

# Radiochemioterapia farmaci biologici e radioprotezione nel trattamento esclusivo

**ATTUALITÀ  
NELLA TERAPIA INTEGRATA  
LOCOREGIONALE DELLE NEOPLASIE  
DELLE VIE AEREE DIGESTIVE SUPERIORI**

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# HNSCC localmente avanzato

E' caratterizzato da meccanismi radiobiologici di radioresistenza

- **elevato numero di cellule clonogene**
- **ripopolamento accelerato durante la RT**
- **cellule ipossiche con neoangiogenesi circostante**
- **sovraespressione di EGF-recettore**

La **RT convenzionale**: 70 Gy possono controllare il 50-60% dei T3-T4 ed il 50-70% dell'N positivo fino a 3-5 cm, con un tasso di sopravvivenza **a 5 anni del 30%**

Antognoni P et al. Tumori. 2005

Baumann M et al. Radiother Oncol 2004

Laskar SG et al. Expert Rev Anticancer Ther. 2006

# Attuali strategie terapeutiche

per migliorare il controllo locoregionale e OS

- RT con frazionamento alterato
- RT + modificatori dell'ipossia
- RT + farmaci antitumorali e/o biologici:
  - RCT concomitante
  - CT di induzione + RT/RCT concomitante
  - RT + Cetuximab
  - RCT concomitante +/- Cetuximab

# Attuali strategie terapeutiche

per contenere la tossicità acuta e cronica

- Radioprotettori:
  - amifostina
- Nuove tecniche RT:
  - IMRT
  - Radiazioni non convenzionali
- Supporto nutrizionale

# RT con frazionamento alterato

Aumentare la dose-intensity della RT:

- **RT iperfrazionata (HF):** aumenta la dose totale al tumore erogando dosi più piccole, più volte al giorno
- **RT accelerata (AF):** riduce il tempo totale di trattamento ostacolando il ripopolamento delle cellule clonogene

AF comprende regimi senza riduzione della dose totale, con riduzione della dose totale o split-course.

# RT convenzionale *vs* RT iperfrazionata o accelerata

## Evidenze dalle metanalisi

Il frazionamento alterato produce:

- beneficio sul controllo loco-regionale a 5 anni del **6.4%**
- beneficio sulla OS a 5 anni con HF dell' **8%**
- beneficio sulla OS a 5 anni con AF del **3.4%** (*n.s.*)
- nessun beneficio per la AF senza aumento della dose o split-course

**Il beneficio è più evidente nei pazienti giovani**

Bourhis J, Lancet 2006

# Frazionamenti RT alterati più efficaci

**RTOG 90-03:** HF 81,6 Gy dose totale in 68 frazioni da 1.2 Gy, due volte al giorno, 5 giorni a settimana per 7 settimane

**RTOG 90-03:** AF con concomitant boost: 72 Gy in 6 settimane (1.8 Gy sul volume grande più 1.5 Gy di boost come seconda frazione sul piccolo volume dopo 12 giorni dall'inizio della RT)

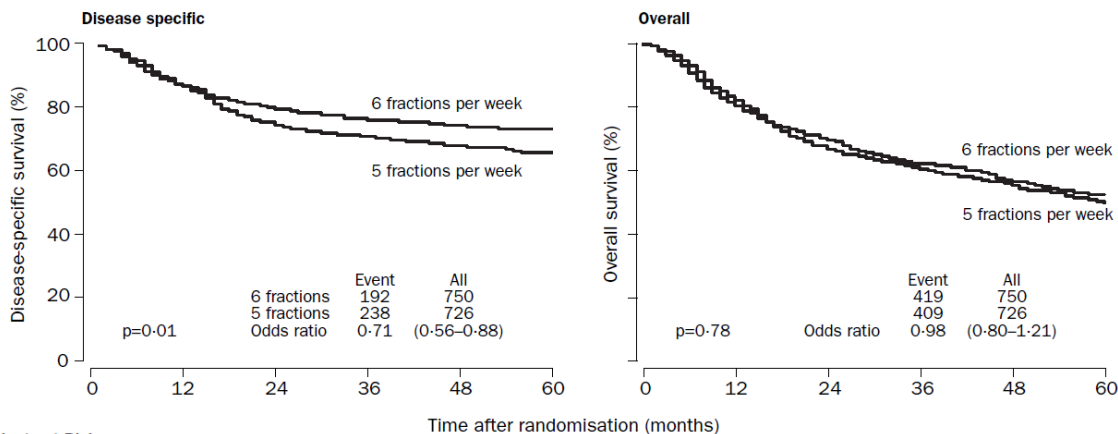
**DAHANCA 6 & 7 (2003) & IAEA-ACC (2010):** AF sei frazioni a settimana

*(AF migliora il controllo loco-regionale, la sopravvivenza malattia-specifica, non migliora la OS)*

# Five compared with six fractions per week of conventional radiotherapy of squamous-cell carcinoma of head and neck: DAHANCA 6&7 randomised controlled trial

Jens Overgaard, Hanne Sand Hansen, Lena Specht, Marie Overgaard, Cai Grau, Elo Andersen, Jens Bentzen, Lars Bastholt, Olfred Hansen, Jørgen Johansen, Lisbeth Andersen, Jan F Evensen, on behalf of the Danish Head and Neck Cancer Study Group

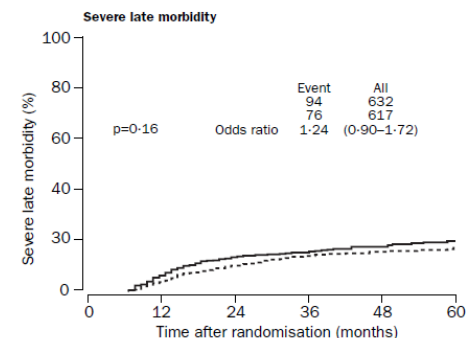
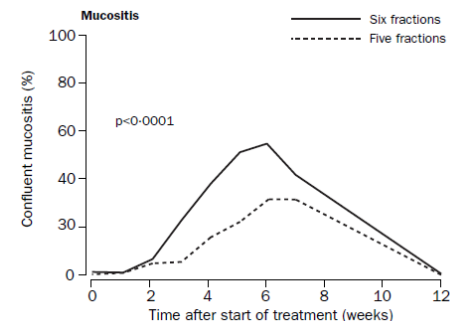
**Vantaggio significativo per età < 65aa, PS <1, T1-2, N0**  
**Incremento della tossicità acuta, ma non della tardiva**



**Patients at Risk**

	0	12	24	36	48	60	0	12	24	36	48	60
6 fractions per week	750	610	528	450	375	317	750	610	528	450	375	317
5 fractions per week	726	603	490	422	296	296	726	603	490	422	355	296

Figure 5: Effect of overall treatment time on disease-specific survival and overall survival



Patients at risk



# Five versus six fractions of radiotherapy per week for squamous-cell carcinoma of the head and neck (IAEA-ACC study): a randomised, multicentre trial



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## Summary

**Background** Several large randomised studies from western Europe and the USA have shown that accelerated fractionation of radiotherapy might be beneficial in the treatment of squamous-cell carcinoma of the head and neck (HNSCC). The aim of this study—the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ACC trial—was to determine whether accelerated fractionation could be applied in developing countries, where there are fewer therapeutic resources and where tumour burdens can be heavier.

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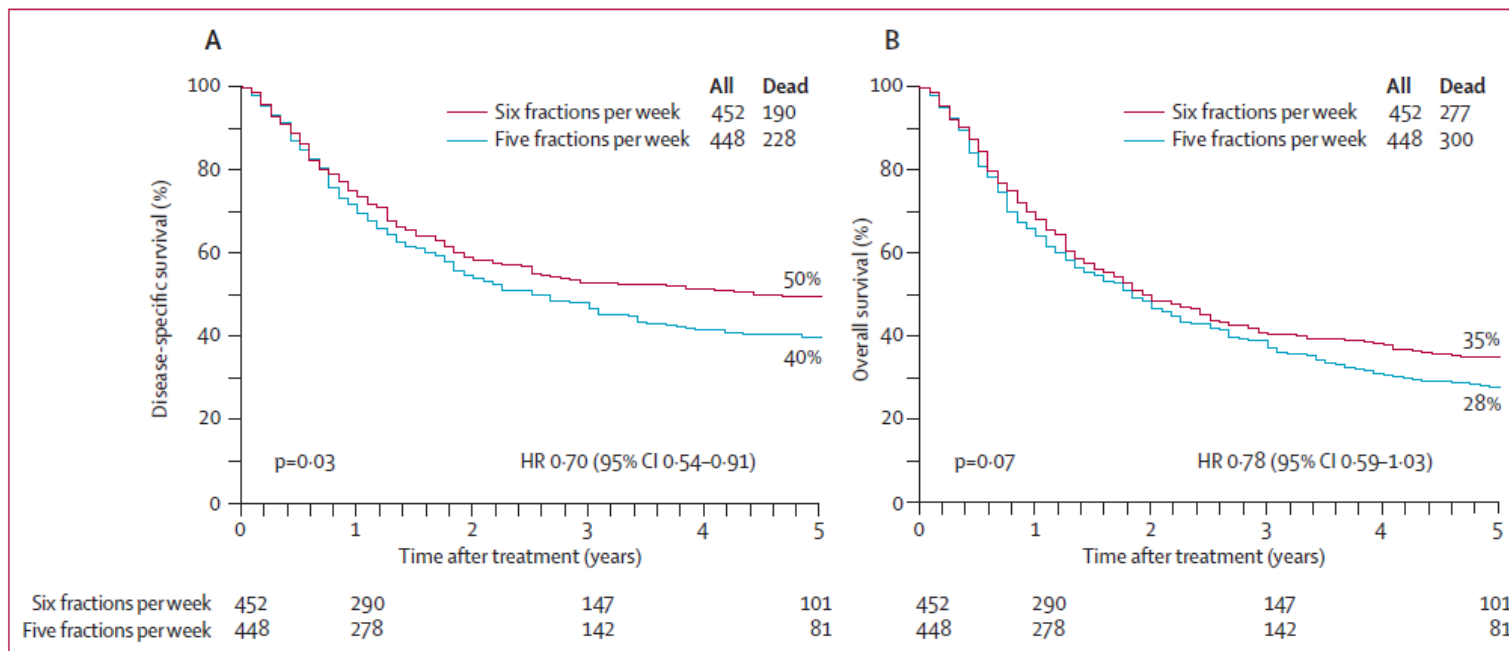


Figure 5: Disease-specific survival (A) and overall survival (B)

# Hyperfractionated or accelerated RT for head and neck cancer (Cochrane Review, August 2010)

Individual patient data from 15 randomised trials beginning recruitment from 1970 to 1997 (6515 pts)

**OS absolute benefit of 3.4% at five years**

Hyperfractionated RT (8%); accelerated RT (2% / 1,7%),  $p = 0.003$

**LRC in favour of altered fractionation versus conventional RT**

(6.4% at five years;  $P < 0.0001$ ), T vs N for younger pts

## Authors' conclusions

Altered fractionation RT improves survival in patients with head and neck squamous cell carcinoma. Comparison of the different types of altered RT suggests that hyperfractionation provides the greatest benefit.....

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**Andre A. Koniski,  
et al  
Head Neck , 2009**

## Quality-Adjusted Survival Analysis of Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) 90-03: Phase III Randomized Study Comparing Altered Fractionation to Standard Fractionation Radiotherapy for Locally Advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Quality Adjusted Survival for Utility of 0.8 for Tox and 0.5 for Rel

Treatment Arm	Mean Quality Adjusted Survival (Months)	p-value**
SFX (n=266)	12.99	-----
HFX (n=261)	14.27	0.057
AHFXS (n=274)	13.55	0.38
AFXC (n=267)	13.60	0.36

\* Comparing mean QAS to SFX arm. SFX- Standard Fractionated radiotherapy; HFX-Hyperfractionated radiotherapy with split; AFXC- Accelerated fractionated radiotherapy with concomitant boost

**a causa della tossicità nessun  
vantaggio statisticamente  
significativo con i frazionamenti  
alterati se consideriamo anche  
la qualità di vita**

Mean Survival partitioned into TwiST, Tox, and Rel (Months)

Treatment Arm	TwiST	Tox	Rel
SFX (n=266)	4.9	6.9	5.0
HFX (n=261)	5.2	9.0	3.8
AHFXS (n=274)	5.8	7.1	4.1
AFXC (n=267)	5.2	7.1	3.8

SFX- Standard Fractionated Radiotherapy; HFX-Hyperfractionated radiotherapy; AHFXS-Accelerated Hyperfractionated Radiotherapy with Split; AFXC-Accelerated Fractionated Radiotherapy with Concomitant Boost; TwiST- Time without toxicity or relapse; Tox- Toxicity; Rel-Relapse

# Modificatori dell'ipossia

## Evidenze dalla metanalisi

Hypoxic modification of radiotherapy in squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck – A systematic review and meta-analysis

32 studi randomizzati

### Head and neck cancer - meta analysis - summary

Endpoint	Events / Total		Odds ratio and 95% CI			NNT**
	Hypoxic modification	Control	Odds ratio	Risk Reduction		
Loco-regional control	1203 / 2406	1383 / 2399	0.71 (0.63-0.80)*	8% (5-10%)*	13	
Disease specific survival	1175 / 2335	1347 / 2329	0.73 (0.64-0.82)	7% (5-10%)	14	
Overall survival	1450 / 2312	1519 / 2305	0.87 (0.77-0.98)	3% (0-6%)	31	
Distant metastasis	159 / 1427	179 / 1391	0.87 (0.69-1.09)	2% (-1-4%)	57	
Radiotherapy complications	307 / 1864	297 / 1822	1.00 (0.82-1.23)	0% (-3-2%)	>>	

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Hypoxic modification better      Control better

\* con tutti i tipi di modificatori dell'ipossia



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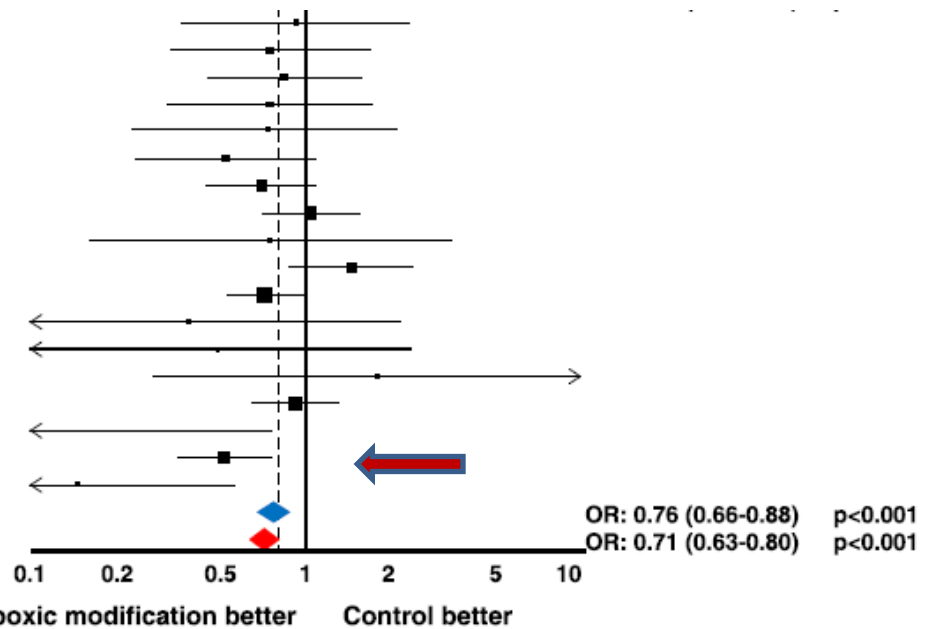


Meta-analysis of hypoxia in HNSCC

## Hypoxic modification of radiotherapy in squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck – A systematic review and meta-analysis

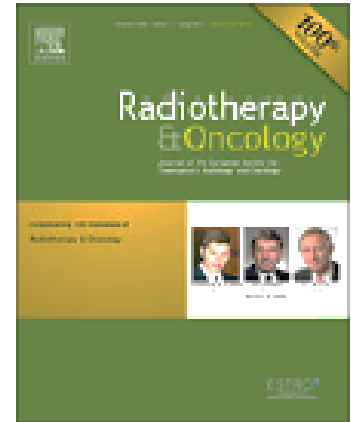
Jens Overgaard\*

<b>Hypoxic sensitizer</b>	1982	Sealy 1	MISO	11 / 50	11 / 47
	1983	Brunin	MISO	15 / 51	18 / 50
	1984	MRC 10 fx	MISO	51 / 82	53 / 80
	1984	MRC 20 fx	MISO	25 / 43	30 / 46
	1984	Paris	MISO	14 / 26	16 / 26
	1986	Sealy 2	HBO/MISO	34 / 60	46 / 64
	1986	EORTC 228111	MISO	103 / 167	114 / 163
	1987	European trial	ETA	94 / 187	92 / 187
	1987	IAEA study	Ornidazole	13 / 18	14 / 18
	1987	RTOG 79-15	MISO	113 / 147	104 / 150
	1989	Dahanca 2	MISO	182 / 328	187 / 294
	1989	RTOG 79-04	MISO	16 / 21	17 / 19
	1989	Galecki	Metro	3 / 18	5 / 17
	1992	Giaux	MISO	28 / 30	23 / 26
	1995	RTOG 85-27	ETA	154 / 252	159 / 252
	1996	Huilgol	AK-2123	2 / 9	7 / 9
	1998	Dahanca 5	NIM	104 / 219	125 / 195
	2006	Ullal	AK-2123	8 / 23	18 / 23
		<b>Subtotal (Hypoxic sensitizer)</b>		<b>970 / 1731</b>	<b>1039 / 1666</b>
		<b>All trials with hypoxic modification</b>		<b>1203 / 2406</b>	<b>1383 / 2399</b>

Test for heterogeneity:  $p = 0.12$ 

Meta Analysis - Hypoxic modification of radiotherapy in HNSCC

La maggior parte degli studi randomizzati (17) hanno utilizzato quali modificatori i **radiosensibilizzanti delle cellule ipossiche**



DAHANCA Protocol 5-85: 414 pazienti  
(faringe e laringe sopraglottico anche in pz. localmente avanzati)  
**Nimorazole + RT vs RT esclusiva 66/68Gy**

- miglior controllo loco-regionale : **49%** vs 33%
- migliore sopravvivenza malattia-specifica: **52%** vs 41%
- risultati non significativi per la OS: **26%** vs 16%

**RT 6 frazioni + Nimorazole è uno standard nelle linee guida danesi**



Phase III randomised trial

The importance of haemoglobin level and effect of transfusion in HNSCC patients treated with radiotherapy – Results from the randomized DAHANCA 5 study

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**414 pz. ogni T e N; random RT +/- Nimorazolo**

**Vantaggio per i pz. con Hb > 13 g/dl se donne e 14,5 g/dl se uomini  
Le emotrasfusioni nei pazienti con bassi valori di Hb non impattano sul risultato**

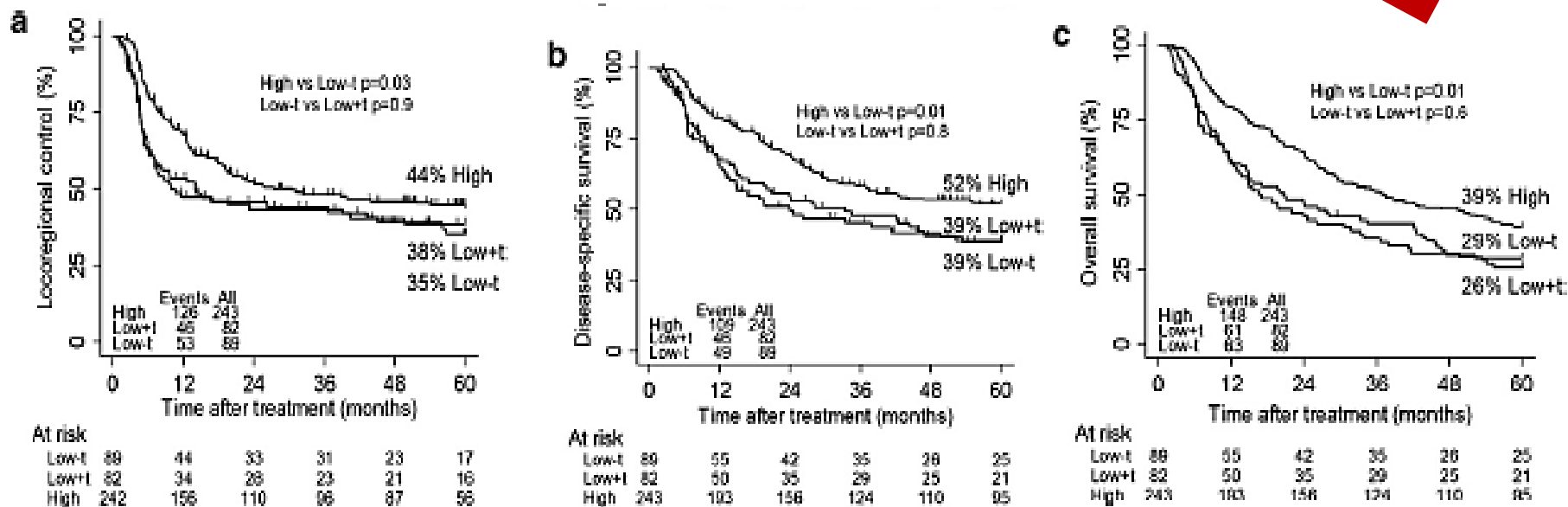


Fig. 3. Locoregional control (a), disease-specific (b) and overall survival (c) probability curves (Kaplan-Meier method) according to haemoglobin group.

# Radiochemioterapia

La **radiochemioterapia con cisplatino** è l'attuale standard di cura nel HNSCC localmente avanzato.

## Evidenze dalla recente metanalisi

Radiotherapy and Oncology 100 (2011) 33–40

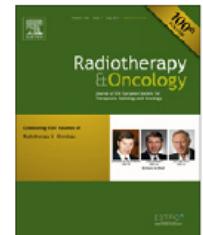


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Meta-analysis of radiotherapy in HNSCC

Meta-analysis of chemotherapy in head and neck cancer (MACH-NC):  
A comprehensive analysis by tumour site

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Charlotte Baey<sup>a</sup>, Jean Bourhis<sup>b</sup>, Jean-Pierre Pignon<sup>b,\*</sup>, on behalf of the MACH-CH Collaborative group<sup>2</sup>



# Radiochemioterapia

trials 1965-1993

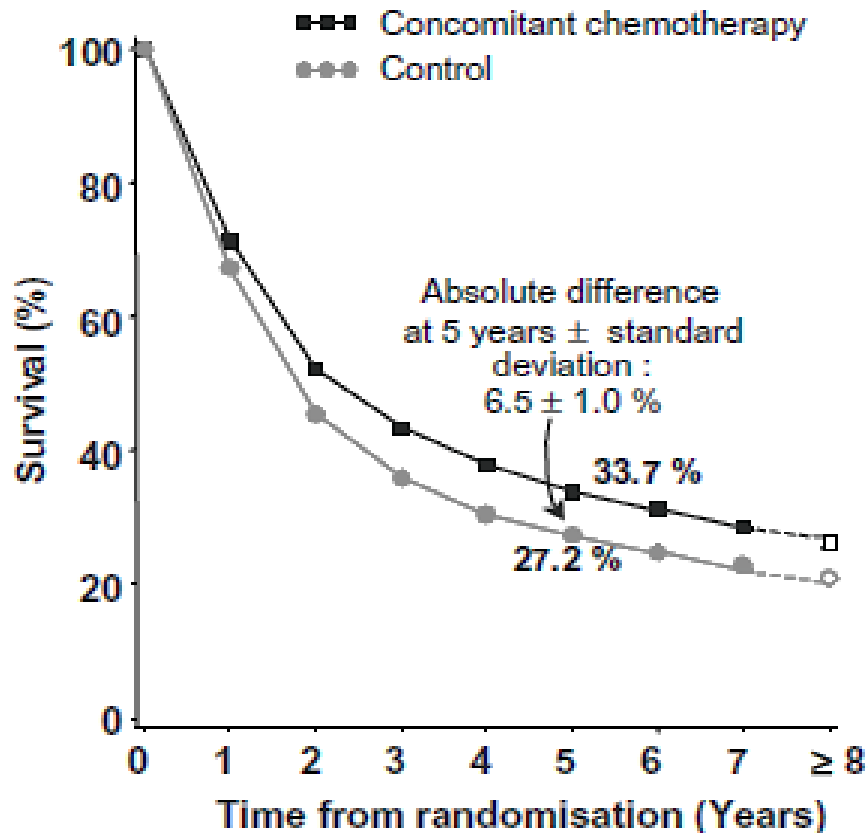
La RT-CT neoadiuvante, concomitante, adiuvante  
migliora la sopravvivenza:

HR 0.90, CI 95%, beneficio OS a 5 anni **4.5%**



La RCT concomitante = maggiore beneficio: OS **6.5%**

# Radiochemioterapia concomitante



## ■ **sopravvivenza globale**

HR di morte: 0.81, CI 95%,  $p < 0.0001$

beneficio assoluto 5 anni: **6.5%**

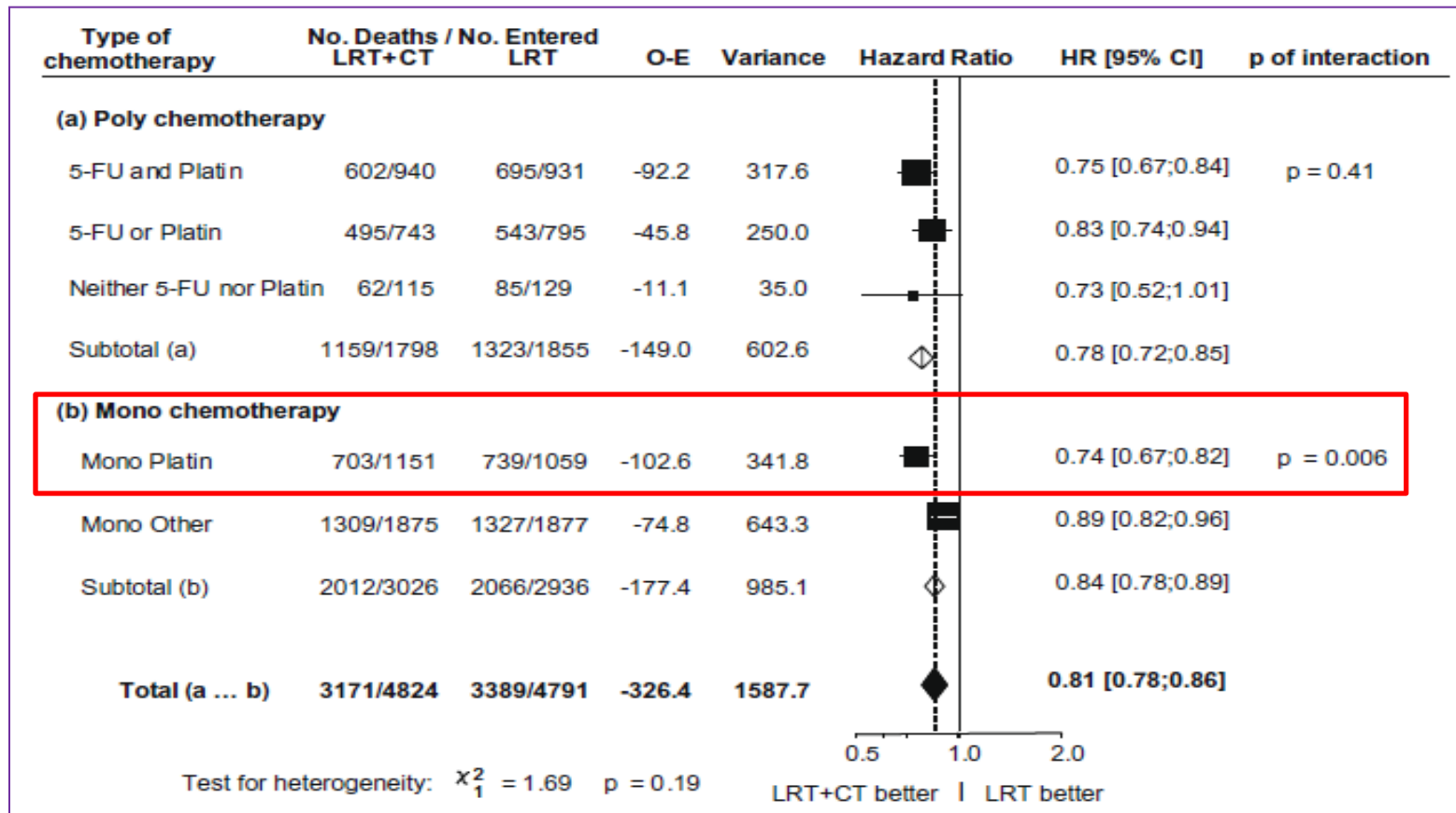
Il beneficio della sopravvivenza è dovuto alla riduzione delle morti cancro correlate

## ■ **sopravvivenza libera da eventi**

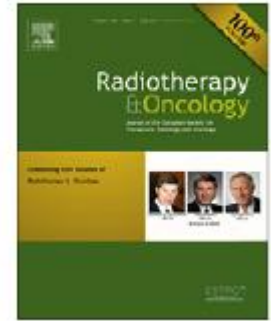
beneficio assoluto a 5 anni: **6.25%**

# La radiochemioterapia concomitante

ha mostrato un beneficio significativamente più alto di OS con il **cisplatino in monochemioterapia**



# Meta-analysis of chemotherapy in head and neck (MACH-NC): A comprehensive analysis by tumor site

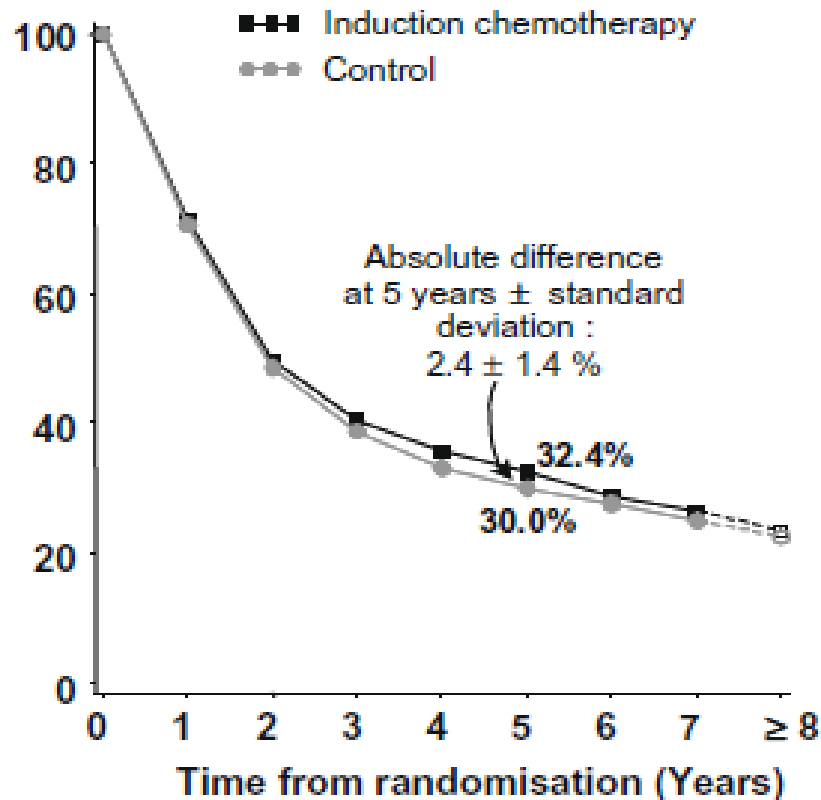


La CT concomitante produce un **beneficio assoluto in OS** a 5 anni per tutte le sedi del tumore, ma il beneficio è maggiore per i tumori dell'orofaringe e cavo orale

- **cavità orale: 8.9%**
- **orofaringe: 8.1 %**
- **laringe: 5.4%**
- **ipofaringe: 4.0%**

**16.192 pz in 87 trials**

# Chemioterapia di induzione



## ■ sopravvivenza globale

HR di morte: 0.96,  $p=0.18$

beneficio assoluto a 5 anni: **2.4%**

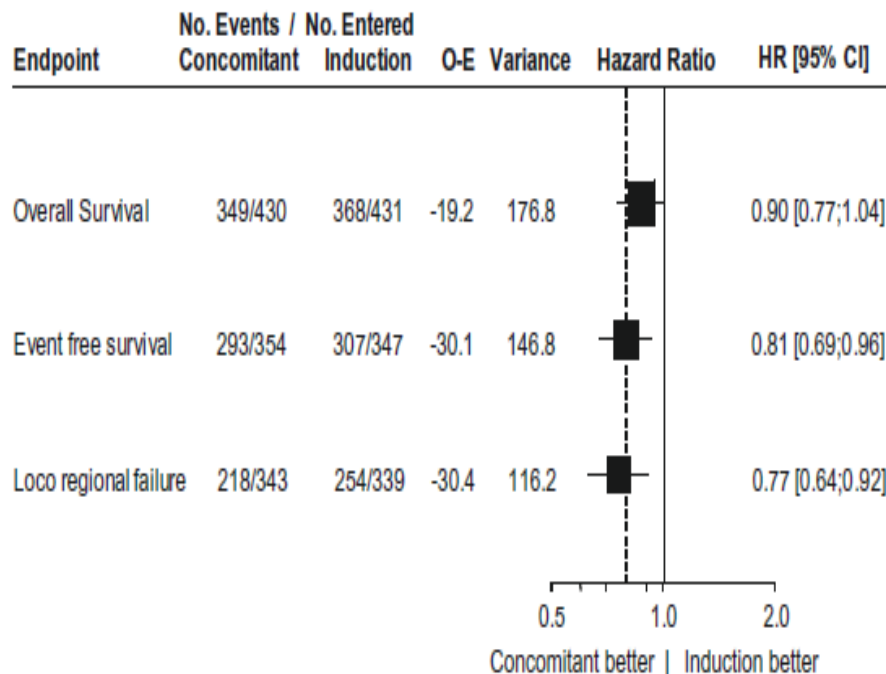
## ■ sopravvivenza libera da eventi

HR 0.93,  $p=0.67$

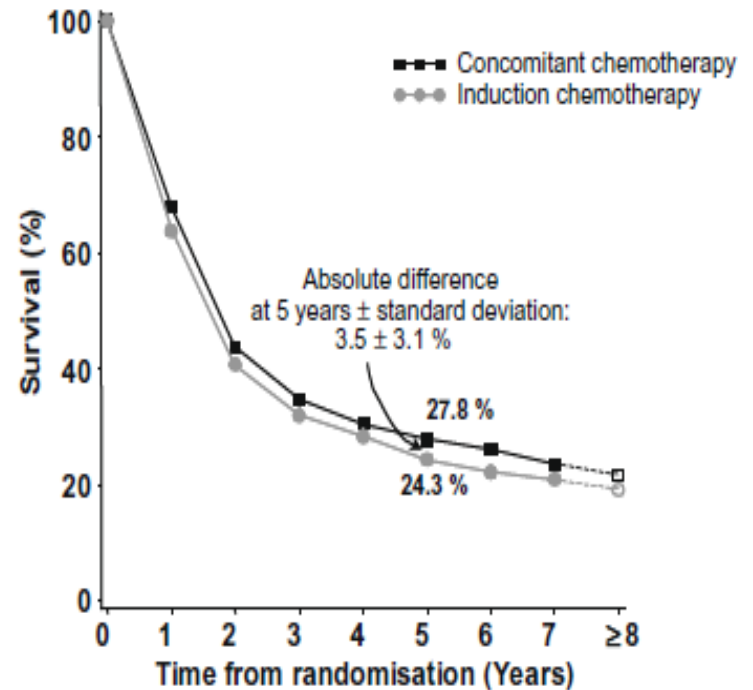
beneficio assoluto a 5 anni: **1.3%**

# CT concomitante vs induzione

6 studi randomizzati: concomitante vs induzione, stessi farmaci, uguale RT. Follow-up 10.9 anni



I tre endpoint studiati hanno mostrato risultati a favore della CT concomitante



Beneficio assoluto di **OS** a 5 anni del **3.5%**

# Nuove combinazioni terapeutiche

- regimi intensificati di RCT con frazionamenti alterati
- chemioterapia di induzione con Taxani
- RCT + farmaci biologici

studi randomizzati di fase III  
studi di fase II e studi retrospettivi  
studi in corso

# Intensificazione: RCT con frazionamenti alterati



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Phase III randomised trial

Accelerated radiotherapy and concomitant high dose chemotherapy in non resectable stage IV locally advanced HNSCC: Results of a GORTEC randomized trial

Studio di fase III multicentrico: 109 pz N3 –N2b-c e/o T non resecabile

**RT 64 Gy in 32 frazioni in 23gg (2Gy BID)**

vs

**RT 64 Gy in 32 frazioni in 35gg + CT concomitante**

**(RT 2Gy BID a settimane alterne)**

CT = CDDP 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> , 3 cicli nei giorni 2,16 e 30 +  
5FU 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> , 2 cicli nei giorni-5 e 29-33.

**Se RC dopo RCT** due cicli di CT adiuvante CDDP-5FU (26 pz)

Bohuris J,  
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# Intensificazione: RCT con frazionamenti alterati

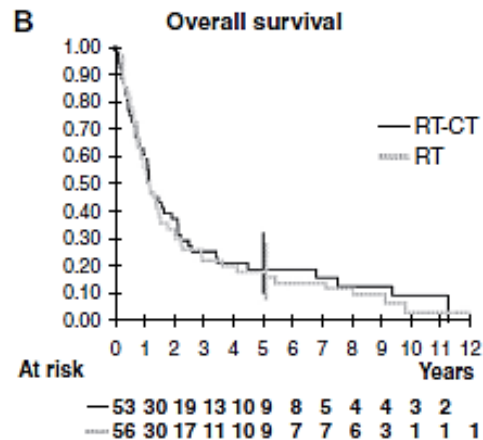
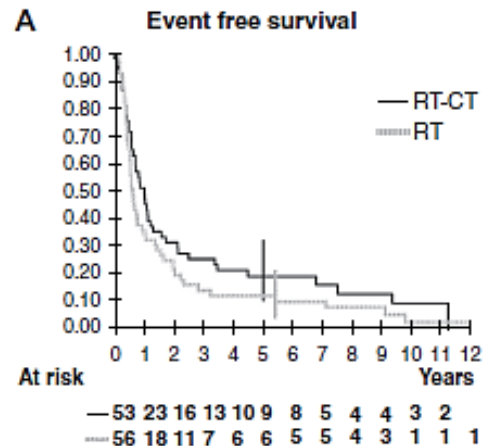
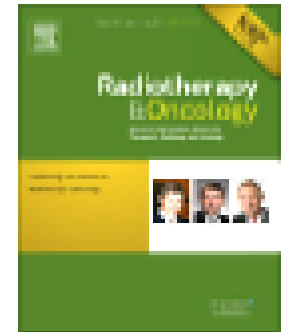


Fig. 1. Kaplan-Meier curves for event-free survival (1A) and survival (1B). Vertical bars denote 95% confidence interval of the actuarial rates.

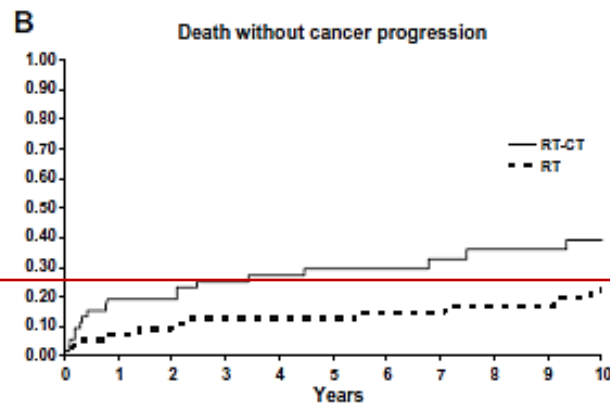
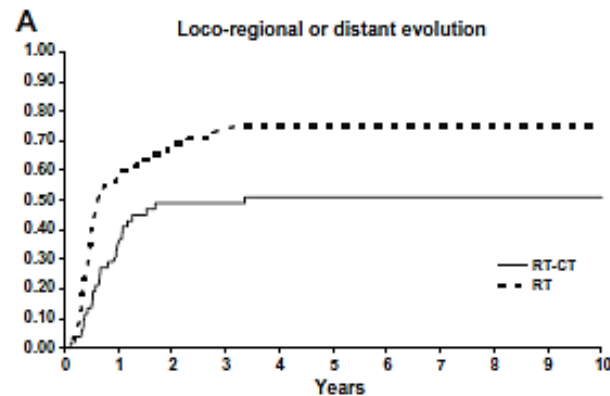


Fig. 2. Cumulative incidence of loco-regional or distant evolution (2A) and of death without cancer progression (2B).

**RCT intensifica:**  
maggior controllo  
loco-regionale

maggiori effetti  
tossici (**20% early  
deaths**)

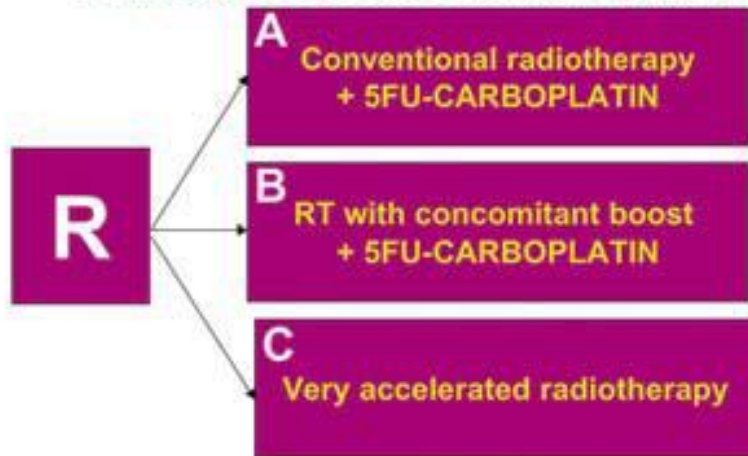
**Nessun  
miglioramento  
dell'indice  
terapeutico**

ospedalizzazione > 85% ; feeding tube = 94%

Bohris J, Radiot Oncol 2011

## GORTEC 99-02

Phase III prospective trial : 820 patients



Satellite Biological Project : Analysis of EGFR, p53, VEGF for all the patients

**A: conventional RT** given once daily;  
70 Gy in 7 weeks (5 fractions of 2 Gy per week)  
and chemotherapy: 5FU : 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d,  
Paraplatin: 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d, D1-4 and D22-25 and  
D43-46

### **B: middle accelerated RT**

70 Gy in 6 weeks and chemotherapy: 5FU : 600  
mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d, Paraplatin: 70 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/d, D1-5 and  
D29-33

first part: radiotherapy given once daily delivering  
40 Gy in 4 weeks and 20 fractions of 2 Gy  
second part: radiotherapy given twice daily with  
"concomitant boost" delivering 30 Gy in 20  
fractions in 2 weeks (1,5 Gy x 2 / day)

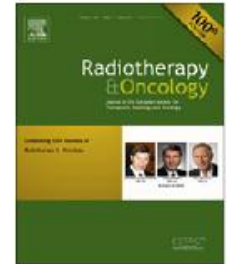
**C: very accelerated RT** given twice daily  
delivering 64.8 Gy in 3.5 weeks in 36 fractions of  
1.8 Gy

## CONCLUSIONI:

- Sopravvivenza migliore nel braccio **A** trattato con RT-CT con 3 cicli di CT concomitante
- Importante la dose complessiva di CT somministrata che non può essere surrogata da frazionamenti alterati

# Intensificazione: CT di induzione con Taxani

TAXANE-CISPLATIN-5FU AS INDUCTION CHEMOTHERAPY IN LOCALLY ADVANCED HEAD AND NECK SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA: AN INDIVIDUAL PATIENT DATA META-ANALYSIS OF THE MACH-NC GROUP



Abs: Metanalisi su 1759 pz su la CT di induzione nel H&N

<b>PF</b> (cisplatino + 5FU)	vs	<b>TPF</b> (PF + taxani)
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Follow up mediano 4.9 anni

**HR = 0.73 (95% CI: 0.64-0.83)**

per progressione o decesso a favore del gruppo trattato con TPF

# Intensificazione: CT di induzione con Taxani

**Neo TPF + RCT<sup>o</sup> (255 pz) vs Neo PF + RCT<sup>o</sup> (246 pz)**

<sup>o</sup> RCT con carboplatino settimanale

follow-up mediano di 72.2 mesi \*

**TPF:** OS stimata a 5 anni: **52%** HR 0.74  
sopravvivenza mediana: **70.6** mesi p=0.014  
sopravvivenza libera da progressione: **38.1** mesi HR 0.75

**PF:** OS stimata a 5 anni: **42%**  
sopravvivenza mediana: **34.8** mesi  
sopravvivenza libera da progressione: **13.2** mesi

Nessuna differenza significativa nella dipendenza da sondino nasogastrico e tracheostomia tra i due gruppi

# Intensificazione: CT di induzione con Taxani ?

Nessuno studio di fase III ha ancora pubblicato i risultati di un confronto diretto

Dati preliminari dello studio di Hitt sono stati presentati all'ASCO 2009:

*Final results of a randomized phase III trial comparing induction chemotherapy with cisplatin/5-FU or docetaxel/cisplatin/5-FU followed by chemoradiotherapy (CRT) versus CRT alone as first-line treatment of unresectable locally advanced head and neck cancer*

**con CT di induzione:**

- migliore TTF\* tempo al fallimento: **12.5** mesi vs 4.9
- migliore controllo loco-regionale: **60.9%** vs 44.5%
- aumento della tossicità di grado 3-4: **83%** vs 69%

\*(morte, progressione, chirurgia)

# Intensificazione: CT di induzione con Taxani

**Studio randomizzato di fase II su 101 pz**

**Neo TPF + RCT° vs RCT°**

**RCT°**: 2 cicli di CDDP 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, 1-4 + 5-Fu 800 mg/m<sup>2</sup> ic per 96 ore, I e VI sett. di RT

**TPF**: sopravvivenza globale: **39.6** mesi

sopravvivenza libera da progressione: **33.3** mesi

CR radiologica: **50%**

**RCT sola**: sopravvivenza globale: **30.4** mesi

sopravvivenza libera da progressione: **19.7** mesi

CR radiologica: **21.2%**

L'induzione TPF seguita da RCT è fattibile ; non c'è differenza negli effetti tossici ematologici e non

# Intensificazione: CT di induzione con Taxani

## Induction Chemotherapy Before Chemoradiotherapy in Locally Advanced Head and Neck Cancer: The Future?



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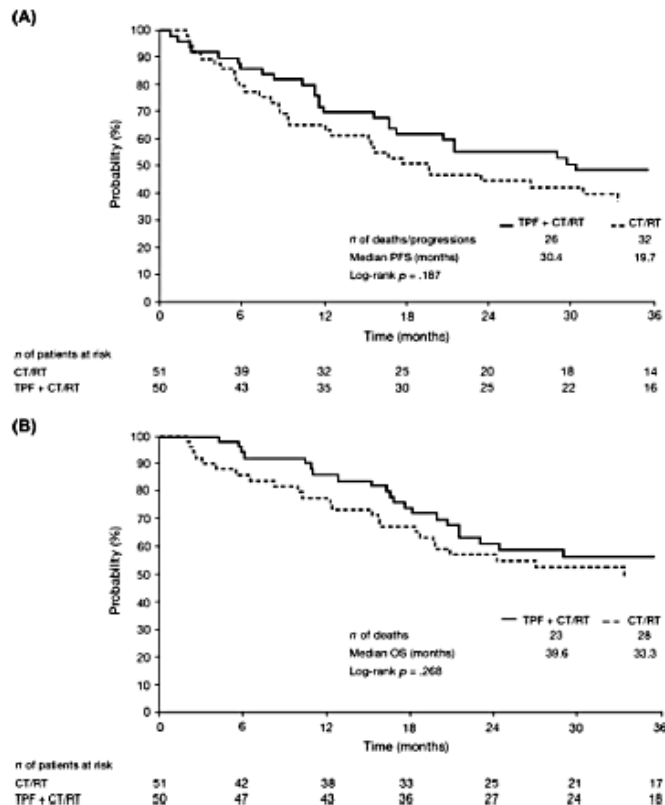


Figure 1. Progression-free survival (A) and overall survival (B) in patients treated with chemoradiotherapy alone or docetaxel, cisplatin, and 5-fluorouracil induction chemotherapy plus chemoradiotherapy.

Abbreviations: CT/RT, chemoradiotherapy; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; TPF, docetaxel, cisplatin, and 5-fluorouracil.

**Table 2.** Clinical response following treatment with chemoradiotherapy alone or docetaxel, cisplatin and 5-fluorouracil induction chemotherapy plus chemoradiotherapy

	n of patients (%)	
	CRT, <i>n</i> = 47	TPF + CRT, <i>n</i> = 46
Complete response <sup>a</sup>	10 (21)	23 (50)
Partial response	29 (62)	13 (28)
Stable disease	0	1 (2)
Progressive disease	8 (17)	9 (20)
Objective response rate	39 (83)	36 (78)

<sup>a</sup> $p = .004$ ,  $\chi^2$  test.

Abbreviations: CRT, chemoradiotherapy; TPF, docetaxel, cisplatin, and 5-fluorouracil.

# Farmaci biologici

Il recettore EGF è iperespresso nel 90% dei HNSCC

L'iperpressione del EGFR è associata ad una prognosi sfavorevole

Il Cetuximab, un anticorpo monoclonale contro l'EGFR, è stato associato alla RT nel HNSCC localmente avanzato

## Evidenza di uno studio randomizzato di fase III

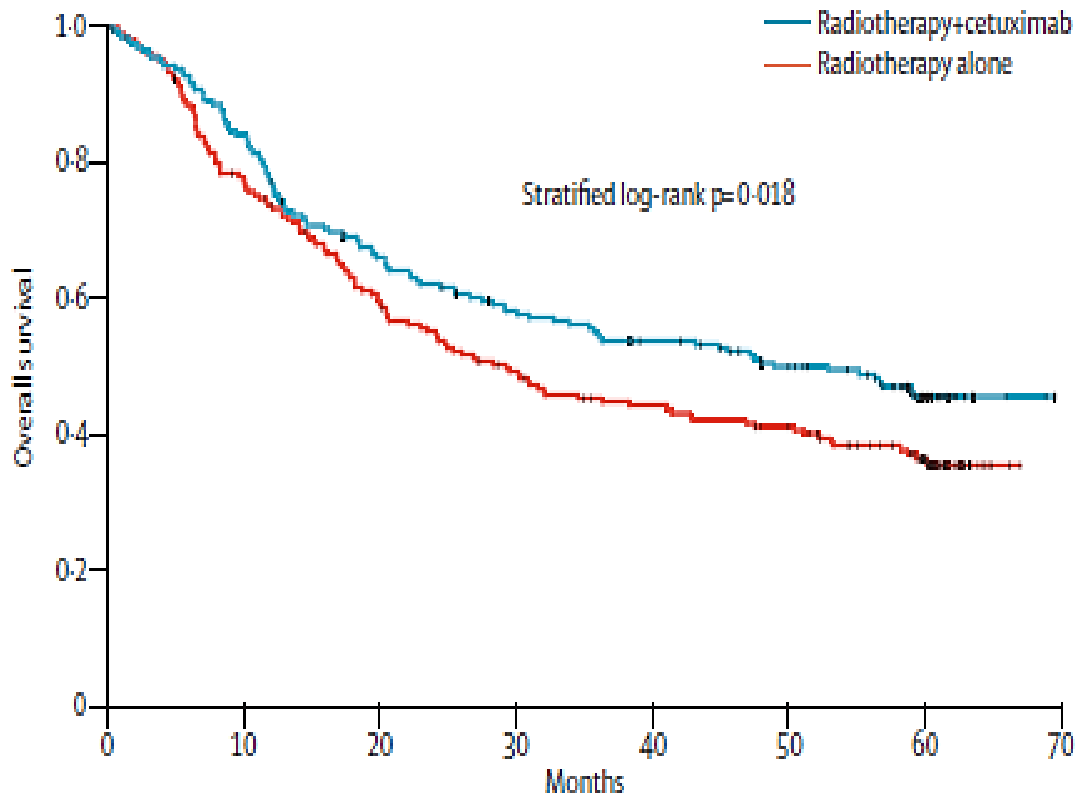
Radiotherapy plus cetuximab for locoregionally advanced head and neck cancer: 5-year survival data from a phase 3 randomised trial, and relation between cetuximab-induced rash and survival





# Farmaci Biologici: RT + Cetuximab vs RT

RT convenzionale, HF, AF concomitant boost



## RT+ Cetuximab:

OS mediana: **49** mesi

OS a 5 anni: **45.6%**

## RT:

OS mediana: **29.3** mesi

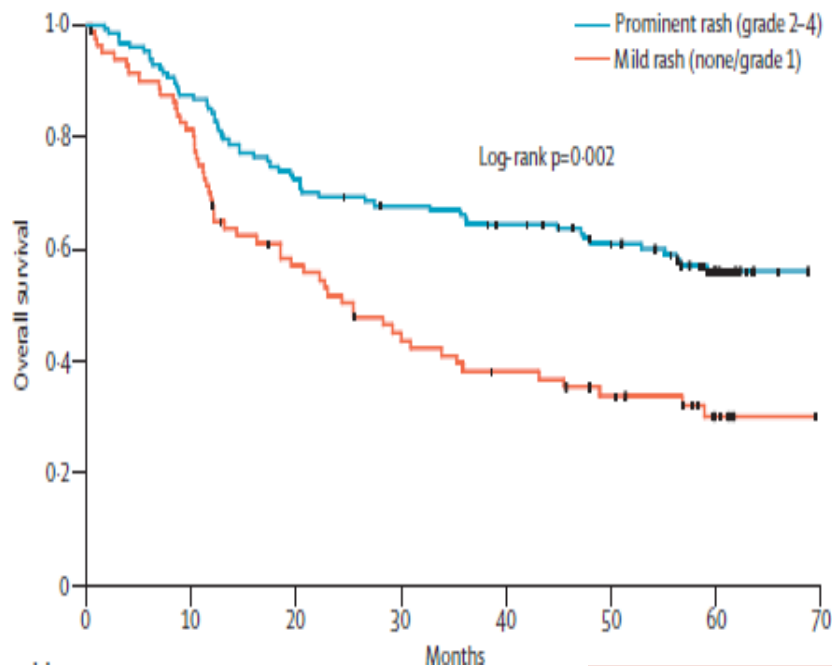
OS a 5 anni: **36.4%**

HR 0.73      p= 0.018

Bonner JA, Lancet Oncol. 2010

# Farmaci Biologici: RT + Cetuximab vs RT

**Rash acneiforme** G 2-4 è associato ad una migliore OS vs G 0-1



**Tossicità acuta** severa simile in entrambi i gruppi ad eccezione del rash acneiforme e delle reazioni da infusione

	Radiotherapy (N=212)			Radiotherapy plus cetuximab (N=208)		
	All grades	Grade 3/4	Grade 4	All grades	Grade 3/4	Grade 4
Skin reaction*	200 (94.3%)	45 (21.2%)	3 (1.4%)	204 (98.1%)	73 (35.1%)	4 (1.9%)
Mucositis/stomatitis†	199 (93.9%)	110 (51.9%)	9 (4.2%)	194 (93.3%)	116 (55.8%)	13 (6.3%)
Dysphagia	134 (63.2%)	63 (29.7%)	3 (1.4%)	136 (65.4%)	54 (26.0%)	1 (0.5%)
Xerostomia‡	150 (70.8%)	6 (2.8%)	0 (0%)	150 (72.1%)	10 (4.8%)	0 (0%)
Acneiform rash§	21 (9.9%)	3 (1.4%)	0 (0%)	174 (83.7%)	35 (16.8%)	1 (0.5%)
Infusion reaction¶	4 (1.9%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	32 (15.4%)	6 (2.9%)	2 (1.0%)

Bonner JA,  
Lancet Oncol. 2010

# Integrazione di Cetuximab con RT e chemioterapia

## Risultati di studi di fase I

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CDDP  
40 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
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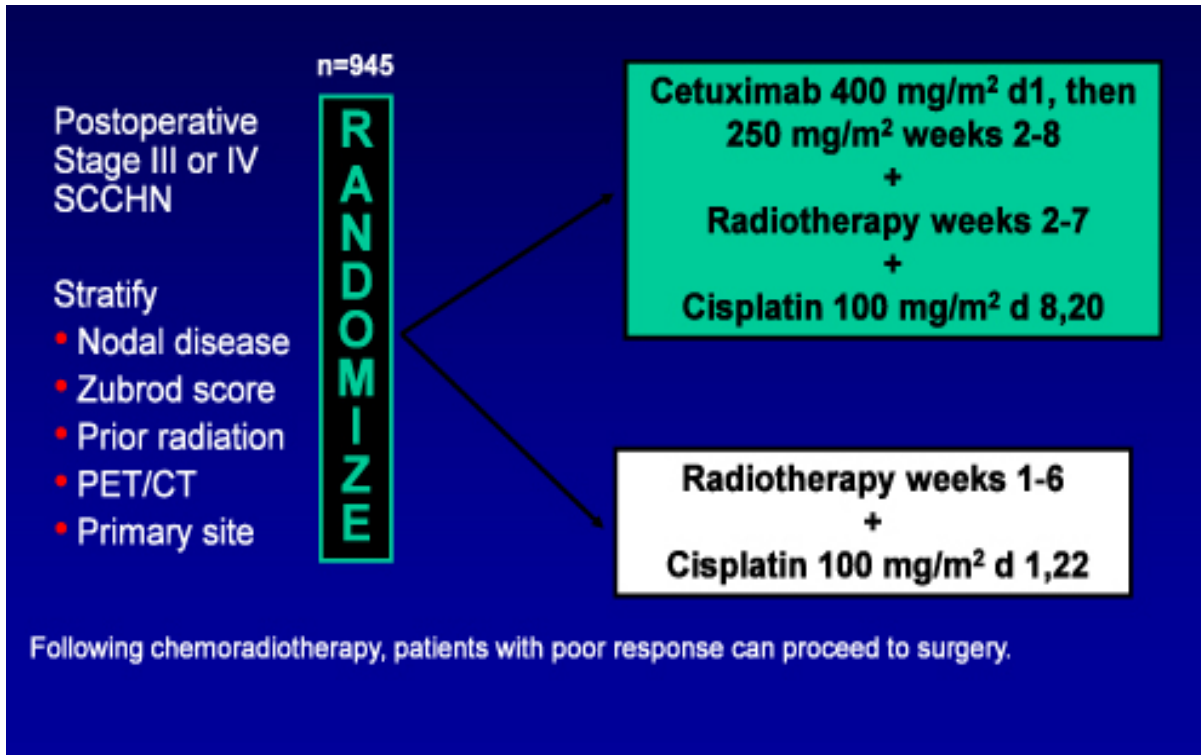
CDDP  
30 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
sett + die  
Amifostina  
0.5- 1 gr

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PEM 1,22,43  
500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

# A Randomized Phase III Trial (RTOG 0522) of Concurrent Accelerated Radiation Plus Cisplatin With or Without Cetuximab for Stage III-IV Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinomas (HNC)

Ang KK<sup>1</sup> [Initial Results Reported at ASCO 2011](#)



**No Survival Benefits or PFS by the addition of Cetuximab to Chemoradiation treatment for pts with locally advanced head and neck cancer**

*higher rates of mucositis and cetuximab-induced skin reactions within the range of that reported in other prospective trials*

Further analysis is underway to determine the role of tumor human papillomavirus status.

Cetuximab is a reasonable substitute for cisplatin in combination with full dose RT in patients with laryngeal carcinoma who received induction TPF prior to RT

Overall PFS and OS were similar but Cetuximab-RT arm was far better tolerated

<b>Arm</b>	<b>Cisplatin</b>	<b>CETUXIMAB</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Local Failure</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Salvage Laryngectomy</b>	<b>0/4</b>	<b>7/8</b>
<b>Larynx Function Preservation</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>Overall Survival</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>89%</b>

# Integrazione di Cetuximab con RT e chemioterapia

Studi di fase II/III in corso

**GORTEC 2007-01 Phase III trial, n: 406 *iniziato 2008***

**RT + Cetuximab**

**vs**

**RT + Cetuximab + CT**

**GORTEC 2007-02 Phase III trial, n: 360 *iniziato 2009***

**Neo TPF + RT + Cetuximab**

**vs**

**RT + CT**

# LOCOREGIONALLY ADVANCED HEAD AND NECK CANCER TREATED WITH PRIMARY RADIOTHERAPY: A COMPARISON OF THE ADDITION OF CETUXIMAB OR CHEMOTHERAPY AND THE IMPACT OF PROTOCOL TREATMENT

*Caudell JJ, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2008*

## **Studio retrospettivo**

confronto tra RT + cetuximab e RCT

29 paz trattati con RT + cetuximab: follow-up 83 mesi  
103 paz trattati con RCT: follow-up 53 mesi

nessuna differenza significativa a 3 anni per:

<b>controllo locoregionale:</b>	<b>71% vs 75%</b>
<b>sopravvivenza libera da metastasi:</b>	<b>92% vs 86%</b>
<b>sopravvivenza malattia-specifica:</b>	<b>79% vs 77%</b>
<b>sopravvivenza globale:</b>	<b>75% vs 61%</b>

# CONCURRENT CISPLATIN AND RADIATION VERSUS CETUXIMAB AND RADIATION FOR LOCALLY ADVANCED HEAD-AND-NECK CANCER

*Koutcher L, Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2011*

## Studio retrospettivo H&N 2006-2008

follow-up medio 22.5 mesi

**49 paz trattati con RT + cetuximab**

**vs**

**125 paz trattati con RCT**

differenze significative a 2 anni per:

**ricidiva locoregionale:**

**40% vs 6% p=0.001**

**sopravvivenza libera da malattia:**

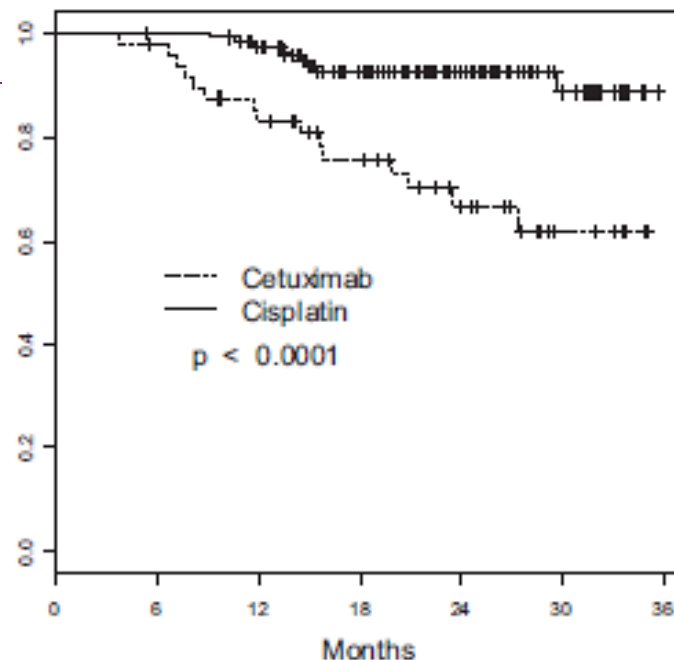
**87% vs 93% p=0.001**

**sopravvivenza globale:**

**45% vs 67% p=0.01**

**Tossicità tardiva G3-4**

**24% vs 21% p=0.66**



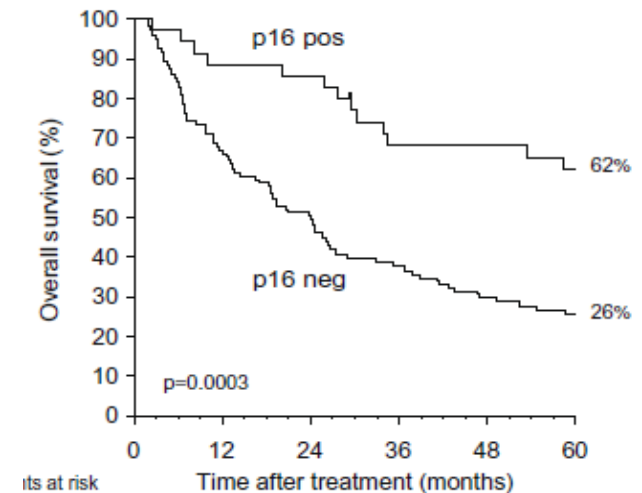


# HPV status positivo vs negativo

- lo stato HPV p16+ manifesta una prognosi migliore con la RT
- un trattamento intensivo può non essere ottimale
- necessità di considerare strategie separate

## status HPV p16+:

- non benefico con modificatori dell'ipossia
- benefico (controllo loco-regionale) con AF 6 frazioni  
(ripopolamento anche con HPV+)
- benefico con RCT
- non ci sono dati con Cetuximab



# La riduzione della tossicità

- **Acuta: OTD70DERM**  
inibitore della radiodermite
- **Cronica: Amifostina**  
radioprotettore mucose e ghiandole salivari

# Ridurre la Radiodermite da cetuximab

ESSAI GORTEC 2009-01

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Cet essai randomisé multicentrique évalue l'effet du RGTA (ReGenerATing Agents) — l'OTD70DERM sur les dermatites induites par l'association radiothérapie-Erbitux® qui est un analogue structurel et fonctionnel des glycosaminoglycannes (GAG) - Heparane mimétiques. Il peut protéger la matrice extracellulaire et stimuler la régénération tissulaire (Figure 8). Il est appliqué 1 à 4 heures après la séance pendant une durée de 5 à 10 minutes. L'objectif principal est de comparer le taux de survenue des radiodermites de grade  $\geq 2$  entre deux groupes randomisés OTD70DERM® et Placebo (avec du sérum physiologique). Tous les patients sont traités par radiothérapie (70 Gy en 35 fractions) et Erbitux® hebdomadaire. Actuellement, un total de 17 patients est inclus sur les 70 prévus (Figure 9).

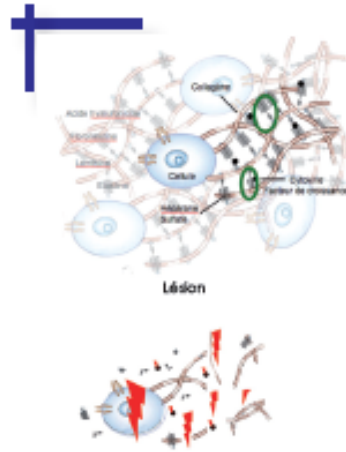


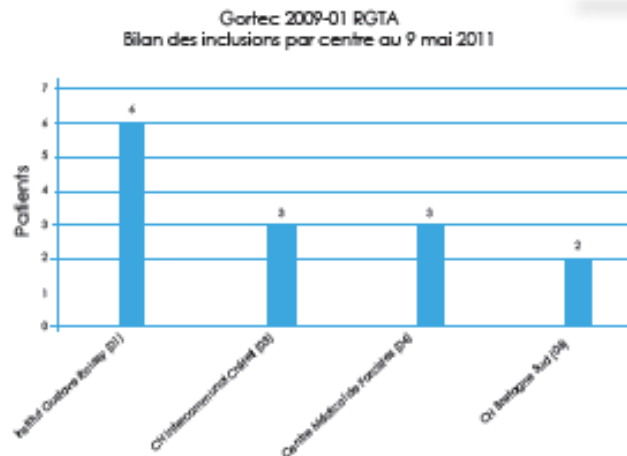
Figure 8 : Mode d'action de l'OTD70DERM

OTD70DERM = analogue des glycosaminoglycannes, GAG, ils fixent et protègent les protéines de la Matrice Extra-cellulaire

Lésion + OTD70DERM

Restructuration et Positionnement des protéines de structure et des facteurs de croissance

Figure 9 : Bilan des inclusions de l'étude GORTEC 2009-01 (Point au 9 mai 2011 mais majoration de l'effectif depuis).



Random fase II  
 Prospettico

70Gy in 35 fr.

OTD70DERM  
 VS  
 PLACEBO

Arruolati 17/70  
 pz previsti

# Amifostine and RT in H&N cancer

Amifostine can ameliorate RT side effects without compromising treatment effectiveness

JCO, 2000;18:3339

## Phase III Randomized Trial of Amifostine as a Radioprotector in Head and Neck Cancer

By David M. Brizel, Todd H. Wasserman, Michael Henke, Vratislav Strnad, Volkar Rudat, Alain Monnier, Francois Eschwege, Jay Zhang, Lesley Russell, Wolfgang Oster, and Rolf Sauer

RT: Chronic xerostomia  $\geq 2$

57% vs 34%  $p= 0.002$

Acute mucositis: n.s.

IJROBP, 2002; 52: 739

**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION**

**Head and Neck**

### PROPHYLACTIC USE OF AMIFOSTINE TO PREVENT RADIOCHEMOTHERAPY-INDUCED MUCOSITIS AND XEROSTOMIA IN HEAD-AND-NECK CANCER

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RCT: Chronic xerostomia  $\geq 2$

30% vs 5%  $p= 0.047$

G4 Acute mucositis:

52% vs 5%  $p=0.0006$

IJROBP, 2006;64:684

**CLINICAL INVESTIGATION**

**Head and Neck**

### INTRAVENOUS AMIFOSTINE DURING CHEMORADIOTHERAPY FOR HEAD-AND-NECK CANCER: A RANDOMIZED PLACEBO-CONTROLLED PHASE III STUDY

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RCT randomized trial:

Acute mucositis: n.s.

Chronic xerostomia  $\geq 2$  n.s.

# Our experience with Amifostine

- 243 pts with H&N cancer treated with 3D RT o RCT Between 2005 and 2010
- Dose prescription:
  - 70 Gy were prescribed to tnPTV for definitive RT;
  - 60 Gy after R0 surgery (66 - 70Gy to R1-2 pts)
  - 50 Gy to pnPTV
- 170/243 pts received a radiation dose  $\geq 50\text{Gy}$  on both parotid glands (*standard fractionation*)
- Amifostine ( $200\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ) was daily administered i.v. to
  - 86/170 pts 15-30 minutes before RT: RTA group
  - 84/170 pts did not received Amifostine: RT group



# G2-3 chronic xerostomia according to Amifostine Dose-Intensity (DI) and CDDP administration

Amifostine DI 81 pts*	100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 3wks n. pts	30 mg/m <sup>2</sup> weekly n. pts	CTX n. pts	RT only n. pts	Tot. %
<b>Definitive RT/RCT</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>
0.81 – 1.0	2/9	2/8	0/1	2/5	6/23 <b>26%</b>
0.61 – 0.80	2/4	3/6	0	0/1	5/11 <b>45%</b>
≤ 0.60	9/12	0/1	0	0/1	9/14 <b>64%</b>
<b>PORT</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33</b>
0.81 – 1.0	1/2	1/6	0	1/4	3/12 <b>25%</b>
0.61 – 0.80	0/1	3/3	0	0/1	3/5 <b>60%</b>
≤ 0.60	2/6	2/5	0	1/5	5/16 <b>31%</b>

**Chronic Xerostomia ≥ 2: 31/81 pts = 38% (RTA group) vs 50% (RT group) n.s.**

Amifostine DI > 80% vs ≤ 80% : 26% vs 48% **p 0.04**  $\chi^2$  4.11 OR 2.65 (1.02-6.87)

"" "" > 60% vs ≤ 60% : 30% vs 56% **p 0.03**  $\chi^2$  4.81 OR 2.92 (1.10-7.73)

"" "" > 60% vs no amifostine: 30% vs 50% **p 0.03**  $\chi^2$  4.77 OR 0.47 (0.21-1.07)

# Effect of amifostine on survival among patients treated with radiotherapy: a meta-analysis of individual patient data



## PURPOSE:

Controversy exists regarding whether or not amifostine might reduce the efficacy of cancer treatment. The aim of this meta-analysis was to evaluate the impact of amifostine on overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS) in patients treated with radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS:

Updated data from individual patients with non-small-cell lung cancer, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, and pelvic cancer treated with radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy and randomly assigned to amifostine or not were included. The primary end point was OS.

## RESULTS:

12 trials and 1119 patients were analyzed. A total of 431 patients were treated with radiotherapy alone (three trials), and 688 patients were treated with chemoradiotherapy (nine trials). Thirty-three percent of patients had lung cancers, 65% had head and neck cancers, and 2% had pelvic carcinomas. Ninety-one percent of patients had locally advanced disease (early stage, 9%). Median follow-up was 5.2 years. The hazard ratio (HR) of death was 0.98 (95% CI, 0.84 to 1.14;  $P = .78$ ). On the basis of 11 trials (1091 patients), the HR of progression, relapse, or death was 1.05 (95% CI, 0.90 to 1.22;  $P = .53$ ). The tests for heterogeneity were not significant ( $P \geq .73$ ), and there was no significant variation of treatment effect according to sex, age, tumor site, stage, histology, locoregional treatment, or type of administration for either end point.

## CONCLUSION:

**Amifostine did not reduce OS and PFS in patients treated with radiotherapy or chemoradiotherapy**

# Tecniche di radioterapia

L' IMRT rappresenta la tecnica emergente

## PRO:

- migliore distribuzione della dose
- riduzione della dose a strutture normali
- possibilità di aumentare la dose al tumore

## CONTRA:

- rischio di recidive marginali
- diminuzione della omogeneità della dose
- incremento della dose totale al corpo



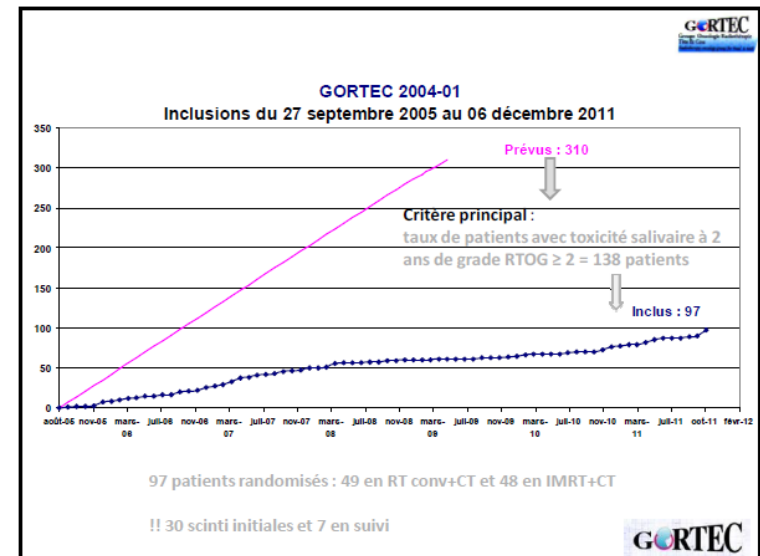
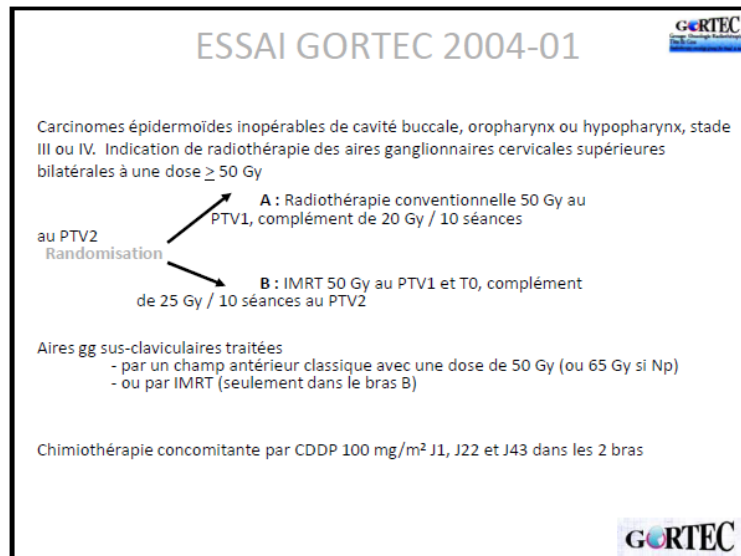
# GORTEC 2004-01

Studio randomizzato di fase III di confronto tra RT 3D conformata (70 Gy) e IMRT (75 Gy) per le neoplasie del testa-collo in stadio III e IV (escluso rinofaringe)

Coordinatore : Pr BOURHIS

Start-up: 2005

N. Pz previsti 310, arruolati a fine 2011: **97**



# Problematiche della RCT concomitante

## Tossicità acuta

Revisione sistematica dei dati di 33 studi (1996-1999)

Treatment	n	Mucositis incidence (% of patients)	Grade 3–4 mucositis (% of patients)
Total <sup>b</sup>	6181	80	39
RT-C	2875	97	34
RT-AF	1096	100	57
RT+CT <sup>c</sup>	1505	89	43
CT only	318	22	0

**un terzo dei pazienti sono stati ospedalizzati**

# Gastrostomy tube placement and use in patients with head and neck cancer

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Medicare Data per pazienti con neoplasia del testa- collo diagnosticata tra il 2000 to 2005 (N = 16,458) e trattati con RT +/- CT o Cetuximab

**35% di pazienti portatori di gastrostomia**

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

Future work is warranted to identify predictors and outcomes associated with provision and timing of enteral nutrition support for patients with head and neck cancer. © 2011 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. Head Neck, 2011

# Impact of nutrition support on treatment outcome in patients with locally advanced head and neck squamous cell cancer treated with definitive RT: a secondary analysis of RTOG trial 90-03

*Rabinovitch R, Head Neck. 2006*

**Relazione tra supporto nutrizionale (NS) , tossicità acuta e risultati della RT curativa**

**1073 pazienti NS dato:** Prima del trattamento (BNS); Durante il trattamento (TNS);

NS	Perdita di peso	mucosite G3-4	CLR % 5aa	OS % 5aa	note
BNS	<	<	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>stadio &gt;</b>
TNS	>	>	<b>55</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>stadio &lt;</b>
no NS	>	>	<b>57</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>stadio &lt;</b>
<b>Significatività mantenuta anche all'analisi multivariata</b>			<b>p .0001</b>	<b>p .0001</b>	

# Conclusioni

- **Frazionamenti alterati + efficienti della RT standard**
- **RCT + efficace della sola RT**
- **RCT concomitante + efficace della sequenziale**
- **CT neoadiuvante deve ancora definire il suo ruolo**
- **RT & CTX + efficace della RT da sola**
- **RT & CT + CTX: ruolo ancora da definire**
- **Con la IMRT minore tossicità acuta**