



Tumori HPV correlati e radiosensibilità: dobbiamo de-intensificare la radioterapia?

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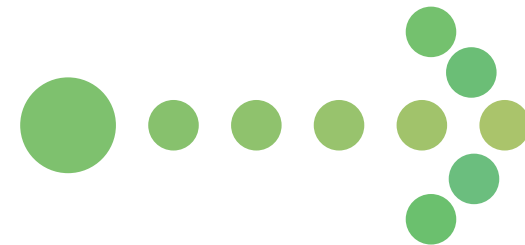
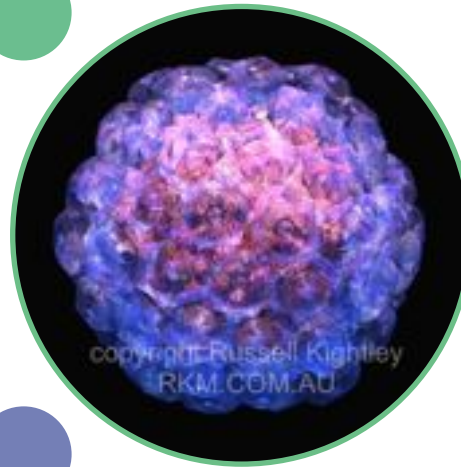
Orofaringe



Cervice uterina



Carcinoma anale



e Carcinoma penieno, vaginale e vulvare in minore entità

Quesito: de-intensificare la radioterapia?

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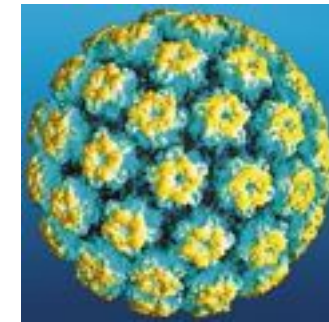
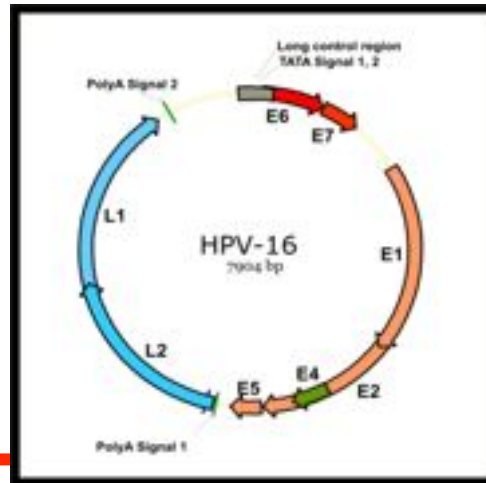
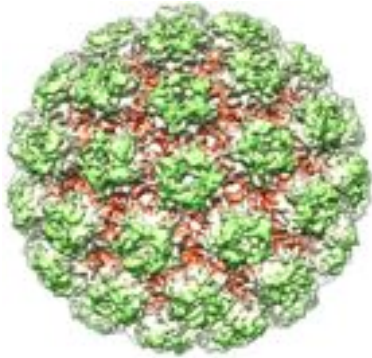
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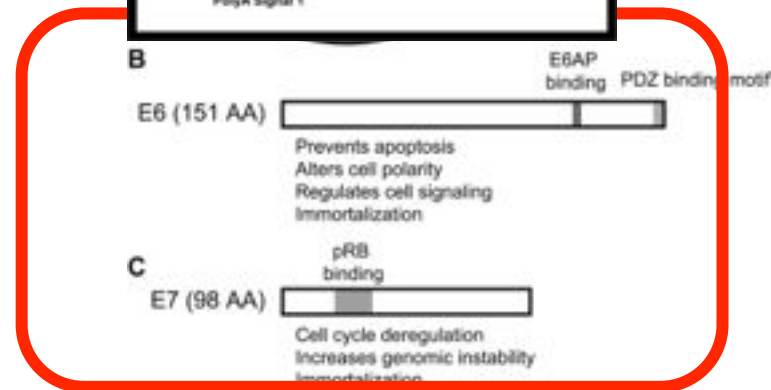
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**O ...EVITARE L'ASSOCIAZIONE CON LA
CHEMIOTERAPIA O..... ASSOCIARE
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E6 → p53

E7 → pRB



The human papillomavirus (HPV) genome is a double-stranded circular DNA containing approximately 8000 base pairs and encoding 8 proteins (A).

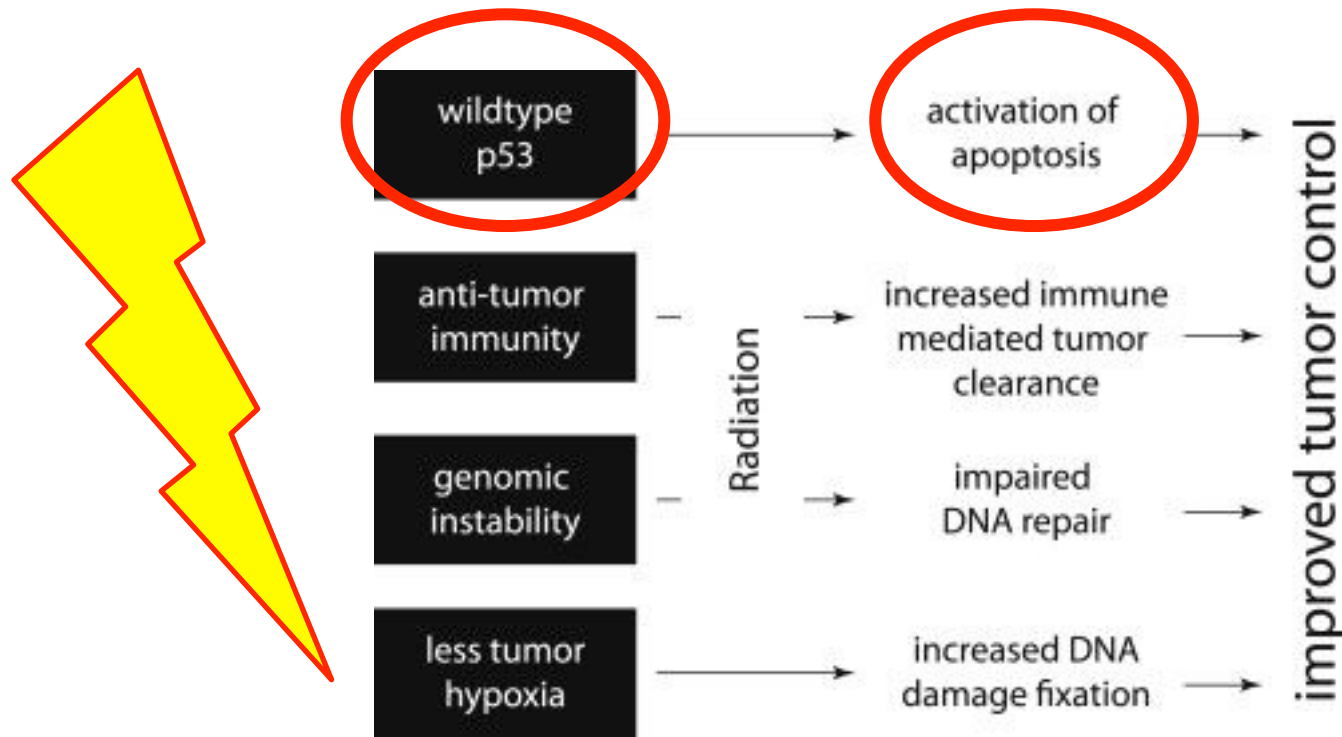
E6 (B) and E7 (C) are the predominant human papillomavirus oncogenes

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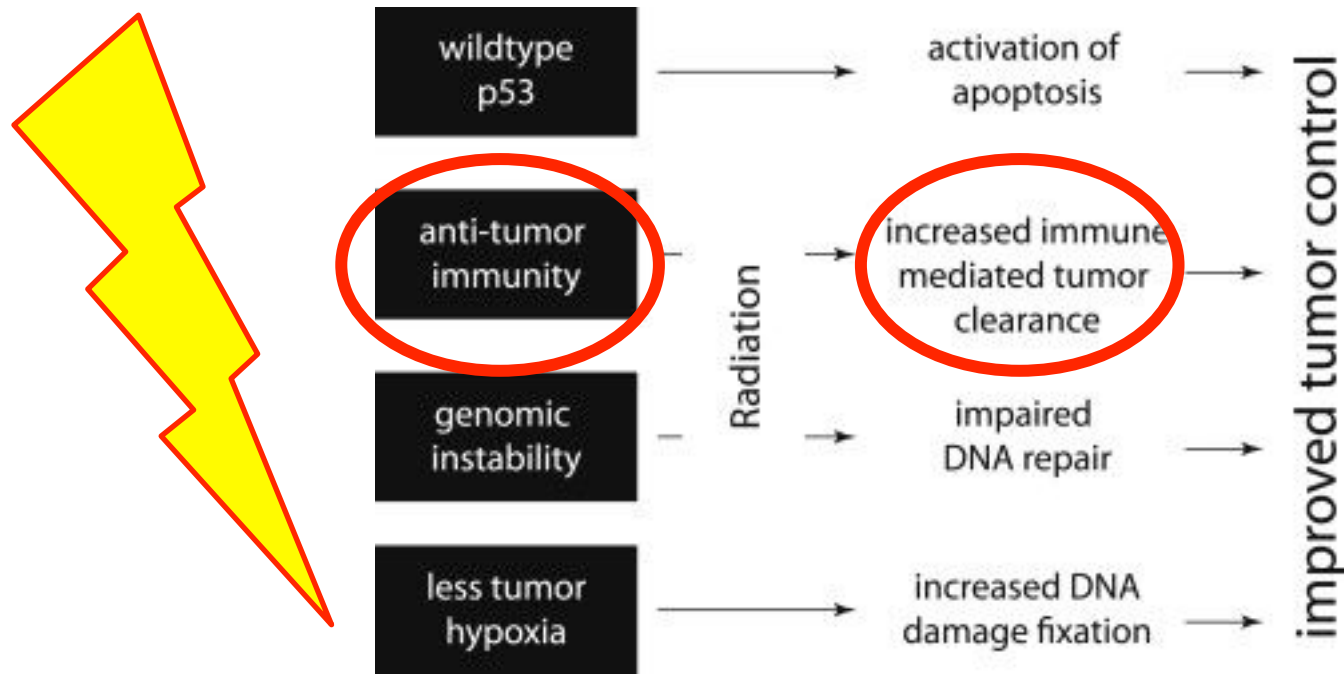
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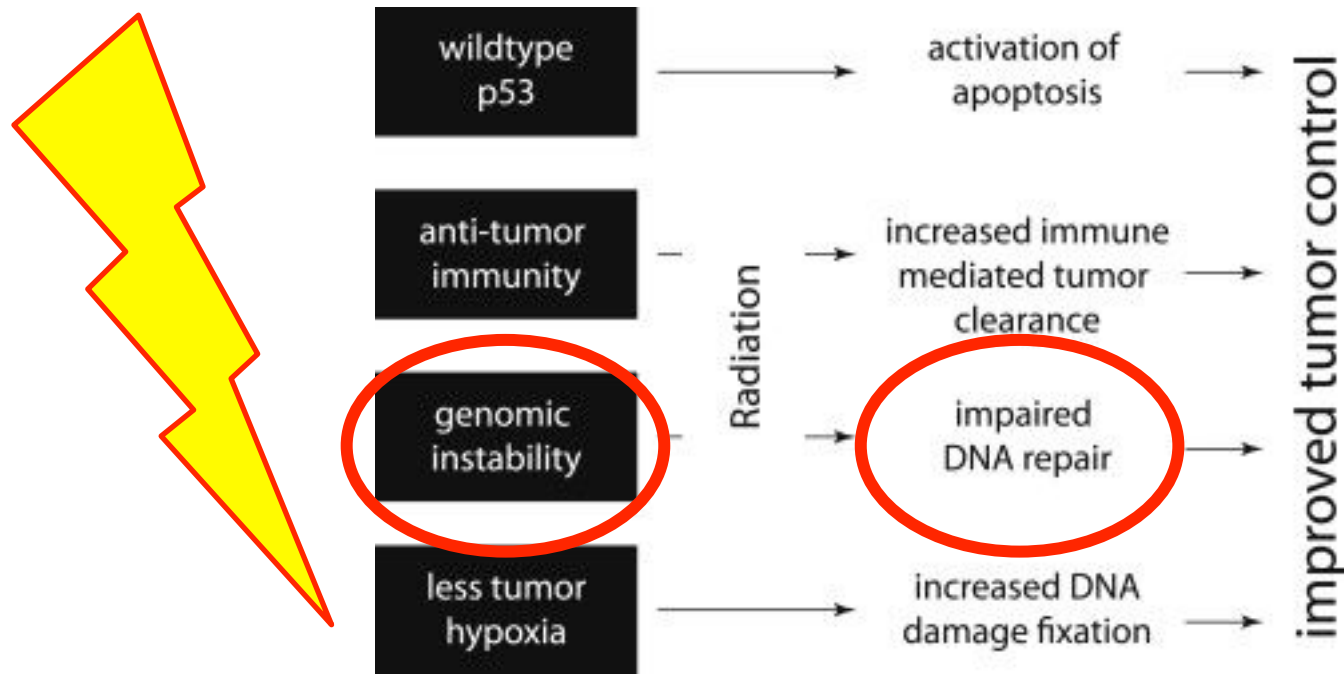
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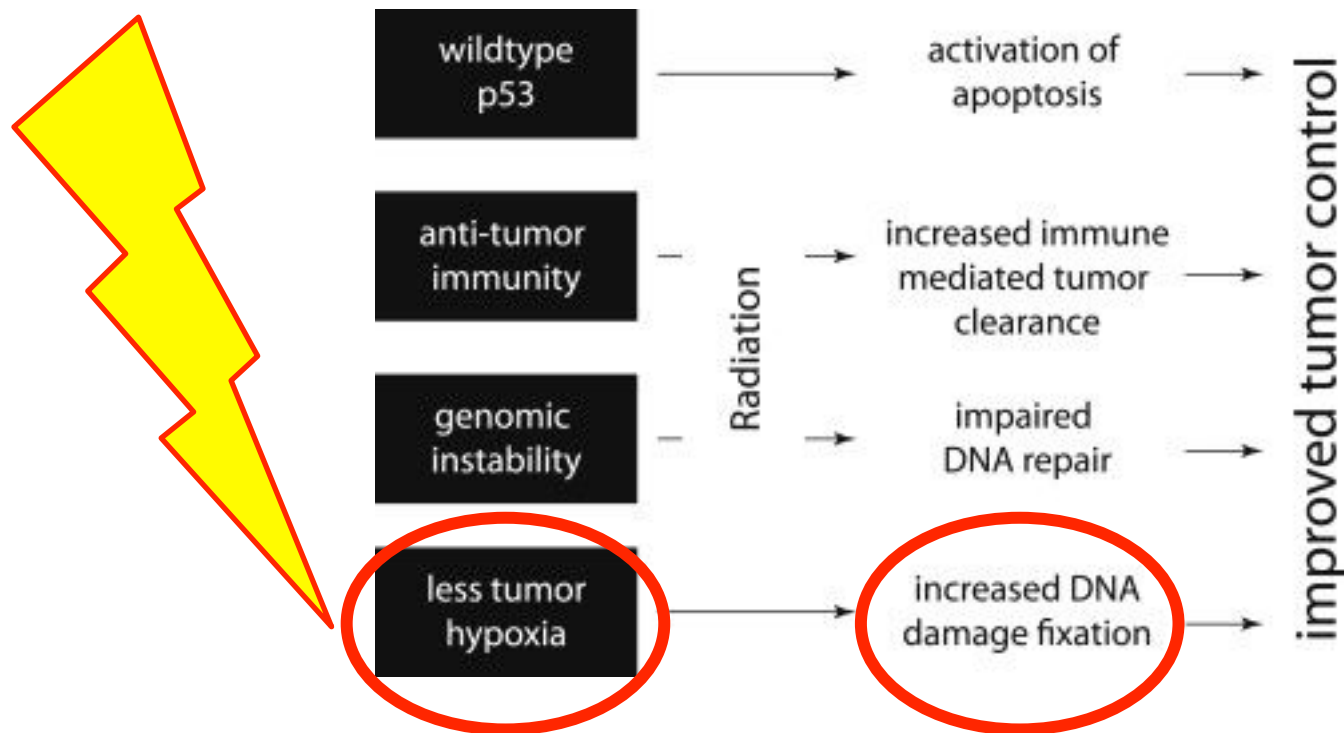
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Detection

Remarks

p16 expression
(IHC)
surrogate marker

Commonly performed in clinical laboratories, high correlation with outcome, **but** may be elevated in HPV-negative cases

in situ Hybridization
(ISH)

Highly specific and can be performed on paraffin-embedded samples, **but** low sensitivity for tumors with low numbers of copies of the HPV genome

DNA

Polymerase
Chain Reaction (PCR)

Highly specific and fast turn-around time, **but** environmental contamination can lead to false-positive results

RT-PCR

Sensitive and specific because it detects active HPV infection, **but** requires intact RNA so better results from fresh or frozen tissue than from paraffin-embedded tissue

Serology

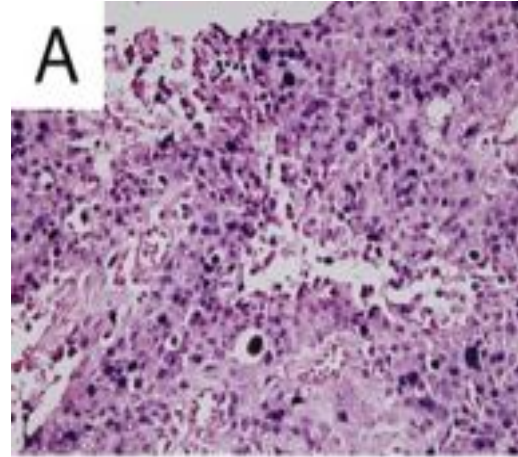
Easy to perform, **but** no direct relationship to viral-associated cancers

HPV DETECTION

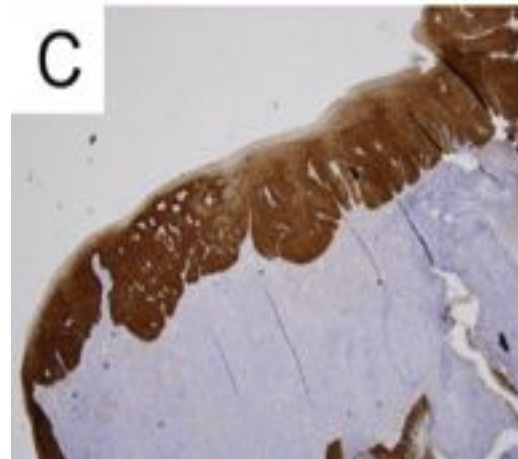
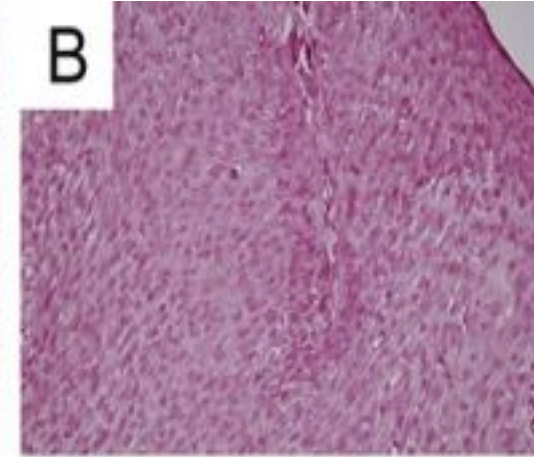
HPV DNA +/p16 +
HPV DNA -/p16+
vs
HPV DNA -/p16 -

Sono positivi per HPV:
p16 con cut-off > 70% e
HPV PCR o ISH +

HPV DNA + ISH



HPV negative



HPV + p16 overexpression

HPV status: prognostico o predittivo di risposta?

Fattore prognostico

- è legato alla biologia del tumore indipendentemente dalla terapia adottata

Fattore predittivo di risposta

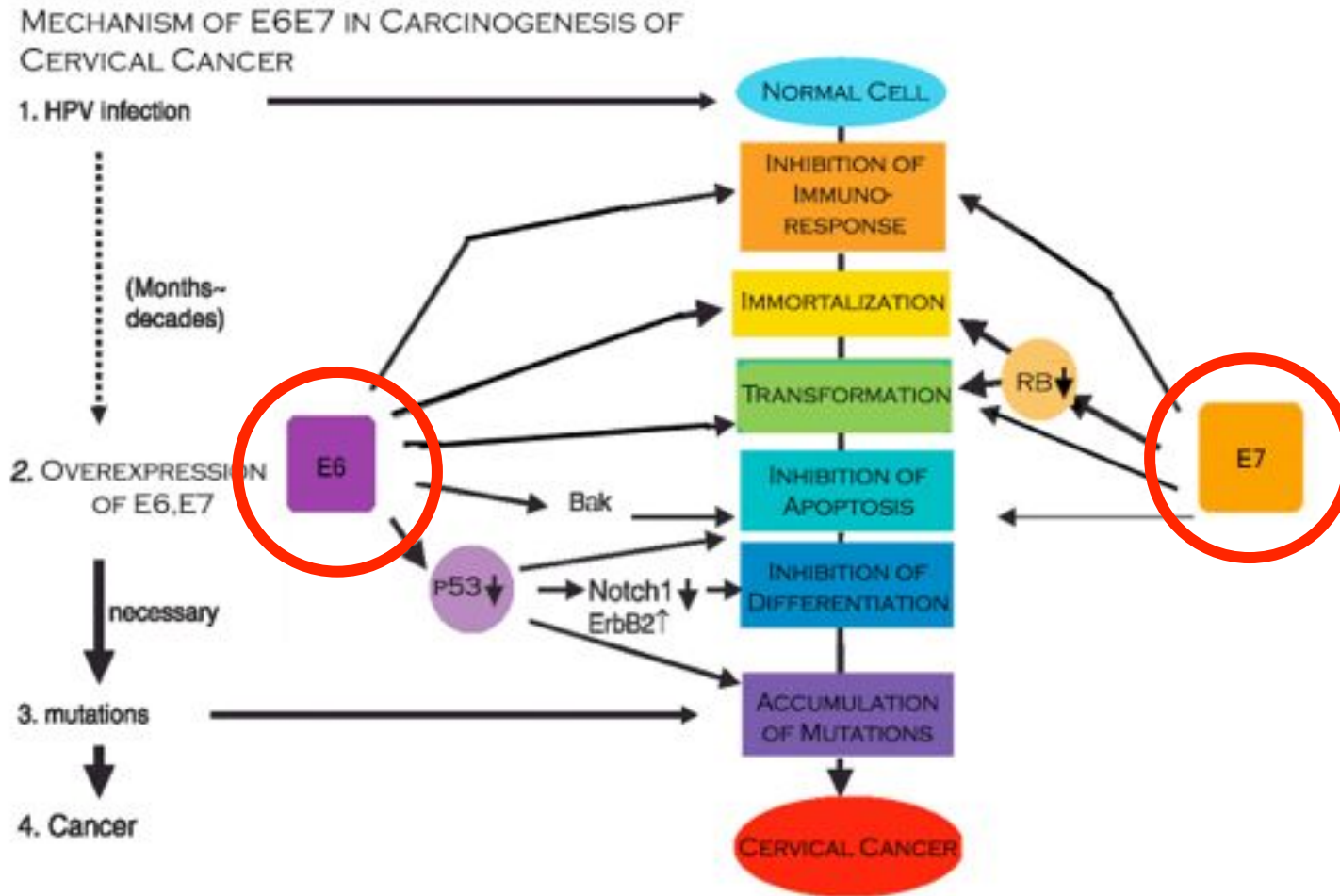
- può permettere di de-intensificare (no chemioterapia) o intensificare la terapia

HPV e SCC della Cervice Uterina



**Premio Nobel 2008
a Harald zur Hausen**

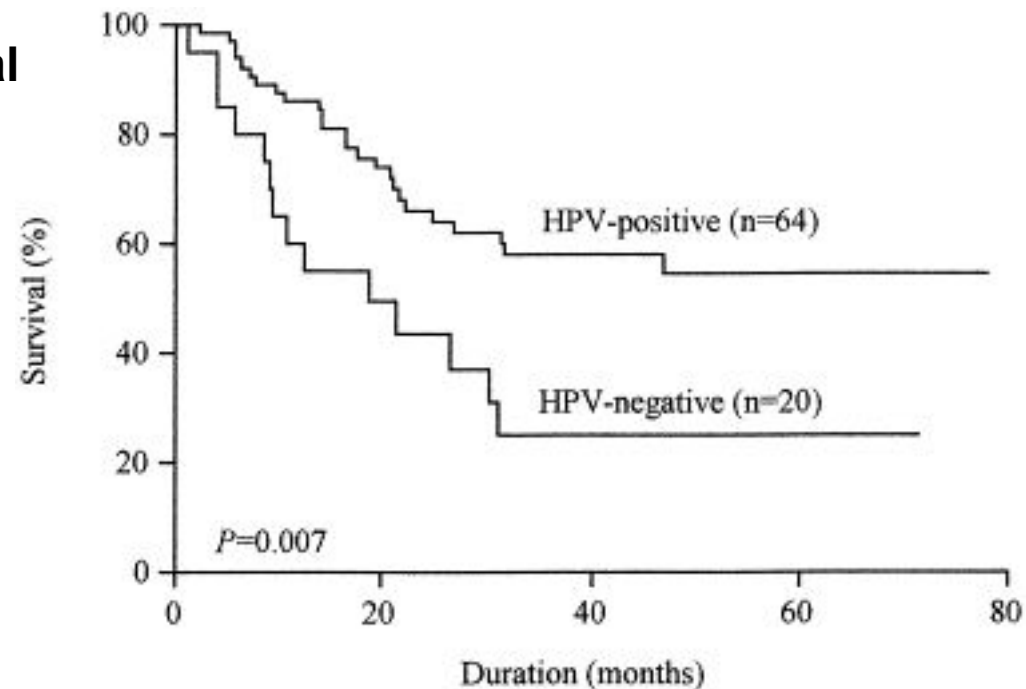
HPV e Cervice uterina: implicazioni per la radioterapia



Overall survival

84 women

1995-2000 yrs



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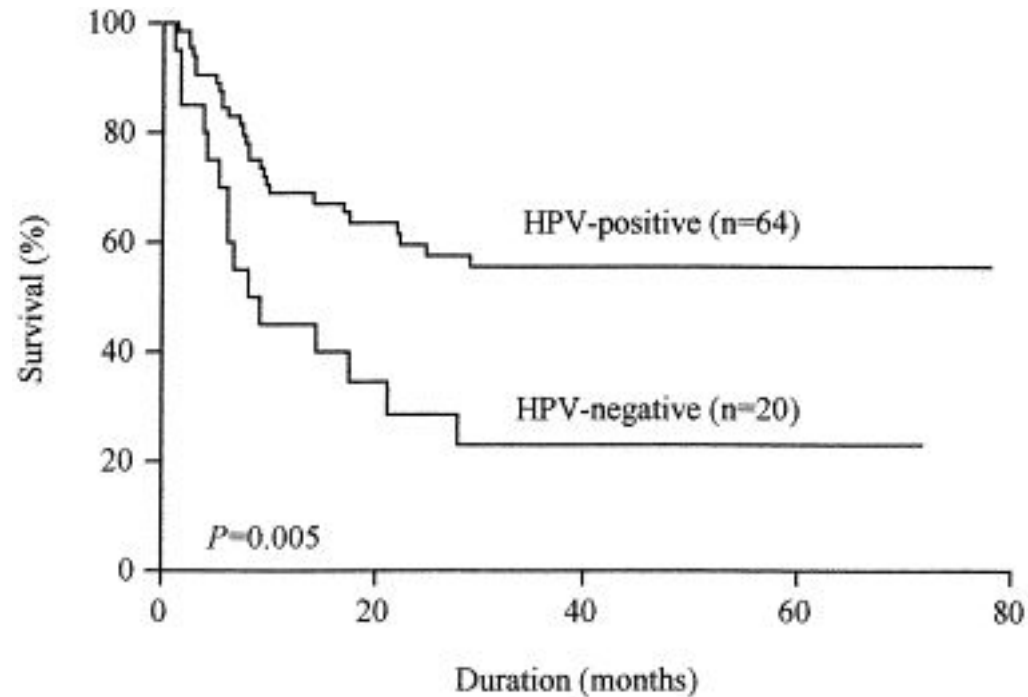
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Disease-free survival

**HPV 18 +
worse
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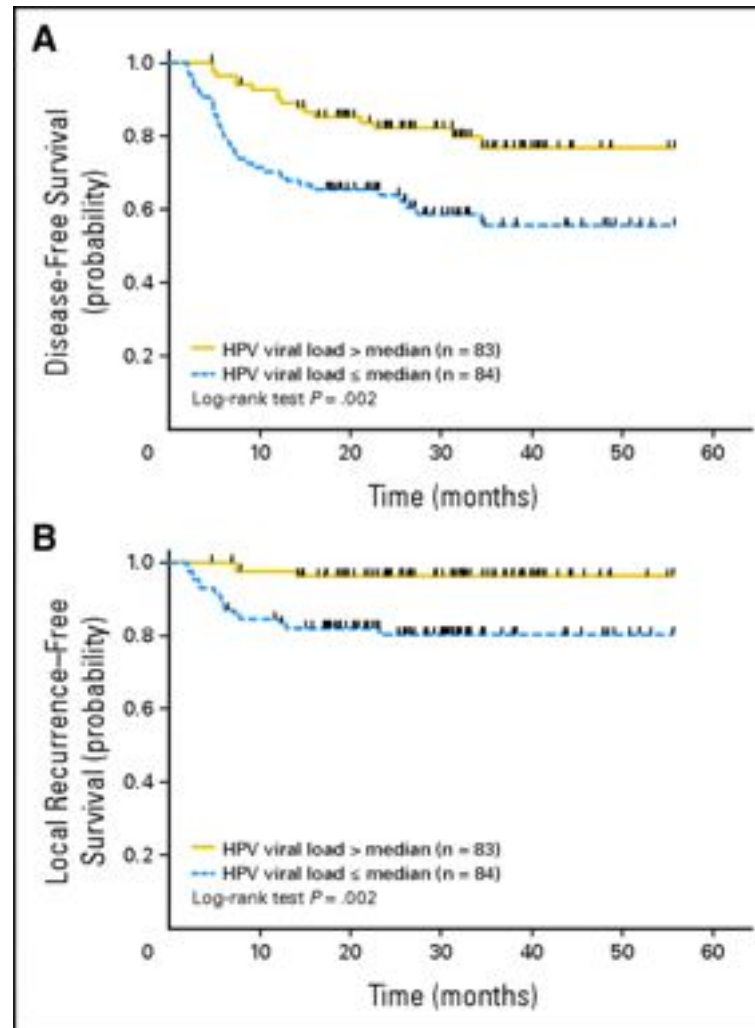
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(A) Disease-free survival and (B) local recurrence-free survival by human papillomavirus (HPV) viral load.

**169 pts
cervical smear**

**HPV DNA Load
➤ median:**

more radiosensitive



HPV > mediana

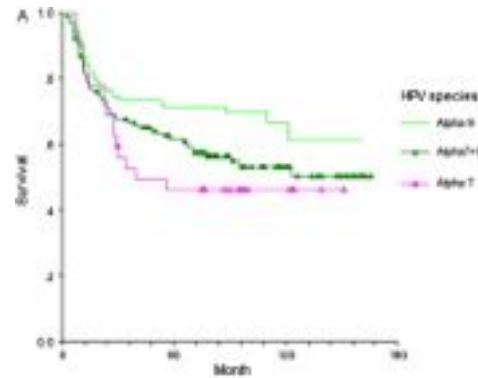
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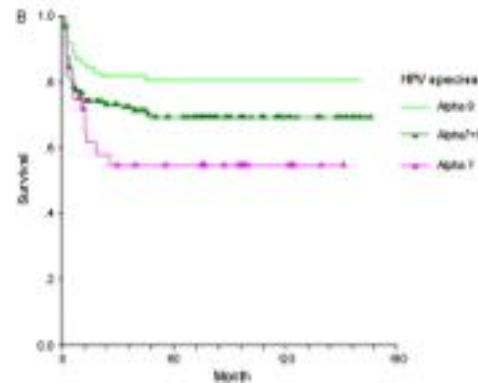
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Kim J et al. JCO 2009;27:5088-5093

DFS



Local control



**HPV negative or
alpha 9 risk group
(HPV **16**, 18, 33,
52, 39, 31 e 45)**

better than

**alpha 7 risk group
(HPV **18**, 39, 45)**

RESPONSE ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT HPV STATUS OR GENOTYPES.

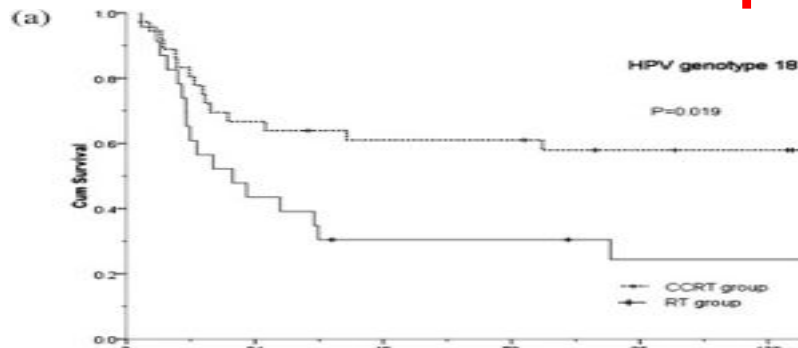
Chun-Chieh Wang , Chyong-Huey Lai , Hwei-Jean Huang , Angel Chao , Chee-Jen Chang , Ting-Chang Chang , Hung-Hsueh ...

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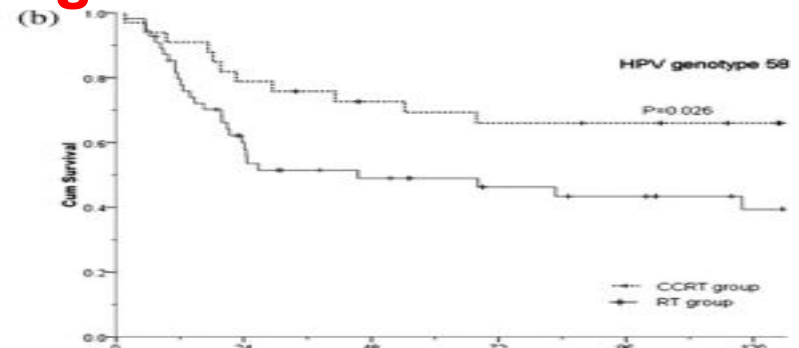
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Chemio-radioterapia meglio nei HPV 18+



Number at risk

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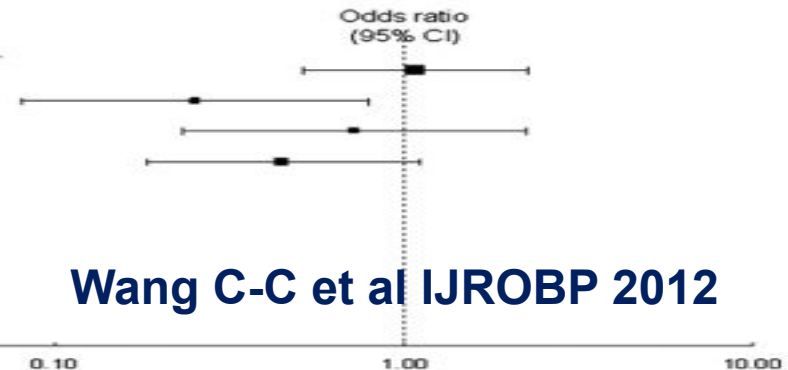
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Radioterapia uguale a chemioradioterapia nei HPV 16+

| | CCRT | | RT alone | | Odds ratio (95% CI) |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|-------|---------------------|
| | Events | Total | Events | Total | |
| HPV 16 | 25 | 44 | 45 | 82 | 1.08 [0.52, 2.26] |
| HPV 18 | 15 | 36 | 17 | 23 | 0.25 [0.08, 0.79] |
| HPV 33 | 10 | 28 | 10 | 23 | 0.72 [0.23, 2.24] |
| HPV 58 | 11 | 33 | 29 | 55 | 0.45 [0.18, 1.09] |

Heterogeneity: Cochran's Q test, $p = 0.161$
 $I^2 = 41.6\%$



Wang C-C et al IJROBP 2012

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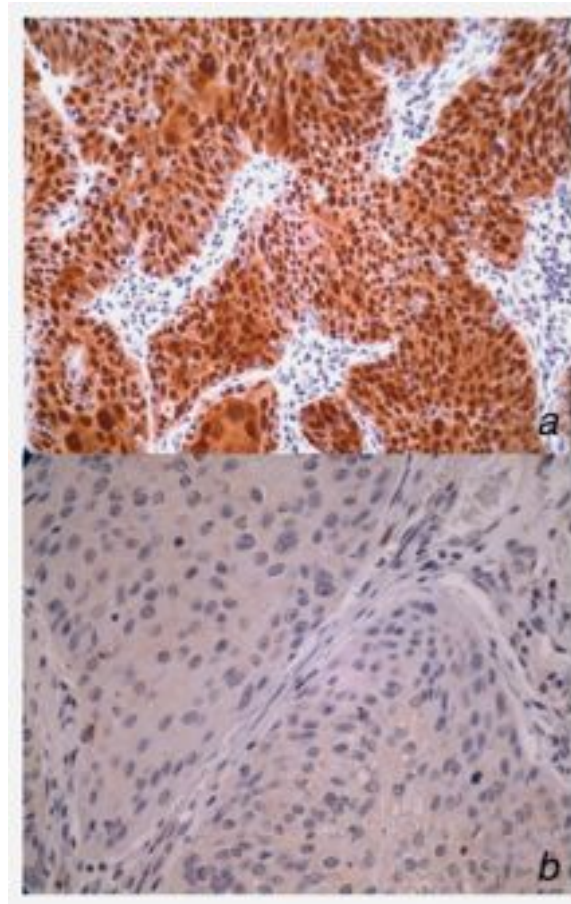
HPV + vs HPV –

Yhim HY et al, IJC 2011

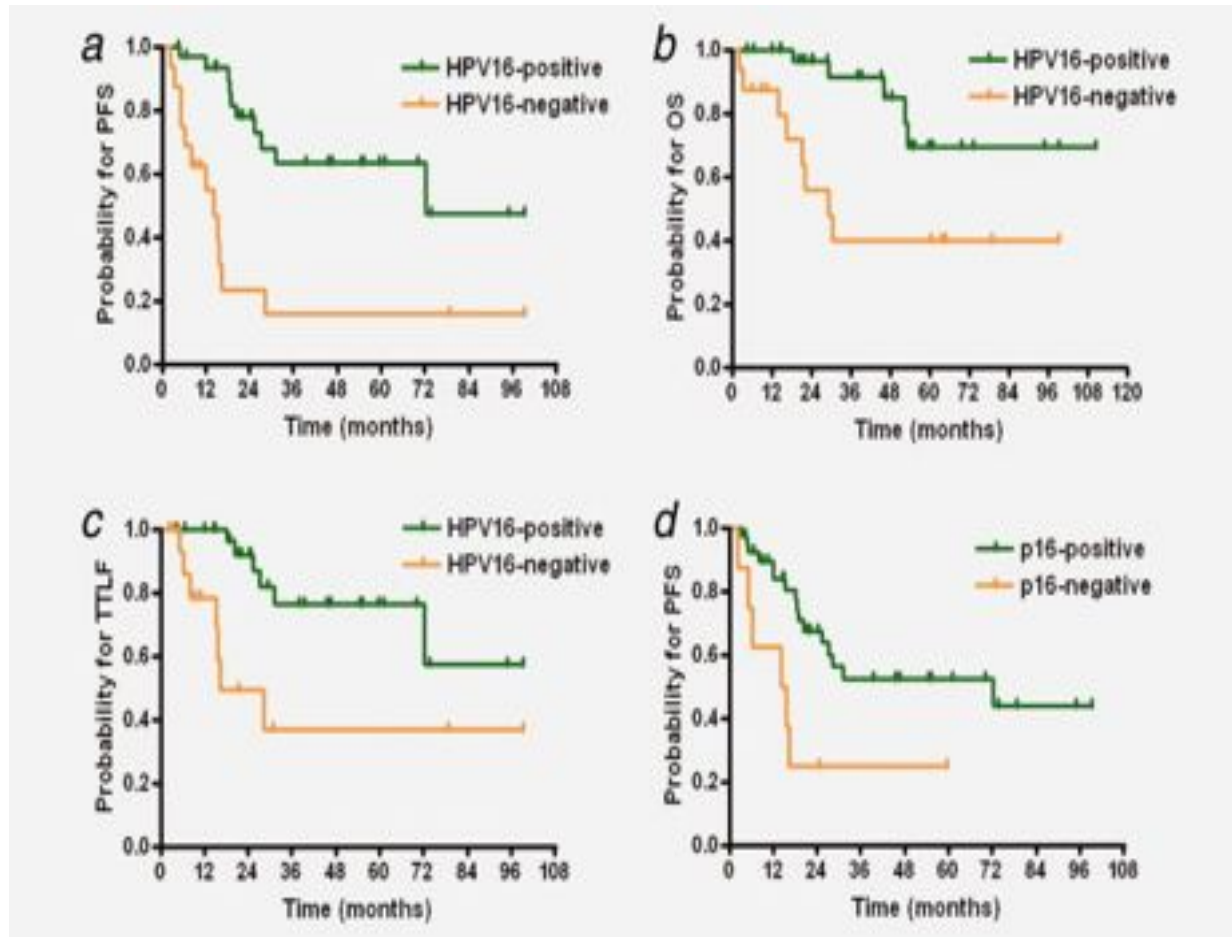
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47 pts
HPV status by p16
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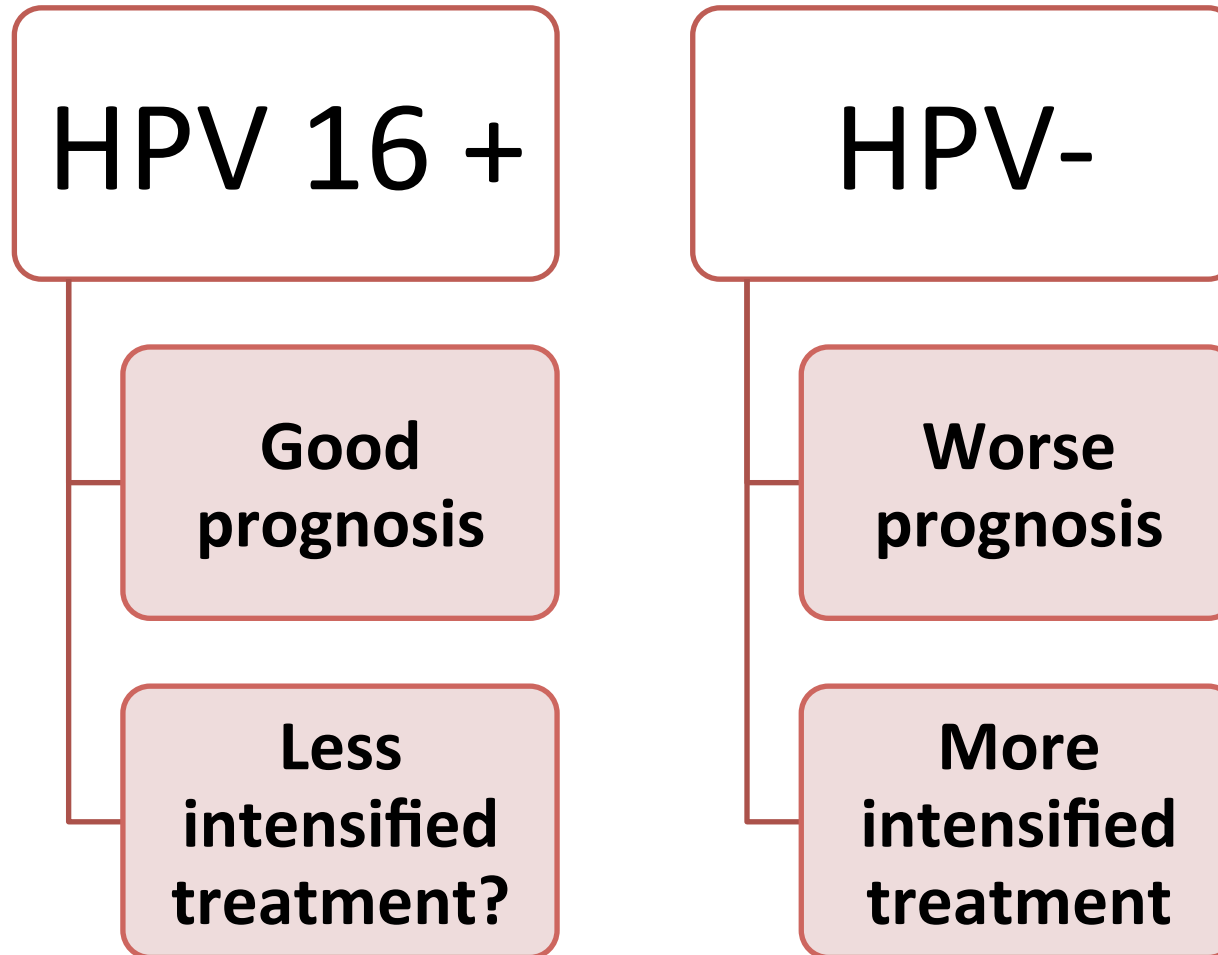
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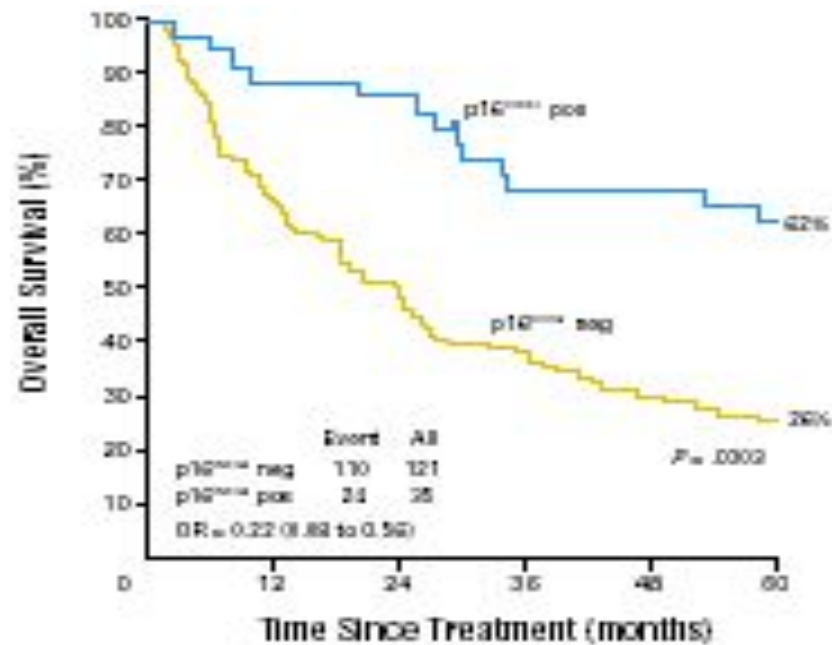
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- **Se HPV neg → intensificazione terapia?**
- **Se HPV 16 + → de-intensificare terapia?**

Oropharyngeal Cancer





Picchi di età:

30-34 anni (no alcool/ fumo)

55-64 anni (anche fumatori)

Linfadenopatie specifiche

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ORIGINAL REPORT

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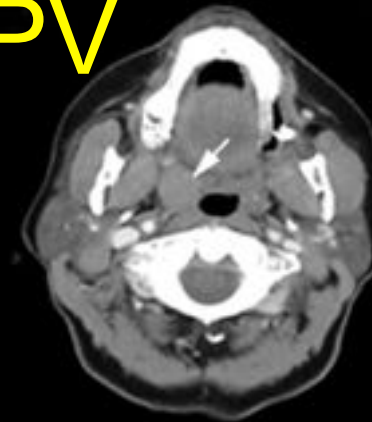
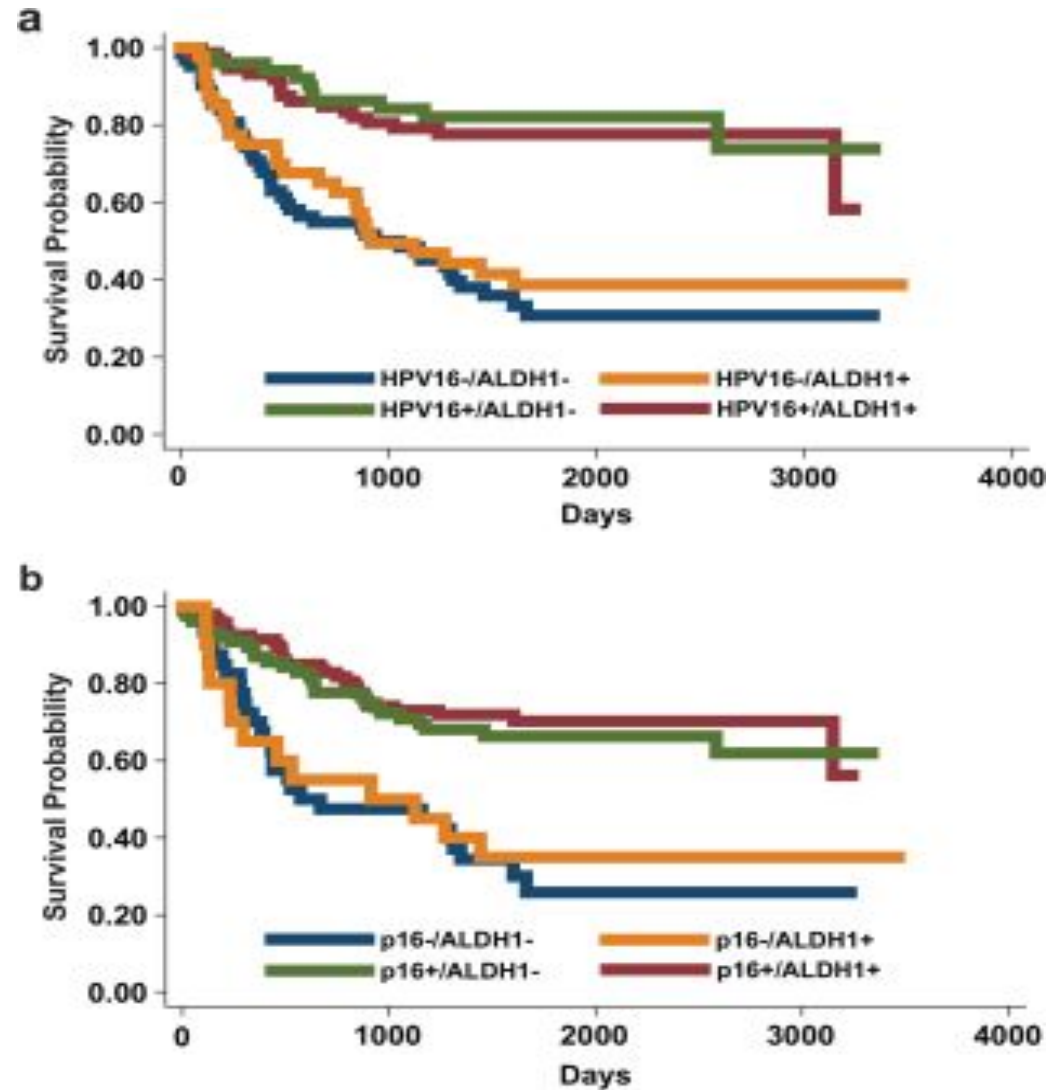


FIGURE 1. CT scan of a 2 cm mass in the right tonsil region (arrow) subsequently identified on needle aspiration biopsy as a P16-positive squamous cell cancer.

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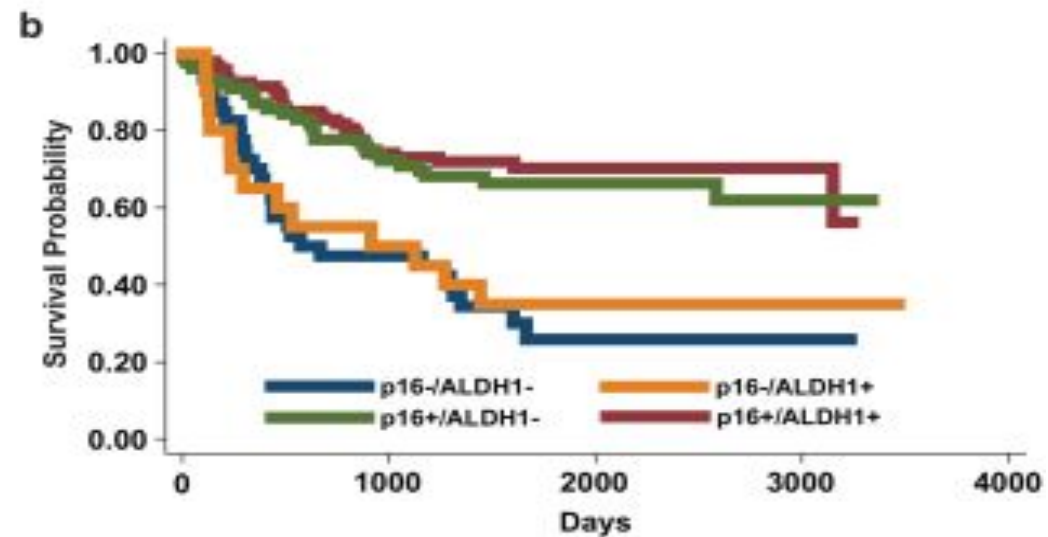
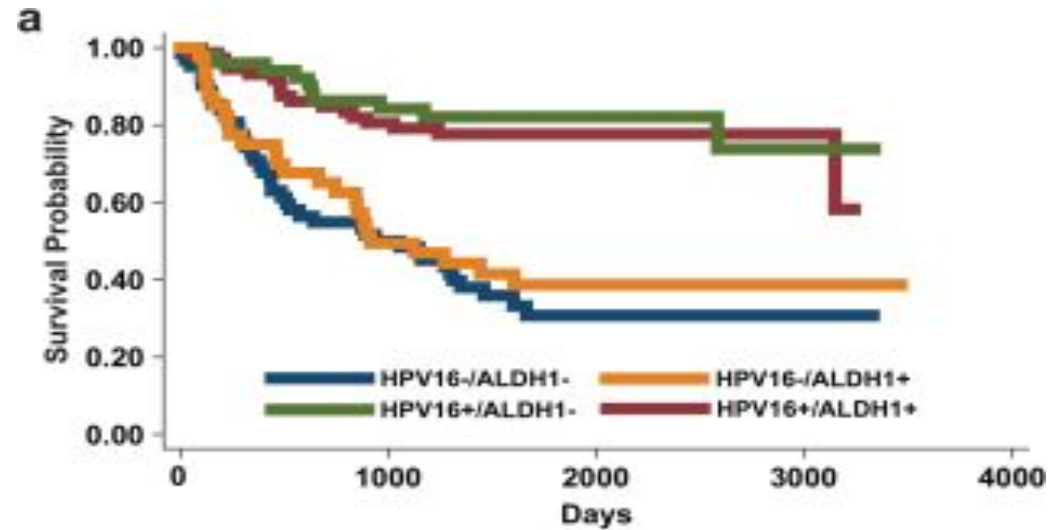
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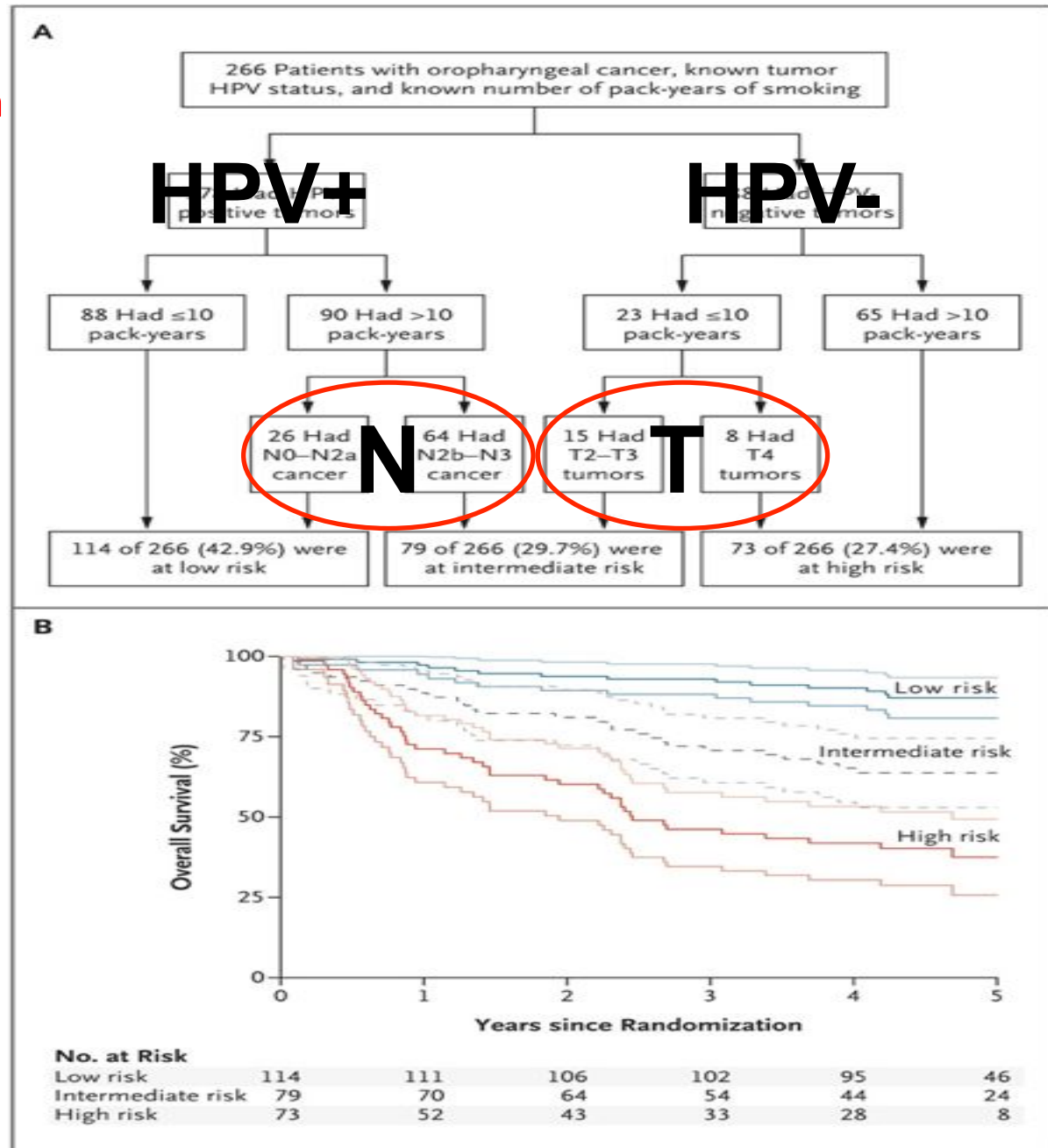
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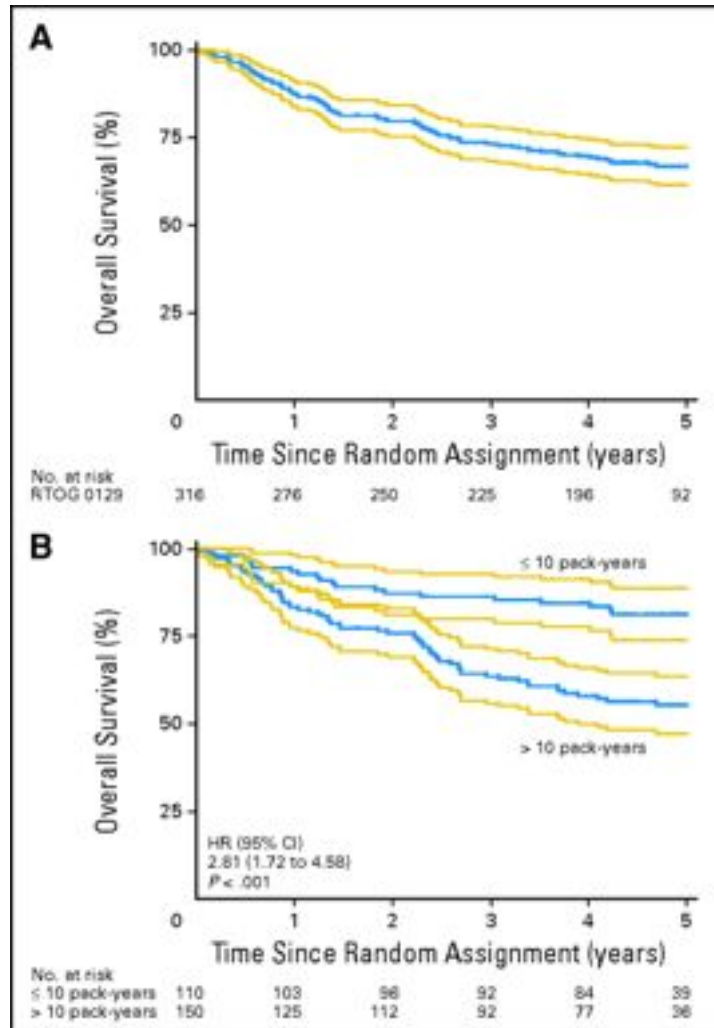
Human HPV and survival in oropharynx patients
 Ang KK et al,
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Oropharynx SCC
 Prognosis based on:

- HPV status
- Tobacco smoke
- Nodal stage
- Tumor stage



Survival outcomes for patients with oropharyngeal carcinoma with known p16 status in Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) 0129.



**5-year OS:
67%**

**butdifferent survivals
according to tobacco exposure
 $p < 0.001$**

Gillison M L et al. JCO 2012;30:2102-2111

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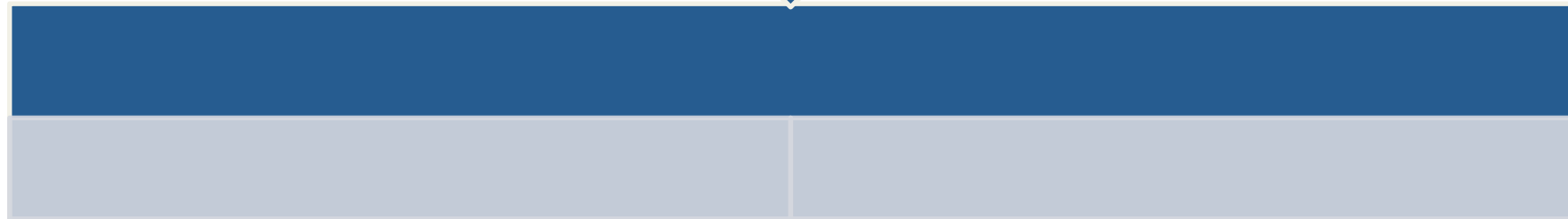
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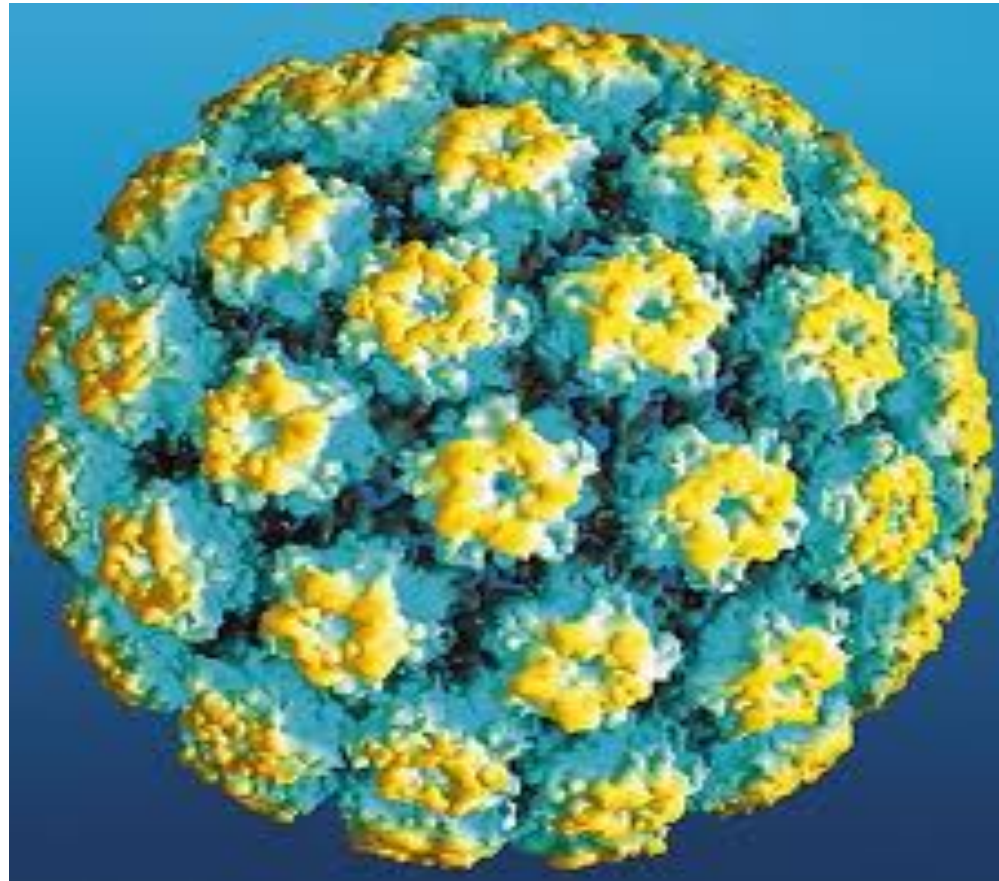


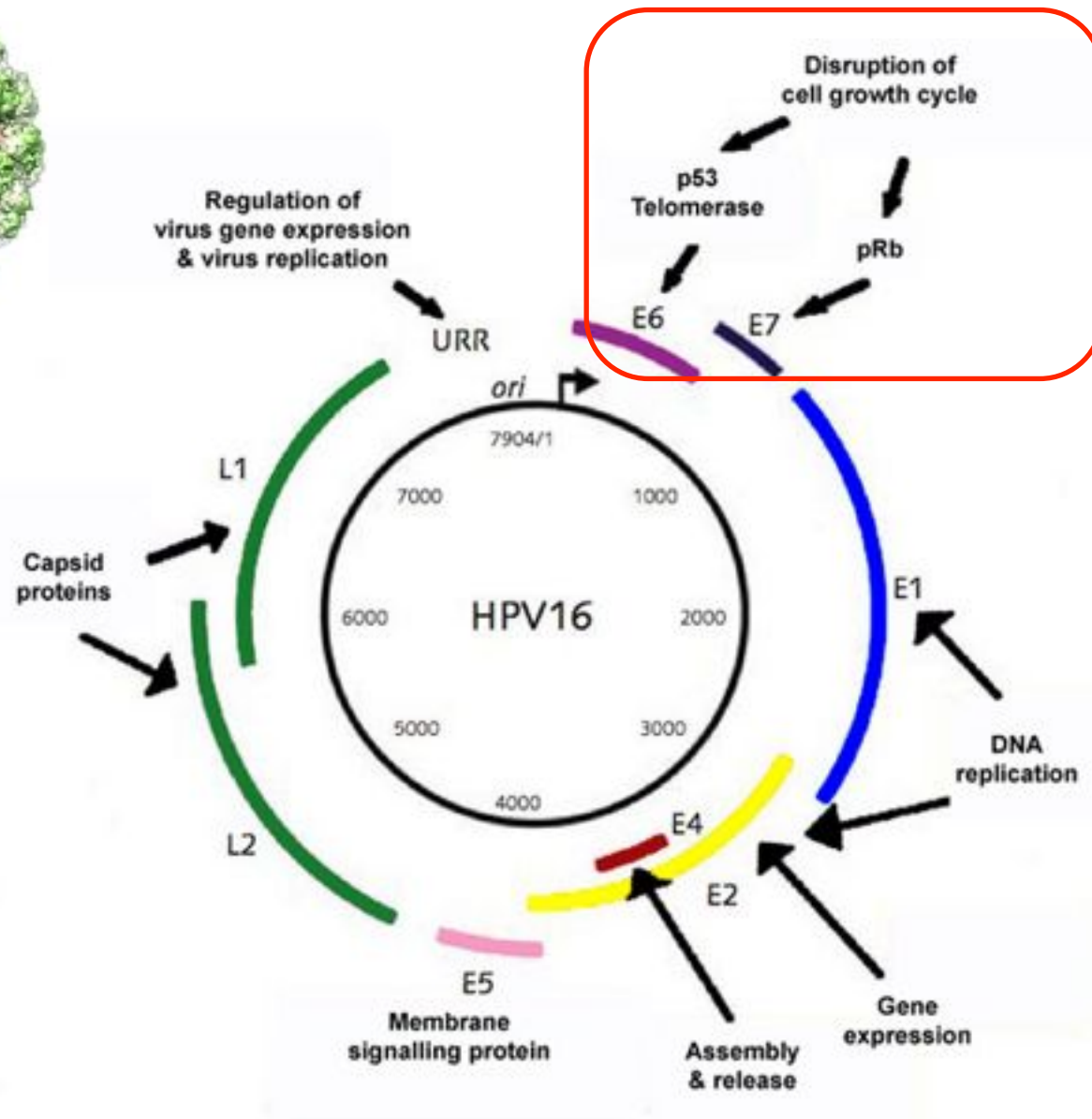
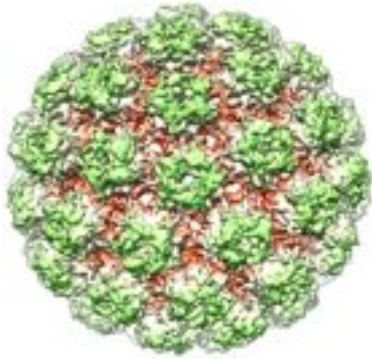
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Prognostico +++ (EBM)

Predittore + (attesa trial)

Domande? Commenti?
Grazie!





Advantages and limitations of randomized controlled trials and observational studies

| Randomized controlled trial | | Observational study | |
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| Advantages | Limitations | Advantages | Limitations |
| Measures treatment efficacy | Poor generalizability of results | Measures treatment effectiveness | Subject to selection bias and confounding |
| Lack of selection bias by virtue of randomization | Relative short follow-up time | Good generalizability of results | Methodologically complex |
| Well-defined study populations | Costly | Cheaper; less time-consuming | Heterogeneous patient populations |
| Homogeneous patient populations | Time-consuming; long timelines to conclude | Provides resource utilization and cost data | Less detailed clinical information |
| High patient adherence to treatment protocols | Not enough power to compare rare events | Long follow-up times; well-powered to detect rare events | Data often not collected for research purposes |
| Research-oriented, high-quality data collection protocols | Not enough power to study rare diseases | Large sample sizes; well-powered to study rare diseases | Variable patient adherence; does not capture new treatments |
| Detailed clinical information | Control groups often do not reflect current practice | Control groups reflect current practices | Quality of reporting highly variable |

Methods of evidence generation

1.1. Randomized clinical trials

- **Head to head trials: randomization at the subject level**
- **Cluster randomized trials: randomization at group levels (eg hospitals)**
- **Adaptive designs: eg Bayesian adaptive randomization**
- **Pragmatic trials: control arms defined as “usual practice,” broad inclusion criteria; evaluates new interventions in realistic healthcare settings**

Methods of evidence generation

1.2. Observational study designs

- **Prospective and retrospective cohort:** subjects are identified by the exposure variable (eg treatment) and followed over time for the occurrence of outcome events (eg death)
- **Case–control:** subjects are identified by the outcome and retrospectively evaluated for the exposure of interest
- **Cross-sectional:** evaluates exposure and outcomes simultaneously at a single point or period of time; cannot distinguish whether exposure precedes the outcome
- **Ecological:** studies of aggregated data (eg by country)
- **Other:** registry studies, administrative health claims databases; patterns-of-care studies

Methods of evidence generation

2. Methods of evidence synthesis

2.1. Meta-analysis: quantitative methods to synthesize evidence (eg fixed-effects)

2.2. Systematic reviews: descriptive methods to synthesize evidence

2.3. Mathematical models: decision analytic models (often used in cost-effectiveness analyses)

Dose de-escalation to the elective nodal sites in HNSCCs

- D.Nevens et al, Leuven, ESTRO 2014

200 pts randomized to :

50 Gy/2 Gy fx vs 40 Gy/2 Gy fx to explore reduced dose to swallowing apparatus.

- Less dysphagia (**p=0.017**) at 6 months with 40 Gy/2 Gy fx
- No differences at 12 and 18 months