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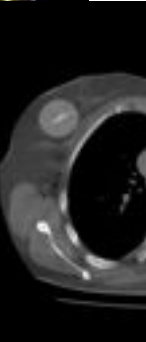


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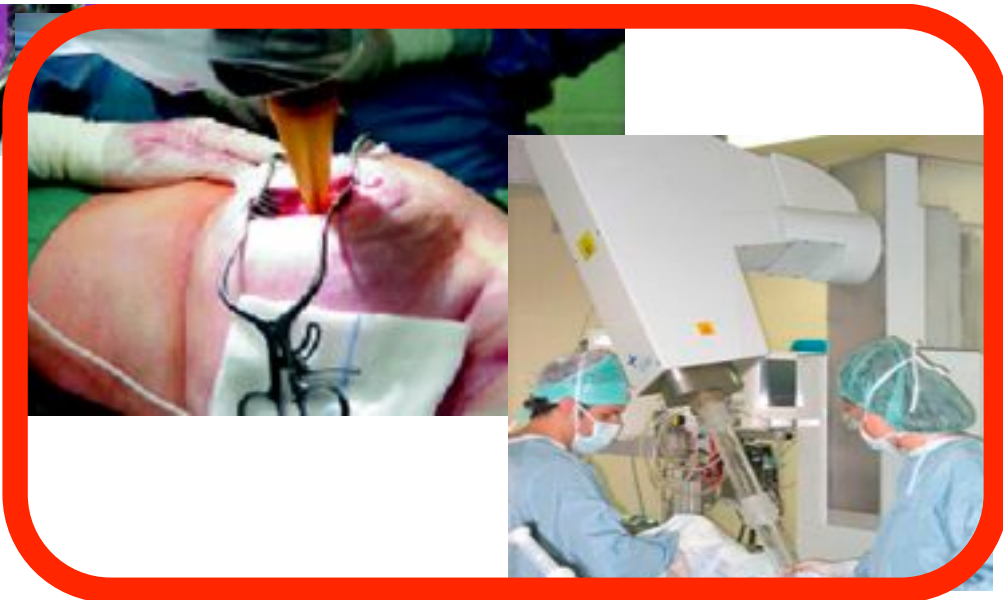
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# Intraoperative radiotherapy versus external radiotherapy for early breast cancer (ELIOT): a randomised controlled equivalence trial



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**TARGIT-A trial**  
33 centres in 10 countries



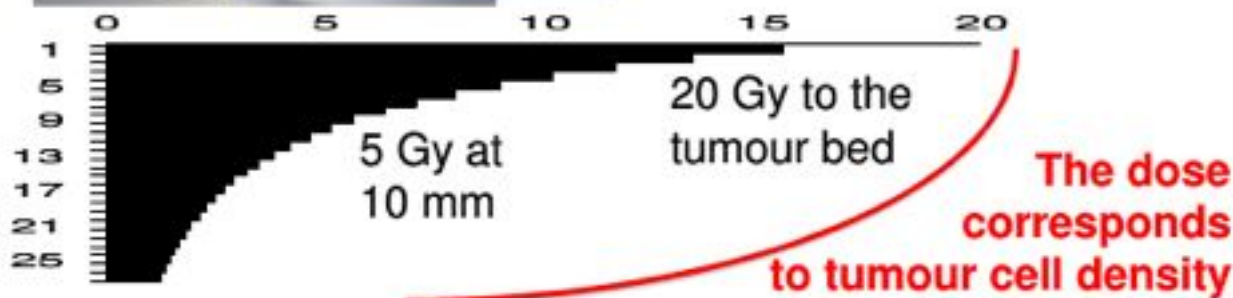
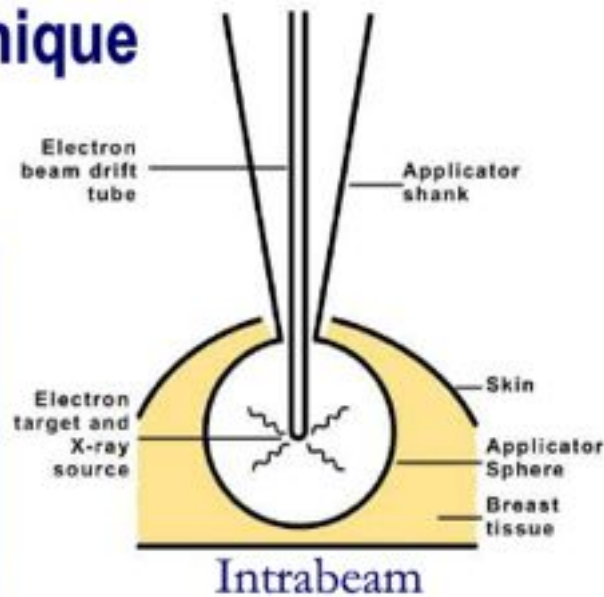
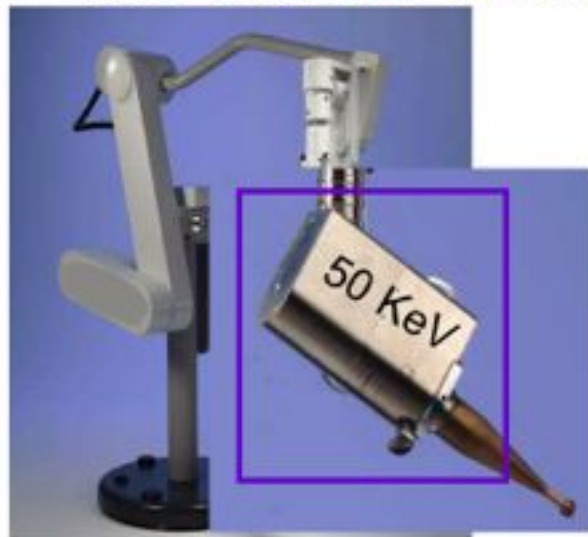


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# The TARGIT Technique





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### Breast cancer being treated with Breast Conserving Surgery

Age  $\geq$  45 years

Unifocal invasive duct carcinoma - MRI not required

Size preferably  $<$  3.5cm

Randomisation



in the initial trial design, randomisation to TARGIT or EBRT group was done before lumpectomy (**pre-pathology**) (2298 pts)

intraoperative radiotherapy as a second procedure by reopening the wound (protocol amendment 2004) (**post-pathology**) (1153 pts)



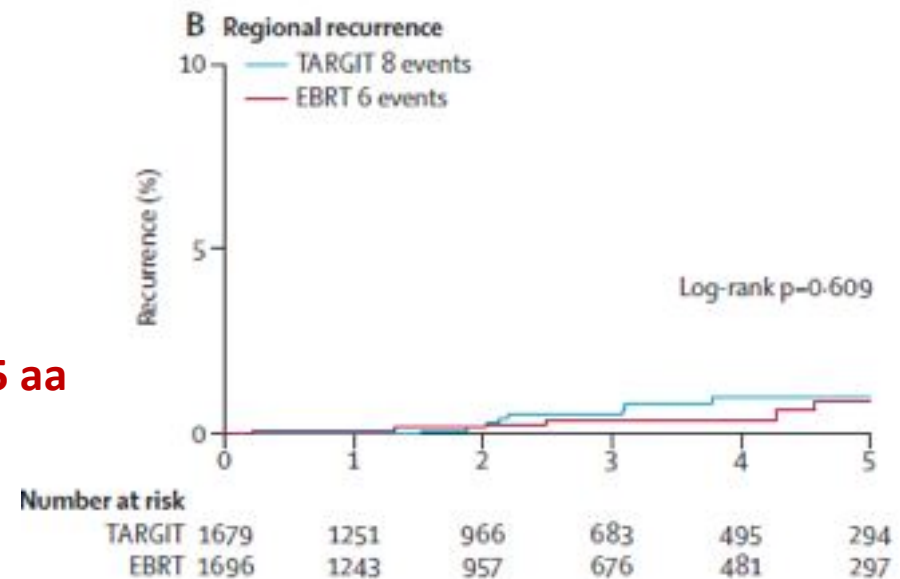
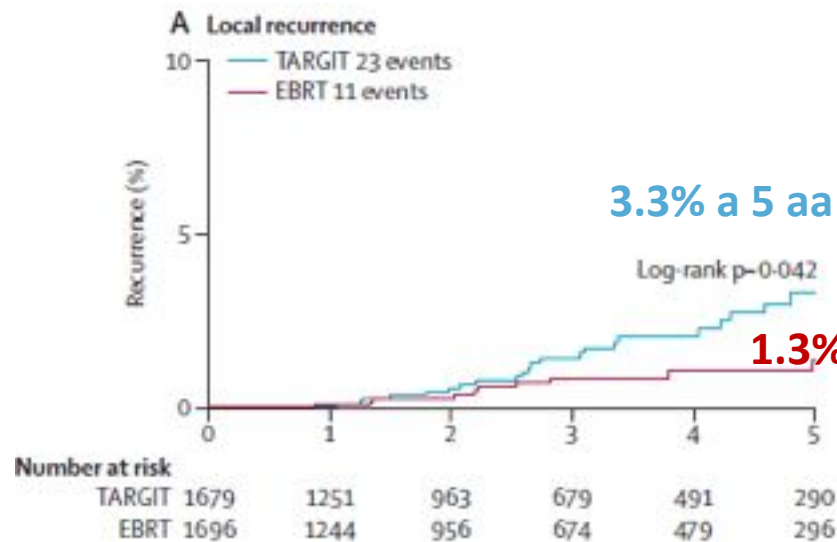
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TARGIT-A trial



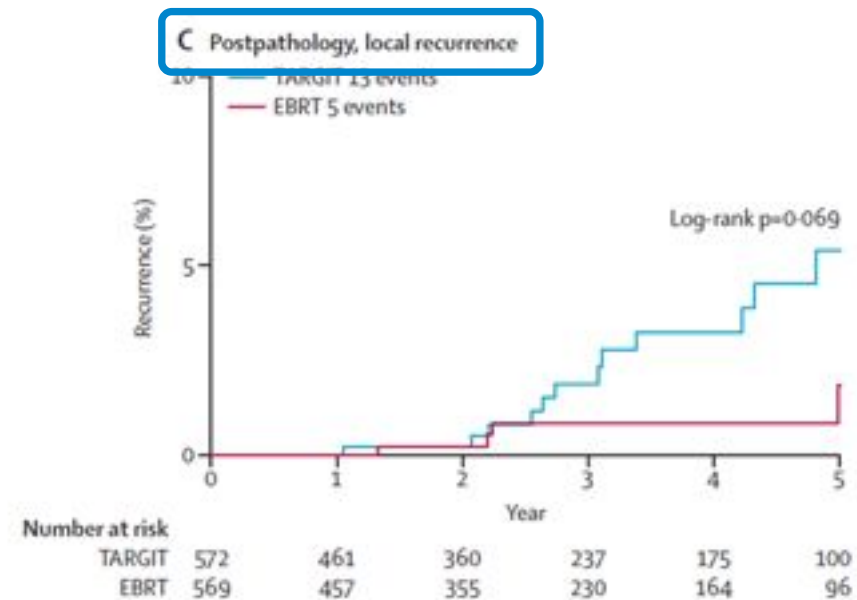
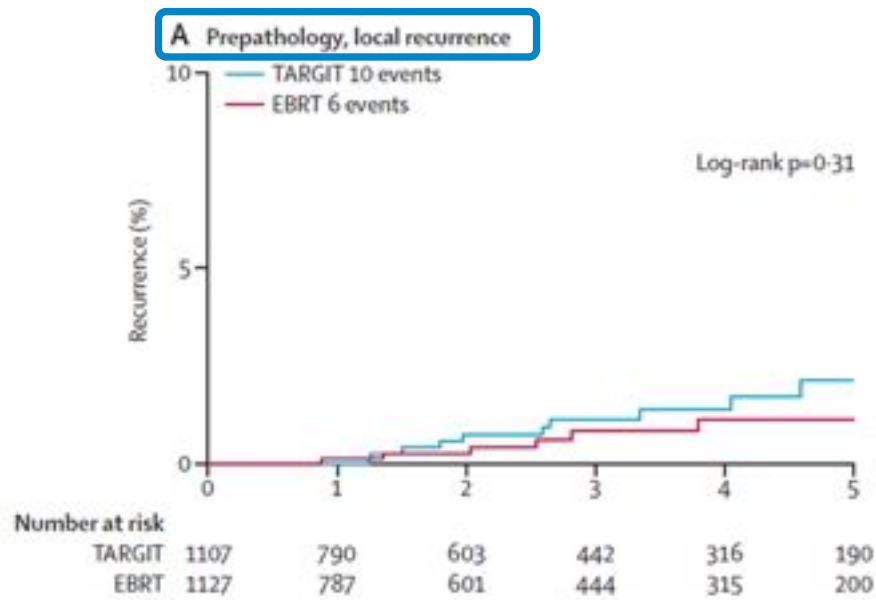
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*secondary outcomes:*

*toxicity*

*overall survival (breast-cancer deaths | non-breast cancer deaths)*

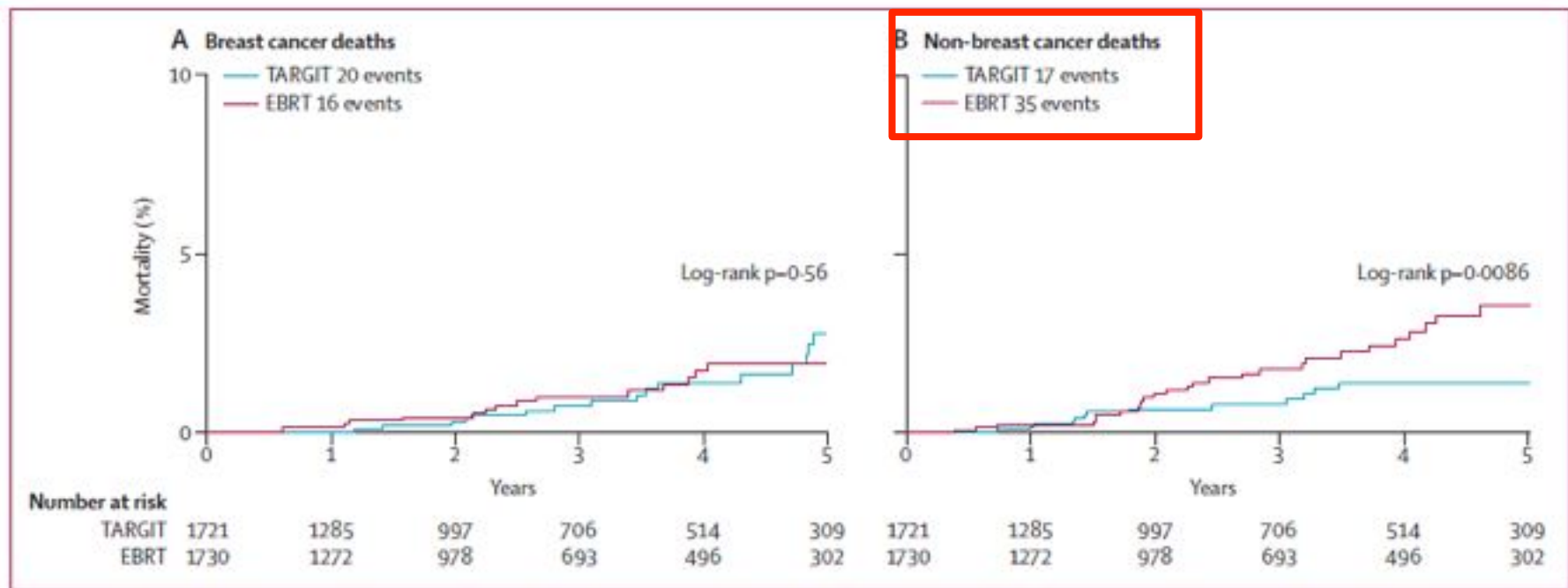


Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier analysis of breast cancer deaths and non-breast-cancer deaths

(A) Breast cancer. (B) Non-breast-cancer. TARGIT=targeted intraoperative radiotherapy. EBRT=external beam radiotherapy.





Although an increase in cardiovascular deaths related to radiotherapy has not previously become apparent for 7–10 years a large study that included patients treated until 2001, has shown that **significant radiotherapy-related cardiac toxicity is apparent within the first 4 years.**

S. Darby 2013

	TARGIT	EBRT
Other cancers	8	16
Cardiovascular causes		
Cardiac*	2	8
Stroke	0	2
Ischaemic bowel	0	1
Other†	7	8
Total	17	35

5-year risk 1.4% for TARGIT versus 3.5% for EBRT; log-rank  $p=0.0086$ .  
 TARGIT=targeted intraoperative radiotherapy. EBRT=external beam radiotherapy.  
 \*Included one "sudden death at home" in EBRT group. †TARGIT: two diabetes, one renal failure, one liver failure, one sepsis, one Alzheimer's disease, one unknown; EBRT: one myelopathy, one perforated bowel, one pneumonia, one old age, four unknown.

**Table 2: Causes of death other than breast cancer in all patients**

**Table 3. Percentage Increase in the Rate of Major Coronary Events per Gray, According to Time since Radiotherapy.**

Time since Radiotherapy*	No. of Case Patients	No. of Controls	Increase in Rate of Major Coronary Events (95% CI)† % increase/Gy
0 to 4 yr	206	328	16.3 (3.0 to 64.3)
5 to 9 yr	216	296	15.5 (2.5 to 63.3)
10 to 19 yr	323	388	1.2 (-2.2 to 8.5)
≥20 yr	218	193	8.2 (0.4 to 26.6)
0 to ≥20 yr	963	1205	7.4 (2.9 to 14.5)



## Conclusion 1

### Primary end point

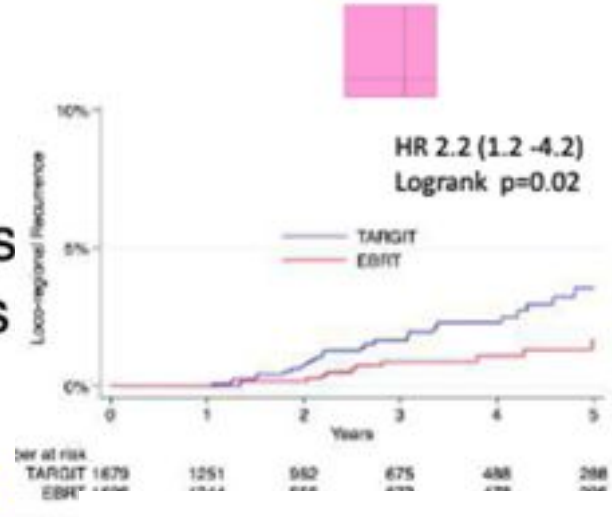
The absolute difference in ipsilateral breast recurrence between TARGIT and EBRT is

# Selezione !!!

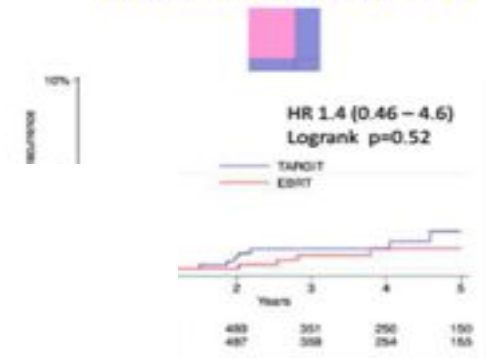
For unselected patients

TARGIT minus  
difference (95%CI)  
2.0% (0.32 – 3.6)

All patients



Prepathology PgR+ve





## How to select patients for TARGIT?

- **Cautiously**



- **Fulfill the eligibility criteria for the TARGIT-A trial**

- **Preferred option:**

**Concurrent TARGIT in PgR +ve patients**



- **Add external beam radiotherapy if adverse prognostic factors are present**



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# quali commenti.



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CLINICAL TRIAL

## Application of a decision analytic framework for adoption of clinical trial results: are the data regarding TARGIT-A IORT ready for prime time?

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### Confidence in trial results

- Comparison of results and peak hazards to similar trials suggest the TARGIT-A 4-year results are stable
- Local recurrence rate for IORT within range of similar trials
- Peak hazard reached at 2-3yrs and no second peak expected



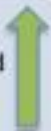
### Potential adverse impact of early adoption (if results do not hold)

- No impact on life expectancy for wide range of the local recurrence rate for IORT
- At an IORT local recurrence rate of 10%, only 0,002 fewer expected life-years (less than one day) compared to EBRT
- Frequency of major toxicities similar between treatments



### Potential adverse impact of failure to adopt early (if results do hold)

- \$1.7 billion opportunity cost of waiting an additional five years to adopt IORT
- IORT and No Radiation are preferred strategies compared to EBRT (offer similar life expectancy, but cost less)
- EBRT costs an additional \$1467 in indirect costs per patient



Applying an evaluative framework for the adoption of clinical trial results to the TARGIT-A IORT therapy trial results in the assessment that the trial **results are stable**, **early adoption would lead to minimal adverse impact**, and substantially **less resource use**.

## Intraoperative Radiation Therapy: A Critical Analysis of the ELIOT and **TARGIT Trials**, Part 2—TARGIT

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The TARGIT-A trial, like the ELIOT Trial, **included pts that today would not be considered the best choice for APBI.**

TARGIT-A has **contributed to our understanding....**

With 29 months of median follow-up, the **TARGIT Data are still immature**





## FOLLOW UP

- Also they said peak recurrences for **breast cancer occur** in **years 2 and 3**, offering in support that no recurrences were seen in **year 4**.

At that time, critics expressed concern mainly about the **immaturity of the data**

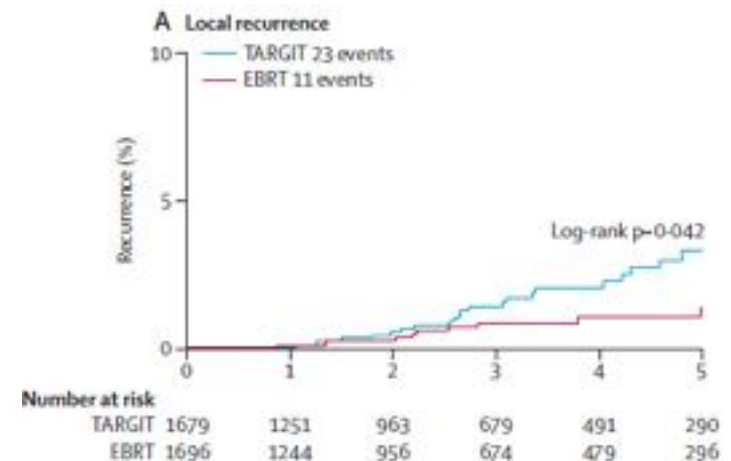


Accrual and randomization of 1,219 additional patients continued until June 2012, increasing the Trial population to 3,451 patients, resulting in a **median follow-up of just 29 months**.

The TARGIT-A update shows **recurrences** in both the TARGIT and EBRT groups in **year 4**.

>90% ER+  
65% →OT  
..delay recurrences

Only **18 %** of patients had a **FU of 5 years** in the TARGIT-A update







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**PRE PATHOLOGY**  
**POST PATHOLOGY**



Higher local recurrences

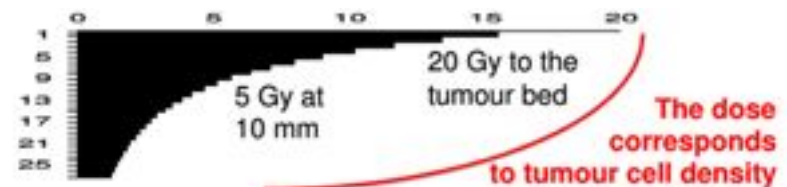


- delay in wound fluid **suppression of tumor cells**,
- a **geometric miss** when inserting the applicator postsurgery



The **volume of tissue irradiated** with the TARGIT technique is of concern because dose decreases rapidly with distance from the applicator surface.

Even assuming favorable radiobiological equivalence, only **tissue within a few mm of the applicator surface** receives as much as a 50-Gy EBRT equivalent dose.





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# TRIAL MULTICENTRIC

The **variability of standards** from **center to center** makes it more difficult to identify which cohort of women might benefit from this treatment strategy



### Causes of death as reported in TARGIT-A update

Harness, 2014

Yarnolds, 2014

Mackenzie, 2014

	All deaths	
	TARGIT	EBRT
Breast cancer	20	16
Other cancers	8	16
Cardiac death	2	8
Strokes	0	2
Ischemic bowel	0	1
Other deaths	7	8
Total	37	51





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*Conclusions.....*

- the TARGIT-A trial included **patients** that **today** would **not** be considered **the best choice for APBI**.
- **data are still immature**



**until the data are more mature, 50-kV patients should be treated under strict institutional protocols.**



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Altri autori....  
la fretta fa danno...**

**Haste makes waste: Are the data regarding TARGIT-A IORT  
ready for prime time?**

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**follow-up in the TARGIT-A trial is immature →**

longer follow-up is required to truly understand the recurrence pattern and effectiveness of this treatment.

The authors' assumption that the **peak of local recurrence is within 3 years is not consistent** with the reports of long-term follow-up of low-risk breast cancer patients

In the TARGIT-A study, of those who received the experimental treatment, **15.2 % (239 of 1,571) received both TARGIT and EBRT**



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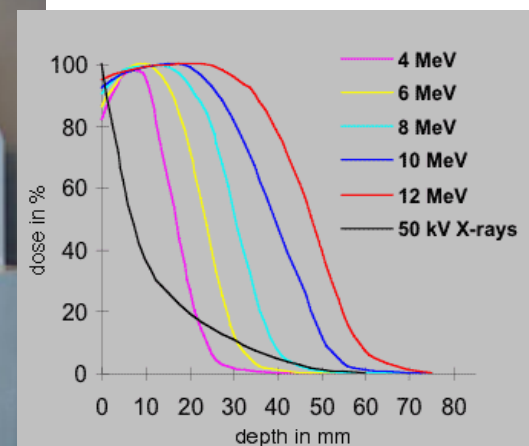
**When long-term results are available.....**

it is likely there will be a higher overall recurrence rate for TARGIT when compared with EBRT, but we may **be able to select** subgroups of favorable patients where this difference is small and acceptable.

How much additional risk of local recurrence is **acceptable will vary with patients and the situation** in which they find themselves



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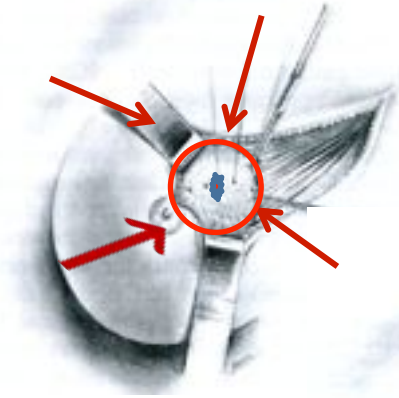
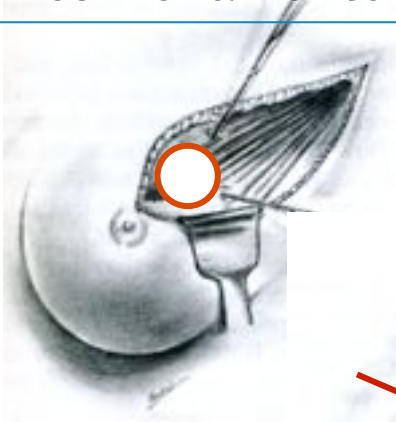
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Asportazione neoplasia  
Scollamento dei lembi  
Posizionamento disco



Avvicinamento dei lembi  
Intorno alla neoplasia, di quel quadrante  
a costituire il CTV

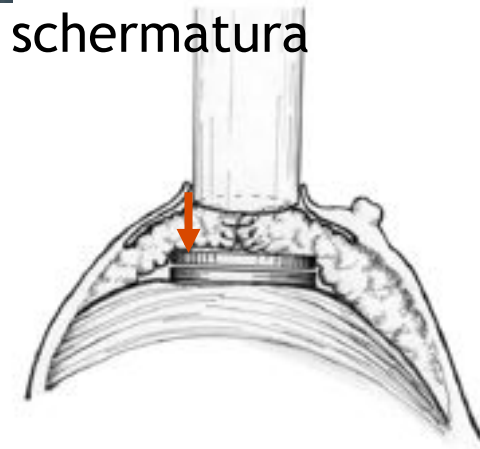


Posizionamento del collimatore  
La sutura provvisoria al centro  
del collimatore



Verifica del corretto  
posizionamento del disco di  
schermatura

Importanza della tecnica e della  
collaborazione interdisciplinare





Selezione delle pazienti  
Collaborazione e rispetto  
Aderenza a programmi di QA



Tecnico-Infermiere di sala:  
Posizione del tavolo operatorio



Chirurgo - Oncologo Radioterapista:  
Confezionamento del CTV  
Criteri di scelta del collimatore  
(volume e sede nodulo, volume seno)



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Fisico-Tecnico:  
Posizionamento delle  
schermature mobili



Fisico - Oncologo Radioterapista  
identificazione energia ottimale  
Valutazione della dose “misurata” ed  
eventuale correzione delle UM



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CLINICAL TRIAL

## **Intraoperative radiotherapy during breast conserving surgery: a study on 1,822 cases treated with electrons**

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# **cosa dicono gli autori.....**



Table 3 First unfavourable event and deaths

	<i>N</i>	%	Annual rate (%)
<b>First event</b>			
True local recurrence	42	2.3	0.77
Ipsilateral breast cancer	24	1.3	0.44
Regional metastasis	18	1.0	0.33
Contralateral carcinoma	19	1.0	0.35
Distant metastasis	26	1.4	0.47
Other carcinoma	33	1.8	0.60
Death as first event	11	0.6	0.20
Any first event <sup>a</sup>	171	9.4	3.12
<b>Deaths</b>			
Deaths due to breast cancer	28	1.5	0.46
Deaths due to other causes	12	0.7	0.20
Unspecified cause of death	6	0.3	0.10
Any cause of death	46	2.5	0.76

mean follow-up of 36.1 months,

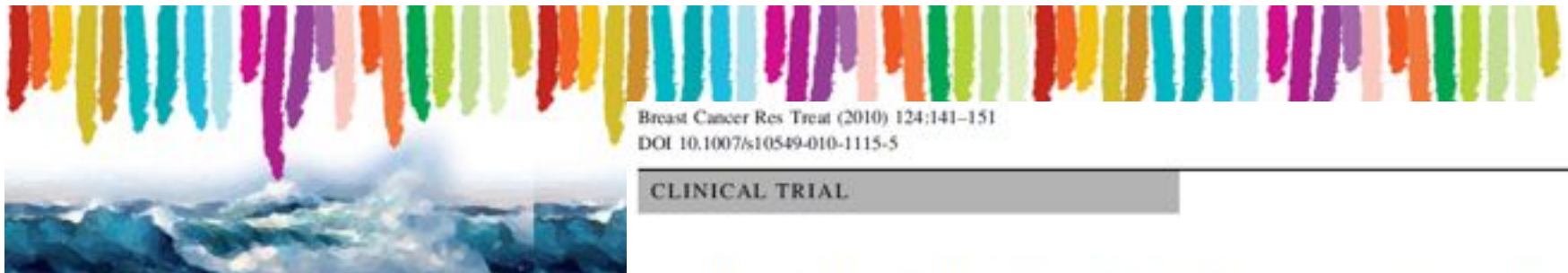
4.6% in breast relapse

<sup>a</sup> One patient developed simultaneously distant metastasis and contralateral breast cancer and another patients axillary metastasis and contralateral breast cancer



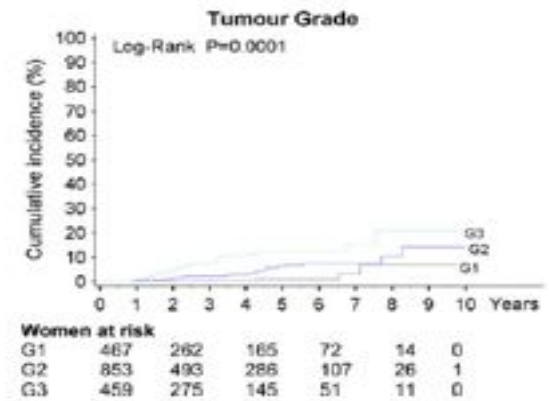
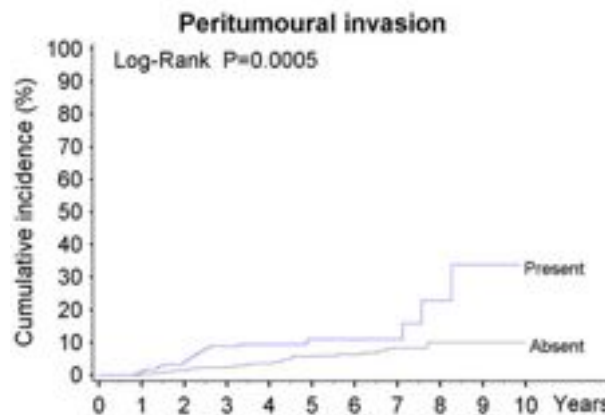
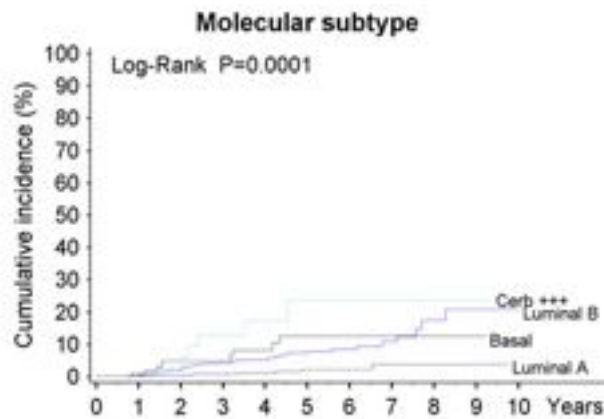
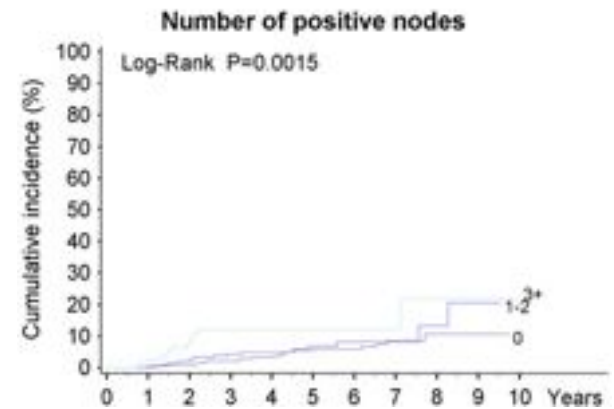
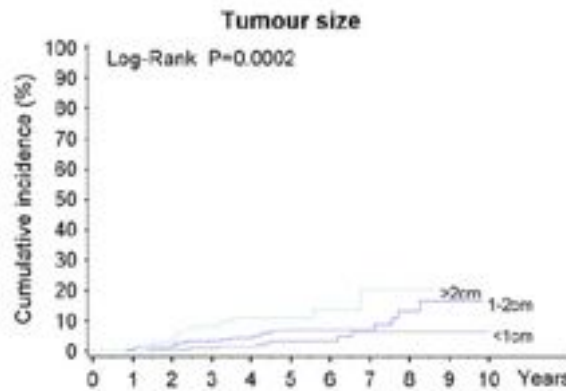
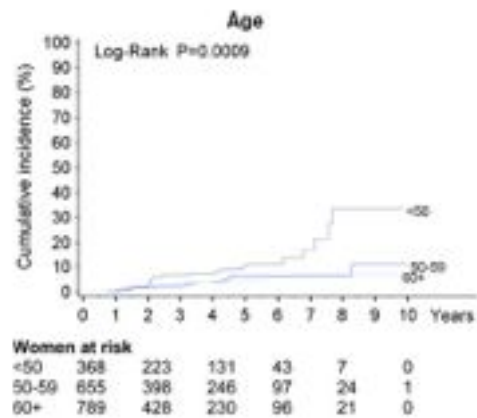
Table 2 Side effects among 1,822 patients

Side effects	<i>N</i>	%
Mild fibrosis	32	1.8
Severe fibrosis	2	0.1
Lyponecrosis	78	4.2
Haematoma	101	5.5
Oedema	24	1.3
Pain	13	0.7
Wound infection	24	1.3
Sieroma	235	12.9
No side effect	1434	78.7
1 Side effect	292	16.0
2 Side effects	76	4.2
3 Side effects	16	0.9
4 Side effects	3	0.2
5 Side effects	1	<0.1



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Clinical Investigation: Breast Cancer

# How Do the ASTRO Consensus Statement Guidelines for the Application of Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation Fit Intraoperative Radiotherapy? A Retrospective Analysis of Patients Treated at the European Institute of Oncology



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## **CONSENSUS STATEMENT**

### **ACCELERATED PARTIAL BREAST IRRADIATION CONSENSUS STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR RADIATION ONCOLOGY (ASTRO)**

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**Table 1** Criteria defining suitability for accelerated partial breast irradiation according to the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) consensus statements

	<b>294</b> ASTRO guidelines <b>812</b>		
	Suitable	Cautionary	Unsuitable
<b>Patient factors</b>		<b>691</b>	
Age, years	≥60	50–59	<50
<i>BRCA1/2</i> mutation	Absent	Absent	Present
<b>Pathologic factors</b>			
Tumor size, cm	≤2	2.1–3.0	>3
pT	pT1	pT0 or pT2	pT3–pT4
Margins	Negative	Close	Positive
Grade	Any	Any	Any
LVI	No	Limited/focal	Extensive
ER status	Positive	Negative	Any
Multicentricity	Uncentric	Unicentric	Present
Multifocality	Unifocal	Unifocal	Multifocal
Histology	Invasive ductal*	Invasive lobular	Any
Pure DCIS	Not allowed	≤3 cm	>3 cm
EIC	Not allowed	≤3 cm	>3 cm
<b>Nodal factors</b>			
Nodal stage	pN0 (i <sup>-</sup> ,i <sup>+</sup> )	pN0 (i <sup>-</sup> ,i <sup>+</sup> )	pN1, pN2, pN3
Nodal surgery	SNB or ALND	SNB or ALND	Not performed
<b>Treatment factors</b>			
Neoadjuvant therapy	Not allowed	Not allowed	Yes

at least one of the unsuitable characteristics



The main reasons:

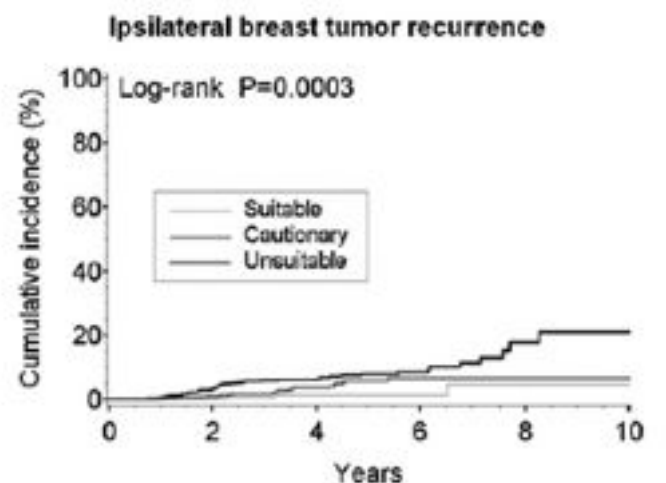
- lymph node +,
- age <50 years,
- LVI,
- extended or prevalent EIC.



All the 1,822 cases except for 25 could be classified according to ASTRO CS:



294 patients into the **suitable** group, → **LR 1,5%**  
691 patients into the **cautionary** group, → **LR 4,4%**  
812 patients into the **unsuitable** group. → **LR 8,8%**

**5-year** rate of ipsilateral breast recurrence  
( $p = 0.0003$ ).





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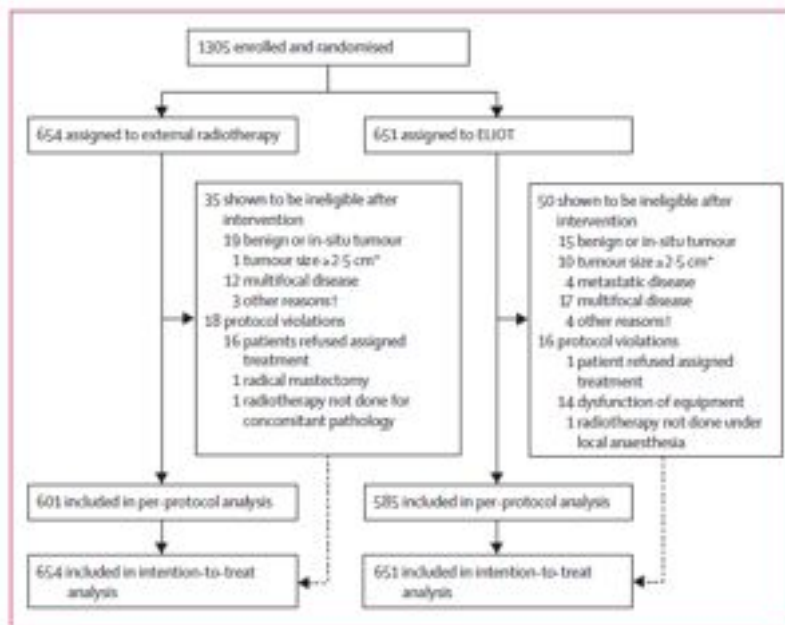


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women aged 48-75 years with early breast cancer

a maximum tumour diameter of up to 2.5 cm

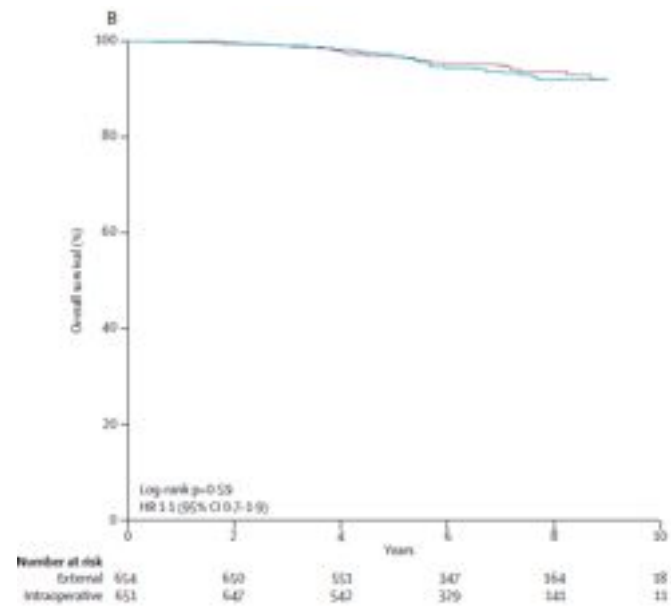
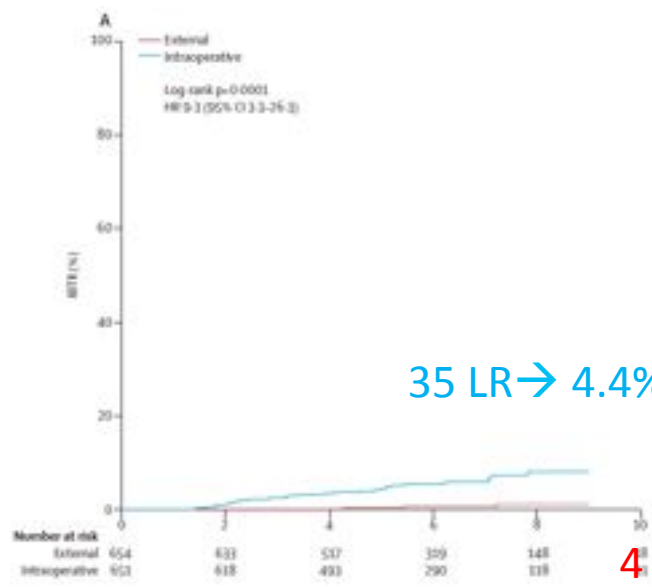
suitable for breast-conserving surgery

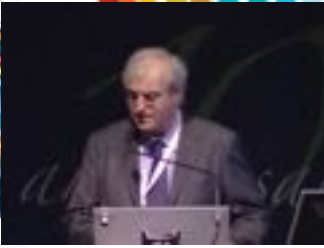
This was an equivalence trial; the prespecified equivalence margin was local recurrence of 7.5% in the intraoperative radiotherapy group



medium FU of 5.8 years

true recurrences → 2.5% vs 0.4%  
 new tumours → 1.9% vs 0%





## Trial

progettato anni fa

prima della pubblicazione dei criteri **ESTRO/ ASTRO**

prima che fossero disponibili dati sulla IORT con e-

quando le **LR dopo chirurgia conservativa +RT → 3-20%**

**criteri age >48 anni; nodulo <2.5cm;** American Brachytherapy Society  
American Society Breast Surgeons

controindicazioni : DCIS; multifocalità; T>2.5 cm; M+;

NON è Intention to treat → **tutte le pazienti hanno realmente ricevuto il trattamento del braccio di randomizzazione**



Veronesi, 2013

External radiotherapy  
Intraoperative radiotherapy with electrons

	External radiotherapy	Intraoperative radiotherapy with electrons
<b>Age*</b>		<b>51% → &lt;59aa</b>
48-49 years	43 (7%)	44 (7%)
50-59 years	267 (41%)	286 (44%)
60-69 years	269 (41%)	259 (40%)
≥70 years	75 (11%)	62 (10%)
<b>Histology†</b>		
Ductal	514 (79%)	524 (81%)
Lobular	57 (9%)	53 (8%)
Ductal and lobular	21 (3%)	17 (3%)
Other	55 (9%)	53 (8%)
<b>Pathological size‡</b>		<b>32% → &gt;&gt;1.5cm</b>
≤1 cm	194 (30%)	199 (31%)
1-1.5 cm	235 (36%)	243 (38%)
1.5-2 cm	115 (18%)	120 (19%)
>2 cm	103 (16%)	83 (13%)
<b>Number of positive nodes‡</b>		<b>26% → N+</b>
None	471 (73%)	478 (74%)
1-3	138 (21%)	138 (21%)
≥4	38 (6%)	31 (5%)

External radiotherapy  
Intraoperative radiotherapy with electrons

	External radiotherapy	Intraoperative radiotherapy with electrons
<b>Tumour grade§</b>		<b>20% → G3</b>
G1	160 (25%)	196 (31%)
G2	328 (52%)	305 (48%)
G3	145 (23%)	129 (20%)
<b>Oestrogen receptor¶</b>		
Negative	56 (9%)	63 (10%)
Positive	589 (91%)	583 (90%)
<b>Progesterone receptor  </b>		
Negative	132 (20%)	158 (24%)
Positive	512 (80%)	487 (76%)
<b>Proliferative index (Ki-67)**</b>		<b>38% → &gt;20 ki67</b>
<14%	242 (38%)	263 (41%)
14-20%	138 (21%)	138 (21%)
>20%	265 (41%)	244 (38%)
<b>Molecular subtype¶¶</b>		<b>61% → cl molecolare sfavorevole</b>
Luminal A	237 (37%)	256 (40%)
Luminal B	352 (55%)	327 (51%)
HER2 positive (non-luminal)	24 (4%)	20 (3%)
Triple negative	32 (5%)	43 (7%)





5-year IBTR exceeded **10%** in patients with

large (>2 cm) tumours,  
four or more positive lymph nodes,  
poorly differentiated (grade 3) tumours,  
oestrogen-receptor negative tumours,  
triple-negative breast tumours

Overall, **5-year** occurrence of **IBTR** was **1.5%** for selected **low risk pts**



- The logical conclusion is that **IOERT should be restricted to suitable patients**
- One option would be to use preoperative criteria such as tumour size, breast volume, age of the patient, and pathological and biological studies of preoperative biopsy specimens to help with identifying suitable patients
- **Another possibility** would be to treat all patients with full-dose IOERT during surgery and, after final categorisation, **to give additional external whole breast** irradiation to patients at high risk of local recurrence



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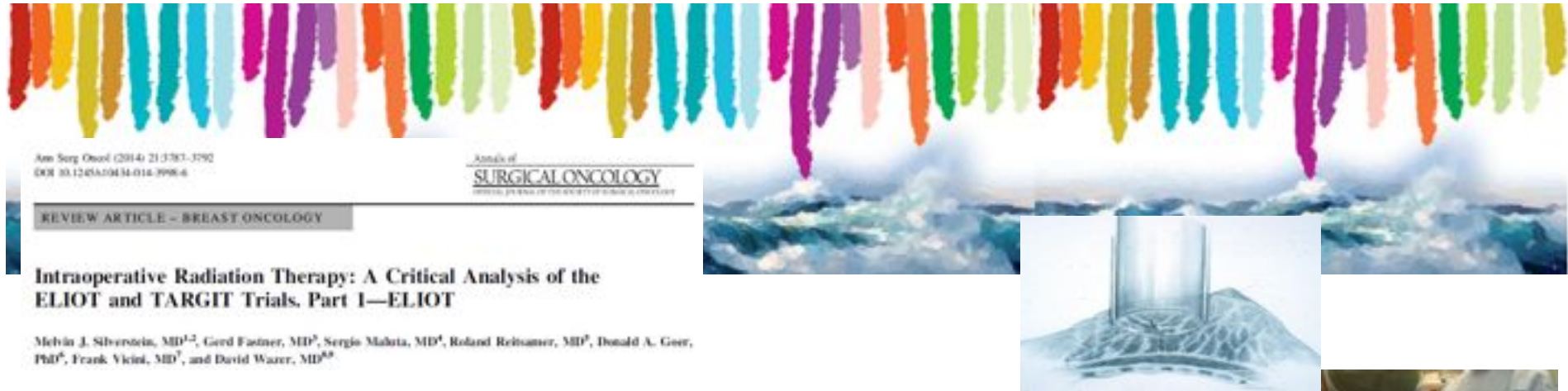
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# quali commenti

Analysis of the results began **5 years after accrual** of the last patient



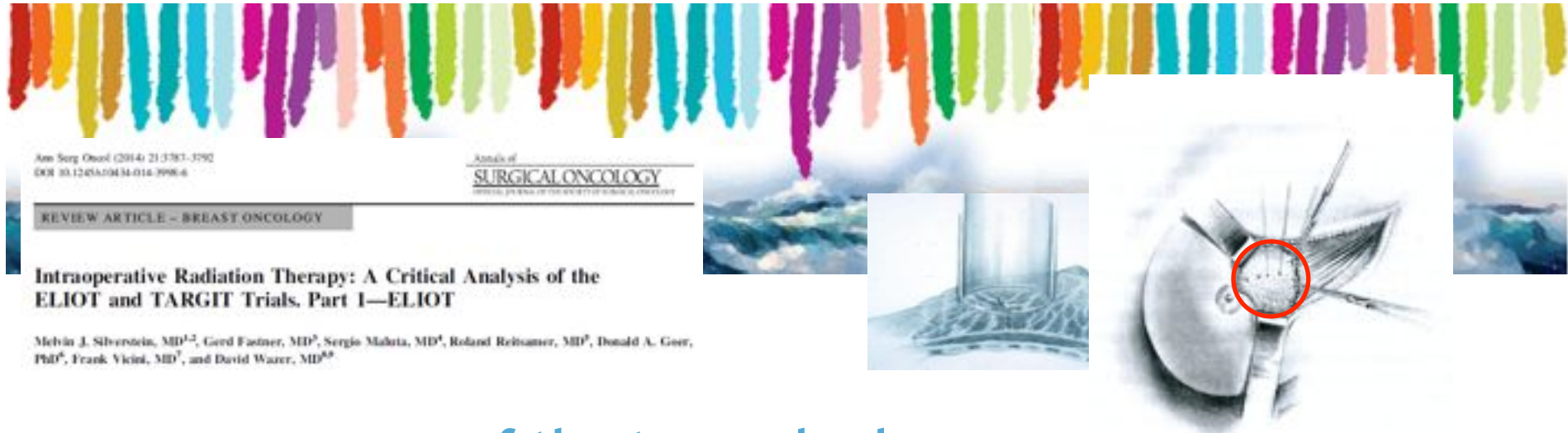
For the **23 %** of the ELIOT patients who were ASTRO **suitable** for APBI, the IBTR was **1.5 % at 5 years** and equivalent to the IBTR for the EBRT-suitable patients.



LR→14 of 35 (40 %) “elsewhere” recurrences

It is important non only....

- to define **patients at low risk** of harboring microscopic disease beyond the tumor site
- but also to define the **proper coverage of the tumor bed**



## proper coverage of the tumor bed

It has been estimated that, depending on the energy, a **4-cm applicator** covers at **most only 55 % of the clinical treatment volume (“CTV”)** to the 90 % prescription dose.

Kreketov, 2014

To ensure uniform coverage of microscopic residual disease, the IOERT applicator should have a circumferential dimension at least 1.5 to 2 cm larger than the maximum tumor dimension.

- ~~4 cm~~
- 5 cm
- 6 cm
- 7 cm
- 8 cm



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**TABLE 3** Reported guidelines at the EIO for low-risk IOERT Group

Age	≥60 years
Tumor size	≤2 cm
Applicator size	6 cm minimum, 5 cm occasionally
Grade	G1/G2
ER status	ER+
Proliferative index	Ki-67 < 20
Biology	Luminal A
Lobular CA	Only with MRI assessment

As reported at ISIOR 2012, Baveno, Italy, and with permission of Springer Science & Business Media<sup>24</sup>



**Taccuino IORT Mammella**



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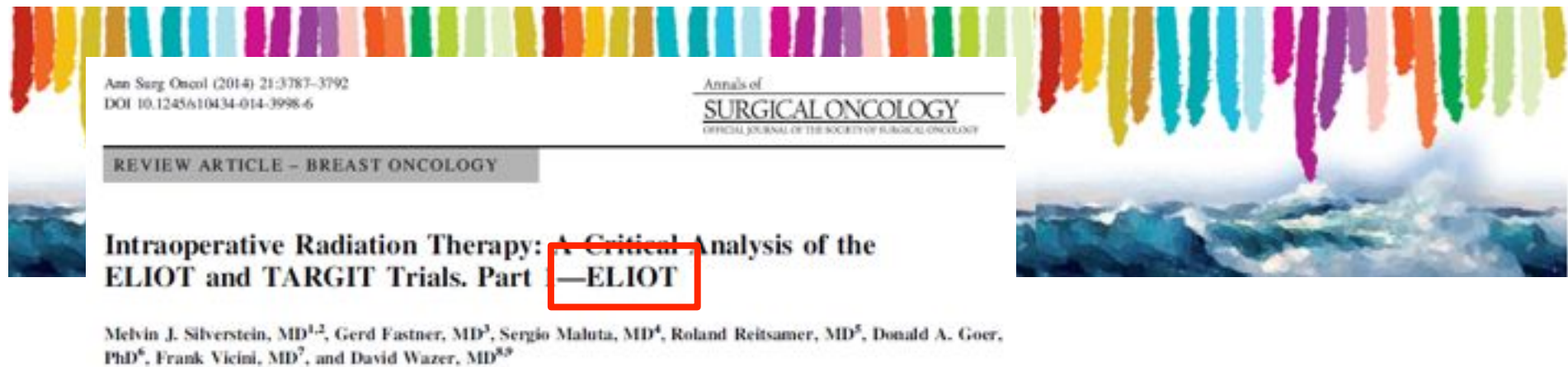
**INDICAZIONI e CONTROINDICAZIONI  
VALUTAZIONE PRE CHIRURGICA  
CONSENSO INFORMATO  
STEP in SALA OPERATORIA  
FOLLOW UP**

**Scelta e Posizionamento del collimatore:**

Si ritiene opportuno l'utilizzo di **collimatori di diametro superiore ai 4 cm**, considerando comunque il diametro della neoplasia e la sede della stessa nella mammella.

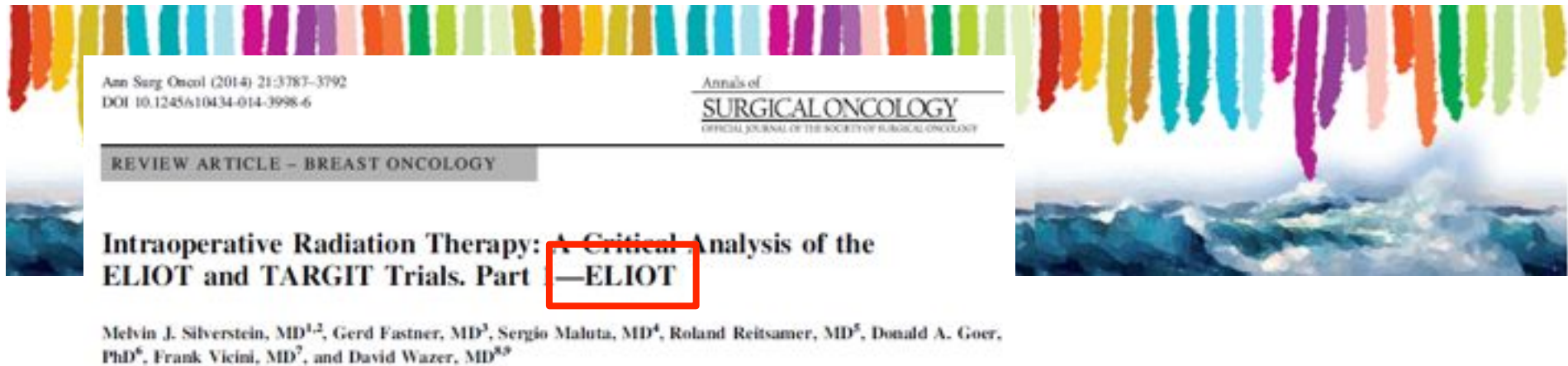
Si ritiene opportuno evitare l'erniazione del tessuto ghiandolare all'interno del collimatore con l'ausilio di dischi di plexiglass o materiale plastico, dopo opportuna valutazione dosimetrica.





The ELIOT trial has **contributed to our understanding** of whether a single-dose treatment using electrons may be possible.

The Trial included **some high-risk patients that today would not be considered** a good choice for APBI.



It appears, however, that IOERT **APBI** may have a **subset of low-risk women**

ASTRO suitable,  
ELIOT Low Risk,  
Luminal A

for whom IOERT **could be effective**, with a recurrence rate in the 2 % range at 5 years.



In spite of a 5.8-year median follow-up, the ELIOT data are still early and single-fraction IOERT patients should be treated under strict institutional protocols.

When long-term results are available, it is likely there will be a higher overall recurrence rate for IOERT when compared with EBRT, but **we should be able to select subgroups of favorable patients** where this difference is small and acceptable.

**Overall, the results of the ELIOT Trial are reasonably mature and encouraging**



Risk-adapted targeted intraoperative radiotherapy versus whole-breast radiotherapy for breast cancer: 5-year results for local control and overall survival from the TARGIT-A randomised trial

Jayant S Vaidya, *Lancet* 2014; 383: 603-13

median follow-up of 29 months

the 5-year LR → 3.3 % and 1.3 %,  
p = .042.

low risk group → prepathology /PGR +

## *Selezione delle pazienti candidabili*

Intraoperative radiotherapy versus external radiotherapy for early breast cancer (ELIOT): a randomised controlled equivalence trial

Umberto Veronesi, *Lancet Oncol* 2013; 14: 1269-77

median follow-up of 5.8 years

the 5-year LR → 4.4 % vs 0.4 %,  
p = .0001

low-risk ELIOT group → 5-year LR 1.5 %



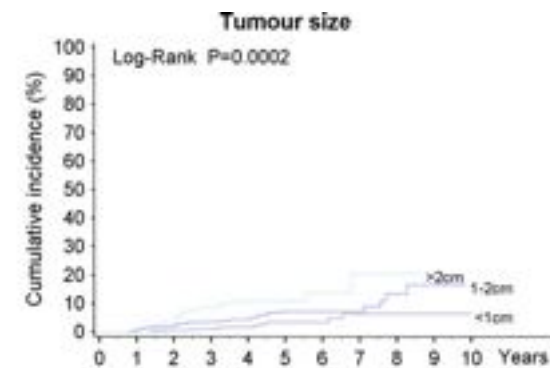
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12% versus 14% were 2 cm or bigger

17% versus 26% were node positive

15% versus 20% were grade 3

making comparisons difficult.

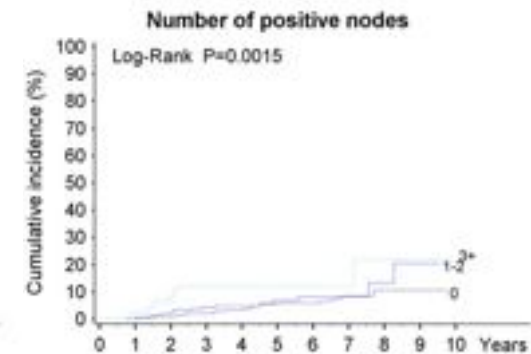
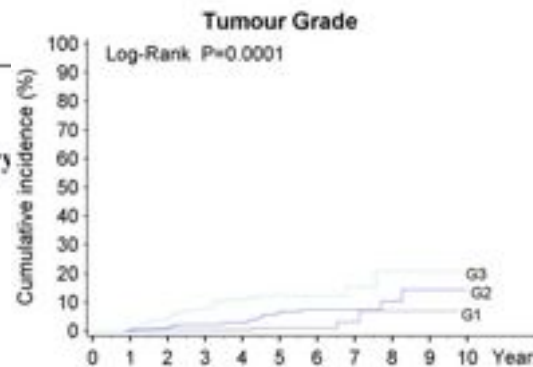


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### CLINICAL TRIAL

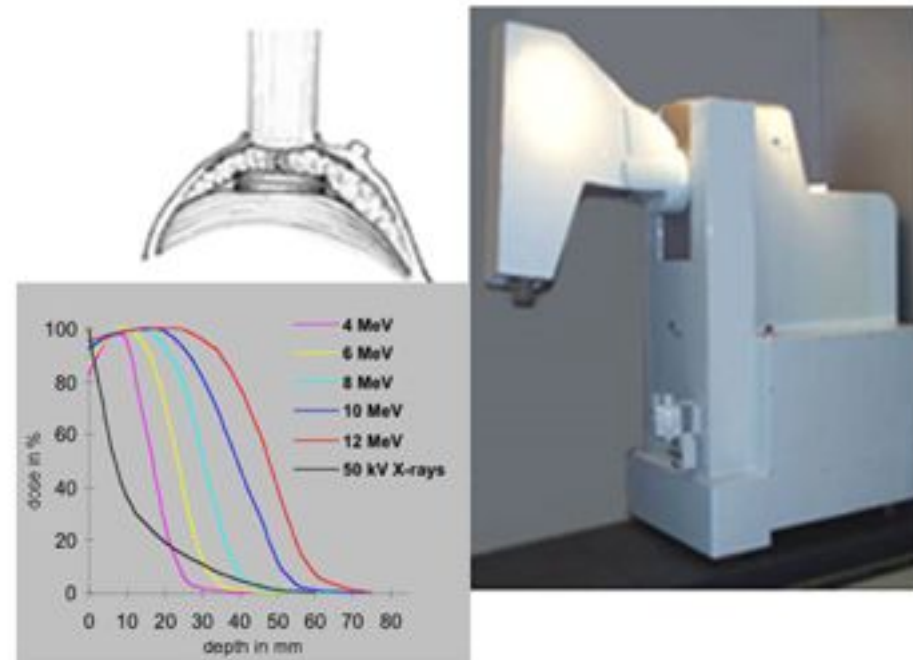
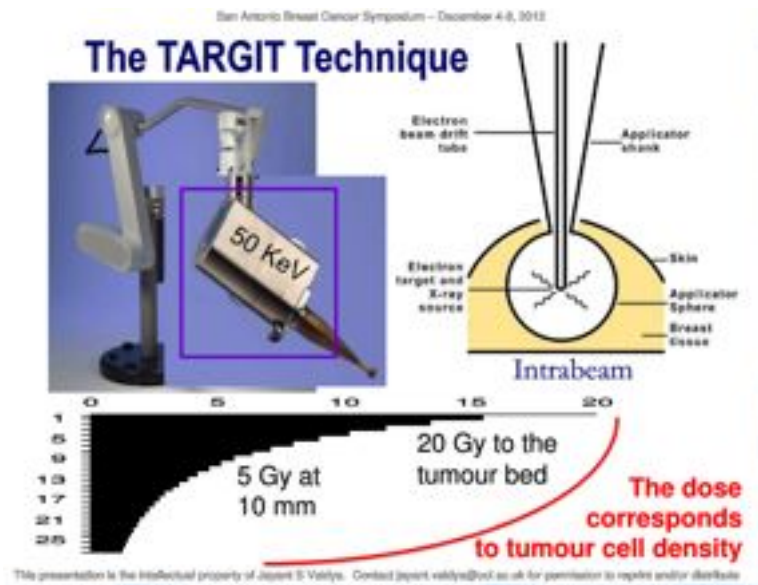
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# TARGET-A vs ELIOT





## **TARGIT-A**

Multicentrico

2000 → 2012: 3451 pz

FU

Risk adapted RT  
15% anche ERT

vs **ELIOT**

Monocentrico

2000 → 2007: 1305 pz

FU

NON è Intention to treat →  
tutte le pazienti hanno  
ricevuto il trattamento del  
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## **Intraoperative Radiotherapy in Breast Conserving Surgery**

**Journal of Surgical Oncology 2014;110:68–74**


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reducing the inconvenience,  
morbidity,  
cost of breast radiotherapy.





## Intraoperative Radiotherapy in Breast Conserving Surgery

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Los Angeles, California* *Journal of Surgical Oncology 2014;110:68-74*

The TARGIT A and ELIOT trials show IORT to be  
as **safe** and **effective** as **standard** radiotherapy for

post-menopausal women  
with low to intermediate grade,  
lymph node negative  
invasive ductal carcinoma lacking high-risk features



A recent patient preference study showed that **most breast cancer patients would choose IORT** over WB-EBRT even if it were associated with a 10-year 2.3% higher absolute risk of local recurrence

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CLINICAL TRIAL

### **Patient preferences regarding intraoperative versus external beam radiotherapy following breast-conserving surgery**

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Ulteriore **follow up** per confermare o meno i dati attuali di entrambi gli studi

**Controllo di malattia** sembra essere adeguato in pazienti accuratamente **selezionate**

La metodica migliora la **qualità di vita** della paziente

Ottimizza la **gestione delle risorse** dei centri



La IORT **non è ancora considerabile uno standard** e deve essere attuato nell'ambito di attenti **protocolli di istituto**

Sapendo di dover offrire una attenta

- **selezione** delle pazienti (ASTRO-ESTRO)
- **tecnica** accurata
- **consenso informato !**