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I TRATTAMENTI MULTIMODALI IN ONCOLOGIA

Implicazione cliniche per il radio-oncologo

Il trattamento multimodale per la preservazione d'organo nelle neoplasie del distretto cervico-cefalico



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Larynx-preservation

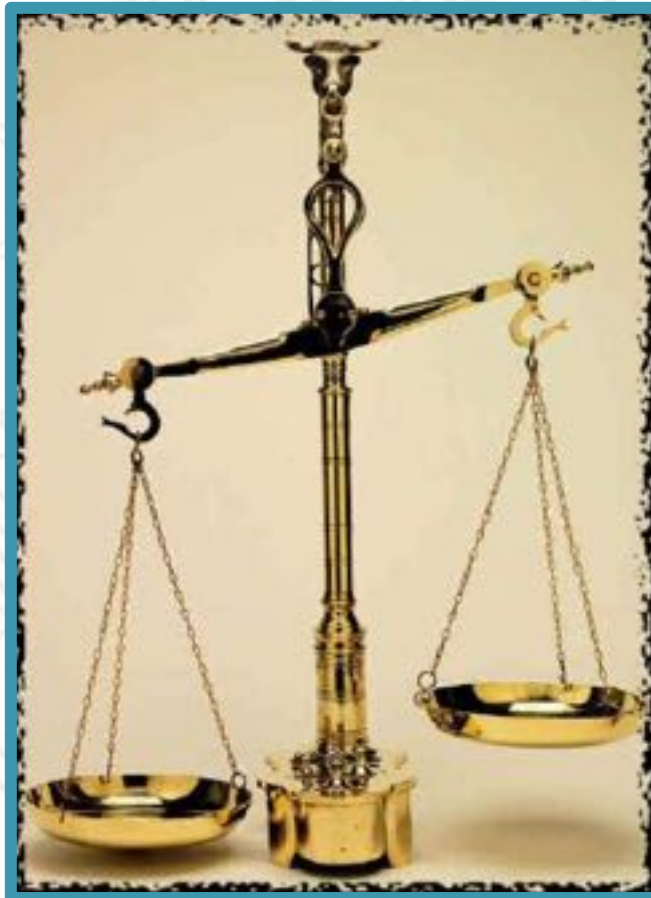
- ✓ **Total laryngectomy (TL) provides consistent disease control in LAHNC (laryngeal and hypopharyngeal cancer)**
- ✓ **TL has a negative impact on QoL**
- ✓ **Larynx-preservation strategies developed in the '90s: ICT + definitive RT had similar survival rates than TL**
- ✓ **Subsequent phase III trials investigated this field but:**
 - **Different inclusion criteria**
 - **Different endpoints to assess larynx preservation**
 - **Functional assessment not refined (long-term sequelae on swallowing)**



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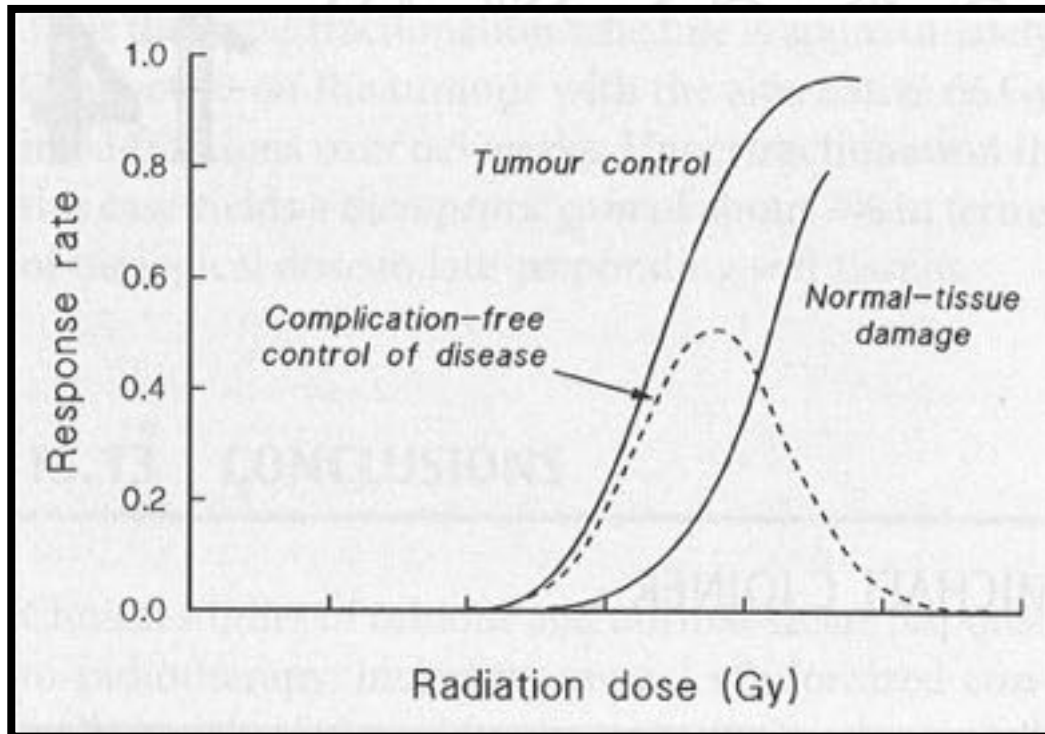
Choice of treatment

**Disease
control**



**Treatment
morbidity**

Uncomplicated local tumour control rate as a bell-shaped curve



**Cogent in head
and neck cancer**

Holthusen H, Strahlentherapie 1936



LARYNX

Factors influencing treatment choice

✓ Tumor related

- ⑩ Histology
- ⑩ Site of origin
- ⑩ Biological characteristics
(grading, HPV-16, nuclear ploidy,
EGFR, p53 mutations,
neoangiogenesis)
- ⑩ T-N category
- ⑩ Distant metastasis

✓ Patient related

- ⑩ Age
- ⑩ Gender
- ⑩ Comorbidity
- ⑩ Previous treatments
- ⑩ Compliance
- ⑩ Professional activity
- ⑩ Patient's choice

Courtesy P Nicolai - ESTRO Multidisciplinary Teaching Course H&N Cancer – Cordoba 2012



**The goal of treatment is to
achieve larynx preservation with
good functional outcome
without compromising overall
survival**





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SPECIAL ARTICLE

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Speech and Survival — Tradeoffs between Quality and Quantity of Life in Laryngeal Cancer

Barbara J. McNeil, M.D., Ph.D., Ralph Weichselbaum, M.D., and Stephen G. Pauker, M.D.

N Engl J Med 1981; 305:982-987 | [October 22, 1981](#) | DOI: 10.1056/NEJM198110223051704



PRIORITIZING TREATMENT OUTCOMES: HEAD AND NECK CANCER PATIENTS VERSUS NONPATIENTS

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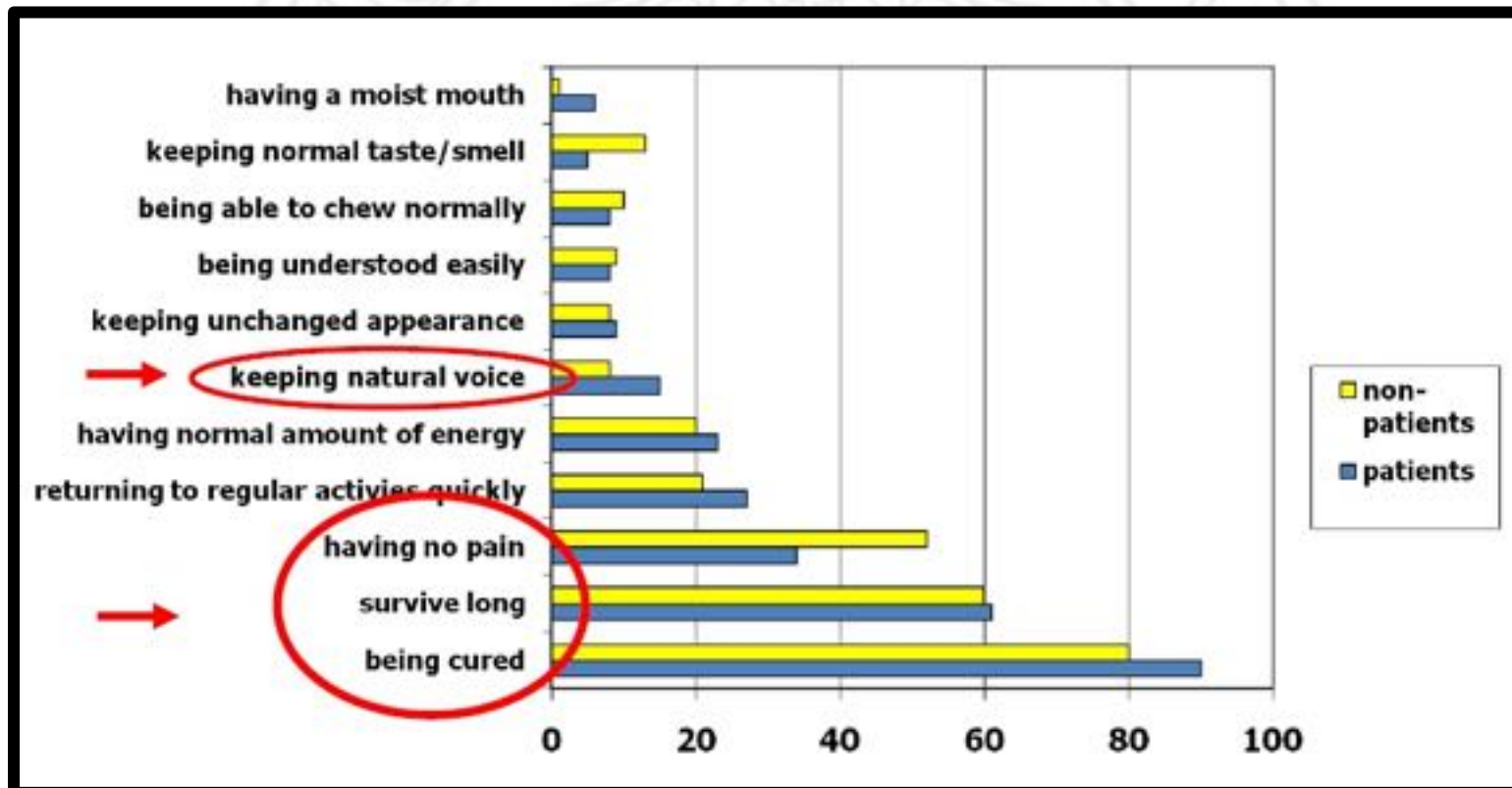
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247 H&N cancer pts and 141 non-pts



List et al et al, Head and Neck 2004



ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines 2010

Locoregionally advanced disease

	Level of evidence	Grade of recommendation
Surgery → RT or CCRT	I	A
Concomitant CT and RT*	I	A
Cetuximab plus RT	II	B
ICT → RT for organ preservation	II	A
CCRT for organ preservation	II	A

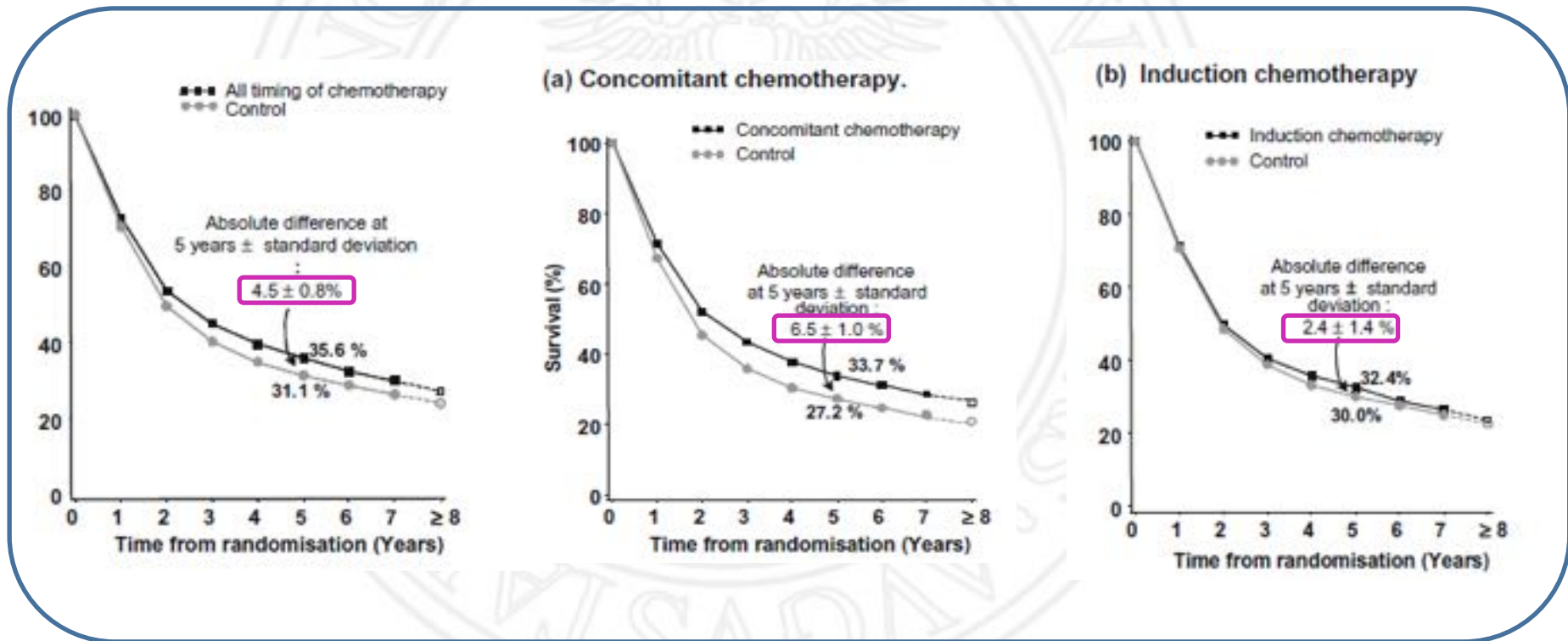
Gregoire V et al; Ann Oncol 2010



Meta-analysis of chemotherapy in head and neck cancer (MACH-NC): An update on 93 randomised trials and 17,346 patients



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Pignon et al, R&O 2009



**“Sequential approach”
improve outcomes?**

May

**ICT before a “lighter” CRT
be better or more tolerable?**

➤ **SWOG-0427**
(III-IV Oropharynx)

1-3TPF → RT+3P
vs
RT+3P

➤ **PARADIGM**
(III-IV)

3TPF → RT+CBDCA weekly
vs
HFRT+2P



3ys- OS: 73% vs 78%

➤ **DeCIDE**
(N2-N3)

2TPF → HFRT+PFH
vs
HFRT+PFH



No difference OS

➤ **INTERCEPTOR**
(III-IV)

3TPF → RT + Cetuximab weekly
vs
RT+3P

➤ **Paccagnella**
(III-IV)

RT+2PF
vs
3 TPF → RT+2PF



CR rates: 21% vs 51%
Median PFS 19.7 vs 30.4; OS 33.3 vs 39.6

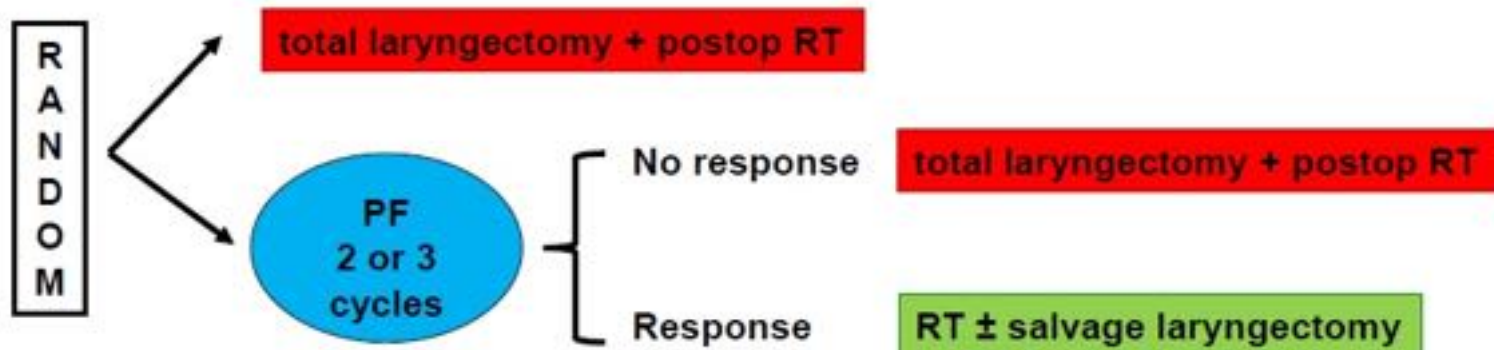
➤ **GORTEC**
(III-IV)

3TPF → RT + Cetuximab weekly
vs
RT+CBDCA-5FU

Benasso et al, Oral Oncol 2013



First generation of larynx-preservation trials



3 trials: VA (USA) larynx
EORTC (E) hypopharynx
GETTEC (France) T3 larynx

VALCSG. N Engl J Med 1991
Lefebvre JL et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 1996
Richard JM et al. Oral Oncol 1998

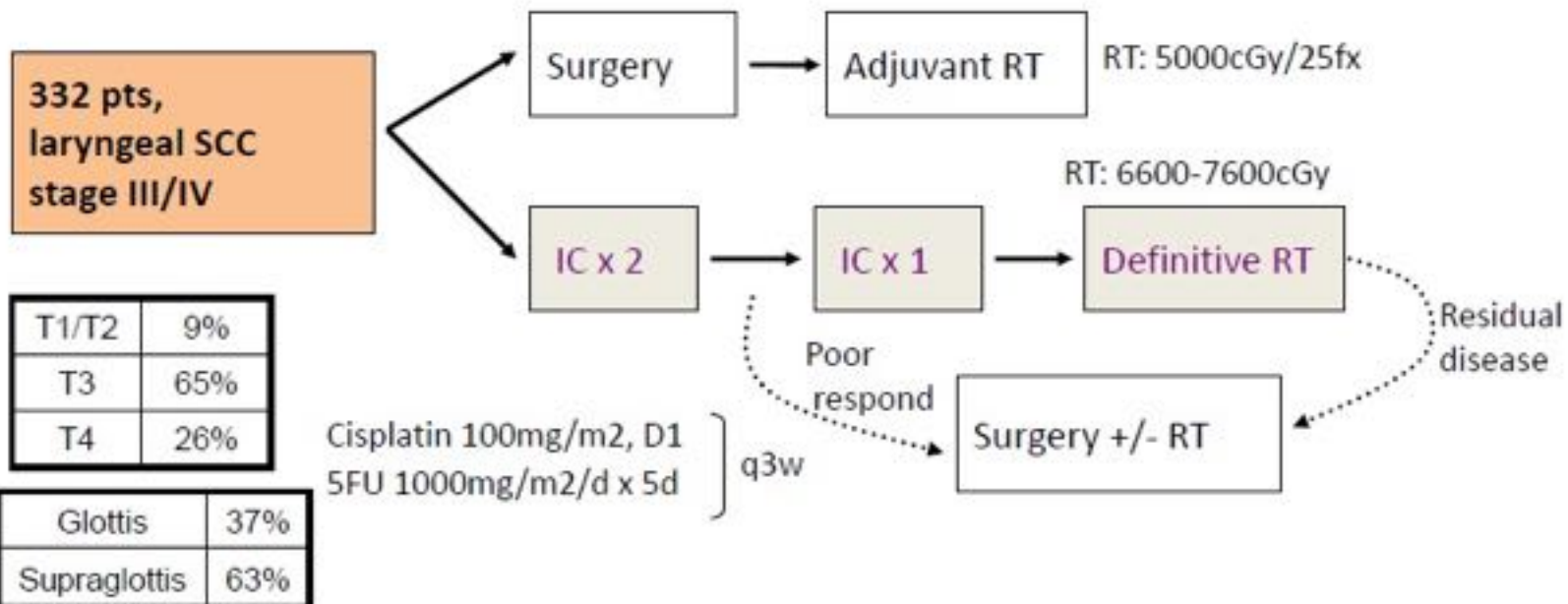
- ⇒ no significant difference in survival
- ⇒ larynx preservation = 56 % in experimental arms

Pignon JP et al. Lancet 2000

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Veterans Affairs Laryngeal Cancer Study Group



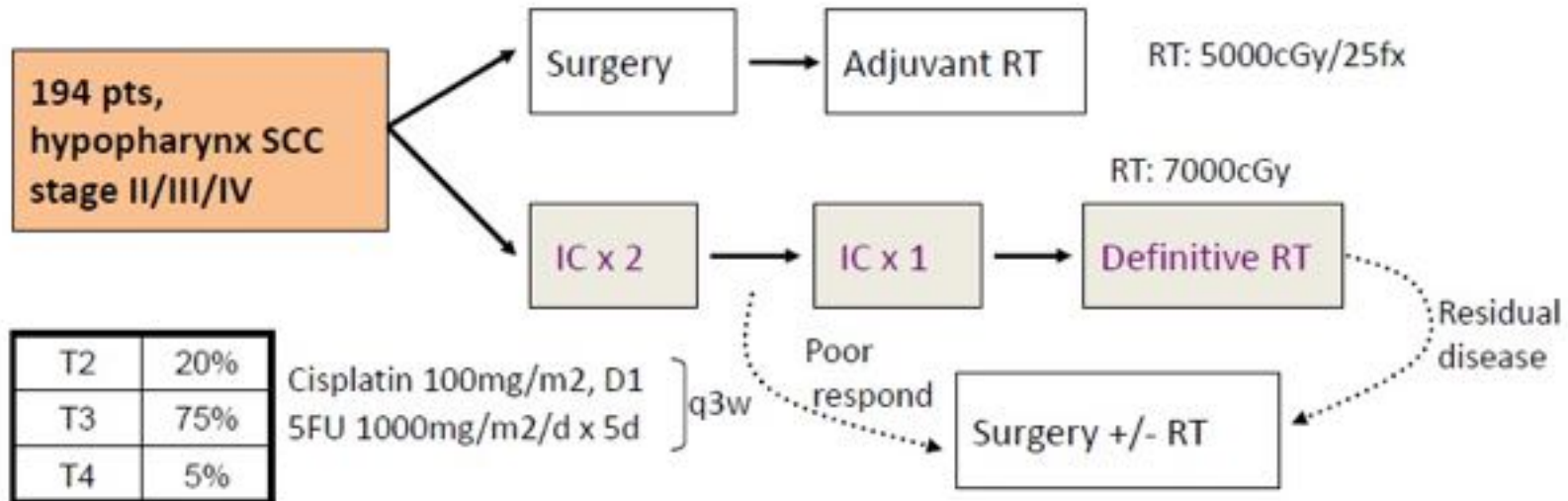
2yr	DFS	OS	Recur at primary	Recur at regional	Distant mets	Laryngectomy-free survival
Surgery	75%	68%	2%	5%	17%	
IC → RT	65%	68%	12%	8%	11%	39%
p value	0.12	0.98	0.001	NS	0.001	

LPR: 64% (2y)

New England Journal of Medicine 1991; 324: 1685-1690



EORTC 24891



T2	20%
T3	75%
T4	5%

Pyriform sinus	78%
Aryepiglottic fold	22%

5yr	DFS	OS	Recur at local	Recur at regional	Distant mets	Laryngectomy-free survival
Surgery	32%	35%	17%	23%	36%	
IC → RT	25%	30%	12%	19%	25%	42% (2y) 35% (5y)
p value	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.041	

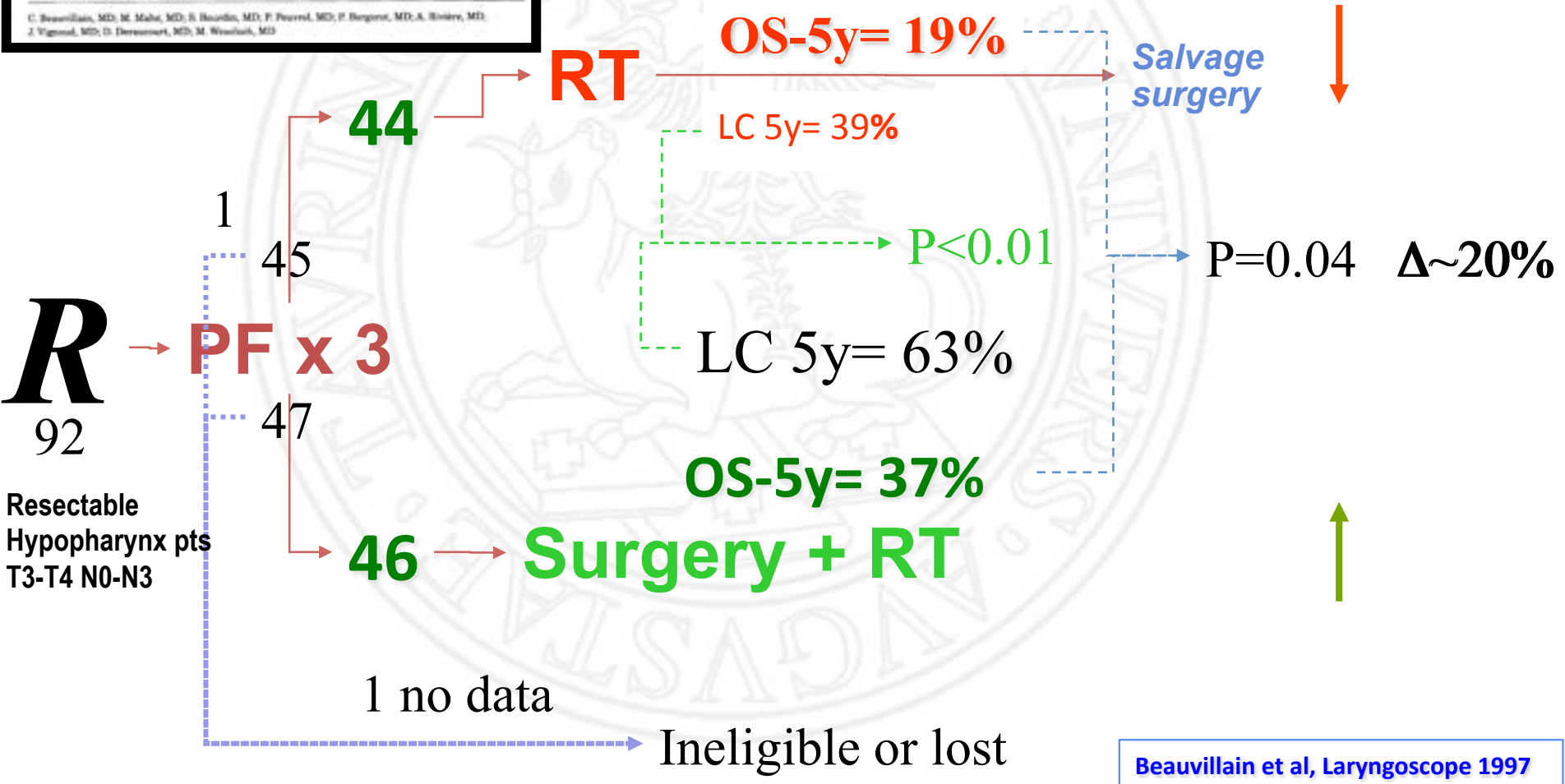
Journal of National Cancer Institute 1996; 8: 890-899



The Laryngoscope
 117(12):2007-2013, December 2007
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Final Results of a Randomized Trial Comparing Chemotherapy Plus Radiotherapy With Chemotherapy Plus Surgery Plus Radiotherapy in Locally Advanced Resectable Hypopharyngeal Carcinomas

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ICT as chemo-selection tool

Trial/ site of tumour	N	Therapy approach	Larynx Preservation	LFS	Survival Difference
VALCSG (larynx)	332	S → RT vs PF ¹ x3 → RT	64%(2y)	39%(2y)	No difference
EORTC 24891 (hypopharynx)	202	S → RT vs PFx3 → RT	40,5% (5y)	42% (2y) 35% (5y)	No difference

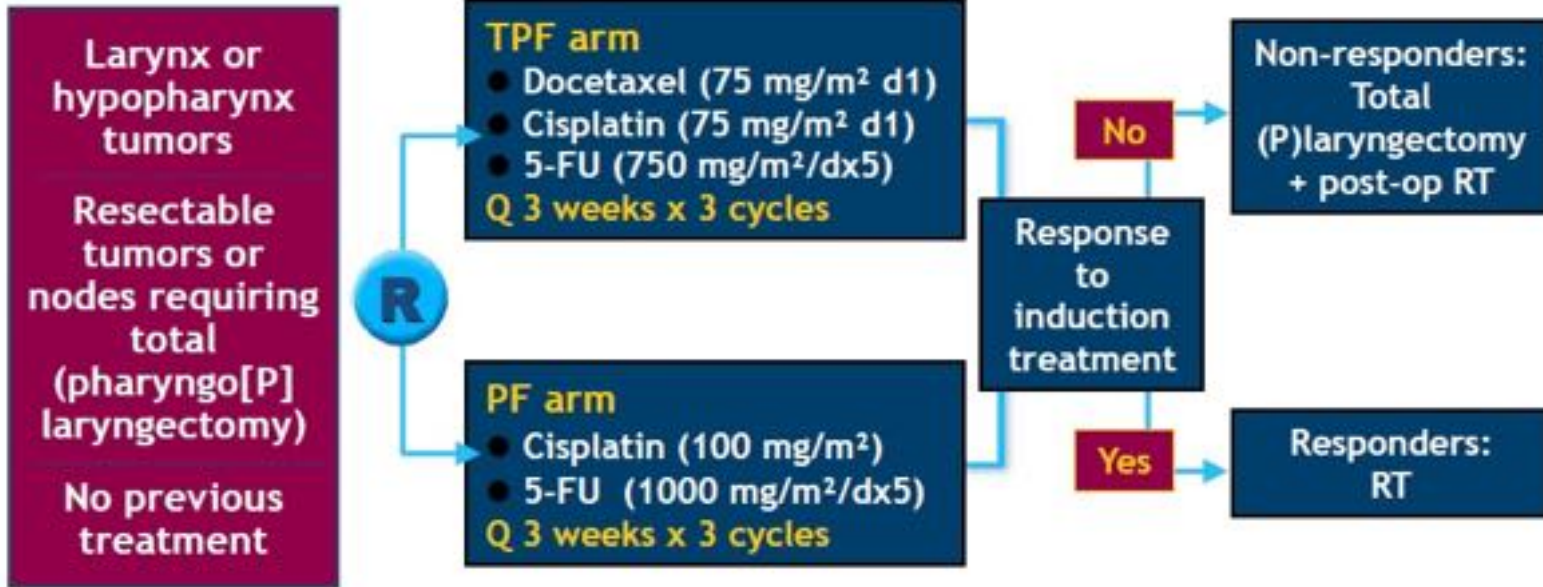
PF as ICT + sequential RT may be effective with a high rate of larynx preservation, with no detrimental effect on OS



GORTEC 2000-01

Induction chemotherapy

Induction CT → Larynx Preservation



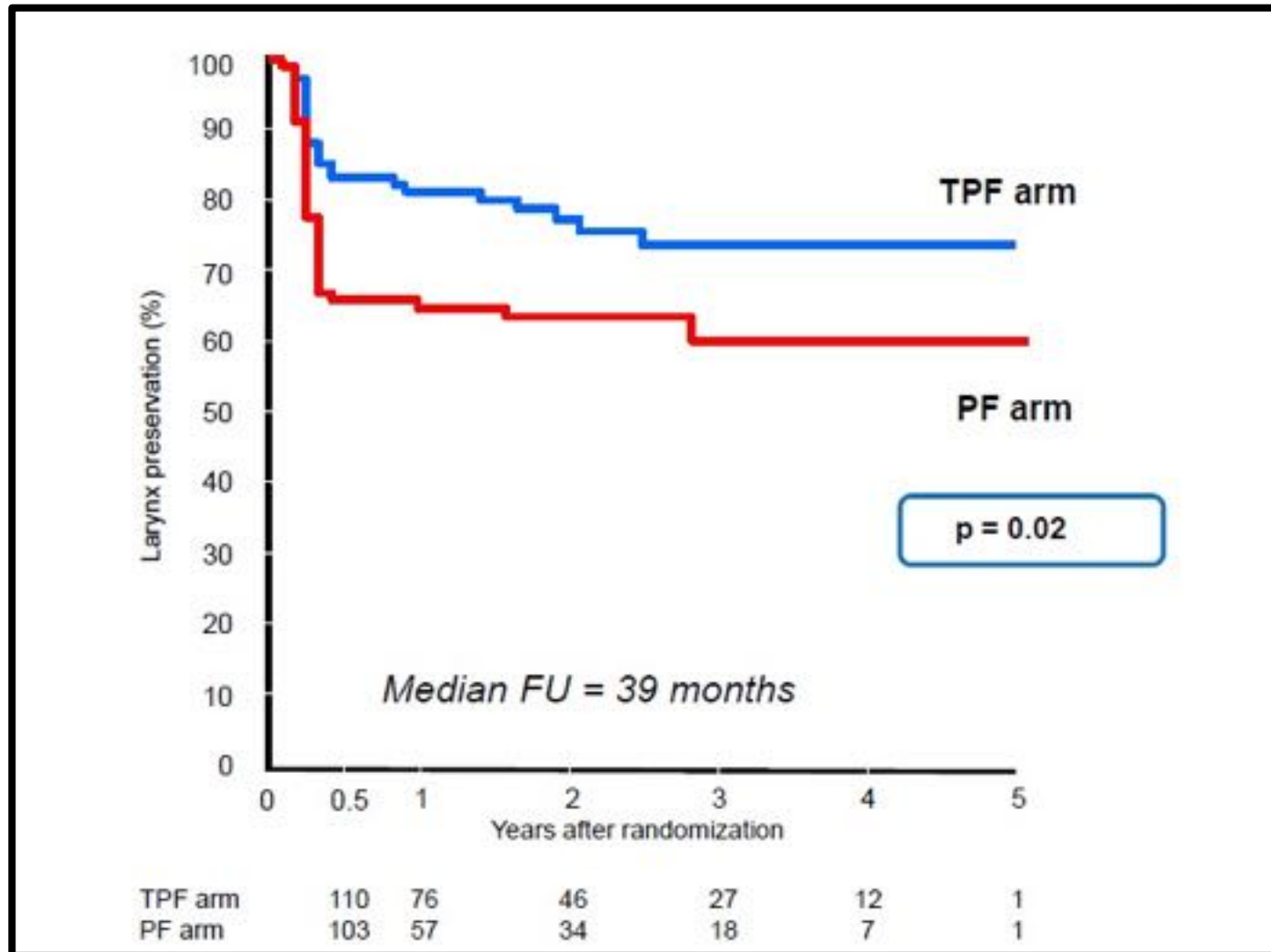
T2	18%
T3	67%
T4	15%

▶ Primary Objective: larynx preservation rate

Pointreau et al – JNCI 2009



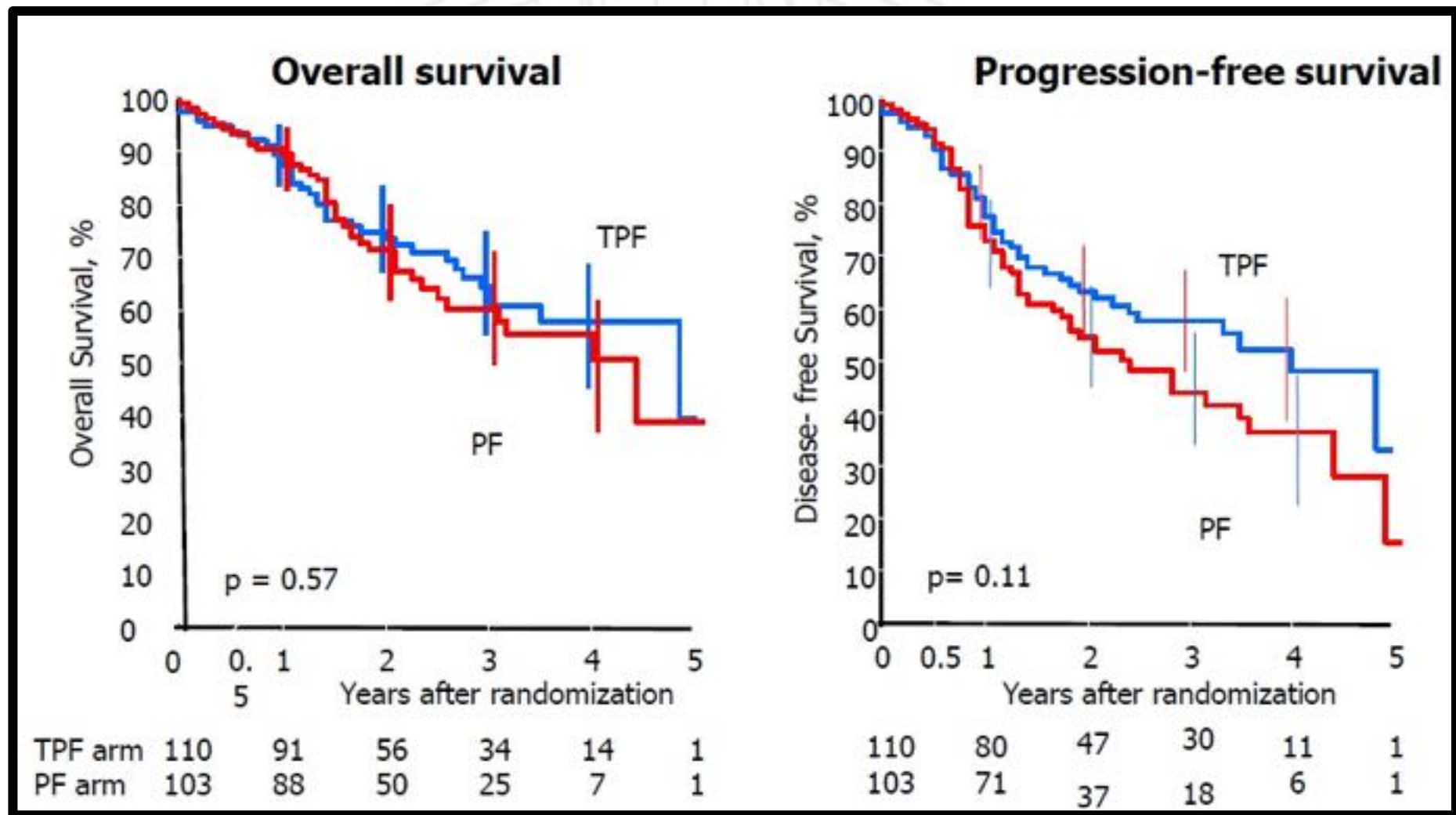
GORTEC 2000-01 Primary end-point: Larynx preservation



Pointreau et al – JNCI 2009



GORTEC 2000-01 Secondary end-points



Pointreau et al – JNCI 2009



GORTEC 2000-01 Toxicity profile (G3-G4) events

% of patients

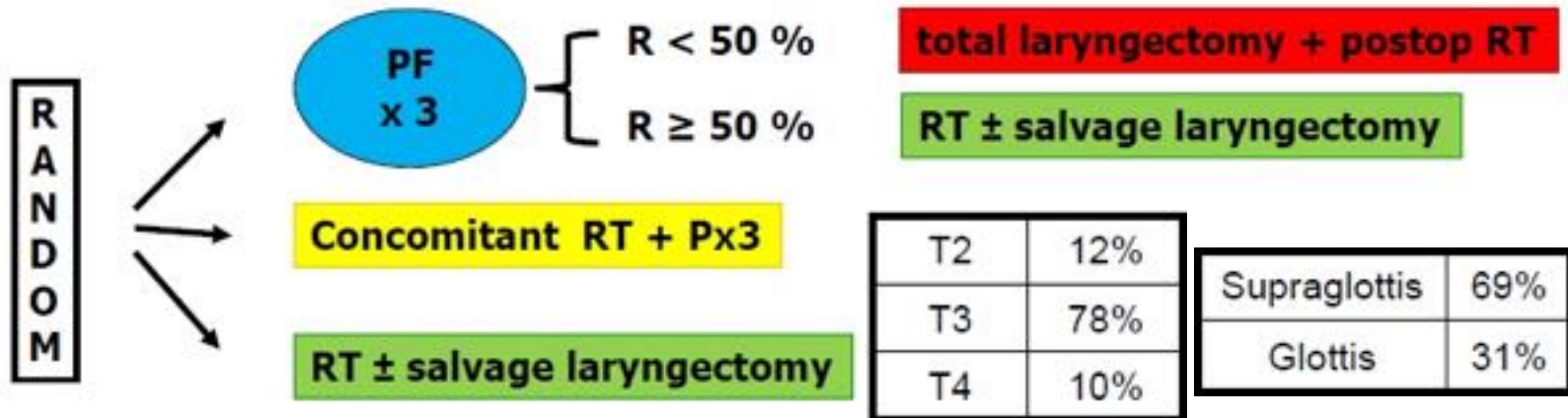
NCI/CTC Grade 3/4*	TPF	PF	<i>p</i>
Mucositis	4.6	7.8	0.49
Neutropenia	55.6	37.3	0.01
Febrile neutropenia	13.9	7.8	0.24
Thrombocytopenia	1.9	7.8	0.09
Deaths	3.6	2.9	0.71

*Among patients treated with RT alone, no differences were observed between the 2 arms in: xerostomia, fibrosis, larynx edema, dysphagia, % of patients with permanent feeding tube.

Pointreau et al – JNCI 2009



2nd generation of larynx preservation trials



1 trial: RTOG 91-11 (USA) larynx

	induction	concomitant	RT
Larynx preservation	72 %	84 %	67 %
Laryngectomy-free survival	43 %	45 %	38 %
Overall survival	55 %	54 %	56 %
Progression-free survival	38 %	36 %	27 %
gr 3-4 mucositis during RT	38 pts	73 pts	41 pts

Forastiere A et al. N Engl J Med 2003

Courtesy JL Lefebvre ESTRO Multidisciplinary Teaching Course H&N Cancer – Cordoba 2012



RTOG 91-11: ASCO 5-year update

	IC(PF)	CRT	XRT	
LFS	44.6%	46.6%	33.9%	$P < .011$
LRC	54.9%*	68.8%*	51%	$P < .0018$
LPR	70.5%	83%	66%	$P < .0029$
DM	14.3%	13.2%	22.3%	
DFS	38.6%*	39%	27.3%*	$P < .0016$
Survival	59.2%	54.6%	53.5%	

1. PF was equivalent to CRT for LFS
2. CRT had better LRC than PF
3. DFS was identical but overall survival favored PF

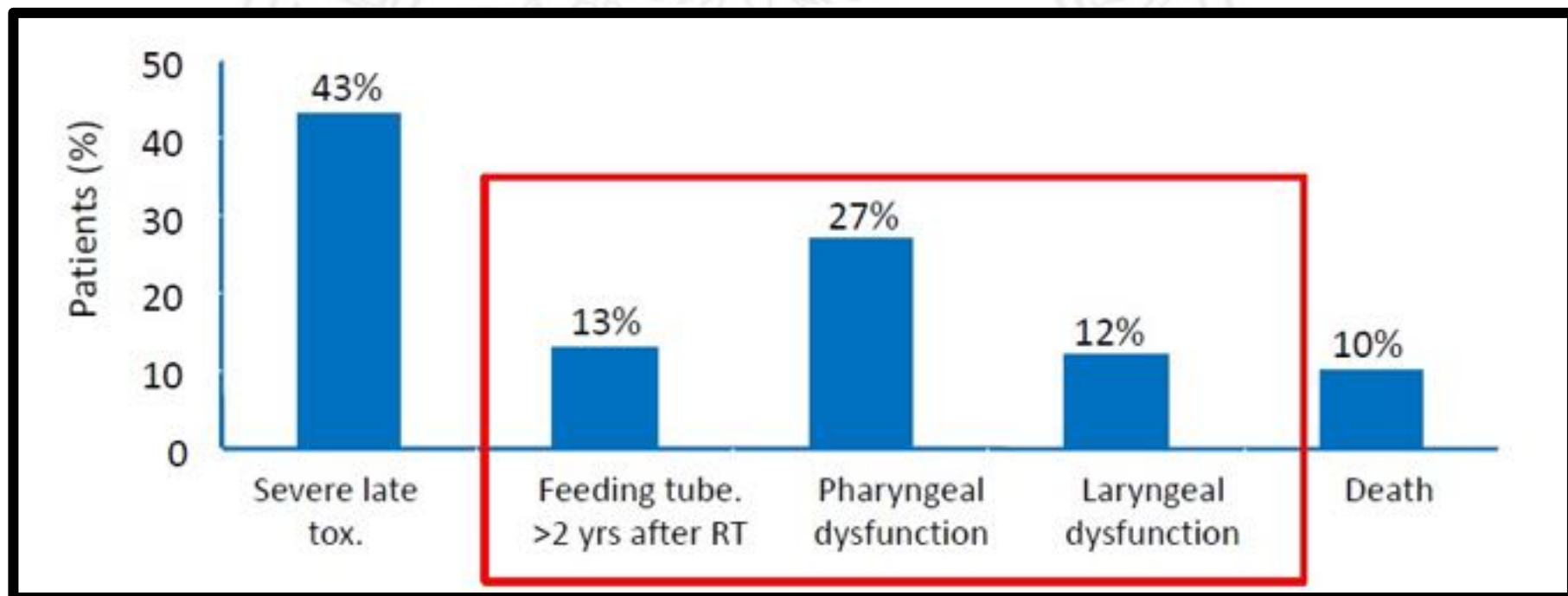
Forastiere AA, et al. ASCO 2006. Abstract 5517



Severe late toxicities after RT-CT

180 days after end of treatment

- ❑ Chronic G3-G4 events (larynx and pharynx)
- ❑ NGS > 2 yrs after registration
- ❑ Treatment-related death within 3 yrs after treatment

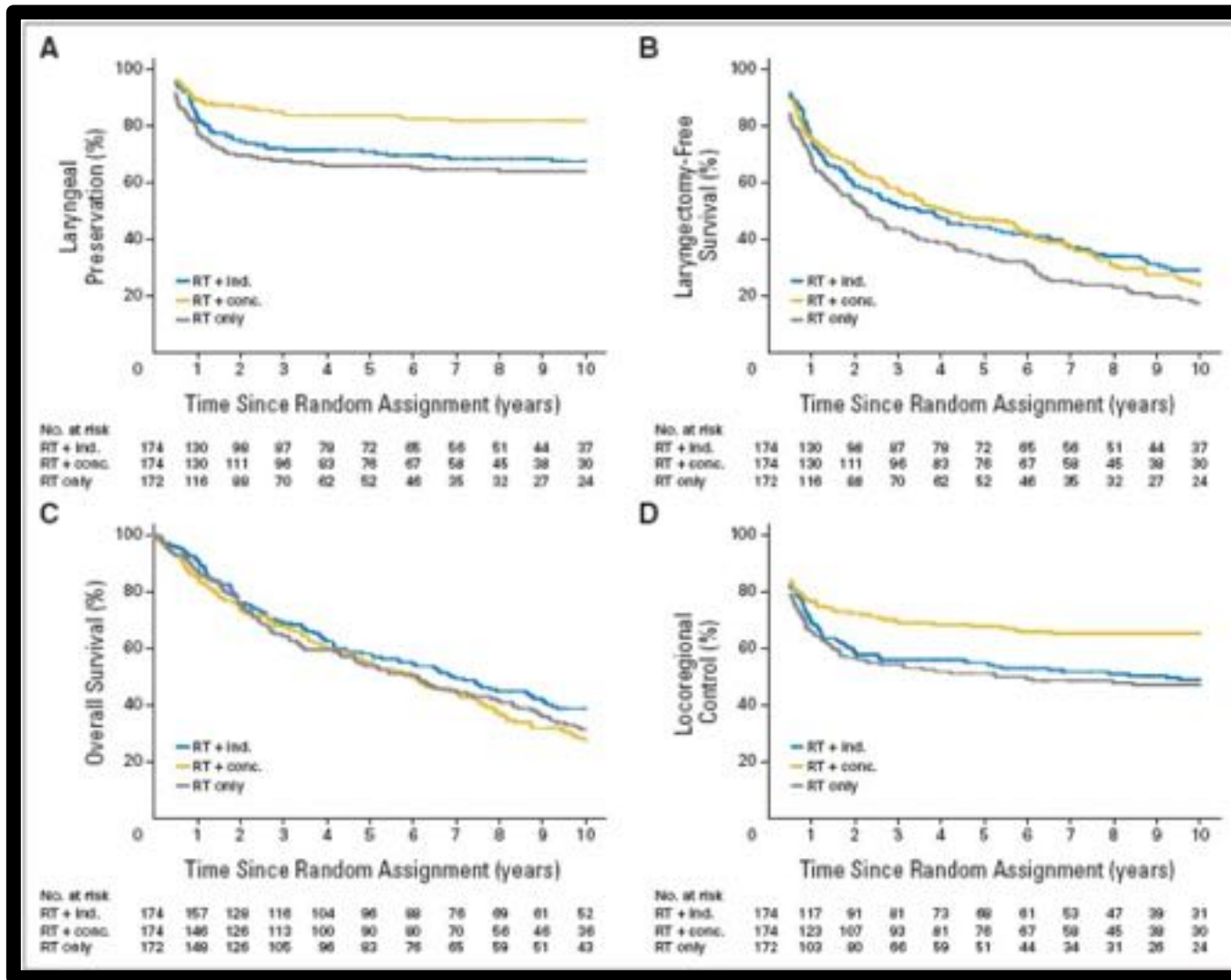


Data from CT-RT arms of RTOG 91-11, 97-03, 99-14

Machtay et al, JCO 2008



RTOG 91-11: 10-year results



Forastiere A et al, JCO 2013



RTOG 91-11: 10-year results

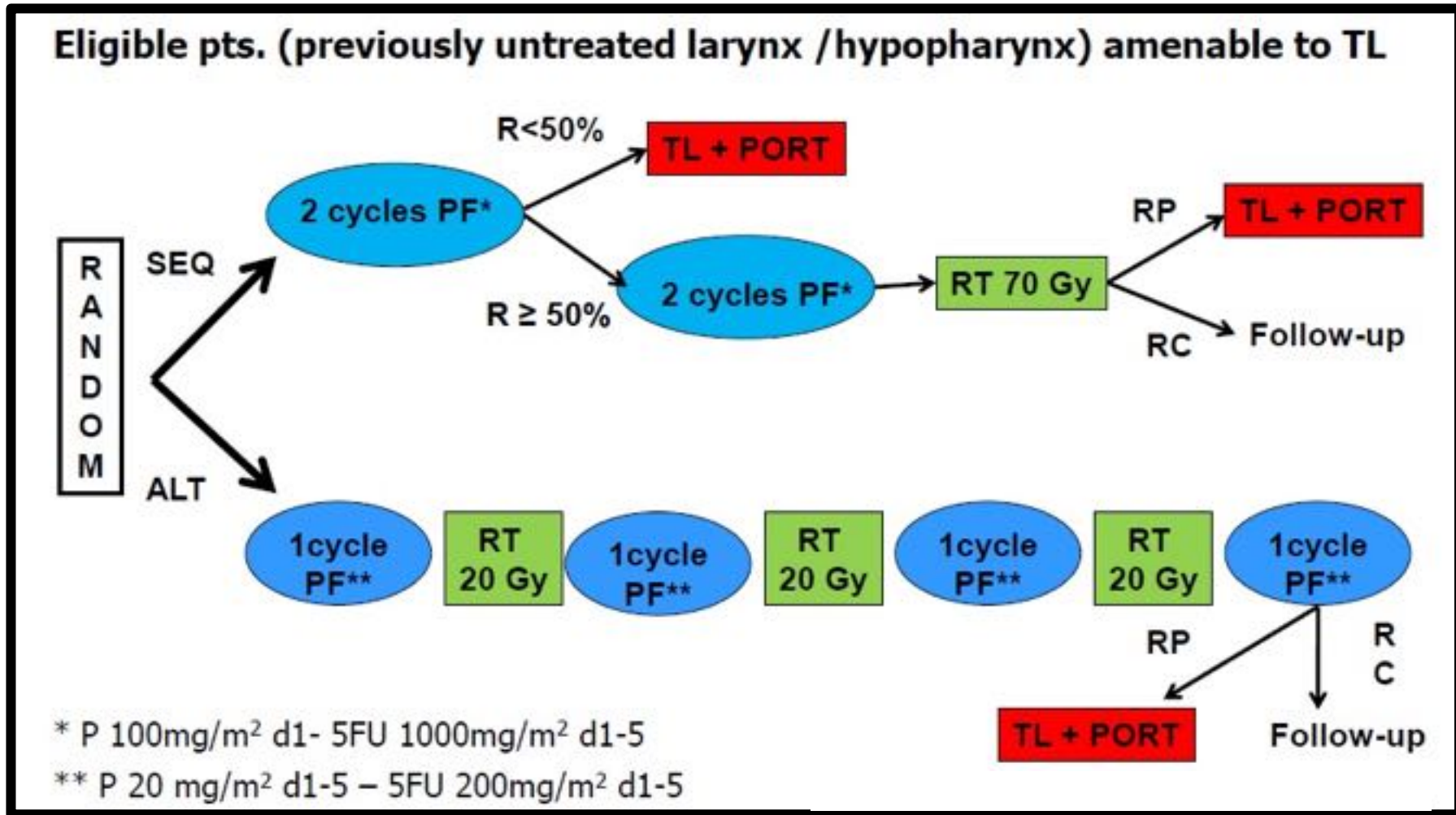
Toxicity:

- The rate of high grade toxic effects was greater in Ch-based regimens 81% (Chi->RT), 82% (Ch-RT) & 61% (XRT)
- The mucosal toxicity of concurrent RT-CDDP was nearly twice as frequent as the mucosal toxicity of the other two treatments during RT
- No differences in late toxicity or speech or swallowing function were demonstrated between treatment groups

Forastiere A et al, JCO 2013



EORTC 24954



Lefebvre JM et al, JNCI 2009



EORTC 24954: 5-year results

	Sequential (N=224)		Alternating (N=226)		p-value
	Events	% without event	Events	% without event	
Survival with functional larynx	160	30.5	154	36.2	0.15
Larynx preservation	107	53.2	94	59.8	0.10
Progression-free survival	140	41.0	139	41.8	0.75
Overall survival	125	48.5	122	51.9	0.45

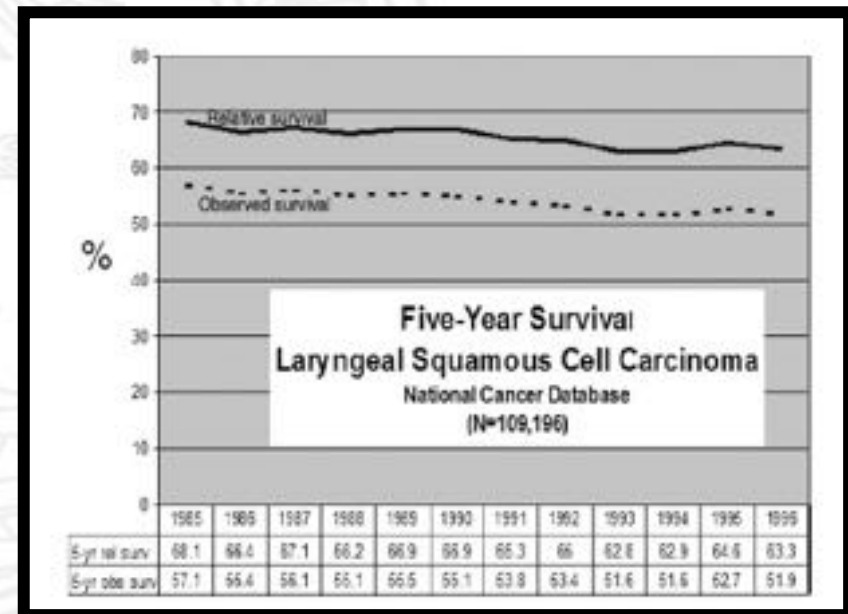
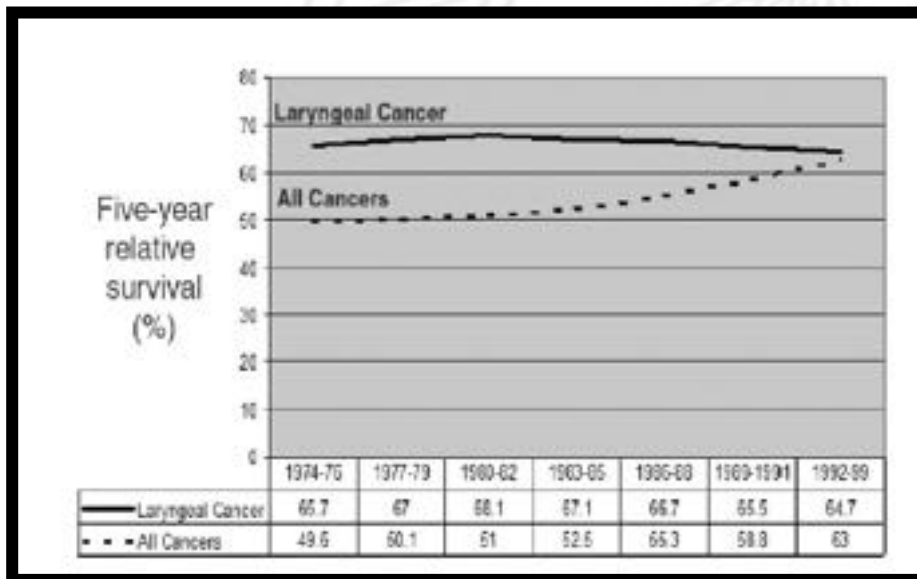
Acute toxicity: SEQ > ALT
Late toxicity: SEQ = ALT

Lefebvre JM et al, JNCI 2009



Laryngeal Cancer in the United States: Changes in Demographics, Patterns of Care, and Survival

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SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2000

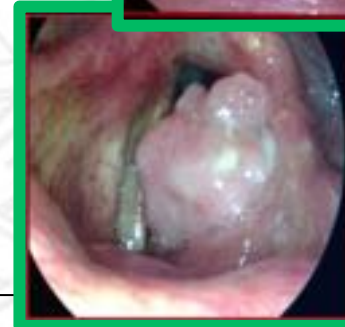
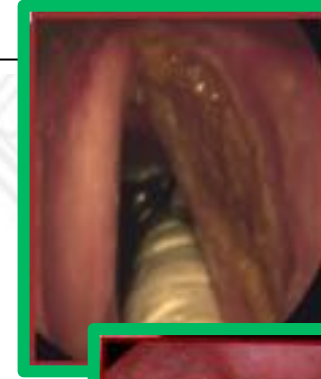
NCDB Cancer Statistics Review, 1985-2001

Hoffman HT et al, Laryngoscope 2006



In particular a decreased survival was observed for:

- **Advanced-stage glottic cancer**
- **Early stage supraglottic cancer**
- **Supraglottic cancer with T3N0 stage**



For T3N0M0 laryngeal cancers at all sites: 5-year relative survival better with surgery + RT

Hoffman HT et al, Laryngoscope 2006

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Treatment hypothesis – Change in the initial management by use of less effective treatment has resulted in worse survival through the following:

- Expanded use of non-surgical organ-preservation strategies
- Expanded use of endoscopic surgical management
- Less aggressive surgical management of neck nodes

Hoffman HT et al, Laryngoscope 2006



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Cancer mortality in the European Union, 1970–2003, with a joinpoint analysis

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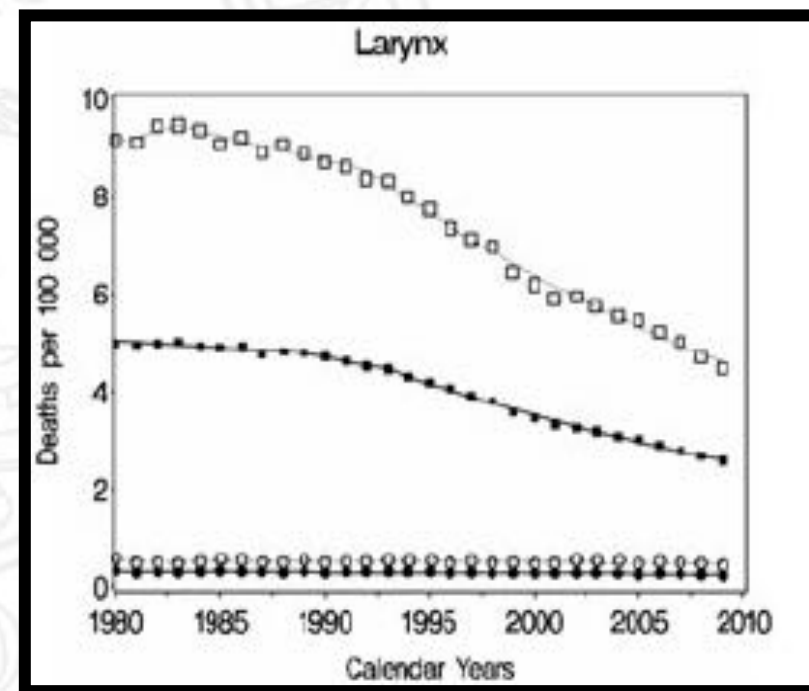
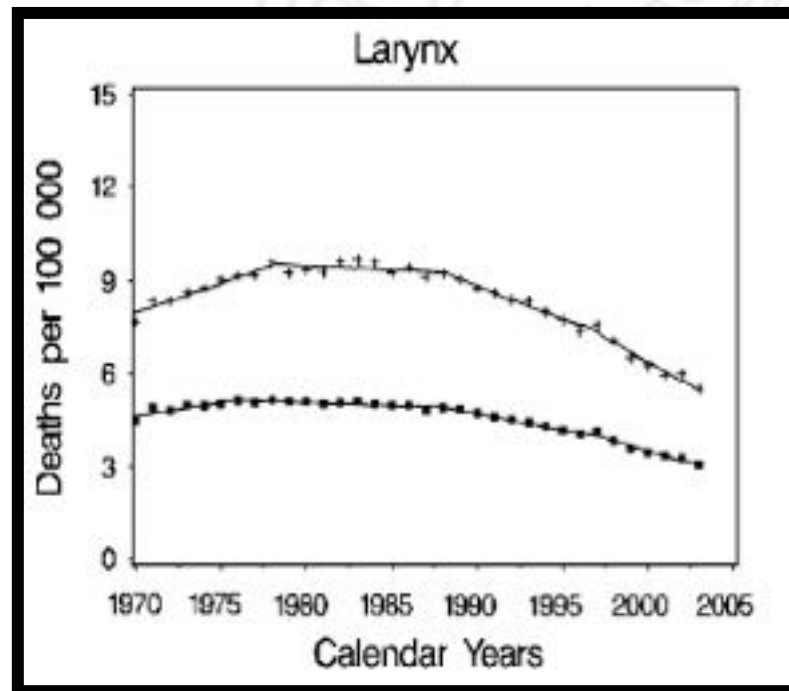
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Cancer mortality in Europe, 2005–2009, and an overview of trends since 1980

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Bosetti C et al, Ann Oncol 2008 and 2013



EDITORIAL

REEXAMINING THE TREATMENT OF ADVANCED LARYNGEAL CANCER

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Major effects on management of advanced laryngeal cancers

- ✓ **VALCSG trial: ICT and sequential RT resulted in negligible survival difference over TL + PORT**
- ✓ **RTOG 91-11: concurrent RT-CT was superior to sequential CT and RT and to RT alone for stage III and IV laryngeal cancer (T2-T3 and 'low volume' T4)**

Holsen KD, Head and Neck 2009



- **Selection bias:** most US cancer are advanced glottic cancers; RTOG 91-11 has 68% of supraglottic tumors
- **Mobile vocal cords:** inclusion of pts with 'advanced' laryngeal cancers needing TL; but RTOG 91-11 (42%) and VA (48%) enrolled tumors with mobile cords. No TL needed usually. No real data on fixed cord tumors
- **Unclear definition of 'advanced disease':** 'low volume T4' difficult to assess; advanced refers to T stage or overall stage?
- **Health and age of patients:** KPS > 90 (80%); only 70% finished treatment and 5% treatment related death; normally pts: smoking, alcohol, social issues; how results can be applied for > 70 yrs pts?
- **Toxicity and unknown deaths:** G3-G4 toxicity (82% pts); high death rate for unknown causes (aspiration and pneumonia)



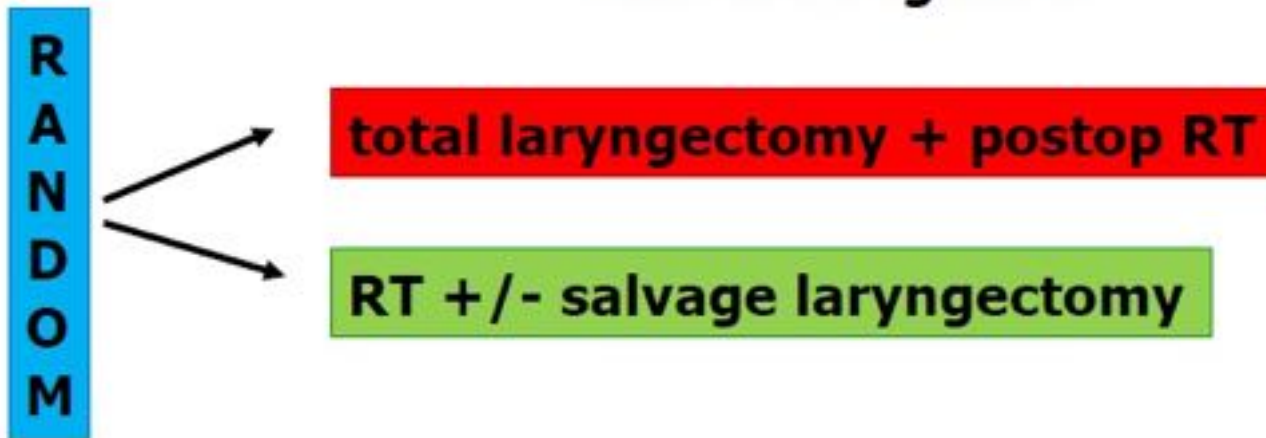
Holsen KD, Head and Neck 2009



Surgery and RT approached have been assessed and compared:

- ✓ **On a retrospective frame**
- ✓ **Within different pts/tumors subsets**
- ✓ **During different time periods**

The missing trial:



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Larynx Preservation Clinical Trial Design: Summary of Key Recommendations of a Consensus Panel

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Table 1. Questions about larynx preservation trials addressed by the panel [11]

Patient selection and stratification	Which patients are suitable for larynx preservation trials? Once selected, what are the stratification variables of highest importance to obtain the most valuable information from randomized trials?
Assessments	What are the optimal assessments to conduct in patients enrolled in larynx preservation trials to assess the risks and benefits of the study treatment?
Endpoints	What are the optimal endpoints to use in larynx preservation trials? How are these endpoints defined?
Tissue banking and biomarker assessment	What are the most promising translational research opportunities that should be explored? What clinical trial practices will foster translational research?

Ang KK – The Oncologist 2010



Which patients are suitable for larynx preservation trials?

- Larynx cancer pts (VALCSG)
- Hypopharyngeal cancer pts (EORTC 24891)
- GETTEC + RTOG 91-11 (larynx) and GORTEC 2000-01 + TAX 324 + EORTC 24954-22950 (larynx/hypopharynx)



Which patients are suitable for larynx preservation trials (T stage)?

Is T4 stage an exclusion criteria?

- ❖ Data from **VALCSG study** had a lower tumor response rate to ICT and had higher salvage laryngectomy rate
- ❖ T1-T3 vs T4: OR = 5.6 (95% IC: 1.45-20.8;p=0.0108) for CR
- ❖ Among responders to ICT: salvage laryngectomy required in 56% of T 4 pts and 28% of T1-T3 pts (p=0.001)

Clinical practice: T4 disease with massive cartilage involvement or extension in soft tissue through the neck are not considered proper candidates for larynx-preservation

Bradford CR et al – Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg 1999



Which patients are suitable for larynx preservation trials (T and N stage)?

Is T2 disease in pts candidate for partial laryngectomy an appropriate context?

- ❖ Excluded from EORTC 24891, GORTEC 2000-01 and RTOG 91-11
- ❖ To avoid the need for TL in case of PD after ICT

Clinical practice: different approaches worldwide but it is generally accepted not to include them

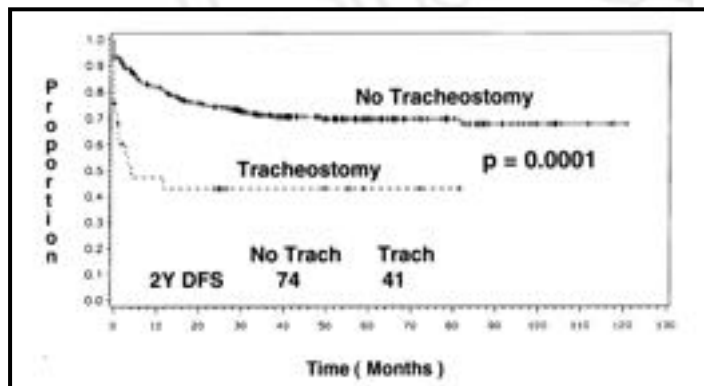
Advanced nodal stage? Not an exclusion criteria



Which patients are suitable for larynx preservation trials (laryngeal function)?

Is laryngeal dysfunction in pts candidate for partial laryngectomy an appropriate context?

- ❖ Baseline indicators: **tracheotomy** , **feeding tube** and recent history of **pneumonia**
- ❖ Pre-treatment tracheotomy: 25% in VALCSG, included in RTOG 91-01 and excluded in EORTC 24654 trial
- ❖ Influence on outcome: controversial



MacKenzie et al – IJROBP 1998

Ang KK – The Oncologist 2010



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Swallowing dysfunction in head and neck cancer patients treated by radiotherapy: Review and recommendations of the supportive task group of the Italian Association of Radiation Oncology

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Pre-treatment rate: 11-53%

Post-treatment rate: 11-62%

Authors	Year	Pts	Anatomical site	Stage	Aspiration at diagnosis [silent]	After [silent]*
Stenson et al. ⁶¹	2000	79	Oral cavity Oropharynx Larynx	III-IV	43% (34/78) [†]	
Wu et al. ¹¹⁸	2000	31	Nasopharynx	Dysphagia		(93.5% (29/31)) [41.9% (13/31)] [22% (11/49)]
Hughes et al. ¹⁷⁹ Rosen et al. ¹⁷⁴	2000 2001	49 27	Nasopharynx Oral cavity Oropharynx Larynx Hypopharynx	Treated pts III-IV	43% (11/27) [18.5% (5/27)]	
Einbruch et al. ²⁴	2002	22	Not specified	Non resectable	14% (3/22) [9% (2/22)]	62% (8/13) [38% (5/13)] [26% (5/19)] [26% (5/19)]
Camara-de Angelis et al. ¹⁷⁰	2003	19	Larynx Hypopharynx	II-IV		26% (5/19) [26% (5/19)]
Graver et al. ¹⁷⁶	2003	11	Oropharynx Larynx Hypopharynx	III-IV	18% (2/11)	54% (6/11)
Smith et al. ¹⁷⁷	2004	29	Oropharynx Hypopharynx	III-IV	n.r.	81% (13/16 → 74 Gy) 11% (1/9 → 60 Gy)
Kotz et al. ¹⁷⁸	2004	12	Oral cavity Oropharynx Larynx Unknown	III-IV	0%	41% (5/12)
Nguyen et al. ¹⁷⁹	2006	63	All [†]	II-IV	17% (10/62) [†]	59% (37/63)
Langerman et al. ³⁶	2007	130	All [†] and unknown	II-IV	53% (33/62) (15% frank ^{††})	62% (81/130) (23.1% frank aspiration)
van der Molen et al. ²	2009	55	All [†]	III-IV	18% (10/55) [13% (7/55)]	
Dixit et al. ¹⁷	2009	53	All [†]	III-IV	32.1% (17/53)	26.4% (14/53)
Feng et al. ¹⁸⁰	2010	73	Oropharynx	III-IV	11% (8/73)	26% (18/73) [60% (12/18)]

Russi EG et al; Cancer Treat Rev 2013

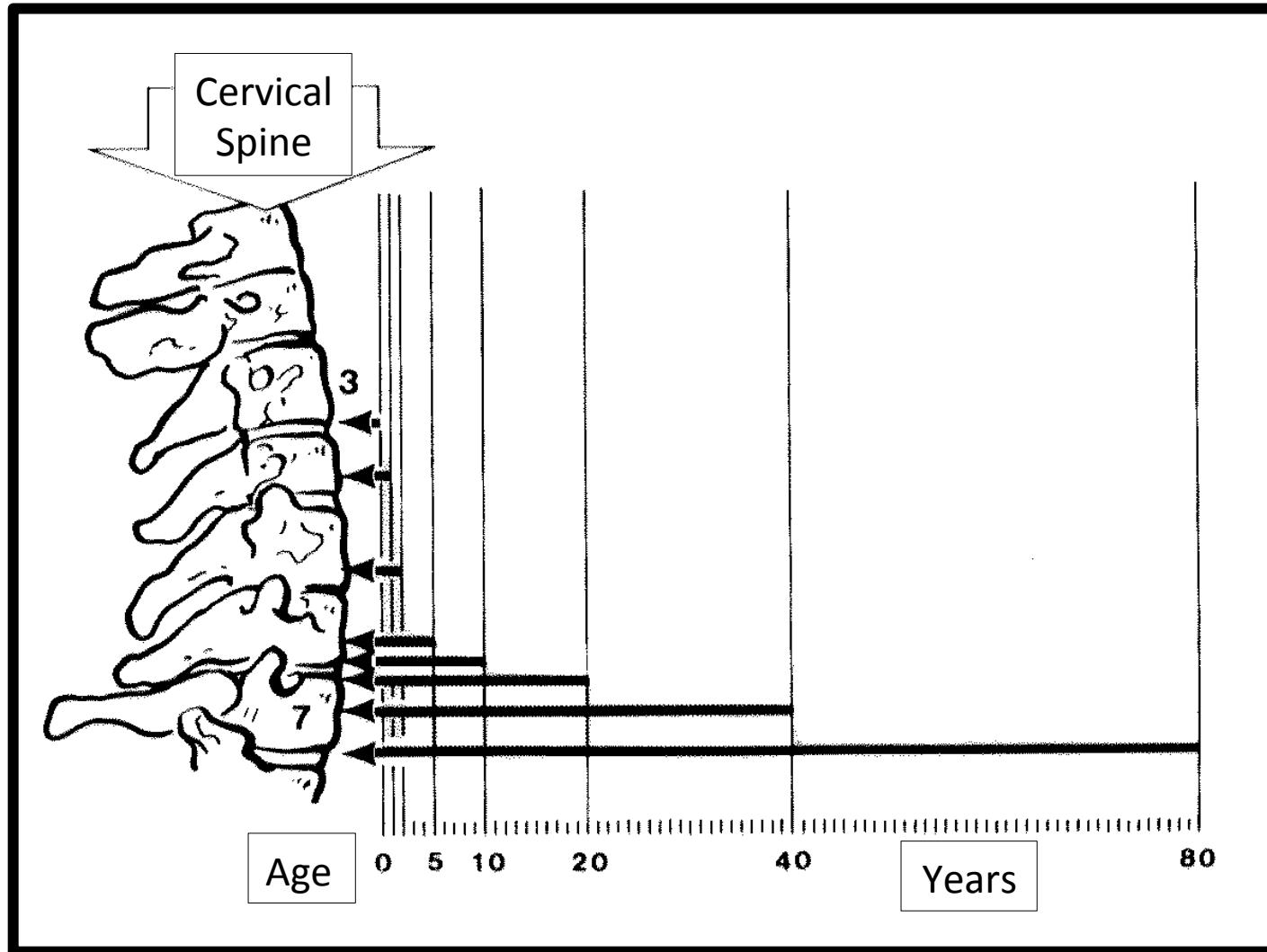
Age

Is age > 70 an exclusion criteria:

- **MACH-CH meta-analysis: pts > 70 yrs did not benefit from addition of CT**
- **Potential worse tolerance to treatment**
- **Less functional larynx**

Ang KK; The Oncologist 2010

Presbiphagia



Baseline assessment

Swallowing function

- **Modified barium swallowing**
- **Penetration aspiration scale**
- **Oropharyngeal swallow efficiency**

Voice quality

- **Voice Handicap Index-10 (VHI-10)**
- **Voice-related QoL**

Ang KK; The Oncologist 2010



Endpoints definition

Study	Primary End Point	Secondary End Points
VALCSG [5]	LP	OS Tumor response Patterns of relapse
EORTC 24891 [7]	LP	OS Survival with functional larynx cancer related death PFS LP
GETTEC [14]	OS PFS	LFS laryngeal function preservation (speech and swallowing) OS DFS, laryngoesophageal dysfunction-free survival + PFS
RTOG 91-11 [8] GORTEC [12]	LP LP	
EORTC 24954 [50]	Survival with functional larynx. Larynx in place, without tumor, tracheotomy or feeding tube	
TREMPUN [17]	LP	Larynx function preservation, OS feasibility of salvage surgery tolerance to treatment

Denaro et al, R&O 2014



Primary endpoints definition

Larinx in place

Without capturing other data: Tracheotomy? Feeding tube?

LPR (3y) Gortec 2000-01

Larinx in place, and death from local progression

Lefebvre 1996 EORTC 24891

Survival with a functional larynx

Survival is included in the primary endpoint (few studies)

EORTC 24954 (Lefebvre 2009)



Primary endpoint



**Laryngo-Esophageal Dysfunction (LED)-
free survival (includes death, local
relapse, total or partial laryngectomy,
tracheotomy at 2 years, or feeding tube at
2 years)**

Lefebvre JL et al, IJROBP 2009



Improving ICT

TPF is the standard of ICT for larynx preservation but

- no impact on survival (over PF)
- selection of pts (all are not offered RT)
- acute toxicity

How to improve efficacy (survival, response rate):

- more cycles of TPF?
- TPF+Erbitux instead of TPF?

How to decrease toxicity:

- TPErbitux instead of TPF?
- supportive care?



Improving CRT:

RT + 3 cycles of CDDP is the standard of CRT for larynx preservation but

- no impact on survival (over ICT)
- acute toxicity
- late toxicity

How to improve efficacy (survival, response rate):

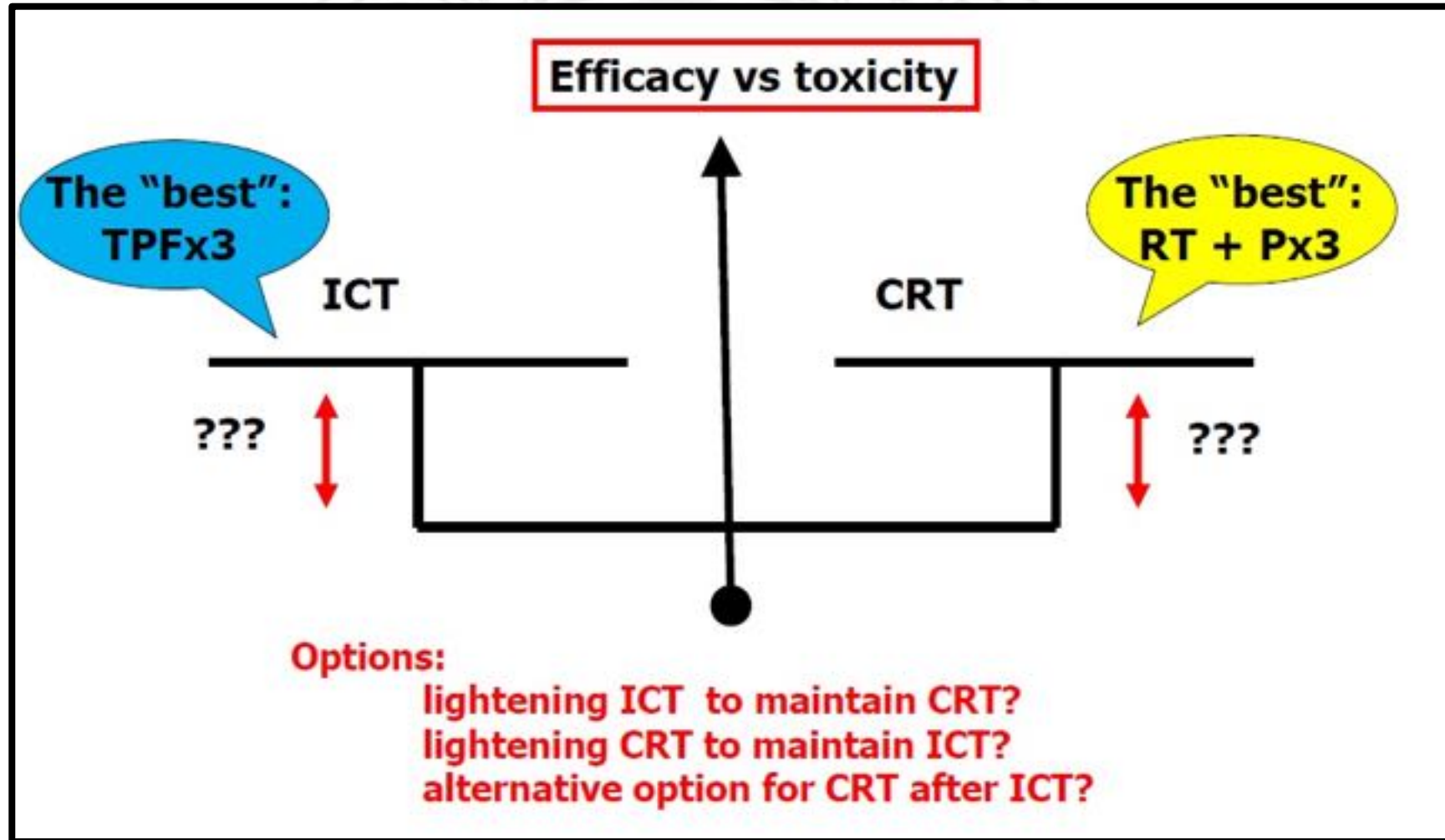
- RT + CDDP + Erbitux

How to decrease toxicity:

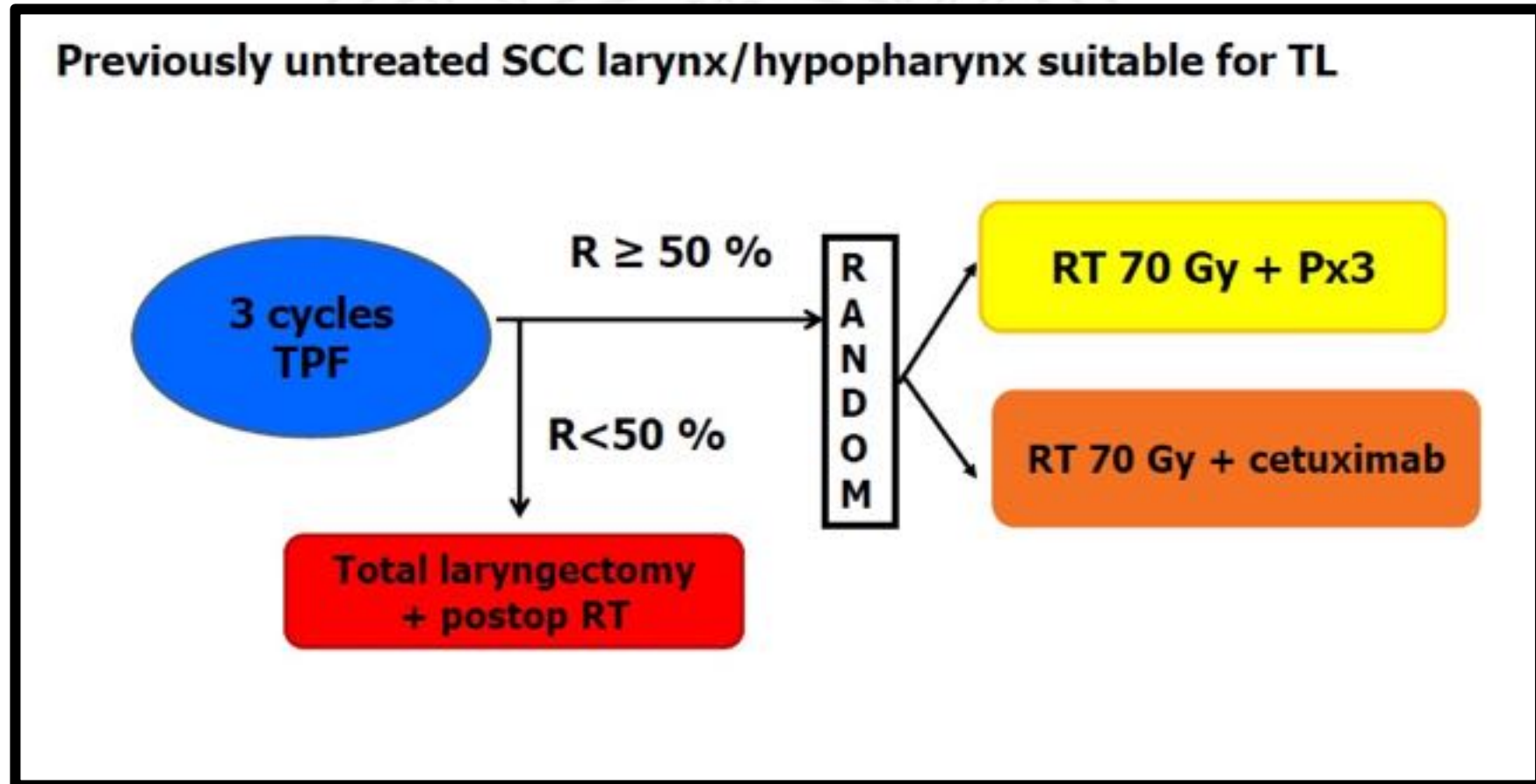
- weekly CDDP?
- carboP instead of CDDP?
- Erbitux instead of CDDP?
- alternating CRT with E?
- supportive care?
- new RT techniques



Sequencing ICT and CT-RT: which option?



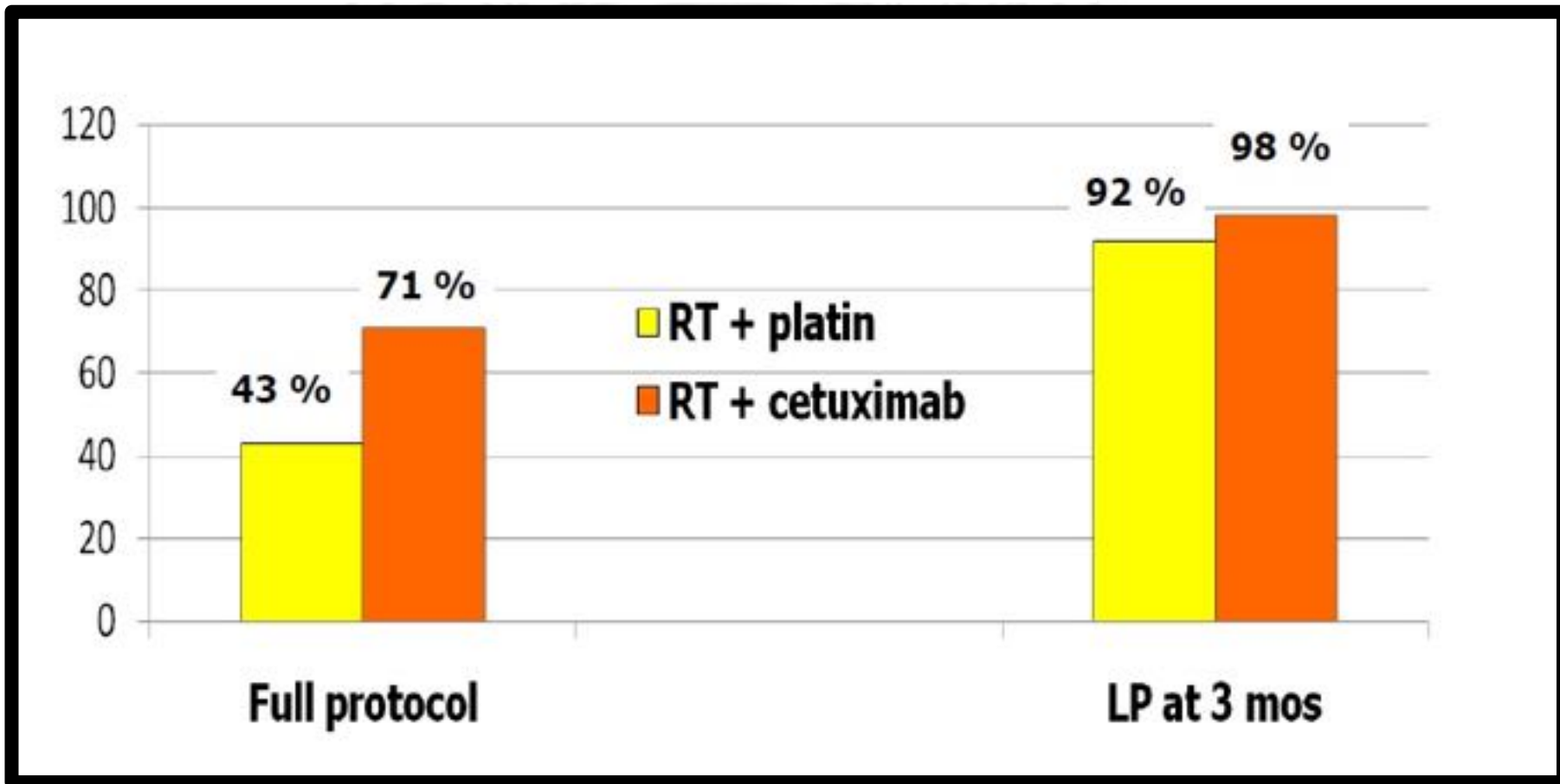
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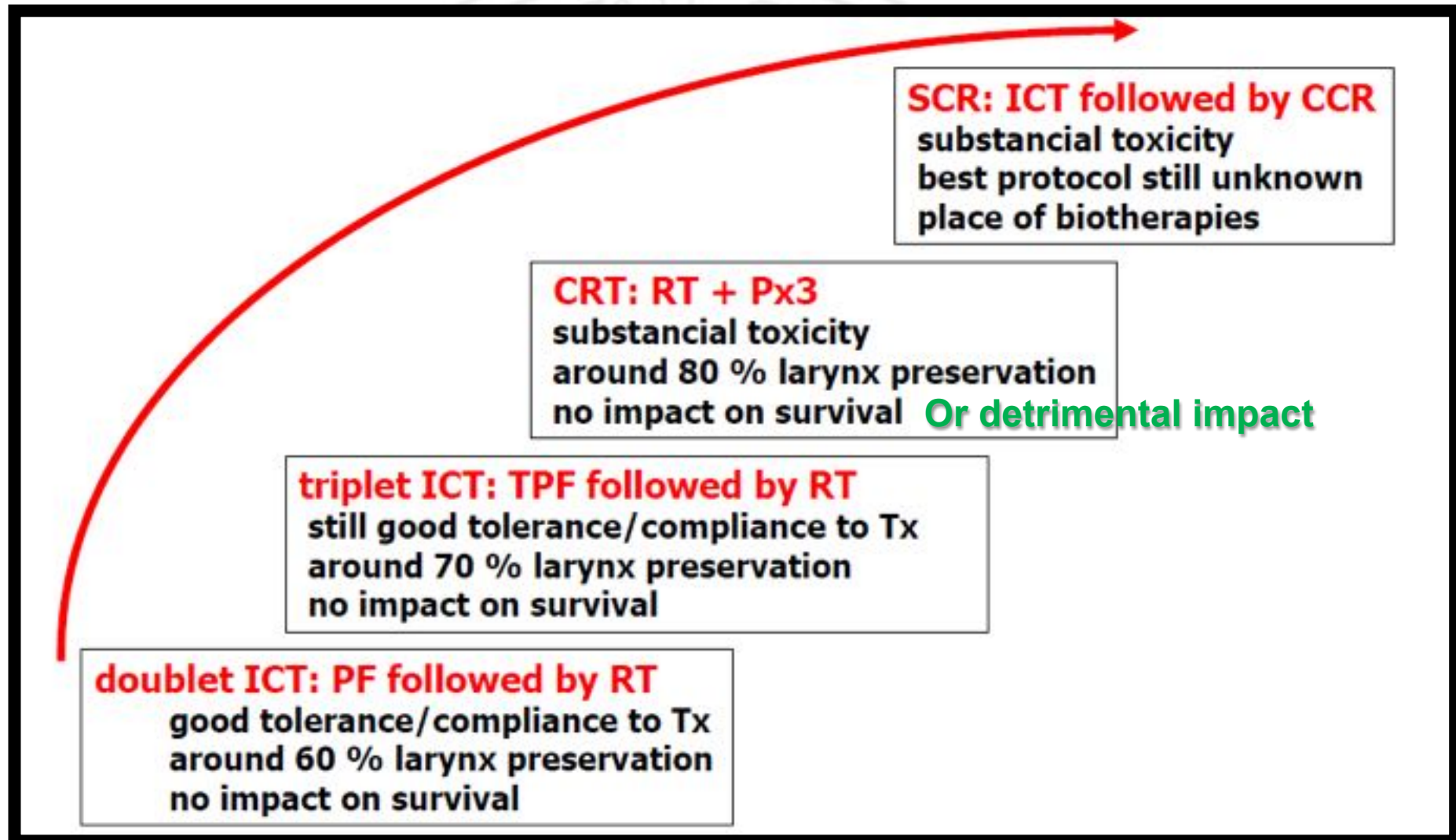
GORTEC-GETTEC randomized phase II trial: **TREMP LIN**

- 1) Primary endpoint at 3 months after treatment**
 - larynx preservation → no significant difference
- 2) Secondary endpoints at 18 months after treatment:**
 - Larynx function preservation → no significant difference
 - Overall survival → no significant difference
 - Acute toxicity compromising the treatment and late toxicity → more common in the cisplatin arm
 - Local control and salvage surgery
 - trend for fewer local failures in the cisplatin arm
 - successful salvage only in the cetuximab arm
 - no significant difference for ultimate local control

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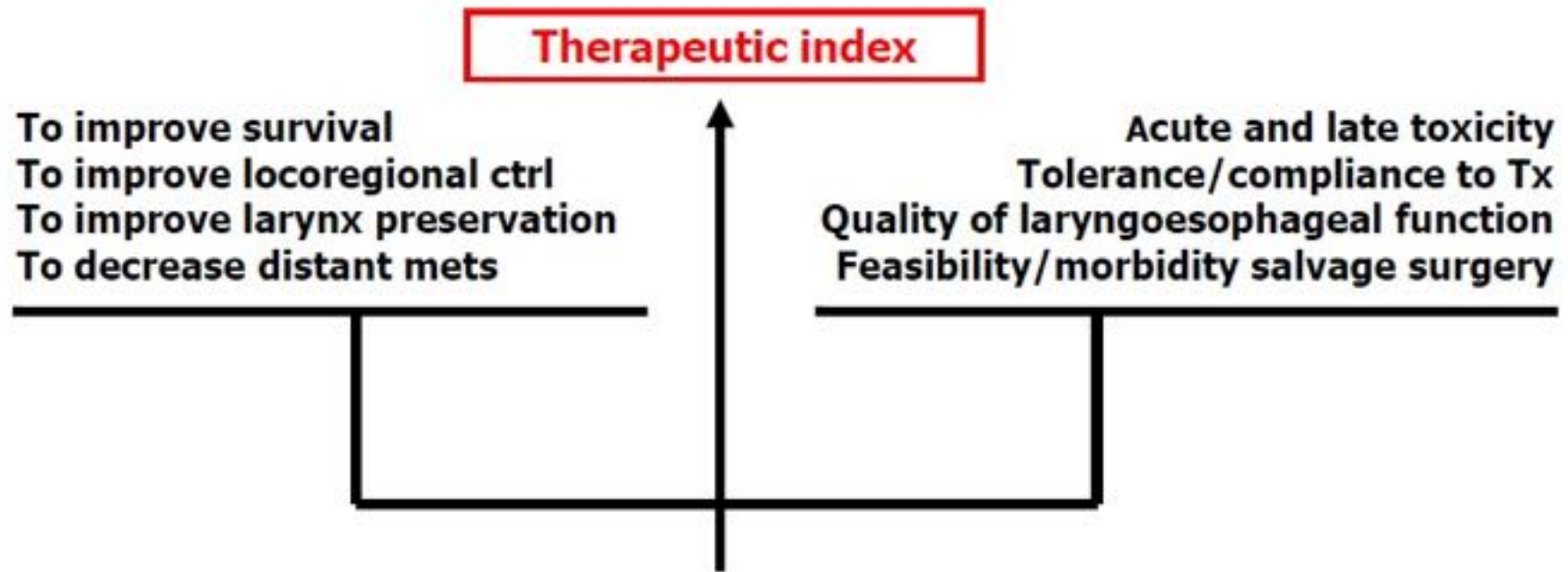
Larynx preservation trend



Courtesy JL Lefebvre ESTRO Multidisciplinary Teaching Course H&N Cancer – Cordoba 2012



- Survival remains rather disappointing:
5-yr OS = 45-55 % according to primary site
- Larynx preservation up to 80 %, but larynx function not always clearly reported



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LAHNC: larynx and hypopharynx

Due to the complexity and the multiplicity of clinical situations in the daily practice, asserting that there is only one golden standard of treatment for advanced larynx/hypopharynx SCC is meaningless.

There is a panel of therapeutic options:

- surgery ± PORT or POCRT
- CRT
- ICT* followed by RT

- RT ± altered fractionation
- RT + biotherapy**

- **clinical trials (sequential approaches)**

* TPF > PF ** Cetuximab



Multidisciplinary Team Approach



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Mario Schifano – Indicazione - 1963

