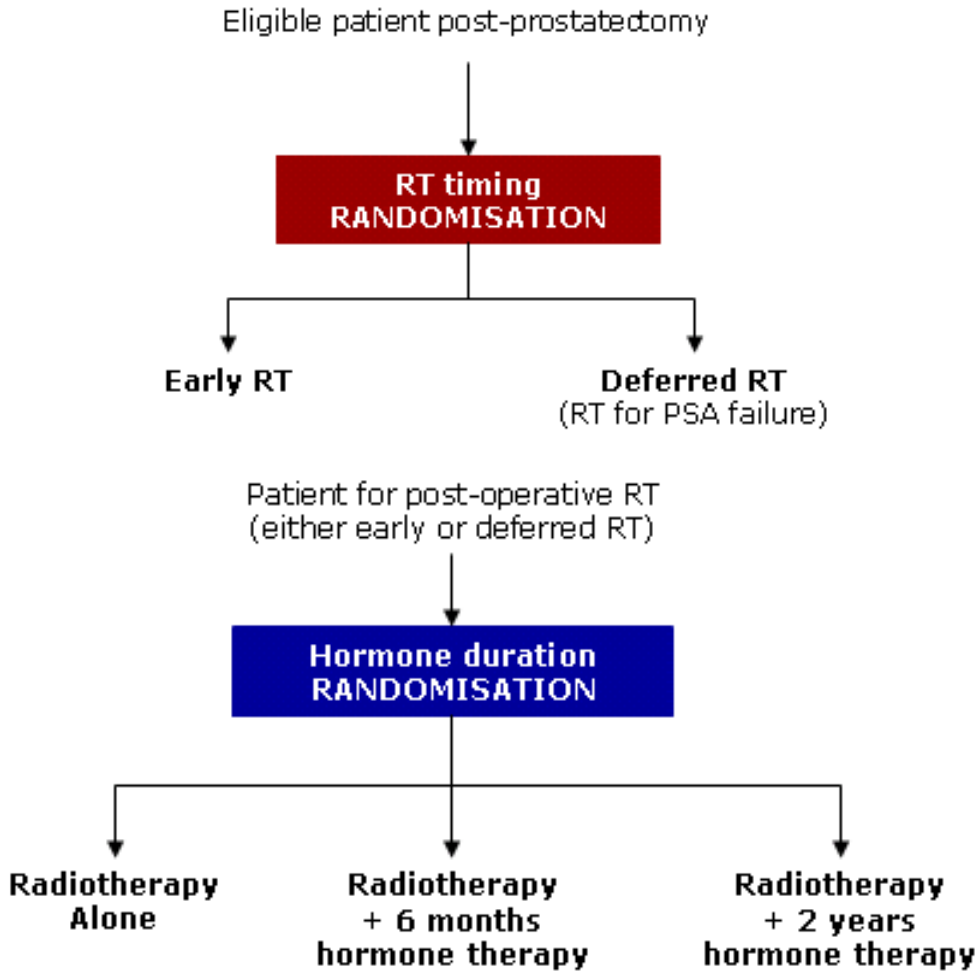
Table 1
 Comparison of

Trial	Time period	PSA	Value
EORTC 229	1992-2001	9% PSA >0.2	< 0.0001
SWOG 8794 ⁶⁵	1988-1997	35% PSA >0.2	< 0.0001
ARO96-02/AUO AP 09/95 ²⁰	1997 -2004	20% PSA >0.05-0.1 59% PSA >0.03-0.1	.001 =.0015

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RADICALS

- UK, [Canada](#), Denmark and the Republic of Ireland
- phase III randomised controlled trial
- 3000 men to who have had surgery for prostate cancer:



Inclusion:

PSA postop ≤ 0.2
4-22 settimane dopo chir

pT3-4

e/o

Gleson 7-10

e/o

PSA preop ≥ 10

e/o

Marg +



Summary for Radiation Therapists TROG 08.03 RAVES Trial

A phase III multi-centre randomised trial comparing adjuvant radiotherapy (RT) with early salvage RT at biochemical recurrence in patients with positive margin and/or stage pT3 disease following radical prostatectomy

Trial Design

Eligible patients are randomised to:

Arm 1 – (Standard)

Adjuvant RT to start within 4 months of RP.

Arm 2 – (Experimental arm)

Active surveillance with early salvage RT at biochemical relapse (PSA = 0.2 – 0.4 ng/ml and rising).



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Can early implementation of salvage radiotherapy for prostate cancer improve the therapeutic ratio? A systematic review and regression meta-analysis with radiobiological modelling

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Twenty-five articles

Studies with

- at least 30 patients,
- median PSA before SRT < 2.0 ng/mL,
- median follow-up of greater than 36 m.

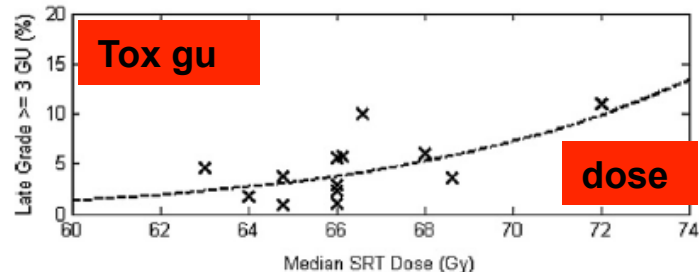
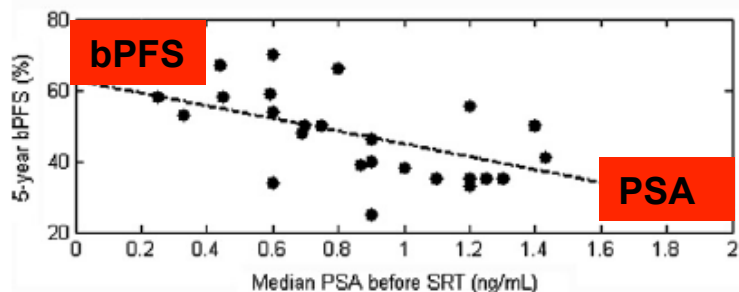
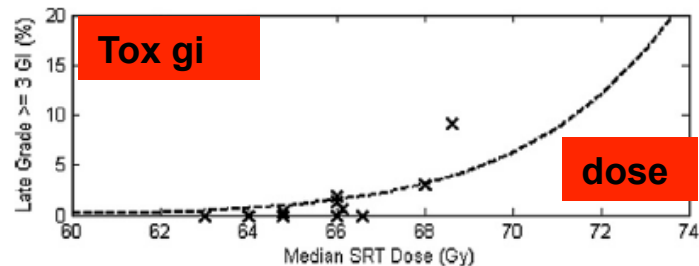
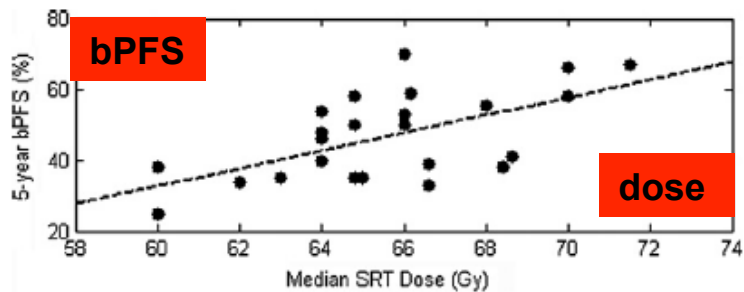


Table 3 – Multivariate analysis results. In each case, forwards stepwise multilinear regression was used to arrive at the final model.

	Coefficient [95% CI]		
	5-year bPFS	Grade \geq 3 late GI toxicity	Grade \geq 3 late GU toxicity
Time to SRT	–	–	0.2% per month [0.0–0.4]
Median SRT dose	2.5% per Gy [1.5–3.6]	1.2% per Gy [0.3 to 2.1]	0.7% per Gy [0.1–1.4]
Median PSA before SRT	-18.3% per ng/mL [-26.3 to -10.4] $p < 0.001$	– $P = 0.012$	– $p = 0.010$

Abbreviations: bPFS = biochemical progression-free survival, SRT = salvage radiotherapy, GI = gastrointestinal/Bowel, GU = genitourinary/Bladder.

+ 1 Gy

→ + 2.5%

bPFS 5y

+ 1 ng/ml PSA pre SRT → - 18.3%

bPFS 5y

RT ADIUVANTE O DI SALVATAGGIO?

Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 80, No. 1, pp. 1–3, 2011

EDITORIAL

ADJUVANT RADIOTHERAPY AFTER PROSTATECTOMY: DOES WAITING FOR A DETECTABLE PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN LEVEL MAKE SENSE?

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within a narrow “window of opportunity,”
(postoperative PSA level within the range of 0.05–0.1
ng/mL)

successful postoperative RT will be equally
accomplished whether PSA is undetectable or whether it
is barely detectable.

BIG QUESTIONS

OT ?



ORMONOTERAPIA NEOADIUVANTE

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LOW –
INTERM RISK

RTOG 9408



The NEW ENGLAND
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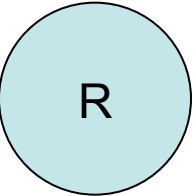
Radiotherapy and Short-Term
Localized Prostate Cancer

Christopher U. Jones, M.D., F.R.C.R.

M.D., Deborah W. P. ...

Souhami ...

RT + NADT VANTAGGIOSA PER
CLASSE RISCHIO INTERMEDIO



RT (66/2)

RT (66/2)+ plus short-term ADT (4m)
4 months before and during radiotherapy

According to post hoc risk analysis, the benefit was mainly seen in intermediate-risk, but not low-risk, men.

ORMONOTERAPIA NEOADIUVANTE

Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 81, No. 1, pp. 35–45, 2011

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Prostate

A RANDOMIZED TRIAL (IRISH CLINICAL ONCOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP 97-01)
 COMPARING SHORT VERSUS PROTRACTED NEOADJUVANT HORMONAL
 THERAPY BEFORE RADIOTHERAPY FOR LOCALIZED PROSTATE

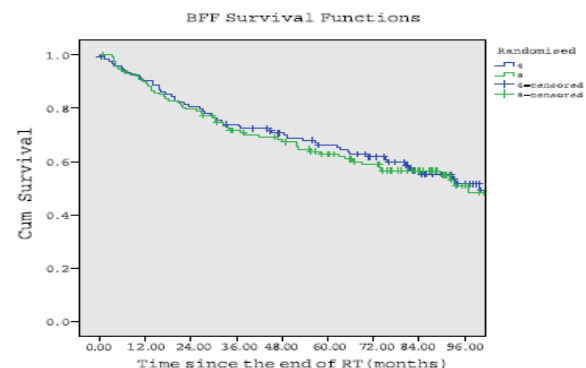
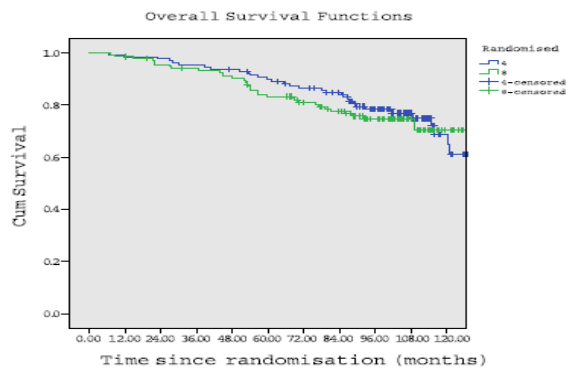
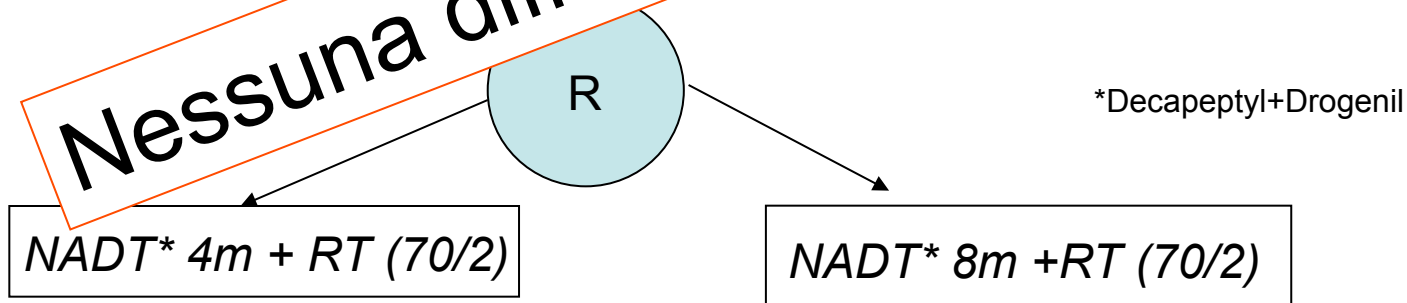
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**NADT
HIGH RISK**

1997 - 2001, 276 patients, GS ≥ 7 and T3-4

Nessuna differenza tra 4 ed 8 mesi



ORMONOTERAPIA NEOADIUVANTE

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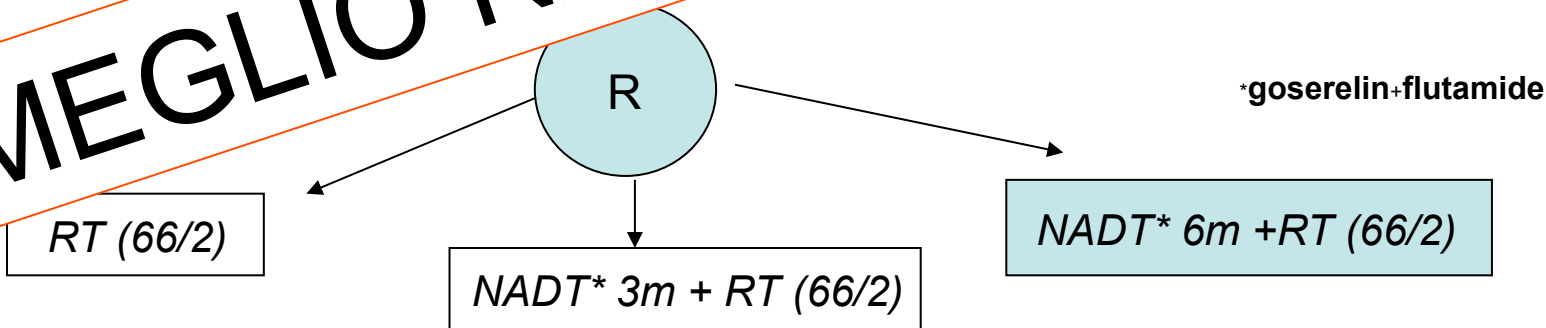
Short-term neoadjuvant androgen deprivation and radiotherapy for locally advanced prostate cancer: 10-year data from the TROG 96.01

James W Denham, Allison Steigler, David P Dearnaley, Nigel A Spry, Keen-Hun Teo, Peter J Hoskin, Chris Atkinson, John North, David Christie, Australia

Jun 1996, T2c, T3, and T4 N0 M0

NADT
HIGH RISK

MEGLIO NADT 6 MESI



	10-year cumulative incidence, % (95% CI)			Univariable analysis: pairwise comparisons of cumulative incidence (p-value)		Multivariable models* (HR, 95% CI, p value)†	
	RT alone (N=270)	3 month-NADT (N=265)	6-month NADT (N=267)	3-month NADT vs RT alone	6-month NADT vs RT alone	3-month NADT vs RT alone	6-month NADT vs RT alone
PSA progression‡	73.8% (68.1-78.7)	60.4% (54.2-66.1)	52.8% (46.5-58.7)	0.0009	<0.0001	0.72, 0.57-0.90, 0.003	0.57, 0.46-0.72, <0.0001
Local progression‡	28.2% (22.9-33.7)	15.7% (11.6-20.4)	13.3% (9.5-17.7)	0.0003	<0.0001	0.49, 0.33-0.73, 0.0005	0.45, 0.30-0.66, 0.0001
Distant progression‡ (model 1)§	13.5% (9.7-17.9)	14.5% (10.6-19.1)	9.8% (6.6-13.7)	0.815	0.089	1.03, 0.65-1.61, 0.912	0.66, 0.41-1.09, 0.106
Distant progression‡ (model 2)§	20.6% (16.0-25.6)	18.3% (13.9-23.2)	10.9% (7.5-15.0)	0.497	0.0006	0.89, 0.60-1.31, 0.550	0.49, 0.31-0.76, 0.001
Prostate-cancer-specific mortality‡	22.0% (17.2-27.2)	18.9% (14.4-23.9)	11.4% (7.9-15.6)	0.394	0.0002	0.86, 0.60-1.23, 0.398	0.49, 0.32-0.74, 0.0008
All-cause mortality¶	42.5% (36.7-48.7)	36.7% (31.1-42.9)	29.2% (24.1-35.1)	0.198	0.0005	0.84, 0.65-1.08, 0.180	0.63, 0.48-0.83, 0.0008
Event-free survival¶	12.7% (9.0-17.1)	28.8% (23.4-34.5)	36.0% (30.2-41.8)	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.63, 0.52-0.77, <0.0001	0.51, 0.42-0.61, <0.0001

OT SU RECIDIVA BIOCHIMICA DOPO RT IN ASSENZA DI METASTASI

NCIC CTG TRIAL PR7

A PHASE III RANDOMIZED TRIAL COMPARING INTERMITTENT VERSUS CONTINUOUS ANDROGEN SUPPRESSION FOR PATIENTS WITH PROSTATE-SPECIFIC-ANTIGEN PROGRESSION IN THE CLINICAL ABSENCE OF DISTANT METASTASES FOLLOWING RADIOTHERAPY FOR PROSTATE CANCER

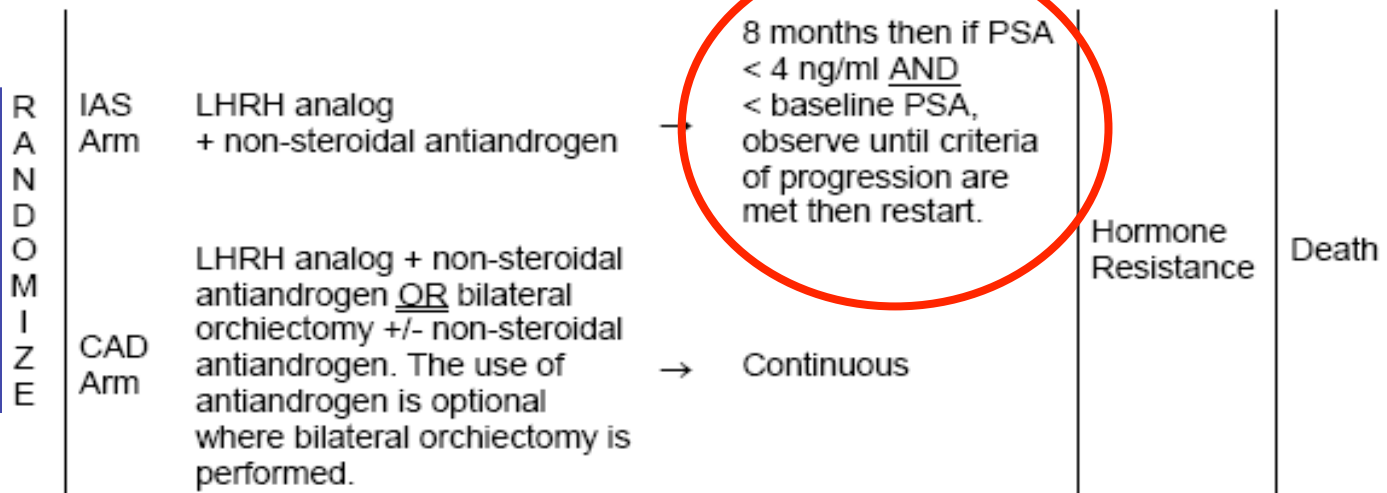
NCIC CTG TRIAL PR.7

A Canadian Led Intergroup Study (JPR.7, The Intercontinental Trial)

Schema

OT INTERMITTENTE

Adenocarcinoma of the prostate following radiotherapy with a rising PSA and absence of distant metastases



Planned Sample Size: 1340 (with intergroup participants)

8 A Phase III Randomized Trial of Intermittent vs. Continuous Androgen Suppression for PSA D... after Radical Therapy (NCIC CTG PR.7/SWOG JPR.7/CTSU JPR.7/UK Intercontinenta... 013)

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Purpose/Objective: To compare the quality of life (QOL) and survival (OS) of men with rising PSA after primary RT or salvage RT post

**NOT INTERMITTENTE
NON INFERIORE A CAD in OS
Migliore QoL**

...gen deprivation therapy (ADT) was compared to continuous ADT (CAD) in a randomized trial. Primary endpoint was OS (HR, 1.02; 95% CI = 0.86 – 1.21; p for non-inferiority [HR IAS vs. CAD ≥ 1.25] = 0.009). IAS arm had more disease related (122 vs. 97) and fewer unrelated (134 vs. 146) deaths. Time to HR was statistically significantly improved on the IAS arm (HR, 0.80; 95% CI, 0.67 – 0.98; p = 0.024).

Conclusions: In the schedule of on-treatment/off-treatment intervals studied, IAS is non-inferior to CAD with respect to OS. Benefits were observed in QOL measures. IAS should be considered in the non-metastatic setting for men with a rising PSA following primary or post-RP salvage RT.

OT+RT SU RECIDIVA BIOCHIMICA DOPO CHIR

RTOG 9601

J Clin Oncol 29: 2011 (suppl 7; abstr 1)

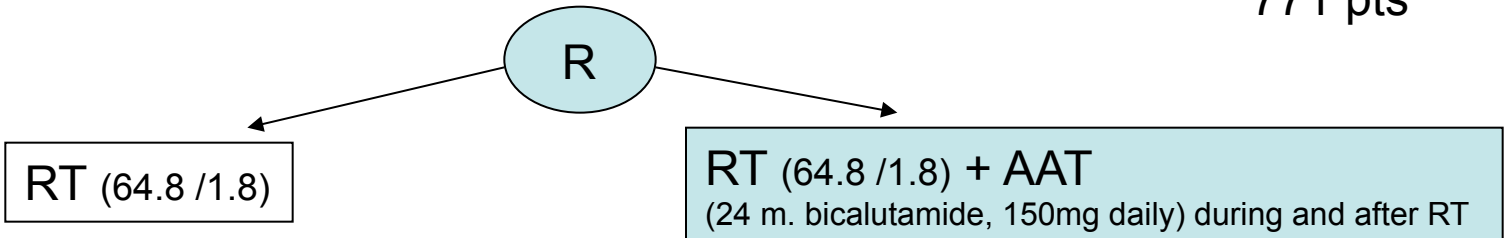
AAT+RT POSTOP

Initial report of RTOG 9601, a phase III trial in prostate cancer: Effect of anti-androgen therapy (AAT) with bicalutamide during and after radiation therapy (RT) on freedom from progression and incidence of metastatic disease in patients following radical prostatectomy (RP) with pT2-3,N0 disease and elevated PSA levels.



Post RP pT2-T3 N0 (marg+), elevated PSA

3/98 - 3/03,
771 pts



Median follow-up 7.1 y	RT %	RT+AAT %	
OS	86	91	
FFS	40	57	P<0.0001
M	13	7	P<0.041
Gynecomastia	15	89	

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Meta-analisi

53rd ANNUAL MEETING
Meeting Dates: October 2-6, 2011 | Exhibitor Booths: October 2-4, 2011
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10 Meta-analysis of the Impact of Androgen Deprivation Therapy on Cardiovascular Mortality in Prostate Cancer

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Purpose/Objective(s): Androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) is used to treat prostate cancer, but whether it causes cardiovascular mortality is unclear. We conducted a meta-analysis of this issue.

Methods: We searched MEDLINE, EMBASE, and Cochrane for randomized trials comparing ADT to control (surgery or observation) for prostate cancer. We included trials that reported cardiovascular mortality. We used random-effects models to pool results. Heterogeneity was assessed using the I² statistic. Publication bias was assessed using the Egger test. Results are presented as relative risk (RR) and 95% confidence interval (CI).

Results: We identified 14 trials (10,000 patients) comparing ADT to control. The overall RR for cardiovascular mortality was 1.14 (95% CI, 1.02 - 1.27; $p = 0.02$). There was no significant relationship between duration of ADT and cardiovascular mortality ($p = 0.34$). ADT was associated with a significant reduction in prostate cancer-specific mortality (RR, 0.64; 95% CI, 0.50 - 0.82) and overall mortality (RR, 0.88; 95% CI, 0.81 - 0.96; $p = 0.01$). No evidence of publication bias was observed.

Conclusion: In this large pooled analysis of multiple randomized trials in high-risk non-metastatic prostate cancer, ADT improved prostate-cancer specific survival and overall survival without causing excess cardiovascular deaths. Whether these results would differ for the subgroup of men with pre-existing cardiac comorbidities is unknown and warrants further study.

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NON VANTAGGIOSO

	LOW RISK		INTERM. RISK		HIGH RISK		
	RT	RT + NHD	RT	RT + NHD	RT	RT + NHD	RT+ NHD+ AHT
DFS 5y %	78	72	68	64	55	58	68
BFR 5y %	12	20	18	23	29	30	25

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LACK OF BENEFIT FOR THE ADDITION OF ANDROGEN DEPRIVATION THERAPY TO DOSE-ESCALATED RADIOTHERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF INTERMEDIATE- AND HIGH-RISK PROSTATE CANCER

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1,044 patients: 420 ADT + dose-escalated RT, and 624 dose-escalated RT alone.

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Cox multiple regression

Characteristic	Hazard ratio	p value
Biochemical control (nadir + 2)		
Pretreatment PSA (ng/mL)	1.02	<0.001
Biopsy Gleason score	1.40	<0.001
Clinical T stage	1.14	0.009
ADT (vs. no ADT)	0.78	0.13
Clinical failure (local or distant)		
Pretreatment PSA (ng/mL)	1.00	0.74
Biopsy Gleason score	1.80	<0.001
Clinical T stage	1.34	<0.001
ADT (vs. no ADT)	0.81	0.44

Abbreviations: ADT = androgen deprivation therapy; PSA = prostate-specific antigen.

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Prostate

CONTINUED BENEFIT TO ANDROGEN DEPRIVATION THERAPY FOR PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS TREATED WITH DOSE-ESCALATED RADIATION THERAPY ACROSS MULTIPLE DEFINITIONS OF HIGH-RISK DISEASE

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Between 1998 and 2008 at the University of Michigan Rogy Cancer Center, 718 men were consecutively treated with ADT and RT to at least 75 Gy

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Table 6. Continued benefit to adjuvant ADT on metastasis and prostate cancer death as a function of the different definitions of high-risk disease

Definition of high-risk disease	Adjuvant ADT	n	Biochemical failure		Metastasis		Prostate cancer death	
			8-year (SEM)	p value HR (95% CI)	8-year (SEM)	p value HR (95% CI)	8-year (SEM)	p value HR (95% CI)
Gleason 8–10*	Yes	126	34% (29–39)	p < 0.03	20% (16–24)	p < 0.001	18% (13–23%)	p < 0.04
	No	19	56% (44–68)	0.48 (0.20–1.1)	51% (39–63)	0.31 (0.11–0.89)	37% (25–49)	0.41 (0.14–1.2)
Gleason Pattern 5*	Yes	68	41% (32–50)	p = 0.001	35% (27–43)	p < 0.0001	40% (30–50)	p < 0.04
	No	8	75% (60–90)	0.25 (0.05–1.1)	75% (60–90)	0.19 (0.04–1.0)	69% (51–87)	0.38 (0.11–1.3)
PSA >20 ng/mL*	Yes	90	40% (34–46)	p = 0.19	27% (20–34)	p < 0.005	12% (7–17)	p < 0.04
	No	31	43% (34–52)	0.70 (0.39–1.3)	46% (36–56)	0.38 (0.17–0.85)	34% (24–42)	0.43 (0.17–1.0)
cT3/4*	Yes	53	43% (35–51)	p = 0.33	31% (23–39)	p < 0.1	19% (12–26)	p > 0.3
	No	27	49% (30–48)	0.75 (0.40–1.4)	46% (36–56)	0.54 (0.25–1.2)	32% (22–42)	0.68 (0.26–1.7)
NCCN high risk*	Yes	185	31% (27–35)	p = 0.10	20% (15–25)	p < 0.0004	13% (9–17)	p < 0.04
	No	49	39% (32–46)	0.68 (0.41–1.1)	41% (33–39)	0.38 (0.19–0.74)	30% (22–38)	0.50 (0.23–1.1)

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Platinum Priority – Prostate Cancer

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Dose Escalation for Prostate Cancer R Predictors of Long-Term Biochemical Distant Metastases-Free Survival Out

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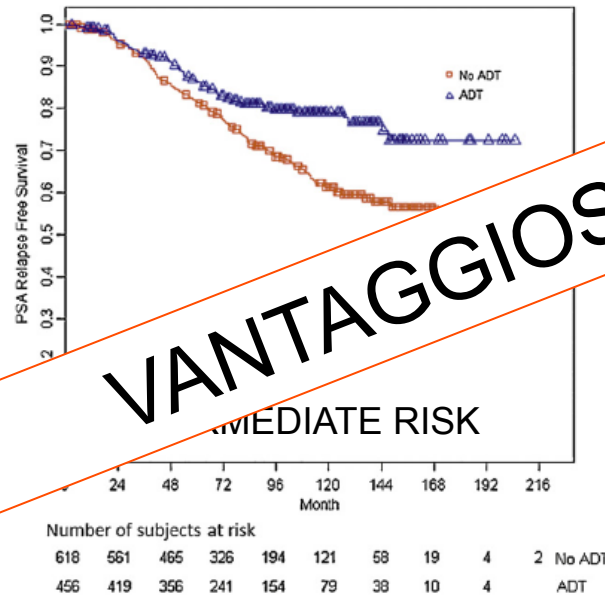


Fig. 4 – Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) relapse-free survival according to the use of androgen-deprivation therapy (ADT) showing a significant benefit for intermediate risk prostate cancer. The p value is <0.0001 . NeoHT = neoadjuvant hormone therapy.

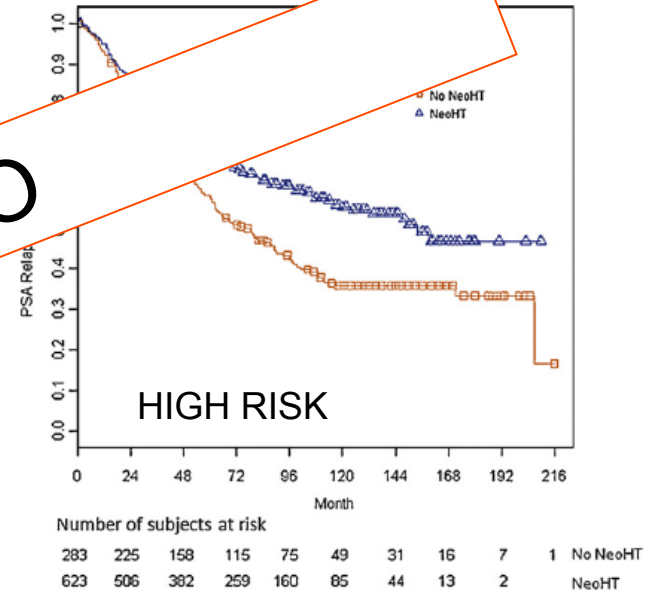


Fig. 5 – The 10-yr prostate-specific antigen (PSA) relapse-free survival for high-risk patients treated with and without androgen-deprivation therapy was 55% and 36%, respectively ($p < 0.0001$). NeoHT = neoadjuvant hormone therapy.

Conclusions: Higher radiation dose levels were consistently associated with improved biochemical control outcomes and reduction in distant metastases. The use of short-course ADT in conjunction with RT improved long-term PSA-RFS and DMFS in intermediate- and high-risk patients; however, an overall survival advantage was not observed.

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Michael J. Zelefsky EJU 2011 in press

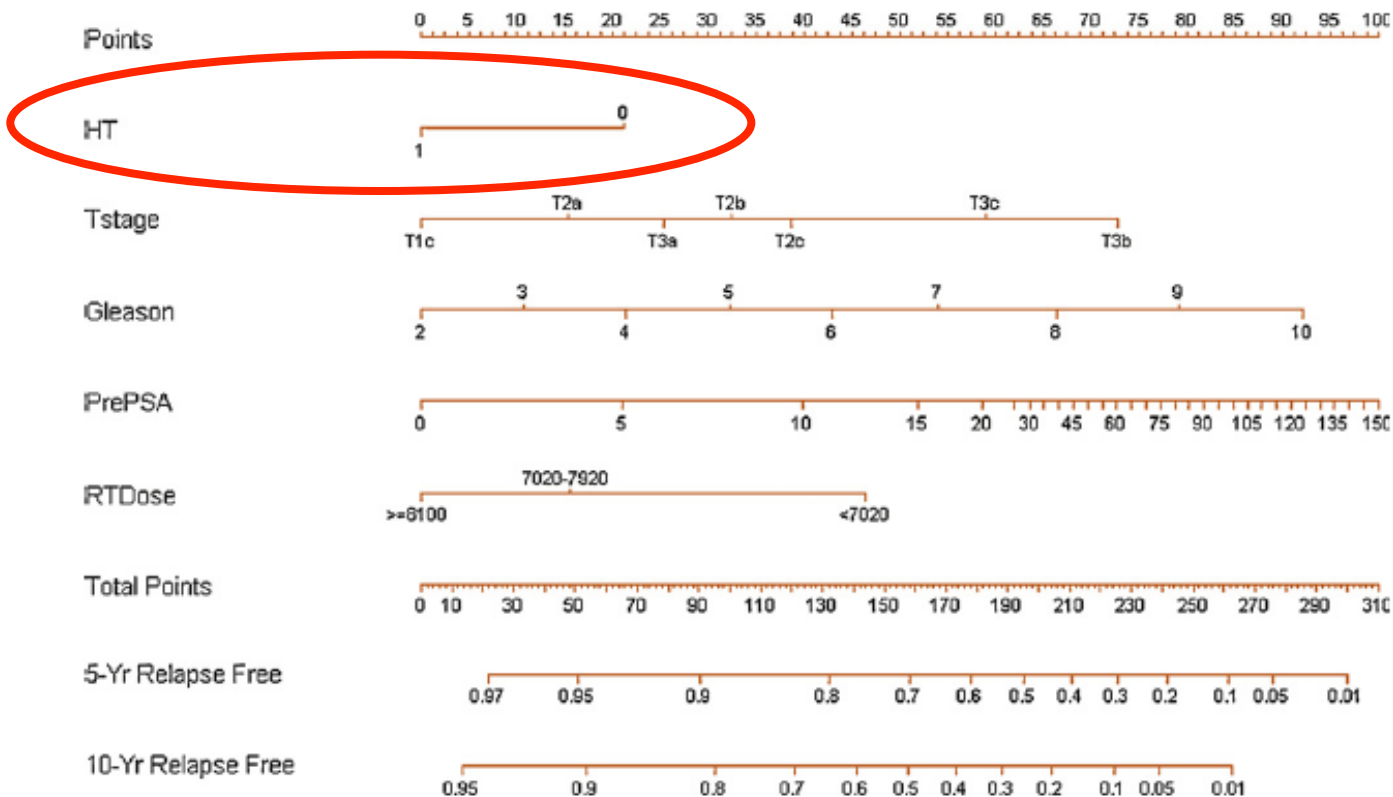


Fig. 6 – Nomogram for predicting biochemical tumor control at 5 and 10 yr after external-beam radiotherapy (RT) (concordance index: 0.67). HT = 6 mo neoadjuvant and concurrent hormone therapy; PSA = prostate-specific antigen.

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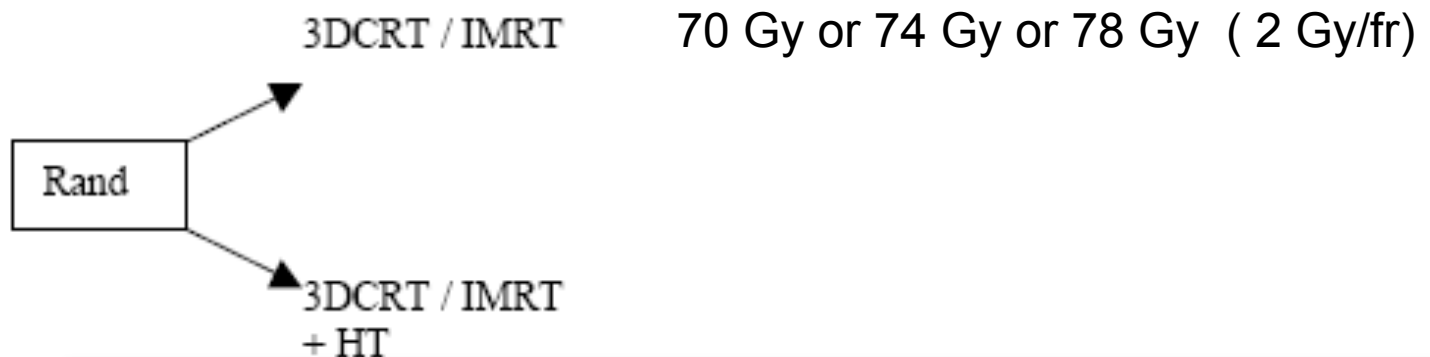
EORTC PROTOCOL 22991

**3DCRT/IMRT alone vs 3DCRT/IMRT plus HT
in localized T1b-c, T2a, N0, M0
Prostatic carcinoma.**

A Phase III Randomized Study.

Stratify for

Initial PSA
cT1 vs cT2
Gleason
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Short term hormonal therapy will consist of:

Bicalutamide (Casodex) : 50 mg P.O. once daily for 1 month, starting 1 week prior to LH-RH (i.e. one week prior to the first day of irradiation)

LH-RH agonist (Zoladex) : 2 injections of a 10.8 mg 3-monthly depot preparation; the first injection given the first day of radiation and the second 3 months later for a total duration of 6 months treatment.

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RTOG 0815

RTOG 0815 is Now Available Through the CTSU

A Phase III Prospective Randomized Trial of Dose-Escalated Radiotherapy With or Without Short-Term Androgen Deprivation Therapy for Patients With Intermediate-Risk Prostate Cancer

intermediate risk:

GS=7, MP_{SA} > 10 but ≤ 20, and/or cT2b-T2c

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Arm 1 (RT only):

- EBRT only: 79.2 Gy delivered in 1.8 Gy fractions.
- EBRT in those to receive brachytherapy: 45 Gy delivered in 1.8 Gy fractions.
- Brachytherapy boost at investigator discretion, must be selected at time of enrollment.

Arm 2 (RT plus ADT):

- Total androgen blockade for 6 months
 - Antiandrogen therapy (i.e., Casodex or Eulexin)
 - LHRH Agonist therapy (e.g., leuprolide, goserelin, buserelin, triptorelin)

Eight weeks after first LHRH injection:

- EBRT only: 79.2 Gy delivered in 1.8 Gy fractions.
- EBRT in those to receive brachytherapy: 45 Gy delivered in 1.8 Gy fractions.
- Brachytherapy boost at investigator discretion, must be selected at time of enrollment.

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Platinum Priority – Editorial and Reply from Authors
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Intermediate- and High-Risk Prostate Cancer: A Plea for High-Dose, High-Precision Intensity-Modulated Radiotherapy With a Modulated Duration of Androgen Deprivation Therapy

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intermediate-risk =

Short term complete ADT (**4–6 mo**) with image-guided IMRT (**78 Gy**).

Patients who are reticent to receive ADT because of comorbidities or because they hope to preserve their sexual health may be offered image-guided IMRT (**around 80 Gy**) or the promising combined IMRT–brachytherapy approach.

high-risk localized PCa =

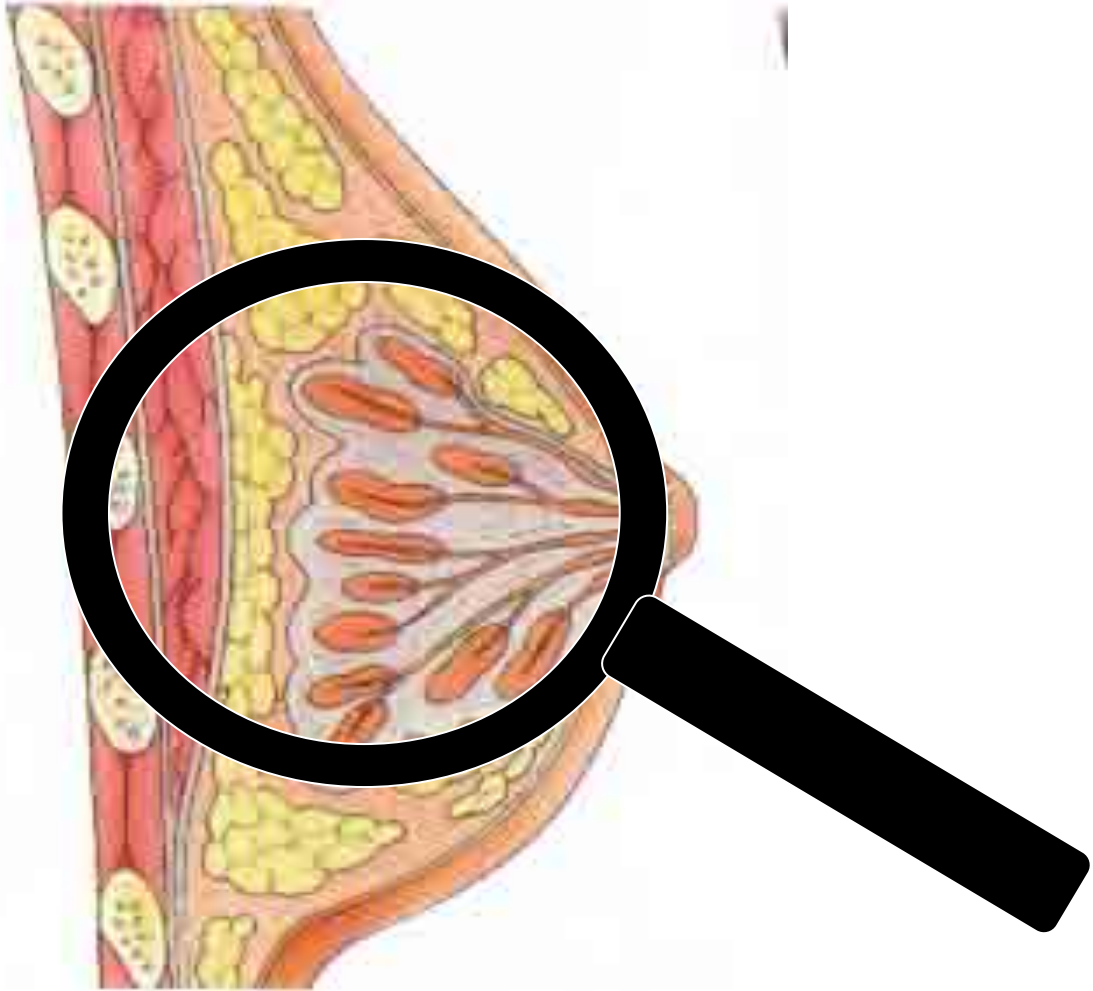
ADT duration of **6 mo** is enough

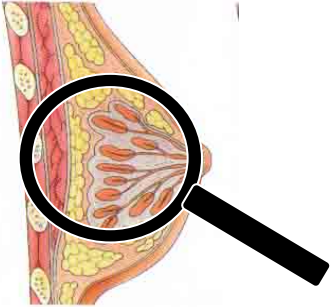
locally advanced PCa =

Pelvic lymph node irradiation is recommended with a dose of 50 Gy

ADT duration >2 yr for locally advanced PCa patients with a World Health Organization score of 0–2 and no significant comorbidity,

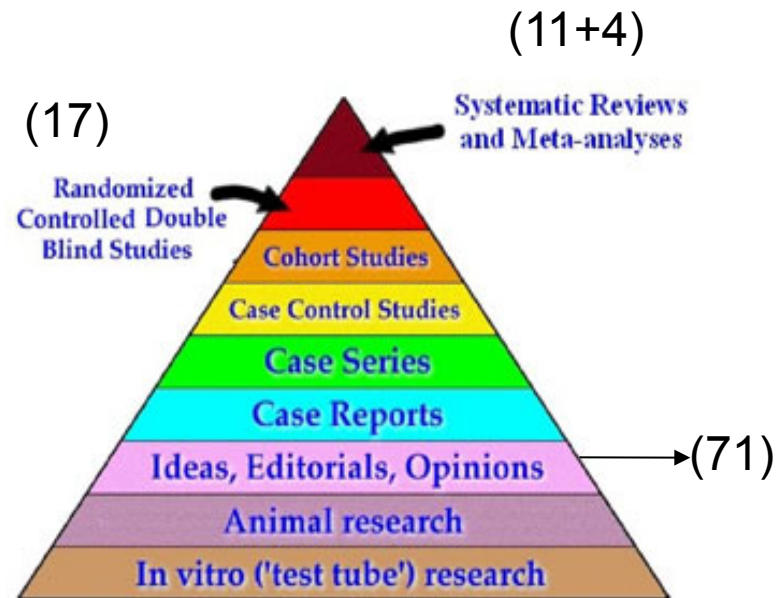
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St. Gallen 2011: Summary of the Consensus Discussion

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- Locoregional therapy
- Endocrine treatment
- Chemotherapy
- Target therapy and bisphosphonate

Evidence presented to support:

A less aggressive approach to axillary surgery in defined circumstances.

The use of more convenient equally effective approaches to radiation therapy.

Axillary Dissection vs No Axillary Dissection in Women With Invasive Breast Cancer and Sentinel Node Metastasis

A Randomized Clinical Trial

Armando E. Giuliano, MD

American College of
Surgeons Oncology
Group
(ACOSOG) Z0011
phase III trial
115 sites
May 1999 - Dec 2004

Targeted enrollment 1900 women with final
analysis after 500 deaths
the trial closed early because mortality rate was lower
than expected.

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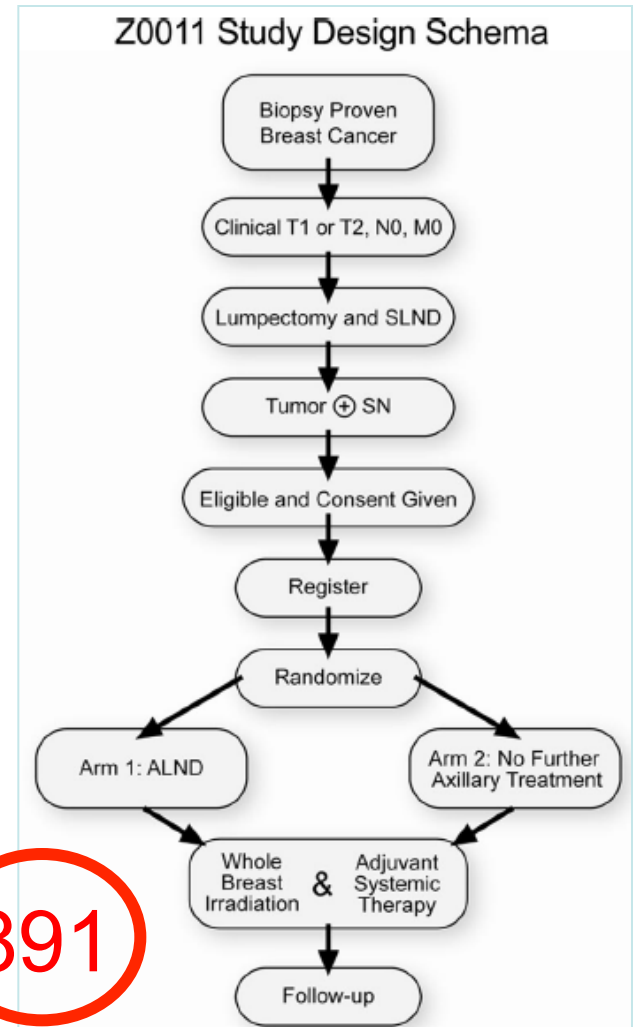
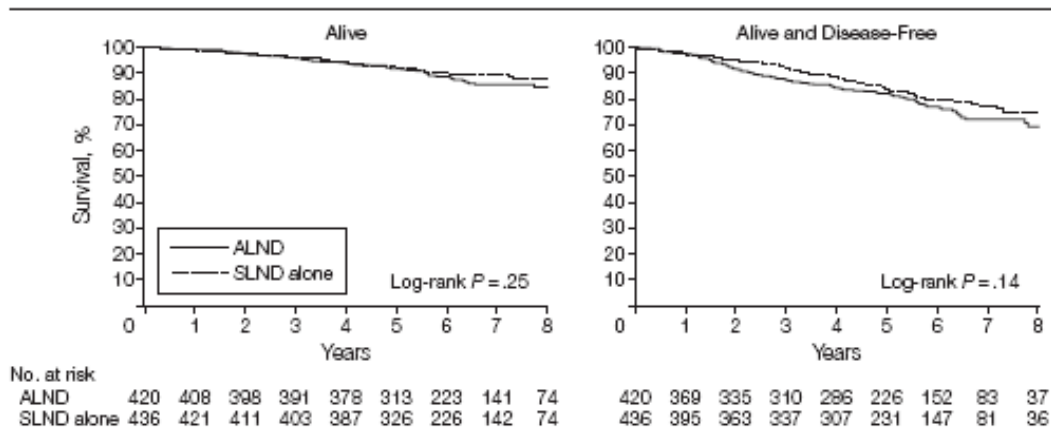


Figure 2. Survival of the ALND Group Compared With SLND-Alone Group



ALND indicates axillary lymph node dissection; SLND, sentinel lymph node dissection.

median follow-up of 6.3 years

the use of SLND alone compared with ALND did not result in inferior survival

Strategies for subtypes—dealing with the diversity of breast cancer: highlights of the St Gallen International Expert Consensus on the Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer 2011

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The Panel accepted the option of **omitting axillary dissection for macrometastases in the context of lumpectomy and radiation therapy for patients with clinically node negative disease and 1–2 positive sentinel lymph nodes** as reported from ACOSOG trial Z0011

The Panel, however, was very clear that this practice, based on a specific clinical trial setting, should not be extended more generally



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Original Article

Positive axillary sentinel lymph node: Is axillary dissection always necessary?

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sources appears sufficiently robust to justify not performing AD if the SN is ***micrometastatic*** in women with small cancers having favorable prognostic factors. However this option should discussed with the patient.

if the SN is ***macrometastatic*** a cautious attitude should prevail, and foregoing AD should not be routine.

Perhaps nomograms may be a sufficiently accurate for deciding whether further axillary treatment is necessary in patients with a macrometastatic SN

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Review

Meta-analysis of predictive factors for non-sentinel lymph node metastases in breast cancer patients with a positive SLN

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Two different MEDLINE search strategies were conducted to identify relevant articles published up to July 2009:

1. MeSH Database: “Breast Neoplasms” [Majr] AND “Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy” [Majr] AND “Lymphatic Metastasis” [Majr] AND “Predictive”.
2. Clinical Queries, category ‘clinical prediction guides,’ sensitive search: positive non-sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer.

**56 studies
1999-2009**

Meta-analysis

Conclusion

We identified 8 factors predictive of non-sentinel node metastases that should be recorded and evaluated routinely in sentinel lymph node databases and included in a predictive model for NSN positivity that is generally applicable among different populations.

1. method of detection
2. SLN metastases >2 mm in size,
3. extracapsular extension in the SLN,
4. <=1negative SLN,
5. >1 positive SLN,
6. ratio of positive sentinel nodes >50%,
7. tumour size >2 cm,
8. lymphovascular invasion in the primary tumour.

Table 2

Absolute risks on positive NSNs and 95% CI for all predictors.

		Positive NSN			
		Pooled proportion	95% CI	Pooled OR	95% CI
Method of detection	★ IHC-only	0.11	0.06–0.16	4.37	2.78–6.86
	Other	0.40	0.36–0.44		
Size of metastasis	★ ≤2 mm	0.17	0.15–0.20	4.22	3.51–5.07
	>2 mm	0.51	0.47–0.55		
ECE	★ No	0.30	0.26–0.33	4.10	3.16–5.34
	Yes	0.64	0.56–0.72		
No negative SNs	★ >1	0.24	0.18–0.30	2.66	2.05–3.46
	≤1	0.48	0.44–0.53		
No positive SNs	★ 1	0.33	0.30–0.36	2.60	2.03–3.34
	>1	0.56	0.47–0.66		
Tumour size	★ ≤2 cm	0.30	0.28–0.33	2.41	2.00–2.91
	>2 cm	0.52	0.46–0.57		
Ratio positive SNs	★ ≤50%	0.24	0.19–0.29	2.25	1.63–3.10
	>50%	0.44	0.34–0.54		
LVI	★ Absent	0.31	0.27–0.35	2.24	1.93–2.59
	Present	0.52	0.48–0.56		
Nuclear grade	≤2	0.41	0.35–0.46	1.51	1.27–1.81
	>2	0.47	0.43–0.50		
Multifocality	Absent	0.37	0.33–0.40	1.40	1.23–1.60
	Present	0.46	0.40–0.52		
No SNs removed	>1	0.37	0.34–0.40	1.34	1.07–1.68
	1	0.44	0.38–0.49		
Palpable tumour	No	0.31	0.22–0.40	1.31	0.71–2.42
	Yes	0.36	0.30–0.42		
Tumour grade	≤I + II	0.38	0.33–0.43	1.29	1.11–1.50
	>III	0.47	0.42–0.52		
HER-2	Negative	0.41	0.34–0.49	1.24	0.94–1.63
	Positive	0.48	0.38–0.57		
Histology	Ductal	0.40	0.37–0.43	1.22	1.03–1.44
	Other	0.43	0.38–0.47		
Tumour location	Other	0.42	0.35–0.49	1.13	0.78–1.65
	UOQ	0.45	0.39–0.51		
Age	≥50 yrs	0.40	0.35–0.45	1.07	0.91–1.25
	<50 yrs	0.41	0.34–0.48		
PR	Negative	0.48	0.41–0.55	0.77	0.63–0.94
	Positive	0.40	0.35–0.46		
ER	Negative	0.47	0.40–0.54	0.74	0.62–0.89
	Positive	0.38	0.35–0.41		

LVI: lymphovascular invasion; ER: oestrogen receptor; PR: progesterone receptor; ECE: extracapsular extension; SNs: sentinel nodes; IHC: immunohistochemistry; UOQ: upper outer quadrant.

OXFORD META-ANALYSIS

Lancet 2011; 378:771-84

Effect of radiotherapy after breast-conserving surgery on 10-year recurrence and 15-year breast cancer death: meta-analysis of individual patient data for 10 801 women in 17 randomised trials



Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group (EBCTCG)*

Trial category [†]	Number of trials available*	Years trials began	Women	Deaths	Woman-years at risk							
					Median/woman	Total (thousands)	Distribution by years since diagnosis (thousands)					
							<5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20+	
(A) Lumpectomy, original trials ⁶⁻¹¹	6	1976-86	4398	1982	11.8	52.9	20.3	16.0	10.1	4.8	1.7	
(B) Sector resection or quadrantectomy ¹²⁻¹⁵	4	1981-91	2399	708	12.4	29.4	11.6	10.3	6.0	1.4	0.1	
(C) Lumpectomy in low-risk women ¹⁶⁻²²	7	1989-99	4004	453	6.6	26.9	17.9	7.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	
Pathological nodal status												
Negative (pN0)	..	..	7287	1801	9.7	73.7	34.0	23.3	11.3	3.9	1.2
Positive (pN+)	..	..	1050	585	10.3	11.8	4.6	3.2	2.2	1.3	0.5
Unknown	..	..	2464	757	8.8	23.6	11.3	7.6	3.7	1.0	0.0
All women	17	1976-99	10 801	3143	9.5	109.1	49.8	34.1	17.2	6.3	1.7	

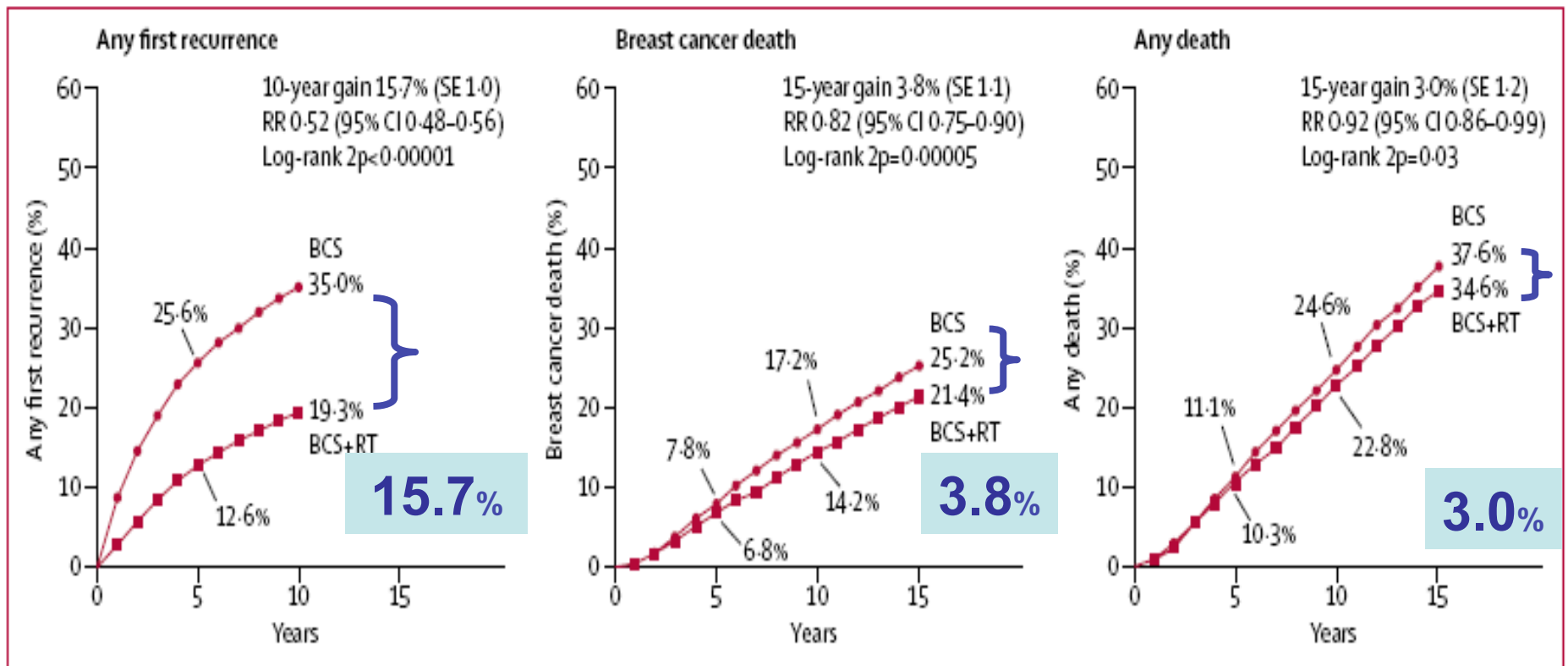
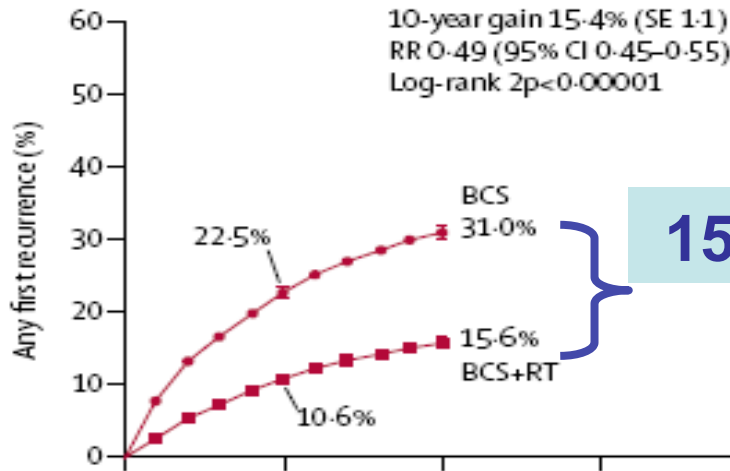


Figure 1: Effect of radiotherapy (RT) after breast-conserving surgery (BCS) on 10-year risk of any (locoregional or distant) first recurrence and on 15-year risks of breast cancer death and death from any cause in 10 801 women (67% with pathologically node-negative disease) in 17 trials. Further details are in webappendix p 5. RR=rate ratio. Rate ratios in this figure include all available years of follow-up.

1 breast cancer death avoided
for every 4 recurrences avoided by RT

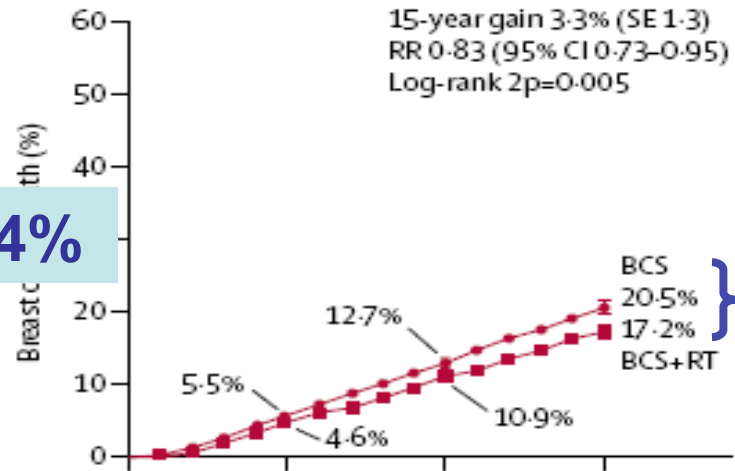
pN0

Any first recurrence



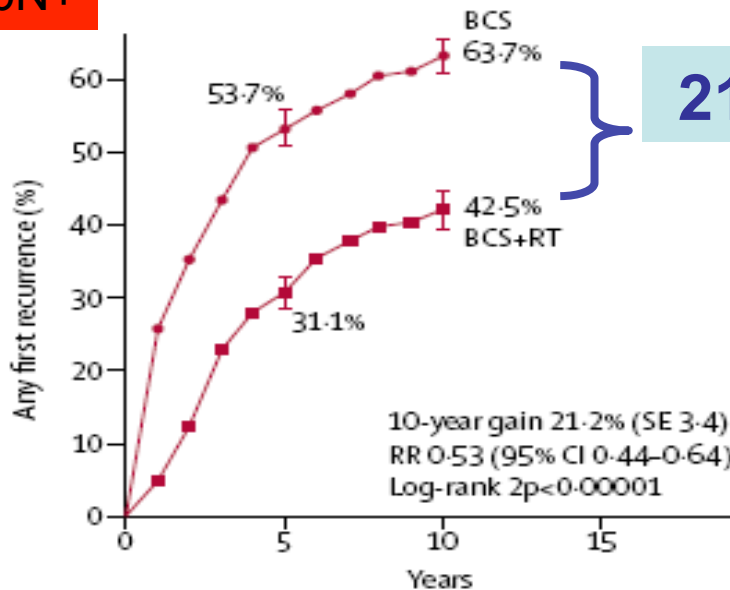
15.4%

Breast cancer death

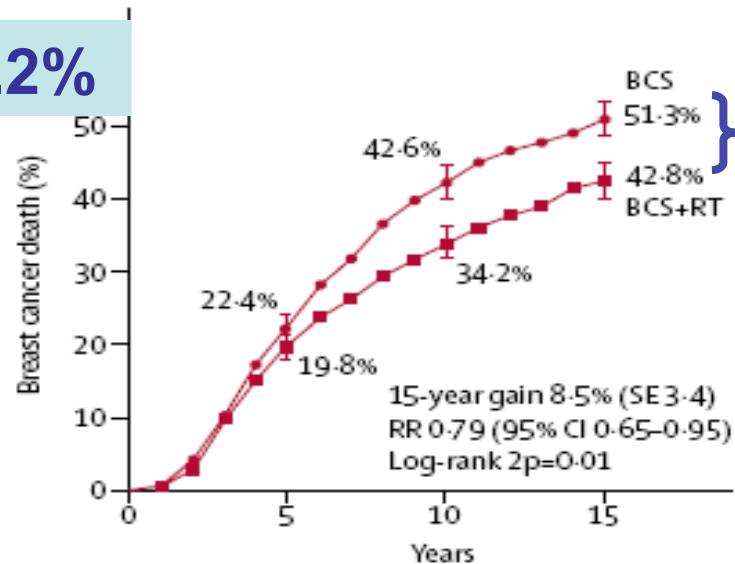


3.3%

pN+



21.2%



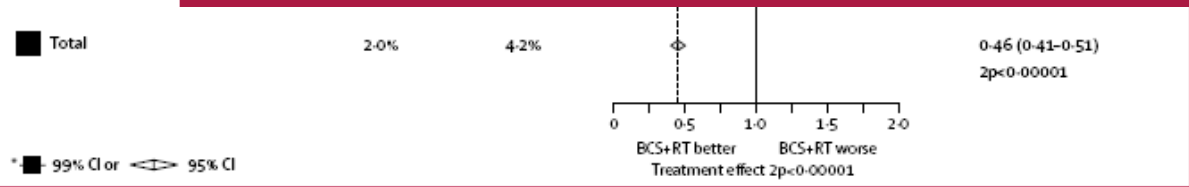
8.5%

	Events per woman-year during years 0-9			Ratio of annual event rates BCS+RT vs BCS (CI)*
	Allocated BCS+RT	Allocated BCS		
(a) Entry age (trend $\chi^2=0.0$; $2p=0.9$)				
<40 years	5.9%	11.5%		0.49 (0.32-0.76)
40-49 years	2.7%	6.1%		0.44 (0.33-0.58)
50-59 years	1.9%	4.0%		0.47 (0.36-0.61)
60-69 years	1.6%	3.6%		0.45 (0.35-0.59)
70+ years	1.0%	2.1%		0.45 (0.28-0.72)

- (b) Tumour grade (trend)
- Low
- Intermediate
- High
- Grade unknown
- (c) Tumour size (trend)
- T1 (1-20 mm)
- T2 (21-50 mm)
- Various/unknown
- (d) Surgery, ER status, etc.
- Lumpectomy, ER-positive
- Lumpectomy, ER-poor
- >Lumpectomy, ER-positive
- Lumpectomy, ER-positive
- (e) Trial policy of using
- Yes
- No
- Some/unknown
- (f) Trial category‡ (heterogeneity)
- (A) Lumpectomy: origin
- (B) >Lumpectomy
- (C) Lumpectomy: low risk

Discussion

The overall findings from these trials show that radiotherapy after breast-conserving surgery not only substantially reduces the risk of recurrence but also moderately reduces the risk of death from breast cancer. These results suggest that killing microscopic tumour foci in the conserved breast with radiotherapy reduces the potential for both local recurrence and distant metastasis. Both proportional and absolute reductions in



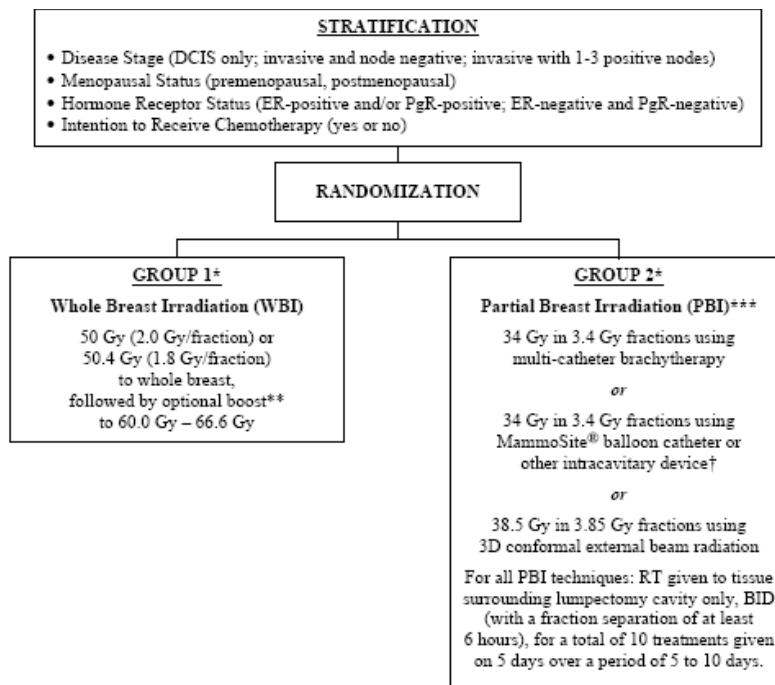
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PARTIAL BREAST

NSABP PROTOCOL B-39
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ONGOING

A Randomized Phase III Study of Conventional Whole Breast Irradiation (WBI) Versus Partial Breast Irradiation (PBI) for Women with Stage 0, I, or II Breast Cancer



NSABP B-39/RTOG0413

3877 patients are enrolled (90.2% of target accrual);
1391 APBI(38.5/ 3.8 bid)
1094 WBI (50/1.8 - 2)

Mean follow-up time of 42.6 months

The rates of fibrosis-cosmesis and fibrosis-deep connective tissue toxicities are:

Grade 2 =12%,

Grade 3 = 3%,

Grade 4 = 0%

3-D conformal APBI toxicity rates acceptably low.

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Breast

**FRACTIONATION FOR WHOLE BREAST IRRADIATION: AN AMERICAN SOCIETY
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Table 1. Evidence supports the equivalence of hypofractionated whole breast irradiation with conventionally fractionated whole breast irradiation for patients who satisfy all of these criteria*

1. Patient is 50 years or older at diagnosis.
2. Pathologic stage is T1–2 N0 and patient has been treated with breast-conserving surgery.
3. Patient has not been treated with systemic chemotherapy.
4. Within the breast along the central axis, the minimum dose is no less than 93% and maximum dose is no greater than 107% of the prescription dose ($\pm 7\%$) (as calculated with 2-dimensional treatment planning without heterogeneity corrections).

and late toxicities (74, 75). Therefore, the task force recommended that the minimum dose should be no less than 93% and that the maximum dose should be no greater than 107% of the prescription dose ($\pm 7\%$) in the central-axis plane, as calculated using two-dimensional treatment planning without tissue heterogeneity corrections, in accordance with planning guidelines from the published randomized trials (Table 3) (10, 16–20, 65). However, the task force encourages the use of three-dimensional planning techniques in all patients to minimize dose inhomogeneity and reduce toxicity

Thus, although the available literature does not indicate a deleterious effect of HF-WBI on cardiovascular health, the task force members believed that a small but potentially clinically significant effect could not be ruled out at this time. Because of this lingering uncertainty, the task force recommended that HF-WBI be used primarily when the heart can be excluded from the treatment fields without compromising coverage of the primary tumor site.

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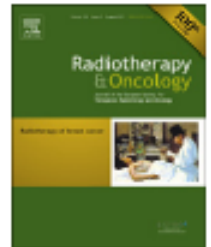
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Editorial

Radiation-induced heart morbidity after adjuvant radiotherapy of early breast cancer – Is it still an issue?

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RADIATION DOSE–VOLUME EFFECTS IN THE HEART

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Uncertainties remain regarding
which region of the heart is
functionally most important for
RT-induced toxicities.

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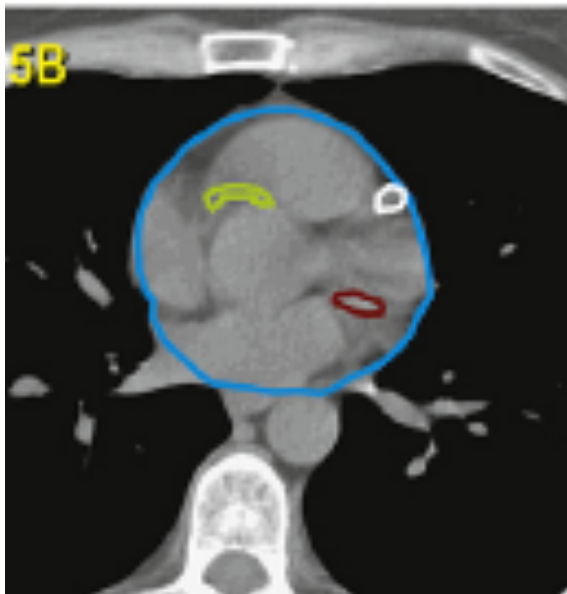
CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Breast

DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF A HEART ATLAS TO STUDY CARDIAC EXPOSURE TO RADIATION FOLLOWING TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER

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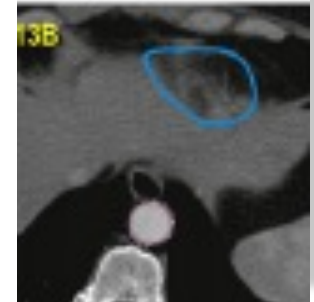
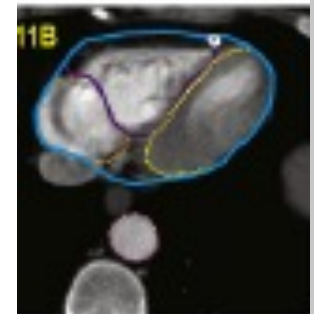
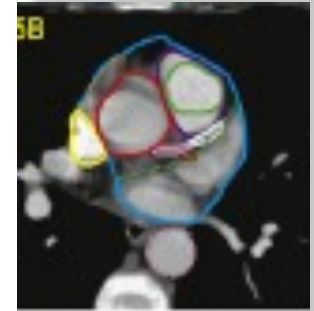
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Original article

Cardiac dose estimates from Danish and Swedish breast cancer radiotherapy during 1977–2001

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Table 1
Estimated cardiac doses from common breast cancer radiotherapy regimens used to irradiate the breast, chest wall and internal mammary nodes in Denmark from 1977 to 2001.

Description	Usual given or target dose (Gy) ^a	Usual dose per fraction (Gy)	Field arrangement	Usual beam energy	Number women	Heart				LAD ^b				Circ ^d			
						Mean dose (Gy)	SD	Min	Max	Mean dose (Gy)	SD	Min	Max	Left	Right		
Regimens common during 1977–1981^c																	
Lateral thorax (and supraclavicular fossa) field (a) ¹¹	45.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	6	6.0	1.7	9.2	1.9	23.5	1.4	41.6	1.7	2.2	3.2	3.0	1.1
Electron field to chest wall and internal mammary nodes (b)	10.8	2.16	Direct oblique	8–15 MeV	132	6.1	1.7	11.9	1.9	24.0	1.4	58.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	1.1
Wide tangential pair to breast (c)	48.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	59	6.3	1.8	12.4	1.9	24.8	1.5	62.8	1.6	2.3	3.4	3.0	1.1
McWhorter field (d)	10.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–25 MV	10	10.3	3.3	18.1	4.2	29.1	1.9	59.9	1.7	3.9	13.2	4.3	1.2
Lateral thorax (e)	48.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	59	6.3	1.8	12.4	1.9	24.8	1.5	62.8	1.6	2.3	3.4	3.0	1.1
Orthovoltage field to breast (f)	48.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	59	6.3	1.8	12.4	1.9	24.8	1.5	62.8	1.6	2.3	3.4	3.0	1.1
Regimens common during 1982–2001																	
Lateral thorax (g)	48.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	59	6.3	1.8	12.4	1.9	24.8	1.5	62.8	1.6	2.3	3.4	3.0	1.1
Electron field to breast (h)	10.8	2.16	Direct oblique	8–15 MeV	132	6.1	1.7	11.9	1.9	24.0	1.4	58.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	1.1
Electron field to chest wall (i)	10.8	2.16	Direct oblique	8–18 MeV	132	6.1	1.7	11.9	1.9	24.0	1.4	58.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	1.1
Tangential pair to breast (j)	48.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–10 MV	59	6.3	1.8	12.4	1.9	24.8	1.5	62.8	1.6	2.3	3.4	3.0	1.1
Tangential scar boost (k)	10.0	2.00	Tangential pair	6–25 MV	10	10.3	3.3	18.1	4.2	29.1	1.9	59.9	1.7	3.9	13.2	4.3	1.2
Oblique electron field to breast/chest wall (l)	51.9	2.16	Oblique anterior	8–15 MeV	27	4.7	2.1	7.2	2.6	17.6	0.6	35.2	0.6	2.7	6.4	2.0	0.6
Electron scar boost (m)	10.8	2.16	Direct oblique	8–18 MeV	132	6.1	1.7	11.9	1.9	24.0	1.4	58.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	1.1
Oblique electron field to breast/chest wall (n)	51.9	2.16	Oblique anterior	8–15 MeV	15	4.4	2.0	6.0	2.5	16.2	0.6	26.1	0.9	2.6	6.2	1.9	0.6
Wide tangential pair to breast/chest wall (o)	48.0	2.00	Wide tangential pair	6–18 MV	10	10.3	3.3	18.1	4.2	29.1	1.9	59.9	1.7	3.9	13.2	4.3	1.2
Electron scar boost (p)	10.8	2.16	Direct oblique	6–18 MeV	132	6.1	1.7	11.9	1.9	24.0	1.4	58.5	1.5	2.1	3.3	3.0	1.1

Among irradiated women mean dose to the whole heart was 6.3 Gy for left-sided tumours and 2.7 Gy for right-sided tumours.

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Original article

Incidence of heart disease in 35,000 women treated with radiotherapy for breast cancer in Denmark and Sweden

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Overall, the number of deaths from heart disease in the study population was lower than the number expected from national death rates (ratio of observed to expected deaths [O/E] 0.90 [0.87–0.94])

Mortality was similar in irradiated women with left-sided and right-sided tumours

**The absolute increase in risk for heart morbidity for a left-sided versus right-sided patient were in the order of:
0.4% for acute myocardial infarction,
0.3% for angina,
0.1% for acute pericarditis,
0.2% for valvular heart disease and
0.8% for all heart diseases (calculations based on the whole cohort).**

Table 4

Left-sided versus right-sided breast cancer: incidence of all heart disease in irradiated women by various characteristics. Analysis based on first diagnosis of any type of heart disease after diagnosis of breast cancer.

Characteristic	Number of events left/right	Incidence ratio left vs. right (95% CI)	p for difference
Country			
Denmark	1357/1211	1.08 (1.00–1.17)	
Sweden	918/805	1.08 (0.99–1.19)	1.0
Year of breast cancer diagnosis			
1976–1989	1167/1055	1.08 (0.99–1.17)	
1990–2006	1108/961	1.09 (1.00–1.19)	0.9
Age at diagnosis of breast cancer			
<60 yr	825/733	1.12 (1.01–1.24)	
60–79 yr	1450/1283	1.06 (0.98–1.15)	0.4
Breast-conserving surgery			
Yes	949/830	1.10 (1.00–1.21)	
No/unknown	1326/1186	1.07 (0.99–1.16)	0.6
Hormonal therapy			
Yes	732/642	1.02 (0.91–1.13)	
No/unknown	1543/1374	1.11 (1.03–1.19)	0.2
Chemotherapy			
Yes	283/247	1.15 (0.96–1.36)	
No/unknown	1992/1769	1.07 (1.01–1.15)	0.5
Ischaemic heart disease prior to breast cancer			
Yes	142/130	1.58 (1.19–2.10)	
No/unknown	2133/1886	1.08 (1.01–1.15)	0.01
Other heart disease prior to breast cancer			
Yes	149/147	0.95 (0.73–1.24)	
No/unknown	2126/1869	1.09 (1.03–1.16)	0.3

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For women being treated today, the extent to which they will be at risk of radiation-related heart disease in the future depends on their cardiac exposure.

...half of left-sided patients part of the heart still received
>20 Gy

Further research is needed to characterise the **consequences of radiation exposure of specific regions and structures of the heart** in terms of increased risk of heart disease many years later.

Only when such information is available will it be possible to **formulate appropriate, evidence-based, limits on cardiac dose.**