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## Problematiche nella diagnosi e terapia della malattia a livello ascellare

# Analisi molecolare intraoperatoria: la soluzione del problema?

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# Tecniche diagnostiche a disposizione per l'analisi del linfonodo sentinella (LS)

**ESAME  
ESTEMPORANEO  
INTRAOPERATORIO**

**CHIRURGHI**



**ANATOMO-  
PATHOLOGI**



**COSTO**



**ESAME SU LS FISSATO IN  
FORMALINA ED INCLUSO  
IN PARAFFINA**



**TECNICHE  
MOLECOLARI  
OSNA**



**PERCHE' L'ANALISI MOLECOLARE DEL LS**

**QUALI SONO GLI SVANTAGGI**

**LA NOSTRA SOLUZIONE MOMENTANEA**

## **PERCHE' L'ANALISI MOLECOLARE DEL LS**

- 1. FORNIRE UN DATO INTRAOPERATORIO**
- 2. FORNIRE UN DATO RIPRODUCIBILE**

## **INTRAOPERATIVE SLN ASSESSMENT**

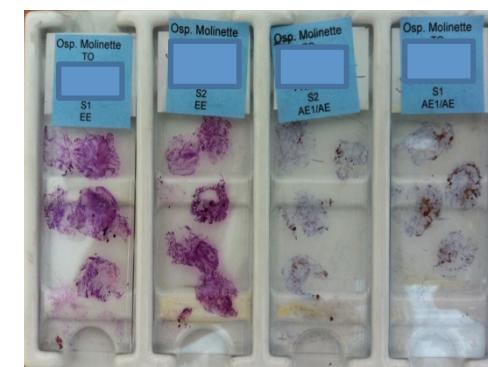
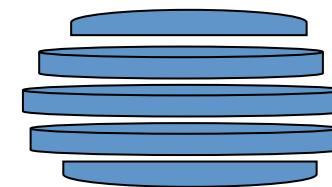
Conduce all'immediata dissezione del cavo ascellare evitando il secondo reintervento



### **SEZIONI CRIOSTATICHE**



### **IMPRINT CITOLOGICO**



Con o senza immunocitochimica rapida

**MA....**

# Intraoperative assessment of sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer

D. M. Layfield<sup>1</sup>, A. Agrawal<sup>3</sup>, H. Roche<sup>2</sup> and R. I. Cutress<sup>1</sup>

*British Journal of Surgery* 2011; 98: 4–17

## SNL frozen section analysis

### SNL imprint cytology analysis

	Permanent section methods	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Pooled data from 31 studies included in Tew <i>et al.</i> <sup>25</sup>	Various	Total 63 Macro 81 Micro 22	Total 99
Barranger <i>et al.</i> <sup>26</sup>	3-mm sections, each analysed 4 times; 150-µm levels; H&E + IHC (AE1–AE3)	Total 33 Macro 75	Total 98
Chicken <i>et al.</i> <sup>27</sup>	Sections at 3 levels; H&E + IHC (AE1/AE3)	Total 73	Total 100
Cox <i>et al.</i> <sup>28</sup>	Single section; further sections taken if initial section negative; H&E + IHC (CK)	Total 53 Macro 69.3 Micro 6.4	Total 99
Contractor <i>et al.</i> <sup>29</sup>	Single section; H		

Reference	No. of patients	Permanent staining methods	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)
Veronesi <i>et al.</i> <sup>18</sup> (1997)	107	Paraffin; 3 levels from one half; H&E stain	Total 64	Total 100
Weiser <i>et al.</i> <sup>19</sup> (2000)	890	Paraffin; half node section at 50 µm; 3 sections H&E stain and 2 sections IHC (CAM5.2 AE1/AE3)	Total 58 Macro 92 Micro 17	Total 99
Rahusen <i>et al.</i> <sup>20</sup> (2000)	100	Paraffin; initial single level; if negative, additional 4 levels; H&E stain; IHC (CAM5.2)	Total 57 Macro 84 Micro 27	Total 100
Zurrida <i>et al.</i> <sup>21</sup> (2000)	192	Paraffin; 3 levels from each half; H&E stain	Total 68	Total 100
Tanis <i>et al.</i> <sup>22</sup> (2001)	262	Paraffin; H&E stain from 3 levels; IHC	Total 74	Total 99

**Sensibilità varia dal 33% to 84% indipendentemente dal metodo utilizzato: rischio di FALSI NEGATIVI**

6 Total 100

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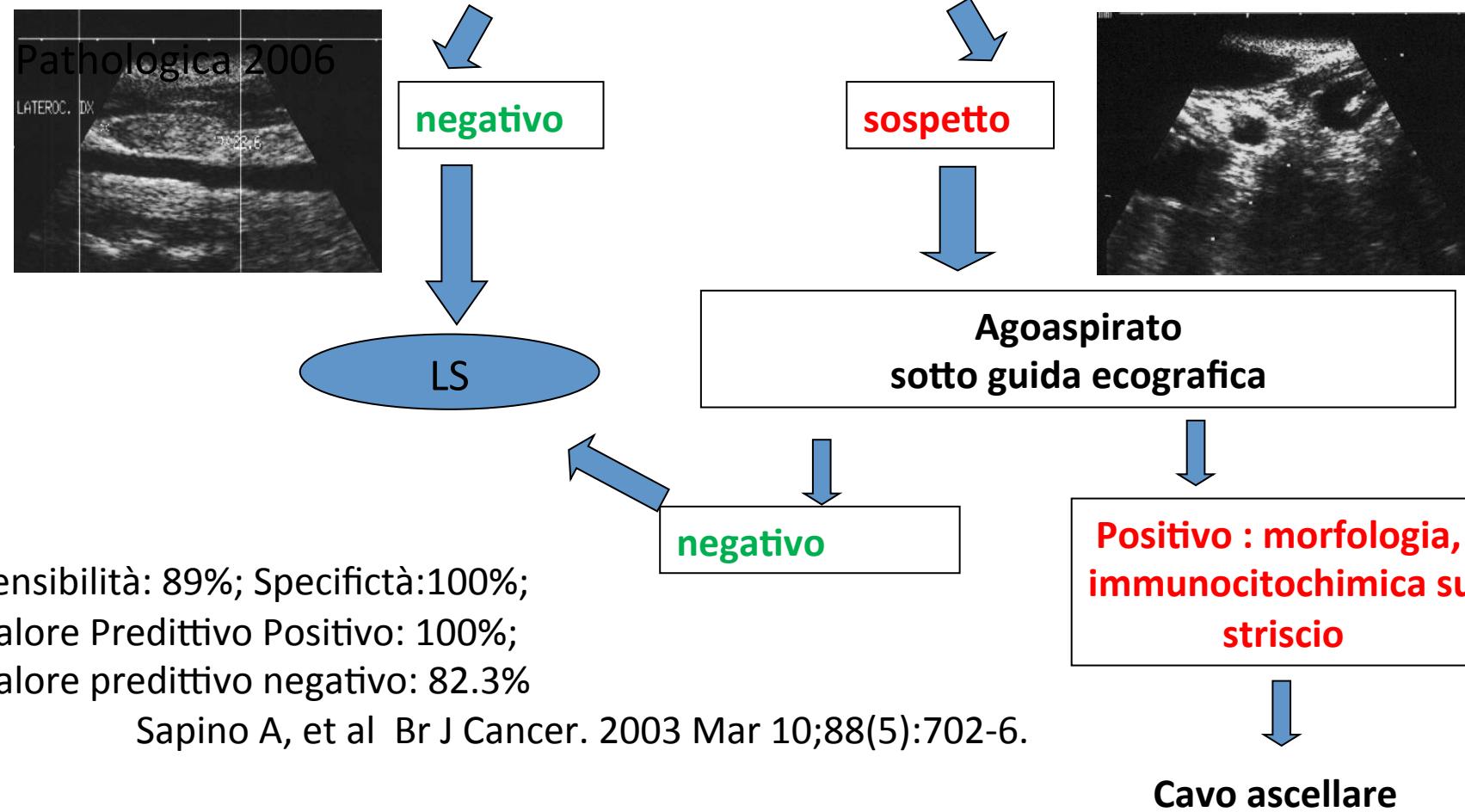
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# PROPOSTA DI PROTOCOLLO DI TRATTAMENTO DEL LINFONODO SENTINELLA IN PATOLOGIA MAMMARIA DELLA SIAPEC REGIONE PIEMONTE

F. PIETRIBIASI<sup>1</sup>, G. DE ROSA<sup>2</sup>, R. ARISIO<sup>3</sup>, R. BAGNATO<sup>4</sup>, N. RAVARINO<sup>5</sup>, M. PAVESI<sup>6</sup>, G. CANAVESE<sup>7</sup>,  
I. CASTELLANO<sup>8</sup>, A. SAPINO<sup>8</sup> E SIAPEC PIEMONTE

**No** all'esame estemporaneo

**Sì** ad un accurato esame ecografico pre-chirurgico del cavo ascellare con eventuale agoaspirato su nodo sospetto



## **PERCHE' L'ANALISI MOLECOLARE DEL LS**

- 1. FORNIRE UN DATO INTRAOPERATORIO**
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The **lack of universally adopted protocols**  
has resulted in a wide heterogeneity in gross-  
and micro-sectioning  
procedures used in different institutions



## **POOR REPRODUCIBILITY OF THE SNL DIAGNOSIS**

### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

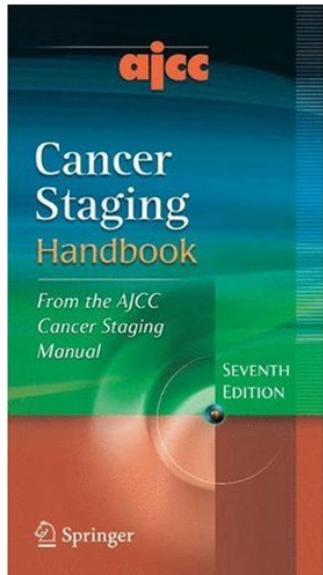
Discrepancies in current practice of pathological evaluation of sentinel lymph nodes in breast cancer. Results of a questionnaire based survey by the European Working Group for Breast Screening Pathology

G Cséni, I Amendoeira, N Apostolikas, J P Bellocq, S Bianchi, W Boecker, B Borisch, C E Connolly, T Decker, P Dervan, M Drijkoningen, I O Ellis, C W Elston, V Eusebi, D Faverly, P Heikkilä, R Holland, H Kerner, J Kulka, J Jacquemier, M Lacerda, J Martínez-Penuela, C De Miguel, J L Peterse, F Rank, P Regitnig, A Reiner, A Sapino, B Sigal-Zafrani, A M Tanous, S Thorstenson, E Zozaya, G Fejes, C A Wells

*J Clin Pathol* 2004;57:695–701. doi: 10.1136/jcp.2003.013599

**VARIABILITY IN GROSS AND MICRO-SECTIONING**  
**VARIABILITY IN THE USE OF IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY**  
**VARIABILITY IN THE RESULT INTERPRETATION**  
**VARIABILITY IN PERFORMING INTRAOPERATIVE DIAGNOSIS**

LA STADIAZIONE DEL LINFONODO SENTINELLA GUIDA  
L'EVENTUALE  
CLEARANCE DEL CAVO ASCELLARE



Based on AJCC/  
UICC TNM, 7th  
edition  
October  
2009

**pN0**  
No regional lymph node metastasis  
histologically, no additional  
examination for isolated tumor cells



FOLLOW UP  
ASCELLARE

**pN0(i-)** No regional lymph node metastases  
histologically, negative IHC

**pN0(i+)** Malignant cells in regional lymph  
node(s) not greater than 0.2 mm or single  
tumor cells, or a cluster of fewer than 200 cells  
in a single histologic cross-section (detected by  
H&E or IHC including ITC)

**pN1**



ASPORTAZIONE DEL  
CAVO ASCELLARE

**pN1mi: MICROMETASTASES**  
(greater than 0.2 mm and/or more than 200 cells,  
but none greater than 2.0 mm).

**pN1 a: METASTASES** in 1 to 3 axillary lymph  
nodes, at least 1 metastasis greater than 2.0 mm

## TNM Classification for Breast Cancer from the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 7th Edition

pN0: No regional lymph node metastasis histologically, no additional examination for isolated tumor cells

**(i) è usato per indicare le ITC**

pN0(i-) No regional lymph node metastases histologically, negative IHC

pN0(i+) Malignant cells in regional lymph node(s) not greater than 0.2 mm or single tumor cells, or a cluster of fewer than 200 cells in a single histologic cross-section (detected by H&E or IHC including ITC) #

**Nodes containing only ITCs are excluded from the total positive node count for purposes of N classification but should be included in the total number of nodes evaluated.**

pN0 (mol-): No regional lymph node metastases histologically, negative molecular findings (reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction [RT-PCR])

pN0 (mol+): Positive molecular findings (RT-PCR), but no regional lymph node metastases detected by histology or IHC

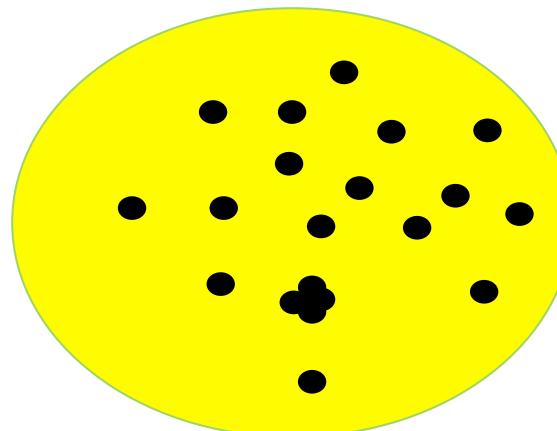
- # Approximately 1000 tumor cells are contained in a 3-dimensional 0.2-mm cluster. Thus, if more than 200 individual tumor cells are identified as single dispersed tumor cells or as a nearly confluent elliptical or spherical focus in a single histologic section of a lymph node, there is a high probability that more than 1000 cells are present in the node. In these situations, the node should be classified as containing a micrometastasis (pN1mi). Cells in different lymph node cross sections or longitudinal sections or levels of the block are not added together; the 200 cells must be in a single node profile even if the node has been thinly sectioned into multiple slices. It is recognized that there is substantial overlap between the upper limit of the ITC and the lower limit of the micrometastasis categories because of inherent limitations in pathologic nodal evaluation and detection of minimal tumor burden in lymph nodes. Thus, the threshold of 200 cells in a single cross-section is a guideline to help pathologists distinguish between these 2 categories.

Cluster tridimensionale  
di 0,2 mm



1000 cellule

Se più di 200 cellule in una  
**singola**  
**sezione istologica**



**pN1mi**

# I FALSI NEGATIVI SI RECUPERANO MA.....

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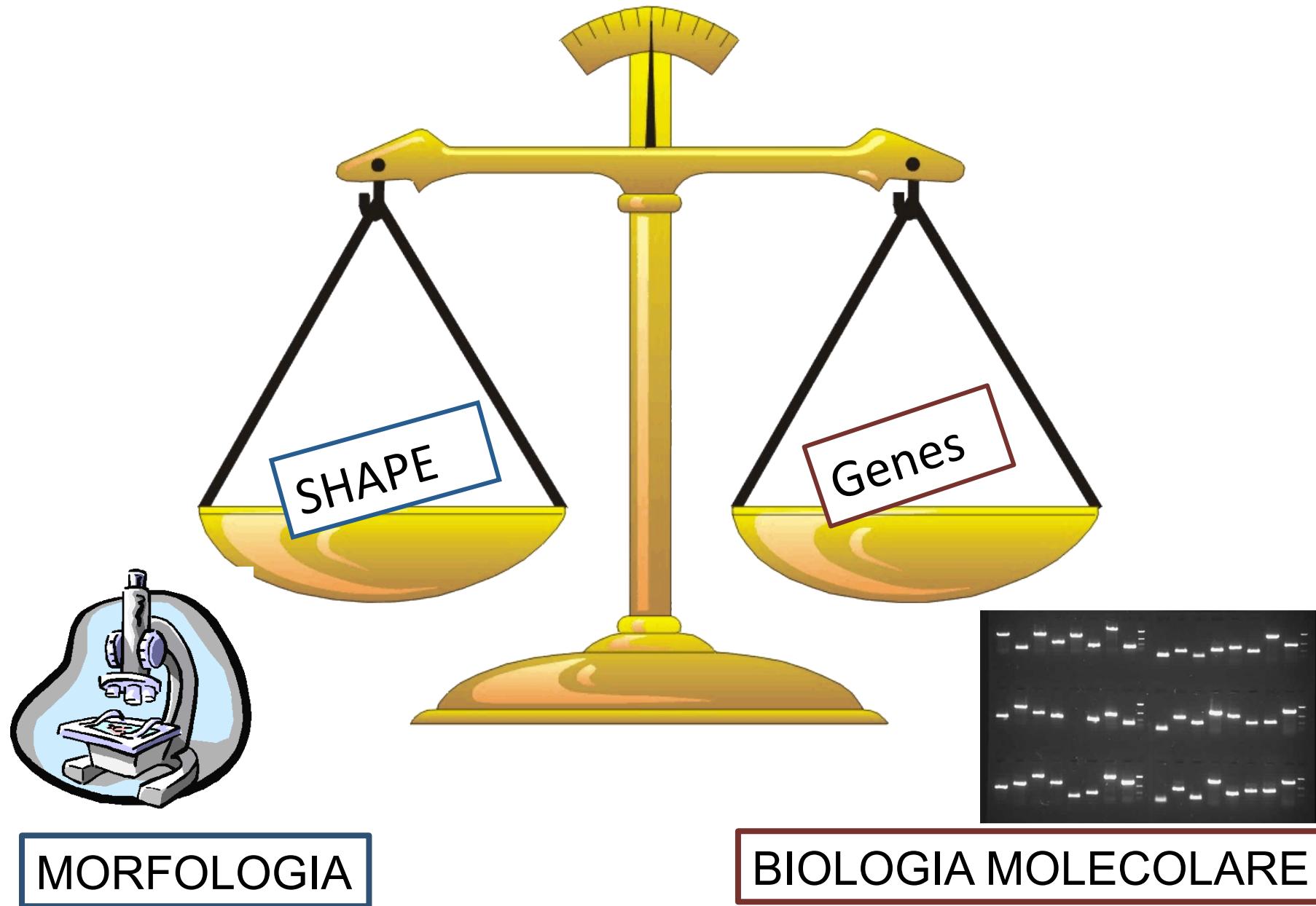
Review

Multicentre validation of different predictive tools of non-sentinel lymph node involvement in breast cancer

G. Cserni <sup>a,b,\*</sup>, G. Boross <sup>c</sup>, R. Maráz <sup>c</sup>, M.H.K. Leidenius <sup>d</sup>, T.J. Meretoja <sup>d</sup>, P.S. Heikkila <sup>e</sup>, P. Regitnig <sup>f</sup>,  
G. Luschin-Ebengreuth <sup>g</sup>, J. Zgajnar <sup>h</sup>, A. Perhavec <sup>h</sup>, B. Gazic <sup>i</sup>, G. Lázár <sup>j</sup>, T. Takács <sup>j</sup>, A. Vörös <sup>a</sup>, R.A. Audisio <sup>k</sup>



Noi crediamo che le differenti applicazioni dei protocolli su LS possano creare differenze anche nei risultati degli studi sulla predittività dello stato ascellare



## **Biologia molecolare: PCR**

J Clin Oncol. 1998 Aug;16(8):2632-40.

Ann Surg. 2008 Jan;247(1):136-42.

**Perché non si è divulgata?**

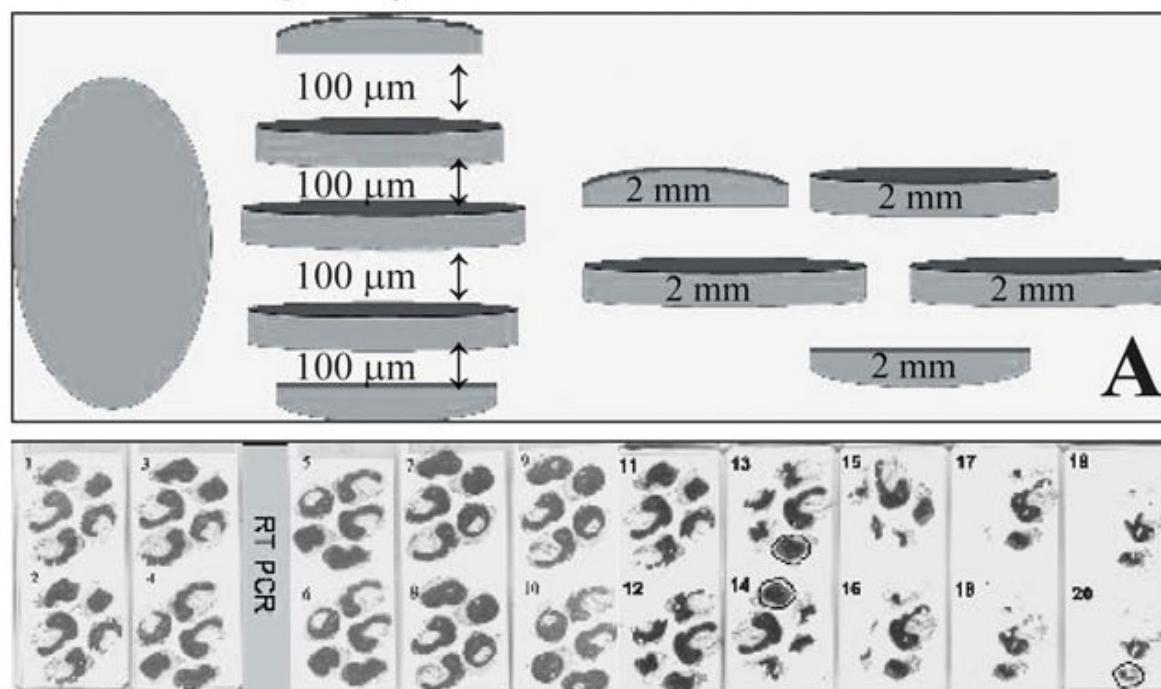
## Technical limits of comparison of step-sectioning, immunohistochemistry and RT-PCR on breast cancer sentinel nodes: a study on methacarn fixed tissue.

Daniele et al. J. Cell. Mol. Med. Vol 12, No 5, 2008 pp. 1-9

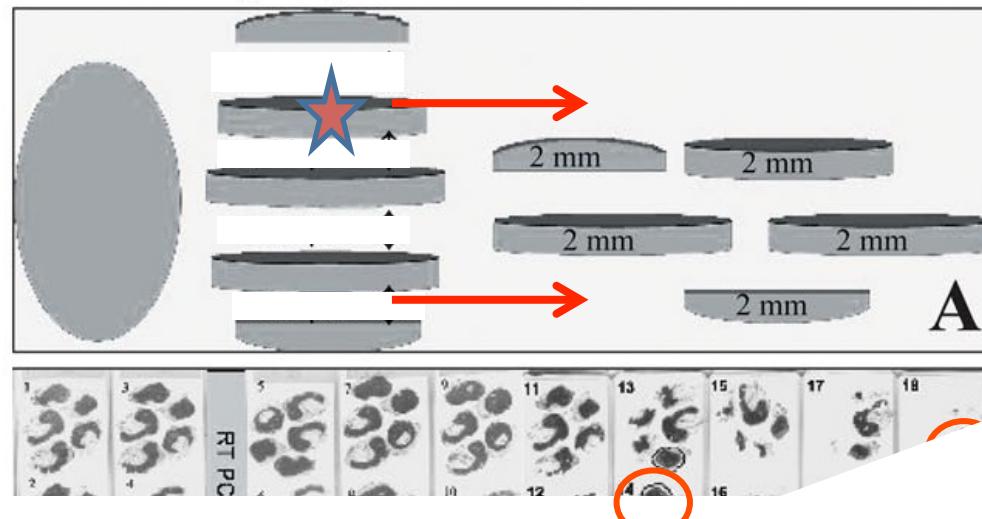
74 LS fissati in methacarn

Geni usati per RT-PCR: Mammaglobina, CEA e CK19.

Daniele et Al. 2007 Figure 1 Top

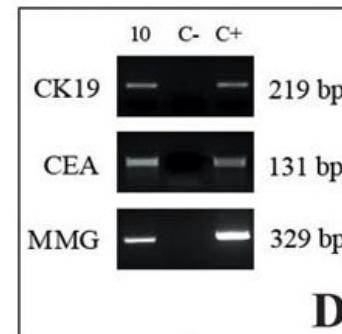
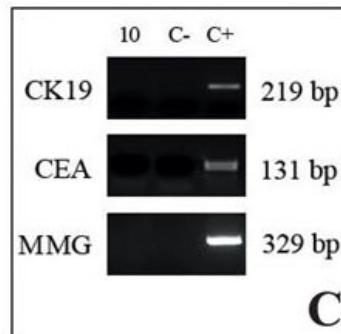


Daniele et Al. 2007 Figure 1 Top



RT-PCR è specifico

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METODICA COSTOSA  
METODICA CHE RICHIENDE TEMPO: NO INTRAOPERATORIA bias

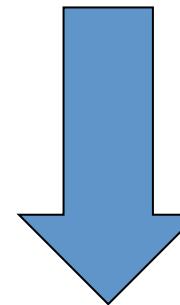


# Febbraio 2009



**OSNA**

**A TORINO**



## One-step Nucleic Acid Amplification for Intraoperative Detection of Lymph Node Metastasis in Breast Cancer Patients

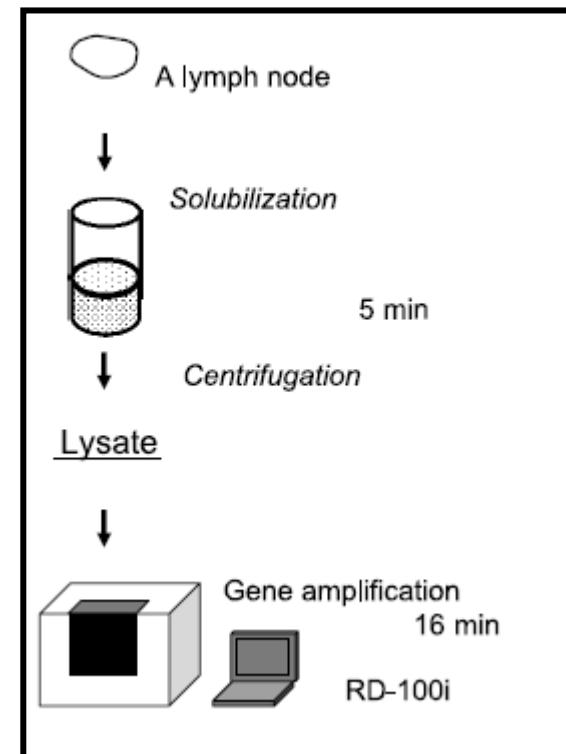
Tsujimoto et al

**OSNA assay** è un sistema automatizzato a ciclo chiuso per l'individuazione rapida della quantità di mRNA (citocheratina19 (CK19) mediante l'utilizzo di una reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification (**RT-LAMP**)

SLNs sono omogenati in 4 ml lysis buffer per 90 s

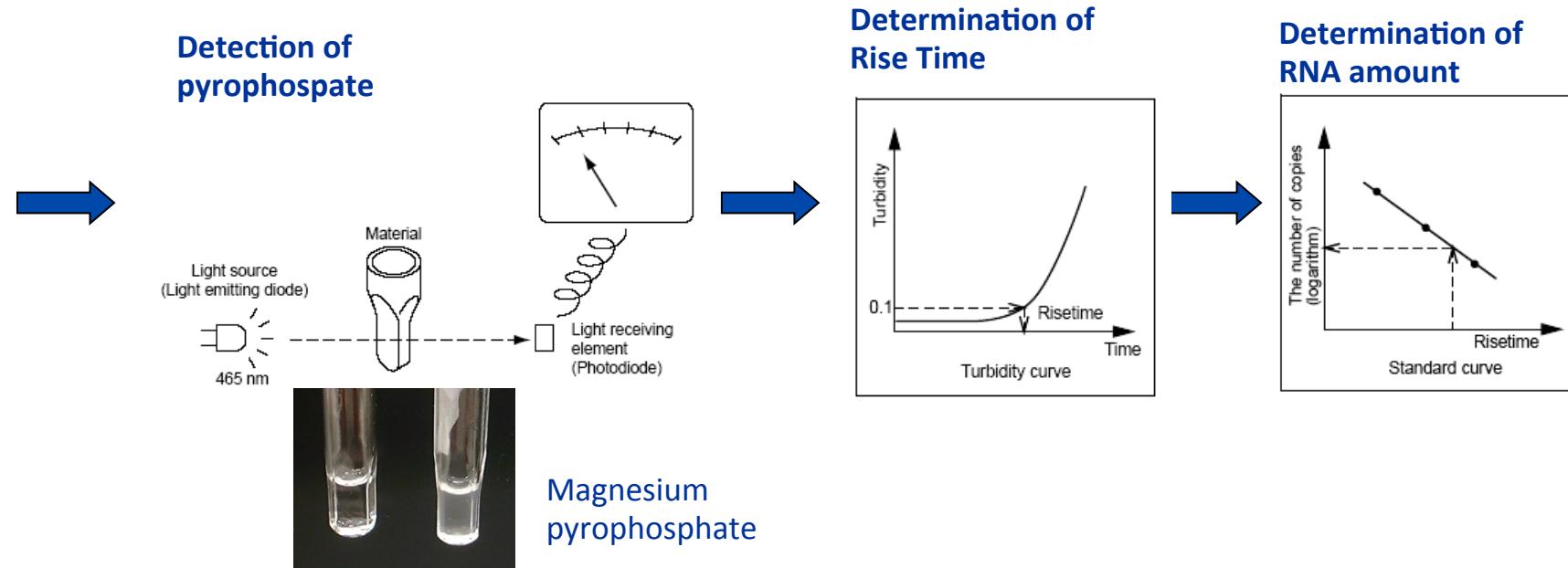
L'omogenato viene poi centrifugato a 10,000 x g a temperatura ambiente per un minuto

20 $\mu$ l di aliquota vengono usati per la reazione di RT-LAMP al fine di determinare i livelli di mRNA CK19 nello strumento RD-100i (Sysmex, Kobe, Japan)



Tsujimoto et al. CCR (2007)

# RT-LAMP REACTION



I risultati sono espressi in numero di copie di mRNA di CK19/  $\mu$ L  
 Il carico metastatico viene attribuito in base a cut off prestabiliti

Size of metastasis	CK19 mRNA
Macro-Metastasis	++ <b>&gt;5.000 copies mRNA/<math>\mu</math>L – CK19(<math>1.0 \times 10^8</math>)</b>
Micro-Metastasis	+ <b>250 - 5000 copies mRNA/<math>\mu</math>L – CK19 (<math>5.0 \times 10^6</math>)</b>
ITC / background	< 250 copies mRNA/ $\mu$ L – CK19 ( $5.0 \times 10^6$ )

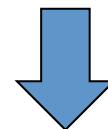
Tsujimoto et al.  
CCR (2007)

Tsujimoto et al 2007 - Clinical Cancer Research

Visser et al 2008 - Int J Cancer

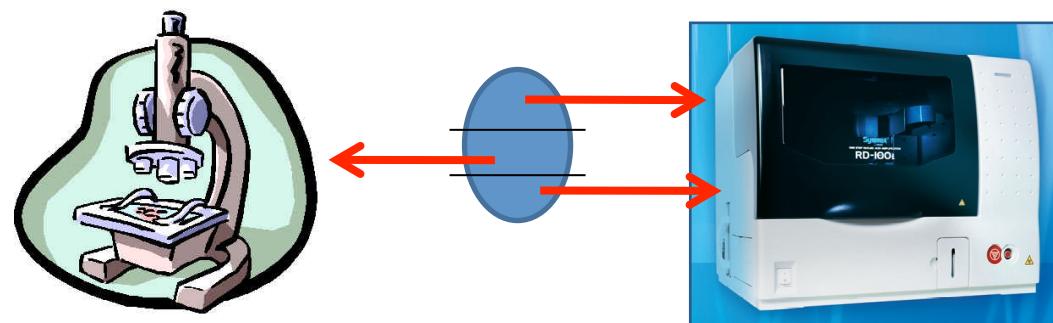
Schem et al 2009 - Virchows Arch

Tamaki et al 2009 – Clinical Cancer Research



Sensitivity: 95- 98.1%

Specificity: 94.7-100%



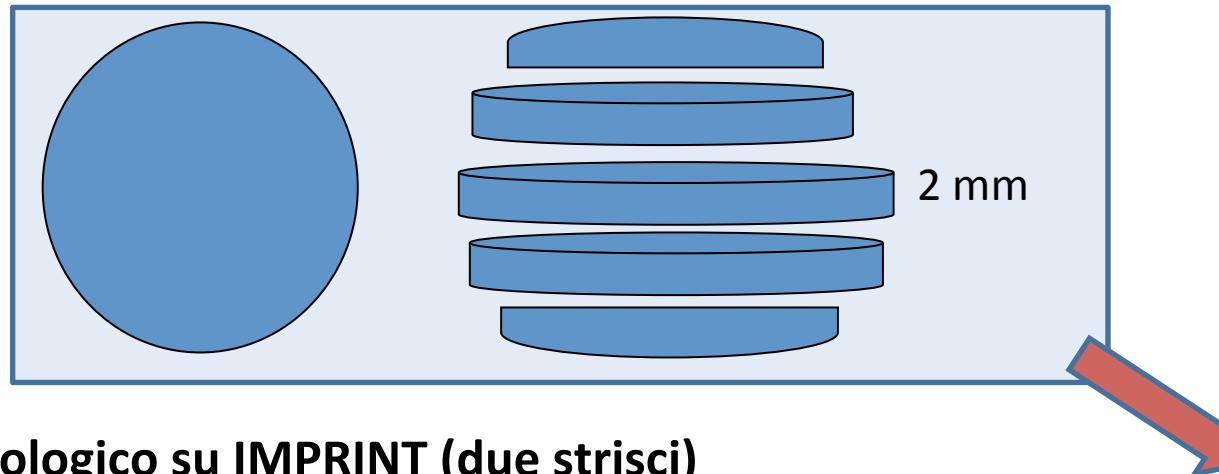
Quale risultato è quello di cui mi devo fidare?

Le micrometastasi individuate con la metodica molecolare devono essere sommate a quelle diagnosticate con la metodica istologica?

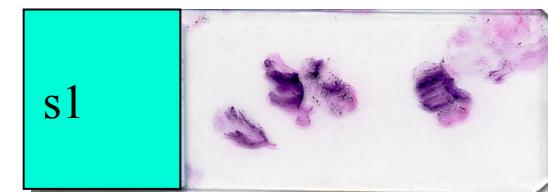
# METODO UTILIZZATO E PROPOSTO AL NOSTRO COMITATO ETICO INTERAZIENDALE

Tumori CK 19 + all'esame pre-operatorio

1) LS viene sezionato tradizionalmente



2) Citologico su IMPRINT (due strisci)



Ematossilina-Eosina



Immunoistochimica  
rapida  
AE1-AE3

3) OSNA (LS intero)



# Reliability of Whole Sentinel Lymph Node Analysis by One-Step Nucleic Acid Amplification for Intraoperative Diagnosis of Breast Cancer Metastases

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## COMPARING OSNA AND TRADITIONAL HISTOLOGICAL RESULTS

	TOTAL CASES		NEGATIVE and ITC				MICROMTS		MACROMTS	
	OSNA(%)	NON OSNA(%)	OSNA	NON OSNA			OSNA (%)	NON OSNA (%)	OSNA (%)	NON OSNA (%)
			Neg (%)	Neg (%)	ITC (%)	Neg + ITC (%)				
Number of cases	110 (100)	169 (100)	78 (71)	112 (66)	11 (7)	123 (73)	20 (18)	13 (8)	12 (11)	33 (20)

**OSNA negative cases** were comparable with the negative cases determined by standard histology (negative + ITC)

**OSNA Micrometastases** were higher than that determined by the standard procedure ( $\chi^2 7.0$ ;  $P<0.01$ )

**OSNA Macrometastases** were lower but was not significantly different from that determined by histology

It could be an overestimation of the macro- versus micrometastases by histology. In general, we avoided OSNA in case of macroscopic appearance of metastasis in SLN

# RESULTS 2

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<b>Vascular invasion</b>										
Absent	80	118	65 (81)	92 (78)	6 (5)	98 (83)	13 (16)	8 (7)	2 (3)	12 (10)
Present	30	51	13 (43)	20 (39)	5 (10)	25 (49)	7 (23)	5 (10)	10 (33)	21 (41)

**Macrometastases** in both protocols correlated with **vascular invasion** ( $\chi^2 = 21.34$ ;  $P < 0.01$  and  $21.79$ ;  $P < 0.01$ )

# RISULTS 3

## AXILLARY STATUS

SNL	OSNA
Macrometastases	5/12 (42%) 33(45%)
Micrometastases	2/9 (22%)

The metastatic axillary lymph node detection in non SLN, using OSNA, did not show significant differences in comparison to histological additional method

*Annals of Surgery 2011*

# OSNA sites in Italy

1.	<u>Roma - IFO Regina Elena</u>	<b>2008</b>
2.	Erba (Co) - Osp. Fatebenefratelli	<b>2009</b>
3.	<u>Sanremo - Ospedale Civile</u>	<b>2009</b>
4.	Milano Ospedale Luigi Sacco	<b>2009</b>
5.	<u>TORINO - A.O. Molinette</u>	<b>2009</b>
6.	Conegliano V.to - A.O de' Gironcoli	<b>2010</b>
7.	Novara -A.O. Maggiore della carità –	<b>2010</b>
8.	Aviano - CRO	<b>2010</b>
9.	<u>Roma -S. Filippo Neri</u>	<b>2010</b>
10.	Napoli - Pascale	<b>2011</b>
11.	Brescia - Clinica Sant'Anna	<b>2011</b>
12.	Rozzano (MI) - Humanitas	<b>2011</b>
13.	Bergamo -Gavazzeni Humanitas	<b>2011</b>
14.	Udine – Università	<b>2011</b>
15.	Roma -Osp. Fatebenefratelli	<b>2012</b>
16.	Prato – Ospedale Misericordia	<b>2012</b>
17.	<u>Bergamo – Ospedali Riuniti</u>	<b>2012</b>
18.	Milano – Clinica Pio X	<b>2012</b>
19.	Cosenza – S. Annunziata	<b>2012</b>
20.	Bari – Polyclinico	<b>2012</b>
21.	Como - Valduce	<b>2012</b>
22.	San Giovanni rotondo - Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza	<b>2012</b>
23.	<b>Catania – Cannizzaro (not in routine yet – demo)</b>	<b>2012</b>
24.	Andria - _BAT	<b>2012</b>
25.	Bari - S. Paolo	<b>2012</b>
26.	Foggia – Ospedale Riuniti	<b>2012</b>
27.	Perugia- Ospedale S. Maria della Misericordia	<b>2012</b>
28.	Alba- Ospedale S. Lazzaro	<b>2012</b>
29.	Pisa - AUO Pisana	<b>2012</b>
30.	Palermo – ARNAS civico	<b>2013</b>



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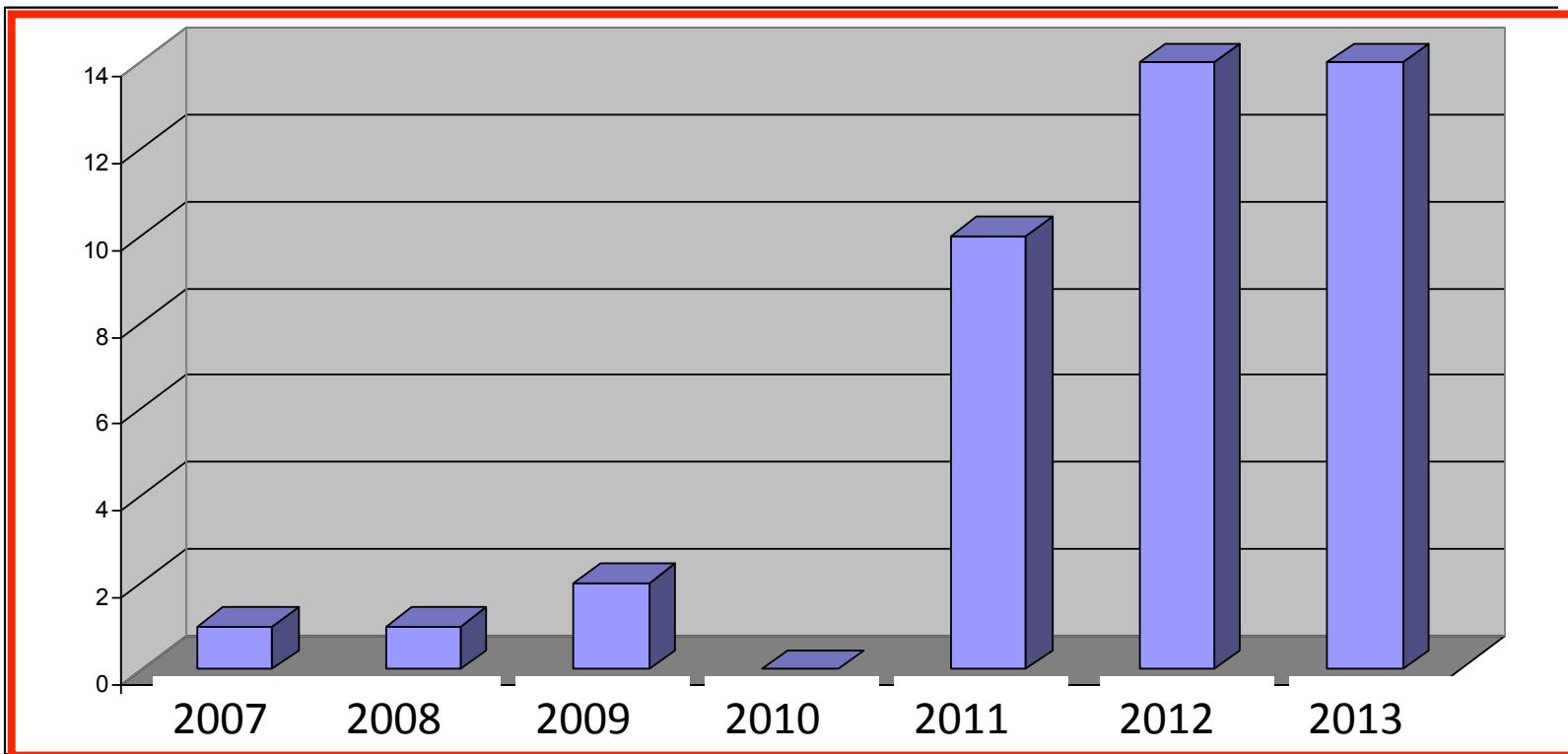
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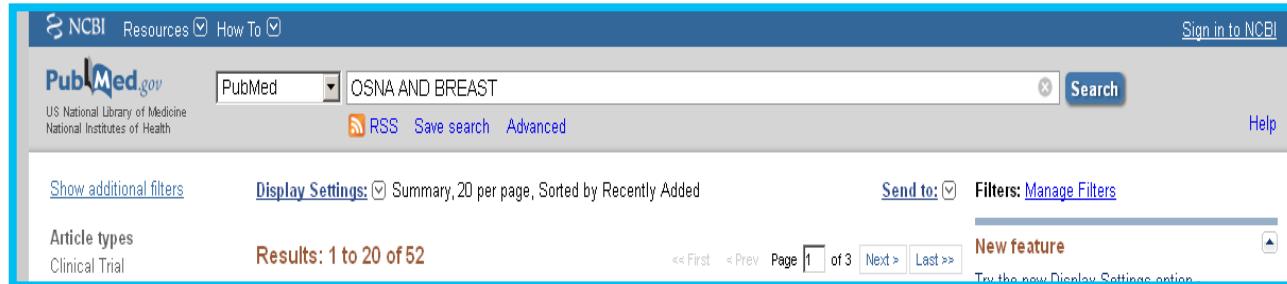
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# **TEMI TRATTATI RIGUARDO L'UTILIZZO DI OSNA NELLA ROUTINE DIAGNOSTICA**



## **AFFIDABILITA' DELLA METODICA**

**UTILIZZO DELLA CK19 SU CORE BIOPSY PREOPRATORIA  
PER IDENTIFICARE PAZIENTI DA SOTTOPORRE A TALE  
METODICA**

UTILIZZO DI OSNA DOPO CHEMIOTERAPIA NEOADIUVANTE

RICERCA DI UN CUT OFF DI COPIE mRNA -CK19 Utile  
nell'identificare pazienti con micrometastasi senza  
altri linfonodi coinvolti

## Tumori negativi alla CK19: 1-2%

Histopathology 2002, 40:403–39

La mancata espressione di CK19 in IHC non necessariamente coincide con la presenza dell'mRNA del gene stesso

Virchows Arch. 2013 Jul;463(1):7-15.

I Tumori negativi alla CK19 hanno di solito un immunofenotipo basale. Tale immunofenotipo metastatizza ai linfonodi meno frequentemente dell'immunofenotipo luminale

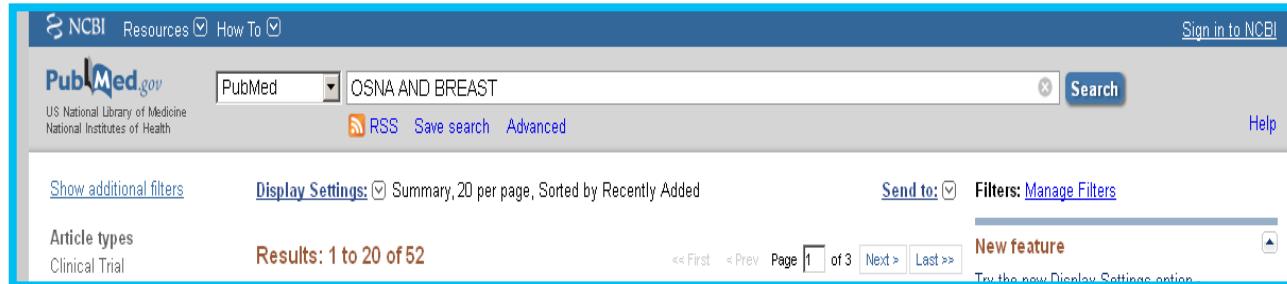
**Table 3** Multiple Regression Analysis for the Lumpectomy Model with Respect to Odds Ratios for Risk of Axillary Lymph Node Involvement

Variable	Node Negative (n = 1800)	Node Positive (n = 1361)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Age, Years				
Molecular Subtype				
Luminal	1397	1000	1.00	
Luminal/HER2-positive	95	115	1.04 (0.741-1.44)	
HER2-positive/ER-negative/PgR-negative	109	131	1.19 (0.872-1.63)	
Basal	199	115	0.607 (0.453-0.812)	$2.67 \times 10^{-3}$

*Clinical Breast Cancer*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 249-256, 2008**TABLE 2** Tumor and patient characteristics by subtype<sup>a</sup>

Clinicopathologic variable	Luminal A	Luminal B	HER-2	Basal	P value <sup>b</sup>
N	4336	476	368	892	
Age					
No. missing	0	0	0	0	
Mean	58	52	53	54	<0.0001
Tumor size					
No. missing	134	19	32	44	
Mean (cm)	1.68	1.97	2.22	2.25	<0.0001
Nodal involvement					
No. missing	0	0	0	0	
% ≥1 positive LN	43%	52%	57%	44%	<0.0001
% ≥4 positive LN	11%	20%	28%	14%	<0.0001

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**UTILIZZO DELLA CK19 SU CORE BIOPSY PREOPRATORIA  
PER IDENTIFICARE PAZIENTI DA SOTTOPORRE A TALE  
METODICA**

## **UTILIZZO DI OSNA DOPO CHEMIOTERAPIA NEOADIUVANTE**

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nell'identificare pazienti con micrometastasi senza  
altri linfonodi coinvolti**

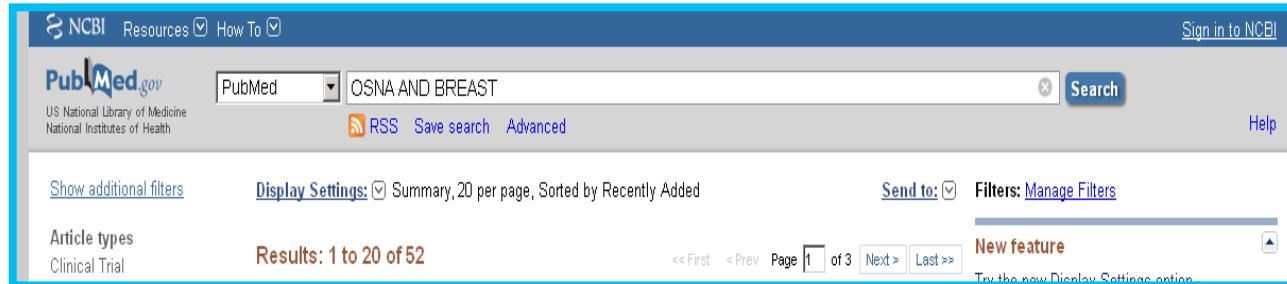
Conclusions: Intraoperative SLNB using OSNA in women with clinically negative axillary lymph nodes at initial presentation who received NAC could predict axillary status with high accuracy. Also it allows us to take decisions about the indication or not to perform an axillary dissection at the moment, thus avoiding delay in the administration of chemotherapy and benefiting the patients from a single surgical procedure

J. Navarro-Cecilia et al. / EJSO 39 (2013) 873e879

Conclusion: The OSNA assay can detect the residual tumour burden as accurately as conventional pathology, although chemotherapy-induced histological changes are present.

British Journal of Cancer (2013) 109, 1693–1698

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NELL'IDENTIFICARE PAZIENTI CON LS+ SENZA ALTRI  
LINFONODI ASCELLARI COINVOLTI**

Prediction of non-sentinel lymph node metastasis in early breast cancer by assessing total tumoral load in the sentinel lymph node by molecular assay

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EJSO 39 (2013) 766–773

Sentinel node tumour burden quantified based on cytokeratin 19 mRNA copy number predicts non-sentinel node metastases in breast cancer: Molecular whole-node analysis of all removed nodes

Tomo Osako <sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Takuji Iwase <sup>c</sup>, Kiyomi Kimura <sup>c</sup>, Rie Horii <sup>b</sup>, Futoshi Akiyama <sup>a</sup>

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**Quantitative Molecular Analysis of Sentinel Lymph Node May Be Predictive of Axillary Node Status in Breast Cancer Classified by Molecular Subtypes**

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**PERCHE' L'ANALISI MOLECOLARE DEL LS**

**QUALI SONO GLI SVANTAGGI**

**LA NOSTRA SOLUZIONE MOMENTANEA**

## SVANTAGGI:



**Costo**  
**Addestramento specifico del personale**  
**Dati di follow-up**  
**Codifica del TNM (pN0(mol+))**



**pN0 (mol-):** No regional lymph node metastases detected by histologically, negative molecular findings (reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction [RT-PCR])

**pN0 (mol+):** Positive molecular findings (RT-PCR), but no node metastases detected by histology or IHC

**NUOVE TENDENZE**



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**QUANDO PENSAVAMO DI AVERE TUTTE LE  
RISPOSTE....  
CI HANNO CAMBIATO TUTTE LE DOMANDE!**

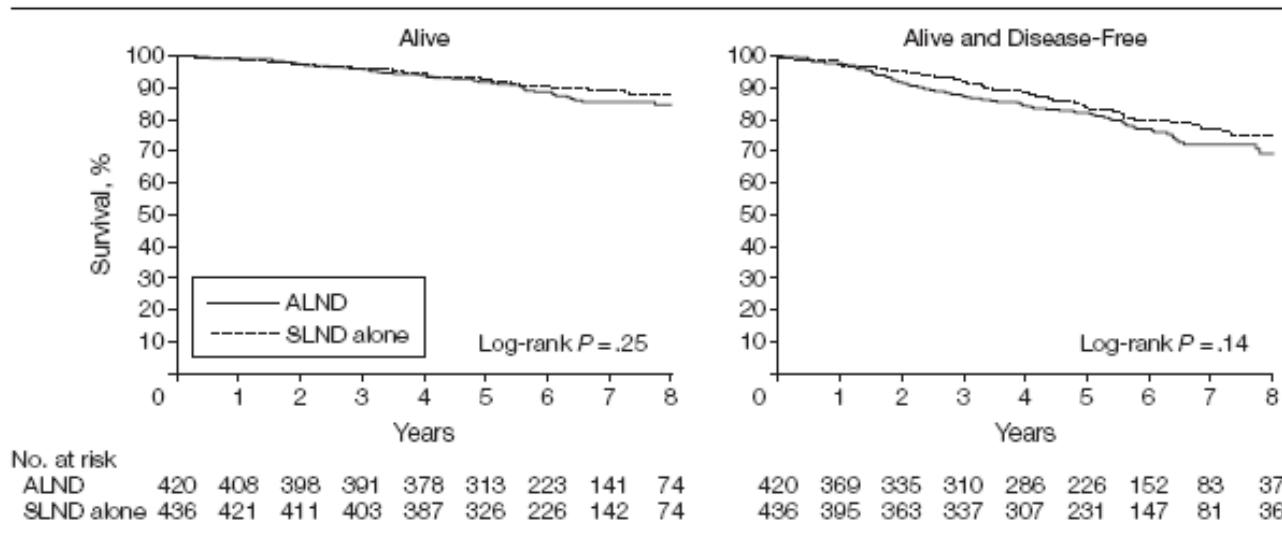
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# Axillary Dissection vs No Axillary Dissection in Women With Invasive Breast Cancer and Sentinel Node Metastasis

## A Randomized Clinical Trial

JAMA, February 9, 2011—Vol 305, No. 6

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



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

- 1900 patients
- T1-T2 cancers
  - without clinical involvement of the axilla
  - 1 or 2 metastatic lymph nodes

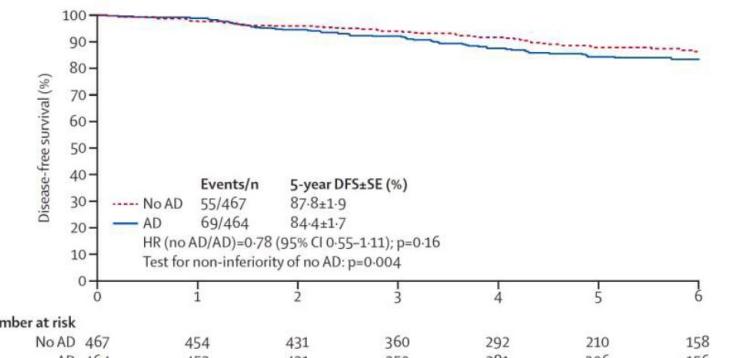
**Conclusion** Among patients with limited SLN metastatic breast cancer treated with breast conservation and systemic therapy, the use of SLND alone compared with ALND did not result in inferior survival.

# Axillary dissection versus no axillary dissection in patients with sentinel-node micrometastases (IBCSG 23-01): a phase 3 randomised controlled trial

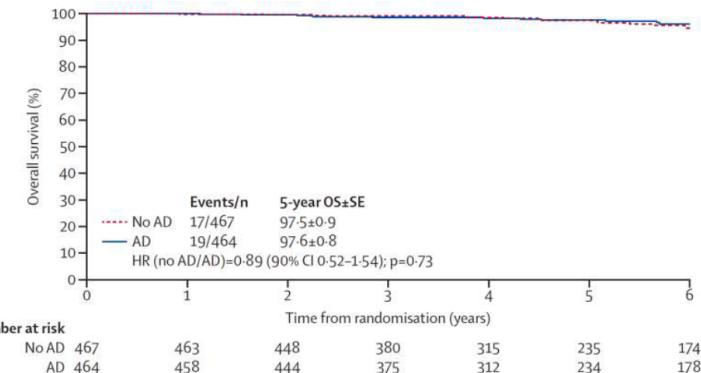
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## Disease-Free Survival



## Overall Survival

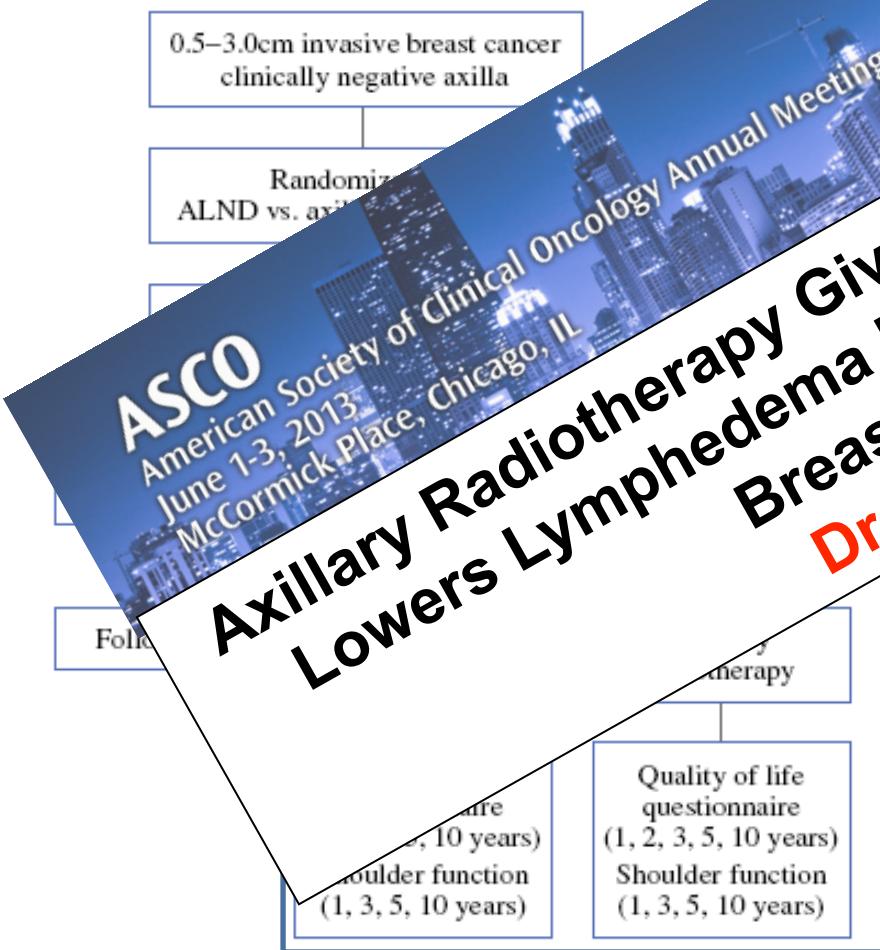


FOLLOW UP  
467 pts

AXILLARY  
DISSECTION  
464 pts

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**Axillary Radiotherapy Gives Good Local Control, Lowers Lymphedema Rates in Node-Positive Breast Cancer**

**Dr. Rutgers**

Analysis of the AMA-  
ROS trial shows patients with a tumor-positive  
axilla who were adequately treated with ART com-  
pare favorably to those of axillary control and arm and

# **Personalizing the treatment of women with early breast cancer: highlights of the St Gallen International Expert Consensus on the Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer 2013**

A. Goldhirsch<sup>1\*</sup>, E. P. Winer<sup>2</sup>, A. S. Coates<sup>3</sup>, R. D. Gelber<sup>4</sup>, M. Piccart-Gebhart<sup>5</sup>, B. Thürlimann<sup>6</sup> & H.-J. Senn<sup>7</sup> Panel members<sup>†</sup>

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## **WHEN NOT TO DO ALND**

In patients with one or two positive sentinel nodes following breast-conserving surgery **when whole breast radiation therapy is planned.**

## **WHEN WE DO NOT KNOWN** (The Panel was equally divided)

In patients undergoing mastectomy followed by radiotherapy

## **WHEN TO DO ALND**

If no radiotherapy was planned.

In patients with three or more involved sentinel nodes or with nodes that were clinically involved before surgery and confirmed by biopsy.



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**Trial SOUND**

**Sentinel node vs Observation after axillary Ultra-souND**

A new trial in Sentinel node vs

**Patients with breast cancer  $\leq 2.0$  cm**

- Any age
- Candidates to Breast Conserving Surgery
- Negative preoperative axillary assessment (negative ultra-sound of the axilla or negative FNAC of a single doubtful axillary lymph node)

**Randomization**

**SNB policy      No axillary surgery**



**33 sites in routine use**  
**18 new sites in the last year**

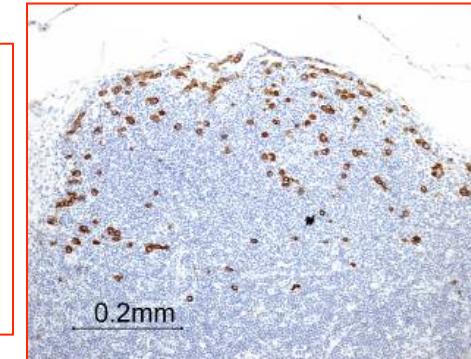
# 2013: COSA DOBBIAMO FARE??



**Metodica molecolare altamente sensibile e specifica anche nei confronti di piccoli depositi tumorali nel linfonodo sentinella**



**Metodo tradizionale, meno rigorosa ma sufficiente a prendere una decisione mirata sull'ascella?**



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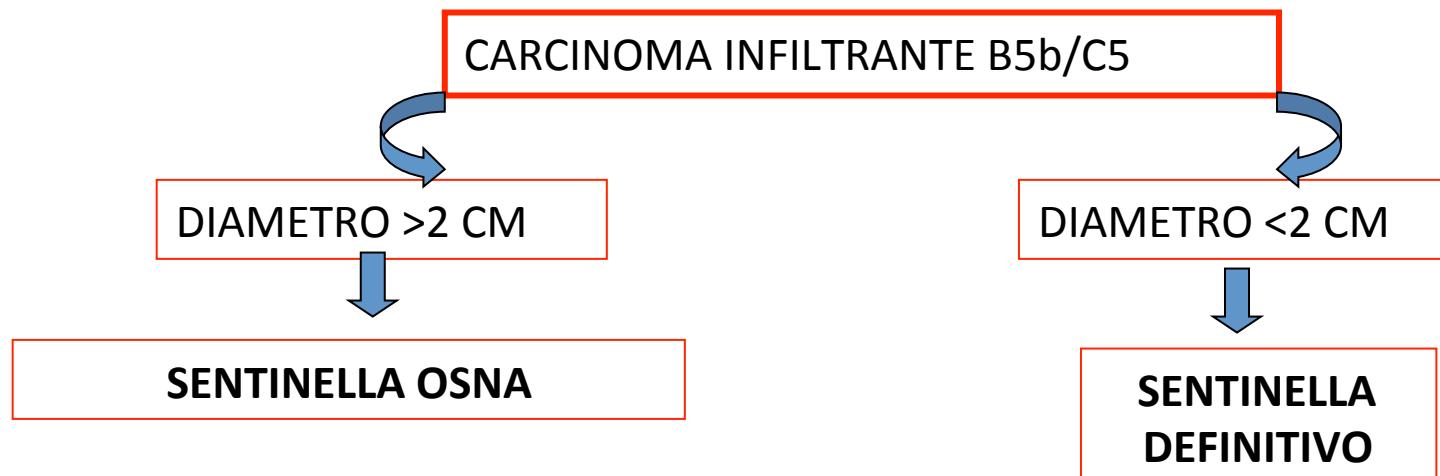
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## LA NOSTRA SOLUZIONE MOMENTANEA



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DISCUSSIONE DI TUTTI I CASI PRE-OPERATORI



## Perche' il diametro?

**Table 1**  
Variables included in the different predictive models tested.

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Variables	MSKCC nomogram	MD Anderson score	Tenon score	Mayo nomogram	Louisville clinical prediction rule	Stanford nomogram	French micrometastasis nomogram	Masaryk nomogram
Age	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Tumour size	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Categorical	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+
Continuous	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-
Tumour type	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Nuclear grade	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LVI	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
ER status	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple negativity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multifocality of the primary tumour	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Tumour location	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of positive SNs	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Number of negative SNs	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Number of SNs	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proportion of positive SNs	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-
Detection method of SN metastasis	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Size of SN metastasis	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Categorical	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Continuous	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
Extracapsular spread	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+

**Il diametro del tumore primitivo è strettamente correlato alla metastatizzazione ed è utilizzato in tutti i nomogrammi che predicono il rischio di ulteriori linfonodi metastatici nel cavo ascellare**

# I NOSTRI DATI

DA MARZO 2013 A OGGI

	LS negativo	LS micro	LS macro	Totale
>20 mm	31	13	16	60
<20 mm	53	6	9	68

# CONCLUSIONI

La prognosi del tumore alla mammella dipende maggiormente dalla biologia del tumore che dal coinvolgimento linfonodale.

**METASTASI LINFONODALE = EPIFENOMENO**

*J Clin Oncol 2010 28:3271–3277,*

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*Semin Radiat Oncol 2009 19:204–210*



**La storia e le scelte storiche vanno sempre contestualizzate..**

**LE MODERNE METODICHE MOLECOLARI  
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DI UNIFORMARE E STANDARDIZZARE  
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QUANDO QUESTA METODICA NON  
TRAMONTERA' DEL TUTTO...**

**GRAZIE A TUTTI PER  
L'ATTENZIONE**