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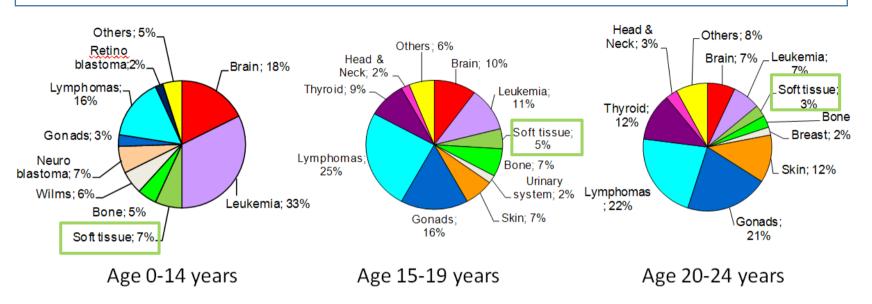
## Sarcomi delle parti molli dell'età pediatrica Moderni approcci di trattamento

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### Distribution of malignant disease by age



### **Incidence pediatric and AYA tumors**

**Age 0-14 years: 164 cases/million/years** (≈ 1380 new cases)

**Age 15-19 years: 269 cases/million/years** (≈ 804 new cases)

Age 20-24 years: 352 cases/million/years (≈ 1096 new cases)

**Age 25-29 years: 547 cases/million/years** (≈ 1944 new cases)

AIRTUM, E&P 2008
I tumori in FVG 1995-2005, Agenzia Regionale Sanità
SEER 1975-2000 - Cancer in 15-29 Years-Old
ISTAT 2012
Epidemiol Prev 2013; 37 (1) suppl 1

### **Incidence and epidemiology**

- •6%-7% of all tumors in childhood
- •≈70-80 pts/year in Italy

34%

Mascarin M. - CRO Aviano

25%

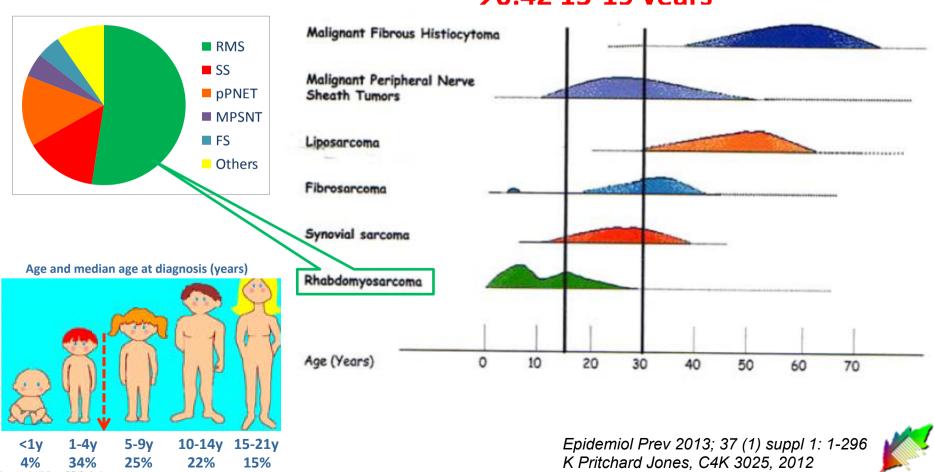
22%

15%

•Ratio between O/E 0,76:

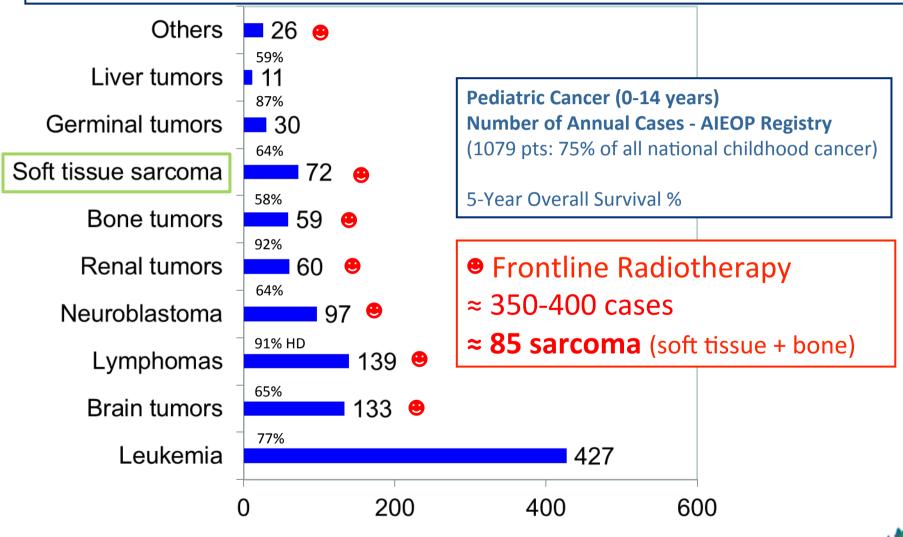
 $\rightarrow$  0,95 0-14 years

 $\rightarrow$ 0.42 15-19 years





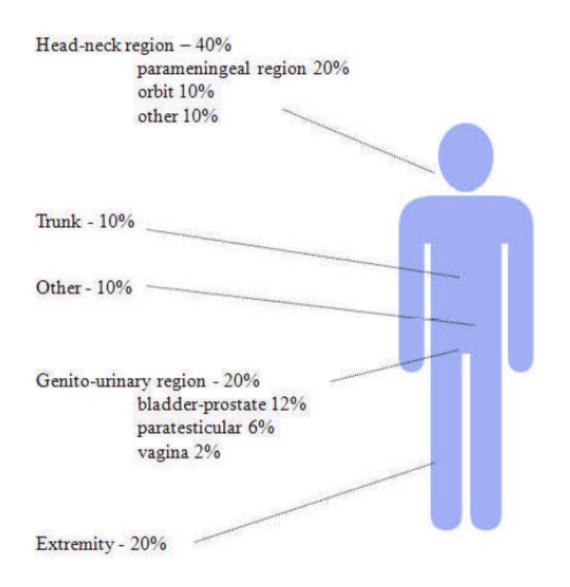
# Pediatric Cancer 1989-1998 Number of Annual Cases - AIEOP Registry







## RMS, Primary sites distribution

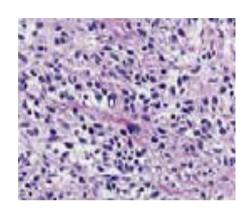


#### Survival by primary site

	5 years OS
Paratesticular – vagina	90-95%
Orbit	85-90%
Bladder Prostate	75-80%
Head & Neck non PM	75-85%
Para Meningeal	40-70%
Others	60-65%
Extremity	55%



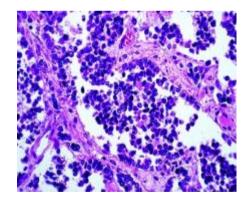
## RMS, Pathology and Subtypes



### **Embrional RMS** (resembling embrional muscle)

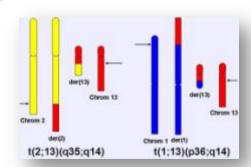
- A. Botryoid
- B. Spindle cell
- C. Typical
- D. Anaplastic

- **✓** More common
- **✓** Younger children
- **✓** Better prognosis



### Alveolar RMS (resembling pulmonary alveoli)

- A. Typical
- B. Solid

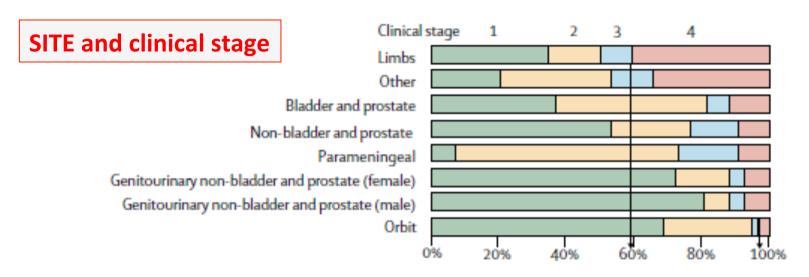


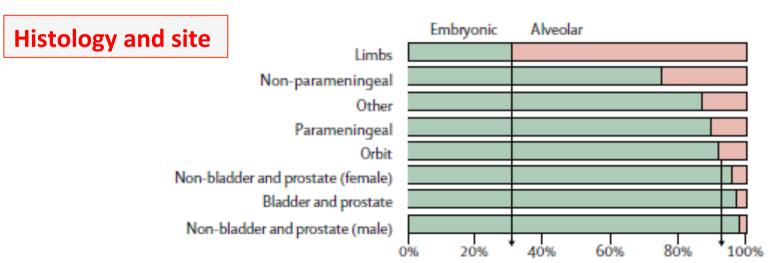
- **✓** Less common
- **✓** Older children
- ✓ Worse prognosis
- **✓** Very rare in GU tumours
- ✓ Fusion gene pathognomonic (PAX/FOX01 fusion gene)

Pleiomorphic RMS (adults)



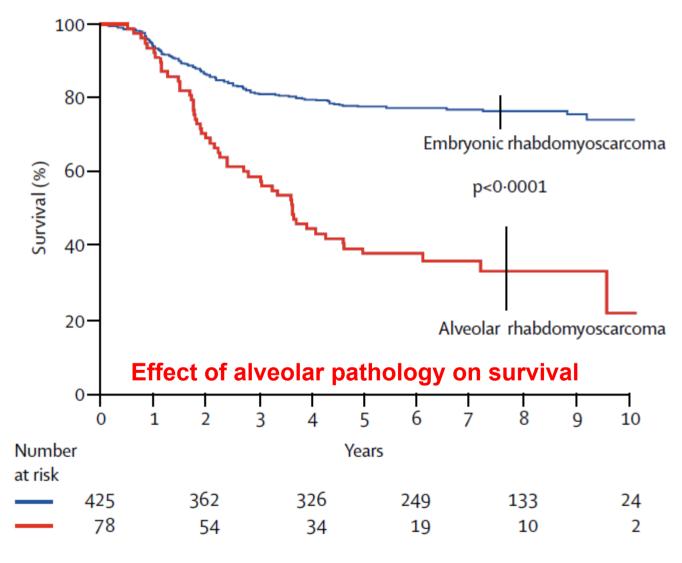
# Pathology, Site and Clinical Stage







# RMS, Pathology and Survival





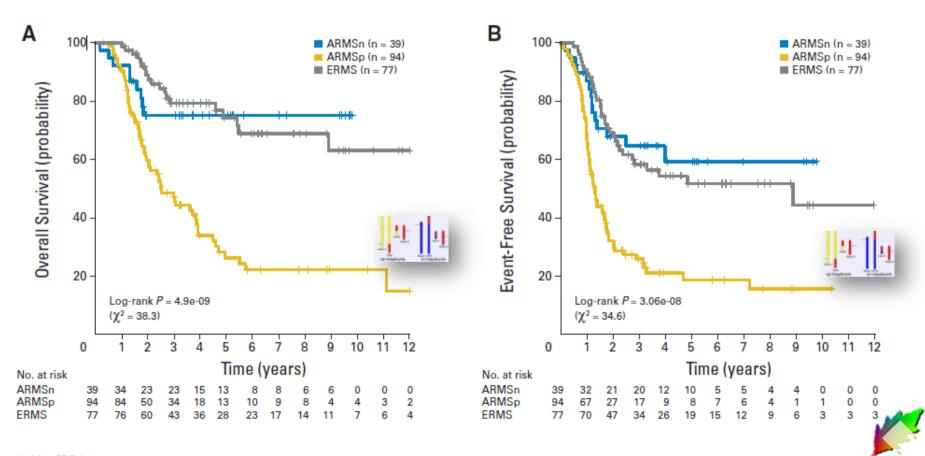
### RMS, Alveolar Subtypes and Fusion Gene ±

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Fusion Gene–Negative Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma Is Clinically and Molecularly Indistinguishable From Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma

Daniel Williamson, Edoardo Missiaglia, Aurélien de Reyniès, Gaëlle Pierron, Benedicte Thuille, Gilles Palenzuela, Khin Thway, Daniel Orbach, Marick Laé, Paul Fréneaux, Kathy Pritchard-Jones, Odile Oberlin, Janet Shipley, and Olivier Delattre



### RMS, Therapy

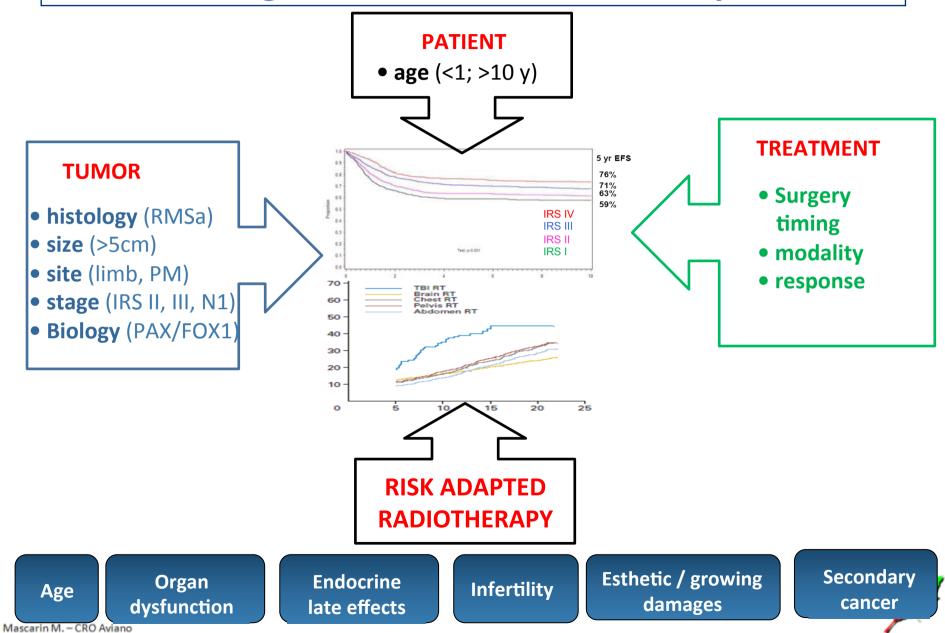
- "primary surgery" only if easily removable
- ✓ e.g. paratesticular (NB: inguinal approach),
- ✓ not in orbital disease, majority children have biopsies only

### **AVOID MUTILATING SURGERY at diagnosis**

- chemotherapy
- "delayed resection" according to response
- **✓** Responding tumours can remain *in situ for longer*
- ✓ Non-responding tumours need earlier local therapy Surgery or RT
- radiotherapy
- •high dose therapy ? no role ?

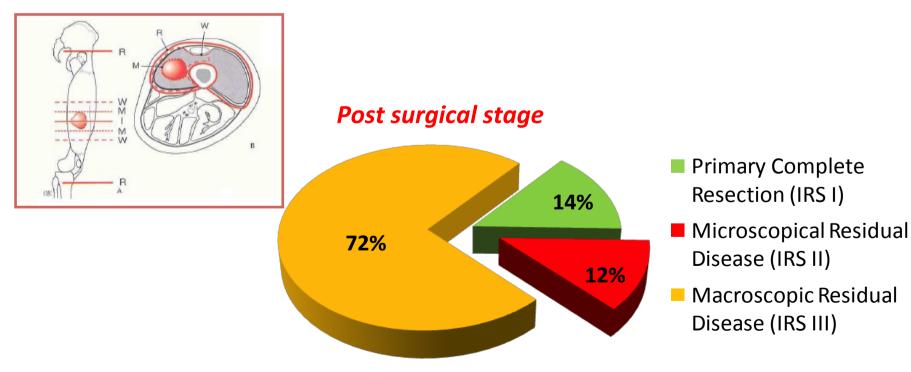


### RMS, Prognostic factors & Risk adapted RT



### RMS, Surgery

- **Complete tumour removal** is the goal of surgical resection.
- Organ preservation is also a primary aim in this paediatric population.



### RMS, Surgery

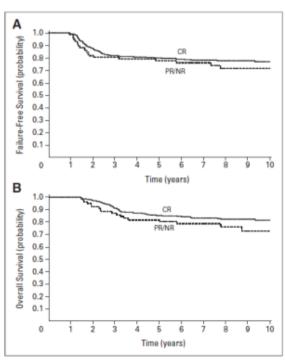
- The persistence of radiographic masses at the end of RMS therapy is well known, but their biologic potential is uncertain.
- Only 50% of pathologic specimens from end of therapy masses among participants with a best response of PR/NR demonstrated viable tumor.

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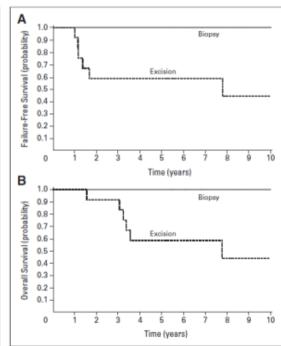
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Prognostic Significance of Tumor Response at the End of Therapy in Group III Rhabdomyosarcoma: A Report From the Children's Oncology Group

David A. Rodeberg, Julie A. Stoner, Andrea Hayes-Jondan, Simon C. Kao, Suzanne L. Wolden, Steve I. Osadwan, William H. Meyer, and Davelos S. Hawkins



Complete Response at the end of therapy compared with PR/NR



IRS IV: 419 pts Group III

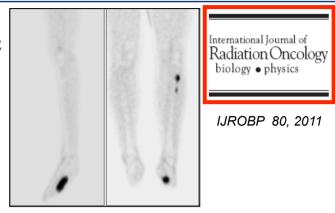


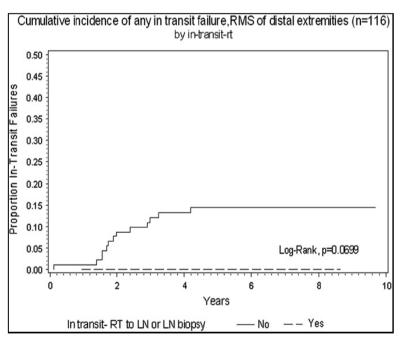
### RMS, Surgery, Extremity, Nodal involvement

REGIONAL NODAL INVOLVEMENT AND PATTERNS OF SPREAD ALONG IN-TRANSIT PATHWAYS IN CHILDREN WITH RHABDOMYOSARCOMA OF THE EXTREMITY: A REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP

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- Patients who underwent lymph node sampling and/or RT to the intransit nodal sites had a slightly lower risk of in-transit failure (0% vs 15%).
- Patients should received
   complete and accurate nodal
   staging to guide treatment,
   which should include RT to any
   involved regional nodal site.







### RMS, Chemotherapy

- Combinations of VCR, Act-D, EDX the mainstay of CT in US (VAC)
- **IFO** was introduced in **Europe** (**VAI**)
- IRS IV no differences between EDX and IFO regimens
- IFO potentially nephrotoxic (risk is small below 60g/m²)
- IFO fewer gonadal toxic effects (?)
- Anthracycline:
- ✓ IRS no benefit
- ✓ Europe: EpSSG: main question in HR patients (IVA vs IVADo)
- The optimum duration of adjuvant CT is still unknown

(Europe "shorter" than USA)



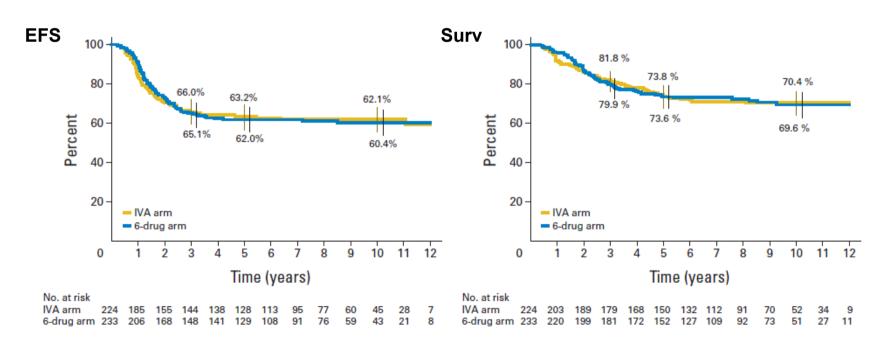
### RMS, Chemotherapy

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Randomized Comparison of Intensified Six-Drug Versus Standard Three-Drug Chemotherapy for High-Risk Nonmetastatic Rhabdomyosarcoma and Other Chemotherapy-Sensitive Childhood Soft Tissue Sarcomas: Long-Term Results From the International Society of Pediatric Oncology MMT95 Study

Odile Oberlin, Annie Rey, José Sanchez de Toledo, Hélène Martelli, Meriel E.M. Jenney, Marcelo Scopinaro, Christophe Bergeron, Johannes H.M. Merks, Nathalie Bouvet, Caroline Ellershaw, Anna Kelsey, David Spooner, and Michael C.G. Stevens

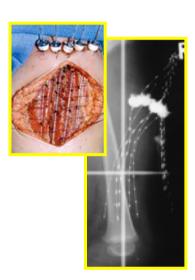


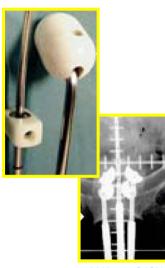


### RMS, radiotherapy

# Approaches to local control

Brachytherapy





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External Beam Radiation



### RMS, radiotherapy

Tumors that remain unresectable after CT, or that have been incompletely resected by second Surgery after initial CT, are mostly treated with radiation.

IRS1: embrional → no RT alveolar → RT

IRS2: most groups recommend RT

**IRS3**: IRS3 with CR after CT→ RT?

The response by CT is sufficient to ensure local control?

Depending by primary tumor site(GU no BP; H&N no PM; orbit)

Others IRS3→RT



### RMS, radiotherapy, reduce dose

Local Control With Reduced-Dose Radiotherapy for Low-Risk Rhabdomyosarcoma: A Report From the Children's Oncology Group D9602 Study

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Reduced-dose radiotherapy (36Gy) does not compromise local control for patients with microscopic tumor after surgical resection or with orbital primary tumors when......

Cyclophosphamide (0% LR vs 15%) is added to the treatment program.



### RMS, radiotherapy, Hyperfractionation

RESULTS FROM THE IRS-IV RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF HYPERFRACTIONATED RADIOTHERAPY IN CHILDREN WITH RHABDOMYOSARCOMA—A REPORT FROM THE IRSG

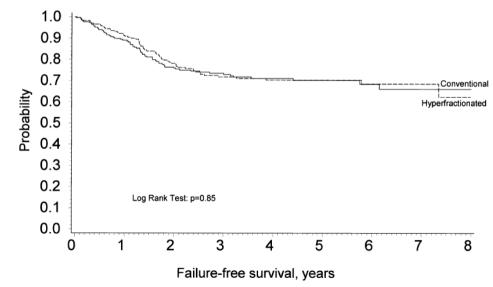
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(formerly Intergroup Rhabdomyosarcoma Group) representing the Children's Oncology Group
AND THE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW CENTER

Int. J. Radiation Oncology Biol. Phys., Vol. 51, No. 3, pp. 718-728, 2001

### **Group III (randomization):**

- 239 pts HFRT (59.4 Gy in 54, 1.1-Gy twice daily fractions)\*
- 251 pts CFRT (50.4 Gy in 28, 1.8-Gy daily fractions)



<sup>\*</sup>Parameningeal RMS had lower survival with HFRT



# RMS, radiotherapy, Accelerated Hyperfractionated

SARCOMI DELLE PARTI MOLLI IN ETÀ PEDIATRI-CA: RISULTATI A LUNGO TERMINE DEI PROTO-COLLI COOPERATIVI ITALO-TEDESCHI RMS '79, RMS '88 E RMS '96

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Anni 1979-2005. 1015 pazienti con RMS (centri AIEOP)

La RT iperfrazionata accelerata (32 o 48Gy/ 1.6Gy x fraz), come erogata nei protocolli RMS88 e RMS96, non ha migliorato il controllo locale o la sopravvivenza.

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### RMS, radiotherapy adherence

INFLUENCE OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH RADIATION THERAPY PROTOCOL GUIDELINES AND OPERATIVE BED RECURRENCES FOR CHILDREN WITH RHABDOMYOSARCOMA AND MICROSCOPIC RESIDUAL DISEASE: A REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP

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IJROBP 80, 2011

- ✓ The operative bed recurrence rate for Group II patients treated on IRS I–IV was 12% (83/695 pts).
- **√70%** compliance with RT protocol guidelines
- ✓ More than half (57%) of the Group II patients with an operative bed recurrence have a RT deviation.
- ✓ Of the 83 patients with operative bed recurrence, 63 (76%) died.

### RMS, radiotherapy, IMRT in H&N tumors

# Intensity modulated radiotherapy for head and neck rhabdomyosarcoma

International Journal of Radiation Oncology biology • physics

IJROBP 61, 2005

Suzanne L. Wolden et al, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York

... showed **excellent local control** can be maintained with the use of decrease margin using **IMRT** for Head and Neck tumors

3 years FFP 95% locally 80% nodal

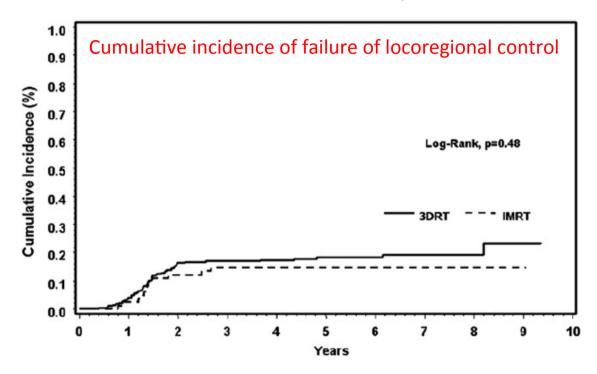


### RMS, radiotherapy, 3DRT vs IMRT

EFFECT OF RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUES (IMRT VS. 3D-CRT) ON OUTCOME IN PATIENTS WITH INTERMEDIATE-RISK RHABDOMYOSARCOMA ENROLLED IN COG D9803—A REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S ONCOLOGY GROUP

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Chi Lin et al, IJROBP 2012



**IMRT improved the target dose coverage** compared with 3D-CRT, although an improvement in locoregional control or FFS could not be demonstrated in this population.

### RMS, radiotherapy for very young children

THE CHALLENGING ROLE OF RADIATION THERAPY FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN WITH RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

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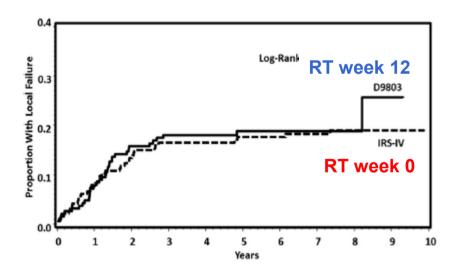
IJROBP 65, 2006

- A reduced dose of 36-Gy EBRT after delayed gross total resection may maximize local control,
- •Unresectable tumors (e.g., parameningeal) require higher doses.
- Normal-tissue-sparing techniques such as IMRT and IOHDR are encouraged.



### RMS, radiotherapy timing

- Timing of radiotherapy still being evaluted
- For parameningeal cases (including intracranial extension) early RT (week 3-4)
- For **others**: week 12-13



No risk features
Cranial nerve palsy
Base of skull erosior

The Effect of Radiation Timing on Patients With High-Risk Features of Parameningeal Rhabdomyosarcoma: An Analysis of IRS-IV and D9803

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### **Proton Therapy**

#### POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Pediatric medulloblastoma: Is proton beam the only ethically appropriate radiation reatment?

Anthony Zietman, MD, FASTRO, Editor in Chief IJROBP



IJROBP 87, 2013

... "spiritual core" of all we do as radiation oncologist: its pits the ideal against the pragmatic, the dosimetry against the clinical data, and one form of high technology against another.

#### **Pediatric CSI: Are Protons the Only Ethical Approach?**

Peter A.S. Johnstone et al., Indiana University Proton Therapy Center

- ... proton beam is the only ethical approach.
- ... to treat children we need expertise.

"Expertise" in this case is really center expertise, not simply the physician.



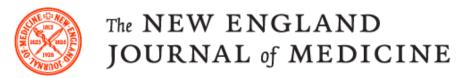
#### **Protons for Craniospinal Radiation: Are Clinical Data Important?**

Suzanne L. Wolden, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York



... there is not sufficient clinical data to argue that proton therapy is the only acceptable treatment.





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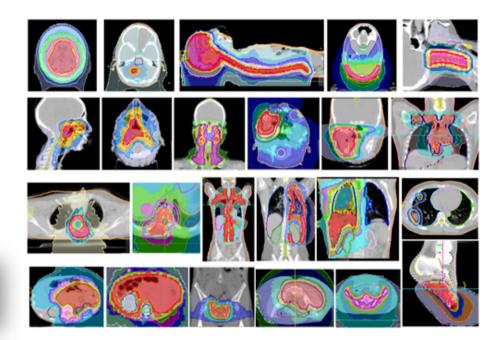
Account of an operation for the Extirpation of a Tumour, in which a ligature was applied to the Carotid Artery. By Mason F. Cogswell, M.D.

[Communicated in a Letter to the Editors of the New-England Journal of Medicine and Surgery.]

In the year 1800 Mrs L. of Lebanon, about 35 years of age, came to consult me respecting a tumour situated on the left side of her neck, occupying nearly the whole of the hollow between

Its character was that of a firm sarcoma, resembling a goose egg, in shape and smoothness, and weighing exactly a pound.

convenient size, but never from pain. I advised an immediate extirpation; she consented, and I removed it without difficulty. Its character was that of a firm sarcoma, resembling a goose egg, in shape and smoothness, and weighing exactly a pound. No vessel was divided during the operation which required a ligature, the wound healed by the first intention, and she rode home on horse-back in about ten days from the operation. About





### RMS, Conclusion

- Survival depends on risk group.
- Histology and staging work-up are essential prior to starting therapy.
- •The treatment is multidisciplinary to maximize local control and minimize morbidity.
- **CT** is an essential component of therapy for RMS along with surgery and/or RT for local control.
- •Almost all our decision are nuanced and difficult, some of them extremely so.
- We have to know not only the history of disease, but we have to imagine that one day this child will become an adult.





