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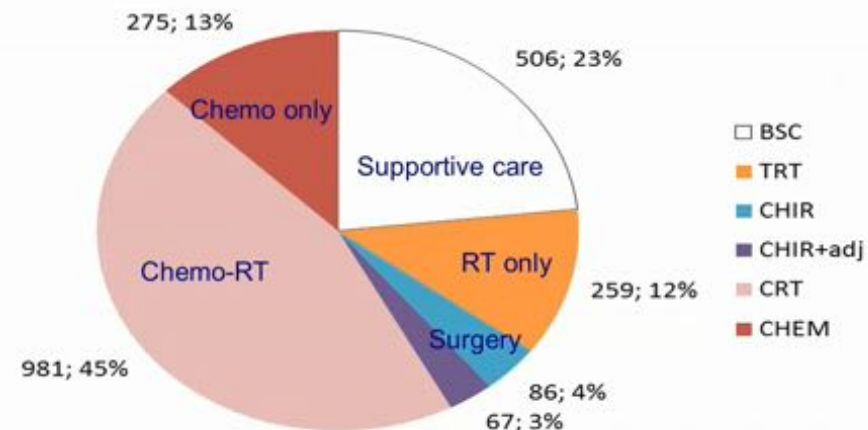
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Population Patterns of Care

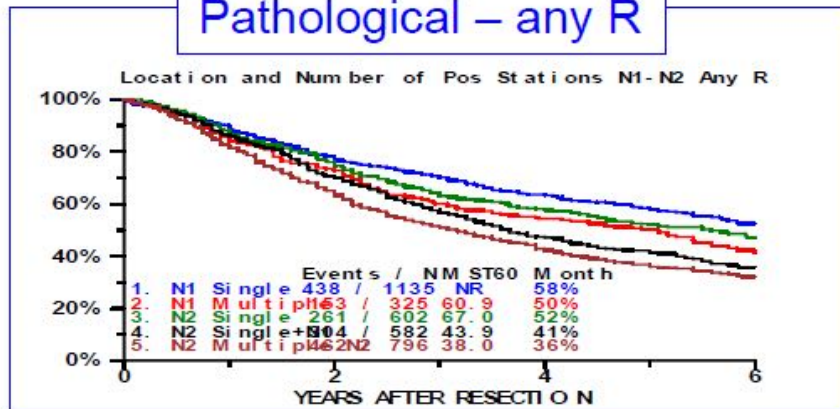
NSCLC, Stage III, 2012 - Netherlands Cancer Registry



- Stage II includes very different clinical entity
- The mainstay of treatment stays surgery...
but :
 - 30 - 60 % of LRR
 - 20 - 35% 5 years OS



Pathological – any R



- N1 Single = N1a
- N1 Multiple = N1b
- N2 Single N2 (“skip mets”) = N2a1
- N2 Single N2 + N1 = N2a2
- N2 Multiple N2 = N2b

N1a vs N1b vs N2a1 vs N2a2 vs N2b Comparisons
 Adjusted for Histology (adeno vs others), Sex, Age 60+ , **R0 Resection**, and Region.
 (Cox PH regression on All cases)

comparison	HR	P
N1b vs N1a	1.38	0.0005
N2a1 (skip) vs N1b	0.92	0.4331
N2a2 vs N2a1 (skip)	1.37	0.0002
N2b vs N2a2	1.21	0.0117
N2a2 vs N1b	1.26	0.0197





Recommendations

- To keep the present descriptors as they are
- To propose new descriptors for prospective testing:
 - pN1a: involvement of single pN1 nodal station
 - pN1b: involvement of multiple pN1 nodal stations
 - pN2a1: involvement of single pN2 nodal station without pN1 (skip pN2)
 - pN2a2: involvement of single pN2 nodal station with pN1
 - pN2b: involvement of multiple pN2 nodal stations

Asamura H et al.
JTO 2015; in press.





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Robinson Classification

Subtypes III A N2

Subtypes	Description
III A1	Incidental nodal metastases found on pathological examination of the resection specimen
III A2	Nodal (single station) metastases recognized intraoperatively
III A3	Nodal metastases (single or multiple station) recognized by prethoracotomy staging (mediastinoscopy, other nodal biopsy, or PET scan)
III A4	Bulky or fixed multistation N2 disease

Robinson et al. (Chest 2003; 123:2025-2325)



Prognostic Factors

Good Prognosis	Bad Prognosis
Single station	Multiple stations
Single lymph node	Multiples lymph nodes
Microscopic Invasion	Extracapsular Extension
Station 5 or 6	Station 4L or 9
Little T volume	Bulky Disease
	Mediastinic Invasion
	« Skip Metastasis »

Kassis et al. Thoracic Surg Clin 18 (2008) 333-337



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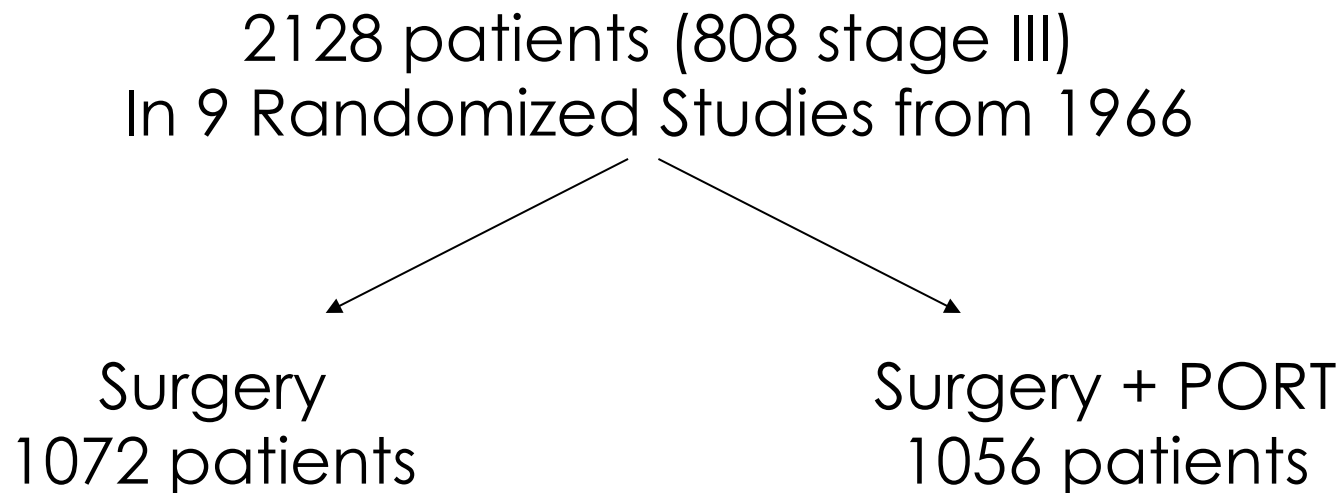
- ▶ **1a** Evidence obtained from meta-analyses of randomized trials
Phases III randomized, meta-analyses
- ▶ **1b** Evidence obtained from at least one randomized trial
- ▶ **2a** Evidence obtained from one well controlled study without randomization
Phases II, pilot studies
- ▶ **2b** Evidence obtained from at least one other type of well designed experimental study
- ▶ **3** Evidence obtained from well designed non-experimental studies, e.g. retrospective studies, correlative studies or case-reports
Retrospective studies
- ▶ **4** Opinion by experts, consensus conferences etc.
Opinion



Articles

**Postoperative radiotherapy in non-small-cell lung cancer:
systematic review and meta-analysis of individual patient data
from nine randomised controlled trials**

*PORT Meta-analysis Trialists Group**





Trial	Recruitment	Patients	Disease stage
Belgium ¹⁰	1966–77	202*	I,II,III
LCSG 773 ¹¹	1978–85	230	II,III
CAMS ¹²	1981–95	317	II,III
Lille ¹³	1985–91	163	I
EORTC 08861	1986–90	106	II,III
MRC LU11 ¹⁴	1986–93	308	II,III
GETCB 04CB86	1986–94	189	I,II,III
Slovenia ¹⁵	1988–92	74	III
GETCB 05CB88	1988–94	539	I,II,III

LSCG=Lung Cancer Study Group, CAMS=Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, EORTC=European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, MRC=Medical Research Council, GETCB=Groupe d'Etude et de Traitement des Cancers Bronchiques. All trials used TNM staging, except Belgium,¹⁰ which used AJC.

*20 patients with small-cell lung cancer excluded.

Table 2: Characteristics of trials in PORT meta-analysis



Trial	Radiotherapy dose				Prescription technique	Machine used	Average field size (cm)	Clinical target volume	Technique
	Total dose (Gy)	Fractions	Duration (weeks)	Gy/day					
Belgium ¹⁰	60	30	6	2	Isodose 90%	Co60	15x9	Bronchial stump, hilum, mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF
LCSG 773 ¹¹	50	25-0-27-5	5-0-5-5	1-8-2-0	Central axis, at midplane	Co60 & linac	*	Bronchial stump, hilum, mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF
CAMS ¹²	60	30	6	2	At midplane	Co60 & linac	6x12	Hilum, mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF
Lille ¹³	45-60	22-5-30-0	6	2	Isodose 90%	Co60 & linac	12x12	Hilum, upper mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF
EORTC 08861	56	28	5-5	2	Central axis, at midplane	linac	15x10	Hilum, mediastinum	Composite plans
MRC LU11 ¹⁴	40	15	3	2-6	Central axis, at midplane	Co60 & linac	*	Hilum, mediastinum, supraclavicular fossae†	SCB,OF,LF
GETCB 04CB86	60	24-30	6	2-0-2-5	Isocentre	Co60 & linac	*	Bronchial stump, hilum, mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF
Slovenia ¹⁵	30	10-12	2	2-5-3-0	Central axis, at midplane	linac	9x12	Hilum, mediastinum	OF,LF
GETCB 05CB88	60	24-30	6	2-0-2-5	Isocentre	Co60 & linac	*	Bronchial stump, hilum, mediastinum	SCB,OF,LF

SCB = spinal cord blocks; OF = oblique fields; LF = lateral fields; linac=linear accelerator; Co60=cobalt-60.

Only one trial (EORTC 08861) used computed tomography for planning, and two trials (EORTC 08861 and Lille) used lung-factor corrections.

*Information not available; †For upper lobe tumours.

Table 3: **Details of radiotherapy**



OS

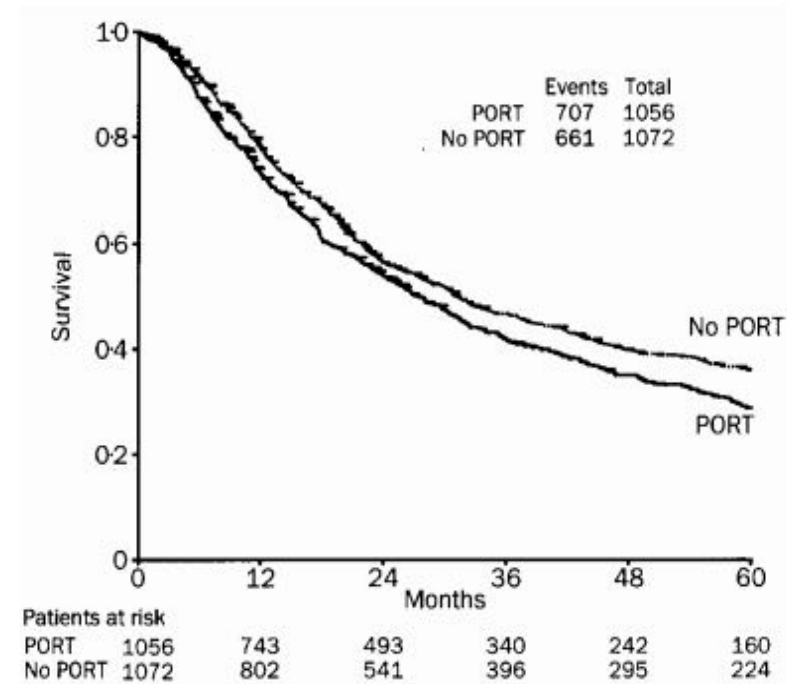
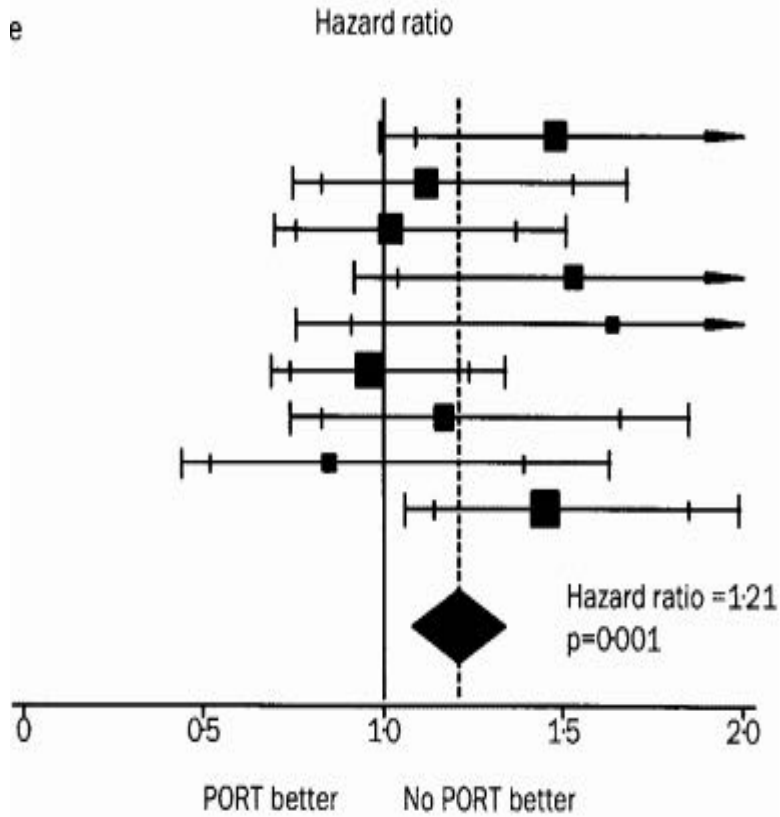


Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier curve for survival



Recurrence-Free Survival

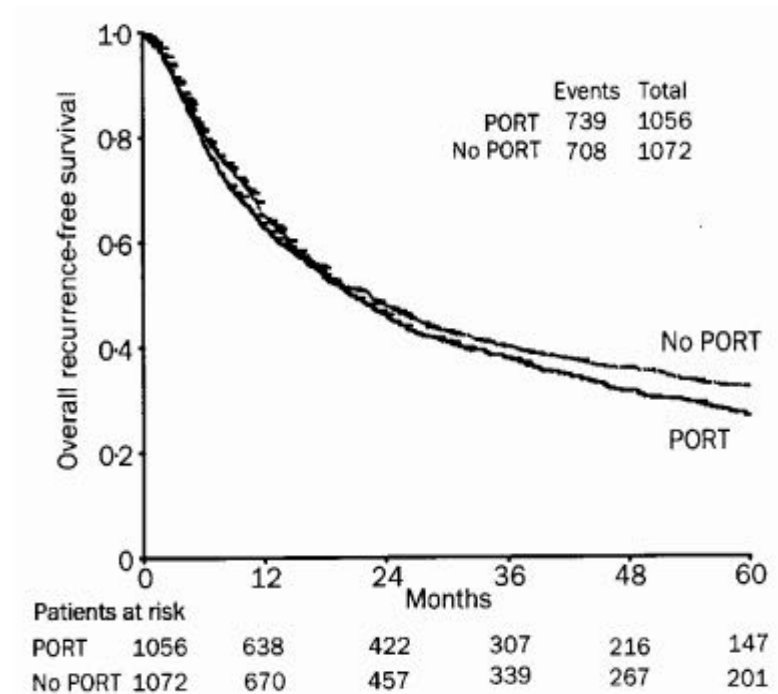
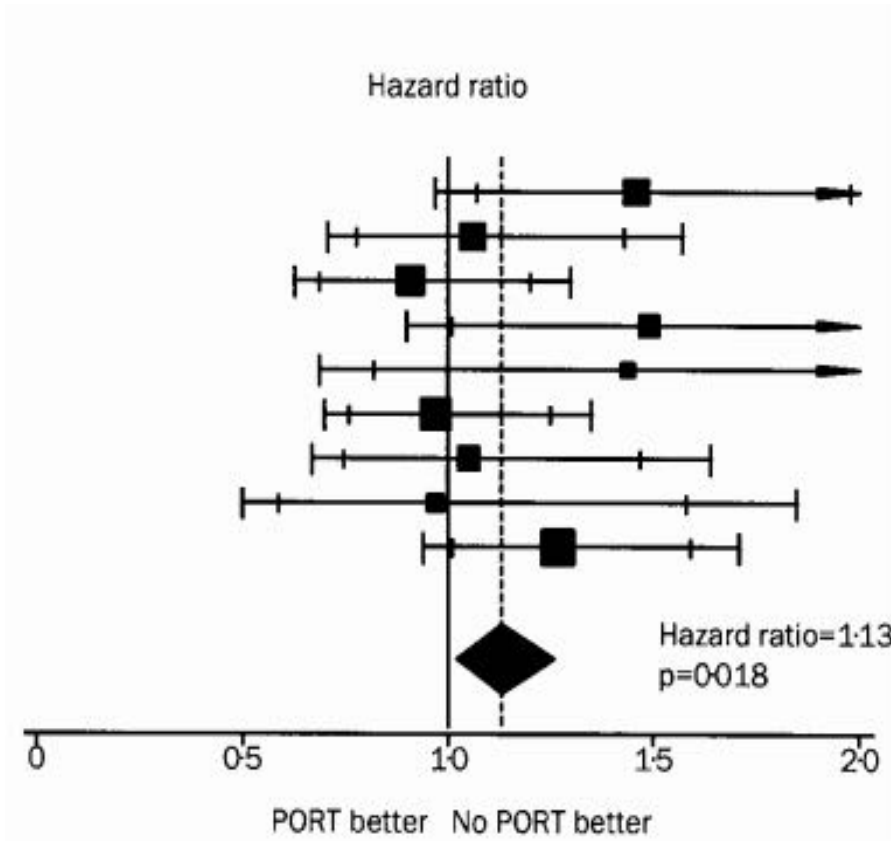


Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier curve for recurrence-free survival



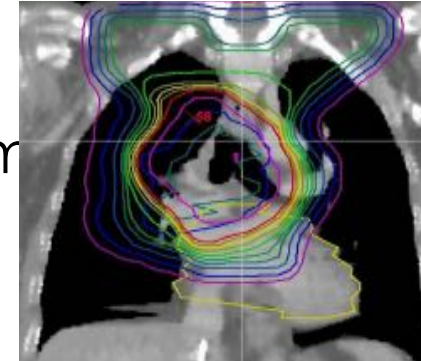
Critical Points:

- 3 decades period (from 1966)
- Selection criteria (heterogeneity):
 - Histology
 - Tumor extent : from T1N0 to T4N2
 - Wide range of surgical procedures
- Definitions of complete resection
- Techniques
- FUP procedures
- Variation between trials of local failure definition

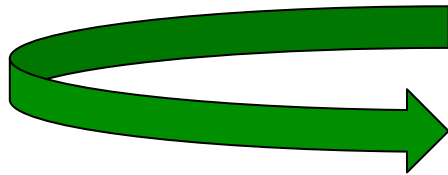


Radiotherapy Techniques

- Large Volumes (especially after pneumectomy)
- Large fractions size > 2 Gy
- Low shielding to lung and heart
- Use of Cobalt 60
- No CT based Treatment Planning
- Total dose as low as 30 Gy, as high as 60 Gy



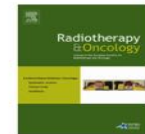
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11 randomized phase III trials (2387 patients) available for OS data

1: cobalt therapy

6: cobalt + Linac RT

4: Linac RT

8 randomized phase III trials (1677 patients) available for LR data

3: Linac RT

STAGE III



- OS increased only when PORT was administered with linear accelerators.
- With LINAC based PORT LR can be reduced from 30% to 10%
- This study generates the hypothesis that modern PORT can increase both LRR and OS in stage III A N2 NSCLC even in patients treated with surgery and chemotherapy.



STAGE IIIA N2
only LINAC

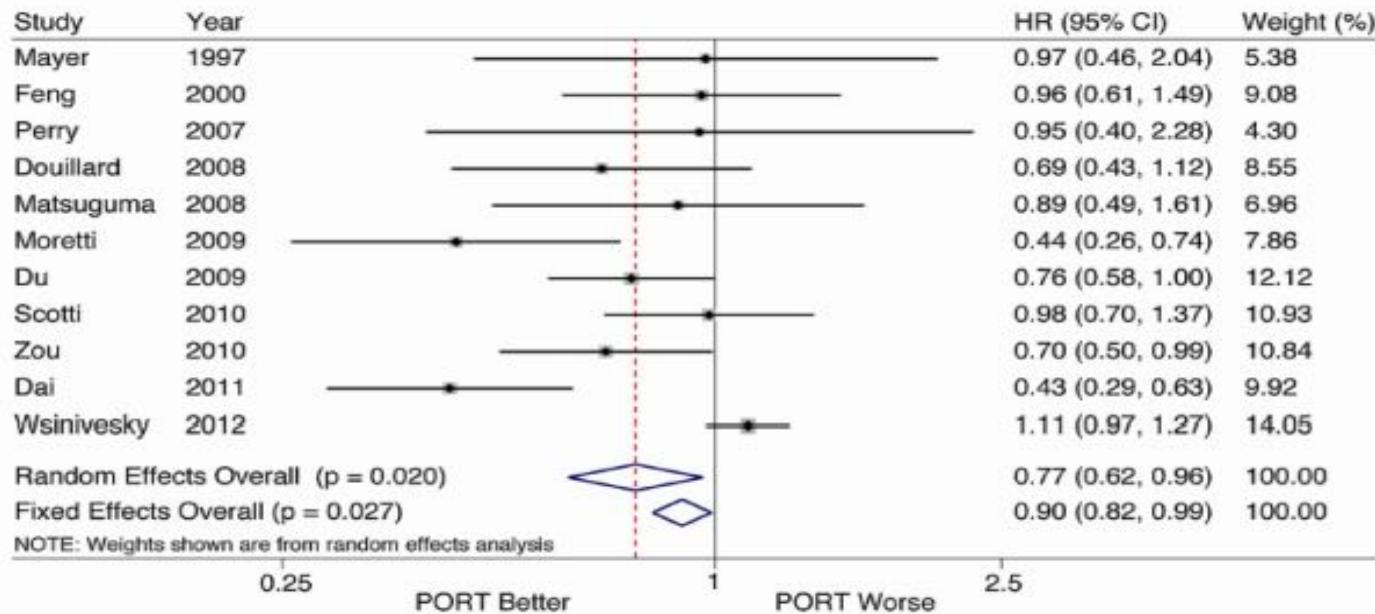
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8 retrospective
series

Fig. 1. Meta-analysis of OS outcomes of included studies.



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**STAGE IIIA N2
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**8 retrospective
series**

- SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION in LRFS
HR:0,51 p< 0,01
- DFS available in only 5 of 11 series
- Acceptable toxicity



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CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

Lung

**IMPACT OF POSTOPERATIVE RADIATION THERAPY ON SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS
WITH COMPLETE RESECTION AND STAGE I, II, OR IIIA NON-SMALL-CELL
LUNG CANCER TREATED WITH ADJUVANT CHEMOTHERAPY:
THE ADJUVANT NAVELBINE INTERNATIONAL TRIALIST ASSOCIATION
(ANITA) RANDOMIZED TRIAL**

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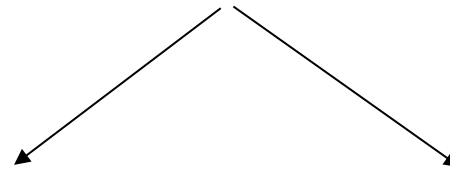
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No RANDOMIZATION FOR RT



ANITA-trial

Resection



Observation

Chemotherapy

Nav 30 mg/mq weekly
CDDP: 100 mg/mq 3 weeks
4 cycles

RT was upon center
choice



Table 3. ANITA trial results: Percentage of patients with 5-year survival, according to treatment received by nodal status

Treatment group	pN0	pN1	pN2
Observation (%)	62.3	31.4	16.6
Observation + PORT (%)	43.8	42.6	21.3
Chemotherapy* (%)	59.7	56.3	34.0
Chemotherapy* + PORT (%)	44.4	40.0	47.4

Abbreviations: ANITA = Adjuvant Navelbine International Trialist Association.; PORT = postoperative radiation therapy.

* Chemotherapy consisted of vinorelbine + cisplatin.

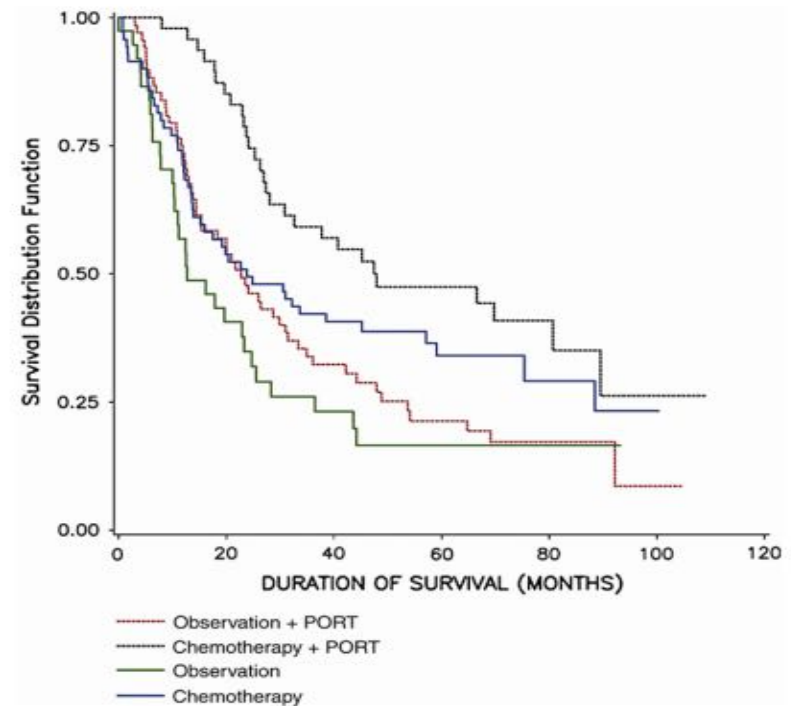


Fig. 3. Overall survival according to treatment received in the pN2 patients in the Adjuvant Navelbine International Trialist Association (ANITA) trial.

N2



PORT in N₂ Patients

N ₂	RADIOTHERAPY		NO RADIOTHERAPY	
	No CT	VRL+CDDP	No CT	VRL+CDDP
N=224				
Number of patients	68	48	38	70
MS, mos	22.7	47.4	12.7	23.8
1 year survival	73.5 %	97.9 %	56.8 %	71.2 %
2 year survival	47.6%	76.6%	34.8%	49.4 %
5 year survival	21.3%	47.4%	16.6%	34.0 %
% deaths	54 (79%)	28 (58 %)	30 (79%)	46 (66%)

Combined use of chemotherapy plus PORT increases the chance of survival by a factor of almost 3 in pN₂ patients compared with those treated with surgery alone



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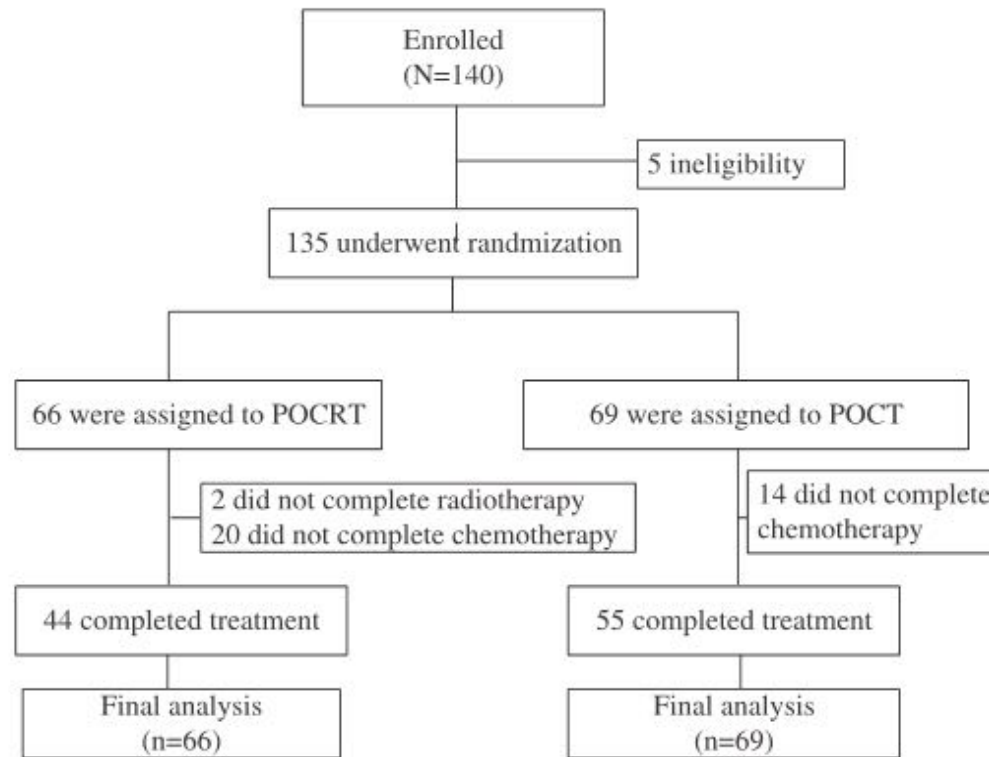


Fig. 1. Study enrollment. Of the 140 patients who underwent randomization, five were excluded, 66 were included in the POCRT group, and 69 in the POCT group for the final analysis.

Pts were stratified for:

- Hystology
- T dimension
- 1 vs ≥ 2 N2 nodes
- Loss of weight
- Nodal dissection vs nodal sampling
- Type of surgery



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Univariate analysis for OS:

- Weight loss (p=0,01)
- Early Tstage (p=0,01)
- Single pN2 (p=0,008)

Multivariate analysis for OS:

- Single vs ≥ 2 node

POCRT lower LR
(p=0,0069)

POCRT lower DM
(p=0,05)



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POCRT vs POCT
increases both LRC and DFS in patients
with stage III A N2 NSCLC.
Single pN2 involvement is related to OS
Further studies are requested
considering the small size of the sample



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Recent results in favor of PORT

PORT in N2 completely resected patients ??

- In favor of PORT....

- SEER or NC Data base Studies (Lally 2006; Robinson 2015 4483 pts ; Mikell 2015 2115 pts)

- 5-yr Survival in 1987 N2 pts 20% (Surg) vs 27% (S+PORT) (p=0,0077)
- 5-yr S^{al} in 4483 N2 pts 34,8% (S+CT) vs 39,3% (S+CT+PORT) (p=0,014)
- 5-yr S^{al} in 2115 N2 pts 34,7% (S+CT) vs 39,8% (S+CT+PORT) (p=0,021)



This cannot be considered robust evidence in favour of PORT

Lally JCO 2006; Mikell JTO 2015; Robinson JCO 2015

Courtesy of C. le Pecheu



Definitive and Adjuvant Radiotherapy in Locally Advanced Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer: American Society of Clinical Oncology Clinical Practice Guideline Endorsement of the American Society for Radiation Oncology Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guideline

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ABSTRACT

Purpose

The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) produced an evidence-based guideline on external-beam radiotherapy for patients with locally advanced non–small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Because of its relevance to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) membership, ASCO endorsed the guideline after applying a set of procedures and a policy that are used to critically examine and endorse guidelines developed by other guideline development organizations.

Methods

The ASTRO guideline was reviewed by ASCO content experts for clinical accuracy and by ASCO methodologists for developmental rigor. On favorable review, an ASCO expert panel was convened and endorsed the guideline. The ASCO guideline approval body, the Clinical Practice Guideline Committee, approved the final endorsement.

Results

The recommendations from the ASTRO guideline, published in *Practical Radiation Oncology*, are clear, thorough, and based on the most relevant scientific evidence. The ASCO Endorsement Panel endorsed the guideline and added qualifying statements.

Recommendations

For curative-intent treatment of locally advanced NSCLC, concurrent chemoradiotherapy improves local control and overall survival compared with sequential chemotherapy followed by radiation. The standard dose-fractionation of radiation is 60 Gy given in 2-Gy once-daily fractions over 6 weeks. There is no role for the routine use of induction therapy before chemoradiotherapy. Current data fail to support a clear role for consolidation therapy after chemoradiotherapy; however, consolidation therapy remains an option for patients who did not receive full systemic chemotherapy doses during radiotherapy. Important questions remain about the ideal concurrent chemotherapy regimen and optimal management of patients with resectable stage III disease.

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ASTRO Guidelines
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- PORT should be recommended in completely resected N2 patients to increase LRC, but should be administered sequentially or concomitant to chemotherapy
- PORT is recommended in incompletely resected patients sequentially or concomitant to chemotherapy

ASTRO Guidelines
Revised by ASCO



EXPERT OPINION

Adjuvant radiotherapy for resectable locally advanced non–small cell lung cancer: Benefit or harm?

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SURGEONS
point of view

- **Surgery alone** is clearly **not** an **acceptable** treatment strategy
- PORT metanalysis show a reduction of LRR without benefit in terms of OS: the lack of survival benefit is likely due to death from excessive early and late toxicity
- Positive impact of PORT on outcomes for patients with surgically resected pN2 is expected; but **await confirmatory trial data to change practice** for this difficult and controversial disease stage



**RT for
all N₂?**

3 Risk groups for local relapse

Regression-tree analysis

→ **1 N₂ station or more involved**

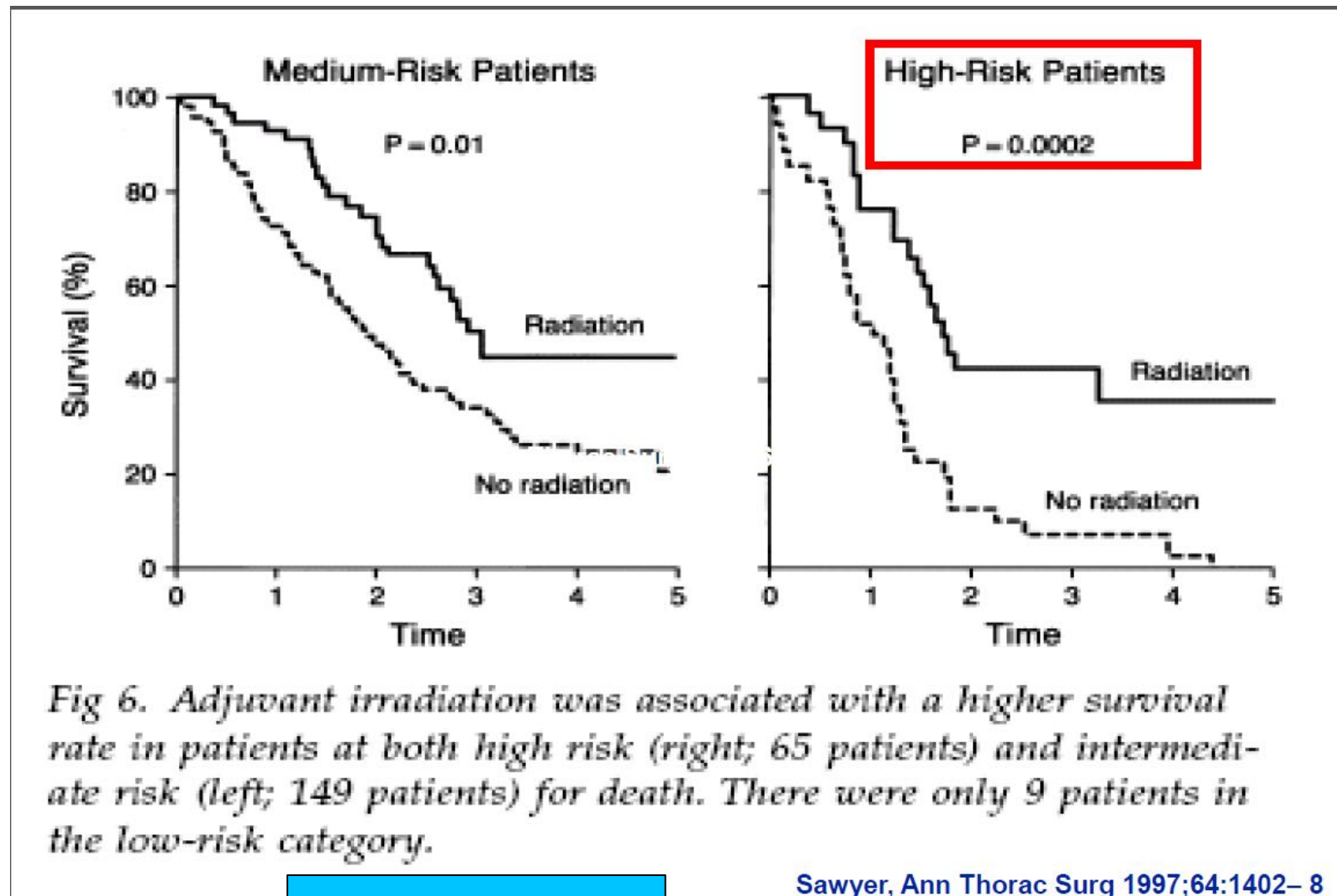
Retrospective review of 224 pts with N₂; 1987-1993, Mayo Clinic

→ **Survival rate according to the risk group
(>1 N₂ or 1 N₂)**

**SURGEONS
point of view**

**S₄ 37% vs 4% in high risk p = 0.0002
10 fold increase**

→ **The pts at highest risk benefited the most**
Identified prognostic categorization for resected N₂ pts



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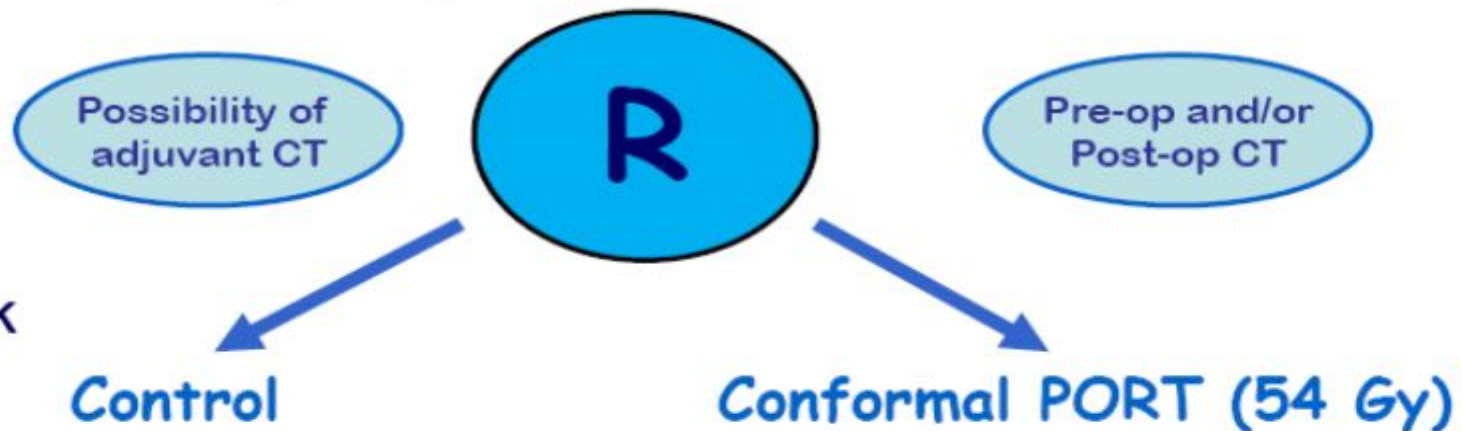
LUNG ART phase III Trial (IFCT O5O3-UK group-EORTC 22055-08053)

Trial registry: NCT00410683

**Completely resected NSCLC with mediastinal
histo or cytologically proven nodal involvement**



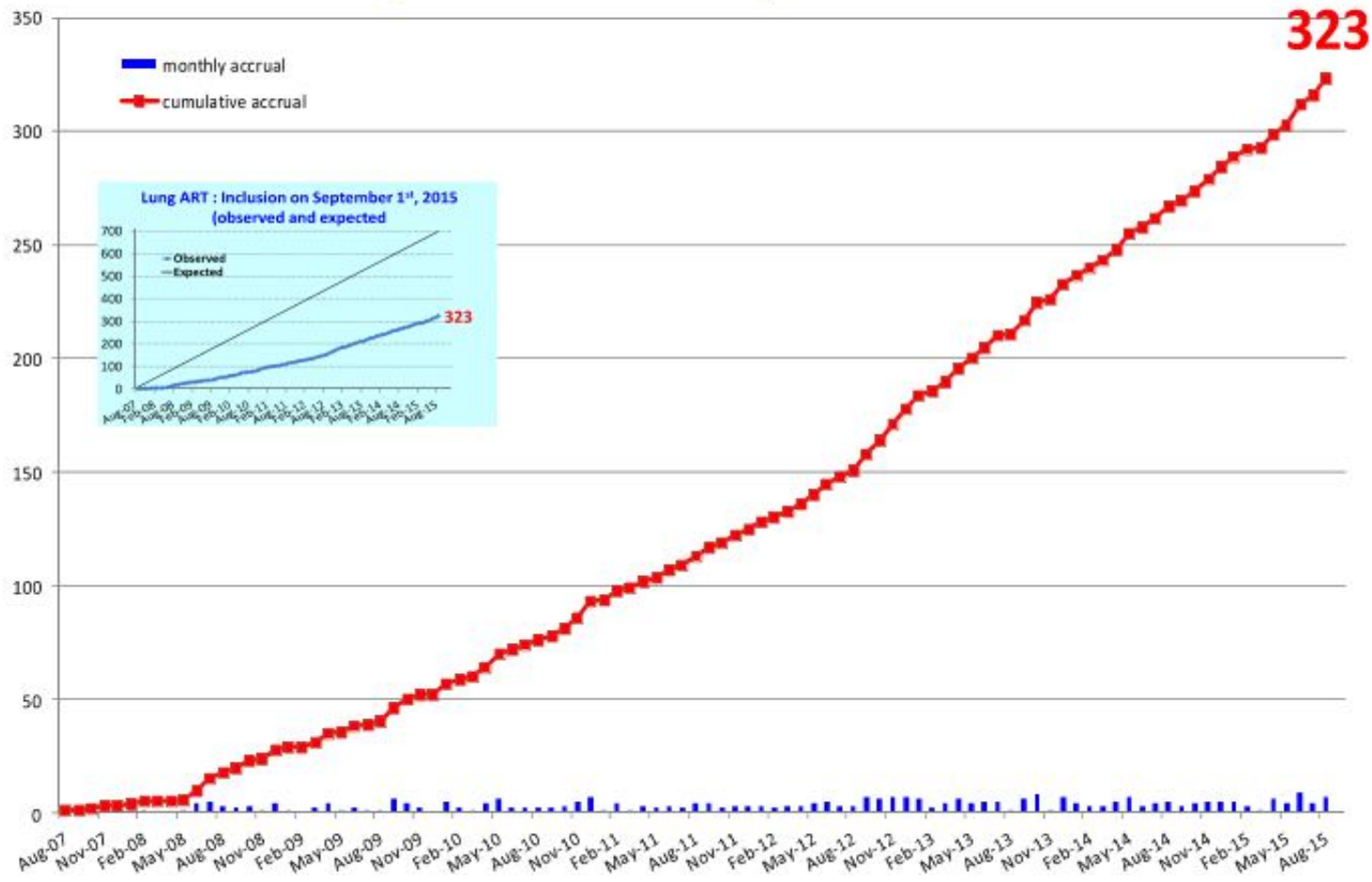
Lung ART UK



Main end-point : DFS, 700 pts needed to show a 10% difference
in DFS (from 30% to 40%)



Lung ART : Inclusion on September 1st, 2015



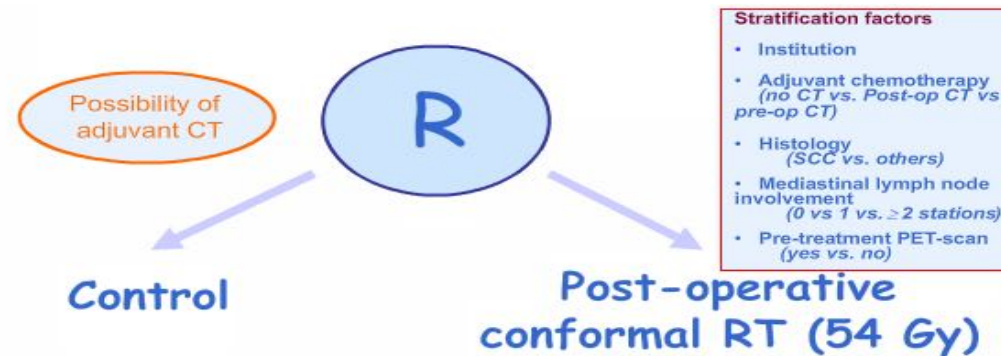


Slow Accrual

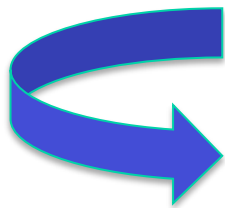
- Different pattern of care in stage III in last 10 years
- Staging
- Better Radiotherapy Techniques
- Different chemotherapy schedules



... Updates from Denver 2015



“Quality of resection in pathological N2 NSCLC in the Phase III Lung ART trial”



Emphasized the importance of an external committee to evaluate the SURGEON...

but not shown any outcome data

.....slow accrual



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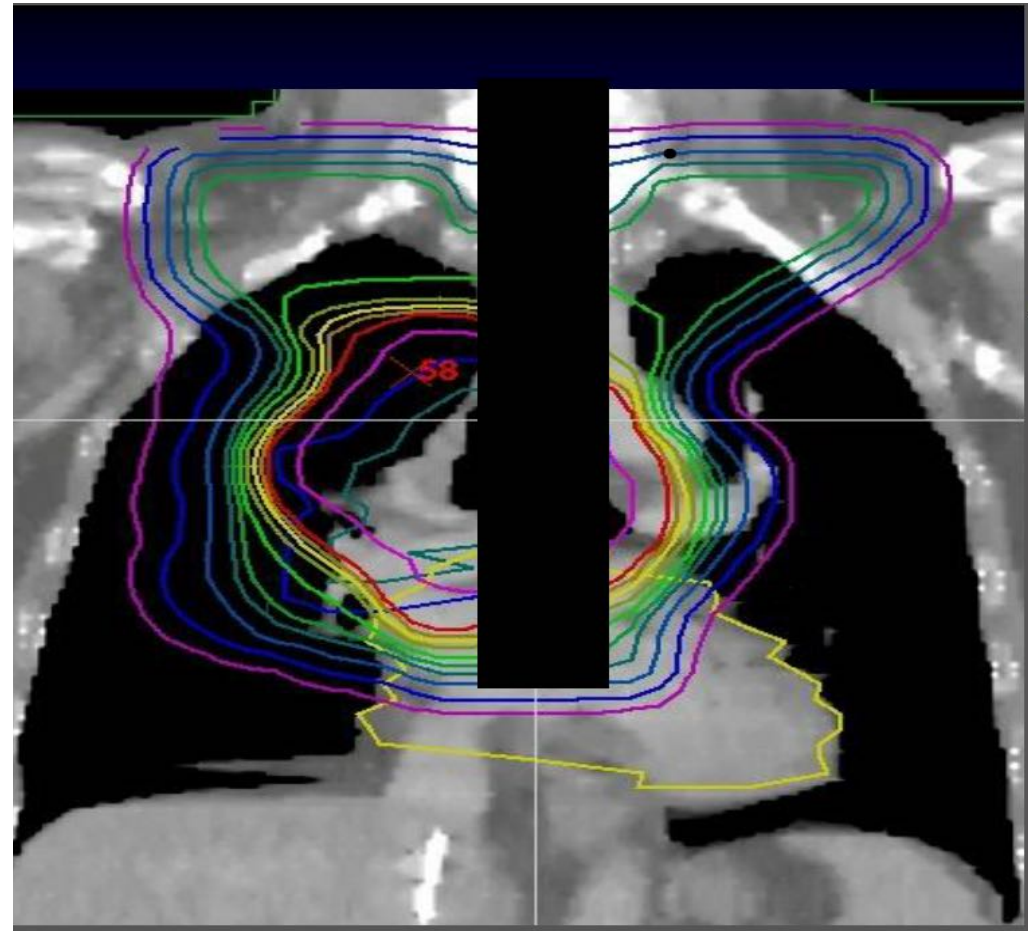
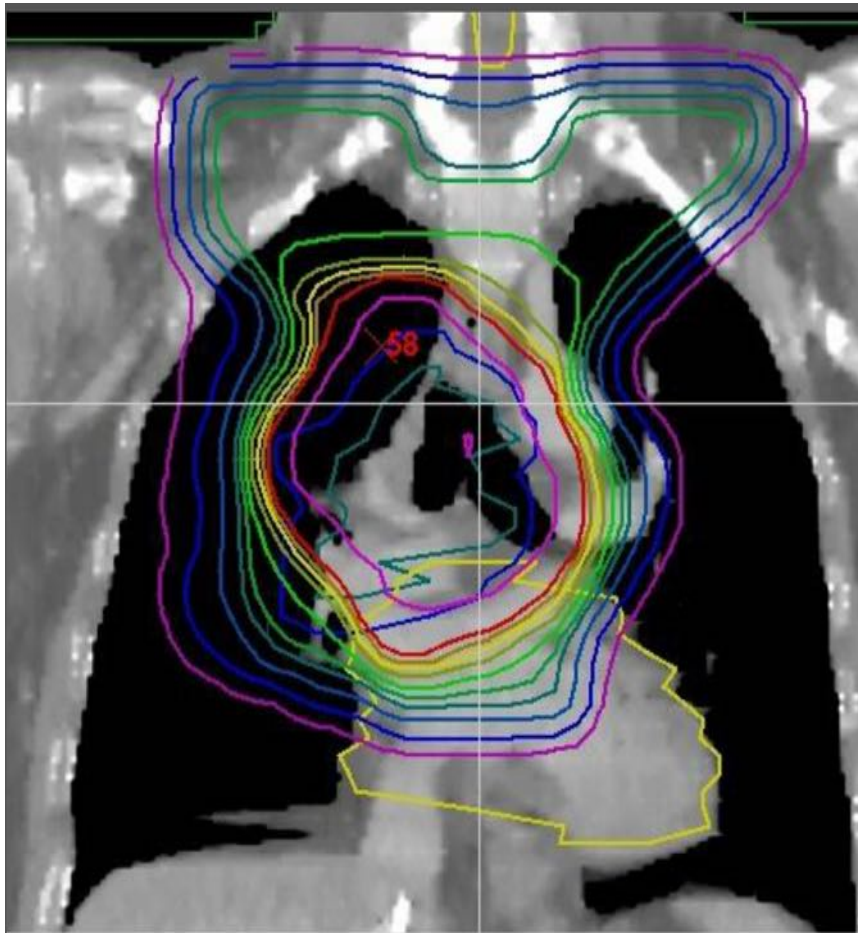
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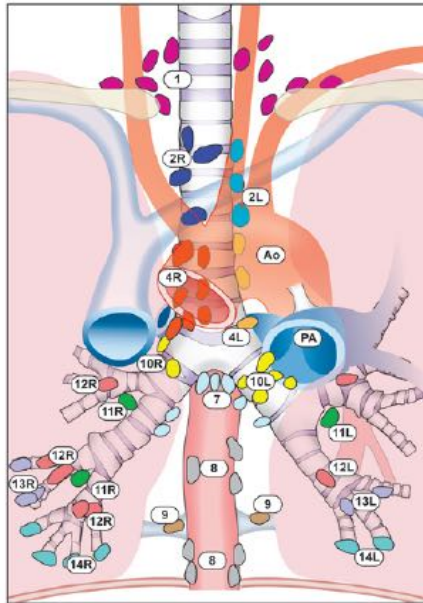
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Reconstructed volume of the era of «the» metanalysis



Supraclavicular zone

- 1 Low cervical, supraclavicular, and sternal notch nodes

Superior Mediastinal Nodes

Upper zone

- 2R Upper Paratracheal (right)
- 2L Upper Paratracheal (left)
- 3a Pre-vascular
- 3p Retrotracheal
- 4R Lower Paratracheal (right)
- 4L Lower Paratracheal (left)

Aortic Nodes

AP zone

- 5 Subaortic
- 6 Para-aortic (ascending aorta or phrenic)

Inferior Mediastinal Nodes

Subcarinal zone

- 7 Subcarinal

Lower zone

- 8 Paraesophageal (below carina)
- 9 Pulmonary ligament

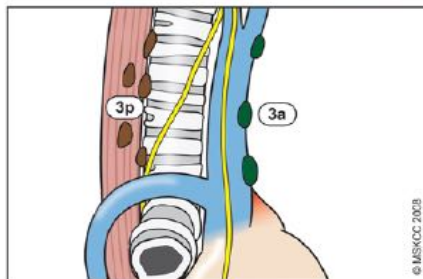
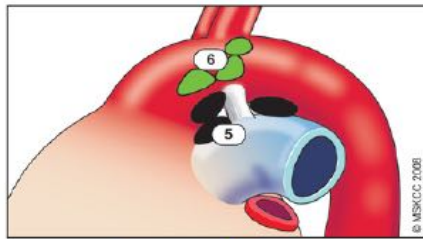
N₁ Nodes

Hilar/Interlobar zone

- 10 Hilar
- 11 Interlobar

Peripheral zone

- 12 Lobar
- 13 Segmental
- 14 Subsegmental



Several **CT based atlases** of mediastinal lymph nodes have been published, an excellent examples of which was published at the University of Michigan and delineates lymph nodes level 1-11

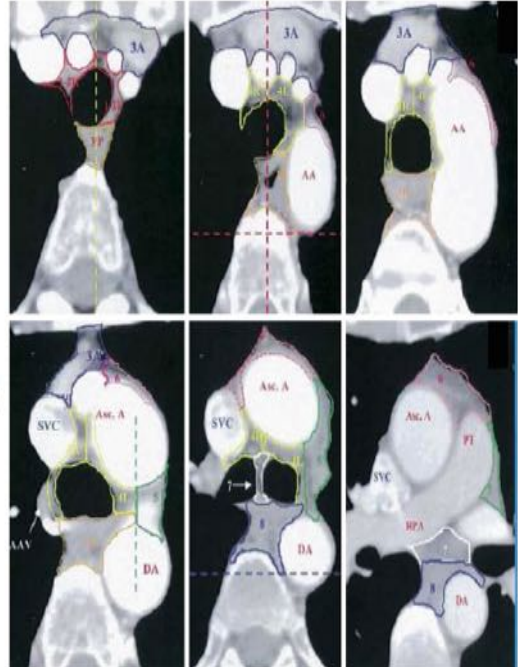
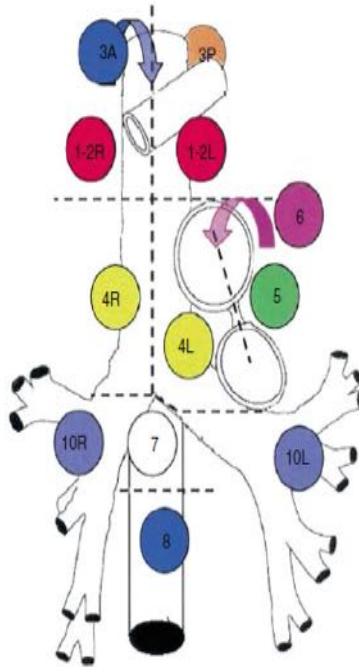


Fig.1 Mediastinal lymph node station atlas (taken from Chapet et al., 2005)



Surgically involved mediastinal nodes	LN stations to be included in the CTV
1-2R	1-2R, 4R, 7, 10R Maximal upper limit: 1 cm above sternal notch but homolateral subclavicular node station may be treated if needed Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina* (unless other nodes are involved)
1-2L	1-2L, 4L, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: 1 cm above the sternal notch but homolateral subclavicular node

Lung ART-IGR 2006/1202

8 (Left sided Tumour)	4L, 7, 8, 10L. Maximal upper limit: Top of aortic arch The maximal lower limit should be the gastro-oesophageal junction
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* (unless other nodes are involved)

Definition and **limits of nodal Areas** according to LUNG-ART protocol

	station may be treated if needed Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
3 (Right sided Tumour)	3, 4R, 7, 10R Maximal upper limit: 1 cm above the sternal notch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
3 (Left sided Tumour)	3, 4L, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: 1 cm above the sternal notch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
4R	4R, 7, 10R Maximal upper limit: sternal notch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*

4L	4L, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: sternal notch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
5	4L, 5, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: Top of aortic arch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
6	4L, 6, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: sternal notch Maximal lower limit: 4 cm below the carina*
7 (Right sided Tumour)	4R, 7, 10R. Maximal upper limit: Top of aortic arch Maximal lower limit: 5 cm below the carina*
7 (Left sided Tumour)	4L, 7, 10L Maximal upper limit: Top of aortic arch Maximal lower limit: 5 cm below the carina*
8 (Right Tumour)	4R, 7, 8, 10R. Maximal upper limit: Top of aortic arch The maximal lower limit should be the gastro-oesophageal junction



Definition of **rCTV-CTV-PTV** according to LUNG-ART protocol

rCTV (resected Clinical Tumor Volume): lymph nodes involved according to pathological report. Bronchial stump, homolateral hilar node region and eventual extension to mediastinal pleura

CTV (Clinical Target Volume): rCTV+1 cm.

CTV should not exceed maximal upper and lower limit (see tables). All nodes not included in non contiguous node station should be included in CTV.

PTV (Planning Target Volume): CTV+ 5 mm lateral, anterior and posterior. CTV + 10 mm superior and inferior



Definition of OAR constraints according to LUNG-ART protocol

Spinal Cord: maximal dose 45 Gy

Lungs: each lung should be contoured separately. V20 should be calculated as both lungs volumes minus PTV and should not exceed 31% after lobectomy and 22% after pneumonectomy

Oesophagus: should be contoured (outer muscular contour) from lower limit of larynx to gastro-oesophageal junction.
Mean and maximum oesophageal dose should be recorded.

Heart: dose to 30% of cardiac volume < 35 Gy



Target Volumes

- **Positive Margins or gross disease (R1 and R2 resections)**

The region of positive margins or gross disease. Clips may also be placed in the appropriate region. In the case of potential gross disease, postoperative imaging can assist in elucidating this region



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Controversial statements

**No specific trial on PORT after neo
adjuvant treatment in Literature...
...still waiting for LUNG ART results**



Impact of Adjuvant Treatment for Microscopic Residual Disease After Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Surgery

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The National Cancer Data Base was queried for surgically pathological stage I-III NSCLC from 2003 to 2006
A positive surgical margin was identified in 3102 NSCLC including microscopically positive R1 margins in 1688 patients and PORT decreases LR

(Ann Thorac Surg 2015;99:406–13)

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Take Home Messages

- Negative Meta-analysis , ...but obsolete
- Changing pattern of staging and pattern of care in N2 disease
- Prognostic role of number of N2 to select pts for PORT
- PORT need in R+ pts

**WAITING FOR MODERN FASHION
STAGE III STUDY**



N2 disease: A symbolic paradigm of progress

N2 and PORT:

**A long, complex and demanding story
Difficult to summarize but so interesting...**



