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***La Ricerca Clinica  
nei Trattamenti Integrati del  
Carcinoma Gastrico***

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# **Gastric Cancer**

## **Current Treatment Strategies**

**Post-operative Chemotherapy**

**Post-operative Chemoradiotherapy**

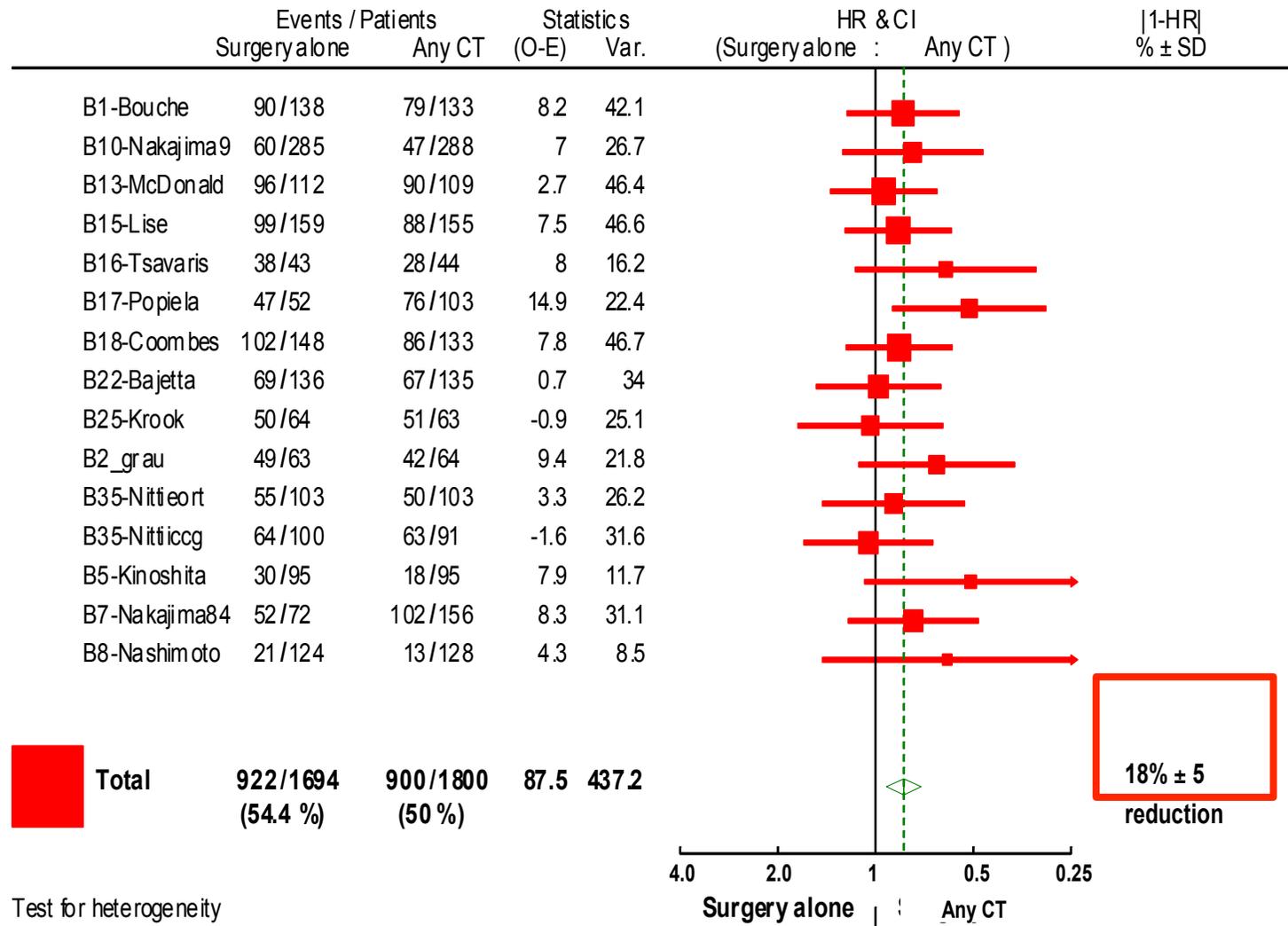
**Peri-operative Chemotherapy**

**Pre-operative Chemoradiotherapy**

# Survival in Italian and EU RCTs

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<b>Bajetta</b> <i>Ann Oncol '02</i>	274	EAP→FUFA <b>Surgery alone</b>	52% <b>48%</b>
<b>Di Costanzo</b> <i>JNCI 2008</i>	258	PELF <b>Surgery alone</b>	48% <b>45%</b>
<b>De Vita</b> <i>Ann Oncol 2007</i>	228	ELFE <b>Surgery alone</b>	48% <b>43.5%</b>
<b>Nitti</b> <i>Ann Oncol 2006</i>	397	FAMTX <b>Surgery alone</b>	43% <b>44%</b>

# Overall survival: CT vs surgery alone



Test for heterogeneity  
Chi-square=16.83, df=14: p>0.1

CT group interaction test: p<.001

# Adjuvant chemotherapy Italian Intergroup ITACA-S1 Trial

pT2b-4 N0 and/or N+; at least D1 and 15 LN; 1100 pts



Participants:

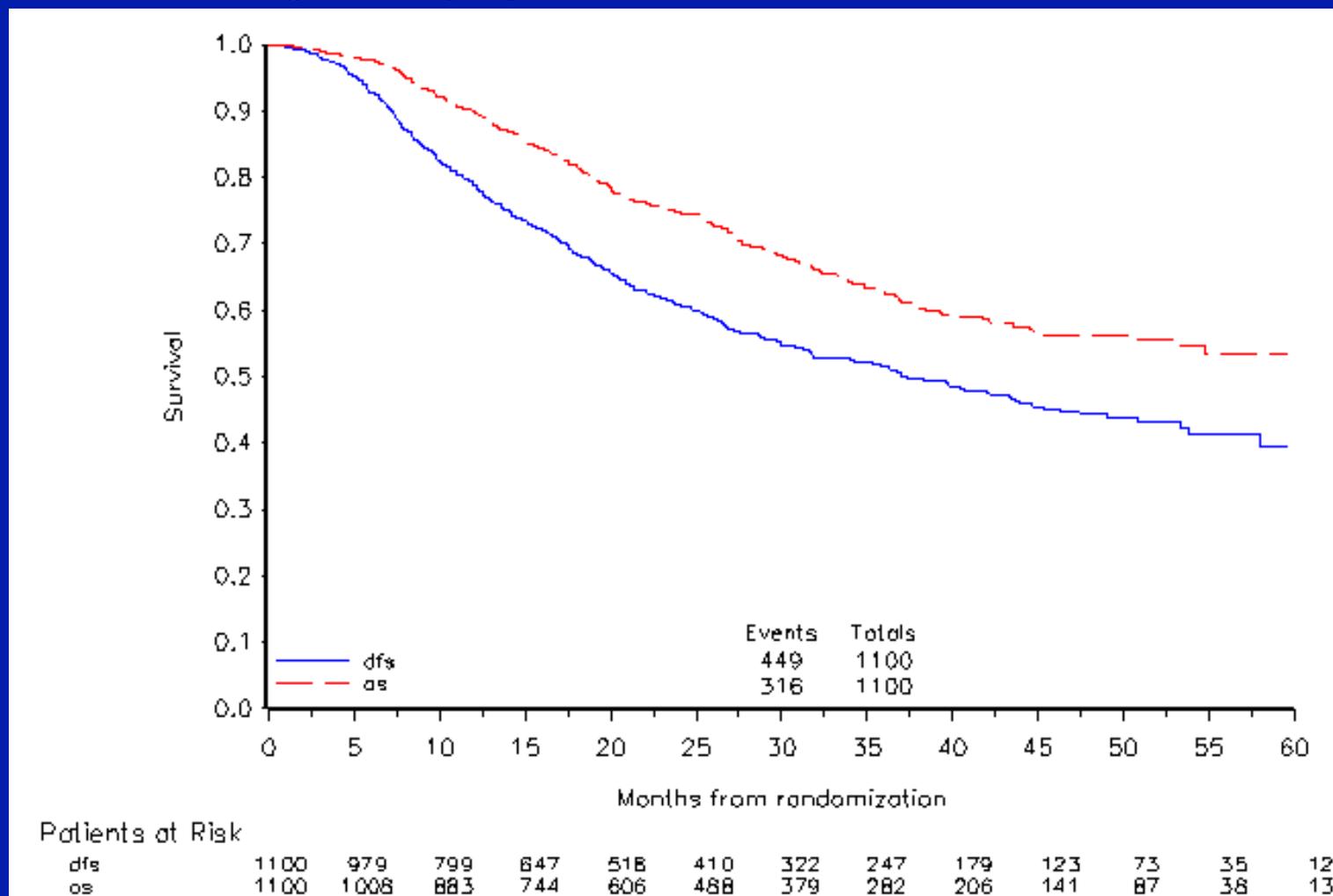
123 Italian Centers from 11 Multicenter groups

Patients recruited :

1106: 562 exp arm, 538 control arm (Febr 2005 – Aug 2009)

# ITACA-S1 Study: Results

*Events on global population*



**Median Fup: 2.5 year ; 408 pts relapsed and 316 died; 449 events (71% of target)**

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CHEMORADIOTHERAPY AFTER SURGERY COMPARED WITH SURGERY ALONE  
FOR ADENOCARCINOMA OF THE STOMACH OR GASTROESOPHAGEAL  
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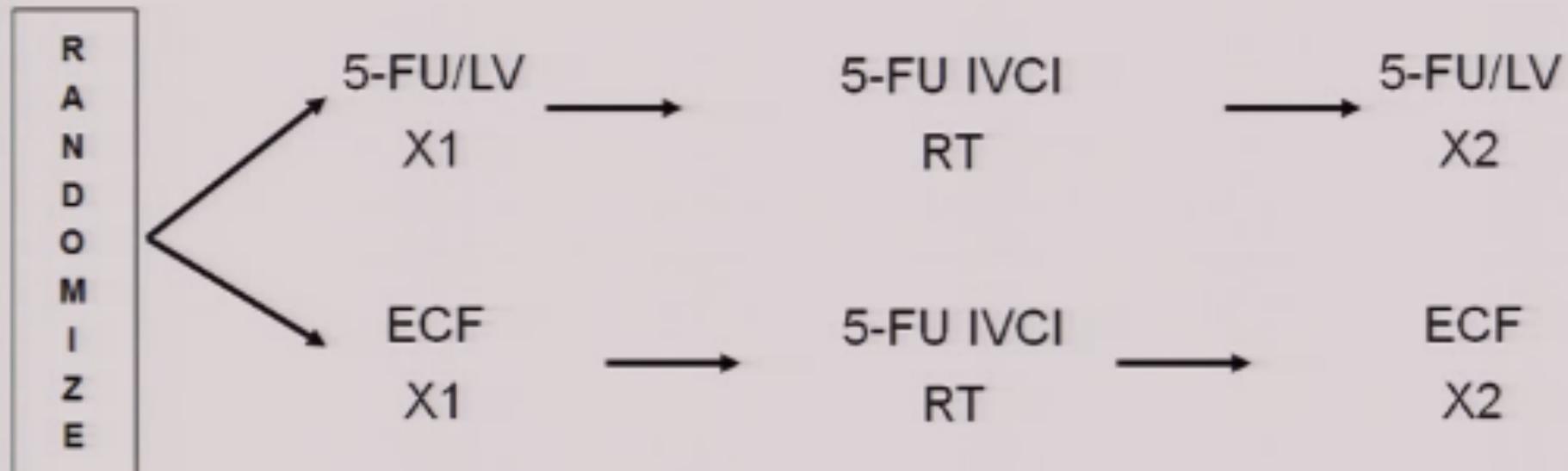
**TABLE 2.** REASONS FOR THE CESSATION OF  
CHEMORADIOTHERAPY AMONG THE 281 PATIENTS  
IN THE CHEMORADIOTHERAPY GROUP.

REASON FOR CESSATION	No. of PATIENTS (%)
Protocol treatment completed	181 (64)
Toxic effects	49 (17)
Patient declined further treatment	23 (8)
Progression of disease	13 (5)
Death	3 (1)
Other	12 (4)

**TABLE 4.** SITES OF RELAPSE.\*

SITE	PATIENTS WITH RELAPSES	
	SURGERY-ONLY GROUP (N=177)	CHEMORADIOTHERAPY GROUP (N=120)
		no. (%)
Local	51 (29)	23 (19)
Regional	127 (72)	78 (65)
Distant	32 (18)	40 (33)

## CALGB 80101: Study Schema



5-FU/LV: 5-FU 425 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-5, LV 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1-5

RT: 45 Gy (1.8 Gy X 25 fractions) with 5-FU 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d CI

ECF (pre-RT): Epirubicin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1, Cisplatin 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1, &  
5-FU 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d CI d1-21

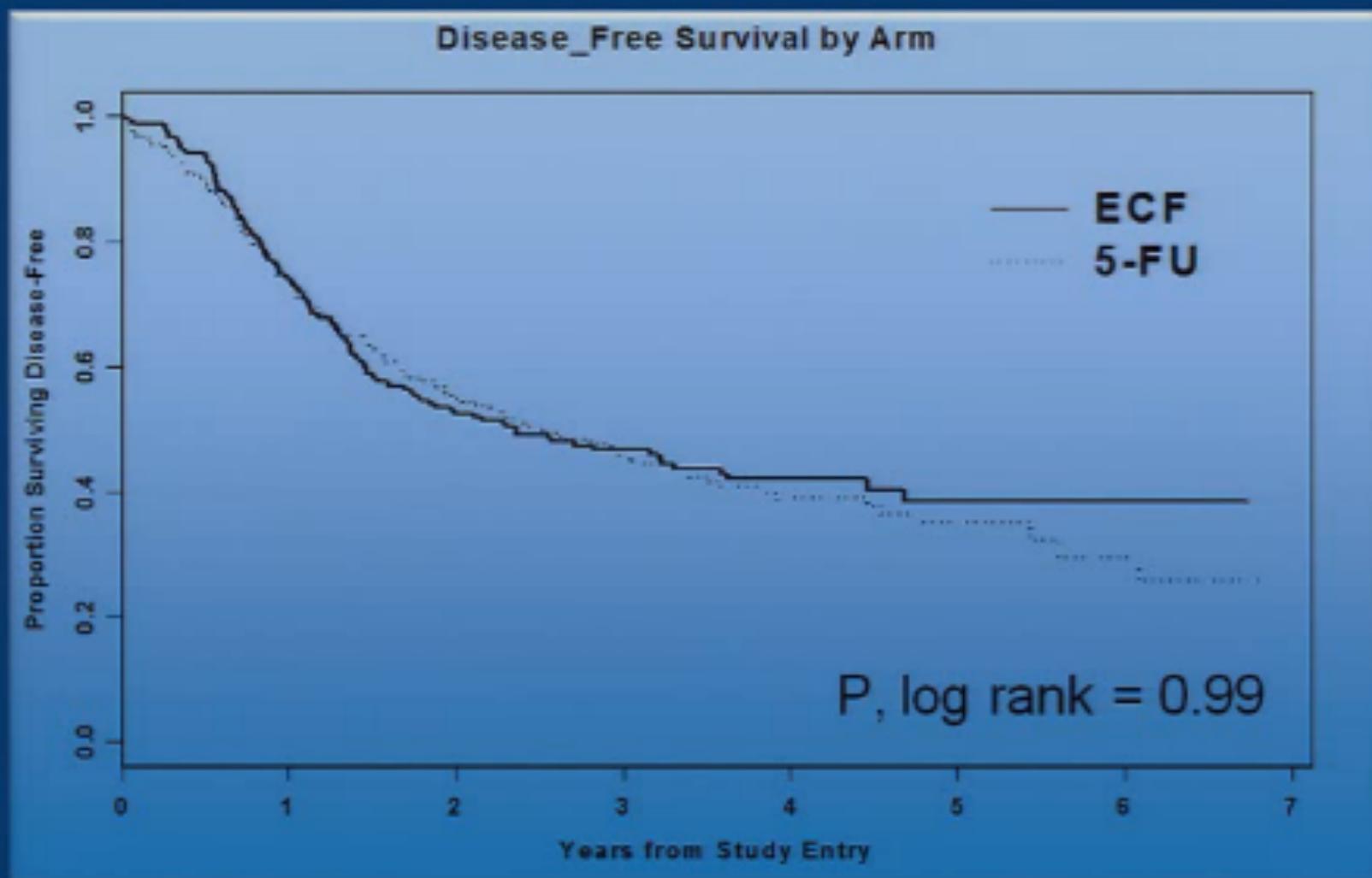
ECF (post-RT): Epirubicin 40 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1, Cisplatin 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup> d1, &  
5-FU 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d CI d1-21

Postoperative adjuvant chemoradiation for gastric  
or GE junction adenocarcinoma using ECF before  
and after 5-FU/radiotherapy compared to bolus 5-  
FU/LV before and after 5-FU/radiotherapy:  
Intergroup trial CALGB 80101

CS Fuchs, JE Tepper, D Niedzwiecki, D Hollis,  
HJ Mamon, RS Swanson, DG Haller,  
T Dragovich, SR Alberts, G Bjarnson, CG Willett,  
PC Enzinger, RM Goldberg, AP Venook, RJ Mayer



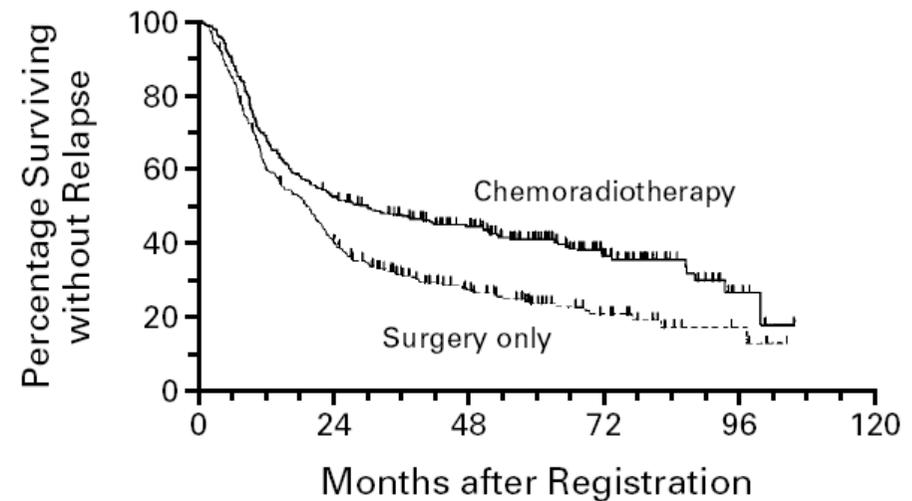
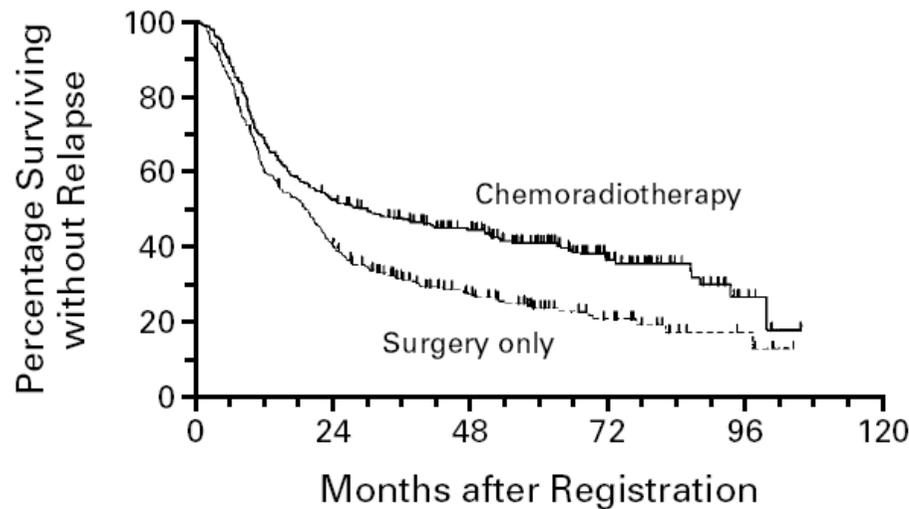
# CALGB 80101 – Disease-free Survival



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## CALGB 80101- Discussion

What could we make better?

Radiation quality assurance

CALGB 80101 (Fuchs et al. 2011)  
15% of the treatment plans were found  
to contain major deviations

INT 0116 (Macdonald et al. 2001)  
6.5% major deviations

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## CALGB 80101- Discussion

What could we make better?

Surgical quality assurance

CALGB 80101 (Fuchs et al. 2011)  
D2 LN dissection not mandated  
33% pts had <15 lymph nodes examined!

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# Perioperative CT - Ongoing Trials

## **MAGIC-B TRIAL**

Stage II-IV(M0) Gastric/EG Adenocarcinoma

**R**  
**A**  
**N**  
**D**  
**O**  
**M**

▶ ECX x 3 -- Surgery – ECX x 3

▶ ECX x 3 + BEV – Surgery – ECX x 3+ BEV  
BEV x 6

***Randomised Phase II Study  
of pre or peri-operative Docetaxel, Oxaliplatin,  
Capecitabine (DOX) regimen in  
locally advanced resectable Gastric Cancer***

## **Study Design**

Multicenter, randomized, open label phase II study

**DOX 2 cycles → Surgery → DOX 2 cycles → F-up**

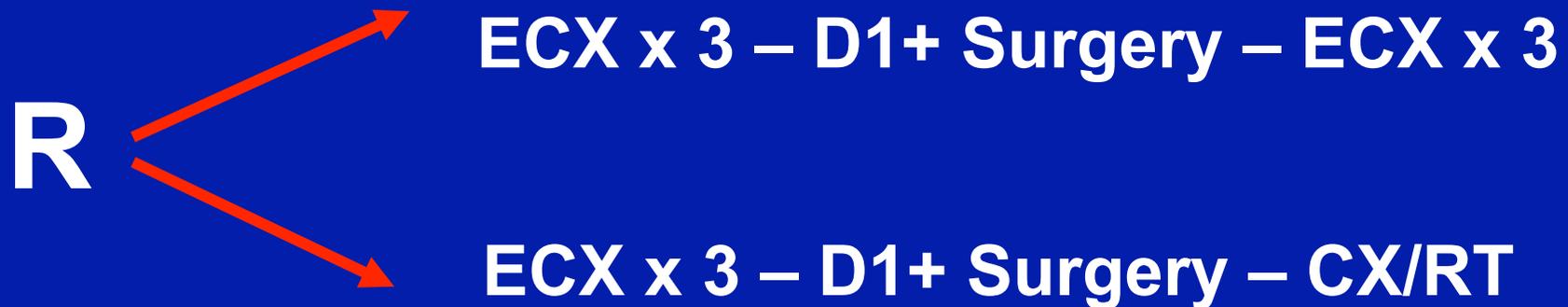
**Random**

**DOX 4 cycles → Surgery → F-up**

Study Coordinators: D Amadori, S Cascinu, G De Manzoni, F Roviello

# Preop CT and Postop CT or CT-RT Ongoing CRITICS Trial

pT2b-4 N0 and/or N+; Primary end-point: OS; Pts 788



E: Epirubicyn, C: Cisplatin, X: Capecitabine

RT: 3D-CRT/IMRT 45Gy/25 fe

**SURGERY week 12**

*Neaderlands Cancer Institue*

## **ITACA-S 2**

*(Intergroup Trial in Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Adenocarcinoma of the Stomach 2):*

**Comparison of the efficacy of a peri-operative versus a post-operative chemotherapy treatment in patients with operable gastric cancer and assessment of the benefit of a post-operative chemo-radiotherapy**

**Sponsor:** Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche “Mario Negri”

**Supported by:** AIFA

**Medical Oncology:** Francesco Di Costanzo (*P.Investigator*)

**Radiation Oncology:** Vincenzo Valentini

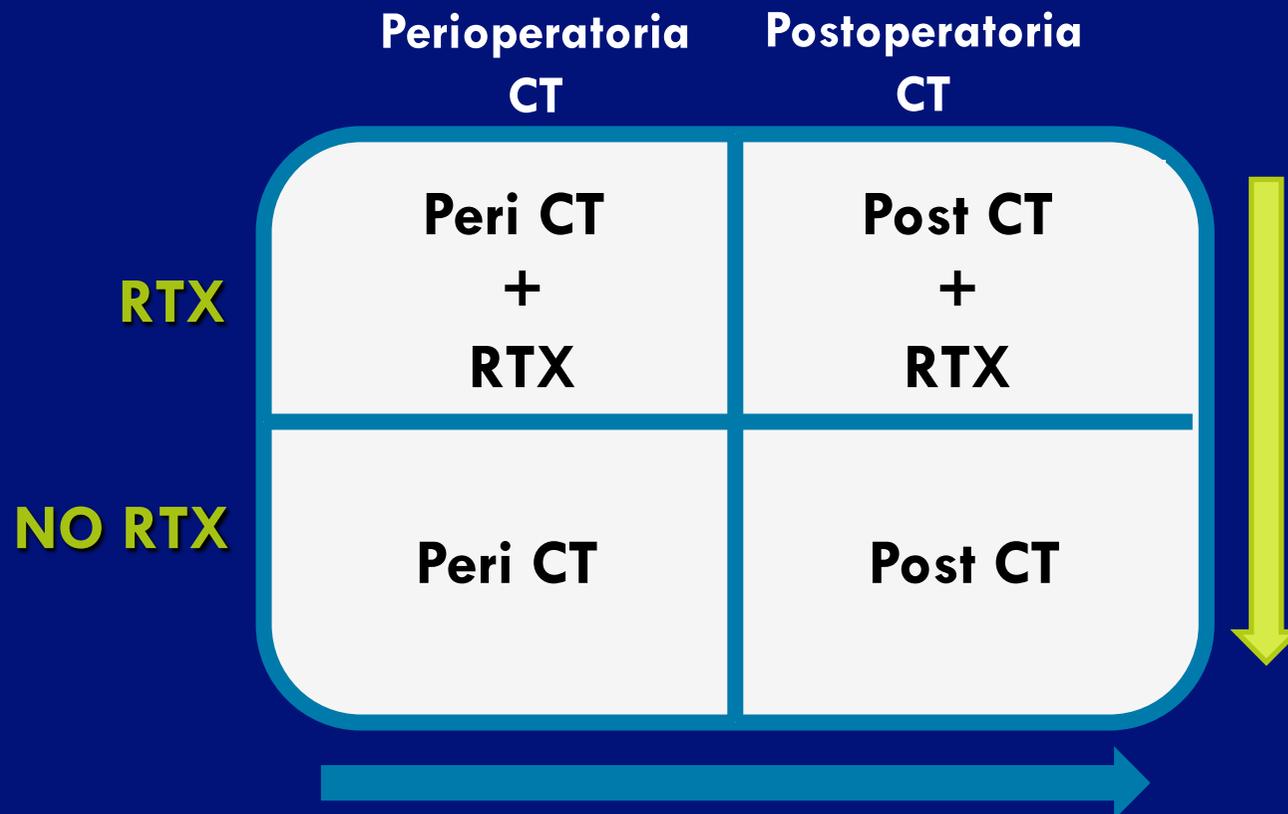
**Surgery:** Donato Nitti

**STUDIO ITACA-S 2**

**adenocarcinoma  
dello stomaco considerato  
operabile**

I pazienti saranno stratificati per  
centro, stadio di malattia,  
performance status

**RANDOM INDIPENDENTI  
2a RANDOM NON  
OBBLIGATORIA**



**DISEGNO DELLO STUDIO**

# *ITACA-S 2*

Arm A: peri-operative CT

Arm B: post-operative CT

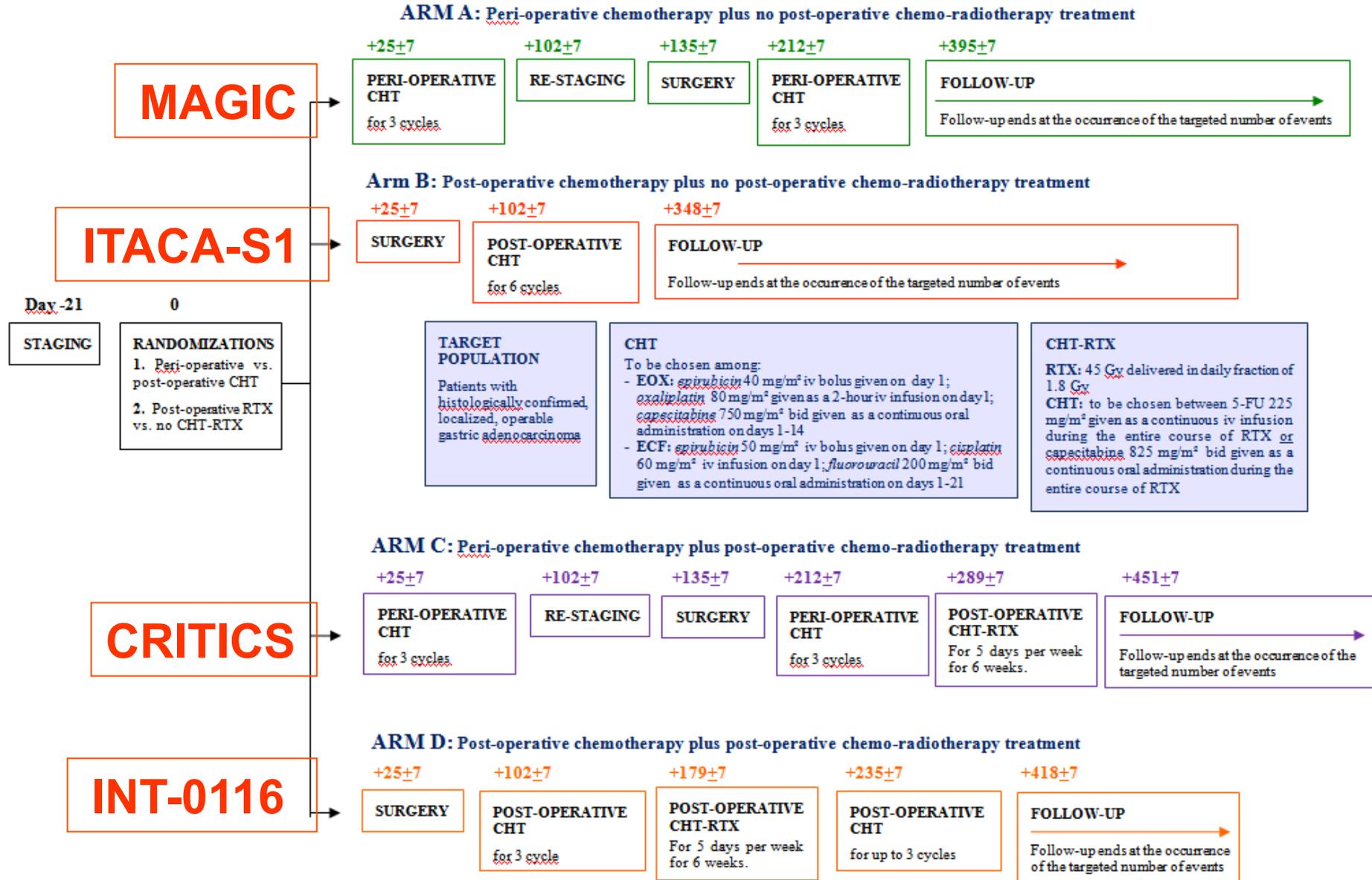
Arm C: peri-operative CT +  
post-operative CT- RT

Arm D: post-operative CT+  
post-operative CT- RT

CT: EOX / ECF

RT: 3D-CRT 45 Gy + Cape/FU

Annex 1 – Study flow-chart



Disegno dello Studio

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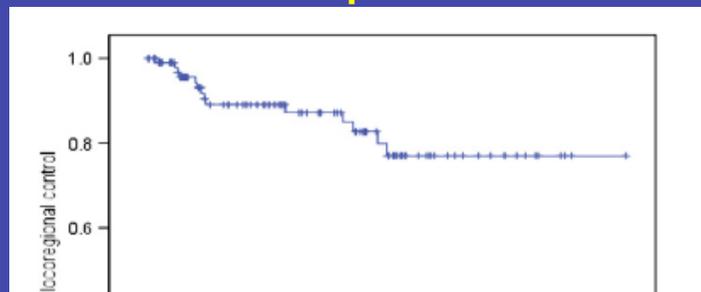
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# Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy in Gastric Cancer- The MD Anderson



**Post-op mortality: 5.6% vs 5.9%**  
**Post-op morbidity: 46% vs 45%**  
**Post-op hosp stay (med): 13 d vs 13 d**  
**MAGIC data, NEJM 2006**

Fig. 2. Locoregional control in all patients.

**pCR: 23% - R0 Rate: 95%**

**Post Op Compl: 38%**

**Post Op Death: 2.8%**

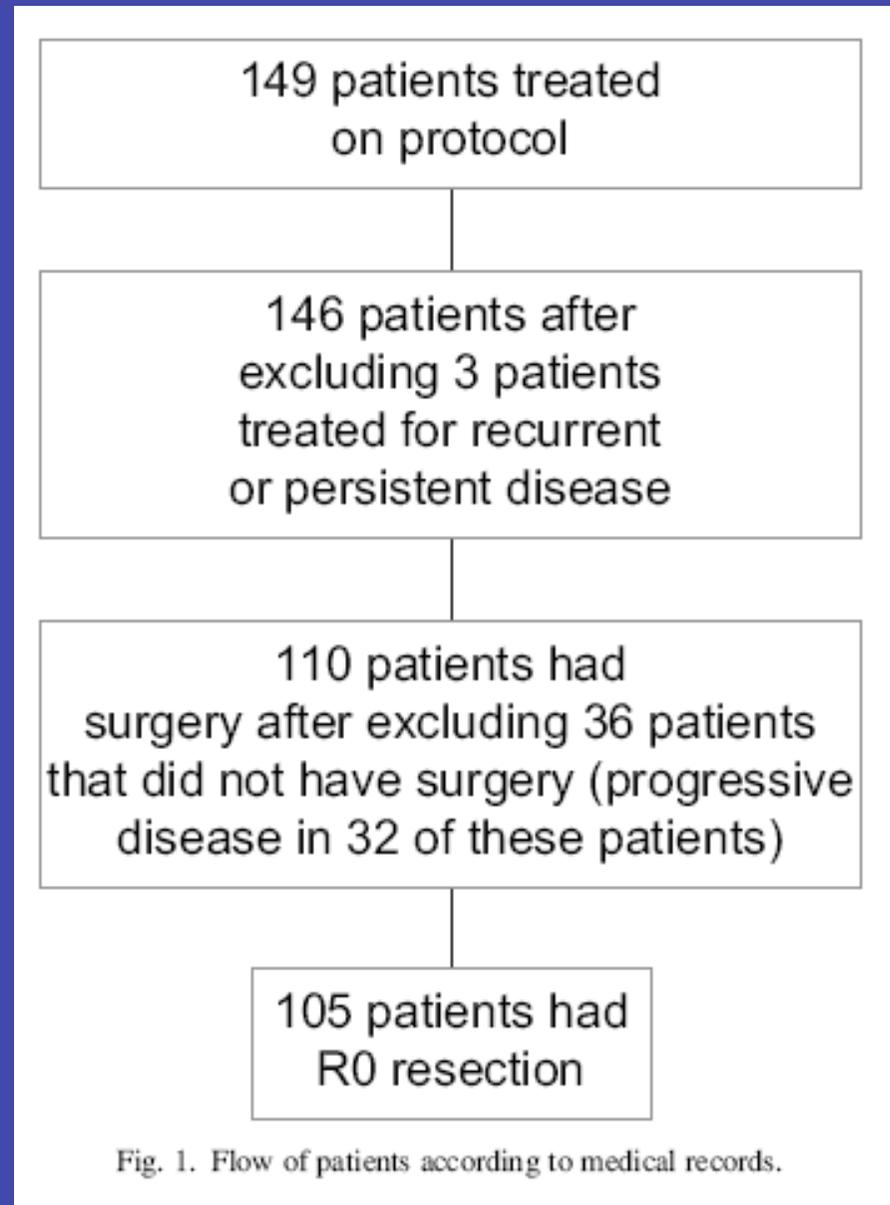


Fig. 1. Flow of patients according to medical records.

Fujitani K et al Ann Surg Oncol 2007  
Reed VK et al IJROBP 2008

# NEOX-RT Study

Patients with locally advanced uT3-4,N0 or any uT,N+M0(LPS) potentially resectable, locally advanced gastric cancer

**Induction chemotherapy**

Patients with early metabolic disease progression (CT-PET) will undergo to immediate surgery

**EOX x 3 cycles (q 3weeks) for 9 weeks**



**Responding pts**  
CT-PET evaluation after 2 cycles EOX  
Objective Response (Endoscopy/EUS) after 9 weeks

**Chemoradiotherapy**

**RT 45 Gy + Oxaliplatin-Xeloda for 5 weeks**



**Restaging**  
CT-PET  
CT abdomen and chest  
Objective Response (Endoscopy/EUS) after 4 weeks from CT-RT

**Surgery**  
**Week 22**

**SURGERY +/- IORT**  
4-6 weeks after chemoradiotherapy

**Path Response Rate**  
**R0 Resection Rate**  
**Treat Compliance**

# Preop CT vs Preop CT-RT Ongoing EORTC Phase II Trial

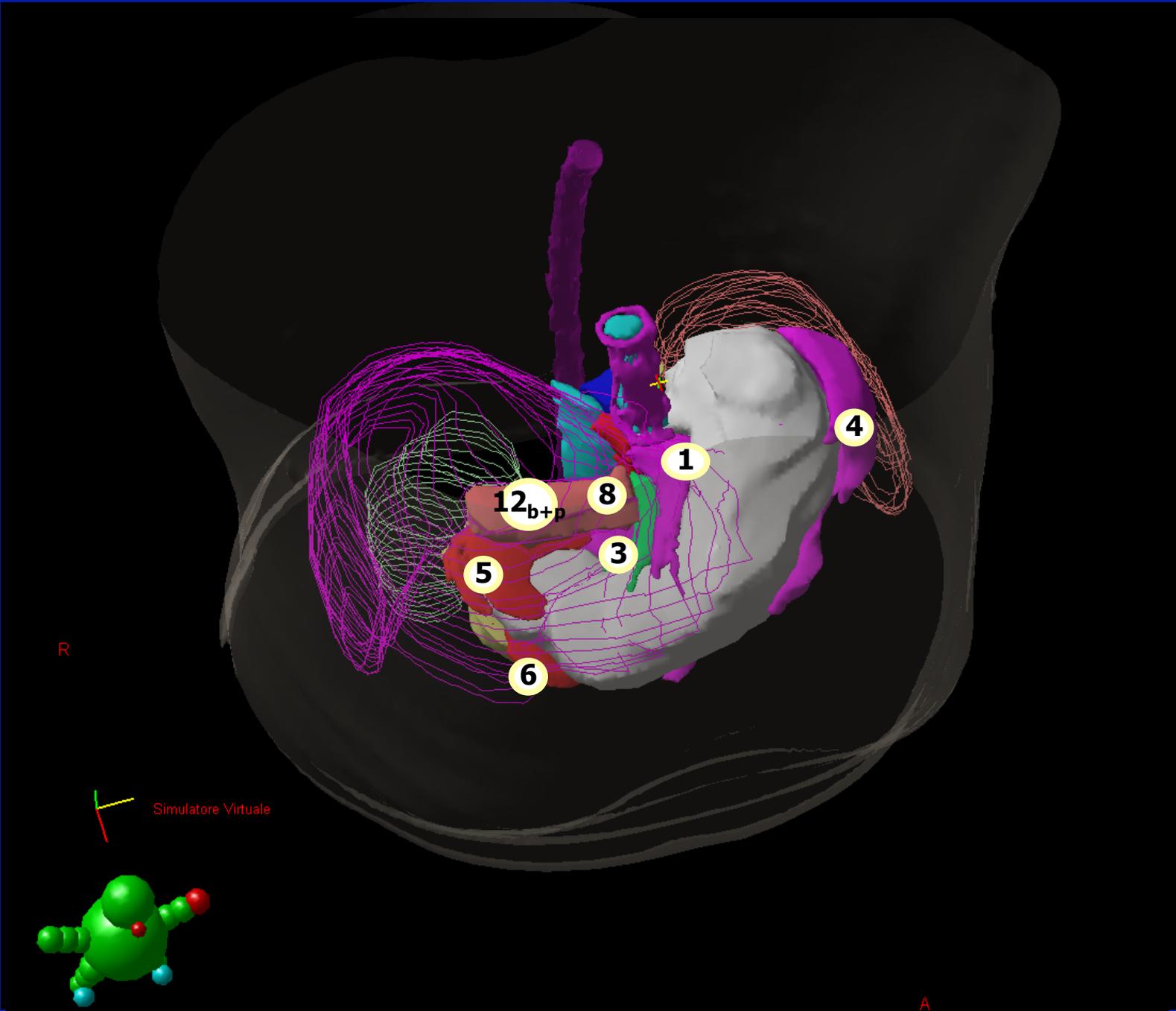
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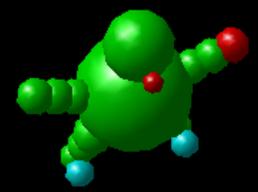
**SURGERY week 12-18**



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Simulatore Virtuale



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# CENTRI PARTECIPANTI



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# Clinical Research in Gastric Cancer Summary

- ❑ Post-op CT-RT in new CMT programs  
(US-INT, CRITICS Trial, ITACA-S2)
- ❑ Pre-op CT-RT new emerging approach  
(RTOG, EORTC, Italian Study)
- ❑ Optimal surgery is crucial  
(D2 LN dissection)
- ❑ Evolving role of RT is a major interest  
(New Drug-RT modalities;....Guidelines, QA programs !!)