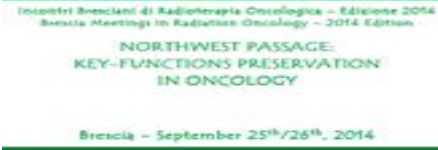




# Gastric Cancer



## *Surgery/Radiotherapy/Chemotherapy interactions and treatment damage: a Radiation Oncologist's point of view*

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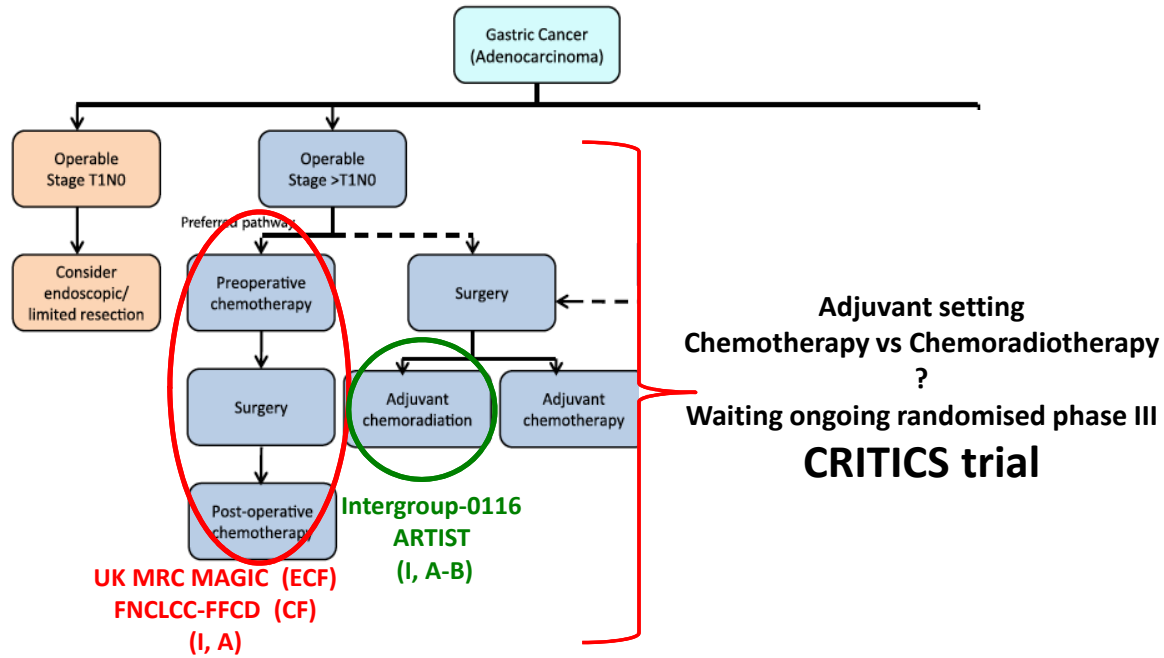
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- Surgery is the main treatment for gastric cancer  
**Gastrectomy**: subtotal gastrectomy if 5-8 cm margin can be achieved
- **D2 lymphadenectomy** benefit debated on OS and DFS;  
current consensus in the West (I,B) (Dikken JL 2013)  
≥ 15 lymph nodes removed
- >50% of patients relapse after complete resection, therefore there's  
a need for **Integrated treatments** aimed at decrease local and  
distant relapse for **≥ Stage IB**

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Ongoing..

Neo-adjuvant chemotherapy followed by surgery and chemotherapy or by surgery and chemoradiotherapy for patients with resectable gastric cancer (CRITICS)



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Locoregional failure are quite high. This trial could strengthen the need for radiotherapy as integral part of the treatment

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# CHEMORADIOTHERAPY AFTER SURGERY COMPARED WITH SURGERY ALONE FOR ADENOCARCINOMA OF THE STOMACH OR GASTROESOPHAGEAL JUNCTION

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556 Patients



Surgery



None

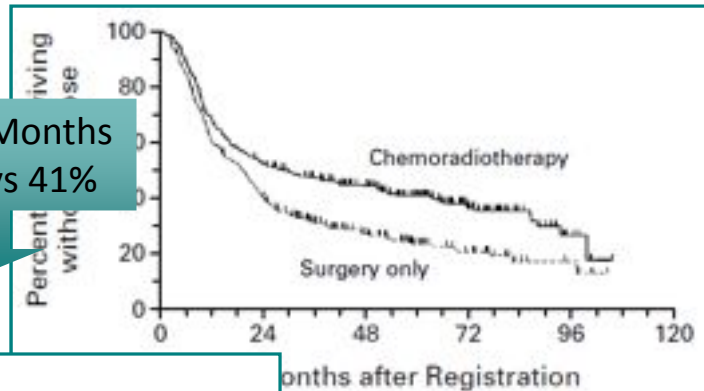
CHRT

1,8 Gy/25 fr. Total dose: 45 Gy

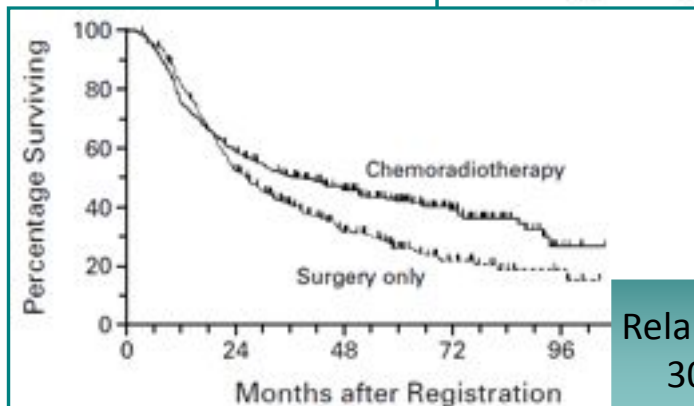
Fluoruracil 425 mg/mq/die + Leucovorin 20 mg/mq/die  
i.c. 5d

- **Local relapse: 19% vs 29%!**

OS: 36 vs 27 Months  
OS 3y: 50% vs 41%



Overall survival among All Eligible Patients, According to Treatment-Group Assignments.



Relapse-free survival:  
30 vs 16 Months

Figure 1. Overall Survival among All Eligible Patients, According to Treatment-Group Assignment.

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Only 10% pts underwent D2 resection

Haematological toxicity Grade 3-4 : 54%

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Subsequent studies have tried to evaluate the effectiveness of RT **after D2 resection**

Study	Stage	Group	Patient number	Treatment RT/CTx	Survival	P-value
Kim et al.(27)	II-IVA	Control	446	-	MS 63 mo	0.02
		CCRT	544	45 Gy/FL	95 mo	
Dikken et al.(28)	-	Control	325	-	2-yr LRR 13%	0.84
		CCRT	25	45 Gy/FL, XP	12%	
ARTIST(14)	IB-IVA	CTx	228	XP	3-yr DFS 74.2%	0.08
		CCRT	230	45 Gy/XP	78.2%	
Zhu et al.(29)	IB-IVA	CTx	175	FL	MS 48 mo	0.12
		CCRT	205	45 Gy/FL	58 mo	

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	Hematological toxicity (%)	Gastrointestinal toxicity (%)	Global toxicity (%)
Systematic review			
Survival after radiotherapy and meta-analysis			
Vincenzo Valentini <sup>a,*</sup>	n.r.	13.56	25.42
Giuseppe D'Agostino <sup>b</sup>	n.r.	34	35.85
Giuseppe La Torre <sup>c</sup>	56.41	56.41	76.92
Study [Reference]			
Skoropad et al. [30]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
Moertel et al. [31]	52.67	31.67	97.15
Takahashi and Abe [32]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
	1.31	27.45	64.05
Macdonald et al. [10]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
Allum et al. [33]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
Zhang et al. [34]	2.6	13	37.66
	5.33	21.33	33.33
Skoropad et al. [13]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
Shchepotin et al. [35]	n.r.	n.r.	n.r.
	77.14	n.r.	77.14
Dent et al. [36]	29.03	n.r.	29.03

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### *Surgery/Radiotherapy/Chemotherapy interactions and Toxicity*

Heterogeneous methods of reporting precluded statistical pooling of toxicity data

Four trials used common terminology criteria for adverse events to grade toxicity (Kwon HC 2010; ARTIST trial 2012; Yu CH 2012; Zhu WG 2012)

Two trials did not report the toxicity scales used (Bamias A. 2010; Kim TH 2012)

Quality of life data was not available while could be pivotal in decision making for treatments with similar efficacy

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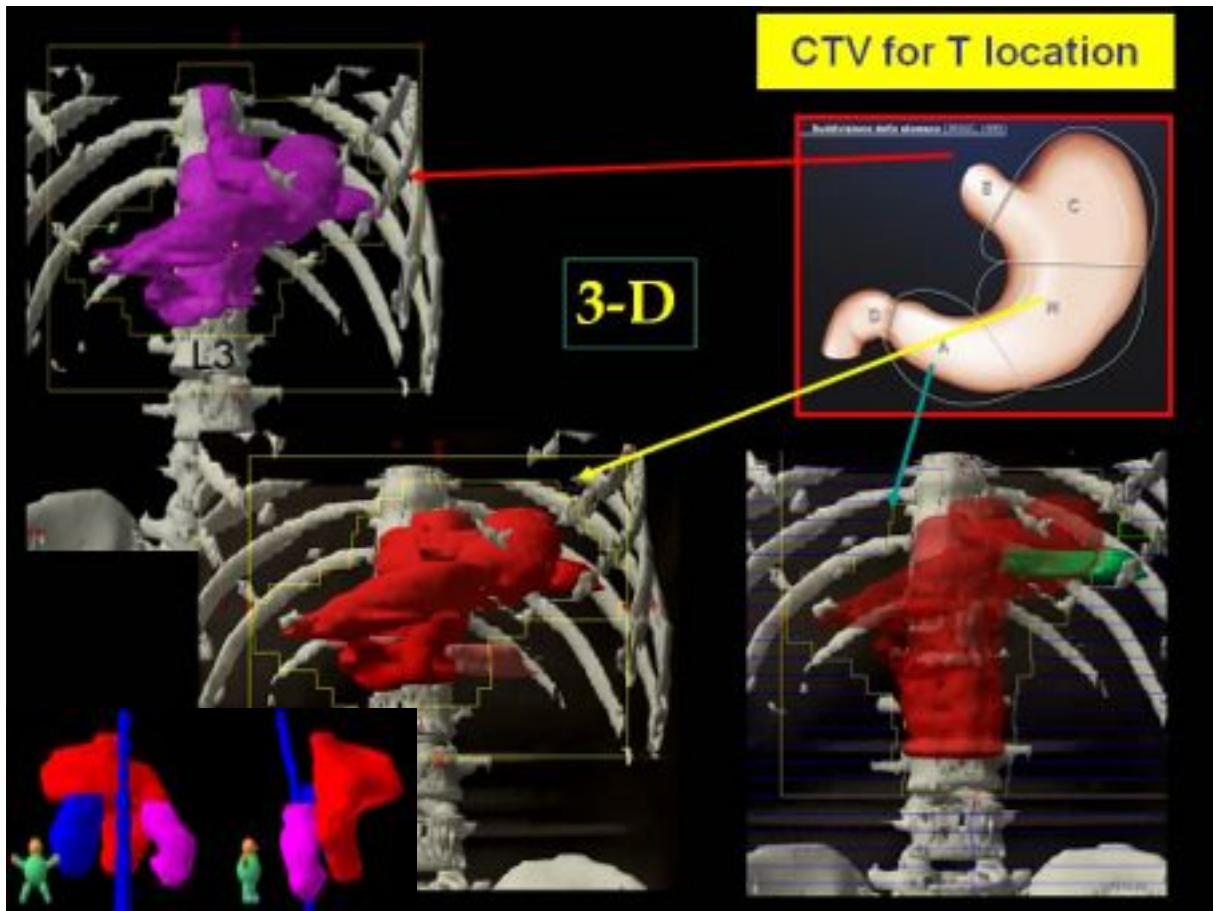
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No significant differences in G3-G4 toxicities between CT-RT vs Chemo alone in 5/6 trials reviewed

Bamias 2010	<u>Lee 2012</u> <u>ARTIST trial</u>
<u>Kim 2012</u>	<u>Yu 2012</u>
	<u>Zhu 2012</u>

Only one trial reported a higher rate of G3-G4 neutropenia for postop CT-RT (48.4%) vs Chemo alone (16.7%)

Kwon 2010



AIRO Update Guideline **2014**: CTV/N in post-operative Gastric Cancer

**1/3 superior**

7-8-9-10-11 if N+12-19; if N+ 16 a2; if N Ratio >25% 16 a1

**1/3 medium**

7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14 if N+ 17 and 16 a2; if N+ N Ratio >25% 16b1

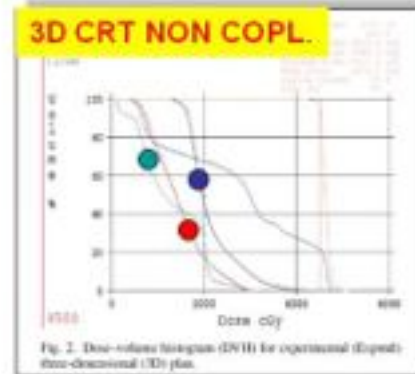
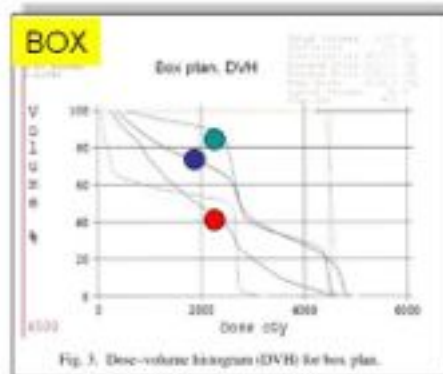
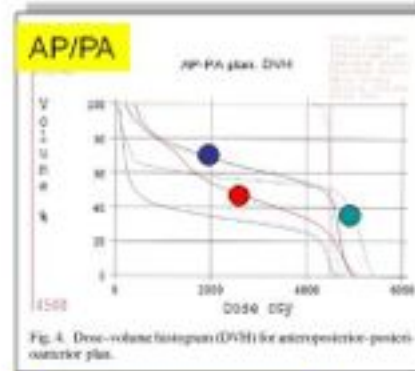
**1/3 inferior**

7-8-9-11-12-13-14-16a2 if N+ 17 and if N+ N Ratio >25%

Perigastric nodal 1-4,5,6, in case of total gastrectomy not be included.  
For subtotal gastrectomy should be included only to the level corresponding to the remnant stomach



- Right kidney
- Left kidney
- Liver

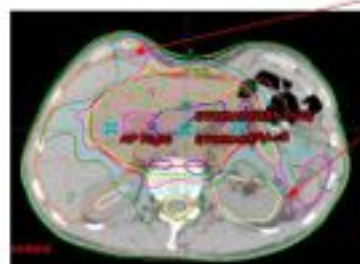


## 3DCRT vs IMRT in Gastric Cancer

Sophisticated 3D CRT: gold standard

IMRT improves OARs sparing, particularly the kidneys  
Reduction of late toxicity

IMRT requires expertise: be careful to hot spots!!!!





## OARs Dose Constraints



Spinal Cord	Dmax 45 Gy	
Heart	V30 < 46% Dose Media: < 26 Gy (32)  V40 < 30% V25 < 50% (24)	Pericardio  Whole organ. Long-term cardiac mortality
Kidneys	V28 < 20% V23 < 30% V20 < 32% V12 < 55% Dose media < 18 Gy (33)	Bilateral whole kidney
Liver	Dose Media < 30-32 Gy (34)  V30 ≤ 30% (24)	Whole liver minus GTV
Lung	V20 ≤ 30% Dose media: 20-23 Gy (35)	Whole organ. For combined lung
Small bowel	V15 < 120 cc  V45 < 195 cc (36)	Individual small bowel loops Entire peritoneal potential space of bowel

## *Clinical status of the patient: malnutrition*

- Recommended anti-emetic and anti-acid drugs as a prophylaxis prior to therapy and anti-diarrheal drugs as needed
- Individualized nutritional support: advisable
- **Adequate nutritional support: effective for the treatment compliance**
- Weight loss and caloric intake < 1.500 Kcal/day should be considered enteral nutritional support (jejunostomy) or parenteral
- Supplementation of Calcium, B12 vitamin and iron: to take into account

**AIRO GI Study Group**  
National Survey 2006



## Compliance RT-CT/CT

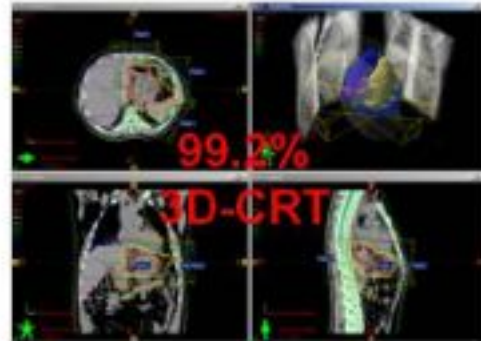
Completion of adjuvant therapy 74.13%

CT suspension: 23.5%

RT-CT suspension: 4.5%

RT break <3 gg: 15.8%

RT break >3gg: 9.1%



## Acute toxicity $\geq$ G2 RT-CT/CT

Haematological 9.1% (3.7% RT-CT)

Intestinal 10% (4% RT-CT)

**AIRO GI Study Group**  
National Survey 2012

## Take home messages

- Adjuvant CHRT is a standard of care
- Standard dose RT (45 Gy): safe and well tolerated
- Intensified RT (RT dose and/or Chemo periop): safe
  - *Accurate and appropriate Target Volume & OARs delineation*
  - *Technique: Advanced 3D-CRT; IMRT/IGRT*
  - *Assessment patient clinical status and application of supportive care: Be careful !!*
- Clinical data (outcome & tox) reporting and analysis !!!