

REIRRADIATION OF HEAD & NECK TARGETS

WORKSHOP-Current challenges of patient re-irradiation

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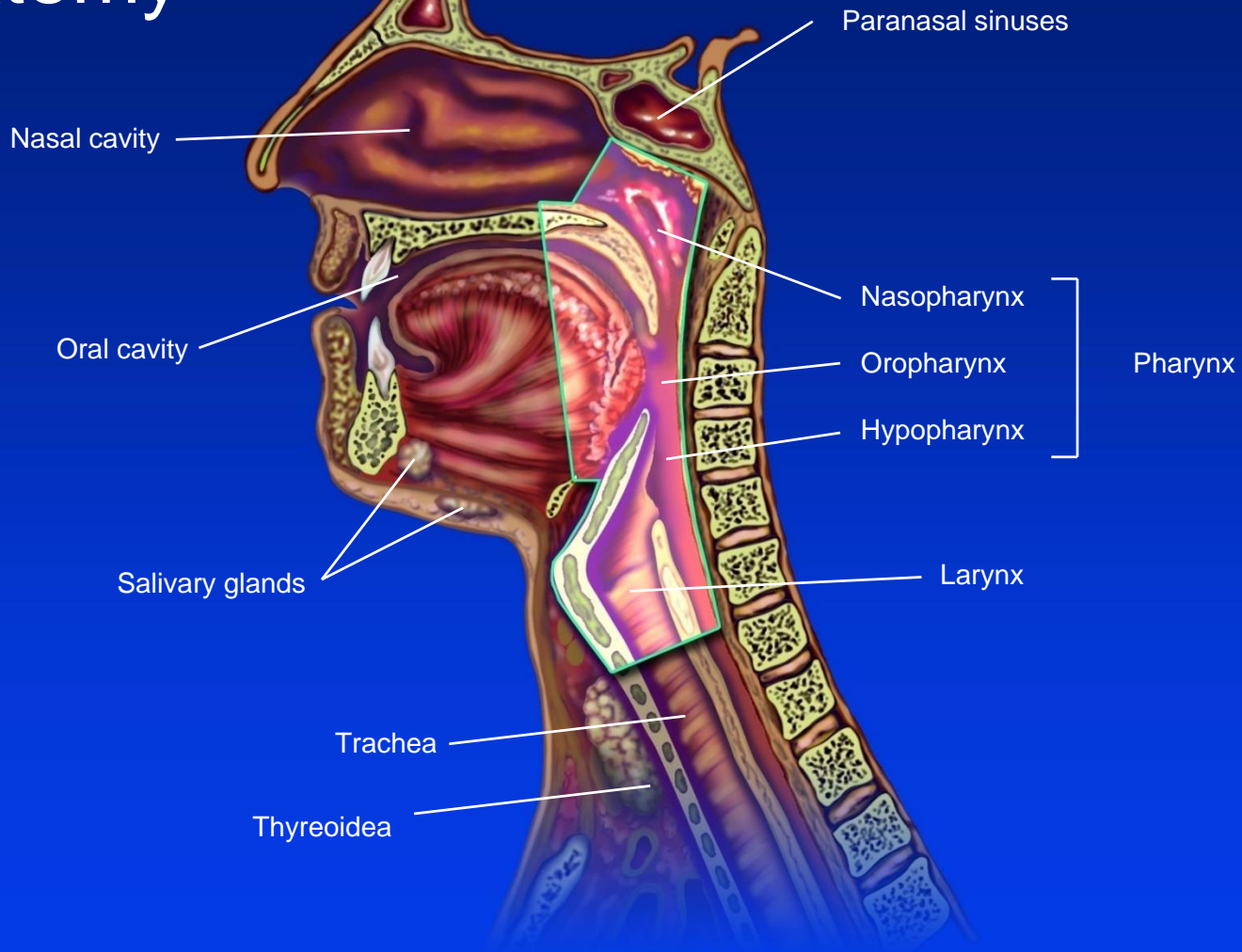
Outline of Presentation

1. Primary tumour: Basic treatment principles
2. Reirradiation: Interpretation of published data
Conclusions; potential guidelines for the clinic

HEAD AND NECK CANCER

- ~ 6% of all malignancies
- ~ (50-)75% are locally advanced, not resectable

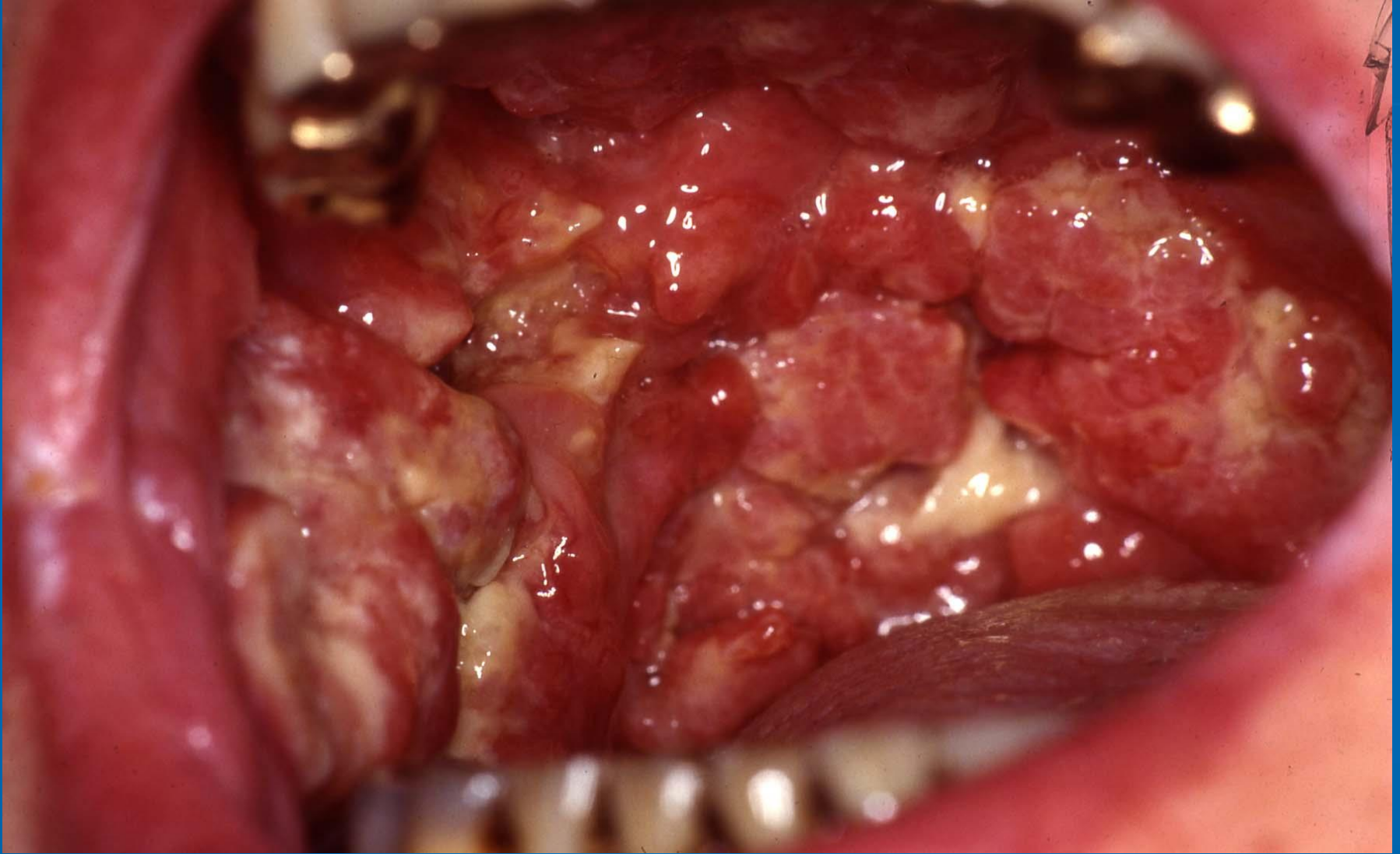
HEAD & NECK CANCER Anatomy



IMPORTANT ORGAN/TISSUE PRESERVATION IN HEAD&NECK CANCER

Larynx	-	Speech
Mandible	-	Mastication Contour of face
Tongue	-	Speech Swallowing
Pharynx	-	Swallowing
Facial nerve	-	Contour of face
Salivary glands	-	Salivation
Eyes, ear (cochlea)		Vision, hearing





Standard Treatment options for Patients with Locoregionally Advanced Disease

	EVIDENCE	RECOMMEND.
Surgery → RT or CCRT	I	A
Concomitant CT and RT*	I	A
Cetuximab plus RT	II	B
CCRT or ICT → RT for organ preservation	II	A
ICT → CCRT (sequential therapy)		Still under evaluation

**in case of mutilating surgery and in nonresectable disease ; Cisplatin dose: 100 mg/m² x3 during CF-RT
 Gregoire V et al, Ann Oncol 2010; 21 (suppl 5): VI84-VI86*

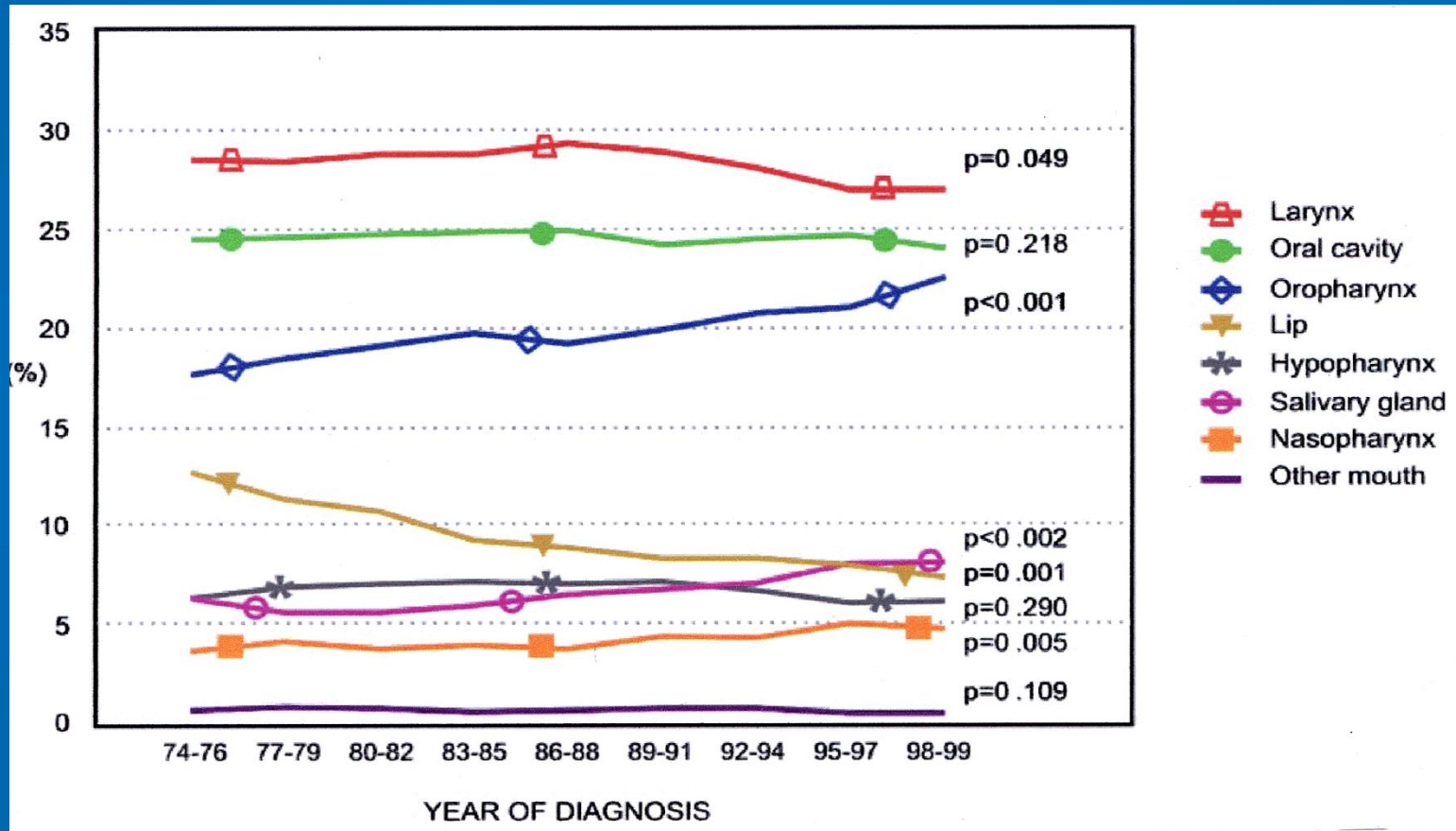
FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS IN RELATION TO TUMOUR ETIOLOGY

- ETIOLOGY
 - *Smoking*
 - *Virus: HPV, EBV....*
- Cause different diseases with respect to characteristics such as
 - Proliferation
 - DNA repair
 - Apoptosis

TRENDS IN INCIDENCE AND PROGNOSIS FOR HEAD AND NECK CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES: A SITE-SPECIFIC ANALYSIS OF THE SEER DATABASE (2005):

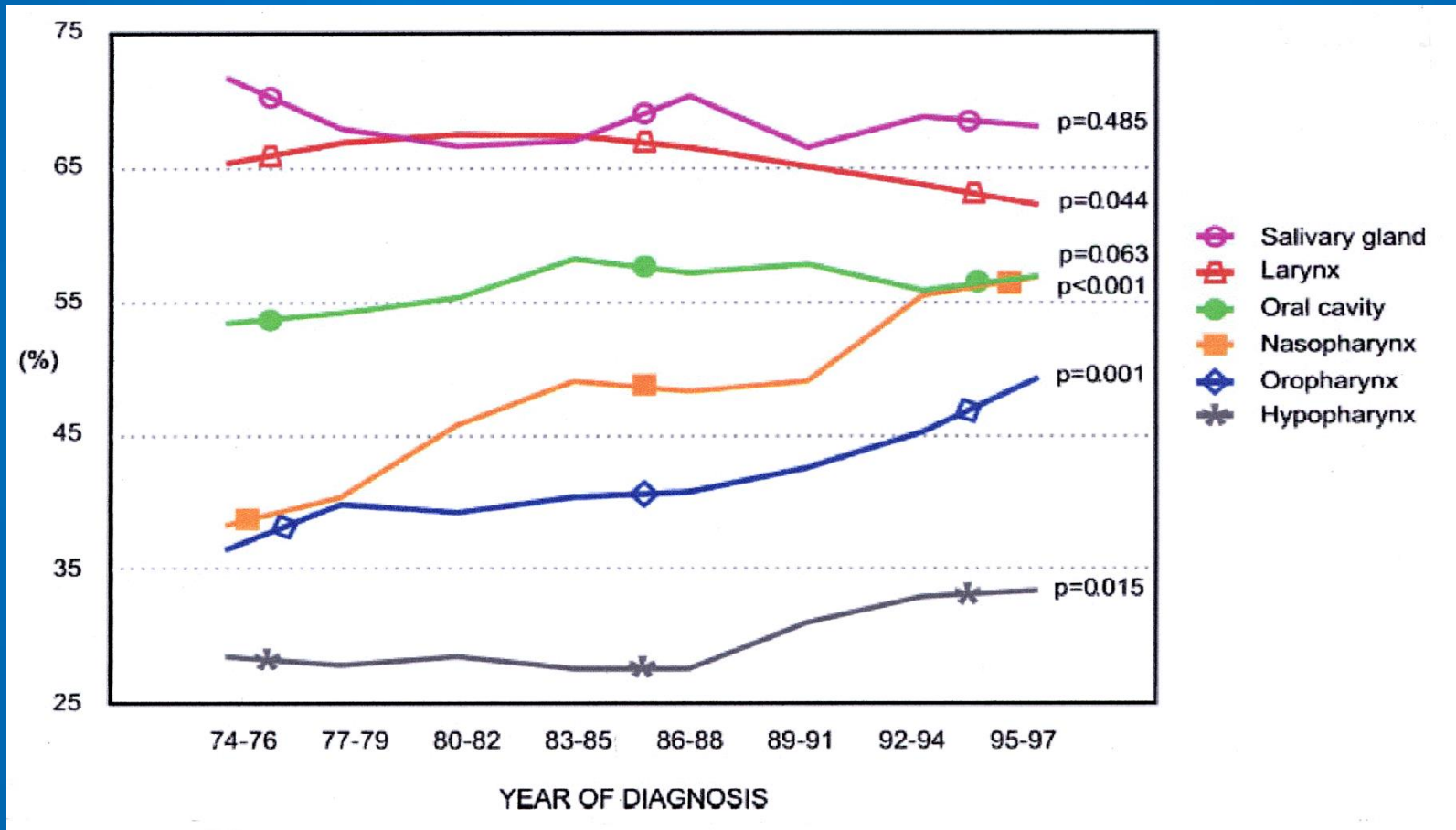
”Overall, the prognosis for HNC has improved in the last decade compared to the 2 decades before, and this improvement is most significant in the last. Most notably, all pharynx cancer patients (naso, oro and hypo) demonstrated an improvement in prognosis, while larynx cancer patients showed a decrease in their survival rates.”

Incidence of Head and Neck Cancer According to Tumor Site, United States SEER Database (2005)



Trends in 5-Year Survival (%) According to Tumor Site

United States SEER Database (2005)





Differential survival trends for patients with tonsillar, base of tongue and tongue cancer in Sweden

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SUMMARY

Tonsillar, base of tongue and tongue cancer have similar anatomical and histopathological appearances but present differences in prognosis. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a known risk factor for tonsillar and base of tongue cancer, and a survival benefit has been shown for these tumors; however, HPV prevalence in tongue cancer is low. Tonsillar, base of tongue and tongue cancer patients registered in the Swedish Cancer Registry between 1960 and 2004 were followed from the date of cancer diagnosis until death, emigration out of Sweden, or the end of a follow-up (5 years since cancer diagnosis), whichever occurred first. The relative survival rate was computed as the ratio of the observed to the expected survival rate, in which the latter was inferred from the survival of the entire Swedish population in the same age, sex and calendar year stratum. The relative survival rate has improved significantly over time for patients with tonsillar and base of tongue cancer although delineated by different patterns. However, the relative survival rate in tongue cancer patients exhibited only a very modest improvement during the same time period. Contrary to the overall improved survival for patients with tonsillar and base of tongue cancer, the patients with tongue cancer show a very modest improvement in Sweden since 1960. Further studies are warranted to elucidate more effective treatment options for tongue cancer patients.

WHY HAVE RESULTS IMPROVED (TUMOUR CONTROL, SURVIVAL)?

A. Implementation of clinical radiation biology

- Altered fractionation ALL
- "Chemoradiation" BASED ON RANDOMISED
- "Bioradiation" STUDIES

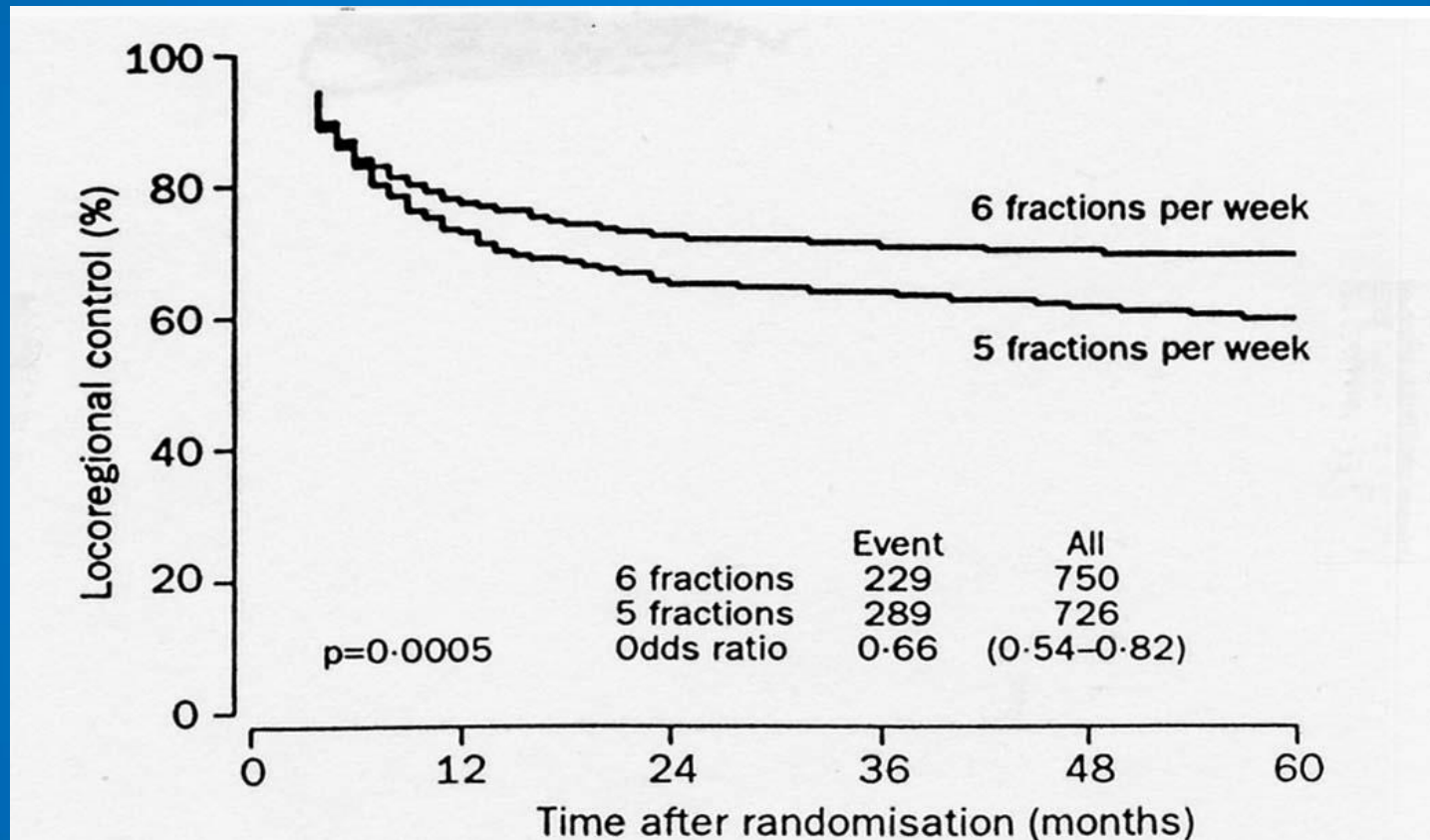
B. Dose escalation (64 to 72 Gy; No randomised studies)

More conformal radiotherapy, 3D dose planning, IMRT, VMAT, SBRT?, BT)

C. Less aggressive tumours (HPV +)

D. Improved diagnostic radiology, MRI, PET/CT

Advanced Head & Neck cancer Loco-regional tumour control as a function of number of fractions per week



Dahanca, Lancet 2003, 362

SURVIVAL BENEFIT WITH CHEMORT VS RT FOR LOCOREGIONALLY ADVANCED NON-RESECT. DISEASE

Metaanalysis of randomised trials with concomittant CRT :

8% at 5 years (El-Sayed&Nelson 1996, Pignon 2000)

14-25% at 5 years (Brizel 1998, Adelstein 2003)

4.5% at 5 years, 6.5% for concomittant therapy, 2.4% for induction chemotherapy (Pignon 2009 : 93 randomised trials and 17346 pts)

5-year absolute survival benefits with concomitant chemotherapy is for

Oral cavity = 8.9%

Oropharynx = 8.1%

Metananalysis, Pignon et al 2011

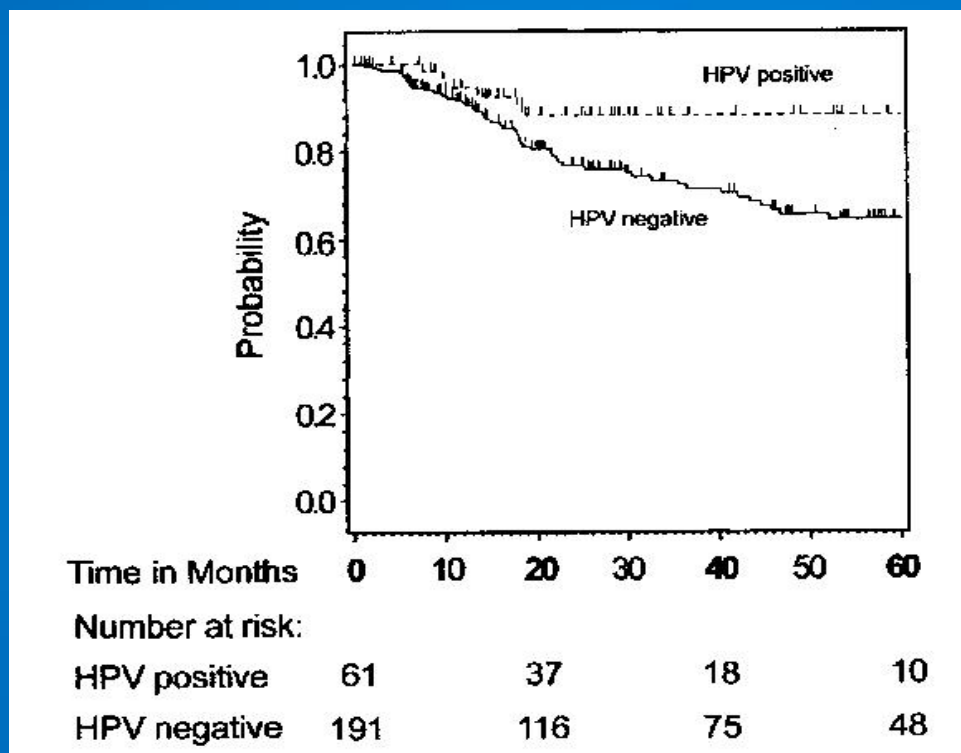
Larynx = 5.4%

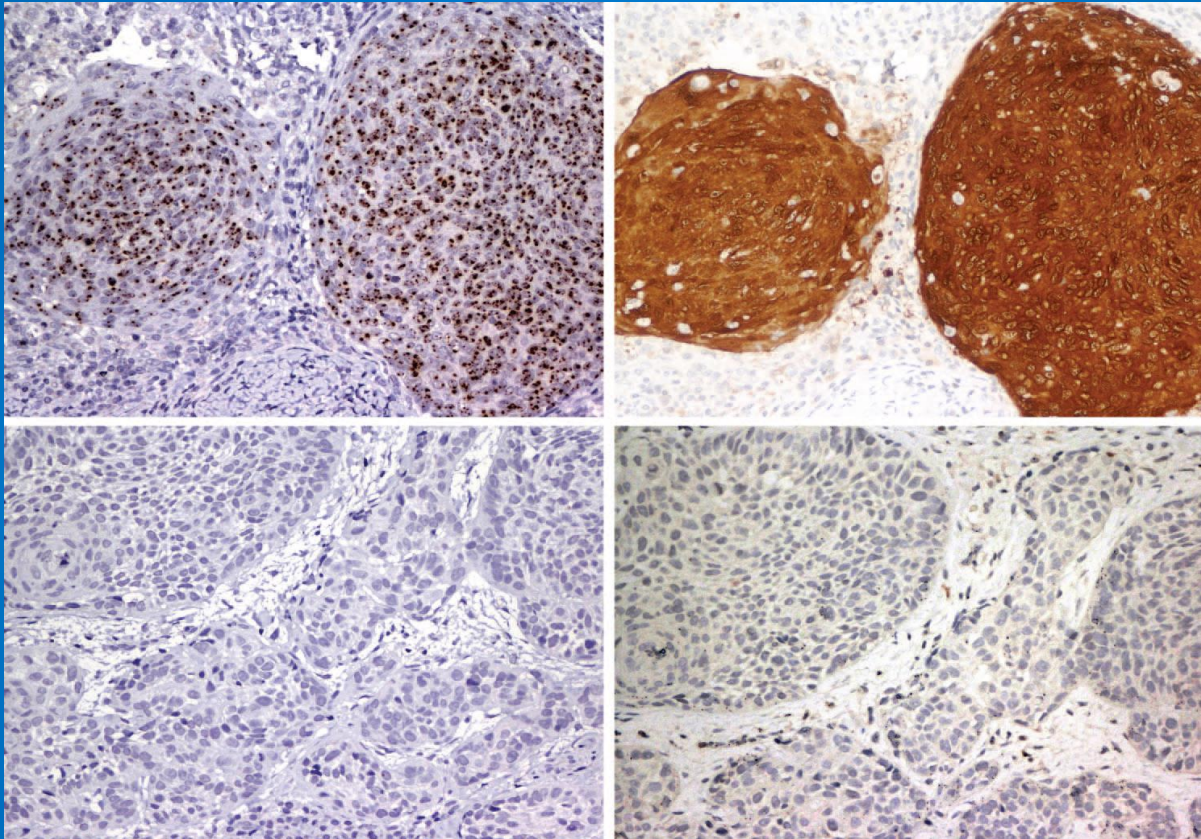
Hypopharynx = 4%

TREATMENT OF HEAD AND NECK CANCER IN 2018

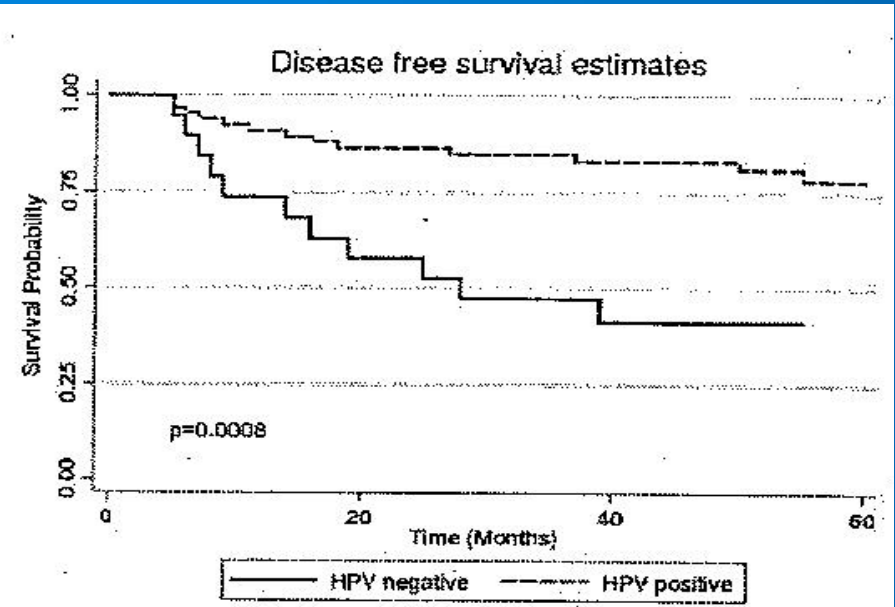
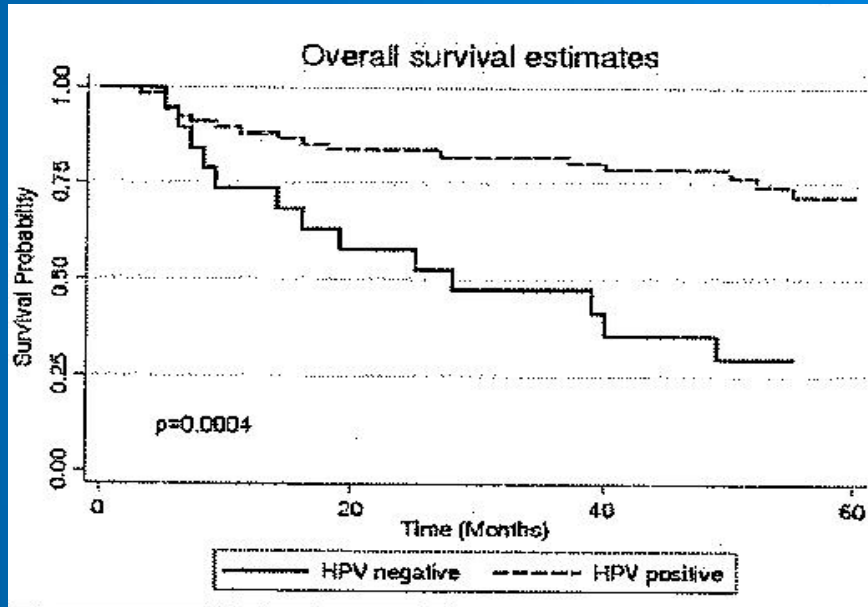
- Concomittant chemoradiotherapy (with cisplatin) or bioradiotherapy (with Cetuximab) is the standard of care for locally advanced tumours
- (Chemo)radiotherapy is being increasingly used also for less advanced, resectable tumours

HPV STATUS AND OUTCOME OF TREATMENT OF HEAD & NECK CANCER (SURVIVAL-IRRESPECTIVE OF TREATMENT)





BASE OF TONGUE CANCER RADIOTHERAPY ± CHEMOTHERAPY (Stockholm 1998-2007; 89 PTS)



DEESCALATION OF TREATMENT INTENSITY FOR PATIENTS WITH HPV + TUMOURS?

Decrease radiation dose to targets of different potential clonogenic infestations ?

De-escalation studies are ongoing with interesting results, supporting the hypothesis that some/several patients can be cured with lower radiation doses. 54 Gy to the target for manifest tumour instead of 70 Gy?

How Do we find them? Implications for a future reirradiation?

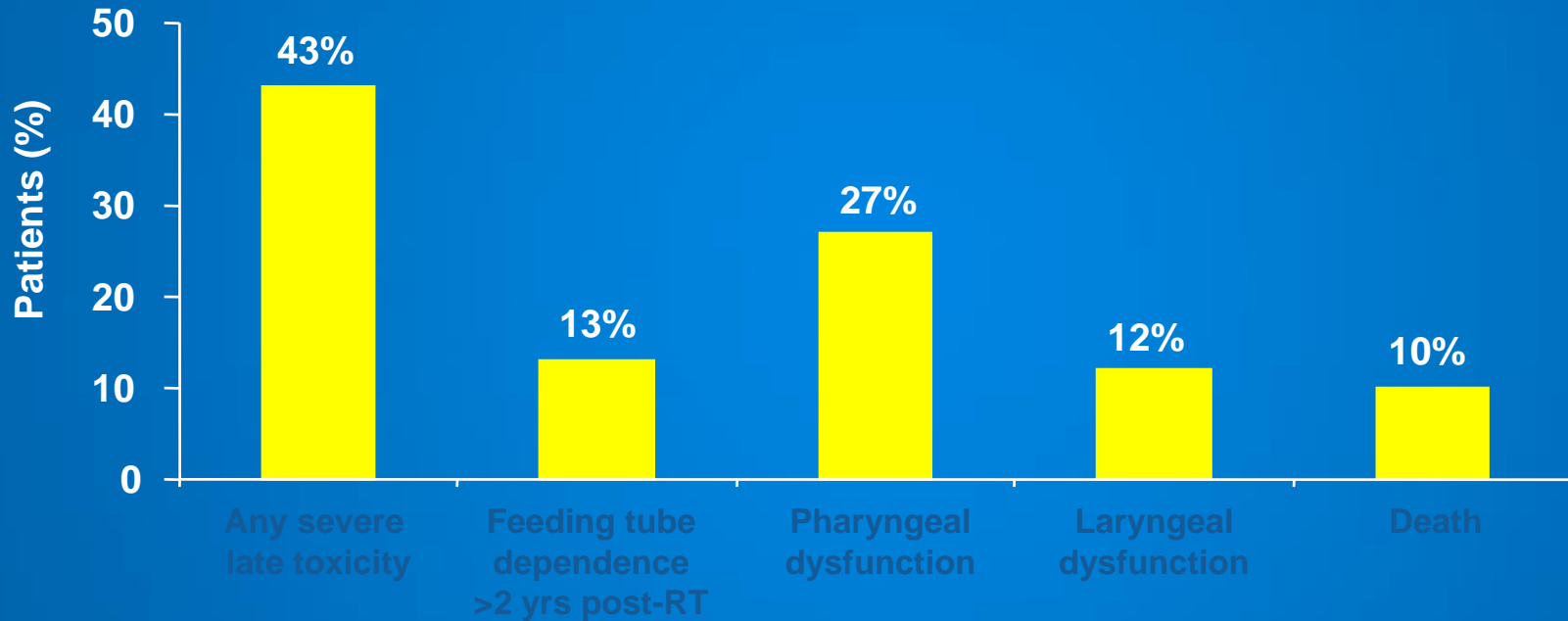
Tumour control of head and neck cancer patients has increased substantially, mostly during the last decade

but.....

At the expense of increased toxicity

CRT: High rate of late toxicity^a

- Analysis of 230 patients receiving CRT in 3 studies (RTOG 91-11, 97-03, 99-14)



^aChronic grade 3-4 pharyngeal/laryngeal toxicity and/or requirement for feeding tube >2 years after registration and/or potential treatment-related death within 3 years

HEAD AND NECK CANCER

POTENTIAL TREATMENT SIDE-EFFECTS

Surgery

- Loss of function (speech, swallowing etc.)
- Disfigurement

Radiotherapy (\pm chemotherapy)

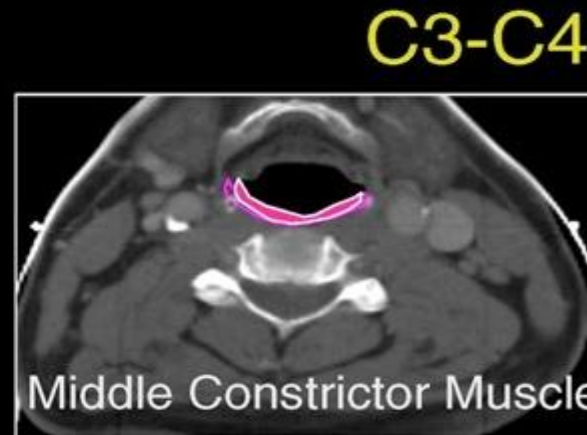
- *Xerostomia*
- Trismus
- Soft tissue fibrosis/necrosis
- *Dysphagia*
- *Osteonecrosis*
- Hematological



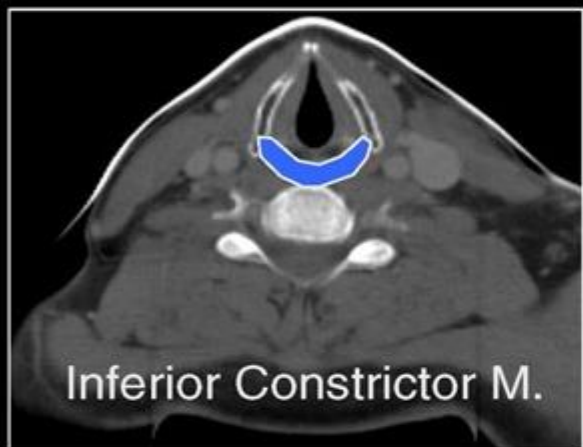
Base of Skull-C3



Superior Constrictor M.



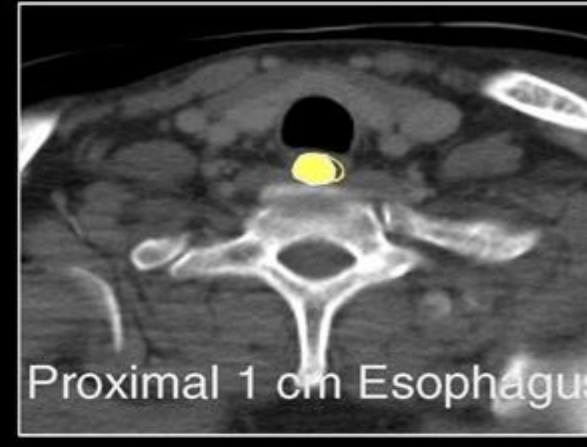
Middle Constrictor Muscle



Inferior Constrictor M.



Cricopharyngeus Muscle



Proximal 1 cm Esophagus

RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUES

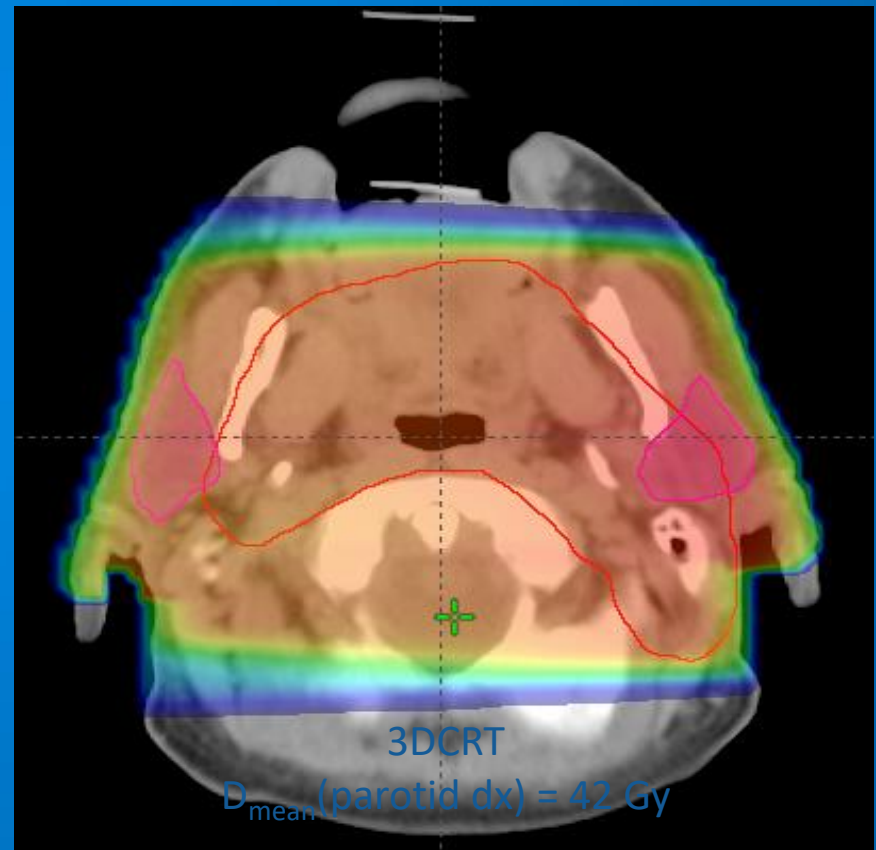
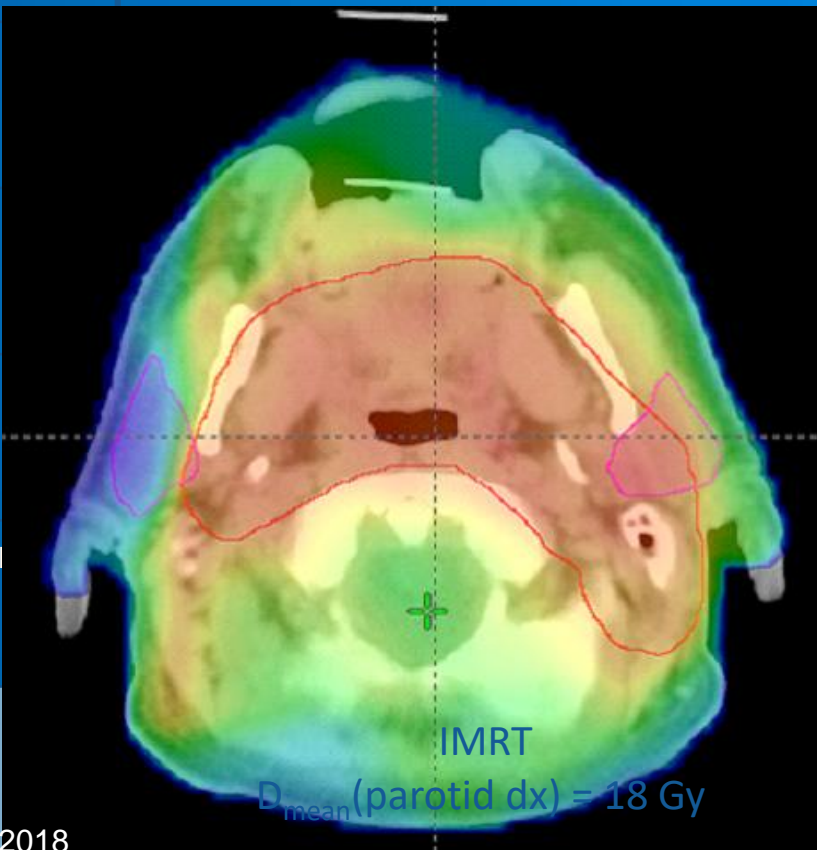
IMRT

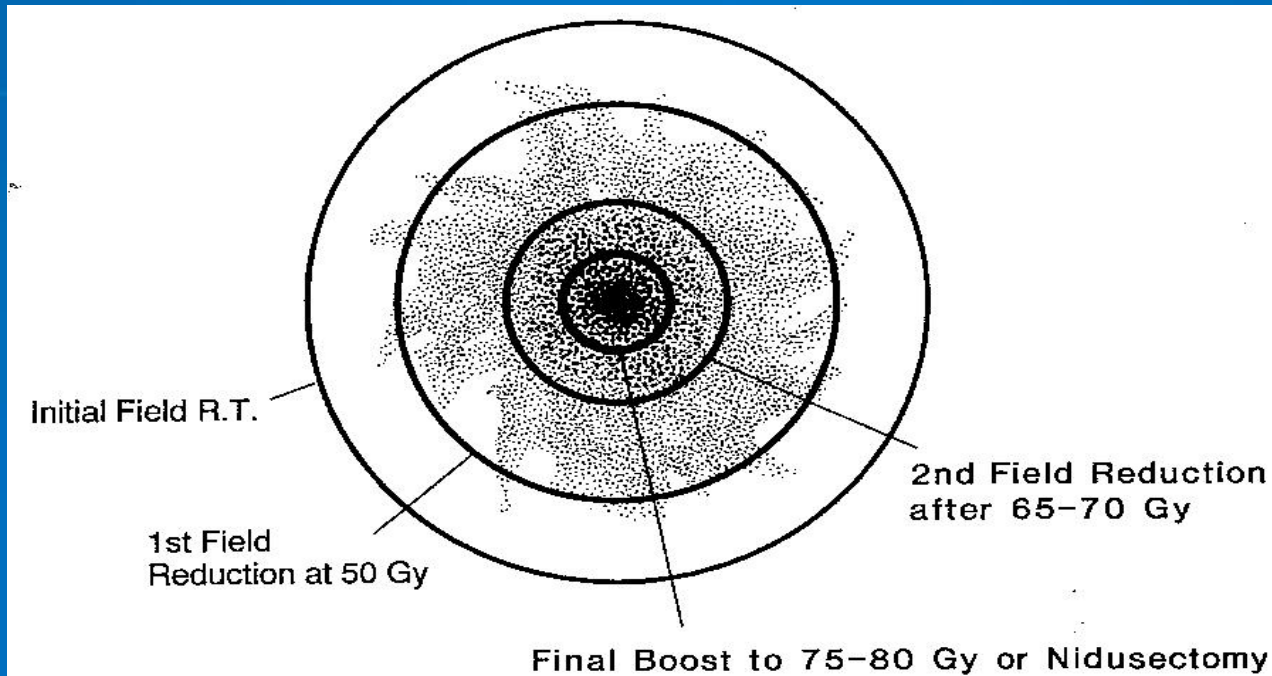
1. Can reduce xerostomia (also in one prospective, randomised phase 3 study, the PARSPORT study)
2. Can improve swallowing (ameliorate dysphagia)
3. Can potentially escalate tumor dose (e.g. "SIB")

Intro
Agenda
Svårigheter

Comparison: dose to parotid glands (IMRT vs. 3DCRT)

3DCRT
IMRT
Brachy
Protone
Jämföre
CM 2018





From C.C. Wang:
"Radiation therapy for head and neck neoplasms" 1984

CONFORMAL (HIGHLY) RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUES AVAILABLE FOR HEAD AND NECK CANCER PATIENTS IN STOCKHOLM

- IMRT, VMAT
- Brachytherapy, BT
- SBRT (ongoing project)

CONSTRAINTS FOR IMPORTANT ORGAN FUNCTIONS

Priority	Organ/Tissue	Dose (Gy)	Consequence
1	Medulla Spinalis	46, max \leq 50 Gy	Myelitis necrosis
2	PTV 2 (all stages)	46	Tumour control
	PTV 1 (stages T1-T2)	66-76	Tumour control
	PTV 1 (stages T3-T4)	76-85	Tumour control
		$V_{95} \geq 95\%$	
		$V_{105} \leq 5\%$	
3 a	Contralateral parotid	Mean dose \leq 26 Gy	Xerostomia (Dry mouth)
b	Larynx	Mean dose \leq 44 Gy	Hoarseness, voice exhaustion, swallowing problems
c	Swallowing constrictors	Mean dose \leq 45 Gy	Swallowing problems
d	Mandible/mandibular joints	68, max \leq 74 Gy	Osteoradionecrosis, "fracture"
e	Oral cavity	Minimize	"Acute mucositis", Xerostomia
f	Inner ear	Mean dose \leq 50 Gy	Reduced hearing
4 a	Ipsilateral parotid	Minimize	Xerostomia
b	Submandibularis	Minimize	Xerostomia
c	Auditory meatus	Mean dose \leq 50 Gy	External otitis, affected hearing
d	Trachea	Minimize, mean dose \leq 44 Gy	Sensitivity to infections

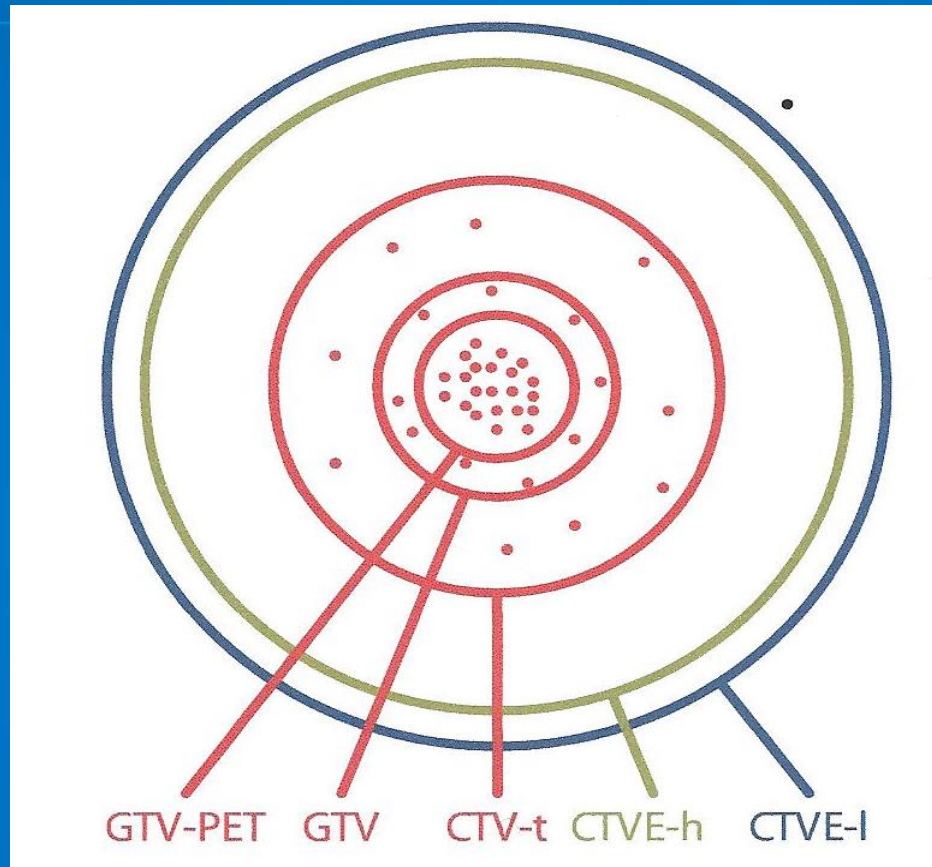
Dose-volume constraints for critical organs/tissues and their order of priority
(ongoing project)

RECURRENT TUMOUR IN PREVIOUSLY IRRADIATED VOLUME

1. DESPITE BEST EFFORTS: About 30-40% of patients have a locoregional recurrence, most often isolated, sometimes with distant metastases

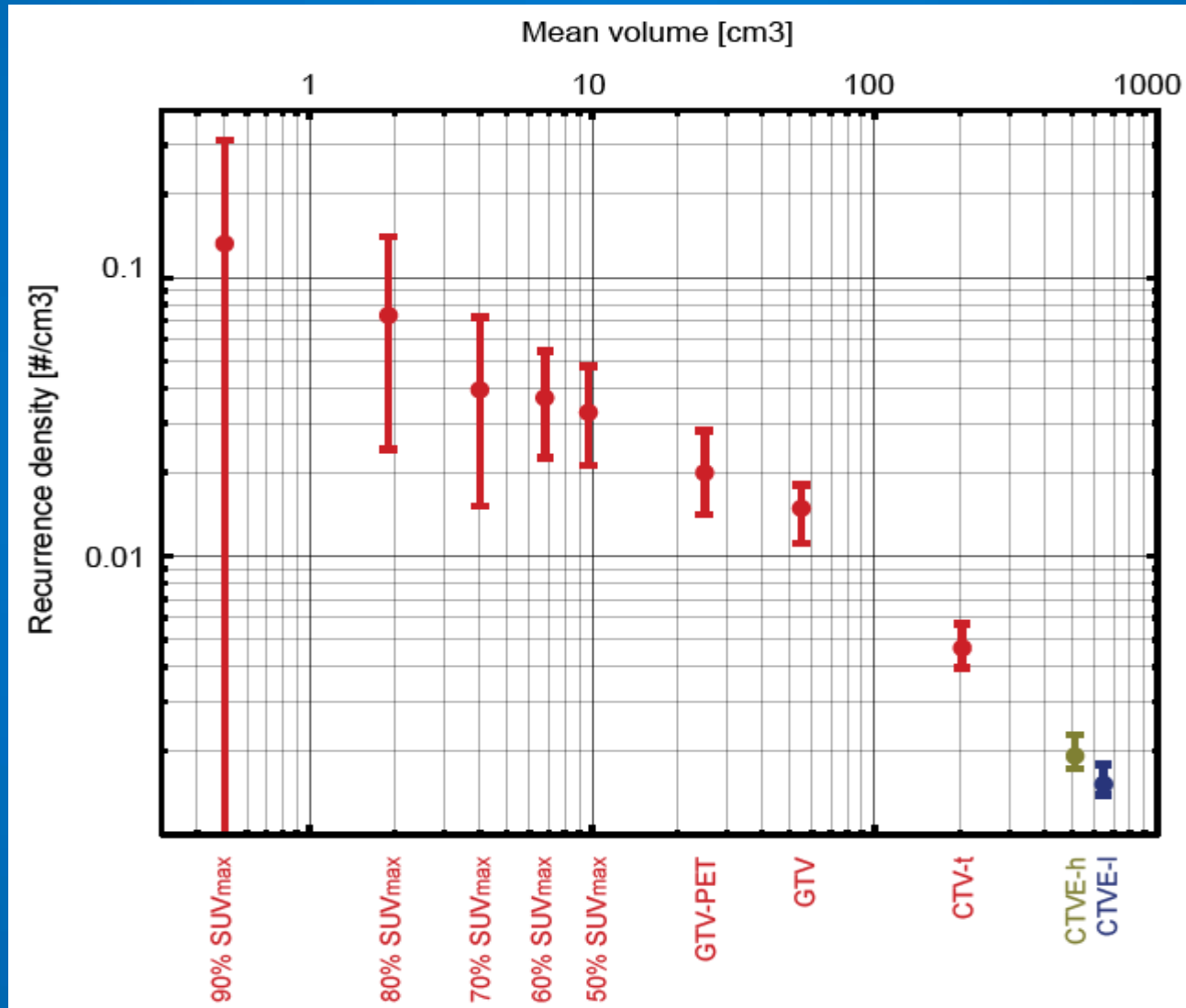
2. WHERE DO THEY APPEAR?

Recurrences in irradiated target volume



Thesis: Kirkebjerg Due, A. (Specht, L., Copenhagen 2012)

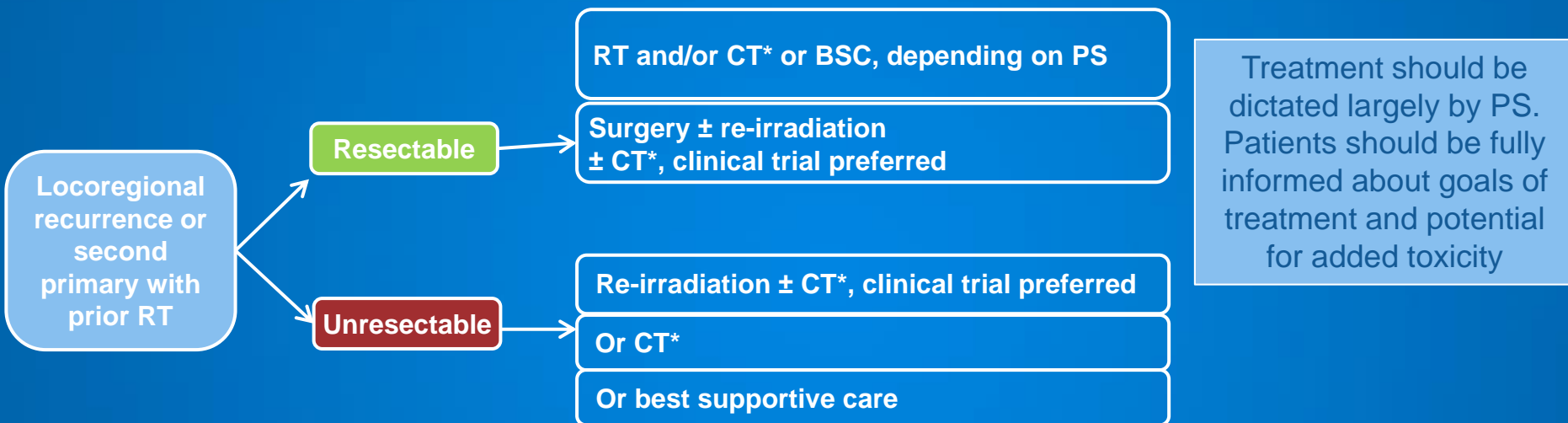
Recurrence density increased with increasing FDG-avidity in high dose region



TREATMENT OPTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH RECURRENT DISEASE 2018

1. SURGERY: For resectable disease; surgery if possible with postop RT or CCRT (if not complete)
2. RADIOTHERAPY OR CHEMORADIOTHERAPY: For non-resectable disease
3. CHEMOTHERAPY (CYTOSTATICS): Palliative (e.g. pain)
4. CHEMOTHERAPY ("TARGETED"): Mostly palliative?
5. CHEMOTHERAPY (IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS): Mostly palliative?
6. BEST SUPPORTIVE CARE

NCCN guidelines for treatment of locoregional recurrence of SCCHN



Regimens with category 1 evidence: cisplatin + RT or carboplatin + 5-FU + RT or cetuximab + RT

*May be single-agent or combination therapy CT or cetuximab

BSC, best supportive care; NCCN, National

Comprehensive Cancer Network; PS, performance status;

RT, radiotherapy

Do we have to advocate salvage surgery?



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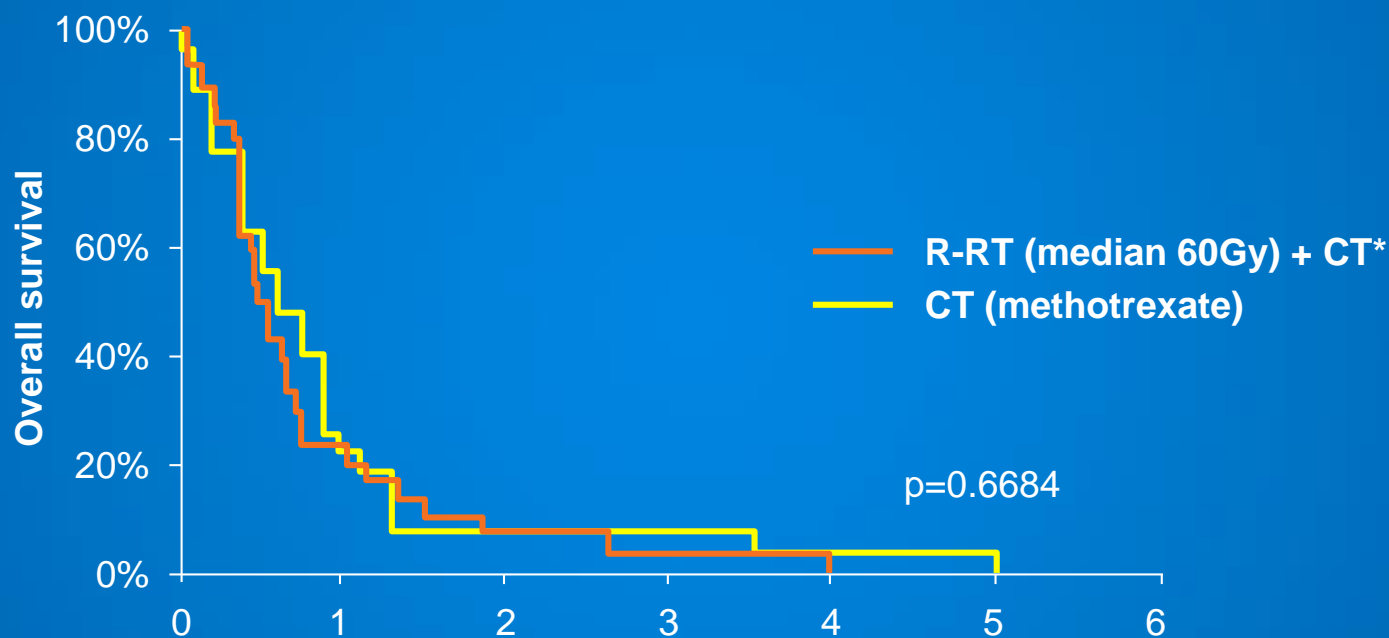
Salvage surgery may be associated with a range of postoperative complications

Post-operative complications experienced by 124 patients treated with en-bloc salvage surgery for SCCHN (retrospective study)

Variable	
Post-operative complications	58 (46.8%)
Minor complications, number of events*	n=85
Major complications, number of events*	n=27
Death	3.2%
Length of hospital stay, days, mean (range)	11.2 (1–90)
Tracheotomy, with no intent of removal	21.1%
Feeding tube at death or last follow-up	27.4%

Do we have to advocate re-irradiation?

57 patients accrued to a Phase III trial treated for recurrent or second primary SCCHN

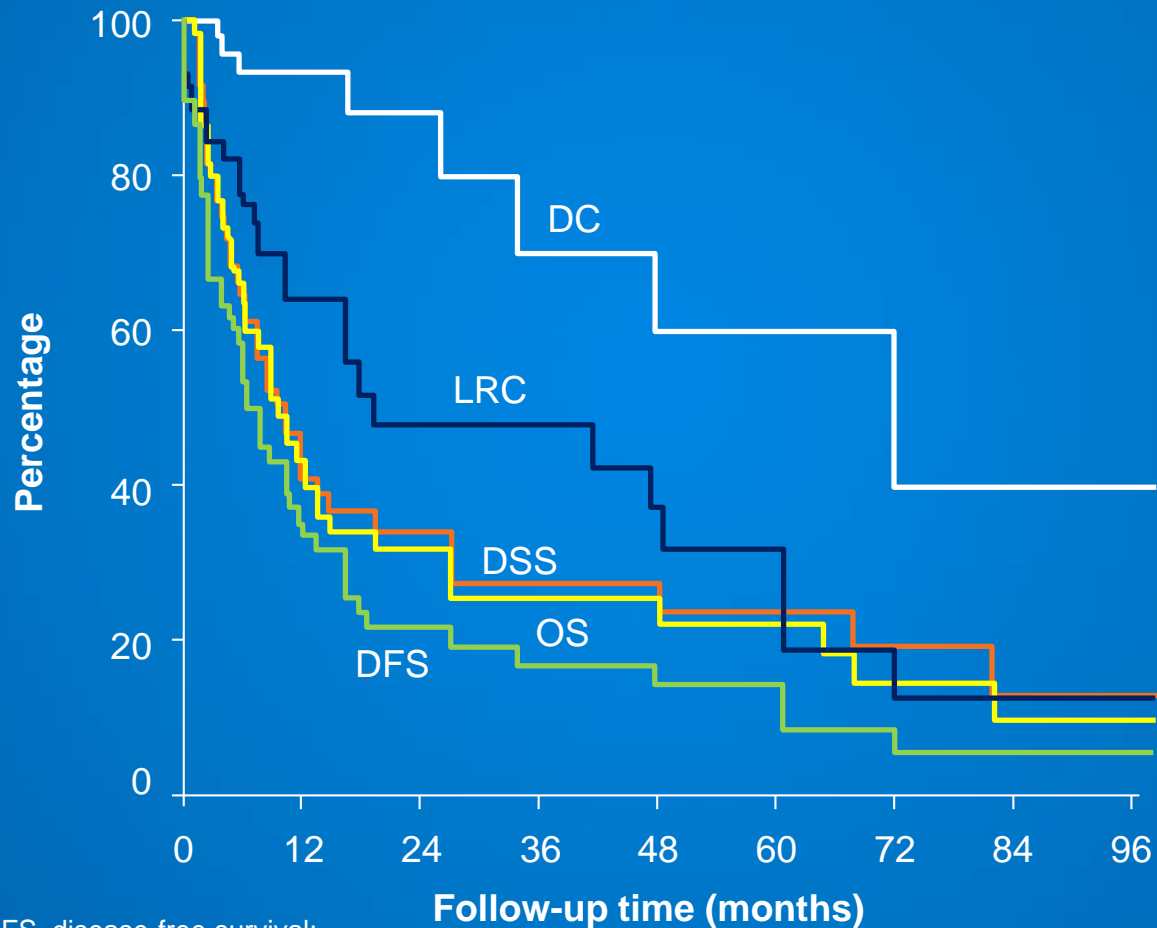


At risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5
R-RT	30	7	2	1		
CT	27	6	2	2	1	1

Do we have to advocate re-irradiation?

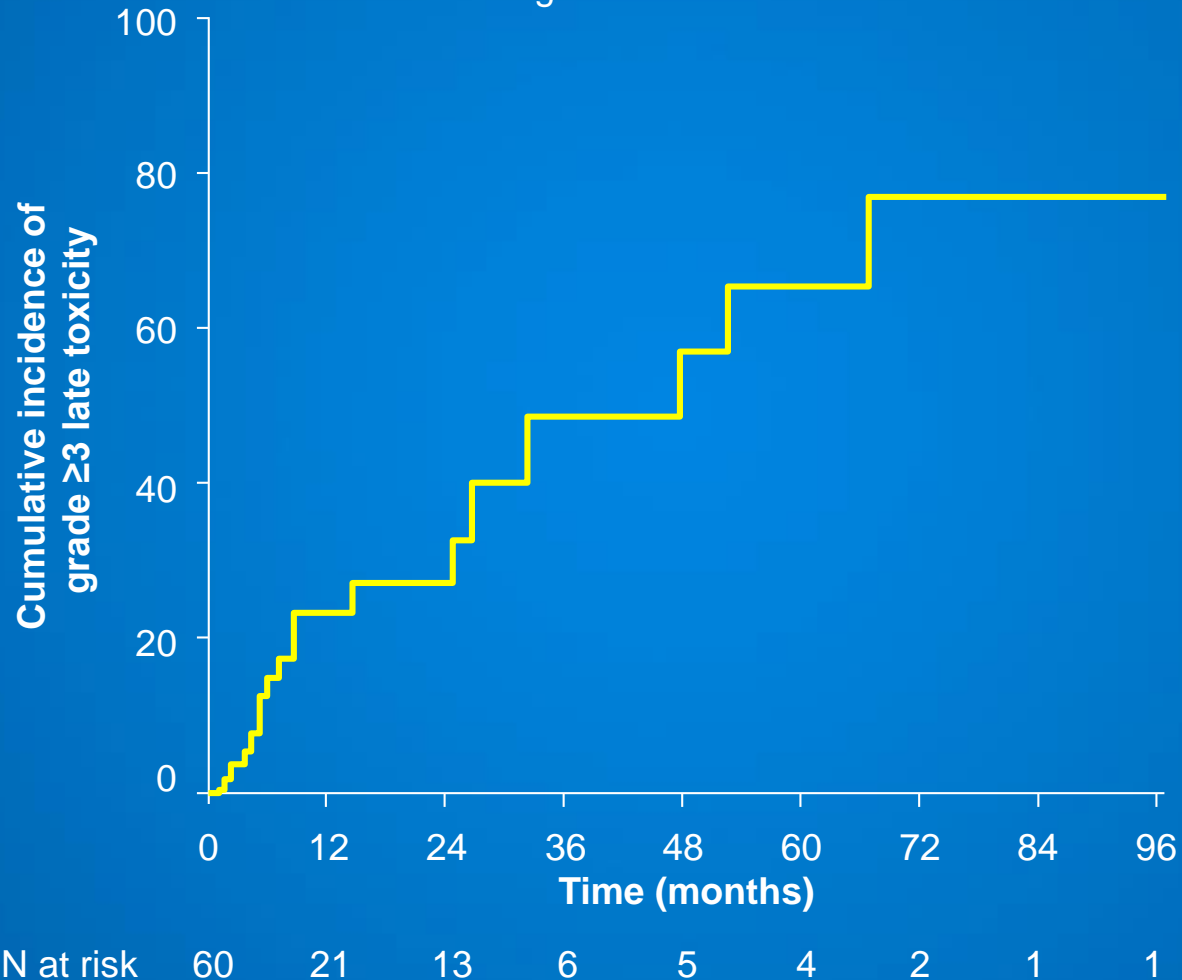
Retrospective study of 60 consecutive patients re-irradiated using IMRT (66Gy) for recurrent SCCHN



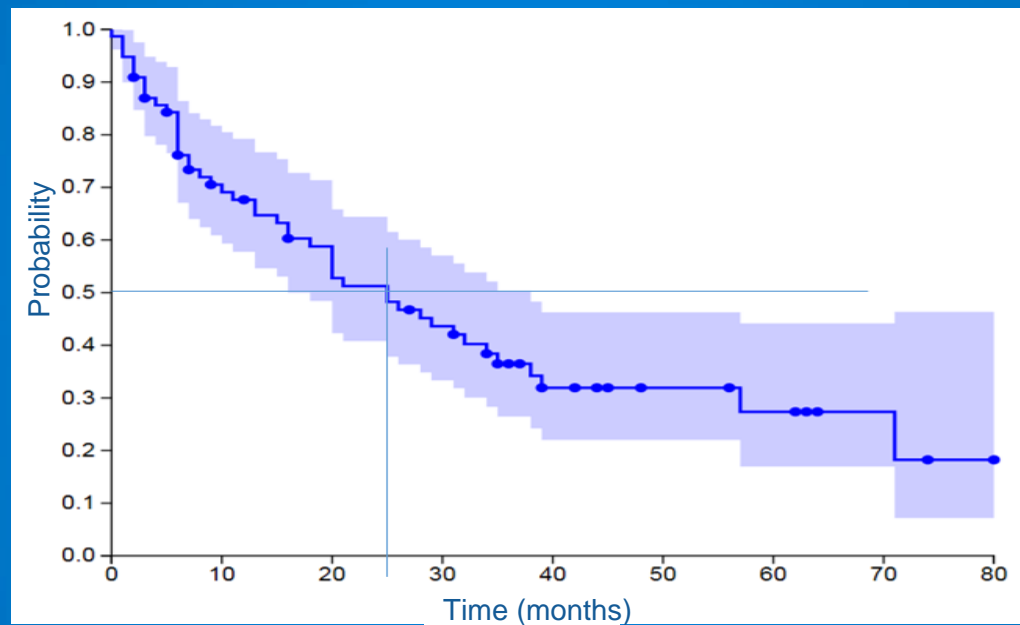
DC, distant control; DFS, disease-free survival;
DSS, disease-specific survival;
LRC, locoregional control

Do we have to advocate re-irradiation?

Cumulative incidence of grade ≥ 3 late toxicity among 60 consecutive patients re-irradiated using IMRT for recurrent SCCHN



Reirradiated patients Karolinska University Hospital: Overall Survival



PUBLICATION OF REIRRADIATION STUDIES HAVE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY DURING THE LAST DECADE!

Interpretation of data is difficult with respect to description of:

A. Treatment of primary tumour:

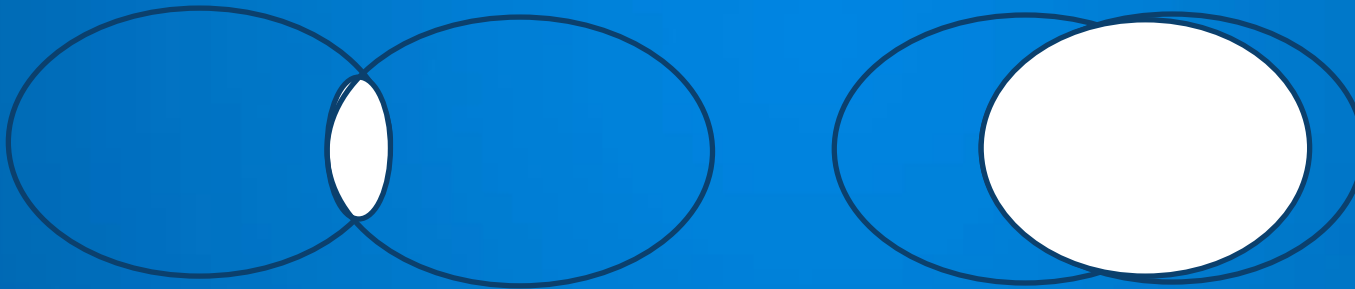
Dose distribution, doses to OARs, tumour site (oral cavity, oropharynx etc.), patient general status (Charlson scales), RT techniques, HPV status etc.

B. Reirradiation:

Dose distribution: OVERLAPPING VOLUMES: how big? where in the tissues?

WHAT IS "REIRRADIATION"?

"Patients treated with overlapping field borders to a dose
>40Gy"

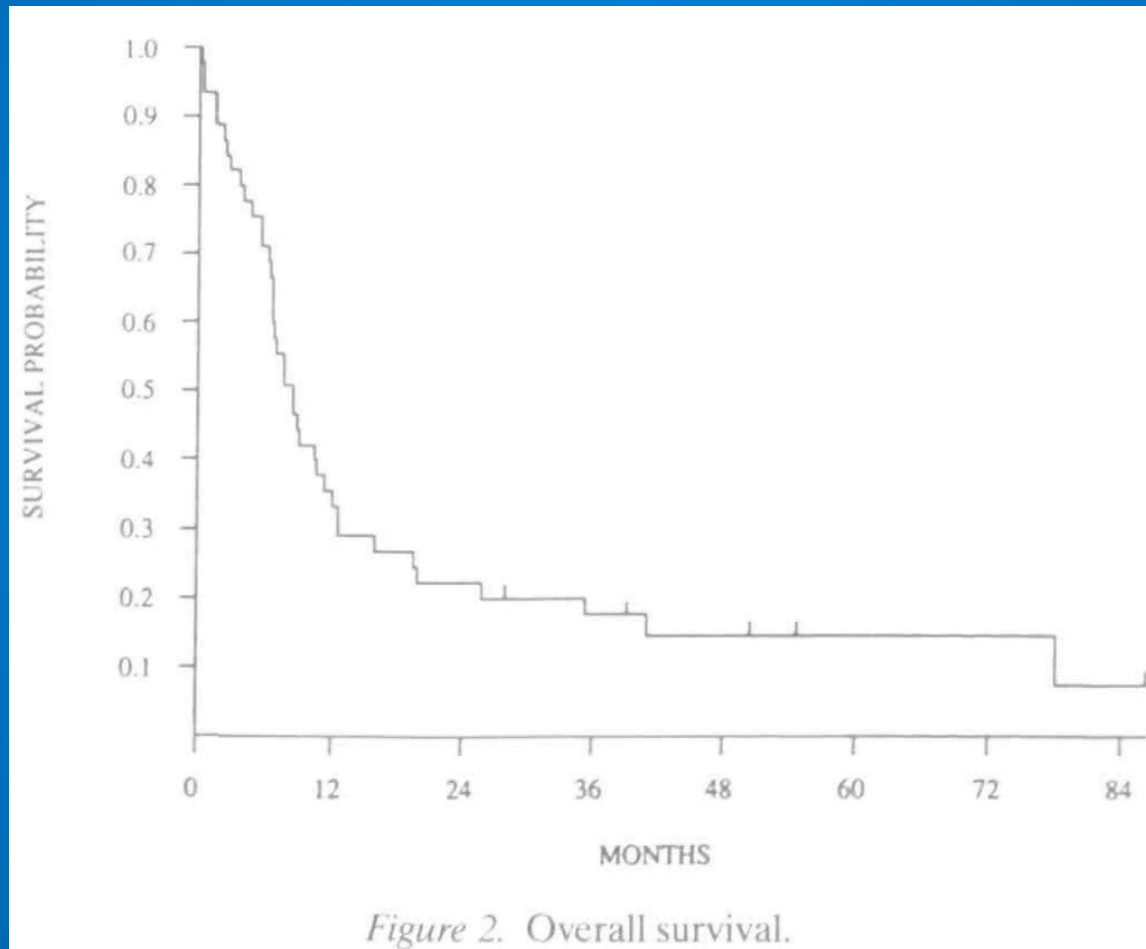


REIRRADIATION WITH BRACHYTHERAPY FOR CARCINOMAS OF OROPHARYNX AND TONGUE

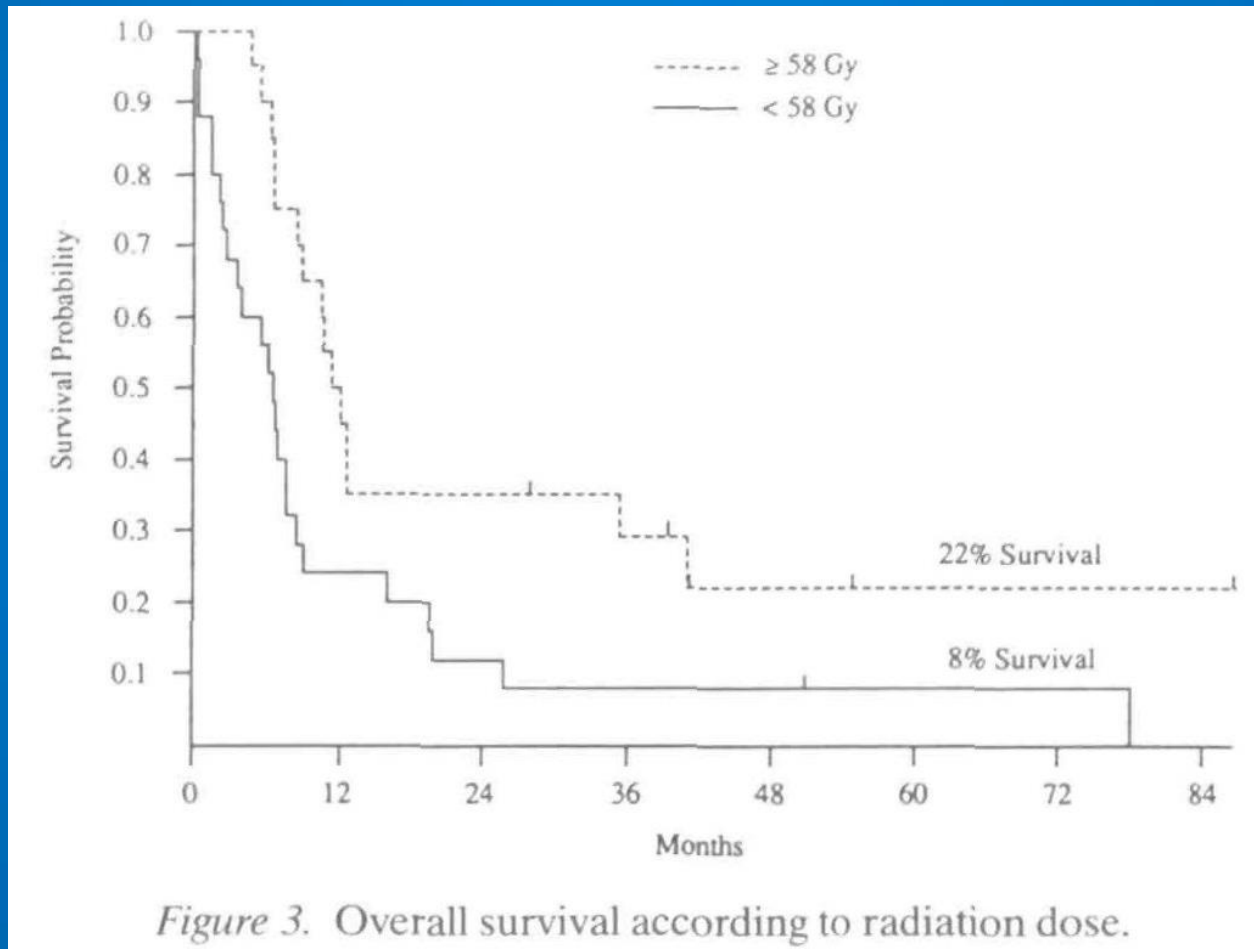
Nancy, France, 1972-1984 (retrospective study)

- 1. Technique/Dose: Afterloading ^{192}Ir implants, the Nancy technique, the Paris system for dose calculation, first treatment dose was 36-140 Gy, average 69 Gy, reirradiation dose was 31-80 Gy, average 62 Gy, dose rate less than 8 Gy/day in 23 pts 8-16 Gy/day in 76, more than 16 Gy/day in 23 patients.
- 2. Patients: 123 patients were recorded, 111 treated with curative intent. Site of first irradiation: oropharynx 56, pharyngolarynx 35, oral cavity 32. Site of reirradiation: tonsil 43, base of tongue 32, mobile tongue 26, soft palate 22. Size of reirradiated tumor: T1 35, T2 49, T3 38 and T4 1. 71 tumors were smaller than 3 cm and 52 larger than 3 cm.
- 3. Results: Actuarial survival rates at 2 and 5 years were 48 and 24%. Survival was correlated with size (3cm or larger), new primary tumor and not relapse of earlier tumor, reirradiation dose above 60 Gy, Site of tumor correlated with 2-year tumor control (78, 69 and 48% resp. for oral cavity, pharyngolarynx and oropharynx)

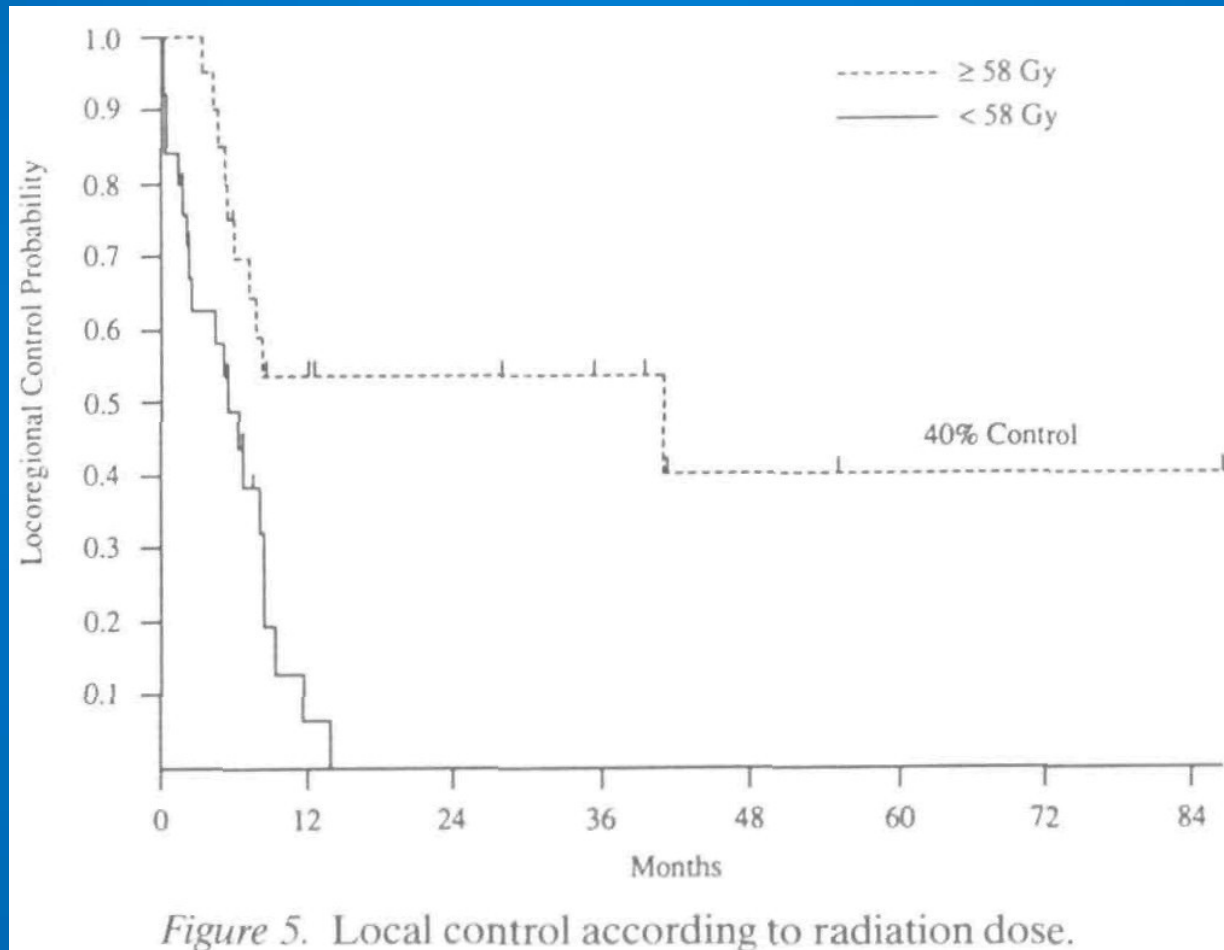
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Actuarial Local Control Rate: All Patients

2 years = 26%

3 years = 26%

5 years = 20%

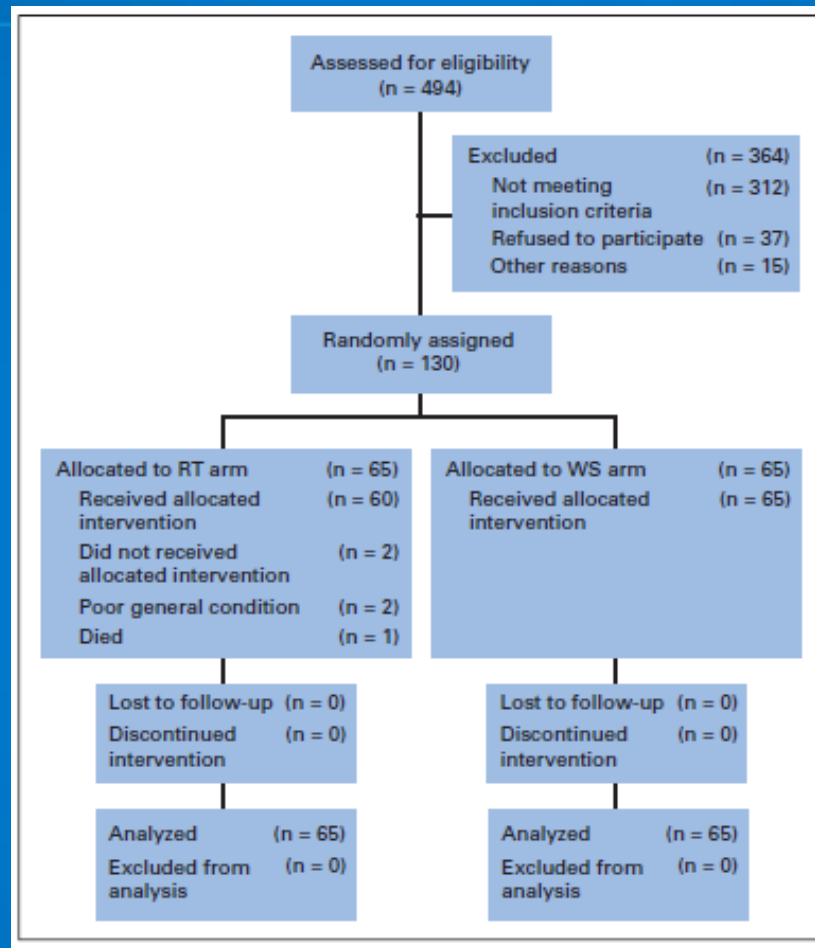
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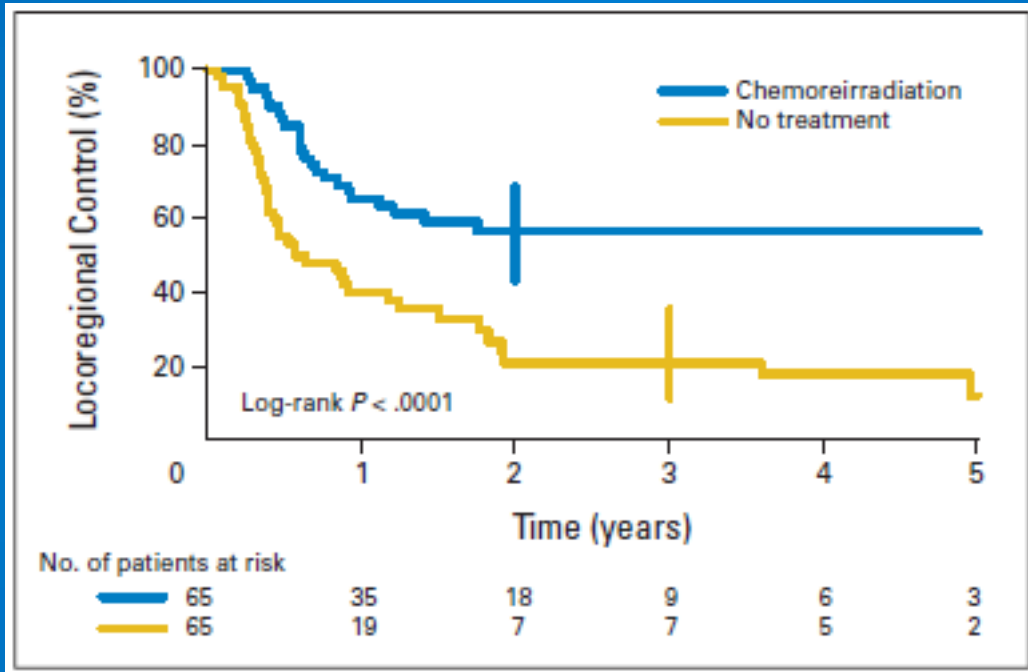
ORIGINAL REPORT

Randomized Trial of Postoperative Reirradiation Combined With Chemotherapy After Salvage Surgery Compared With Salvage Surgery Alone in Head and Neck Carcinoma

François Janot, Dominique de Raucourt, Ellen Benhamou, Christophe Ferron, Gilles Dolivet, René-Jean Bensadoun, Marc Hamoir, Bernard Géry, Morbize Julieron, Marine Castaing, Etienne Bardet, Vincent Grégoire, and Jean Bourhis

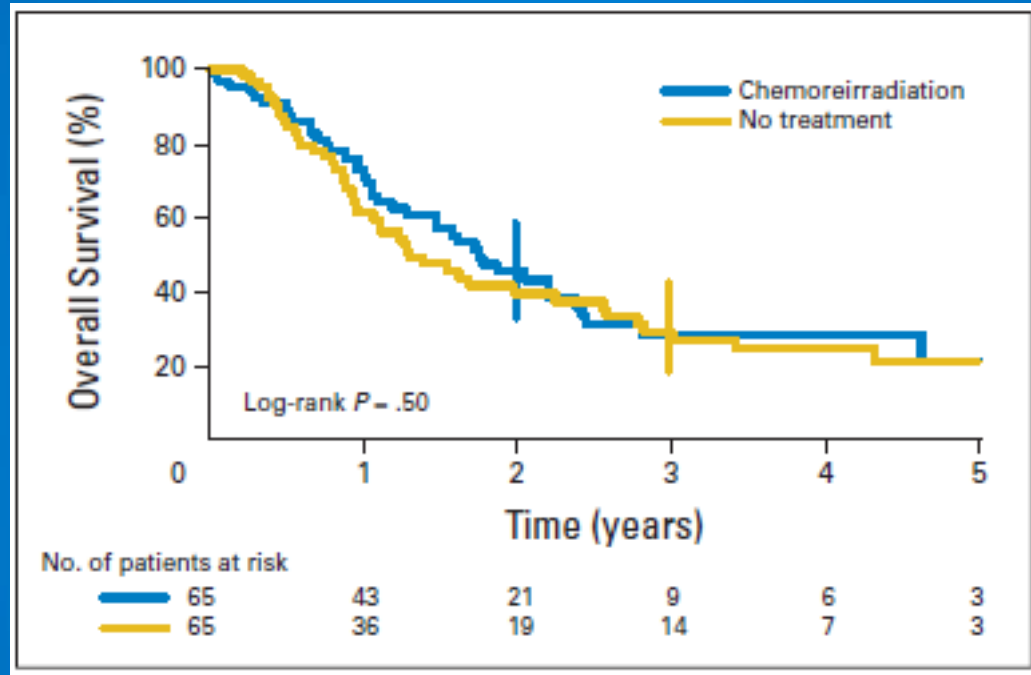


LOCOREGIONAL CONTROL



Janot F, de Raucourt D, Benhamou E et al. J Clin Oncol 2008; 26: 5518-5523

OVERALL SURVIVAL



TOXICITY (GRADE 3,4)

		RT	Wait/See
Acute	2 years	28%	0%
Late	2 years	39%	10%



Refining patient selection for reirradiation of head and neck squamous carcinoma in the IMRT era: A multi-institution cohort study by the MIRI collaborative

Ward MC et al. Int J Rad Oncol Biol Phys;100(3): 586-594

THE MULTI-INSTITUTION REIRRADIATION COLLABORATIVE (MIRI) 7 CENTERS IN USA ; 412 PATIENTS

INCLUSION CRITERIA :

a) "Patients irradiated to the head and neck to doses > 40 Gy,
with recurrent tumour or secondary primary in previously irradiated field"

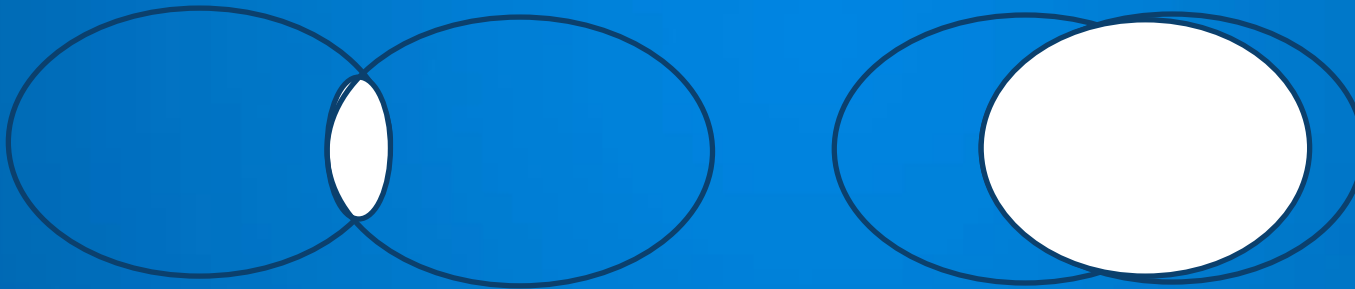
Patients were retrospectively identified

b) "Patients treated with overlapping field borders to a dose >40 Gy,
using conformal techniques, IMRT or VMAT; patients treated with SRT >5 Gy per
fraction were not included

Ward MC et al. Int J Rad Oncol Biol Phys 2018;100(3):
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WHAT IS "REIRRADIATION"?

"Patients treated with overlapping field borders to a dose
>40Gy"



PATIENTS' PERFORMANCE STATUS

- a) Comorbidity was evaluated at the time of retreatment with Charlson Index

- b) Pretreatment organ dysfunction: feeding tube and/or tracheostomy dependence was recorded

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IDENTIFICATION OF 3 PROGNOSTIC SUBGROUPS

Class I : Patients > 2 years from first radiotherapy course with resected tumours (2 year overall survival = 61.9%)

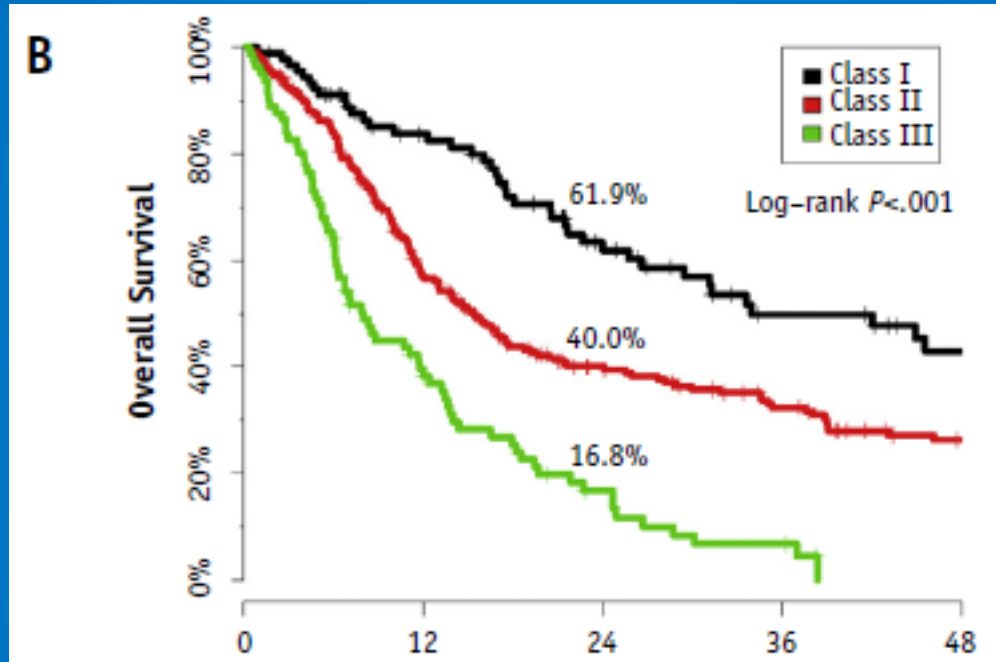
Class II : Patients > 2 years from first radiotherapy course and with no feeding tube or tracheostomy (2 year overall survival = 40%)

Class III: Remaining patients (2 year overall survival = 16.8%)

(“Refining patient selection for reirradiation of head and neck squamous carcinoma in the IMRT era: A multi-institution cohort study by the MIRI collaborative”)

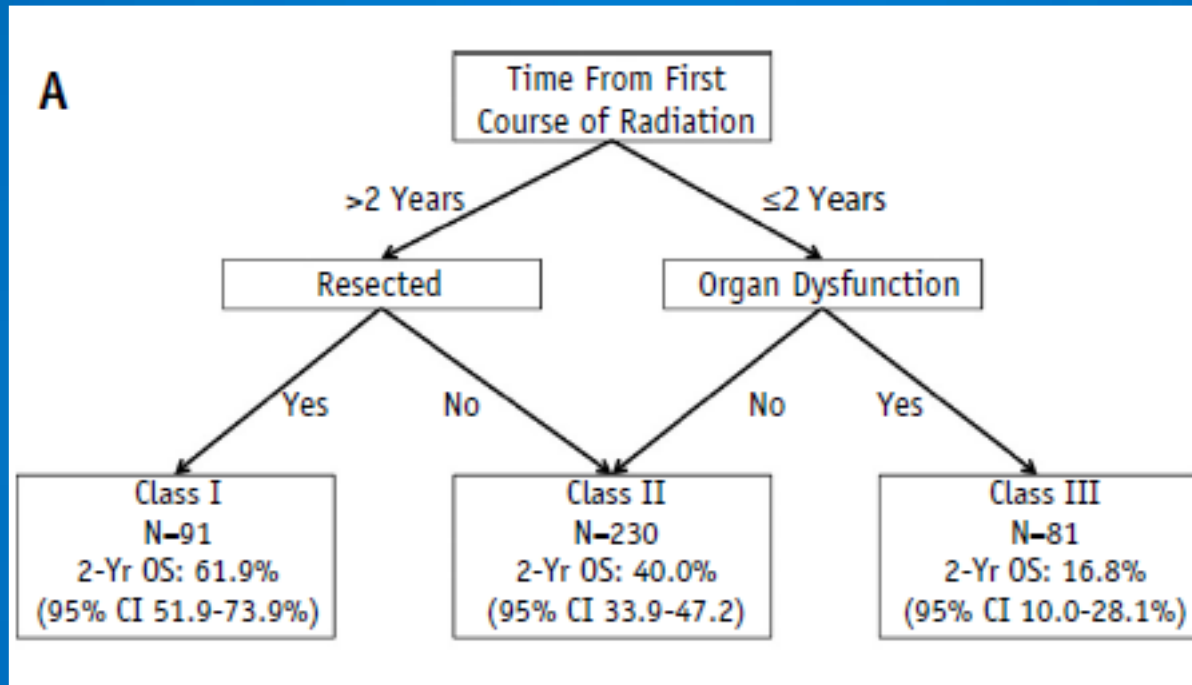
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OVERALL SURVIVAL DIFFERENT CLASSES



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RECURSIVE PARTITIONING ANALYSIS FOR OVERALL SURVIVAL



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IMPACT OF QUALITY OF SURGERY

2 year overall survival

Gross disease at time of reirradiation : 33.2 %

No gross disease at time of reirradiation : 50 %

Ward MC et al. Int J Rad Oncol Biol Phys;100(3): 586-594

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OVERALL SURVIVAL

1. Site : Nasopharynx, base of skull tumours
2. Performance Status : Better/improved KPS
3. Organ function : Good/bad before reirradiation
4. Use of surgery
5. Interval between radiotherapy courses

CAUSES OF DEATH

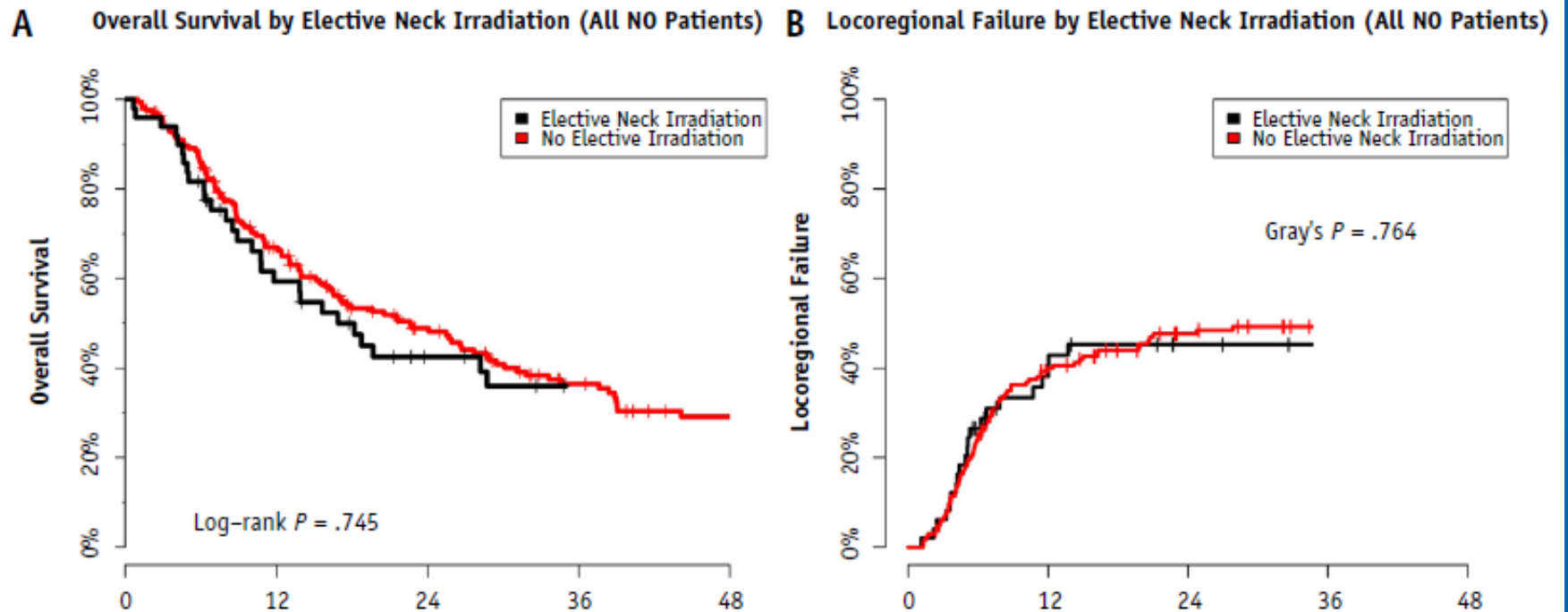
Locoregional progression only: 43%

Locoregional progression with DM: 12%

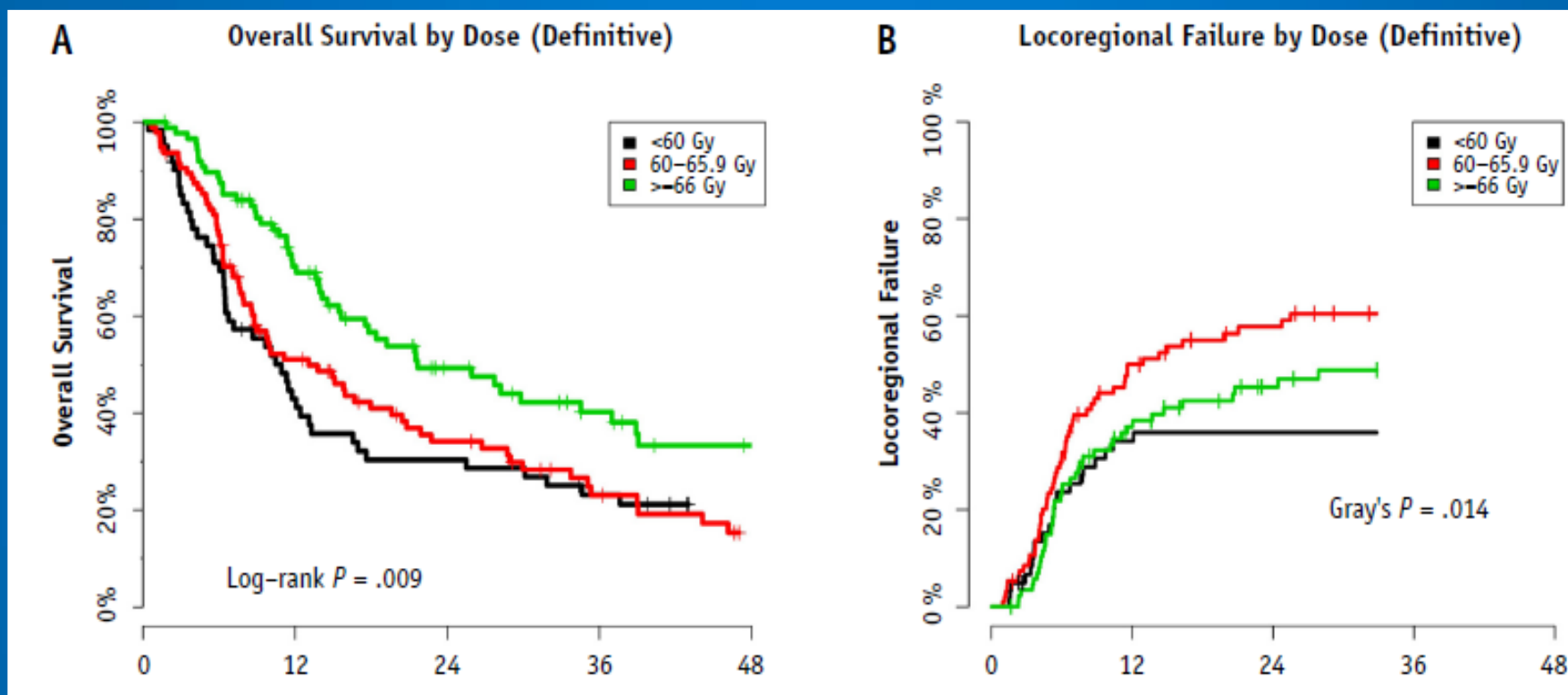
Incidence of carotid blow out syndrome: 1.2% (5/412 patients)

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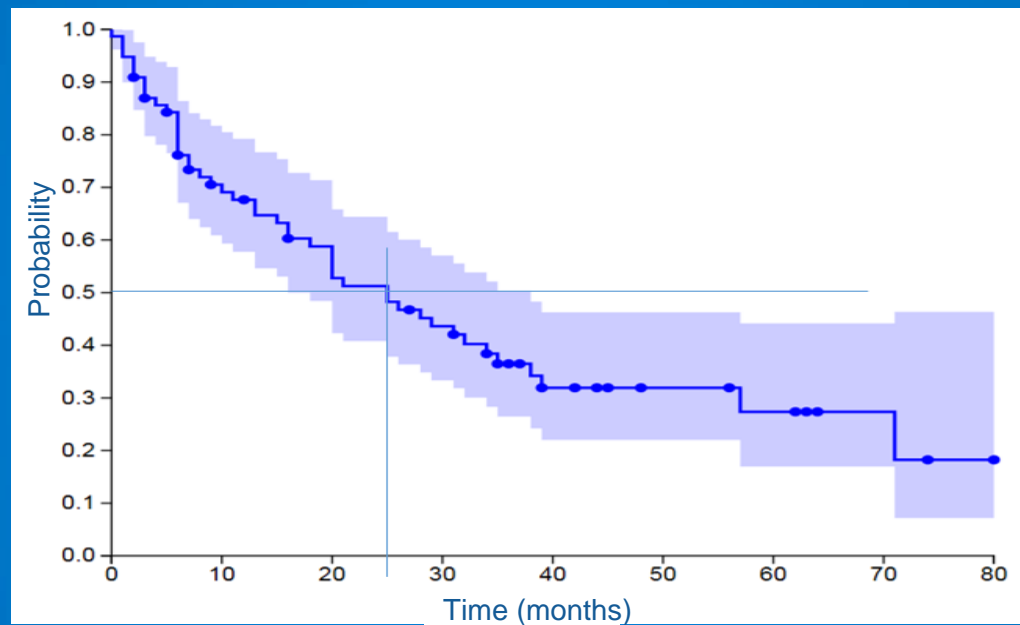
OVERALL SURVIVAL BY ELECTIVE NECK IRRADIATION (All NO patients)



OVERALL SURVIVAL BY DOSE ("Definitive" treatment – no surgery)



Reirradiated patients Karolinska University Hospital: Overall Survival



CONCLUSIONS

1. Surgery is recommended for resectable disease
2. Cytostatic chemotherapy is palliative
3. Reirradiation is potentially curative for patients with recurrent unresectable head and neck cancer in previously irradiated volumes
4. Reirradiation can be dramatically toxic; treatment related deaths are reported.
5. No randomized studies exist, nor do level I or II data, only observational studies

6. The definition of "reirradiation" in publications is often not clear: volumes, doses, dose distributions, doses to OAR, fractionation etc.
7. Patient selection is of utmost important: reference to the 3 classes according to the MIRI Group
8. Important evaluation of life expectancy, assessment of comorbidities, performance status, prior radiotherapy sequelae, e.g. carotid stenosis, soft-tissue fibrosis, osteonecrosis
9. The chance of tumour control is higher with doses of at least 60 Gy
10. The longer the interval to prior radiotherapy, the better the prognosis; an interval of at least 1 year could be advantageous

11. Advanced radiotherapy techniques should be used, such as IMRT, VMAT, brachytherapy, or protons
12. No certain data exist to stipulate that the addition of chemotherapy improves tumour control or has an impact on severe toxicity
13. Second primaries have better prognosis than "true recurrences"
14. Primary constraints related to: carotid artery, brain tissue, mandible; Relative constraints related to: larynx, temporo-mandibular joint, soft tissues in the neck.

IMPORTANT – AND DIFFICULT: PATIENT INFORMATION !

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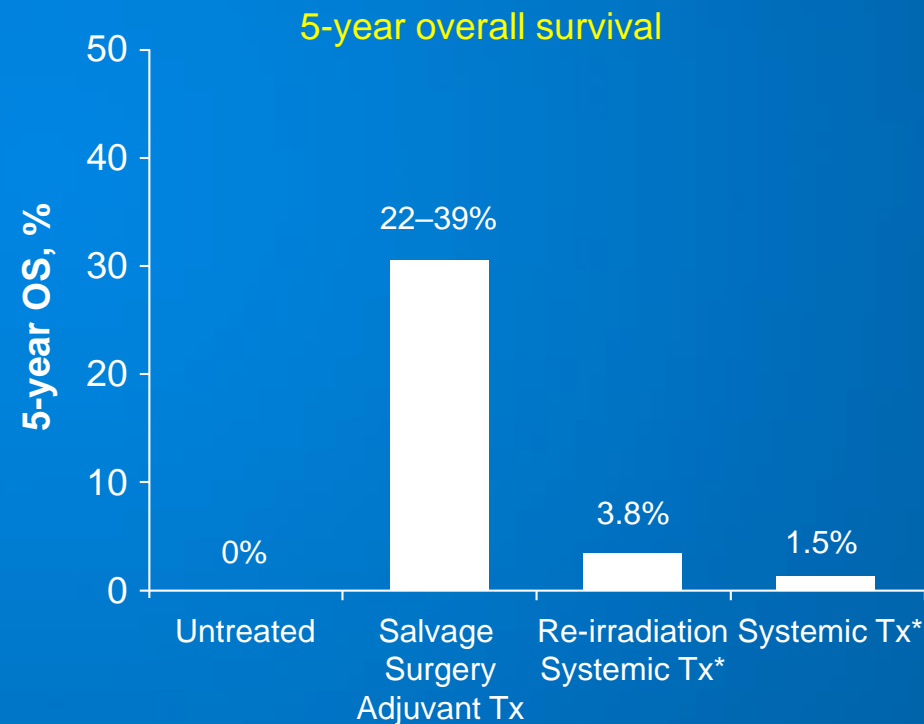
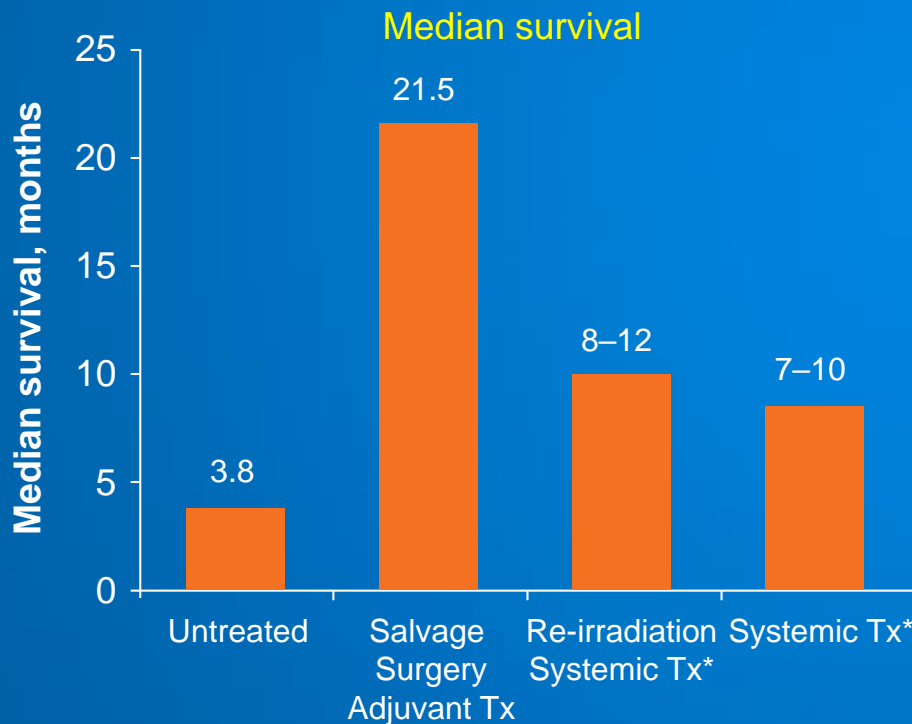
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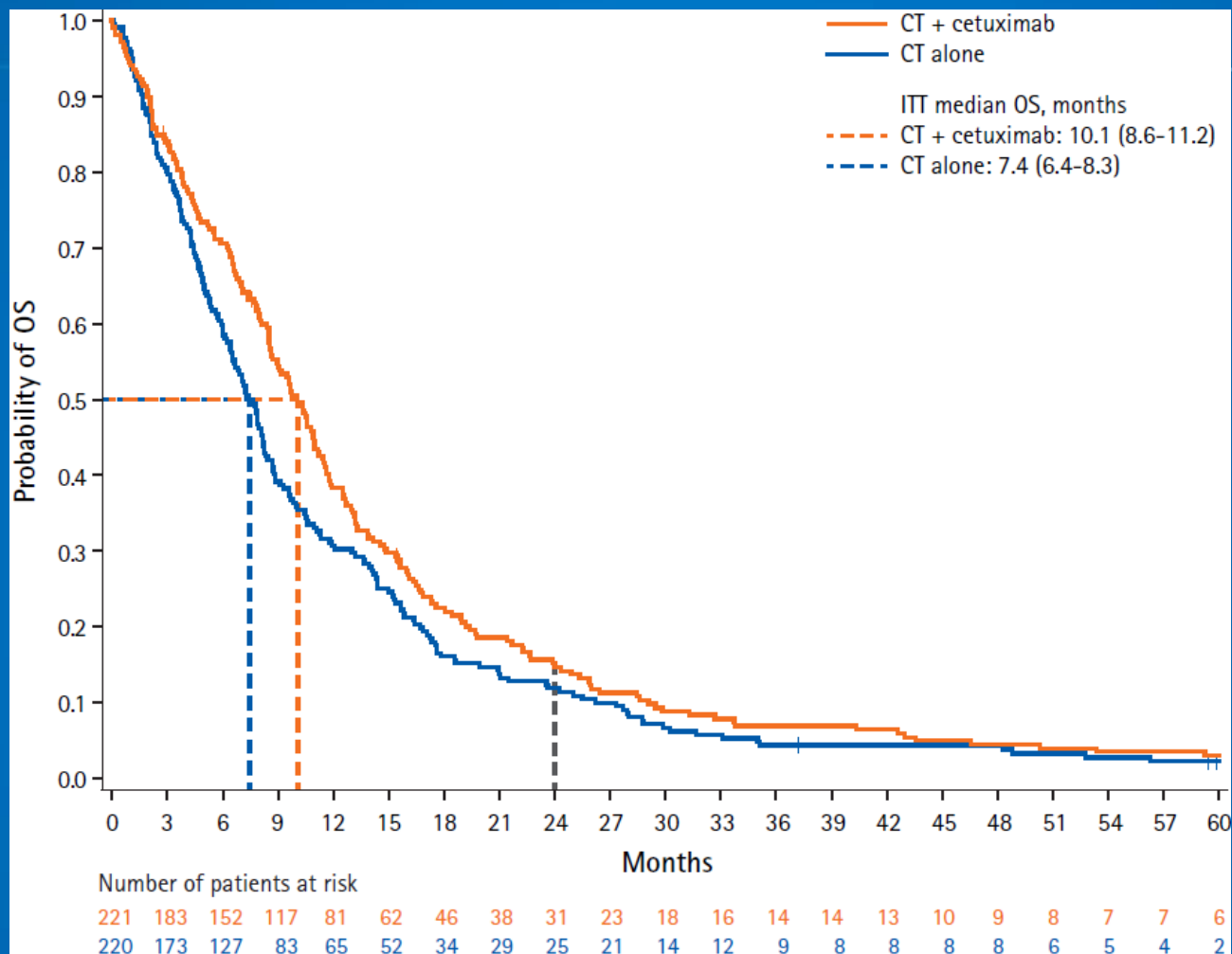
- Surgery
- Re-irradiation
- Chemotherapy

Outcomes for recurrent SCCHN by treatment modality



*Largely palliative population
CT, chemotherapy

EXTREME – Overall Survival



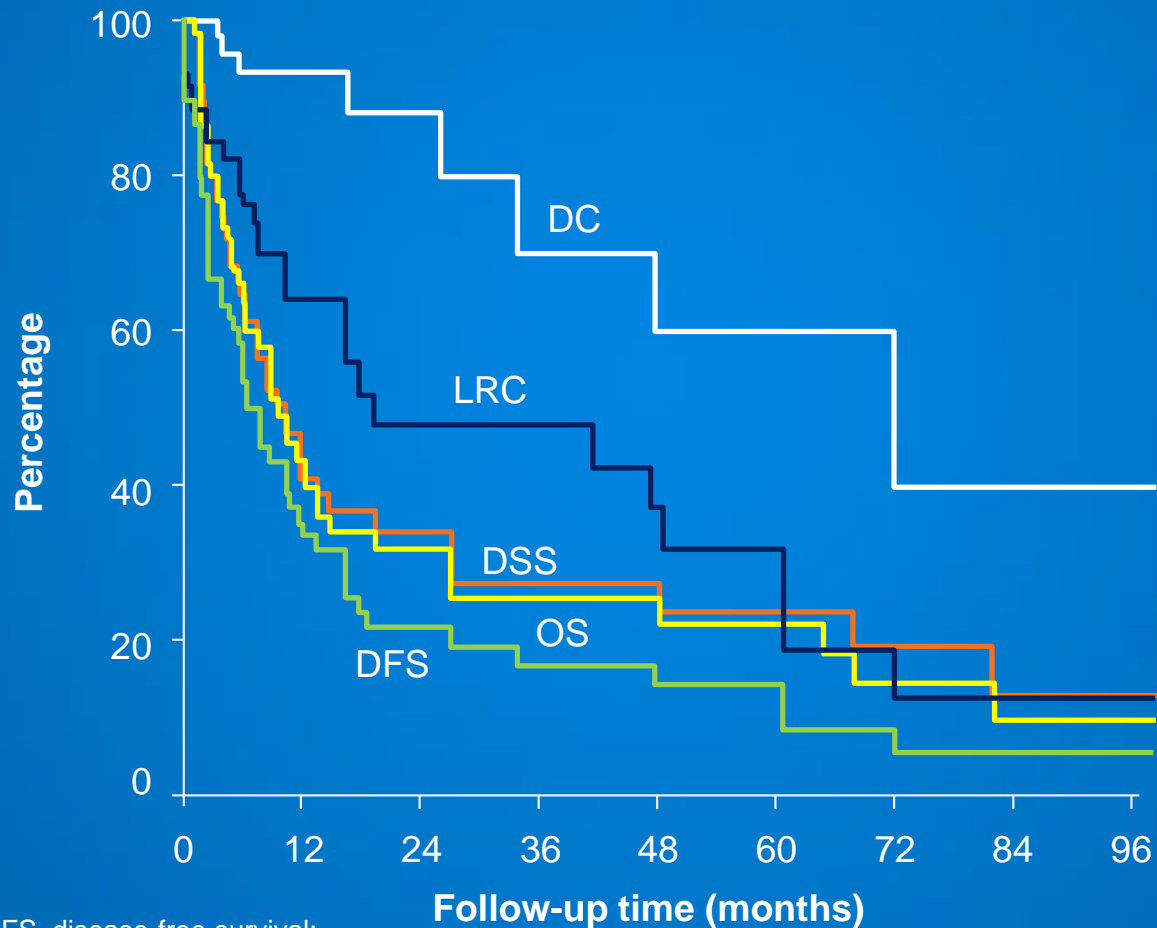
SURGERY

TECHNICALLY DIFFICULT:

1. SURGICAL PROCEDURE IN PREVIOUSLY IRRADIATED AREA/VOLUME
2. CLOSE VICINITY TO IMPORTANT STRUCTURES, CAROTID ARTERY, SKULL BASE ETC.
3. COMPLICATIONS CAN BE IMPORTANT.....

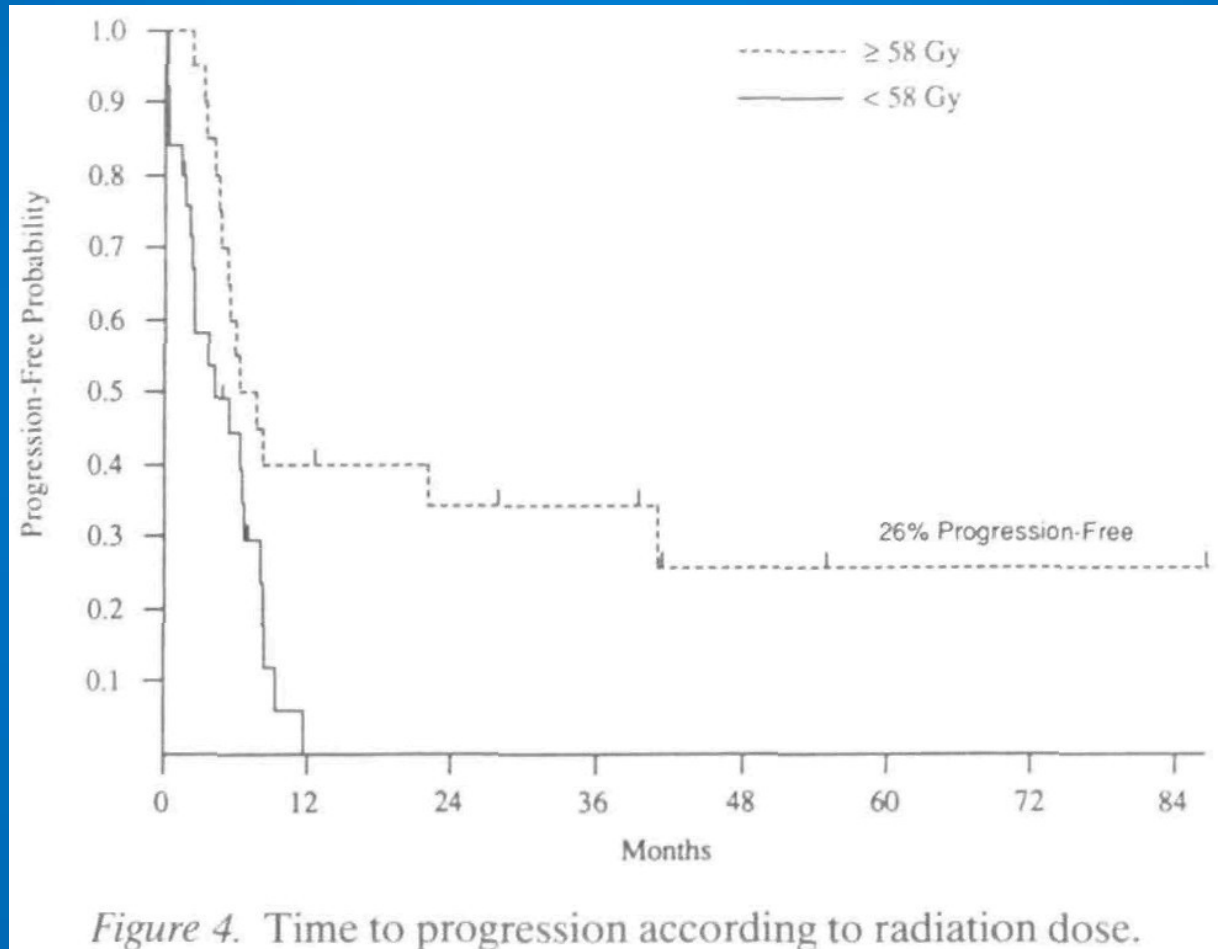
Do we have to advocate re-irradiation?

Retrospective study of 60 consecutive patients re-irradiated using IMRT (66Gy) for recurrent SCCHN



DC, distant control; DFS, disease-free survival;
DSS, disease-specific survival;
LRC, locoregional control

MILESTONE STUDY 1996: " Re-irradiation with concomitant chemotherapy of unresectable head and neck cancer: A potentially curable disease"



DOSE (PRIMARY TUMOUR)

What determines dose level for the primary tumour target?

Why 68 – 70 Gy as a standard dose?

DOSE TO TARGET OF PRIMARY TUMOUR

All constraints are looked at, but in clinical practice dose distribution with respect to following organs/tissues (OARs) representing major functions rule:

Salivary glands – xerostomia

Swallowing muscles – dysphagia

Mandible – osteoradionecrosis

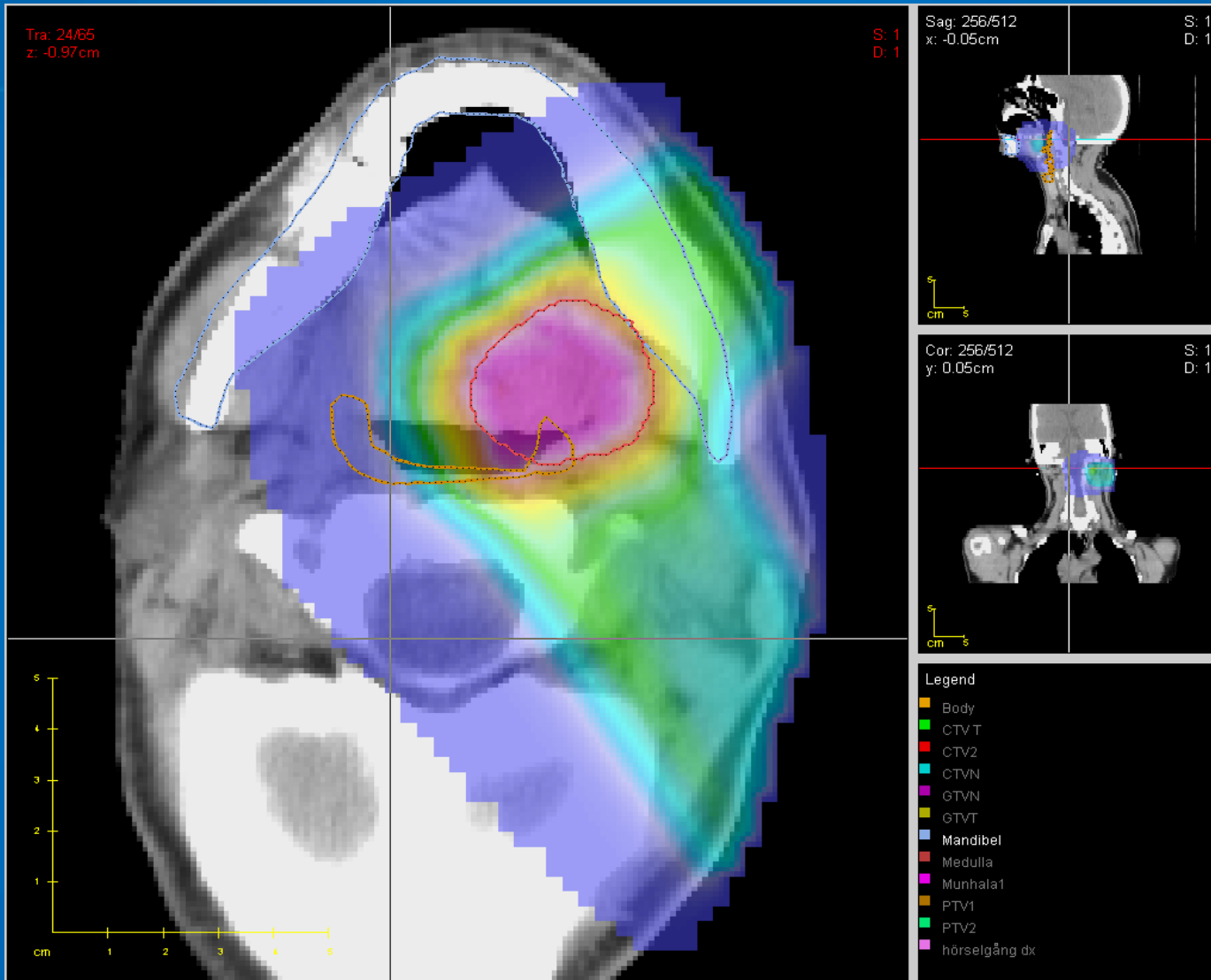
Larynx – speech, voice exhaustion, necrosis

Necrosis of soft tissues or vessels: VERY SELDOM impact on final dose distribution/dose level

DOSE ESCALATION IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER-ARE THERE DATA?

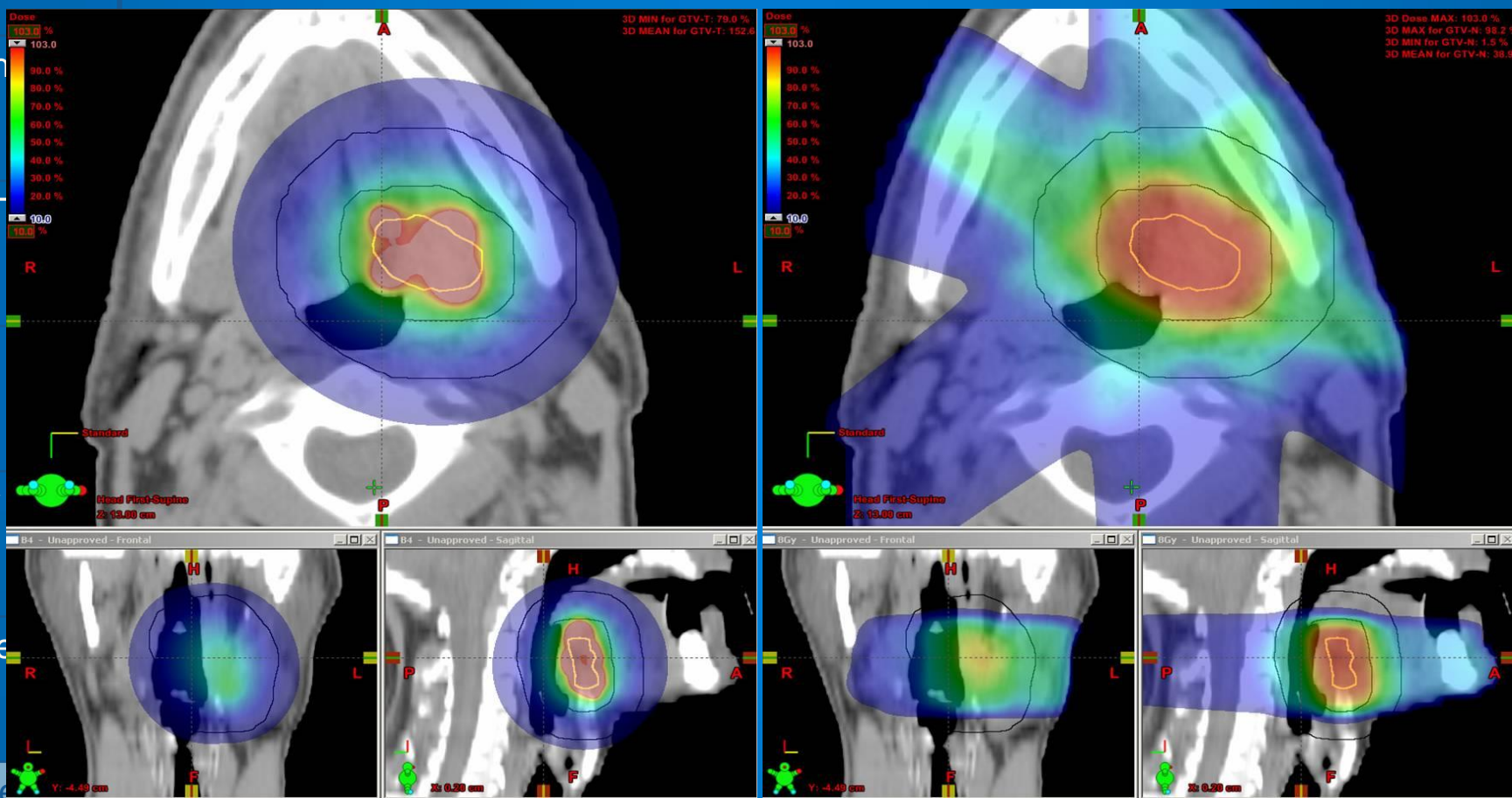
1. Hyperfractionation studies (EORTC, RTOG) are good supporters for the hypothesis of potential improvement (80.5 Gy)
2. Doses over 80 Gy, often administered with brachytherapy (boost) represent the best data published (not randomised studies)
3. Model studies with redistribution of doses to different targets with IMRT (Copenhagen, Belgium etc.)

Protons



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IMRT
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Jämför

Comparison (boost with BT or IMRT for base tongue ca)

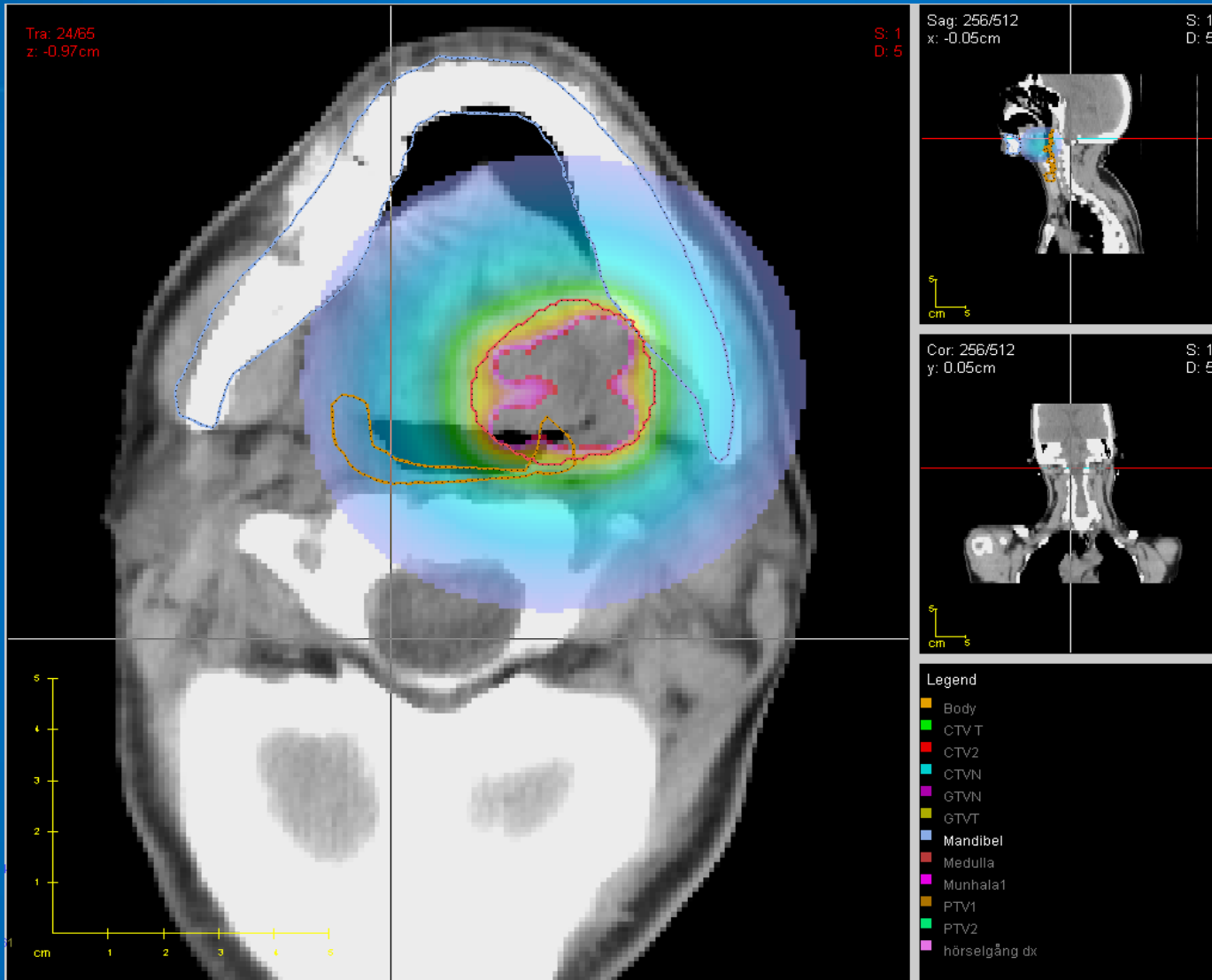


Brachy

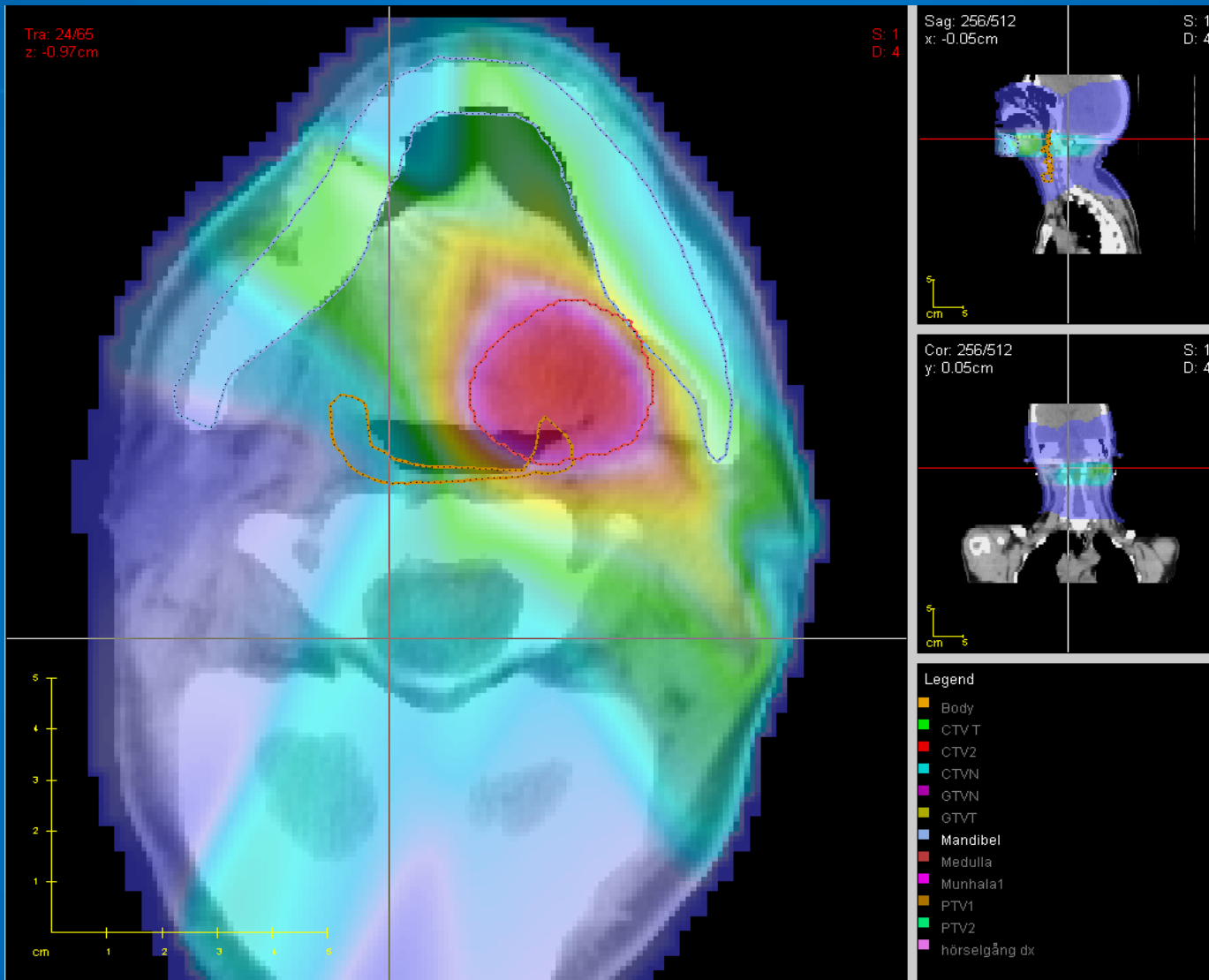
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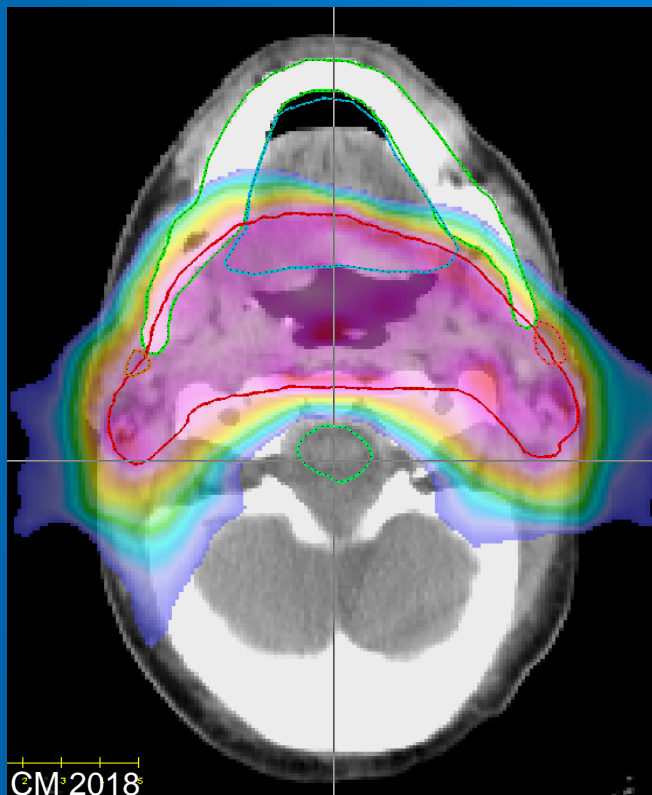
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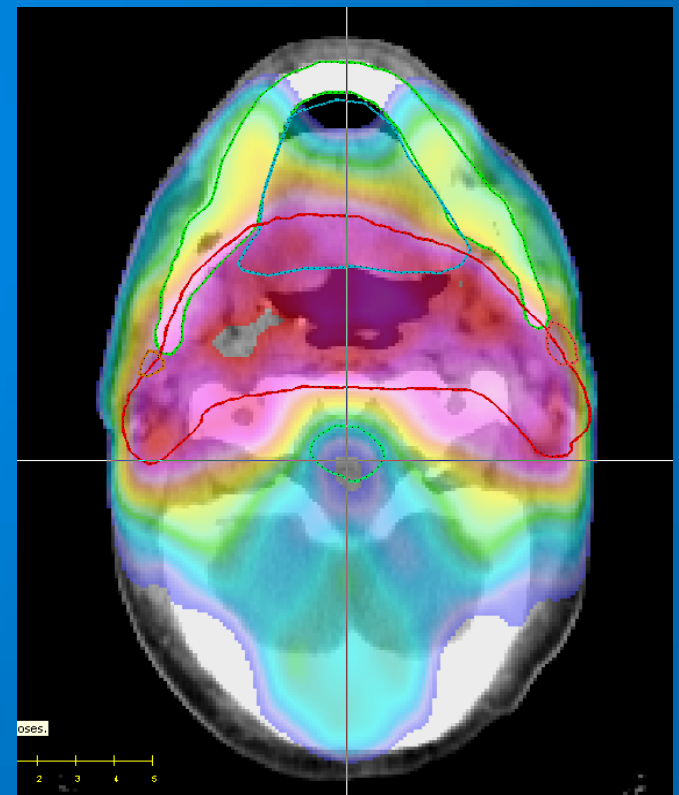
IMRT



IMPT (protons) 46 Gy for PTV2)



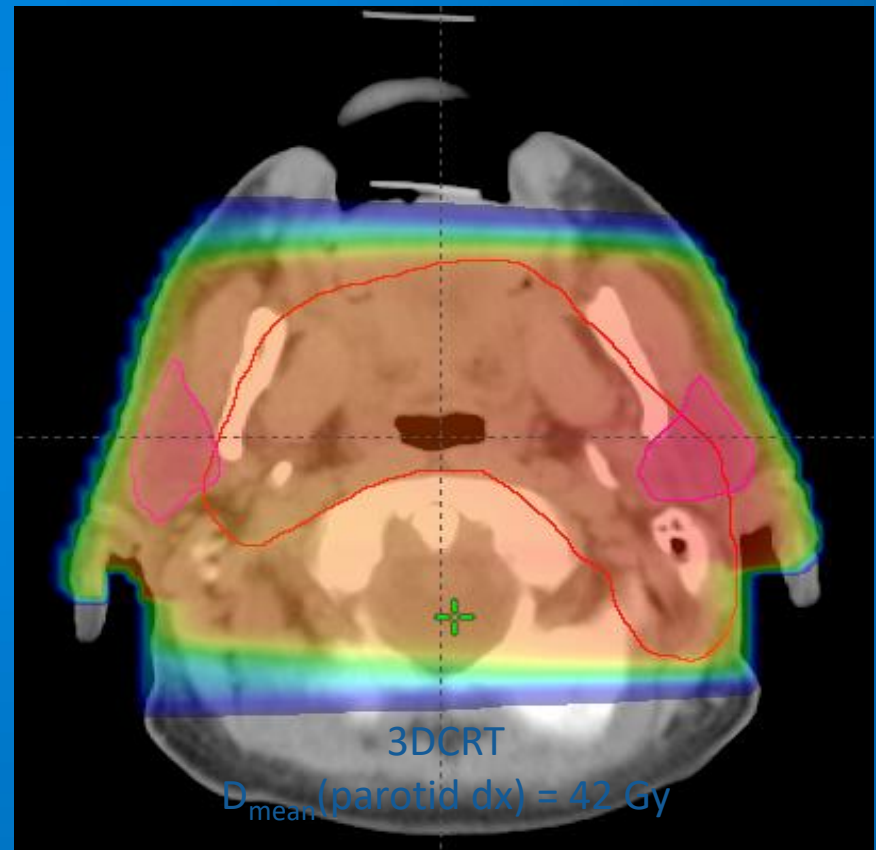
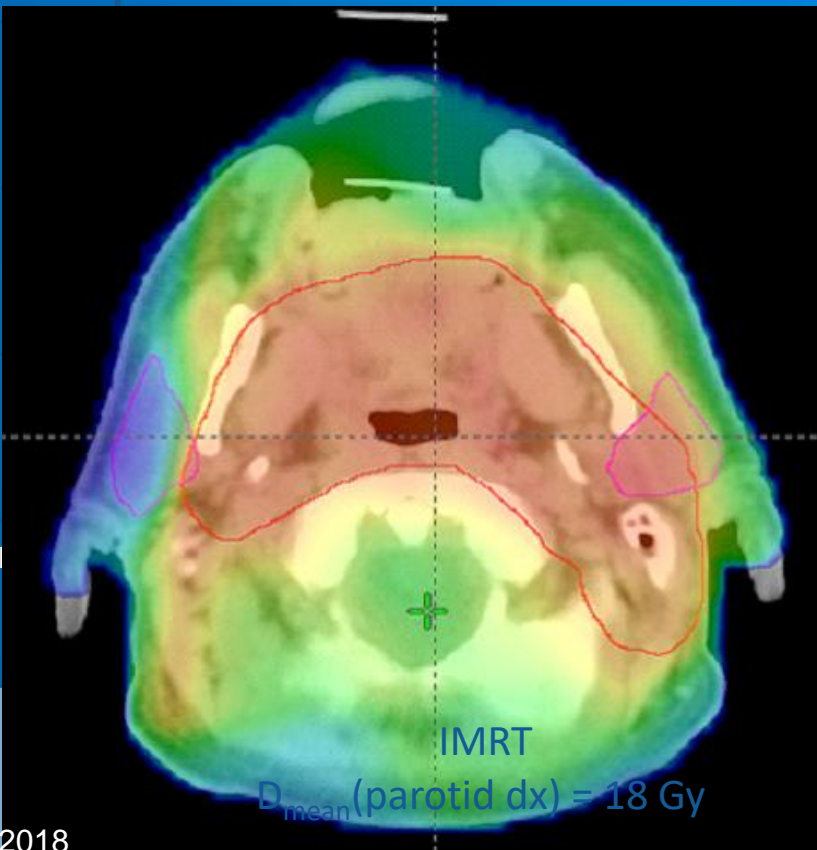
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Comparison: dose to parotid glands (IMRT vs. 3DCRT)

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EHNS–ESMO–ESTRO guidelines for 1st line treatment of recurrent and/or metastatic SCCHN

clinical practice guidelines

Squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck EHNS–ESMO–ESTRO Clinical Practice Guidelines diagnosis, treatment and follow-up

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local, regional and metastatic recurrence

In selected cases of localized recurrence, surgery (if operable) or re-irradiation can be considered. For most patients palliative chemotherapy is the standard option. First-line option for fit patients should include the combination of cetuximab with cisplatin or carboplatin plus 5-fluorouracil (PF). It resulted in longer survival than PF alone [II, A]. In patients for which

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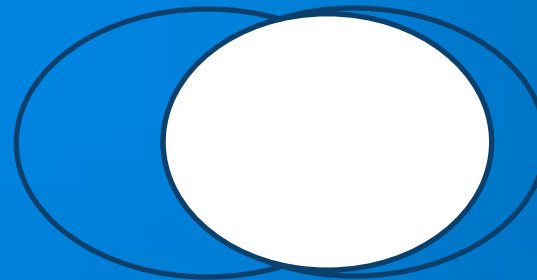
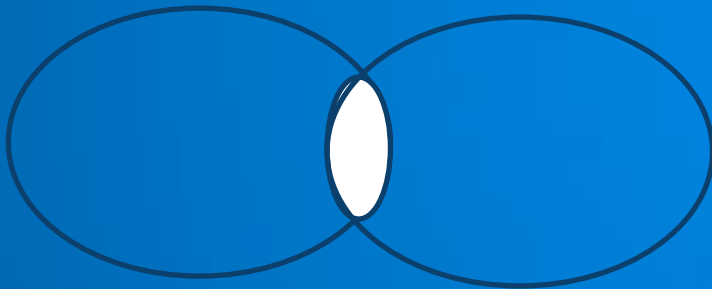
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REIRRADIATION WITH BRACHYTHERAPY FOR CARCINOMAS OF OROPHARYNX AND TONGUE

Nancy, France, 1972-1984 (retrospective study)

- 1. Technique/Dose: Afterloading ^{192}Ir implants, the Nancy technique, the Paris system for dose calculation, first treatment dose was 36-140 Gy, average 69 Gy, reirradiation dose was 31-80 Gy, average 62 Gy, dose rate less than 8 Gy/day in 23 pts 8-16 Gy/day in 76, more than 16 Gy/day in 23 patients.
- 2. Patients: 123 patients were recorded, 111 treated with curative intent. Site of first irradiation: oropharynx 56, pharyngolarynx 35, oral cavity 32. Site of reirradiation: tonsil 43, base of tongue 32, mobile tongue 26, soft palate 22. Size of reirradiated tumor: T1 35, T2 49, T3 38 and T4 1. 71 tumors were smaller than 3 cm and 52 larger than 3 cm.
- 3. Results: Actuarial survival rates at 2 and 5 years were 48 and 24%. Survival was correlated with size (3cm or larger), new primary tumor and not relapse of earlier tumor, reirradiation dose above 60 Gy, Site of tumor correlated with 2-year tumor control (78, 69 and 48% resp. for oral cavity, pharyngolarynx and oropharynx)

WHAT IS "REIRRADIATION"?



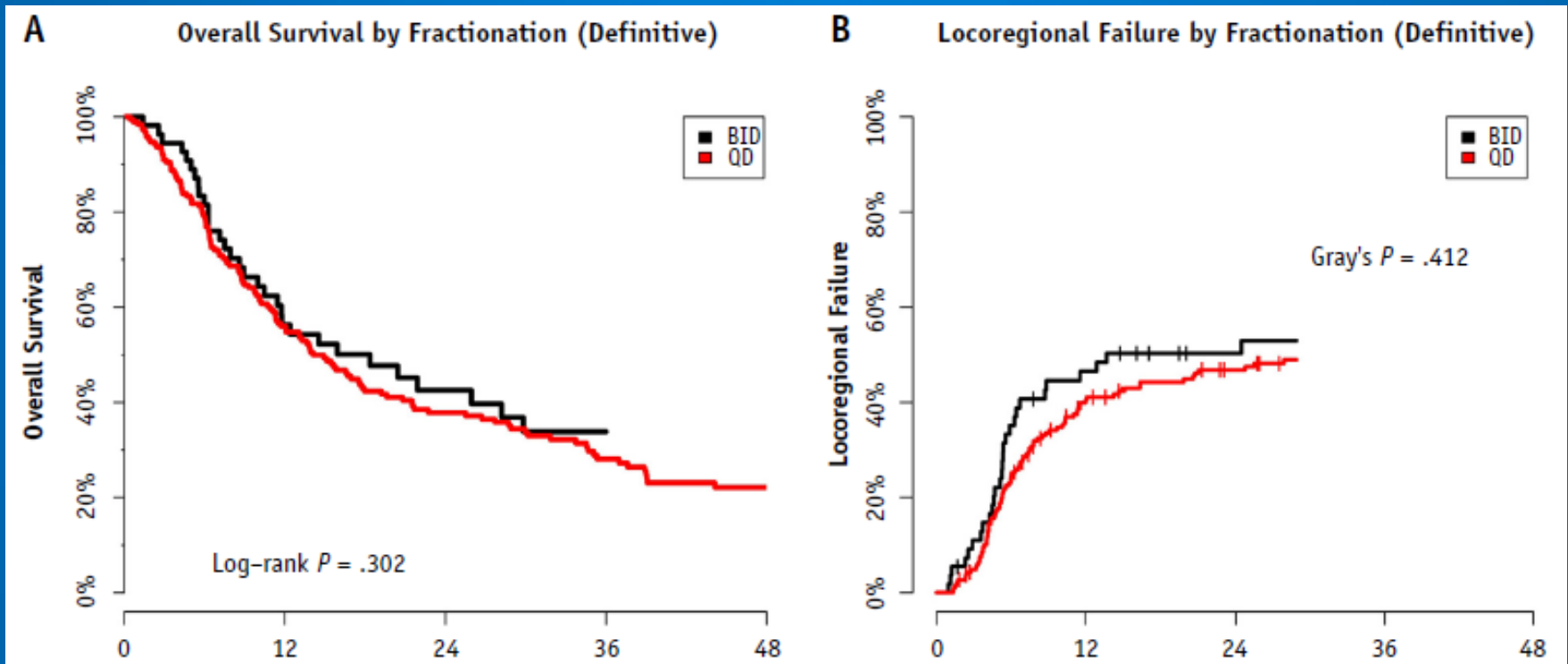
1. Surgery is recommended for resectable disease
2. Cytostatic chemotherapy is palliative
3. Reirradiation is potentially curative for patients with recurrent unresectable head and neck cancer in previously irradiated volumes
4. Reirradiation can be dramatically toxic; treatment related deaths are reported.
5. No randomized studies exist, nor do level I or II data, only observational studies

VOLUME (PRIMARY TUMOUR)

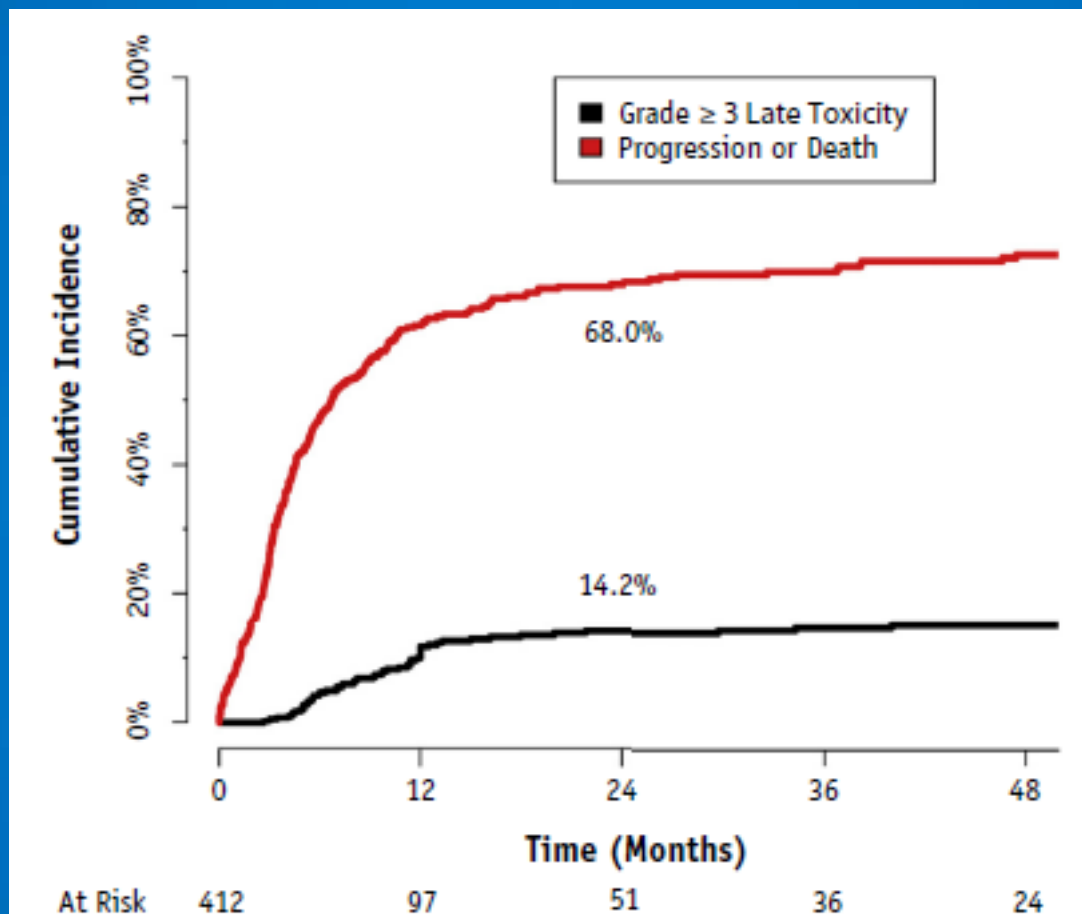
What decides volume to the primary tumour target?

1. GTV-T: Representing the volume with the highest infestation of clonogenic cells
2. GTV-N: Representing a volume with a high infestation of clonogenic cells
3. Elective volumes: No malignant cells identified with present diagnostic methods but "at risk"

OVERALL SURVIVAL BY FRACTIONATION ("Definitive" treatment – no surgery)



INFLUENCE OF GRADE ≥ 3 TOXICITY

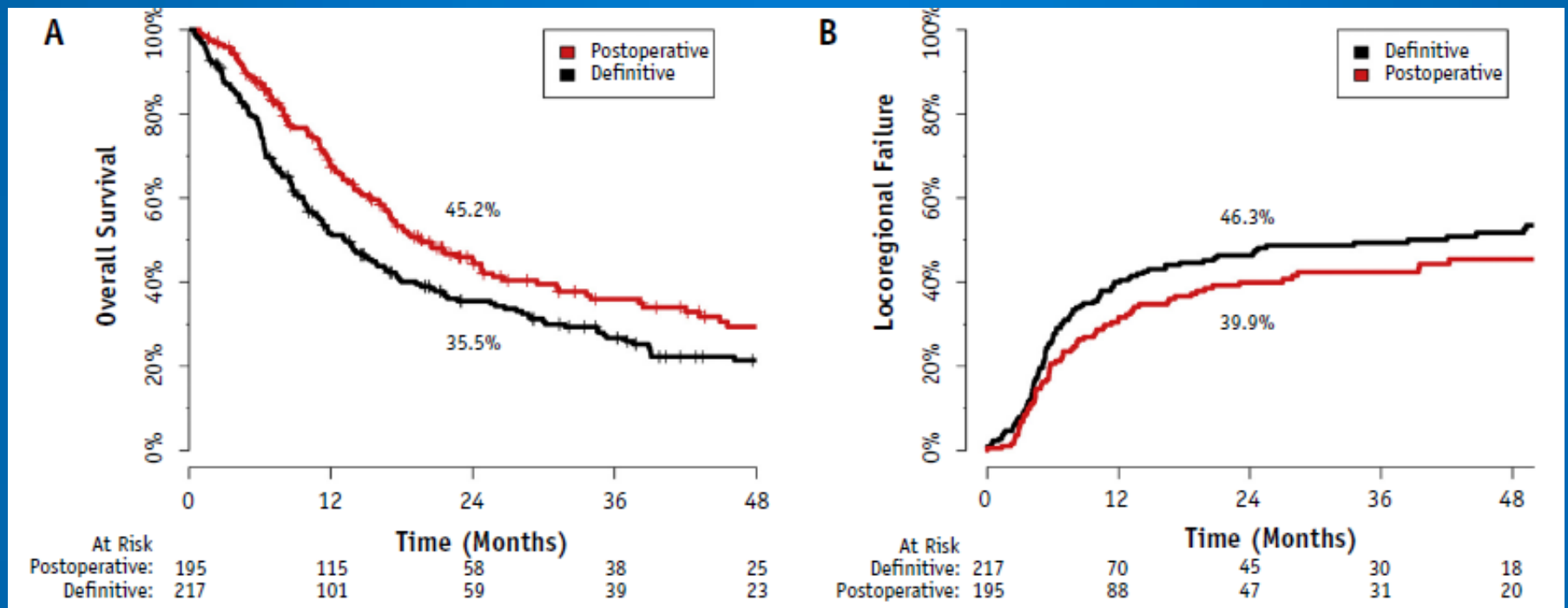


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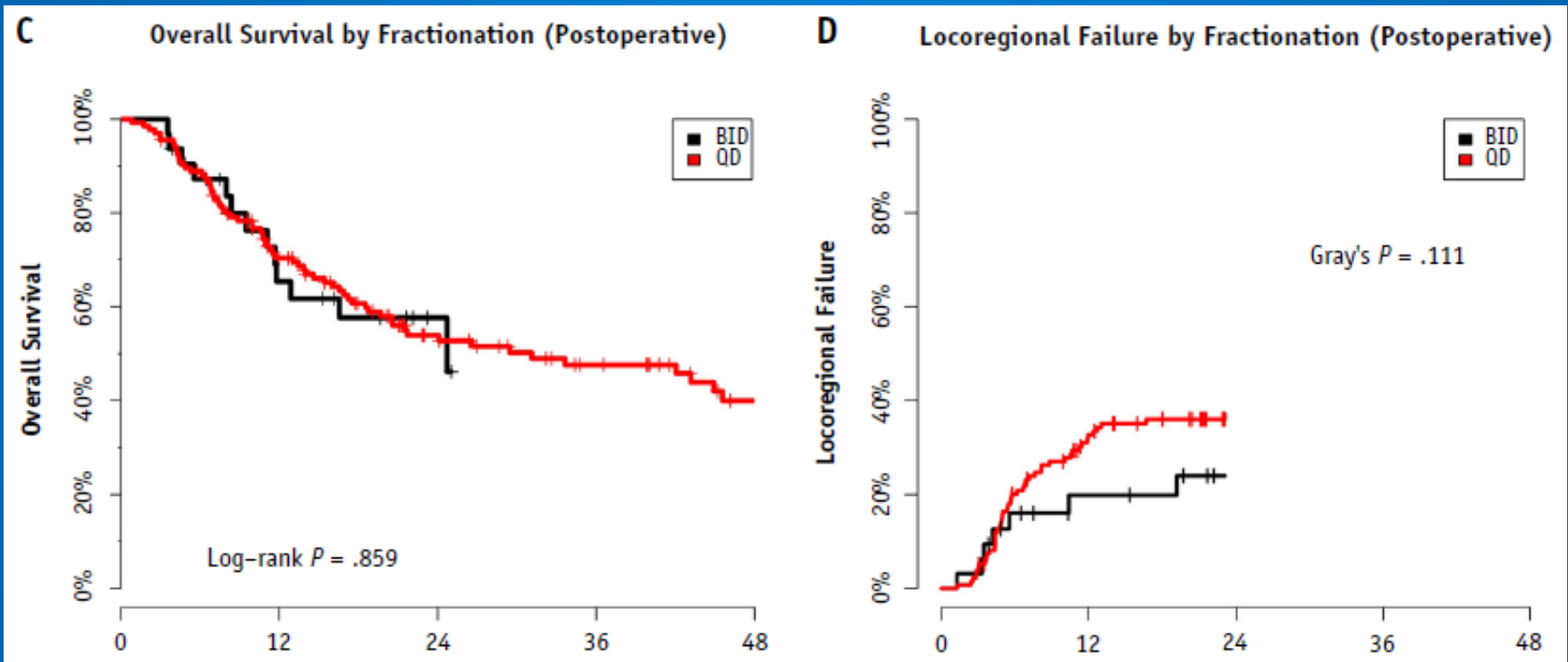
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ASSESSED PARAMETERS WITH POTENTIAL IMPACT ON SURVIVAL, LOCOREGIONAL CONTROL AND TOXICITY

- a) Elective nodal treatment
- b) Dose
- c) Fractionation

OVERALL SURVIVAL BY FRACTIONATION (Postoperative)

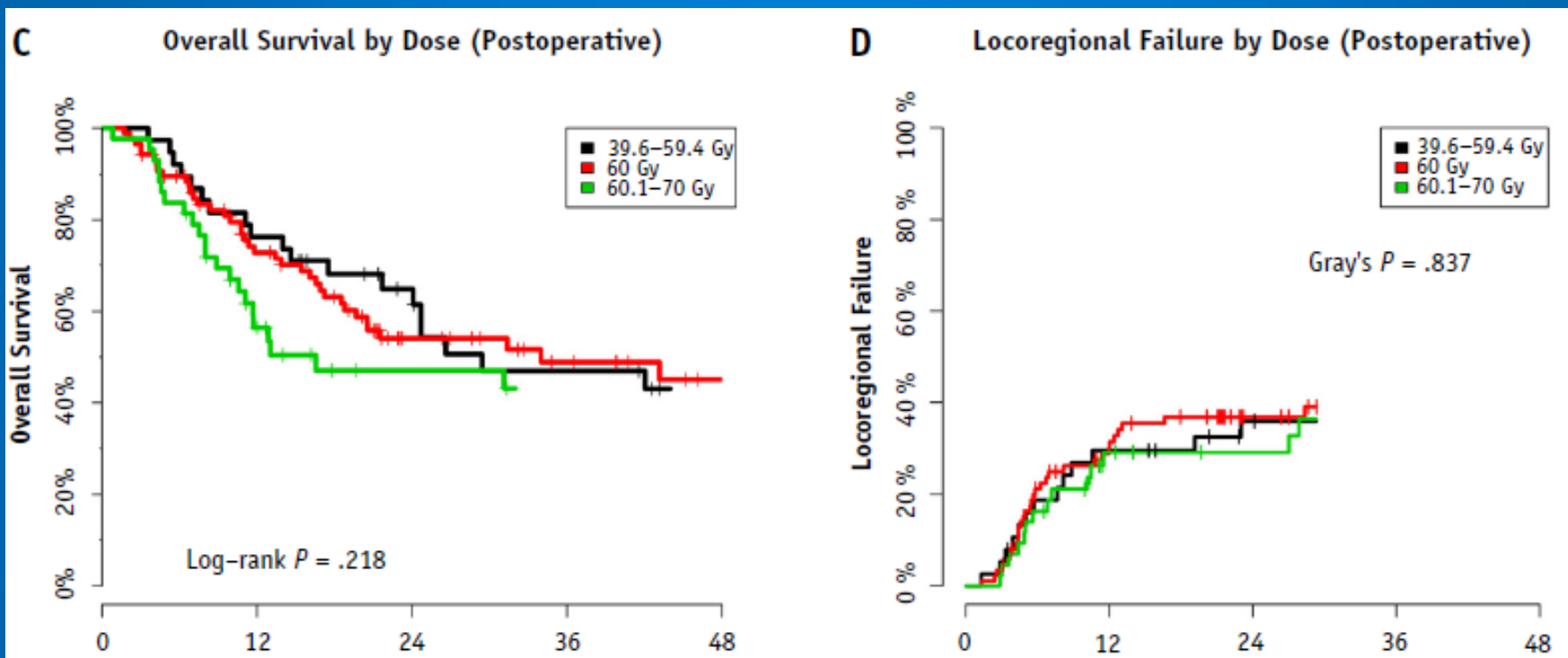


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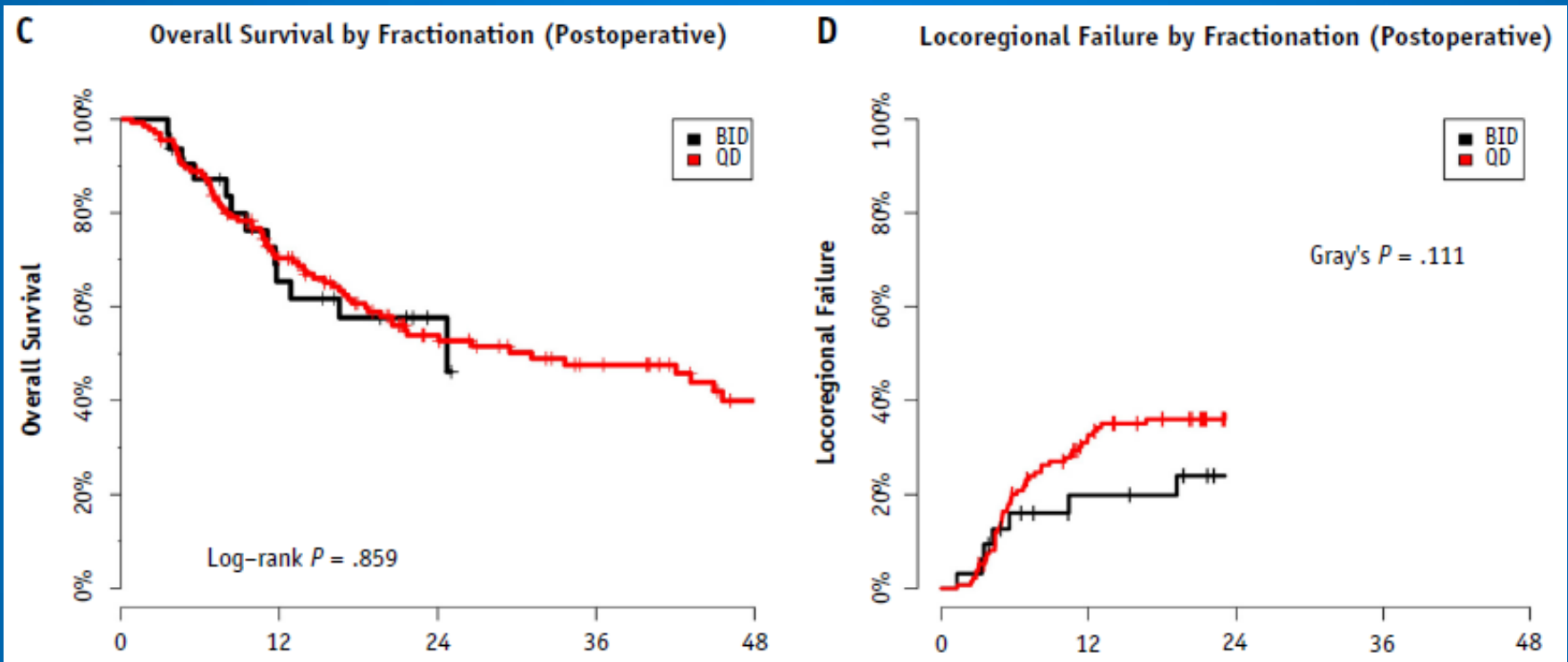
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OVERALL SURVIVAL BY DOSE (Postoperative)



OVERALL SURVIVAL BY FRACTIONATION (Postoperative)



Spatial modulation of RT

Boosting radiation dose
to pockets of drug/radiation
resistance

