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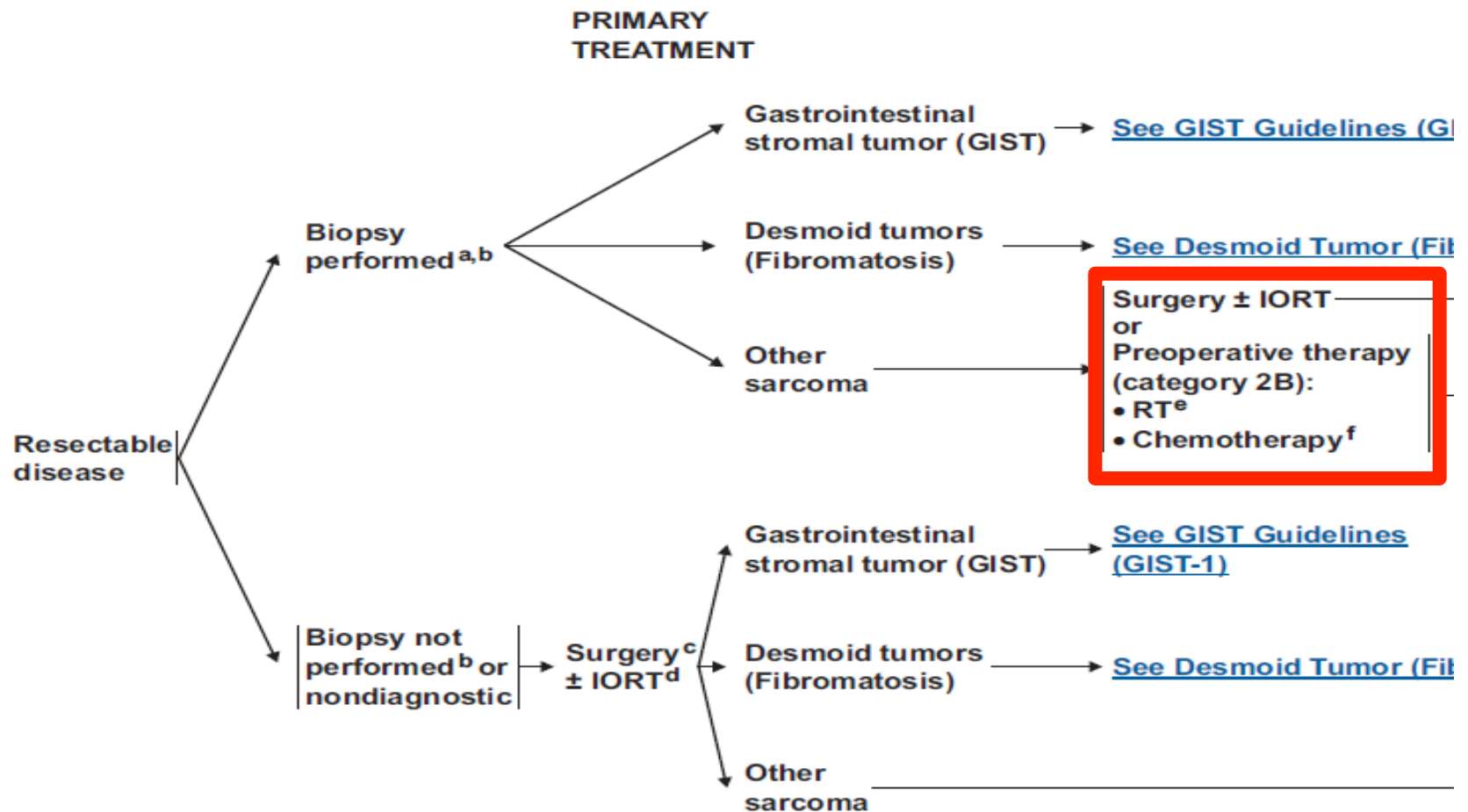
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Radiotherapy and Surgery—An Indispensable Duo in the Treatment of Retroperitoneal Sarcoma

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

9 prospectively nonrandomized studies
10 retrospective studies

Table 1. Published Data on Patients Who Underwent Surgery as the Only Treatment Modality

Author	Study			Results	
	No. of Patients	Follow-Up, mo	5-Year LRFS, %	5-Year DFS, %	5-Year OS, %
Neuhaus 2005 ³¹	58	26	NR	NR	45
Nishimura 2010 ³²	82	24	35.4/10 ^a	NR	62
Strauss 2010 ³³	200	29	54.6	68.6	NR
Stoeckle 2001 ¹⁸	34 ^b	47	23	NR	44

Table 2. Published Data on Patients Who Received Postoperative Radiotherapy as the Only Radiation Modality or in Combination With Other Radiation Modalities or Chemotherapy

Study	No. of Patients	Postoperative EBRT							Follow-Up, mo	Results		
		Alone	With Preoperative EBRT		With IORT		With CT	5-Year LC, %		5-Year DFS, %	5-Year OS, %	
Author	No.	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	mo	LC, %	DFS, %	OS, %
Stoeckle 2001 ¹⁸	145	89	50	None	—	None	—	ND ^a	47	52	29	49
Lewis 1998 ¹⁶	231	66	ND	ND	—	ND	—	172	28	59	NR	54
Gilbeau 2002 ⁴³	45	28	49	None	—	14 ^b	15	11	53	40	NR	60
Zlotecki 2005 ¹³	40	25	50	None ^c	—	None	—	ND ^d	34	65	NR	69 vs 12 ^e

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Table 3. Published Data on Patients Who Received *Intraoperative Radiotherapy* as the Only Radiation Modality or in Combination With Other Radiation Modalities or Chemotherapy

Study	IORT									Results		
	Alone	With EBRT		With Postoperative BT		With CT				5-Year LC, %	5-Year DFS, %	5-Year OS, %
Author	No. of Patients	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	EBRT/IORT Dose, Gy	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Follow-Up, mo			
Petersen 2002 ¹⁷	87	10	15 ^a	77 ^b	47.6/15	None	—	10	42	59	29	48
Gieschen 2001 ⁴⁵	37	None	—	20	45/10-20	None	—	None	38	59	38	50
Alektiar 2000 ¹⁰	32	7	12-15	25	50.4/12-15	2	140-160	4	33	62	55	45
Bobin 2003 ⁴⁶	24	None	—	22 ^c	45-50/15	None	—	5	53	NR	28	56
Ballo 2007 ⁴⁷	83	None	—	18 ^d	50-55/15	None	—	ND ^e	47	40 (at 10 y)	39 (at 10 y)	NR
Krempien 2006 ⁴⁸	67	22	15	45	45/15	None	—	None	30	40	28	64
Pierie 2006 ⁴⁹	103	None	—	14 ^f	10-20	None	—	ND ^g	27	NR	NR	48
Dziewirski 2010 ^{50,51}	57	22	20	34	50	None	—	None	40	65	NR	50

Table 4. Published Data on Patients Who Received *Preoperative Radiotherapy* as the Only Radiation Modality or in Combination With Other Radiation Modalities or Chemotherapy

Study	Treatment									Results		
	Preop EBRT Alone	Preop EBRT and Postop BT		Preop EBRT and IORT		Postop EBRT and CT				5-Year LC, %	5-Year DFS, %	5-Year OS, %
Author	No. of Patients	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Dose, Gy	No.	Follow-Up, mo			
Pisters 2007 ¹²	35	13	50.4	0	—	22	15	35	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jones 2002 ⁴⁴	46	21	45	19 ^a	25	0	—	0	19	NR	80 (at 2 years)	NR
Tzeng 2006 ¹⁹	16	16	57.5	0	—	0	—	0	28	80 (at 2 years)	NR	NR
White 2007 ⁵⁵	38	25 ^b	46.5	0	—	0	—	0	57	NR	80 (primary)	74 (90% primary)
Gieschen 2001 ⁴⁵	37	17	45	0	—	20	10-20	None	38	59	38	50

Preop indicates preoperative; EBRT, external-beam radiotherapy; Postop, postoperative; BT, brachytherapy; IORT, intraoperative radiotherapy; NR, not reported; Gy, grays; LC, locoregional control; DFS, disease-free survival; OS, overall survival.

^a Nineteen patients received preoperative EBRT plus BT, 2 patients received BT alone, and 2 patients received BT and postoperative EBRT.

^b Eleven patients received palliative RT versus 25 patients who received EBRT and underwent surgery.

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RESULTS

Surgery

LR is the major cause of **mortality** and continues to occur after 5 years of follow-up.

RT

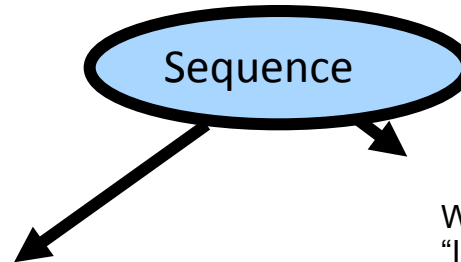
- The use of RT is low often omitted from treatment schedules because of a lack of level I evidence.
- The addition of IORT sometimes produces promising disease control rates, although high toxicity rates have been reported, with peripheral neuropathy the most frequent and severe.
- IMRT, tomotherapy, and intensity-modulated arc therapy technologies of choice are less toxic.



DISCUSSION

Author's Recommendation

**Neo-adjuvant EBRT +/- IORT to surgery improves LCR
and may be associated with improved OS**



When preferred Postoperative RT
“IMRT and arc therapy technology are used
preferentially treshold dose of 55 Gy“

**Preoperative EBRT
low gastrointestinal toxicity**

Although surgeons still are the gatekeepers of treatment, RSTS should be discussed and treated in a multidisciplinary setting.

“The presence of a radiation oncologist is vital. “



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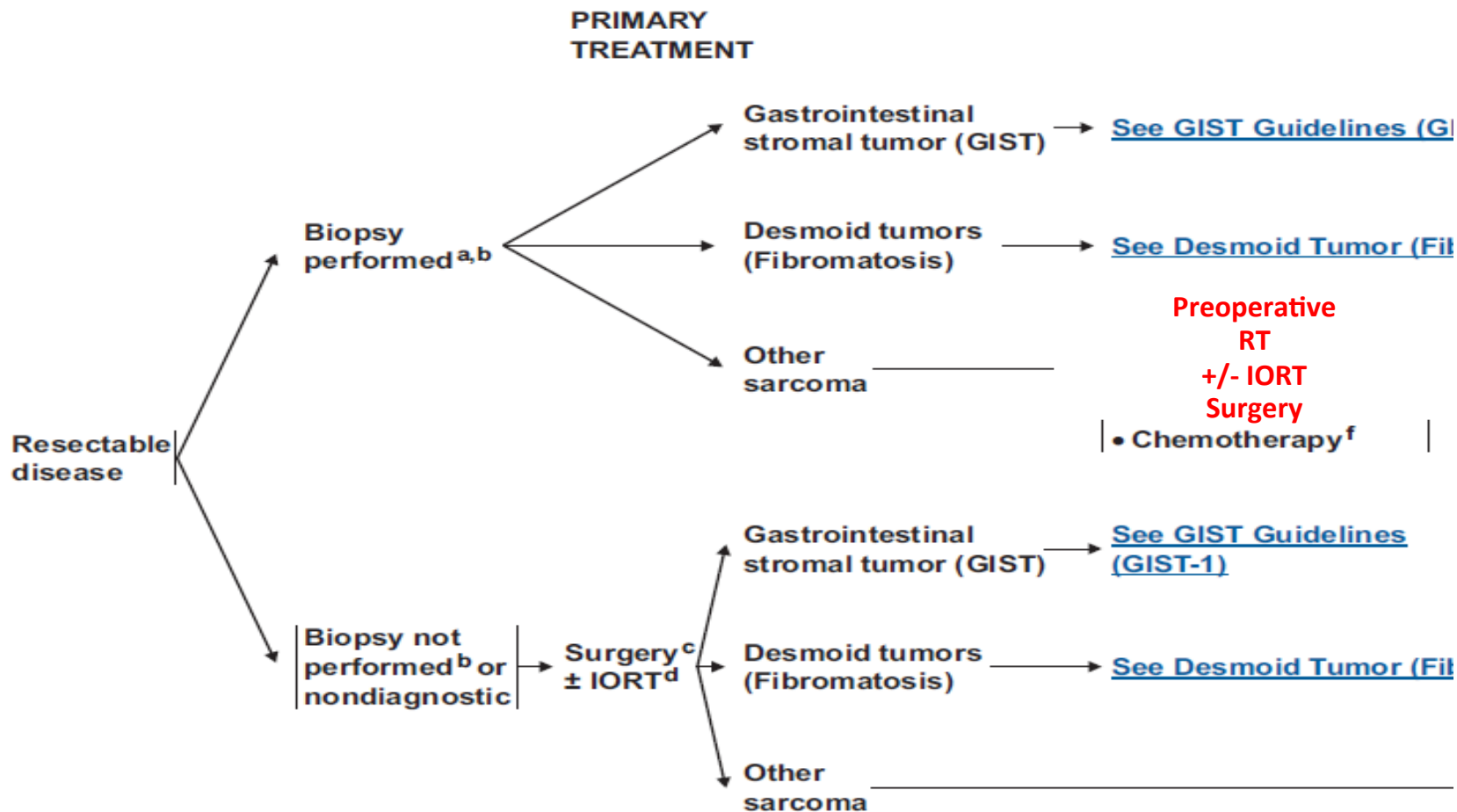
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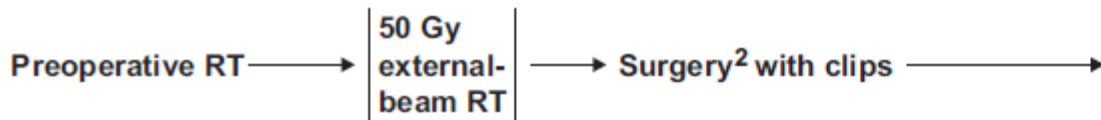


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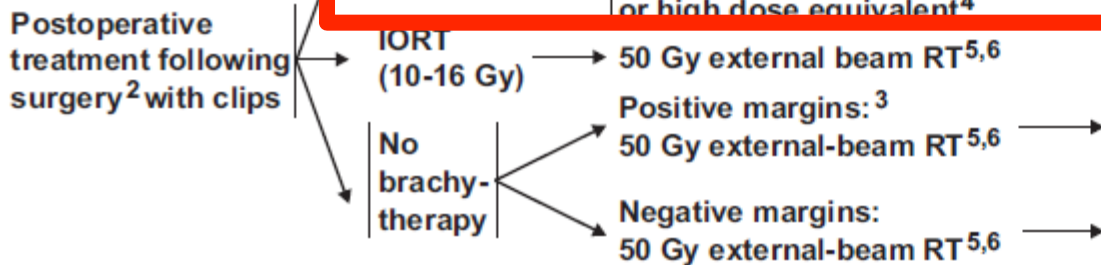
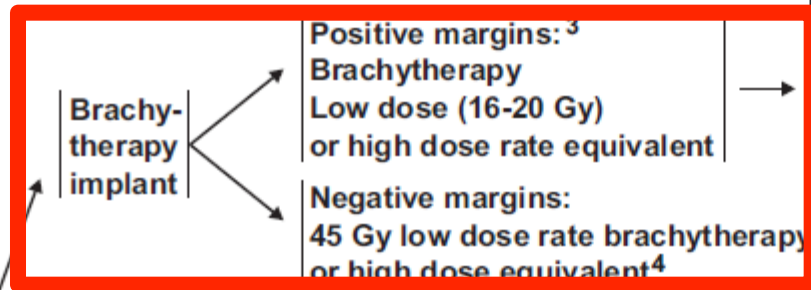
GUIDELINES FOR RADIATION THERAPY¹



Consider boost whenever feasible for positive or

- Brachytherapy
 - ▶ Low-dose rate 12-20 Gy based on margin status rate equivalent
- Intraoperative RT (10-16 Gy based on margin status)
- External-beam RT
 - ▶ Grossly positive margins (20-26 Gy)⁷
 - ▶ Microscopically positive margins (16-20 Gy)²
 - ▶ Boost for close margins (10-14 Gy)^{2,3}

Clinical target volume: total dose - 50 Gy external-beam RT⁵



Boost- external-beam RT⁵

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

134 pts treated from 1995 to 2006

After Limb sparing surgery:

- LD BRT 71 pts (53%) median dose 45 Gy
- IMRT 63 pts (47%) median dose 53 Gy

Follow up 46 months

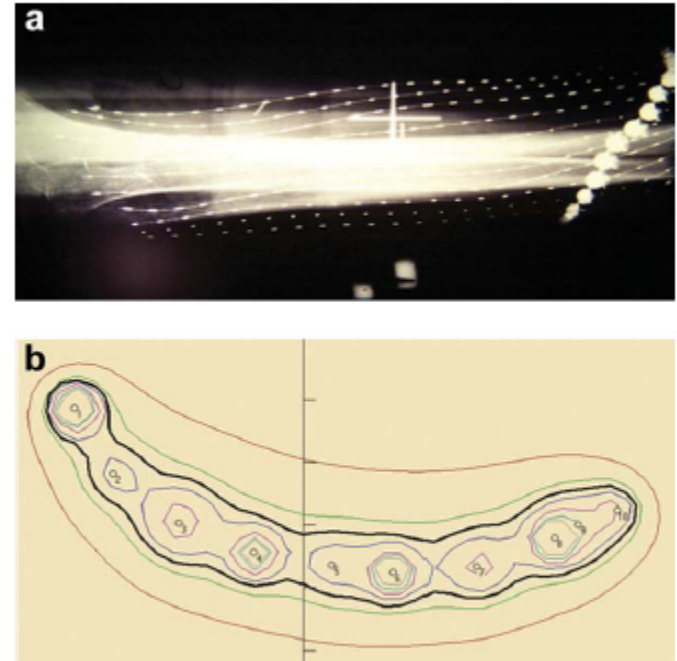


Figure 1. Brachytherapy. (a) Plain X-ray film demonstrating afterloading catheters. (b) Axial dose rate distribution. Solid line represents prescription isodose rate line.

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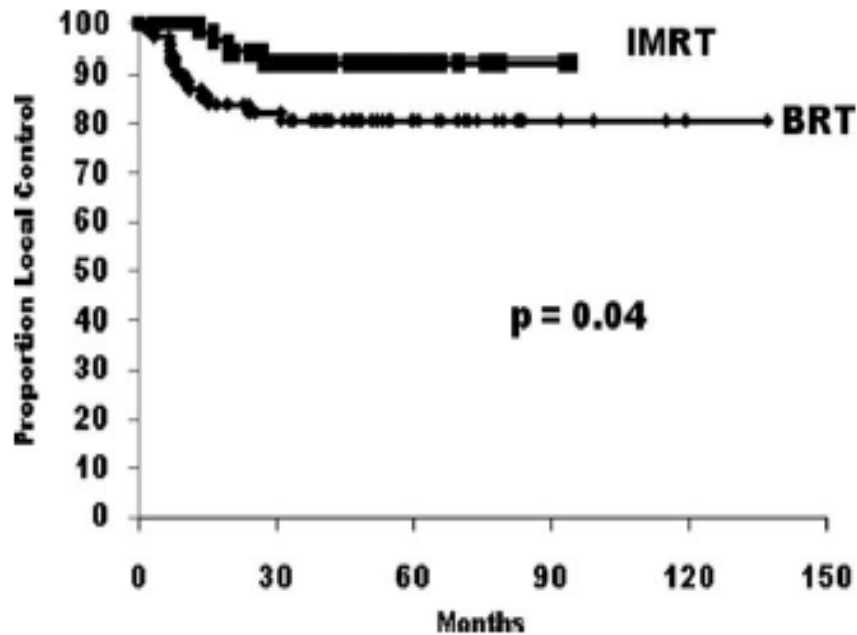


Figure 3. Local control and radiotherapy (RT) type. IMRT indicates intensity-modulated RT; BRT, brachytherapy.

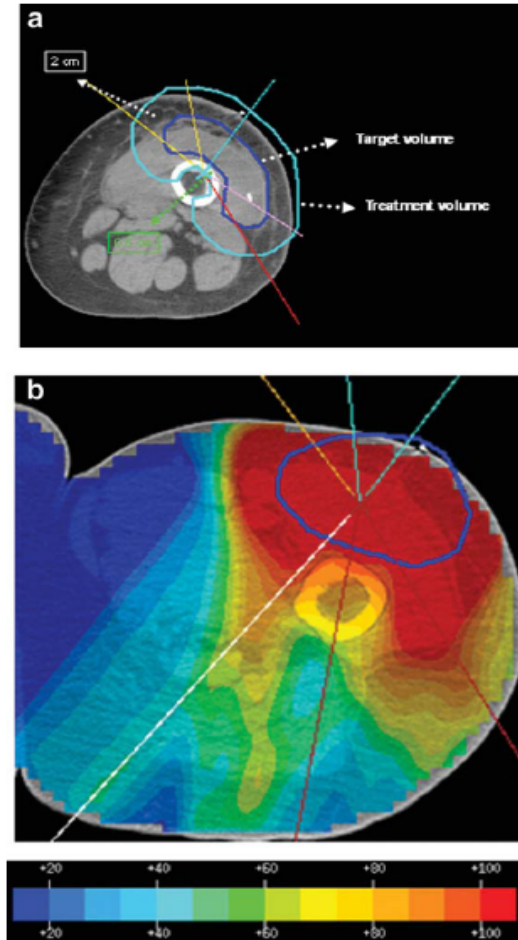


Figure 2. Intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT). (a) Axial margin expansion in soft tissue compared to that with bone interface. (b) IMRT dose distribution.



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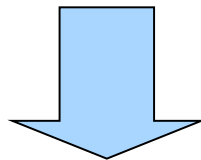
5-year LC

IMRT 92% BRT 81% (P= 0.04).

Difference between the 2 groups. IMRT group has

- 1) High proportion of patients with locally advanced disease.
- 2) More patients with tumors >10 cm (52% vs 30%, P = 0.005)
- 3) More patients requiring manipulation (stripping/resection) of bone (30% vs 13%, P = 0.02) and nerve (54% vs 14%, P =0.002)
- 4) More patients with positive/close (<1mm) margins (49% vs 20%, P =0.006)

Despite adverse features in the IMRT group, LC was significantly better than BRT on univariate as well as multivariate analysis



Although this is not a randomised trial, IMRT is currently the preferred method of delivering adjuvant RT at MSKCC based on the high rate of local control achieved



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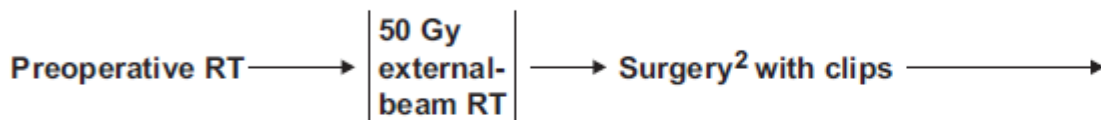


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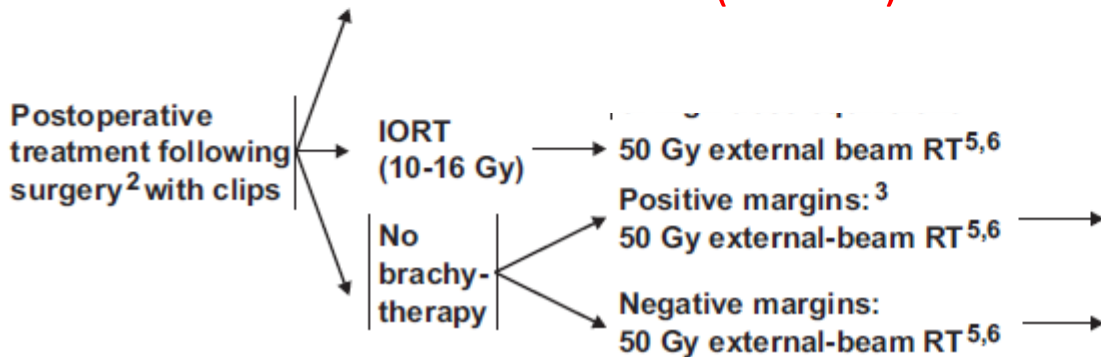
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EBRT
IMRT (MSKCC)



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BRAIN TUMORS



PALLIATIVE RT

1049 A Phase II Study of Surgical Excision, Temozolomide, Radiotherapy, and Anti-EGFR Radioimmunotherapy (EXTRA) as Adjuvant Therapy in High-grade Gliomas

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

390 pts treated from 1988 to 2007 with new diagnosed GBM or AA

- 1) CTL: Surgery+RT (60 Gy)
- 2) RIT: Surgery+RT +125I-EGFR Mab 425
- 3) RIT+TMZ : Surgery+RT+TMZ+125I-EGFR Mab 425

RESULTS

Median survival

- 1) CTL: 7.3 months
- 2) RIT: 39.7 months
- 3) RIT+TMZ :79.4 months**

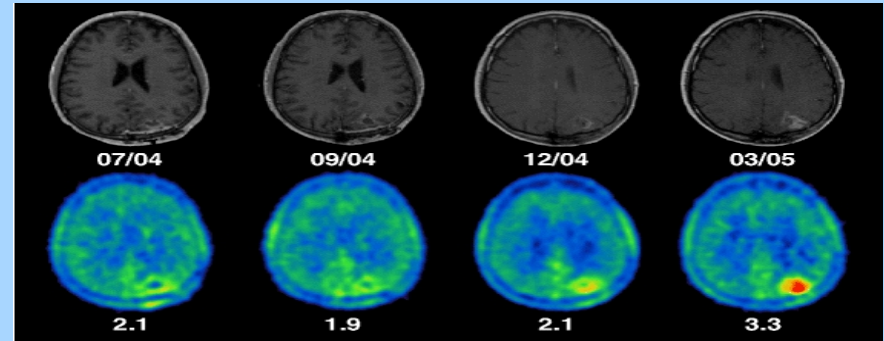


RATIONALE

EGFR is highly expressed in up to 60–90% in high-grade gliomas

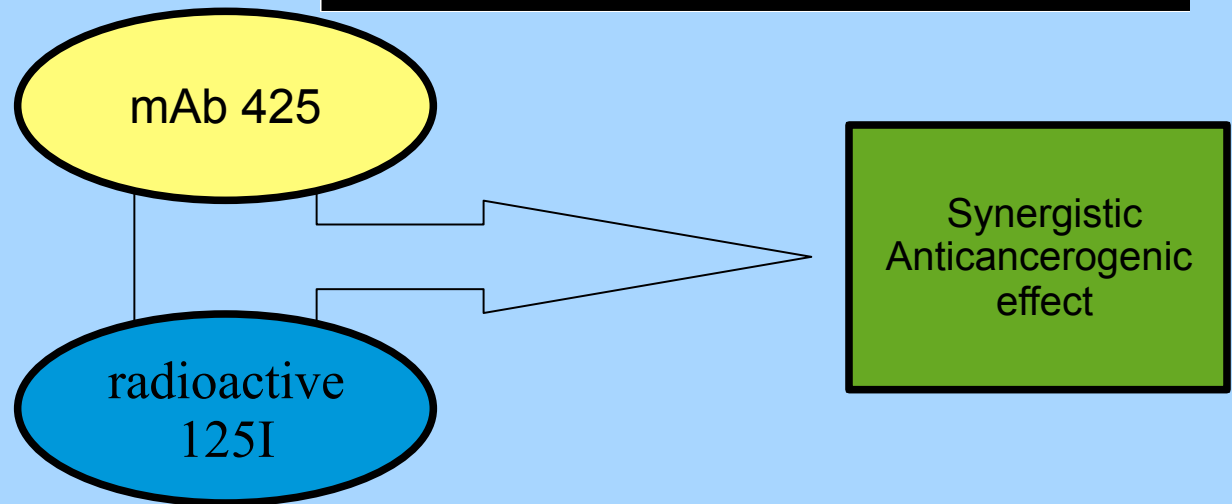
425 anti-EGFR antibody (mAb 425)
IgG2a developed from mice immunized

PET CT with 111 indium-labeled mAb 425 shows :
90% sensitivity,
60% specificity,
90% accuracy to gliomas.



direct cell growth inhibition
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radiation-mediated DNA damage.



CONCLUSION

Adjuvant 125I-EGFR Mab 425 radioimmunotherapy with or without TMZ should be considered in the management of AA and GBM

OUR QUESTION

Based on the results of the study shown at ASTRO 2011, how is it possible that this strategy (surgery+RT+TMZ+125I-EGFR MAb 425 or surgery+RT+125I-EGFR MAb 425) is not accepted as gold standard treatment yet?



Luther W. Brady

HIS ANSWER

It is a shame that there has been so much difficulty actually in having it brought to market as a commercial product. Without question, it is a significant and major improvement in treatment of high grade gliomas of the brain as demonstrated by the data presented by Dr. Daugherty in Miami. However, the machinations that go on with regard to taking a product to commercial production is complicated and difficult.

BRAIN TUMORS

OBSERVATION VS RT FOR ADULT PILOCYTIC ASTROCYTOMA RATIONAL



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Seizure is a common symptom (81%) of low-grade gliomas, and is more frequently associated with oligodendrogliomas.⁷ The median duration from onset of symptoms to diagnosis ranges from 6 to 17 months. These tumors typically are non-enhancing, low-attenuation lesions on CT scans and MRI scans.

Diffuse astrocytomas are poorly circumscribed, invasive, and gradually evolve into higher-grade astrocytomas. Although these were traditionally considered benign, they can behave aggressively and will undergo anaplastic transformation within 5 years in approximately half of patients.^{8,9} The most common non-infiltrative astrocytomas are pilocytic astrocytomas, which are circumscribed, often surgically resectable, and rarely transform; however, the NCCN algorithm does not encompass pilocytic astrocytomas because these tumors are curable by surgery alone.

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Upfront Observation Versus Radiation for Adult Pilocytic Astrocytoma

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MATERIALS AND METHOD

From 1971 to 2007

30 adults retrospectively reviewed

median age 30 years (18-64)

19/30 (63%) Observation post surgery

Surgery: Biopsy, STR (subtotal resection), GTR (gross total resection)

11/30 (37%) Adjuvant RT

Radiation given within 6 months of the operation

5000 cGy/25 fractions

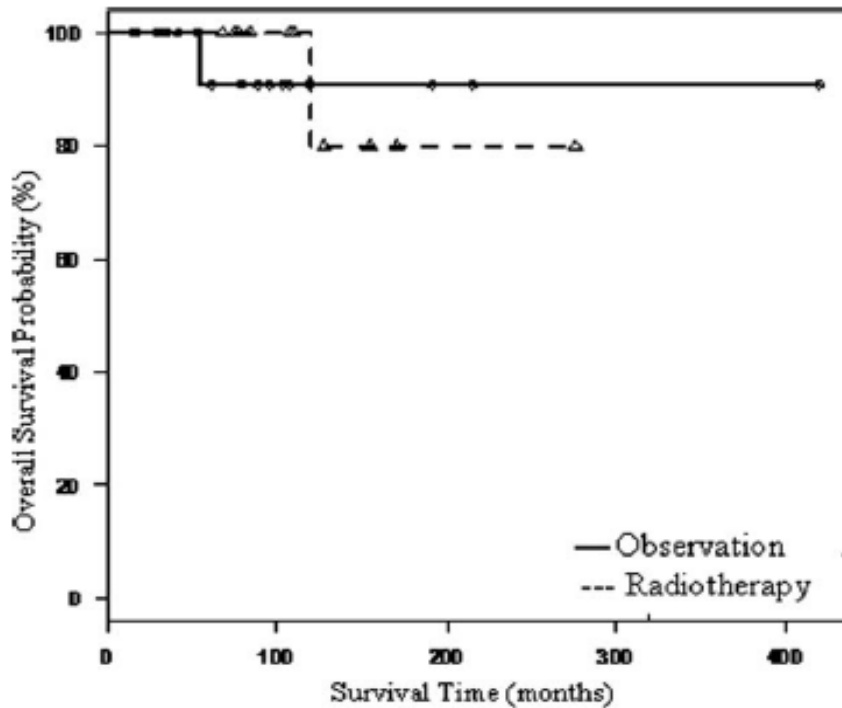
Median follow-up 87 months (16-420)

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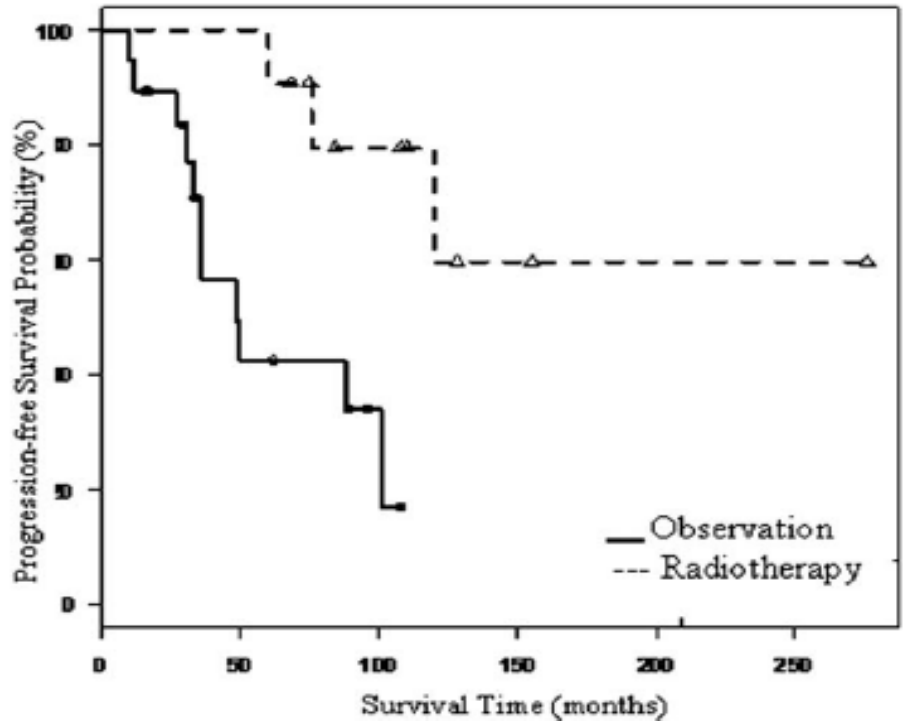
5-year OS

Observation 91% RT 100%

10-year OS

Observation 91% RT 80%

(P = 0 .94)



5-year PFS

Observation 42% RT 91%

10-year PFS

Observation 17% RT 60%.

(P = 0 .005)



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In pilocytic astrocytomas adjuvant RT is recommended (improve DFS) and mandatory for tumors located in eloquent areas of the brain in which progression may render significant neurologic deficits.

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RECURRENT GLIOBLASTOMA

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RECURRENCE

TREATMENT

Recurrent
disease^{p,q}
for anaplastic
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Diffuse or
multiple

Local

Resectable

Unresectable

Resection
+ carmustine
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Best supportive care if
poor performance status
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Systemic chemotherapy^{k,r}
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Surgery for symptomatic,
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**Consider reirradiation
(category 2B)^{j,s}**

NCCN Categories of Evidence and Consensus

- **Category 1:** Based upon high-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- **Category 2A:** Based upon lower-level evidence, there is uniform NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- **Category 2B:** Based upon lower-level evidence, there is NCCN consensus that the intervention is appropriate.
- **Category 3:** Based upon any level of evidence, there is major NCCN disagreement that the intervention is appropriate.

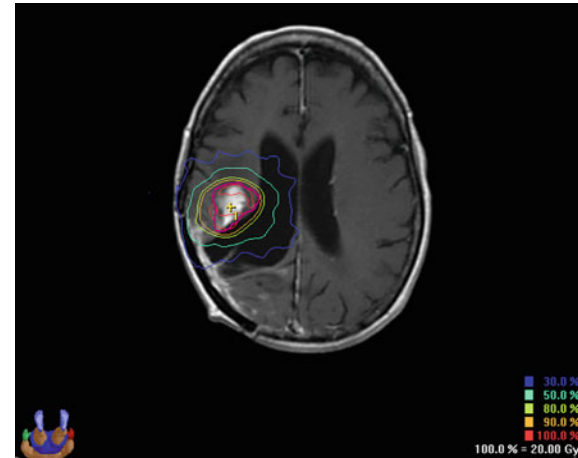
All recommendations are category 2A unless otherwise noted.

STEREOTACTIC SRS

(Leksell Gamma Knife, adapted linear accelerators, Cyber Knife ecc)

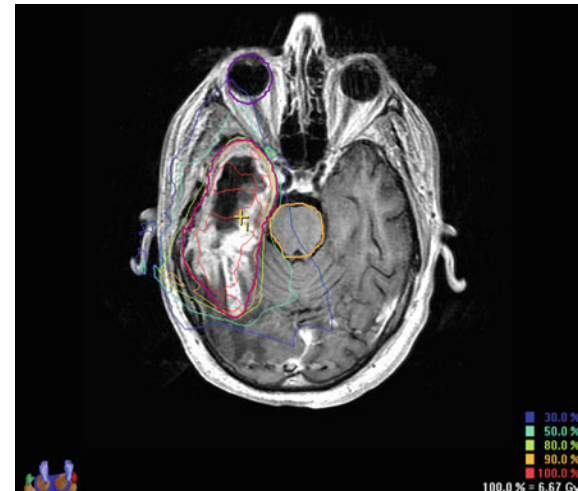
smaller volumes

usually given in a single fraction.



FRACTIONATED STEREOTACTIC RT

dose divided over several fractions.
used to treat larger volumes



Limiting the target volume to approximately 4-5 cm minimises the risk of toxicity

suggest that if larger volumes are being targeted consideration should be made to reducing the dose.

2122 Generation and Validation of a Prognostic Score to Predict Outcome after Re-irradiation of Recurrent Glioma

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

233 pts: GBM 89 (38%),
Grade III WHO 52 (22%),
LGG 92 (40%)

Reirradiation : Fractionated Stereotactic RT (FSRT), med Dose 36 Gy (2 Gr/fr)

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RESULTS

Median Survival : GBM 8 months,
Grade III WHO 20 months,
LGG 24 months

Three strongest Prognostic Factor:

- 1) **Histology** ($p < 0.0001$)
- 2) **Age <50 yrs vs ≥ 50 yrs** ($p < 0.0001$)
- 3) **Time between first and re-irradiation ≤ 12 vs > 12 months** ($p = 0.00051$)

- 4) Tumor volume at re-irradiation
- 5) Karnofsky Performance Score

DISCUSSION

PROGNOSTIC SCORE

Additive scale (range 0-4 points)

Survival after re-irradiation ($p < 0.0001$)

Excellent (0 points)- 25 months

Good (1 points)-22 months

Moderate (2 points)-13 months

Poor (4 points)-8/9 months

Example:

Group 0 (median survival 25 months)

- LGG histology,
- time for re-irradiation > 12 months
- Age < 50 yrs





CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Brain

**REIRRADIATION OF LARGE-VOLUME RECURRENT GLIOMA WITH PULSED
REDUCED-DOSE-RATE RADIOTHERAPY**

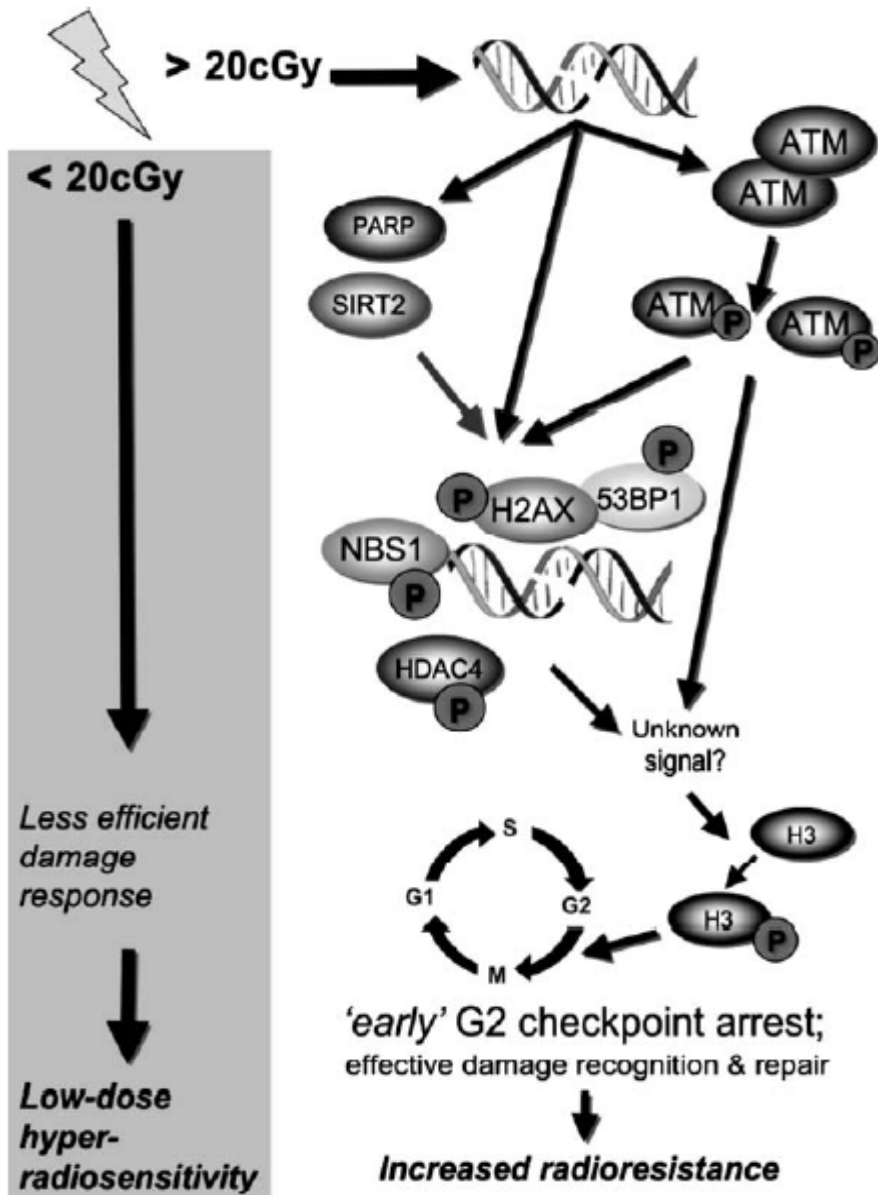
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MATERIALS AND METHODS

December 2000 - September 2007
103 recurrent primary brain tumors
Definitive RT 59,4 Gy (range 50,4 -72,5 Gy)
Median PRDR 50 Gy (range 22-58 Gy)
Pulse of 0,2 Gy (intervals 3 min) apparent dose rate of 0.0667 Gy/min
Mean treatment volume 396.2 cm³ (range 89.6 -1002.2)
PTV : 2 cm-expansion surrounding T2-weighted MRI edema





RATIONALE

LOW DOSE HYPERSENSITIVITY

- A damage threshold must be exceeded to active repair
- Low dose radiation damage lets G2 cells enter mitosis prematurely
- Damage persists undetected for many days after RT

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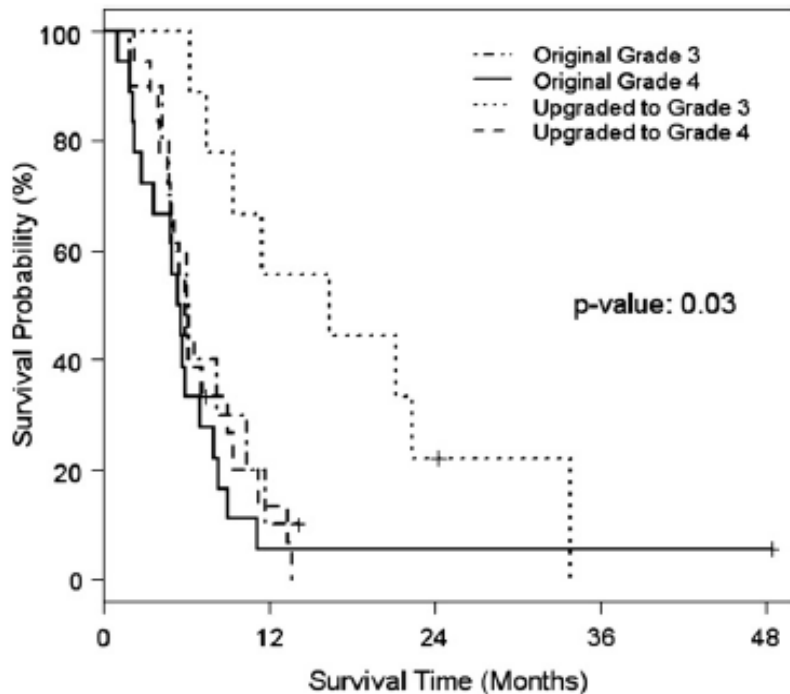


Fig. 3. Survival from initiation of pulsed reduced-dose-rate radiotherapy for patients who had undergone repeat tissue diagnosis before pulsed reduced-dose-rate radiotherapy.

OS from the initiation PRDR
Grade I-II 11.4 months (range 1-33.8)
Grade III 5.6 months (range 1.2-23.7)
Grade IV 5.1 months (range 1-48.8)

Table 3. Multivariate model for overall survival from initial diagnosis

Variable	HR	95% CI for HR	p	Global p
Histologic grade at initial diagnosis				<.0001
Grade 3 (n = 34; vs. Grade 1-2, n = 23)	2.42	1.23-4.78	.01	
Grade 4 (n = 46; vs. Grade 1-2, n = 23)	7.74	3.70-16.17	<.0001	
Age at initial diagnosis (≥50 y, n = 34; vs. <50 y, n = 69)	2.70	1.66-4.41	<.0001	
Secondary surgery (none/biopsy, n = 50; vs. subtotal/gross, n = 53)	2.02	1.32-3.10	.001	

Abbreviations: HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval.

Table 4. Multivariate model for survival from initiation of PRDR

Variable	HR	95% CI for HR	p
Histologic grade at initial diagnosis (Grade 3-4, n = 80; vs. Grade 1-2, n = 23)	1.74	1.01-3.00	.04
Age at initial diagnosis (≥50 y, n = 34; vs. <50 y, n = 69)	2.11	1.33-3.34	.002
Kamofsky performance status (<80, n = 36; vs. ≥80, n = 67)	1.72	1.13-2.62	.01

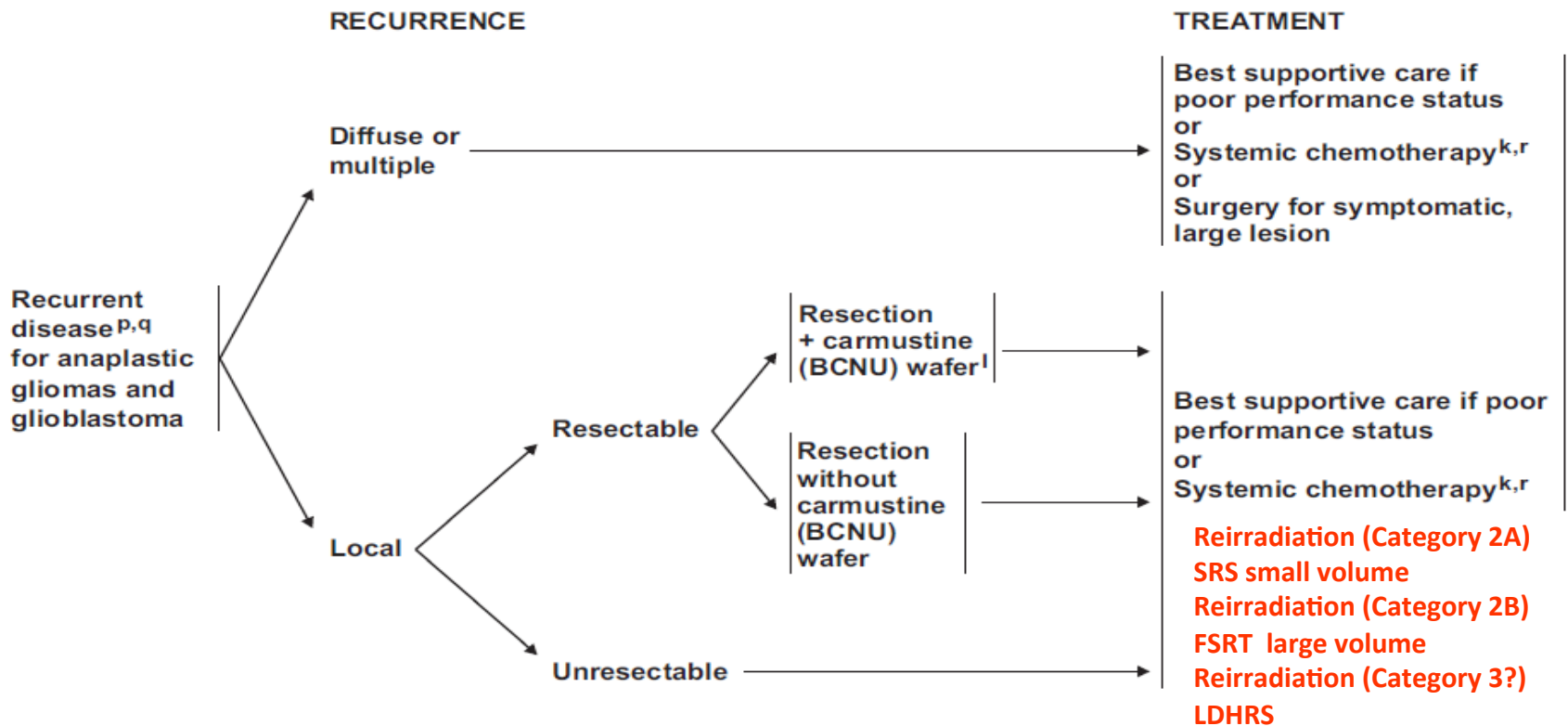
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PALLIATIVE RT

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7LBA LATE BREAKING ABSTRACT

A Multicentre Randomised Trial of Ibandronate Compared to Single Dose Radiotherapy for Localised Metastatic Bone Pain in Prostate Cancer (RIB)

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Randomised 470 pts with primary prostate cancer and painful bone metastases

Pain relief (WHO pain ladder / Mercadante method - analgesic use)

WHO response rate from 70% (RT) to 85% (IB).

Mercadante method

4 weeks : more patients IB group worse Mercadante scores needed retreatment

6 and 12 months : no long-term difference

Median survival

- 11.8 months (radiotherapy only),
- 11.4 months (IB only),
- 12.7 months (radiotherapy then IB),
- 16.8 months (IB then radiotherapy)

First large Randomised Phase III trial
bisphosphonate drug
single dose
VS
single dose radiotherapy



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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

UPDATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS ON PALLIATIVE RADIOTHERAPY ENDPOINTS FOR FUTURE CLINICAL TRIALS IN BONE METASTASES

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CONCLUSION

'IB was as good as single

OUR QUESTION

Is it possible to replace RT with bisphosphonate drug for those patients who nowadays must be treated, for every single anatomical place, with the former ?

HIS ANSWER

I think it does mean that in prostate cancer both options are reasonable choices and that if one doesn't work the alternate may well do so. I am not sure it replaces but rather compliments RT and gives us another option especially for the more difficult pains.



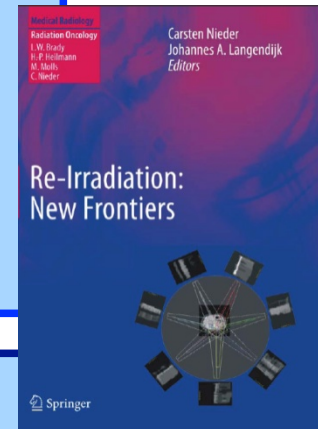
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FUTURE DIRECTION REIRRADIATION

“In the past, most oncologists would find this an insurmountable problem with which to deal. However, with the development of new technologies including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy, Image Guided Radiation Therapy, Tomotherapy, Stereotactic Body Radiosurgical Techniques and Proton Beams opens entirely new vistas as to how best to handle these problems. Along with these technical developments has been a better understanding of altered fractionation technologies and how they might be used in developing a treatment program to previously irradiated volumes.”

Luther W. Brady
Hans Peter Heilmann
Michael Molls



“Good doctors use both individual clinical expertise and the best available external evidence, and neither alone is enough. Without clinical expertise, practice risks becoming tyrannised by evidence, for even excellent external evidence may be inapplicable to or inappropriate for an individual patient. Without current best evidence, practice risks becoming rapidly out of date, to the detriment of patients.”

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