

Analkarzinom

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HIV-assoziiertes Analkarzinom

Leitlinie

Empfehlungen der Fachgesellschaft zur Diagnostik und Therapie
hämatologischer und onkologischer Erkrankungen

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Anal cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up[☆]

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Epidemiologie

ICD-10 C21

	2020	
	Frauen	Männer
Neuerkrankungen	1.500	810
standardisierte Erkrankungsrate ¹	2,3	1,3
Sterbefälle	355	261
standardisierte Sterberate ¹	0,4	0,4
5-Jahres-Prävalenz	5.800	3.000
10-Jahres-Prävalenz	9.200	4.600
relative 5-Jahres-Überlebensrate*	72 %	63 %
relative 10-Jahres-Überlebensrate*	68 %	60 %

¹ je 100.000 Personen, altersstandardisiert nach altem Europastandard

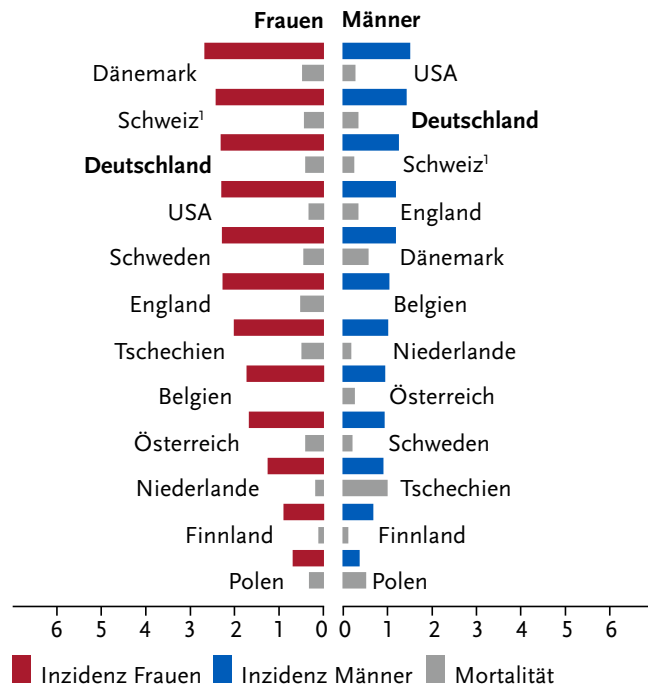
* berechnet nach Periodenmethode für 2019 / 2020

Inzidenz	2019		2020			
	Frauen	Männer	Frauen	Männer		
Neuerkrankungen	1.510	900	1.500	810		
rohe Neuerkrankungsrate ¹	3,6	2,2	3,6	2,0		
standardisierte Neuerkrankungsrate ^{1, 2}	2,3	1,6	2,3	1,3		
mittleres Erkrankungsalter ³	65	64	64	65		
Mortalität	2019		2020		2021	
	Frauen	Männer	Frauen	Männer	Frauen	Männer
Sterbefälle	340	208	355	261	301	231
rohe Sterberate ¹	0,8	0,5	0,8	0,6	0,7	0,6
standardisierte Sterberate ^{1, 2}	0,4	0,3	0,4	0,4	0,3	0,4
mittleres Sterbealter ³	75	70	75	70	77	69
Prävalenz und Überlebensraten	5 Jahre		10 Jahre		25 Jahre	
	Frauen	Männer	Frauen	Männer	Frauen	Männer
Prävalenz	5.800	3.000	9.200	4.600	13.300	6.800
absolute Überlebensrate (2019 – 2020) ⁴	64 (60 – 72)	55	54 (51 – 62)	45		
relative Überlebensrate (2019 – 2020) ⁴	72 (69 – 80)	63	68 (64 – 78)	60		

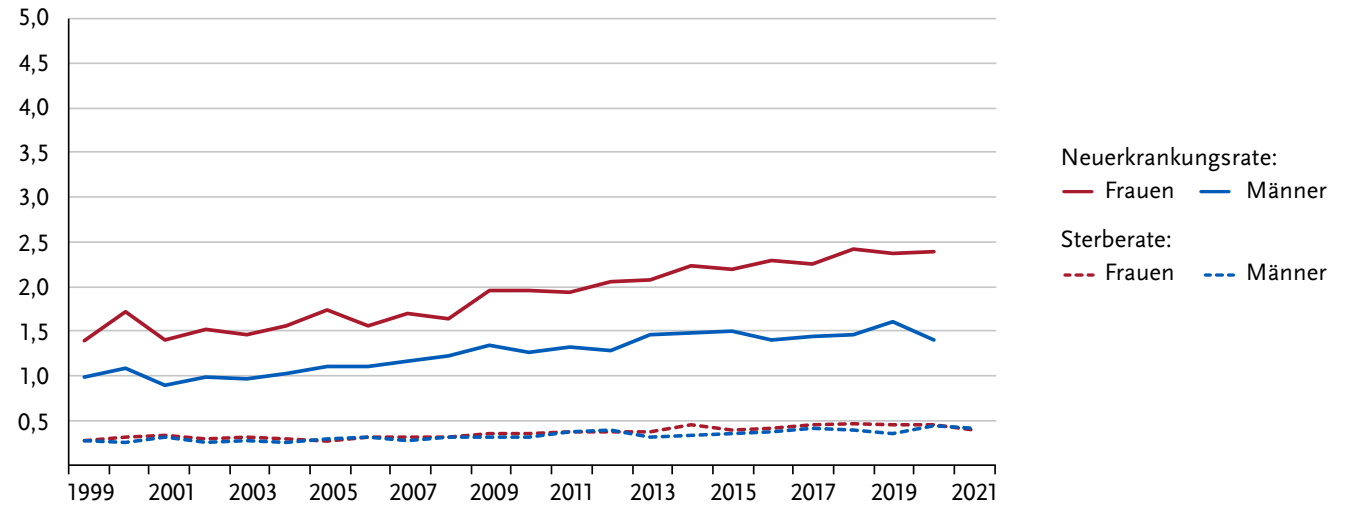
¹ je 100.000 Personen ² altersstandardisiert nach alter Europabevölkerung ³ Median ⁴ in Prozent (niedrigster und höchster Wert der einbezogenen Bundesländer)

Epidemiologie: Neuerkrankungs- und Sterberate

Altersstandardisierte Neuerkrankungs- und Sterberaten nach Geschlecht im internationalen Vergleich, ICD-10 C21, 2019 – 2020 oder letztes verfügbares Jahr (Einzelheiten und Datenquellen s. Anhang) je 100.000 (alter Europastandard)



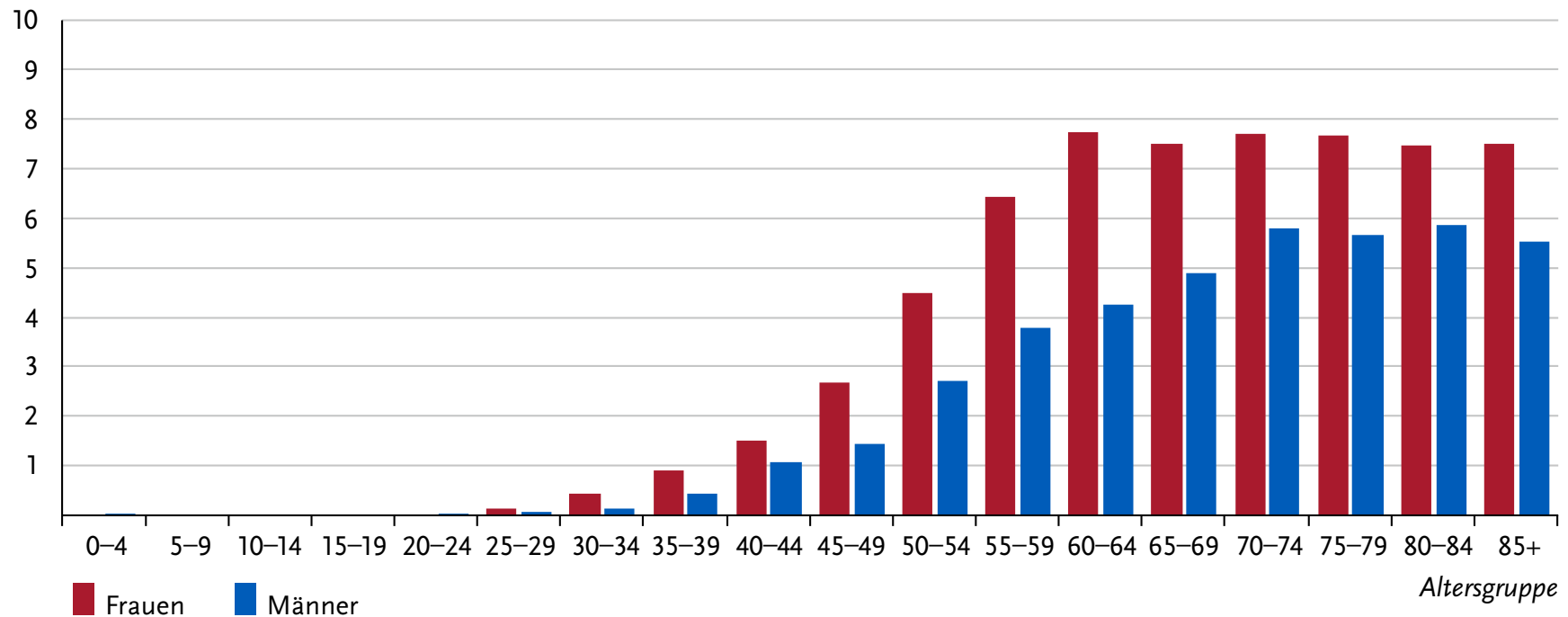
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Epidemiologie: Neuerkrankungs- und Sterberate

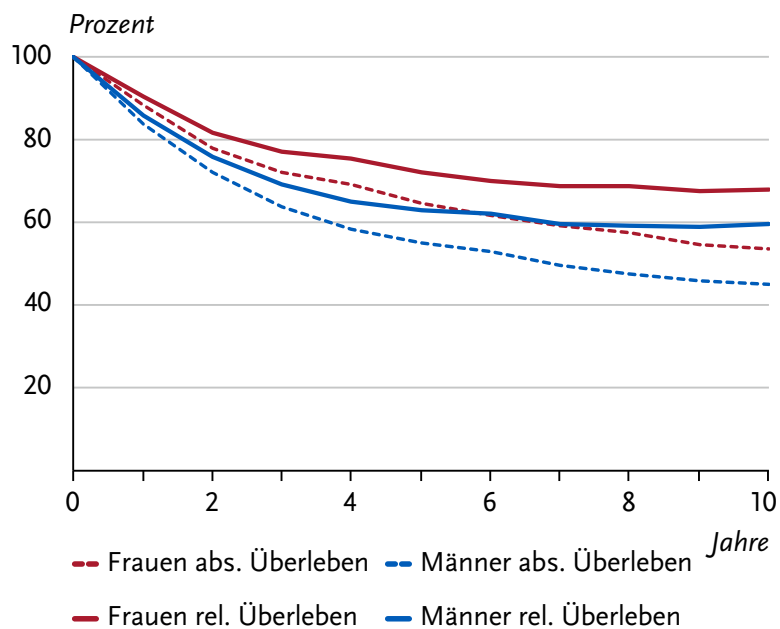
Altersspezifische Neuerkrankungsraten nach Geschlecht, ICD-10 C21, Deutschland 2019 – 2020
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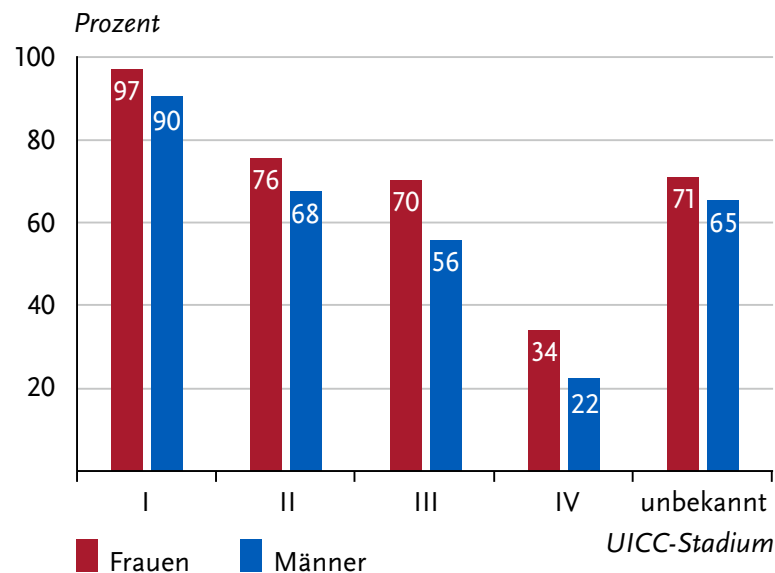
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Epidemiologie: Überlebensraten

Absolute und relative Überlebensraten bis 10 Jahre nach Erstdiagnose, nach Geschlecht, ICD-10 C21, Deutschland 2019 – 2020



Relatives 5-Jahres-Überleben nach UICC-Stadium (7. und 8. Auflage TNM) und Geschlecht, ICD-10 C21, Deutschland 2019 – 2020



Epidemiologie: SEER Database 2022

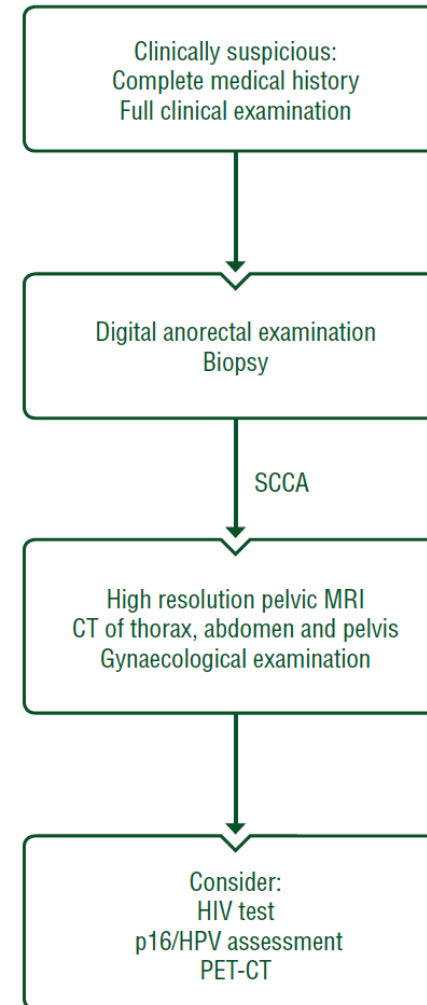
- Lokalrezidive 22%
- 5-Jahres-Überlebensraten
 - alle Stadien 70%
 - Stadium I-IIA: >80%
 - nach Rektumexstirpation bei Resttumor: 45%
 - nach Rektumexstirpation bei Rezidiv: 51%
 - N+ bei ED (29%): 60%
 - Metastasierung bei ED (12%): 30%

Klinische Risikofaktoren

- Anzahl der Sexualpartner*innen
- Rezeptiver Analverkehr
- HPV-assoziierte anogenitale Vorerkrankungen, andere sexuell übertragbare Infektionen, anogenitale Warzen
- MSM mit HIV: Inzidenzrate von 45,9 vs 5,1 pro 100.000 HIV-negativen MSM
- Risiko für die Entwicklung eines Analkarzinoms bei HIV-positiven MSM > 100-fach erhöht im Vergleich zur „Allgemeinbevölkerung“
- Nikotinabusus = unabhängiger Risikofaktor
- M. Crohn

Diagnostik

Mandatory	Recommended	Optional
Biopsy	HIV test	Endo-anal ultrasound
DRE	PET-CT	Ultrasound-guided FNA of inguinal nodes
Complete medical history	P16/HPV assessment	Examination under anaesthesia
Full clinical examination		
High-resolution pelvic MRI		
CT of thorax, abdomen and pelvis		
Anoscopy/proctoscopy		
Gynaecological examination		



Diagnostik

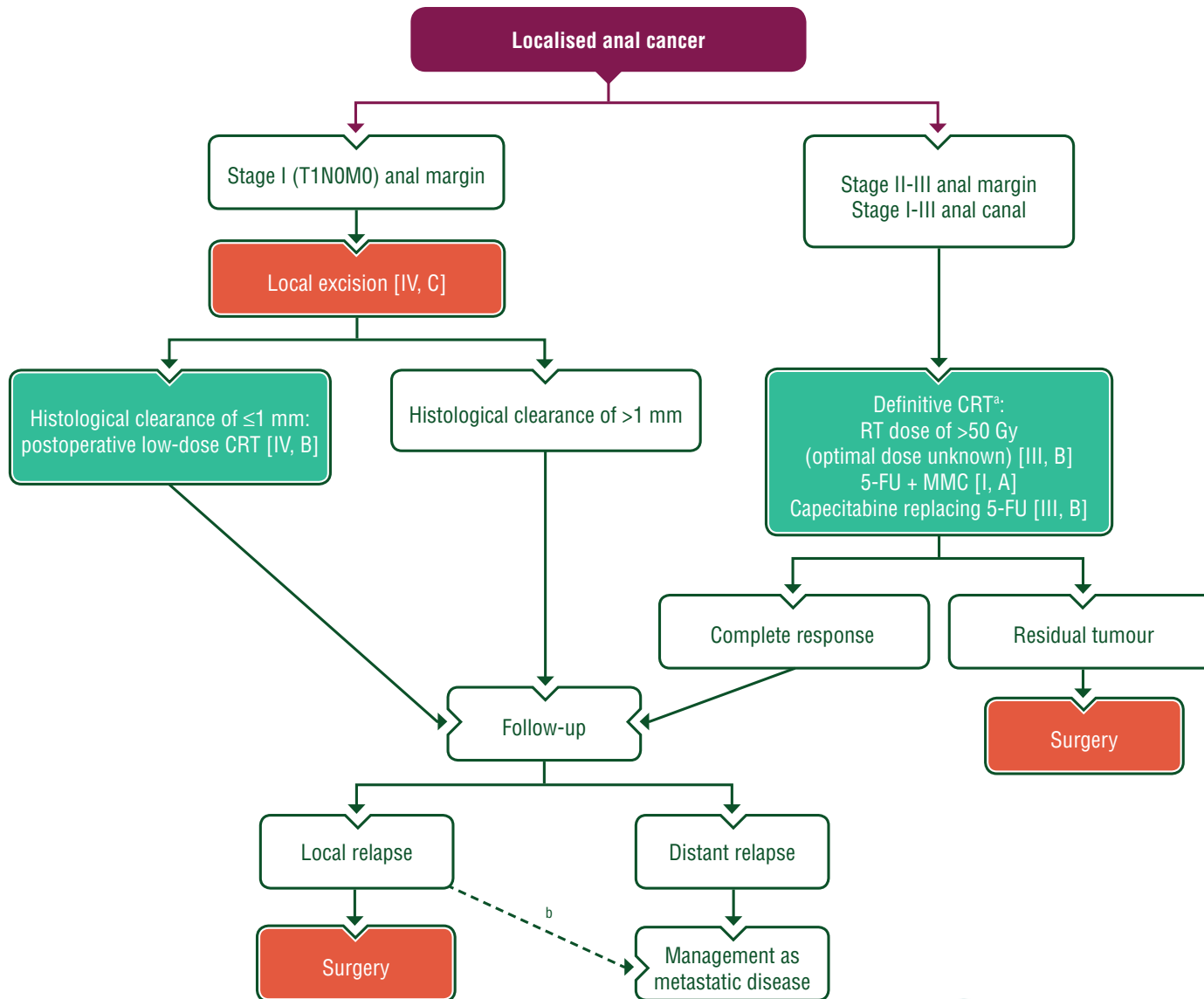
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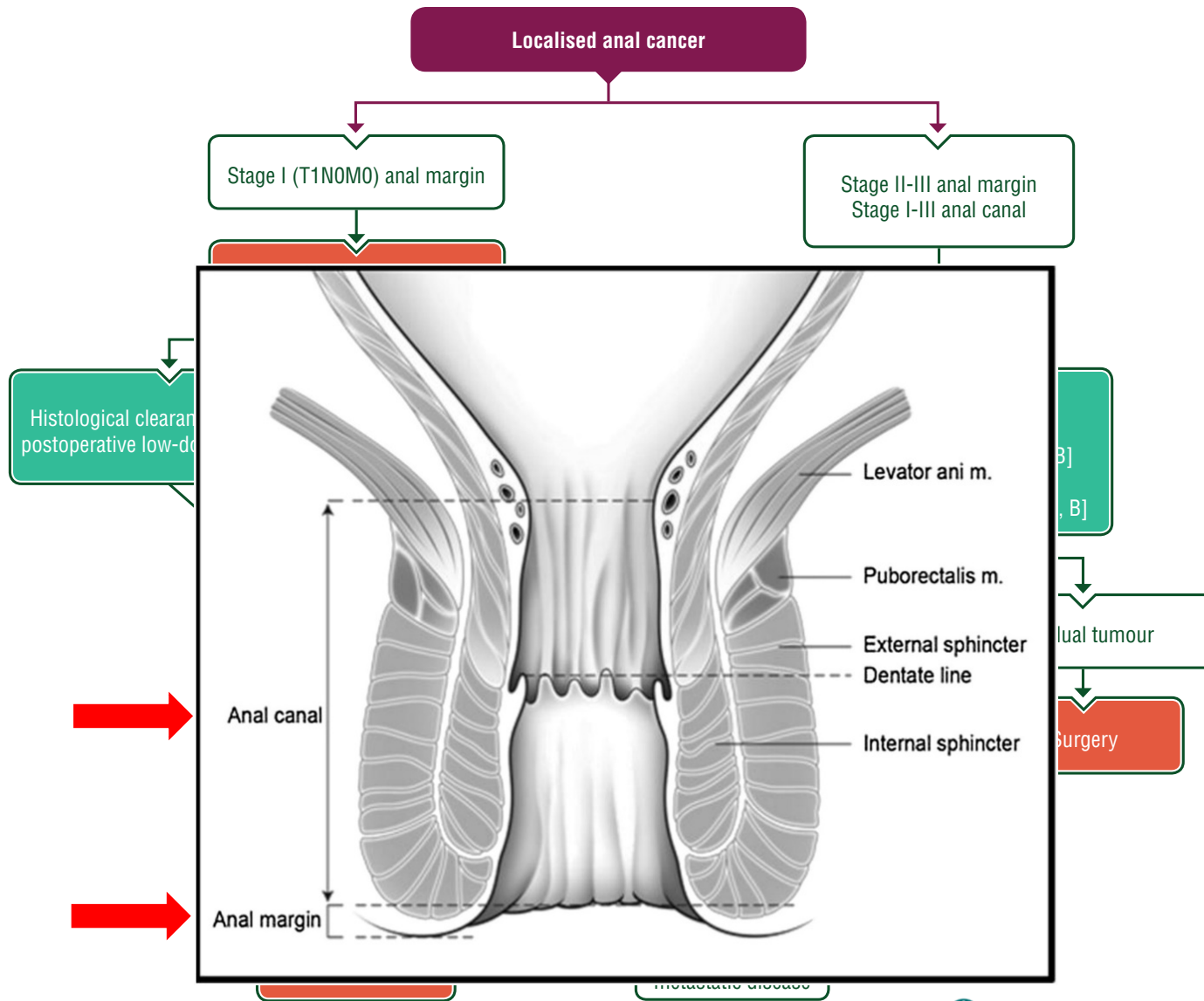
Zur Bestimmung der Tumorkategorie **soll** eine MRT-Untersuchung des Beckens erfolgen. Diese **sollte** eine multiparametrische MRT, anguliert auf den Analkanal, umfassen.

Konsensbasierte Empfehlung

Zur Detektion lokoregionärer Lymphknotenmetastasen **soll** eine MRT des Beckens durchgeführt werden. Ergänzend **sollte** die Durchführung einer PET/CT* erfolgen. Eine CT des Beckens **kann** durchgeführt werden.

*CAVE: Die PET-Untersuchung ist im Rahmen der Diagnostik bei Analkarzinomen nicht Gegenstand des Leistungskatalogs der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung (Kostenübernahme nicht gesichert).





Konsensbasierte Empfehlung

Zur Abgrenzung von Analkanal- und Analrandkarzinomen sowie zur Abgrenzung zu anderen, in dieser Leitlinie nicht behandelten plattenepithelialen Tumoren **sollen** die folgenden klinischen Kriterien angewandt werden:

1. **Analrandkarzinome**

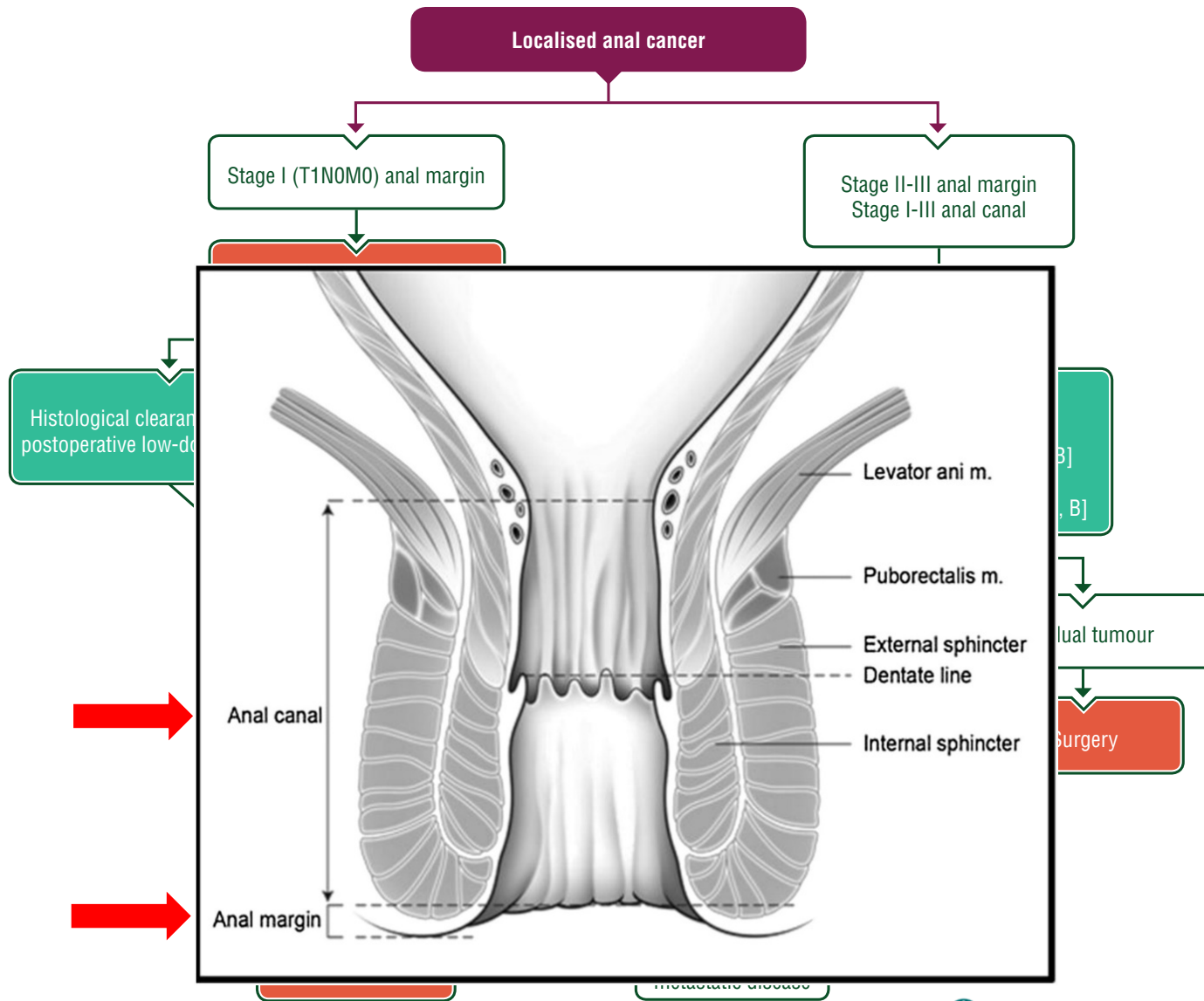
- sind unter Spreizung der Nates makroskopisch vollständig sichtbar
- liegen mit ihrem überwiegenden Gewebeanteil innerhalb eines Radius von 5 cm um die Linea anocutanea

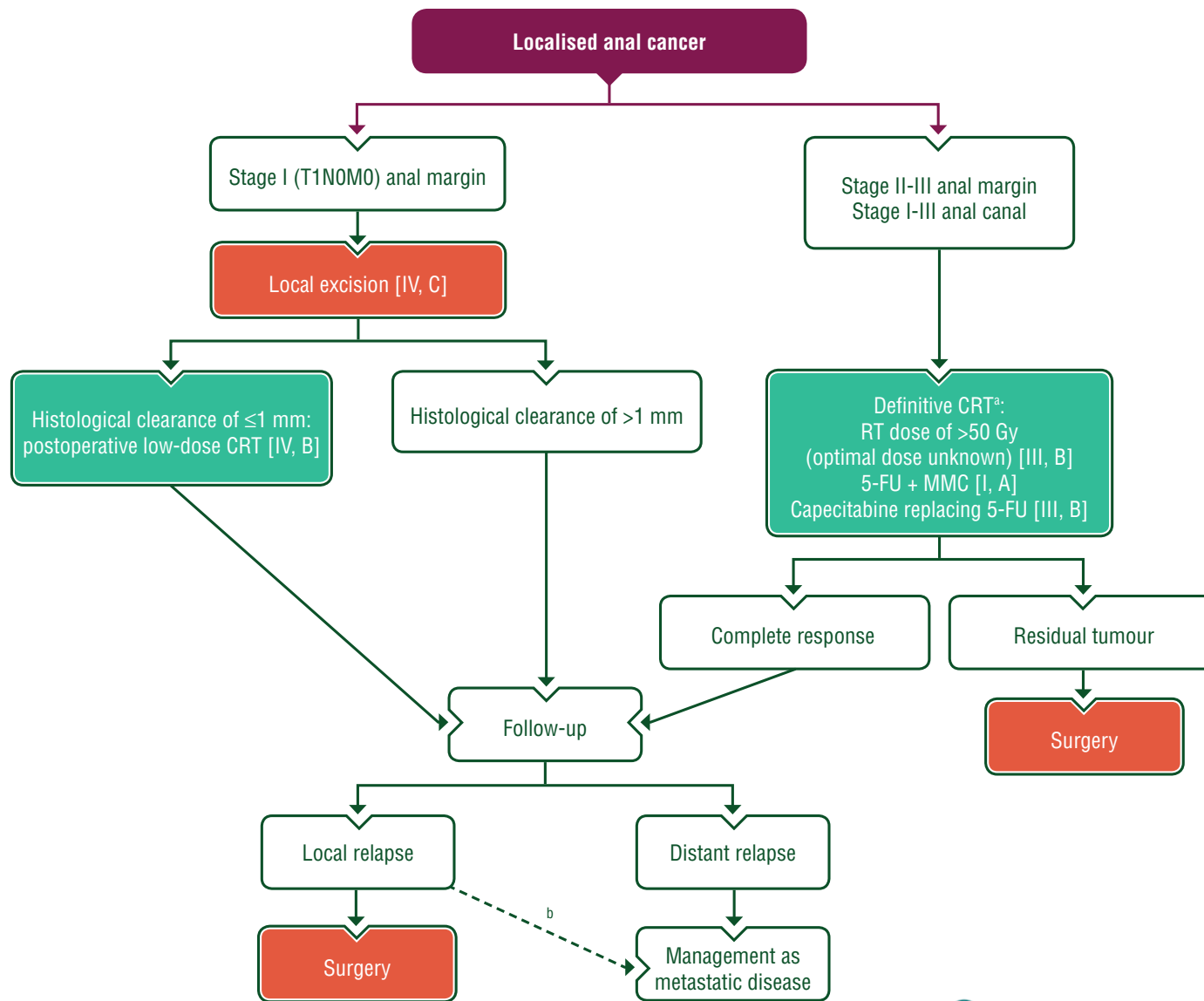
2. **Analkanalkarzinome**

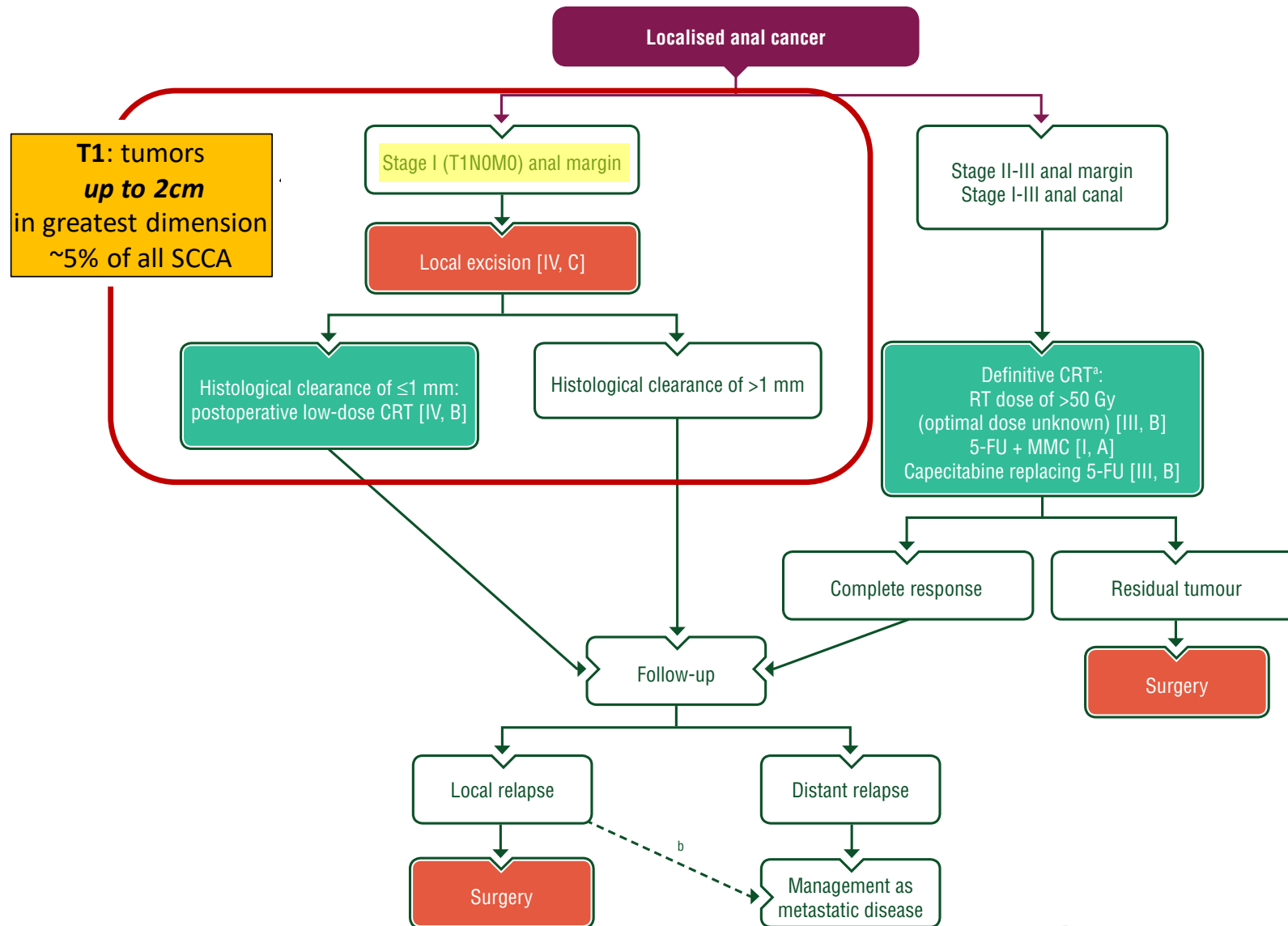
- sind mindestens teilweise so weit im Analkanal gelegen, dass eine Sichtbarkeit des makroskopischen Tumorbefundes unter Spreizung der Nates nicht oder nicht vollständig gegeben ist

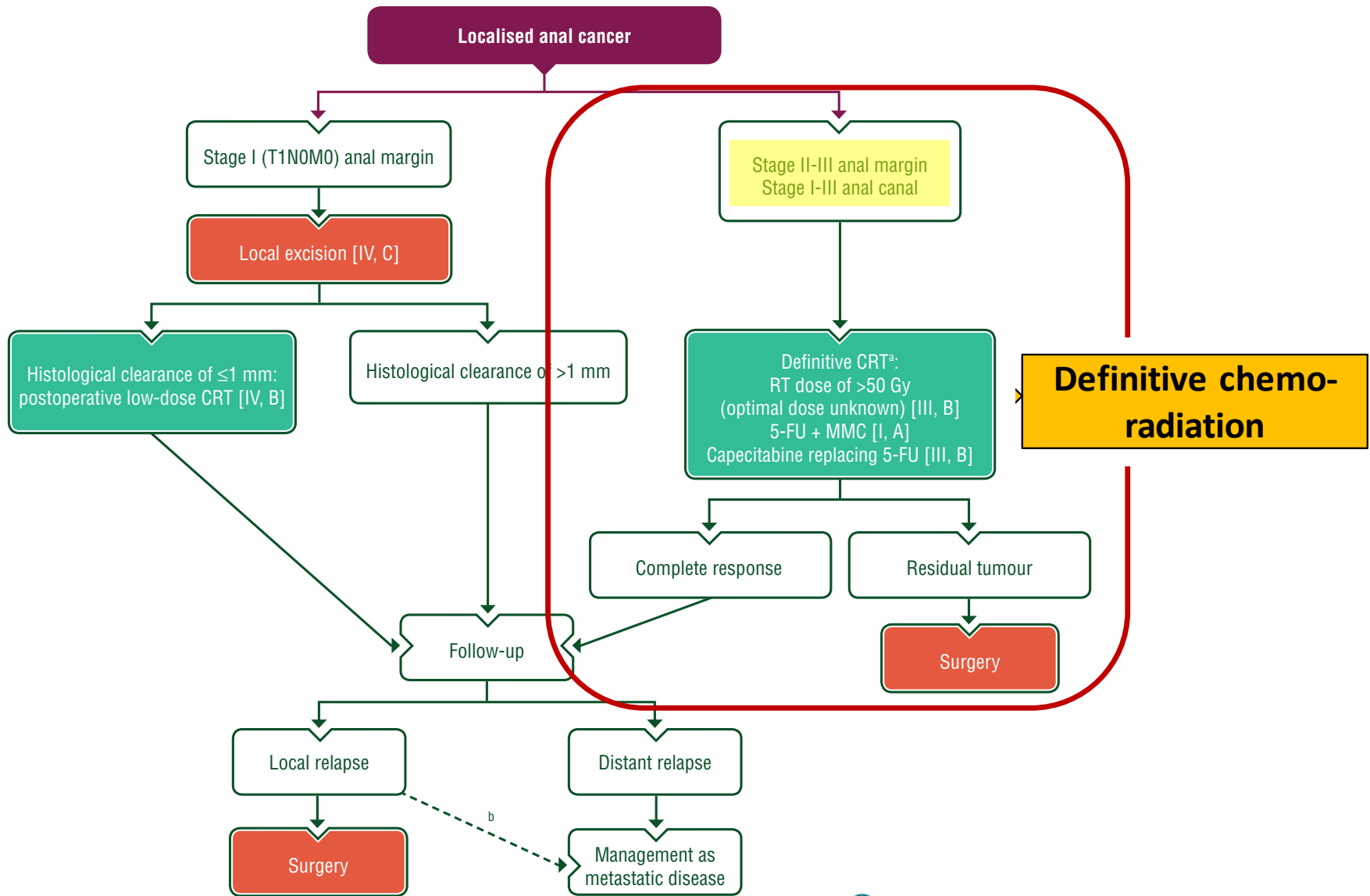
Definition des Primärtumors (T)

TX	Primärtumor nicht beurteilt
T0	Kein Anhalt für Primärtumor
Tis	Hochgradige plattenepitheliale intraepitheliale Läsion (HSIL) (zuvor bezeichnet als Carcinoma <i>in situ</i> , Morbus Bowen, anale intraepitheliale Neoplasie II-III, high-grade AIN)
T1	Tumor ≤ 2 cm
T2	Tumor > 2 und ≤ 5 cm
T3	Tumor > 5 cm
T4	Tumor jeglicher Größe mit Infiltration in benachbarte Organe, z.B. Vagina, Urethra oder Harnblase





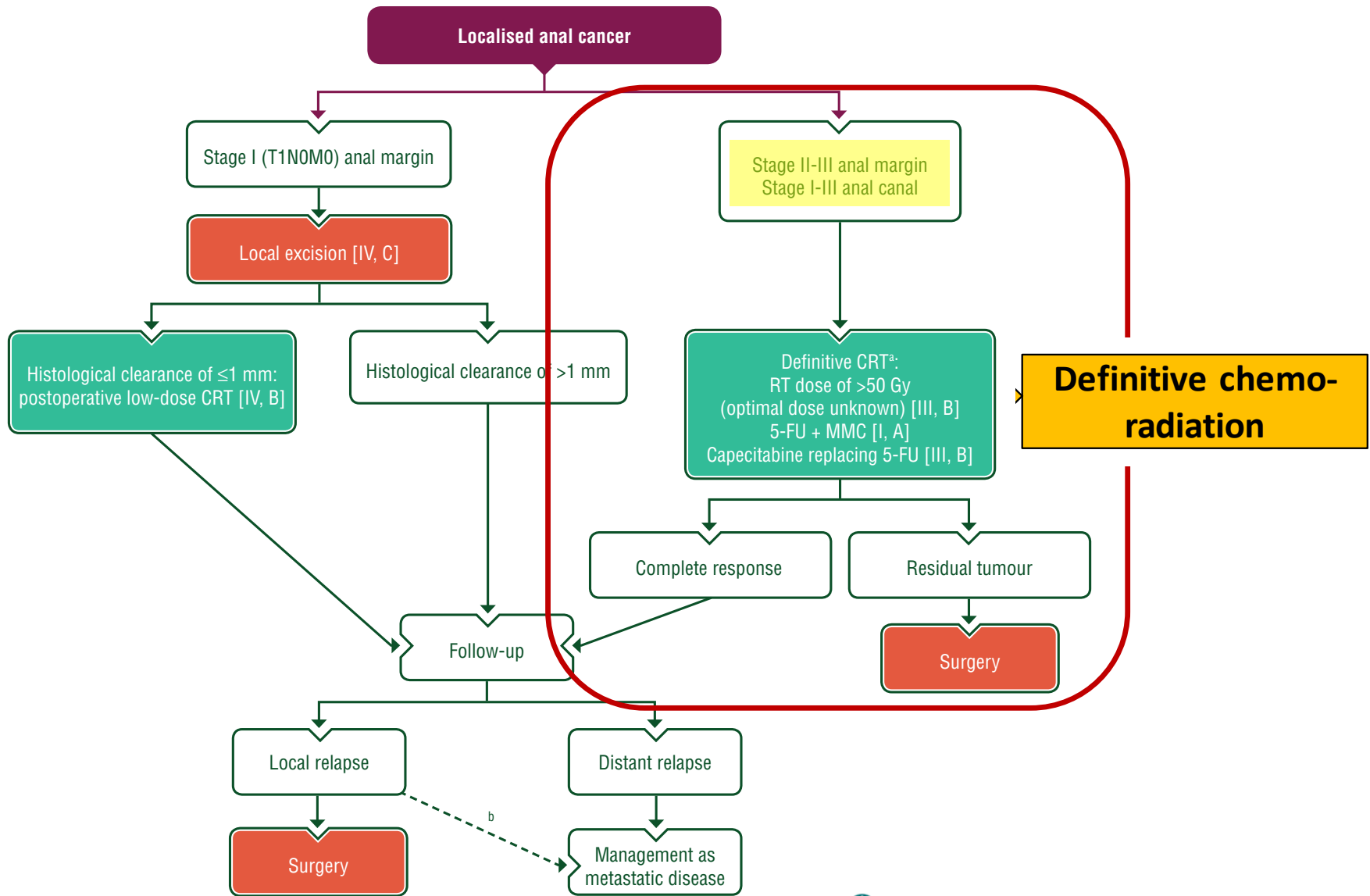




AJCC 8. Auflage

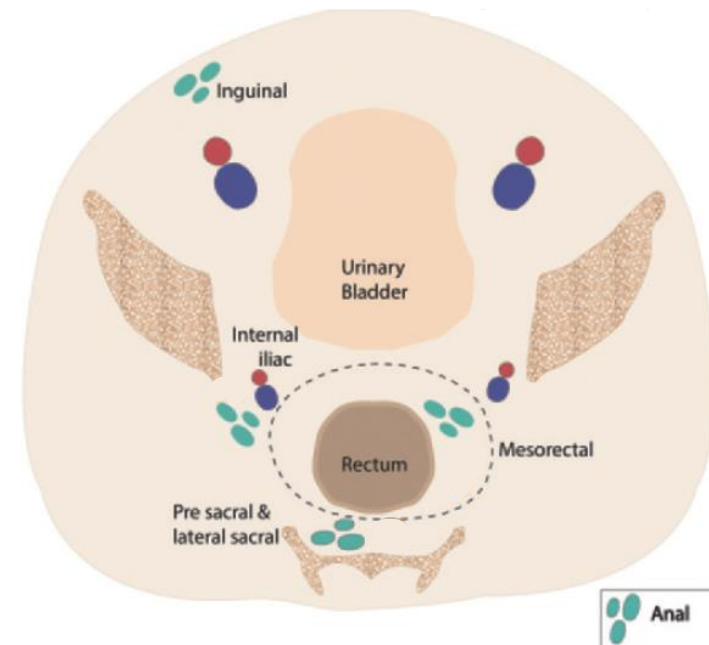
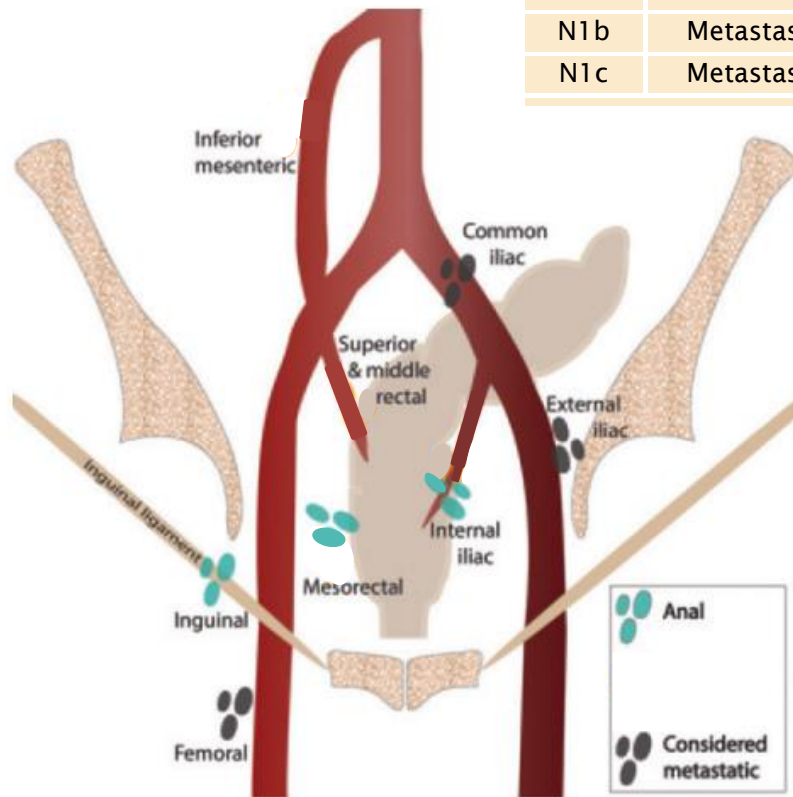
Definition der regionären Lymphknoten (N)	
NX	Regionäre Lymphknoten können nicht beurteilt werden
N0	Keine regionäre Lymphknotenmetastase
N1	Metastasen in inguinalen, mesorektalen Lymphknoten, Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca interna oder der Arteria iliaca externa
N1a	Metastasen in inguinalen, mesorektalen Lymphknoten oder Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca interna
N1b	Metastasen in Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca externa
N1c	Metastasen in Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca externa sowie N1a-Lymphknoten

Stadium	Primärtumor	Regionäre Lymphknoten	Fernmetastasen
0	Tis	N0	M0
I	T1	N0	M0
IIA	T2	N0	M0
IIB	T3	N0	M0
IIIA	T1, T2	N1	M0
IIIB	T4	N0	M0
IIIC	T3, T4	N1	M0
IV	jegliches T	jegliches N	M1



Definition der regionären Lymphknoten (N)

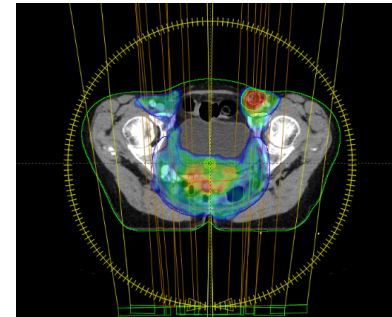
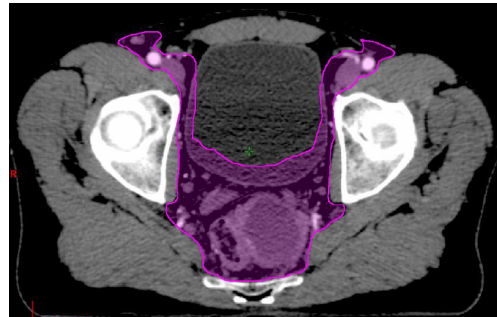
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Chemoradiotherapy (CRT) for anal cancer

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Definitive CRT:
RT dose of >50 Gy
(optimal dose unknown) [III, B]
5-FU + MMC [I, A]
Capecitabine replacing 5-FU [III, B]

- Radiotherapy >50 Gy (up to 60 Gy)
 - Modern radiotherapy techniques
- Concurrent chemotherapy
- Improving clinical outcomes
 - Tumour control and survival
 - QOL and late effects



Improved locoregional control and survival

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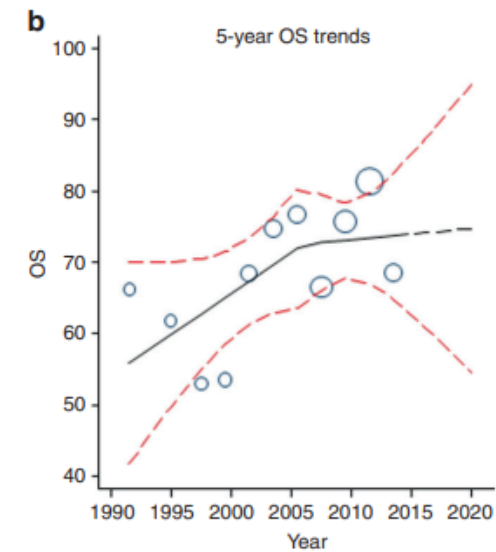
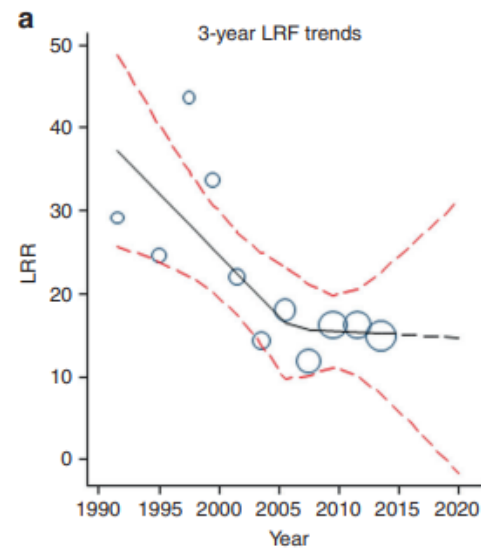
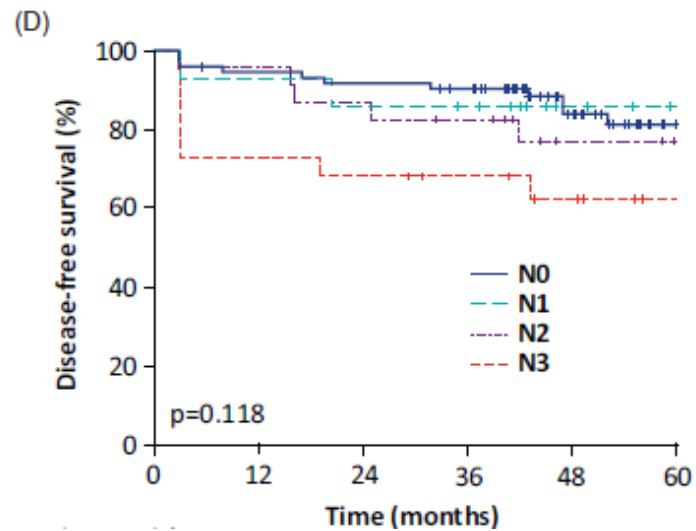
3-y DFS 85%

14% treatment failure

UK 1990-2014

Improved survival

3-y locoregional failure 15%





Systematic review of the quality of life issues associated with anal cancer and its treatment with radiochemotherapy

Samantha C. Sodergren¹ · Vassilios Vassiliou² · Kristopher Dennis³ ·
Krzysztof A. Tomaszewski⁴ · Alexandra Gilbert⁵ · Robert Glynne-Jones⁶ ·
Karen Nugent¹ · David Sebag-Montefiore⁵ · Colin D. Johnson¹ · On behalf of the
EORTC Quality of Life Group

EORTC QOL-ANL27

Patients sometimes report that they have the following symptoms or problems. Please indicate the extent to which you have experienced these symptoms or problems during the past week. Please answer by circling the number that best applies to you.

During the past week:	Not at All	A Little	Quite a Bit	Very Much
31. Have you had leakage of stools or mucus from your anal opening (back passage)?	1	2	3	4
32. Have you experienced frequent bowel movements?	1	2	3	4
33. Have your bowel movements been painful?	1	2	3	4
34. Have you had pain/discomfort around your anal opening (back passage)?	1	2	3	4
35. Have you had pain while sitting?	1	2	3	4

Core Outcome Research Measures Anal Cancer (CORMAC)

Disease activity

- Treatment response
- Local failure
- Regional failure
- Distant failure
- Disease progression
- Salvage surgery

Survival

- Overall survival
- Cancer-specific survival
- Disease-free survival
- Metastasis-free survival
- Progression-free survival

Toxicity

- Anal incontinence
- Faecal urgency
- Pelvic fistula
- Colostomy or ileostomy
- Skin loss

Life impact

- Physical function
- Sexual function
- Health-related quality of life

EORTC trial, 1997

Concomitant Radiotherapy and Chemotherapy Is Superior to Radiotherapy Alone in the Treatment of Locally Advanced Anal Cancer: Results of a Phase III Randomized Trial of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Radiotherapy and Gastrointestinal Cooperative Groups

By H. Bartelink, F. Roelofsen, F. Eschwege, P. Rougier, J.F. Bosset, D. Gonzalez Gonzalez, D. Peiffert, M. van Glabbeke, and M. Pierart

Complete response: 54% vs. 80% (without surgery)

Complete response: 85% vs. 96% (with surgery)

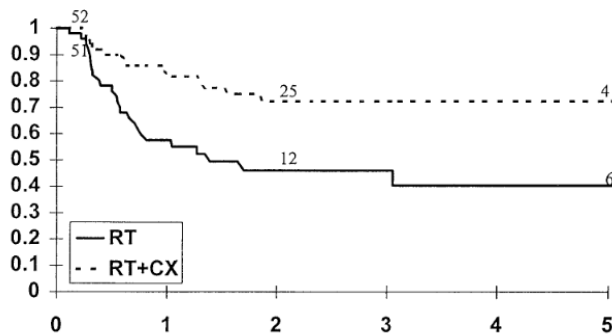


Fig 2. Colostomy-free interval. $P = .002$ (log-rank test).

Fig 5. Progression-free survival. No change or residual tumor was considered as failure. Therefore, the curves do not start with 100% at the time of randomization. $P = .05$ (log-rank test).

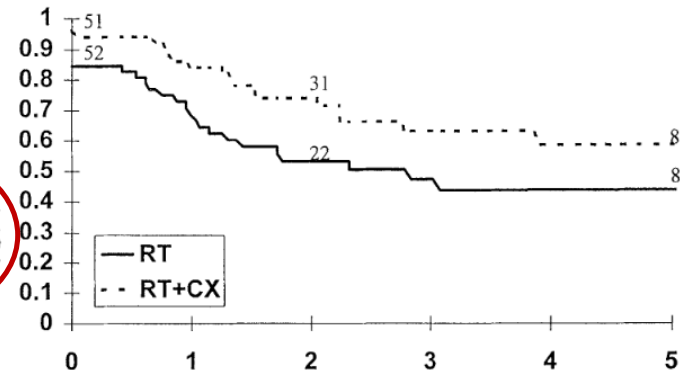
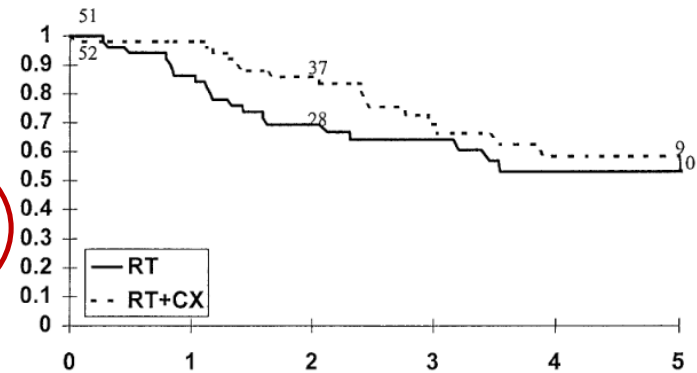


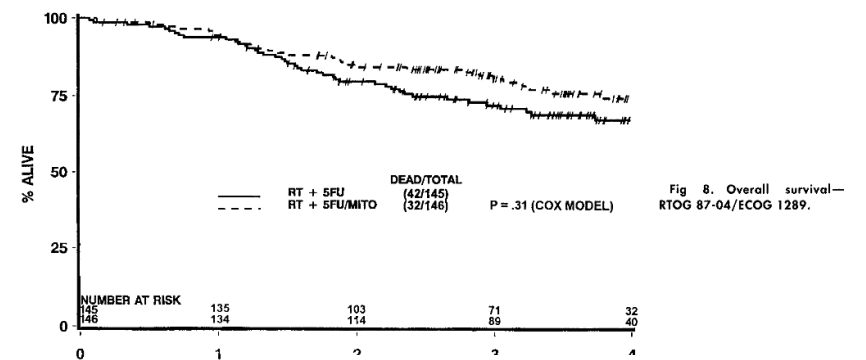
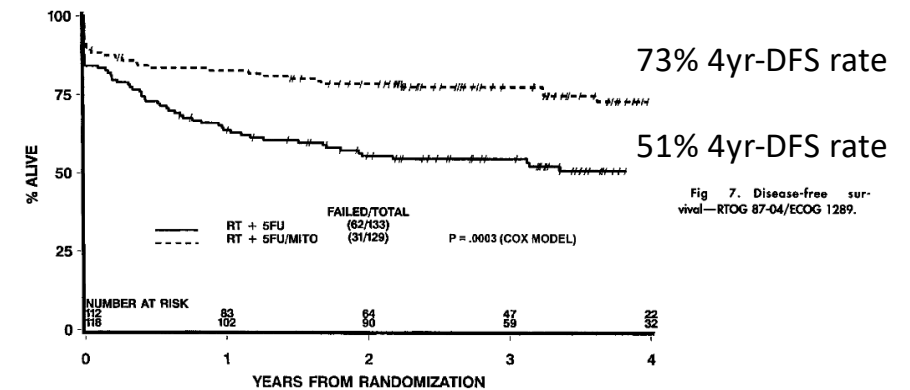
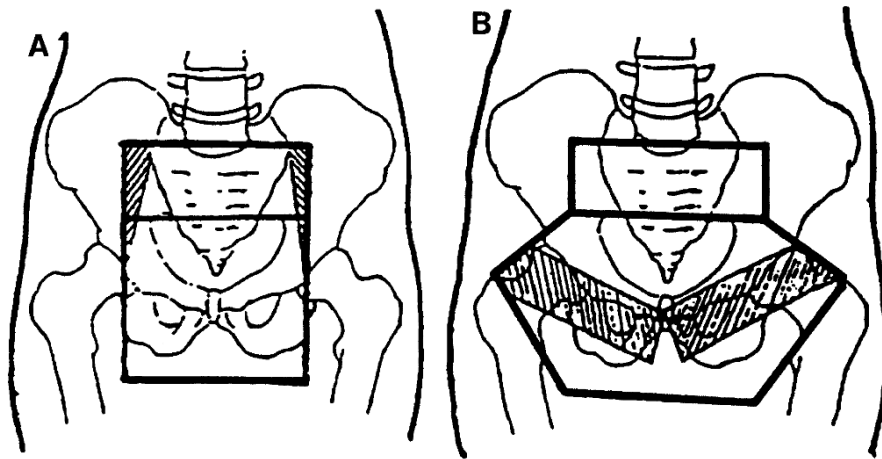
Fig 6. Overall survival for patients treated with radiotherapy only or concomitant radiotherapy and chemotherapy. $P = .17$ (log-rank test).



Intergroup trial, 1996

Role of Mitomycin in Combination With Fluorouracil and Radiotherapy, and of Salvage Chemoradiation in the Definitive Nonsurgical Treatment of Epidermoid Carcinoma of the Anal Canal: Results of a Phase III Randomized Intergroup Study

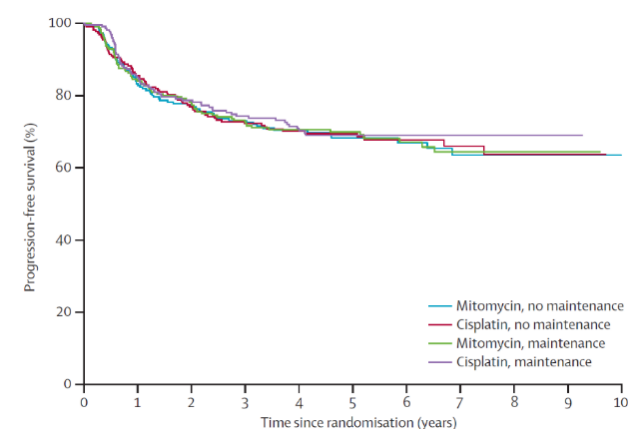
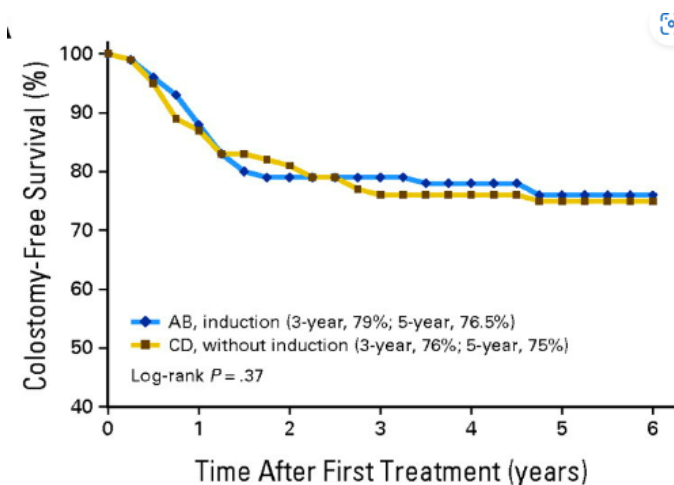
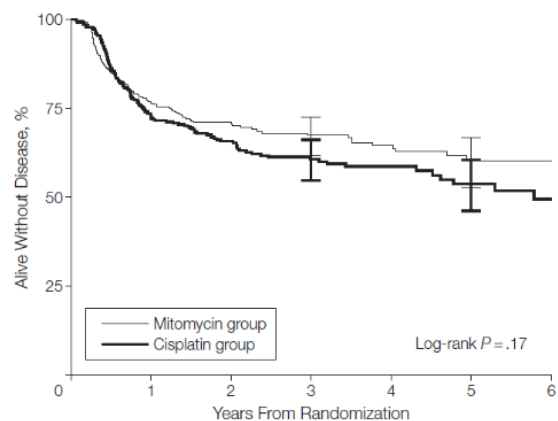
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Concurrent Mitomycin and 5-FU....?

Concurrent chemotherapy, preferred regimen Mitomycin C and 5-FU

No effect of induction or maintenance chemotherapy



5-FU infusion can be substituted by oral capecitabine all days of radiotherapy

Ajani JA et al., JAMA 2008; Peiffert D et al., J Clin Oncol 2012; James RD et al., Lancet Oncol 2013

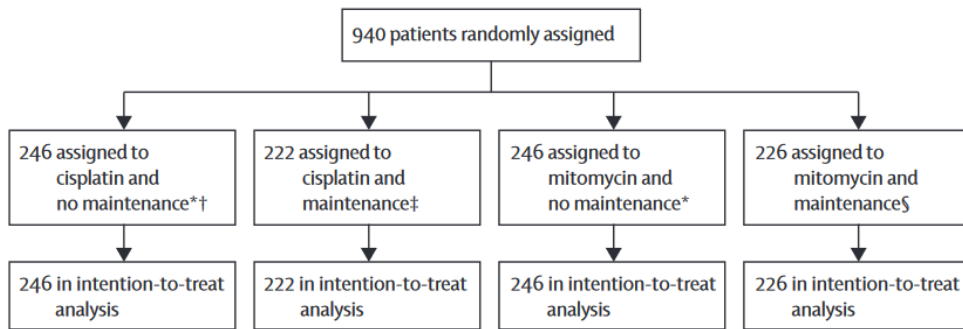
Goodman KA et al., Int J Rad Onc Biol Phys 2017; Jones CM et al., Int J Rad Onc Biol Phys 2018

ACT II trial



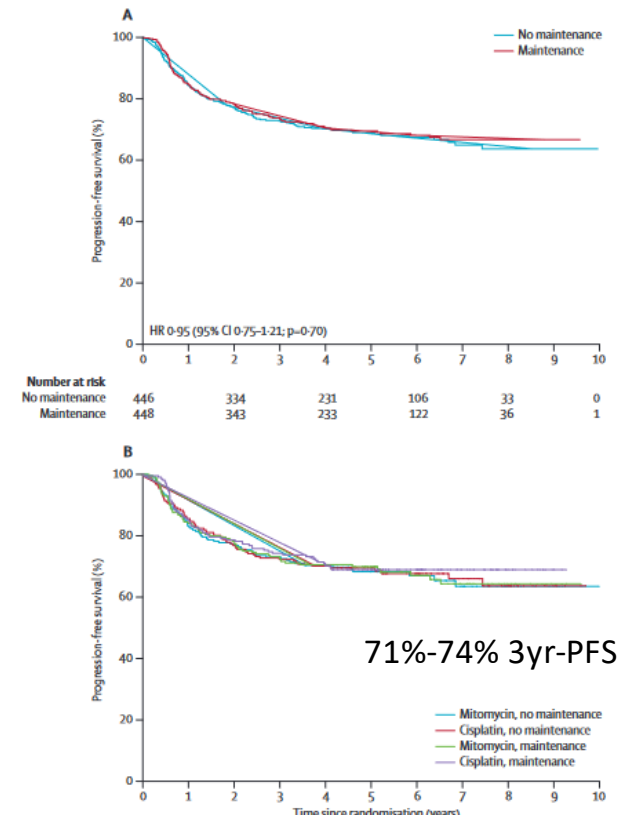
Mitomycin or cisplatin chemoradiation with or without maintenance chemotherapy for treatment of squamous-cell carcinoma of the anus (ACT II): a randomised, phase 3, open-label, 2x2 factorial trial

Roger D James*, Robert Glynn-Jones*, Helen M Meadows, David Cunningham, Arthur Sun Myint, Mark P Saunders, Timothy Maughan, Alec McDonald, Sharadah Essapen, Martin Leslie, Stephen Falk, Charles Wilson, Simon Gollins, Rubina Bequm, Jonathan Ledermann, Latha Kadalayil, David Sebag-Montefiore

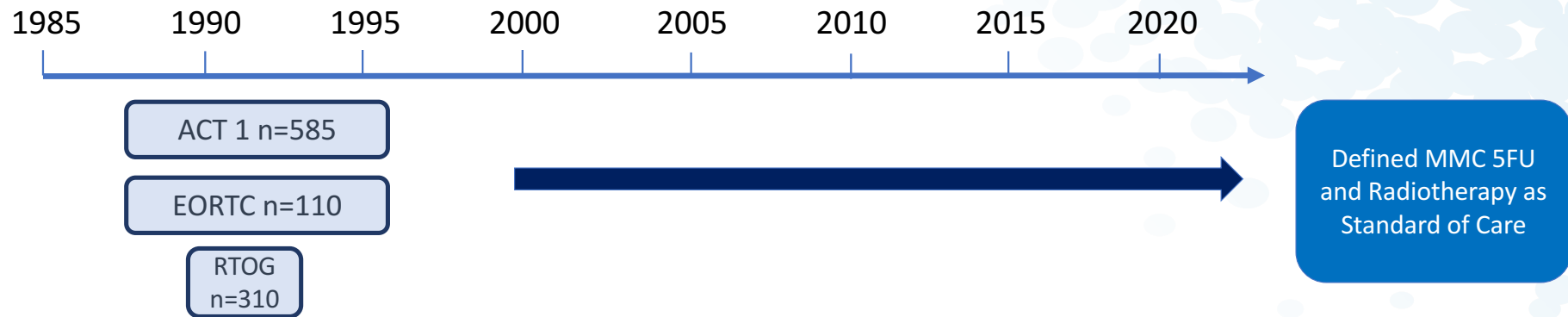


Standard treatment:

- 50.4 Gy in 28 daily fractions
- fluorouracil (1000 mg/m²) per day on days 1-4 and 29-32
- mitomycin (12 mg/m²) on day 1)

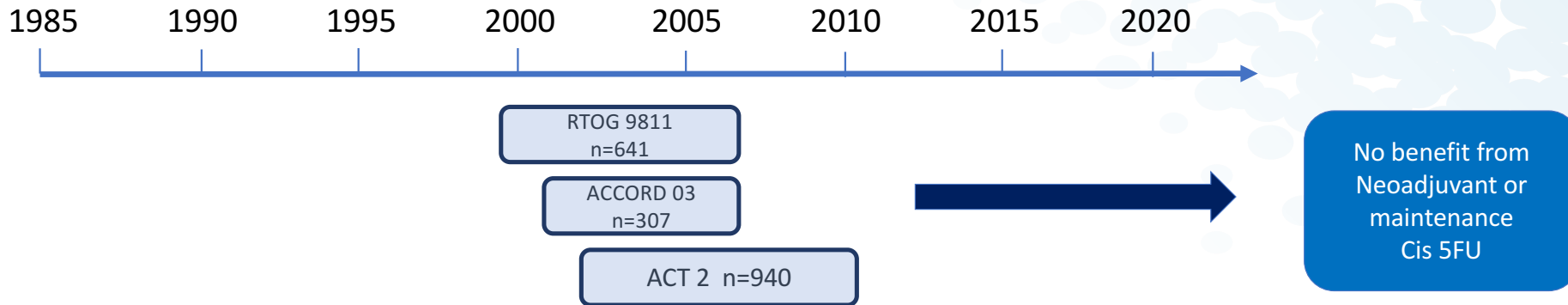


What have we learnt - 1



- **UKCCR (ACT1) trial n=585**
 - MMC 5FU RT superior to Radiotherapy alone – local failure
- **EORTC trial n=110**
 - MMC 5FU RT superior to Radiotherapy alone – local failure
- **RTOG trial n=291**
 - MMC 5FU RT superior to 5FU RT – colostomy free survival

What have we learnt - 2



- **RTOG 9811 trial**
 - Neoadjuvant Cis 5FU inferior DFS compared to MMC 5FU CRT
- **ACCORD 03**
 - No improvement in CFS using neoadjuvant Cis 5FU
 - No improvement signal in CFS for higher dose brachy boost
- **ACT 2**
 - No improvement in PFS for concurrent cisplatin versus Mitomycin C
 - No improvement in PFS with the addition of maintenance Cis FU

Improving radiation oncology: Boost?

Original Research Article

Brachytherapy boost in anal canal cancer – A GEC ESTRO PDR task force meta-analysis



Patient and tumor characteristics.

Authors, year of publication	BT modality	Country	Mono/multicentric	Median FU (years)	Patients' characteristics			Tumor characteristics	
					Number	% male	Age (median)	% T ₃ -T ₄	% N ₁ -N ₃
Karin Sigrid Kapp, 2001	HDR	Austria	monocentric	31	39	23.1	59	25.6	20.5
Julius Marek Doniec, 2006	HDR	Germany	monocentric	34	50	20.0	64	16.0	30.0
Christoph Oehler-Jänne, 2007	HDR	Switzerland	monocentric	60	34	11.8	60.4	29.4	26.5
Emilien Bertin, 2018	HDR	France	monocentric	61	46	19.6	65	4.3	13.0
Leonel Varela Cagetti, 2019	HDR	France	monocentric	33	50	16.0	67	6.0	6.0
Antoine Bruna, 2006	PDR	Belgium, France	multicentric	28.5	71	15.5	61.2	22.5	26.8
Thomas Gryc, 2016	PDR	Germany	monocentric	60	47	29.8	60	55.3	34.0
Alessandra Arcelli, 2019	PDR	Italy	monocentric	71	102	29.4	61	38.2	52.0
Remi Bourdais, 2021	PDR	France	monocentric	60.4	42	16.7	69	4.8	11.9

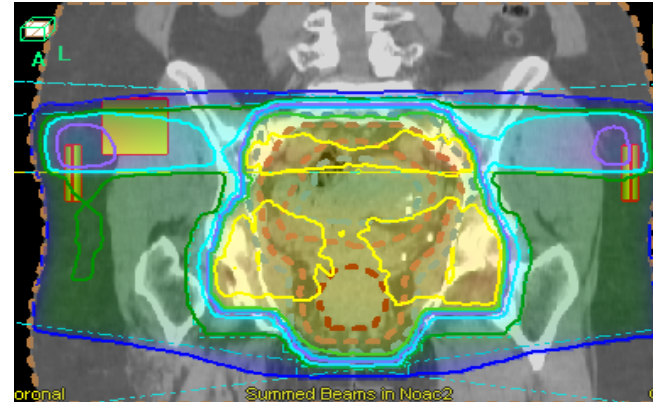
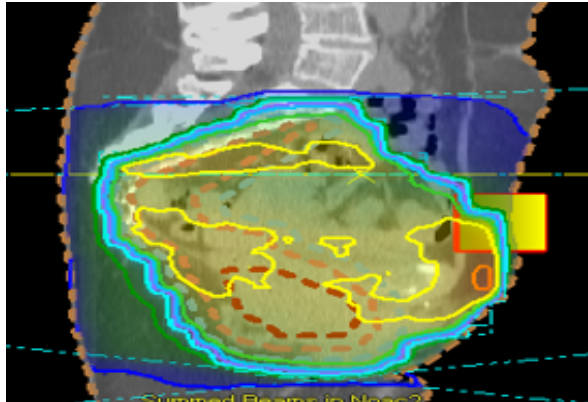
BT: brachytherapy, FU: follow-up, HDR: high dose rate, PDR: pulsed dose rate.

N=
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5-year RFS rate: 83-85%

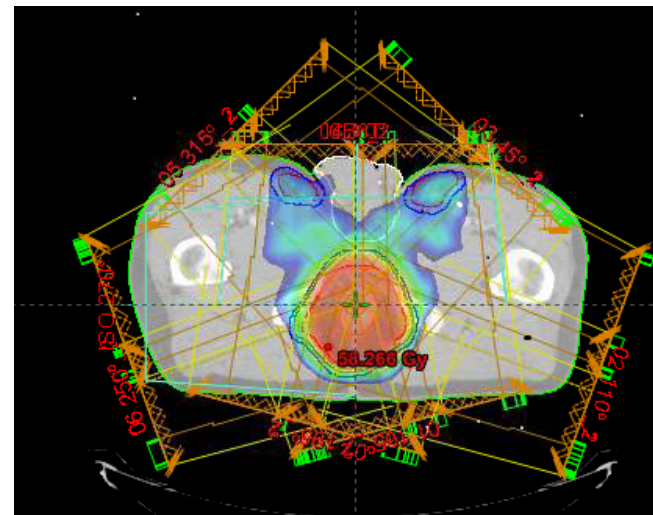
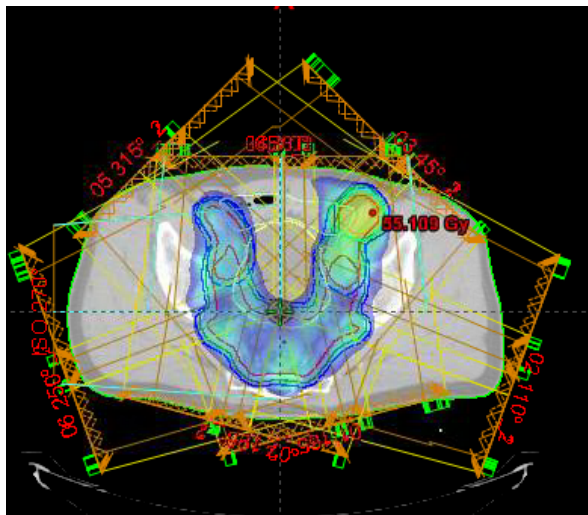
Improving radiation oncology: Conformal techniques

2010



3-4 fields

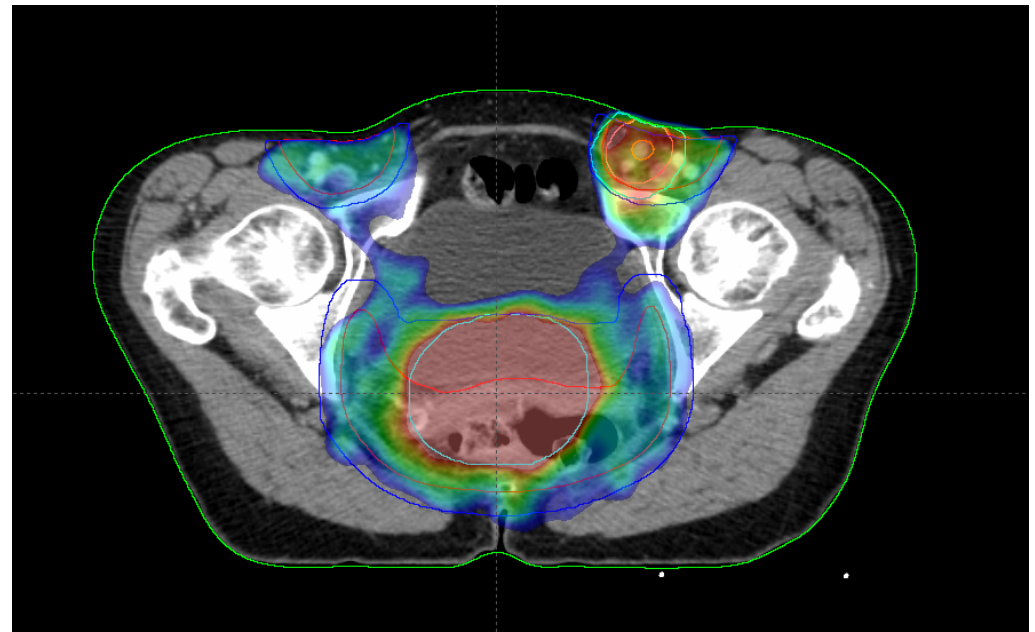
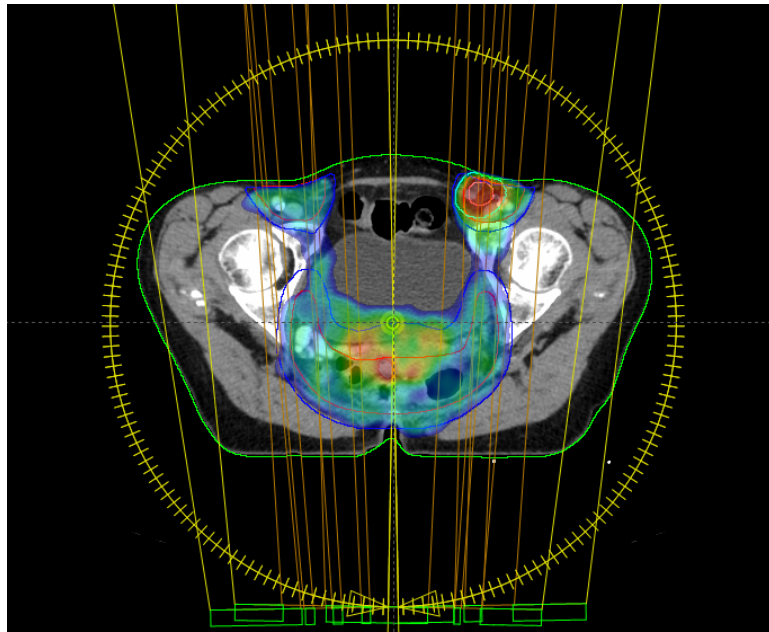
2013



Intensity modulated RT
Kachnic L, Int J Rad Onc Biol Phys 2013

Improving radiation oncology: Volumetric Art Therapy (VMAT)

Different dose levels, simultaneous integrated boost



Improving radiation oncology: Volumetric Arc Therapy (VMAT)

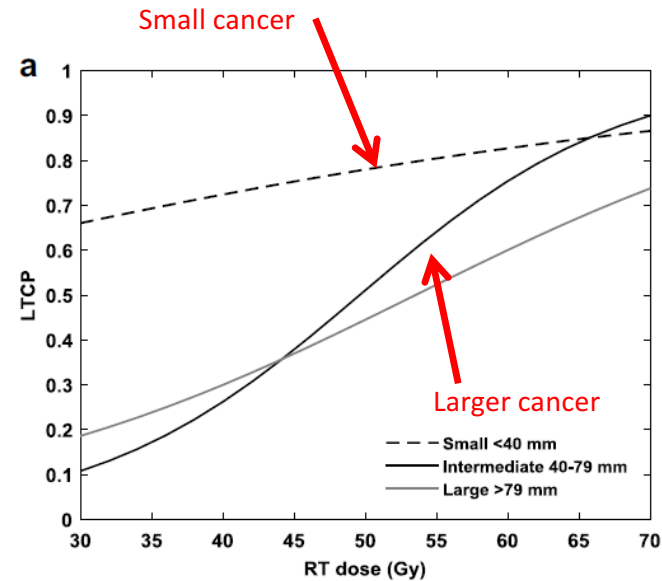
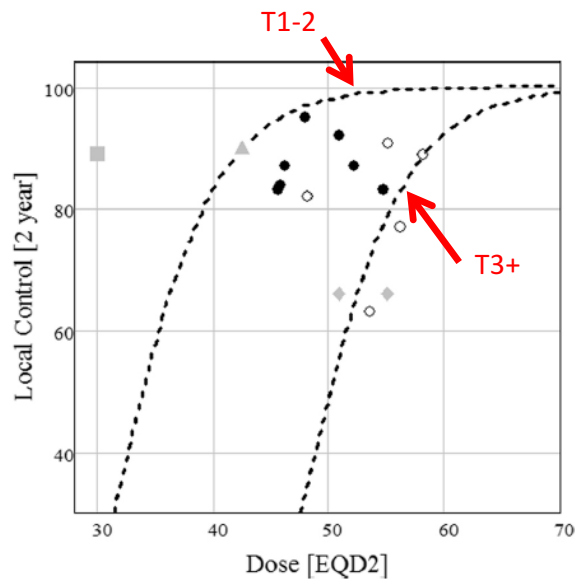
	UK	Denmark	Sweden	Norway
Primary T1-2N0	50.4 Gy	54.0 Gy	54.0 Gy	54.0 Gy
Primary T3-4 or N+	53.2 Gy	60.0 Gy	57.5 Gy	57.5 Gy
Nodal metastases (size)	40-50.4 Gy	54-60 Gy	50.5-57.5 Gy	54-57.5 Gy
Elective CTV	40.0 Gy	48.0 Gy	41.6 Gy	41.6 Gy
Fractions	28	30	27	27

Courtesy of Marianne Gúren, Oslo

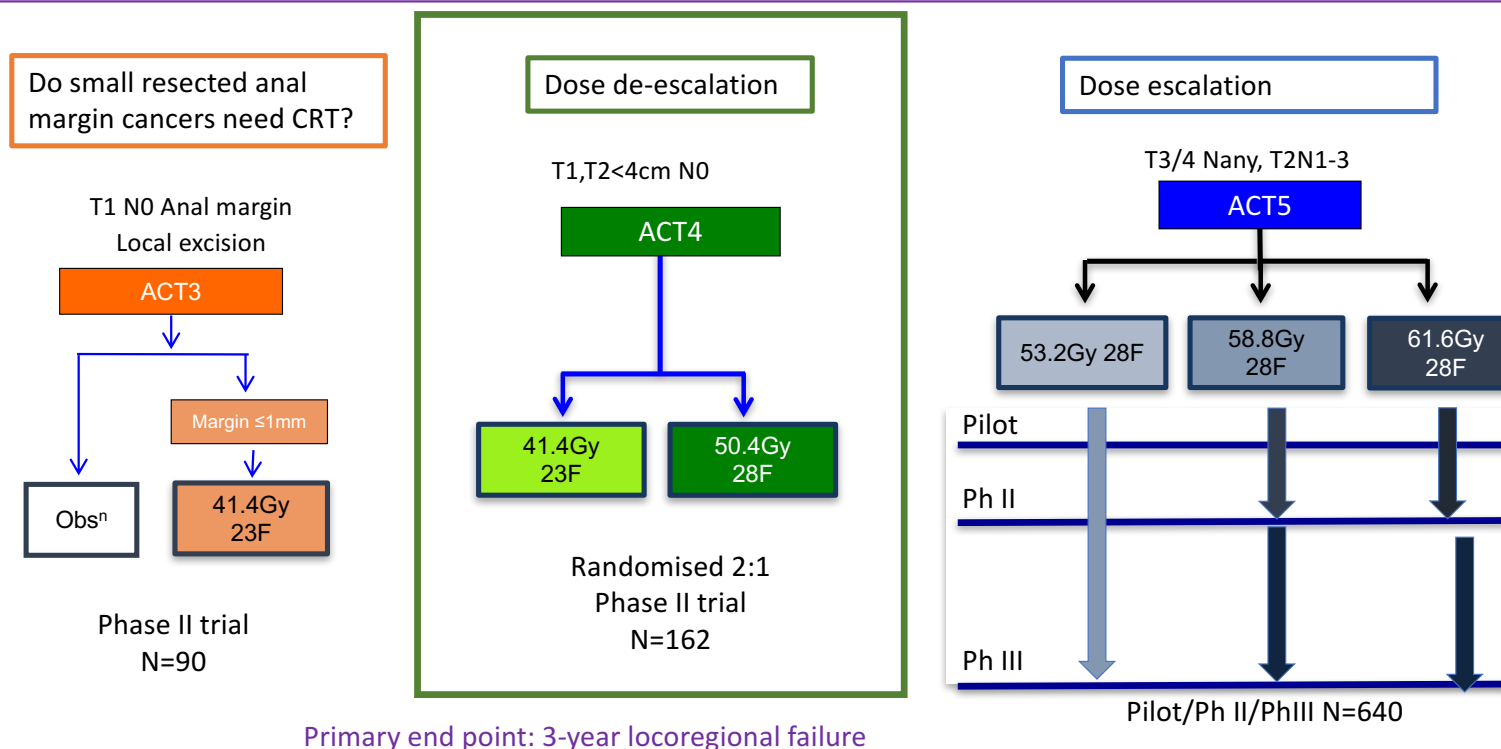
Tumour control probability – by radiation doses

Small tumours may have tumor control also at lower doses

Larger tumours likely to have effect of higher radiation dose



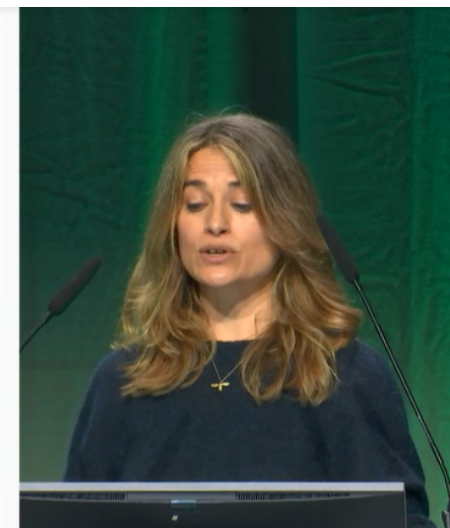
PLATO - Personalising RadioTherapy dOse for Anal Cancer



ACT 4 Trial: Short-term results

ACT 4 TRIAL - CLINICAL RESPONSE RATE

	Standard dose IMRT (50.4Gy 28F) N (%) n=55	Reduced dose IMRT (41.4Gy 23F) N (%) N=105	Total n=160
TRG grade – 3 MONTHS			
Grade 1 (no evidence)	25 (45.5%)	53 (50.5%)	78 (48.8%)
Grade 2 (fibrosis only)	24 (43.6%)	35 (33.3%)	59 (36.9%)
Grade 3 (partial)	2 (3.6%)	7 (6.7%)	9 (5.6%)
Grade 4 (minimal response)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (0.6%)
Grade 5 (no response/progression)	1 (1.8%)	1 (1.0%)	2 (1.3%)
Missing*	3 (5.5%)	8 (7.6%)	11 (6.9%)
Total TRG1&2 excl. missing data	49 (94.2%)⁺	88 (90.7%)⁺⁺	137 (91.9%)
TRG grade – 6 MONTHS			
Grade 1 (no evidence)	26 (47.3%)	49 (46.7%)	75 (46.9%)
Grade 2 (fibrosis only)	19 (34.5%)	36 (34.3%)	55 (34.4%)
Grade 3 (partial)	4 (7.3%)	5 (4.8%)	9 (5.6%)
Grade 4 (minimal response)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.0%)	1 (0.6%)
Grade 5 (no response/progression)	1 (1.8%)	1 (1.0%)	2 (1.3%)
Missing*	5 (9.1%)	13 (12.4%)	18 (11.3%)
Total TRG1&2 excl. missing data	45 (90.0%)[^]	85 (92.4%)^{^^}	130 (91.5%)



Alexandra Gilbert
United Kingdom

Similar high clinical complete response rates at 6 months in both arms

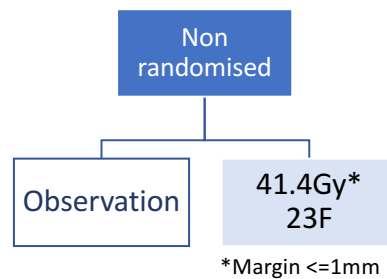
The PLATO trial platform



ACT3

Trial leads - Renehan and Muirhead

T1 N0/X Anal margin
Local excision



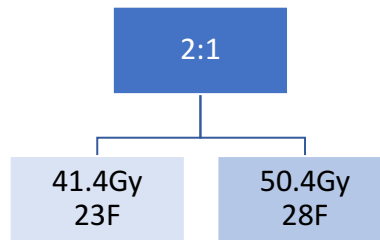
Phase II trial
N=90

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ACT4

Trial Leads – Adams and Harrison

T1,T2<4cm N0/X



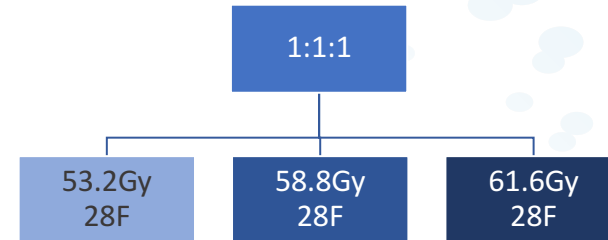
Randomised Ph 2 trial
N=162

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ACT5

Leads – Hawkins and Sebag-Montefiore

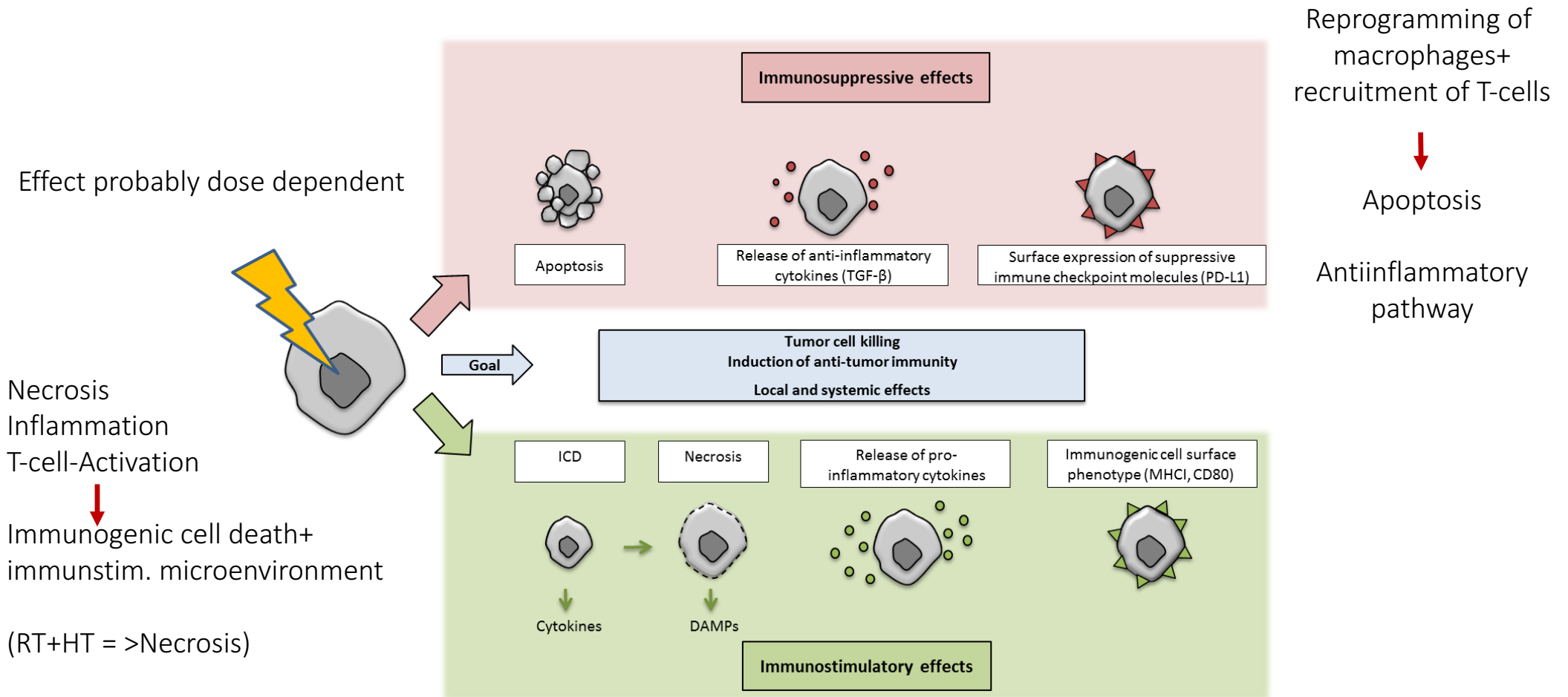
T3/4 Nany,T2N1-3



Randomised Phase 3 trial n=459
(Internal pilot n=60, Phase II n=140)

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Immunomodulation through radiation- a double edged sword



Benefit of immune therapy with chemoradiation?

Tiragolumab Atezolizumab and Chemoradiotherapy in Localized Anal Carcinoma (TIRANUS)

- proof-of-concept clinical trial of atezolizumab and tiragolumab in concomitancy with standard chemoradiotherapy (RT, 5-Fluorouracil, and Cisplatin) as first-line in localized squamous cell carcinoma of the anal canal.
- Single arm
- N= 45
- Spain

Chemoradiotherapy Combined With or Without PD-1 Blockade in Anal Canal Squamous Carcinoma Patients

- Assessing the efficacy and safety of concurrent mitomycin C/5-Fu chemotherapy and long-course IMRT combined with PD-1 antibody Sintilimab for locally advanced anal canal squamous carcinoma patients, by comparing an experiment group (traditional chemoradiotherapy with PD-1 antibody Sintilimab) with a control group (traditional treatment without Sintilimab).
- N= 102
- China

Benefit of immune therapy with chemoradiation?

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- Single arm
- N= 45
- Spain

Chemoradiotherapy Combined With or Without PD-1 Blockade in Anal Canal Squamous Carcinoma Patients

Anti-PD-1 and mDCF Followed by Chemoradiotherapy in Patients With Stage III Squamous Cell Anal Carcinoma. (INTERACT-ION)

- proof of concept for radiotherapy combined with docetaxel, cisplatin and 5-fluorouracil and Ezablenimab (BI 754091) in patients with stage III squamous cell anal carcinoma.
- Investigate Ezablenimab (BI 754091) in synergy with mDCF to improve efficacy
- N= 55
- France

Radiochemotherapy +/- Durvalumab for Locally-advanced Anal Carcinoma. (RADIANCE)

- Investigate to improve the current standard treatment by incorporating durvalumab to the primary MMC/5-FU-based RCT in patients with locally-advanced ASCC (T2=>4cm Nany, stage IIB-IIIC)
- Randomized multicenter
- N=178
- Germany

Benefit of immune therapy with chemoradiation?

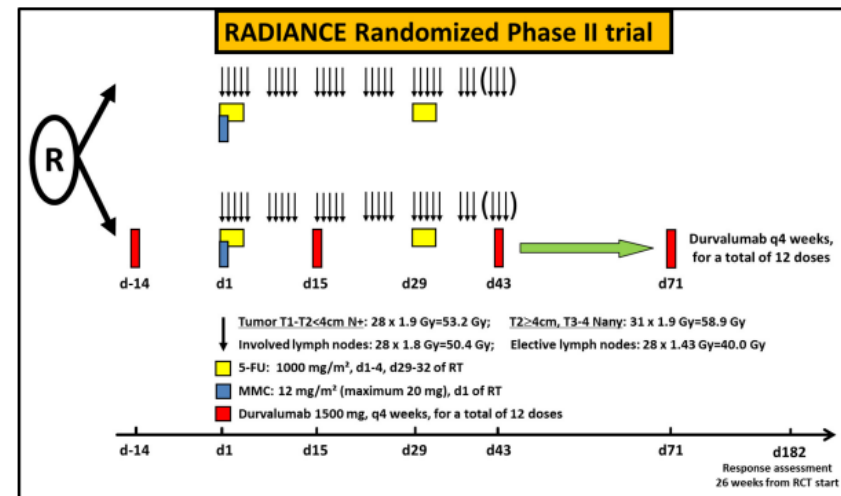
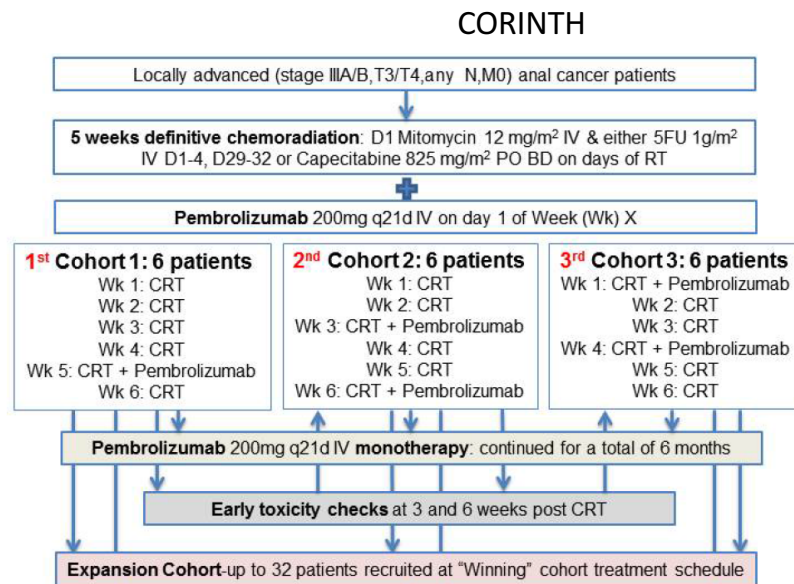
Tiraglolumab Atezolizumab and Chemoradiotherapy in Localized Anal Carcinoma (TIRANUS)

- proof-of-concept clinical trial evaluating tiraglolumab in combination with chemoradiotherapy (CRT) as first-line in localized squamous cell anal carcinoma
- Significant improvement in overall survival (OS) and disease-free survival (DFS) compared to CRT alone
- No significant difference in adverse events (AE) between groups
- Spontaneous regression observed in some patients

Anti-PD-1 and mDCF Followed by Chemoradiotherapy in Patients With Stage III Squamous Cell Anal Carcinoma. (INTERACT-ION)

Chemoradiotherapy Combined With or Without PD-1 Blockade in Anal Canal Squamous Carcinoma Patients

Radiochemotherapy +/- Durvalumab for Locally-advanced Anal Carcinoma. (RADIANCE)

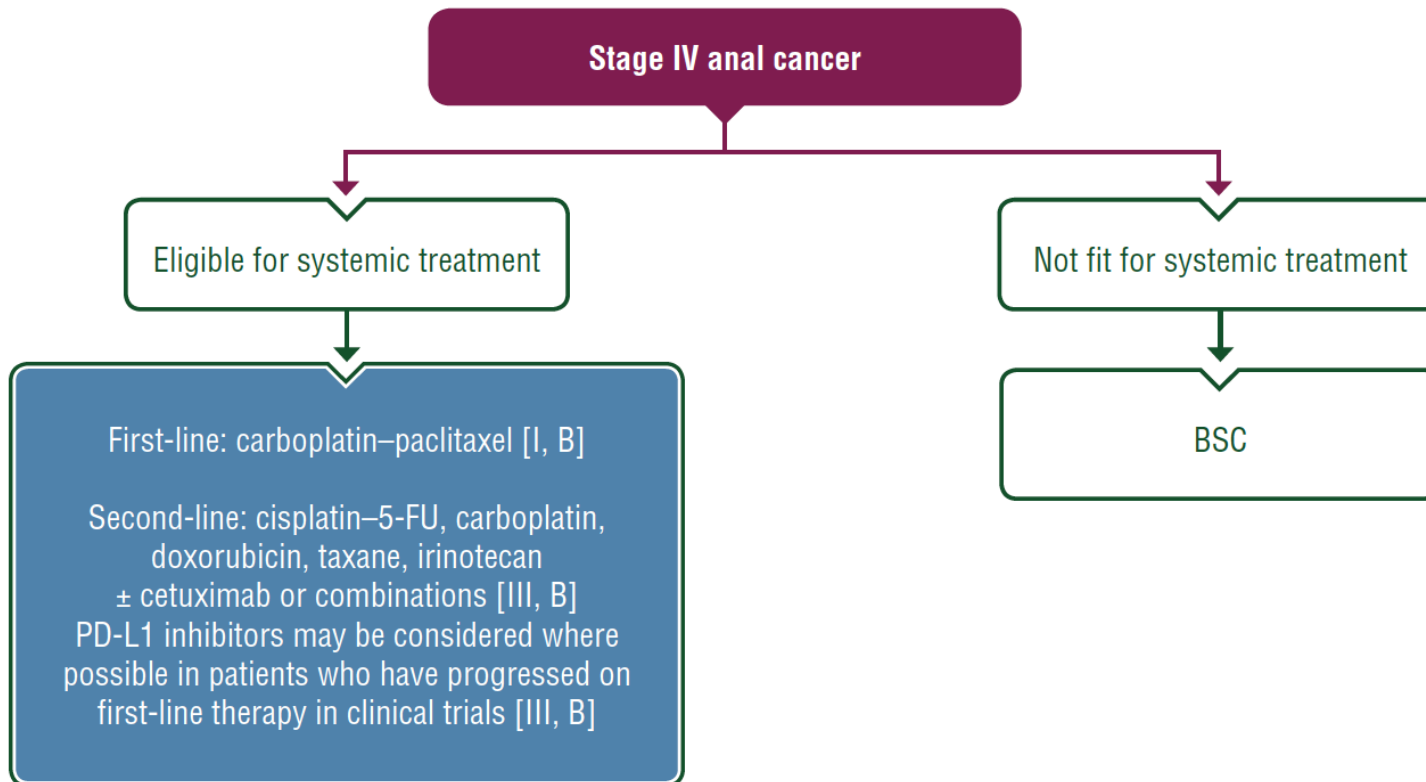


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Nach der Primärtherapie: strukturierte Nachsorge

Untersuchung	Monate nach erfolgreichem Therapieabschluss													
	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Anamnese	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X
Klinische Untersuchung inkl. inguinaler Palpation und digital-rektaler Untersuchung	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X
Proktoskopie und ggf. Rektoskopie	X	X	X	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X	(X)	X
MRT-Becken		(X)		X				X		(X)		(X)		
CT-Thorax und -Abdomen mit Kontrastmittel ⁽¹⁾		X				(X)			(X)					
Optional PET/CT*		(X)				(X)			(X)					

Metastatic disease



Metastatic disease

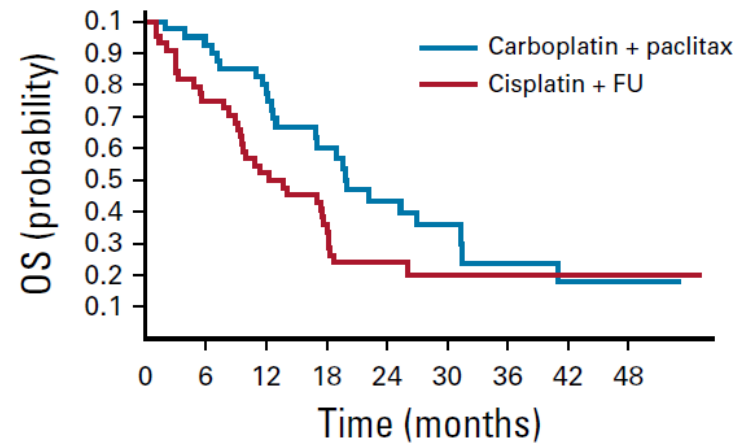
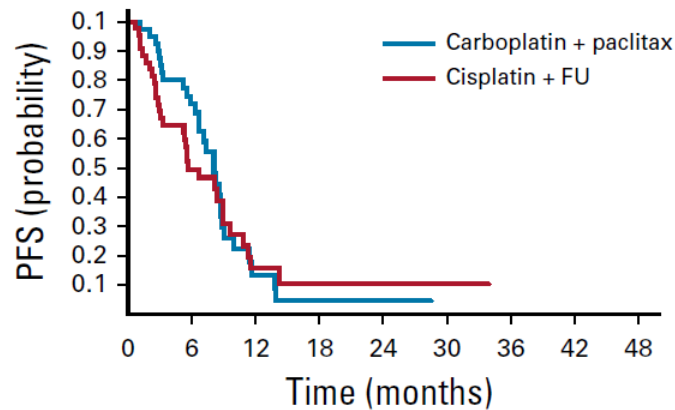
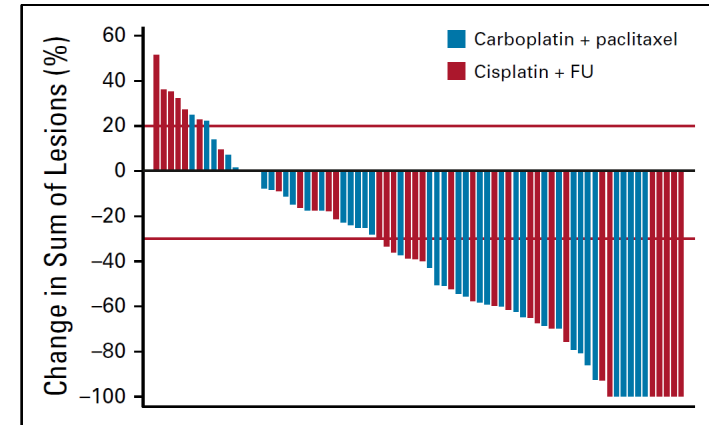
Stage IV anal cancer

International Rare Cancers Initiative Multicenter Randomized Phase II Trial of Cisplatin and Fluorouracil Versus Carboplatin and Paclitaxel in Advanced Anal Cancer: InterAAct

Sheela Rao, MD¹; Francesco Sclafani, MD, PhD¹; Cathy Eng, MD²; Richard A. Adams, MD³; Marianne G. Guren, MD, PhD⁴; David Sebag-Montefiore, MD⁵; Al Benson, MD⁶; Annette Bryant¹; Clare Peckitt, MSc¹; Eva Segelov, PhD⁷; Amitesh Roy, MSc, MD⁸; Matt T. Seymour, MA, MD⁵; Jack Welch, MD, PhD⁹; Mark P. Saunders, PhD¹⁰; Rebecca Muirhead, MD¹¹; Peter O'Dwyer, MD¹²; John Bridgewater, PhD¹³; Shree Bhide, MRCP, PhD¹⁴; Rob Glynn-Jones, MD¹⁵; Dirk Arnold, MD¹⁶; and David Cunningham, MD FRCP¹

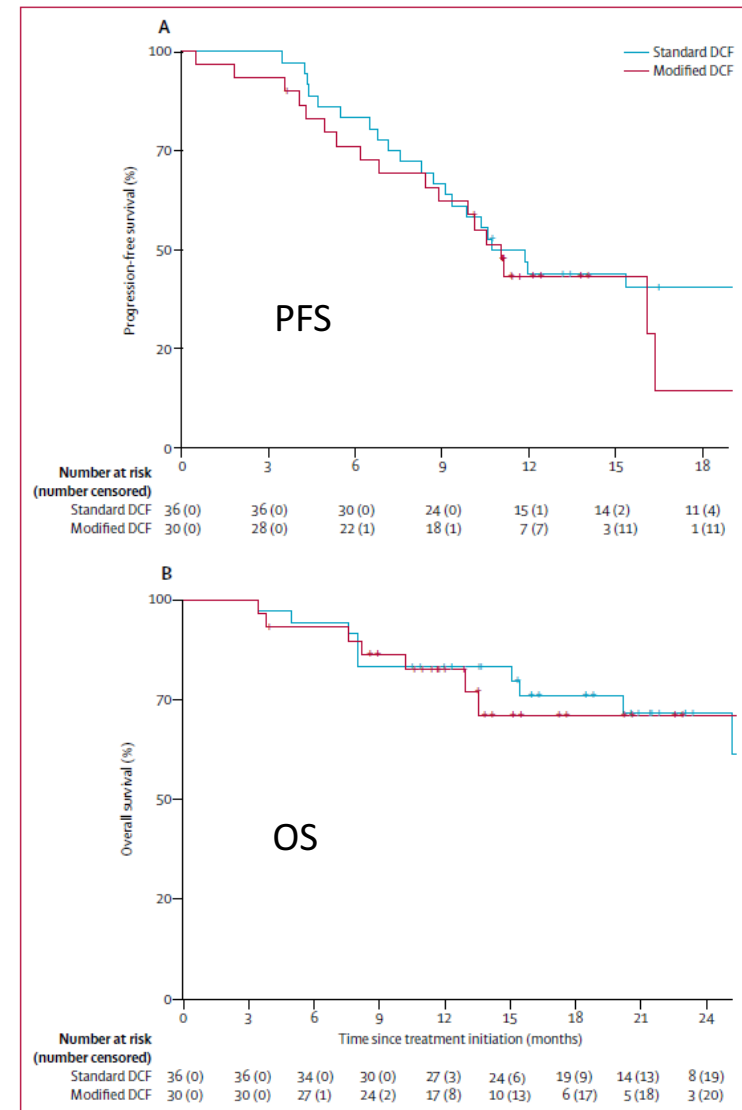
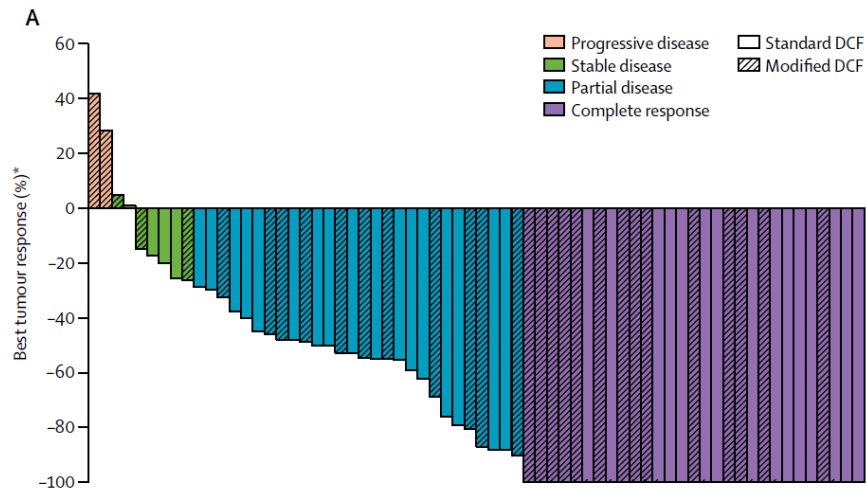
InterAACT: Carboplatin and paclitaxel

- Randomised 1st line trial
- No difference in ORR (59%)
- Fewer SAE (36% vs 62%)



Epitopes-HPV02: Modified DCF

- Single-arm phase II
- DCF (Docetaxel, Cisplatin, Fluorouracil) or modified DCF based on age / performance status
- Modified DCF similar efficacy, less toxicity



A cross-trial comparison: What is SOC?

	TRIPLET	DOUBLET
	mDCF (Docetaxel, CDDP, 5FU)	CP (Carboplatin + Paclitaxel) CF (Cisplatin + 5FU)
Endpoints	Epitopes-HPV02 study	InterAACT study
1y PFS rate	47%	~15%
ORR	83%	59% vs 57.1%
CRR	47%	12.8% vs 17.1%
G3/4 Toxicity	53% (vs 83% sDCF)	71% vs 76%
SAE		36% vs 62%*
OS (months)	50.2 ³	20 vs 12.3
HPV ctDNA -	61.1%	17.9%

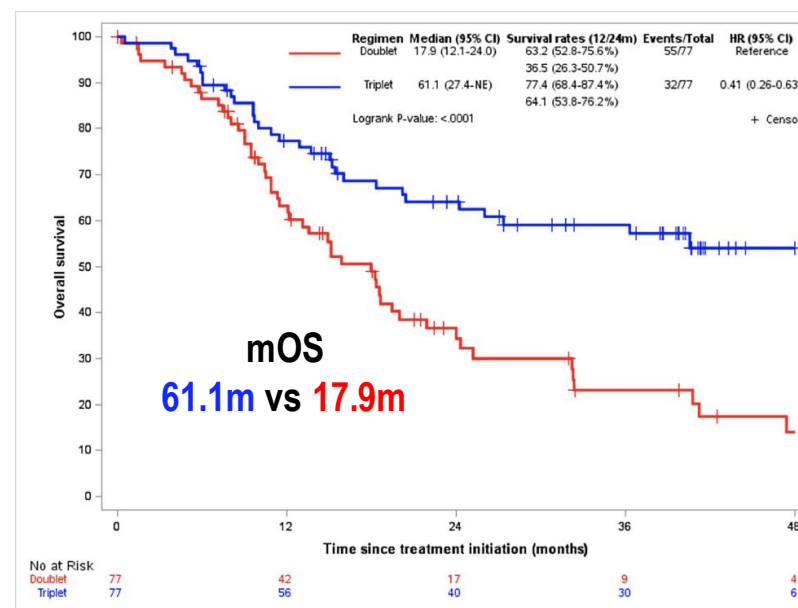
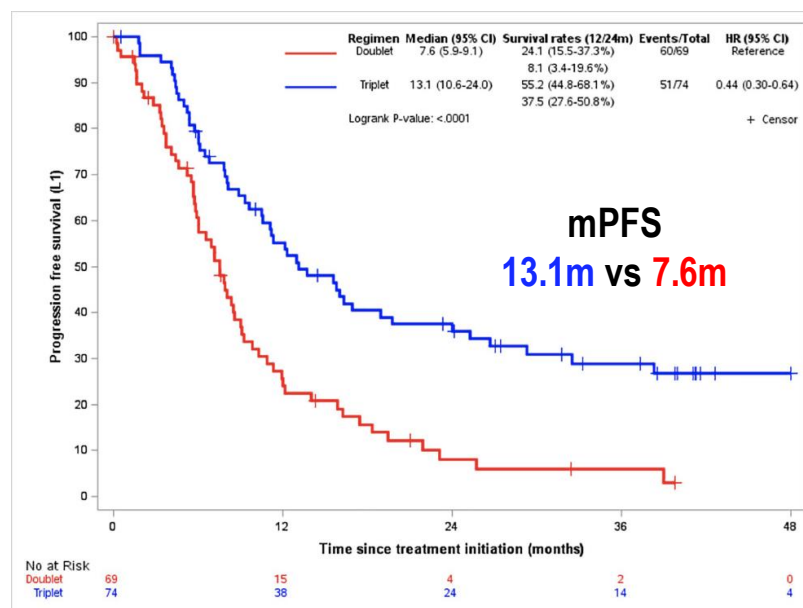
A cross-trial comparison: What is SOC?

Propensity Score matching study

TRIPLET

Versus

DOUBLET



Summary of Published Results of Drugs Used for Second-Line Treatment in SCAC

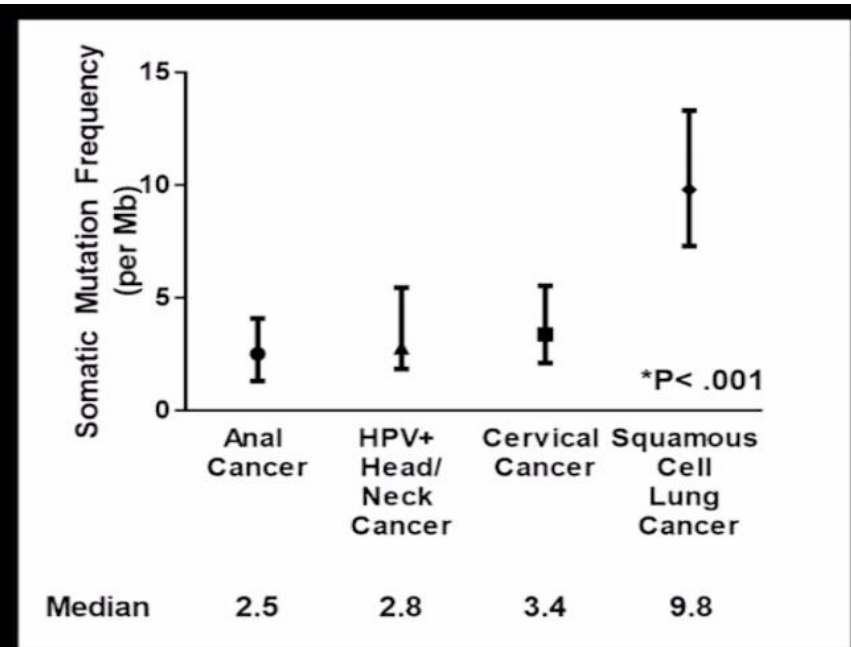
Drug (Study or Study Design)	N	ORR* % (95% CI)	Median DOR (months)	Median OS (months)	HIV+ (n)
Mitomycin + 5-FU (Retrospective, single-institution)	19	26% (7, 46)	4	7	1
Chemotherapy (Retrospective, single-institution)	21	33% (NA)	NA	NA	5**
Nivolumab³ (NCI967310) Van Morris et al Lancet Onc 2017	37	24% (15, 33)	5.8	11.5	2
Pembrolizumab⁵ (KEYNOTE-158) Marabelle et al Lancet Gastro and Hep 2017	112	11% (6, 18)	NR	11.9	0
Retifanlimab Rao et al ESMO Open 2022	94	13.8% (7.6,22.5)	9.5	10.5	9

Rao S, oral presentation; IMACC Congress 2023

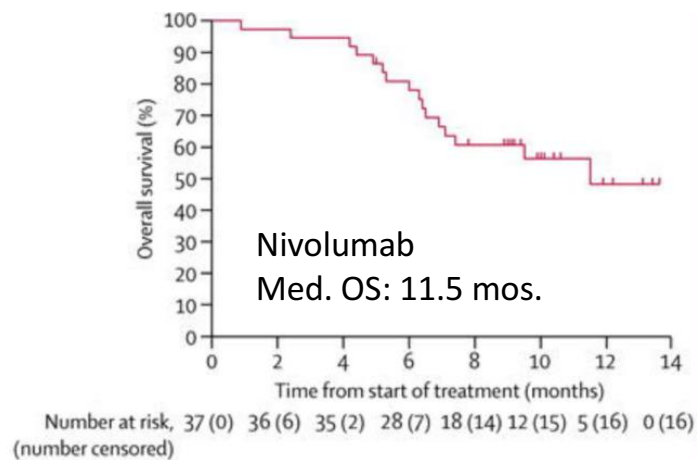
Advanced Anal SCC: A „homerun“ for immunotherapy?

Anal canal cancer usually arises from HPV infection (integration of viral DNA with epithelial cell DNA)
Presence of viral neoantigens → possible immunotherapy activity

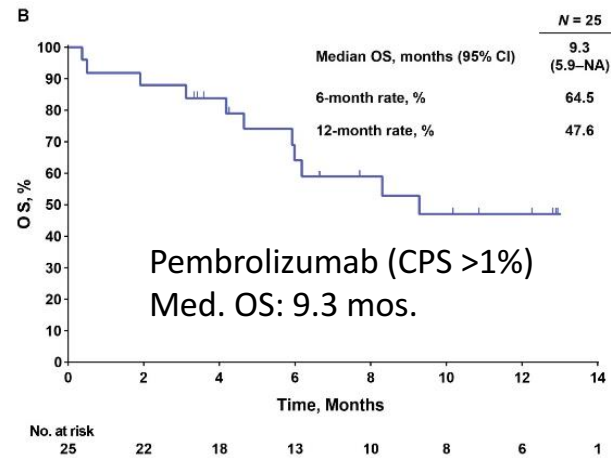
- 30 patients on the NCI9673 study had pretreatment cfDNA analyzed for mutation profiling on Guardant 70-gene panel.
- While TP53 (29%) and PIK3CA (23%) were the most commonly mutated genes, no associations were noted between response to therapy and the presence/absence of mutations.
- Median 1.6 mutations per patient noted in the 30 patients here.
- These results are consistent with other reports, with one recent series of SCCA patients using a 255-gene panel showed 3.6 mutations/patient.



Immune checkpoint inhibitors: Single agent

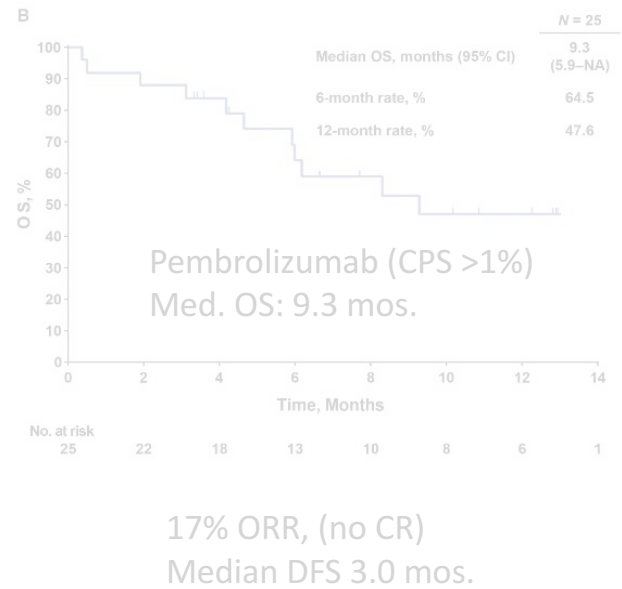
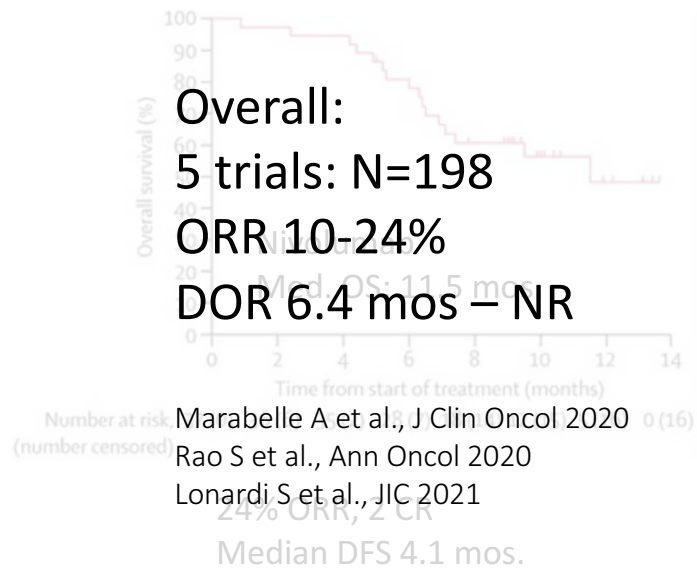


24% ORR, 2 CR
Median DFS 4.1 mos.



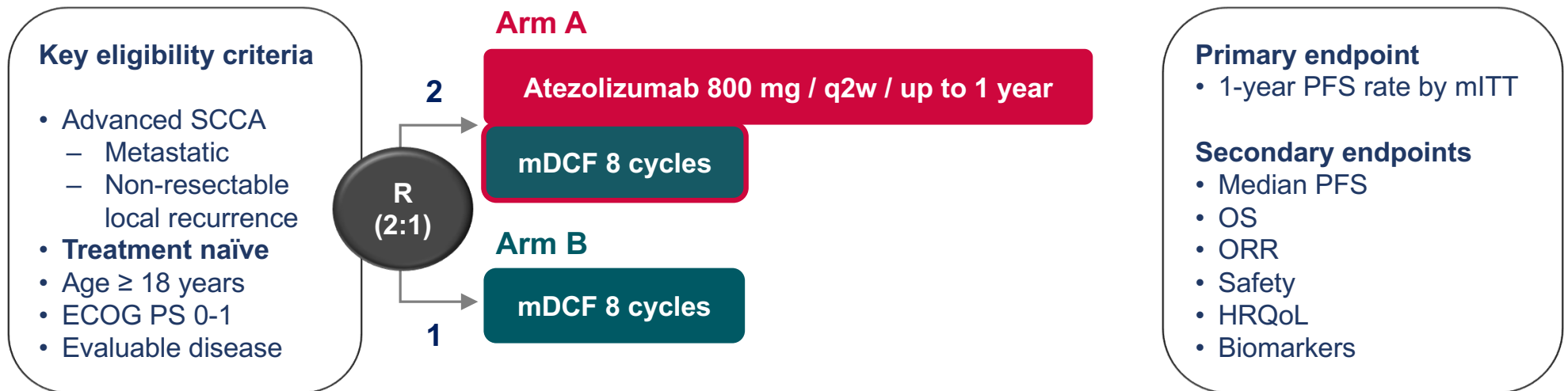
17% ORR, (no CR)
Median DFS 3.0 mos.

Immune checkpoint inhibitors: Single agent



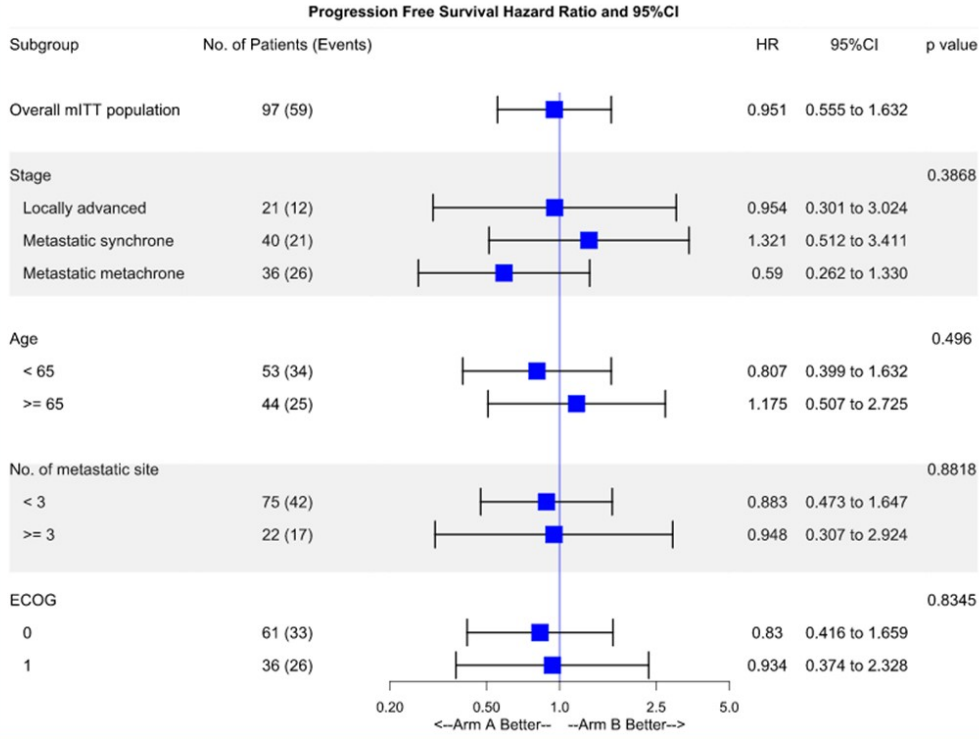
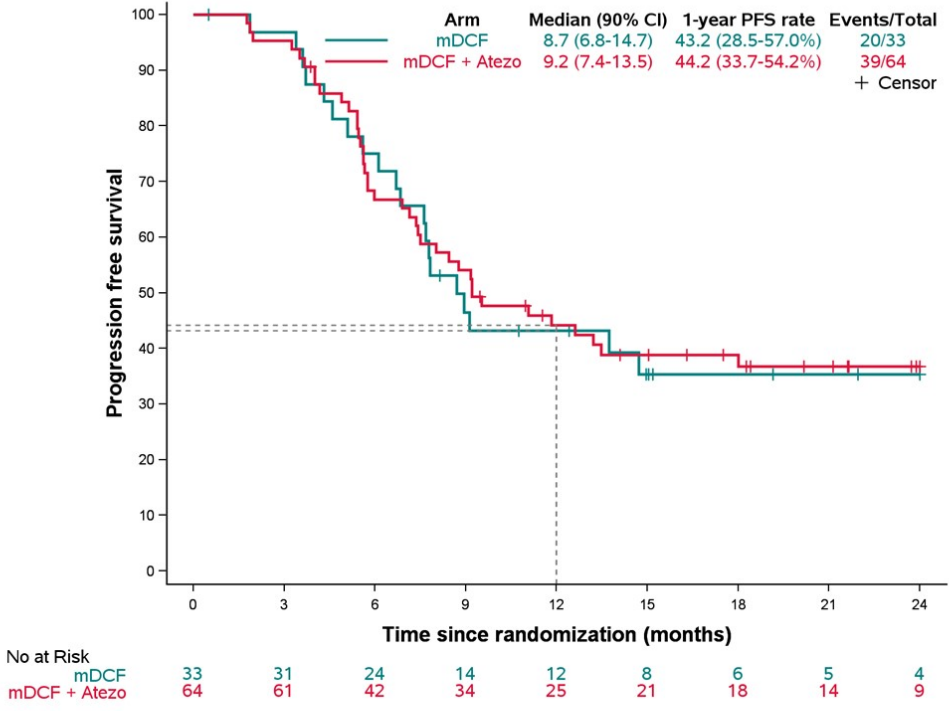
Van Morris K et al., Lancet Oncol 2017; Ott PA et al., Ann Oncol 2016

Chemo plus ICI: The first randomized trial



Stratification: age (<65 vs \geq 65 years), stage (synchronous metastatic vs metachronous metastatic vs locally advanced unresectable disease without metastasis)

Chemo plus ICI: The first randomized trial

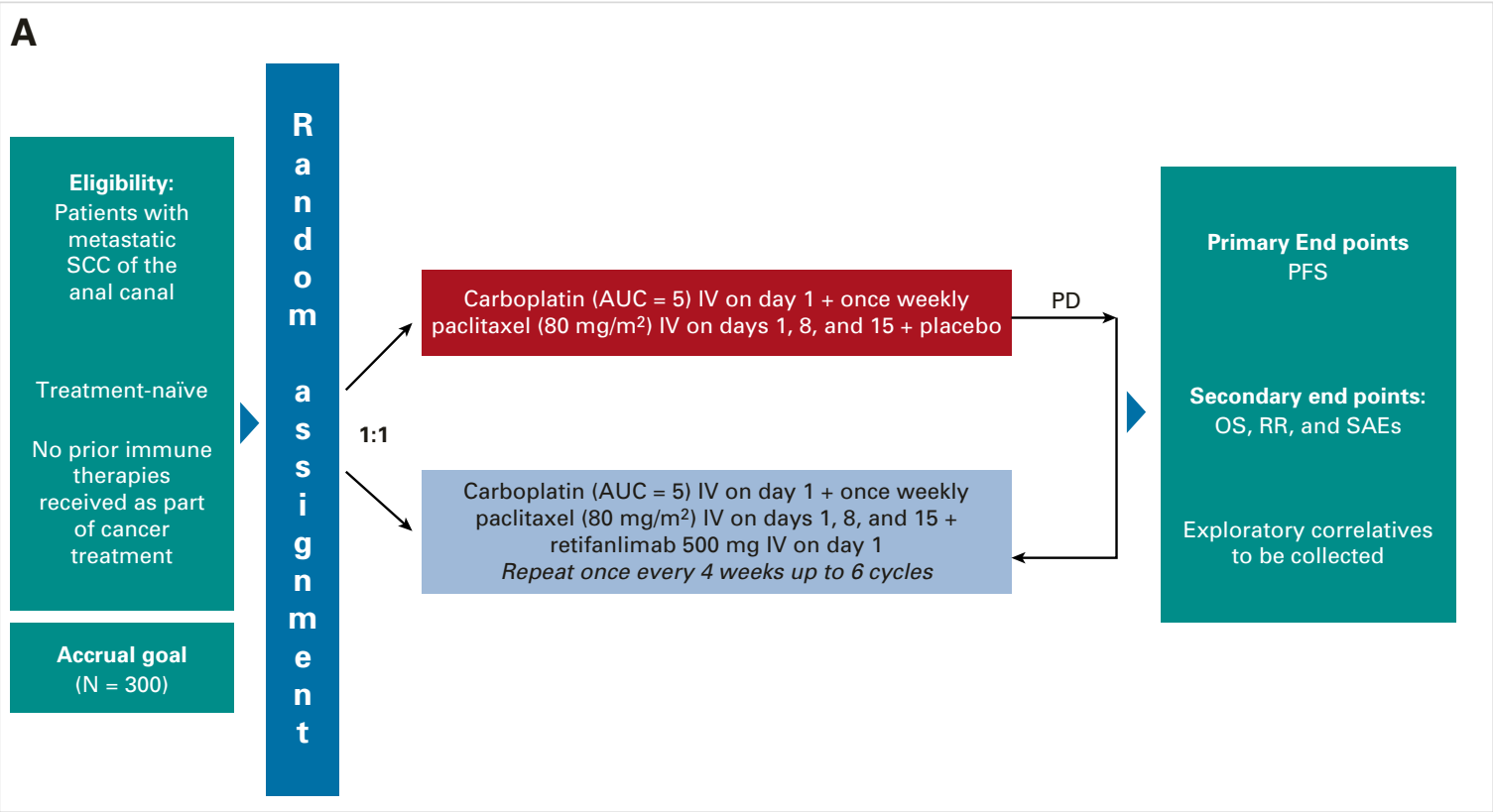


Kim S. et al., ASCO 2022

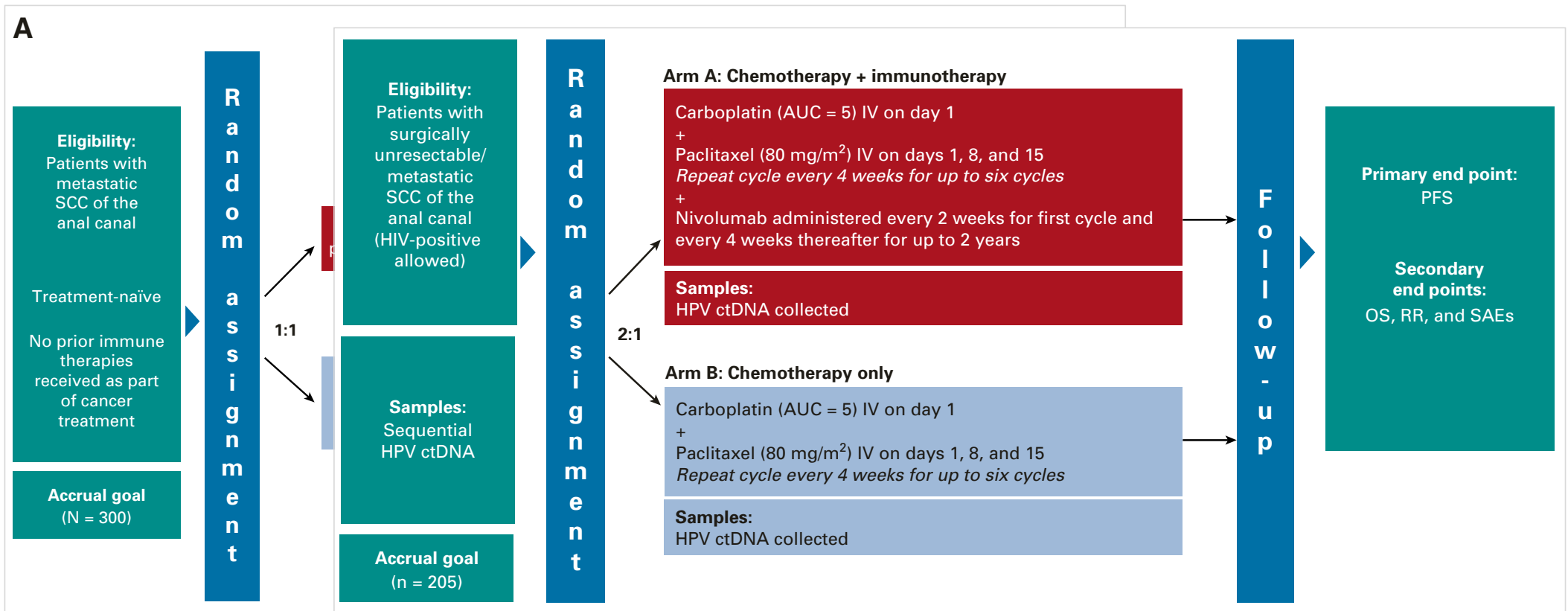
Chemo plus ICI: The first randomized trial

	All (N=97)	Arm A (N=64)	Arm B (N=33)	Epitopes-HPV (N=115)^{1,2}
Objective response, n (%)	72 (75.8)	47 (74.6)	25 (78.1)	100 (87.7)
Complete response	34 (35.8)	19 (30.2)	15 (46.9)	46 (40.3)
Partial response	38 (40.0)	28 (44.4)	10 (31.3)	54 (47.4)
Stable disease	20 (21.1)	14 (22.2)	6 (18.8)	10 (8.8)
Progression disease	3 (3.2)	2 (3.2)	1 (3.1)	4 (3.5)
Missing	2	1	1	0

Ongoing randomized immunotherapy trials



Ongoing randomized immunotherapy trials



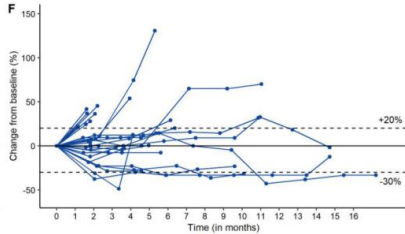
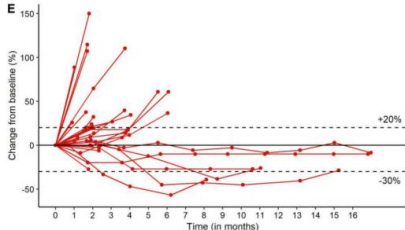
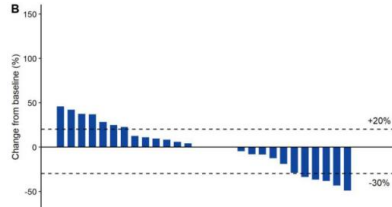
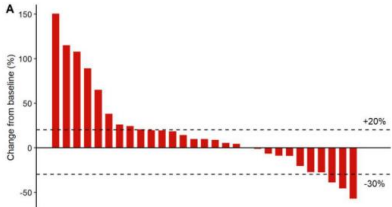
ICI plus anti-EGFR: CARACAS trial

Unresectable, advanced or metastatic SCAC after 1st line

N=60
Ratio 1:1

Arm A
N=30
Avelumab 10 mg/kg q2w

Arm B
N=30
Avelumab 10 mg/kg +
Cetuximab 500 mg/mq q2w

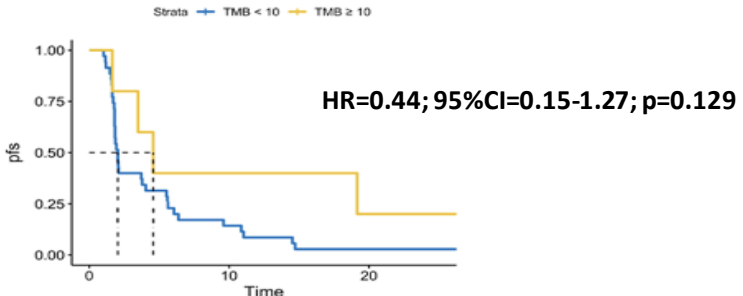


ORR 10%
DCR 50%

ORR 17%
DCR 57%

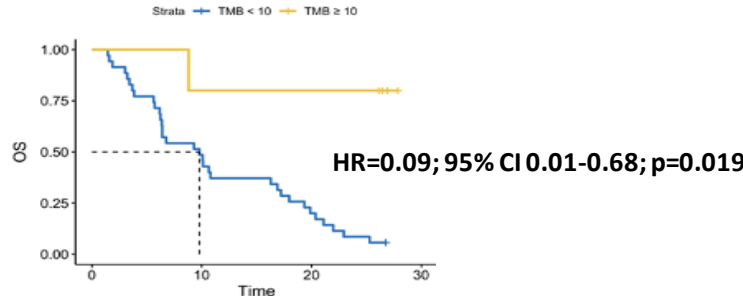
ICI plus anti-EGFR: Biomarkers matter

TMB



Number at risk

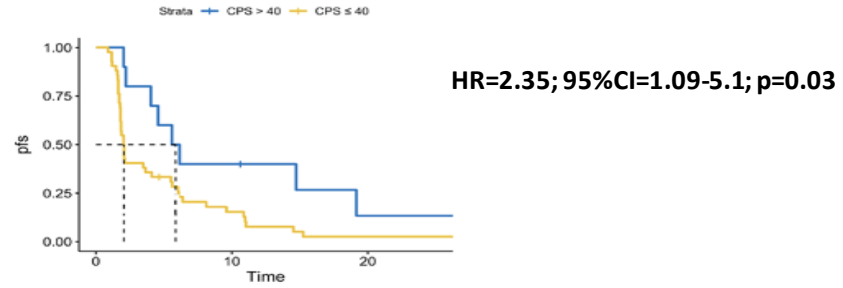
Strata	0	10	20
TMB < 10	35	5	1
TMB ≥ 10	5	2	1



Number at risk

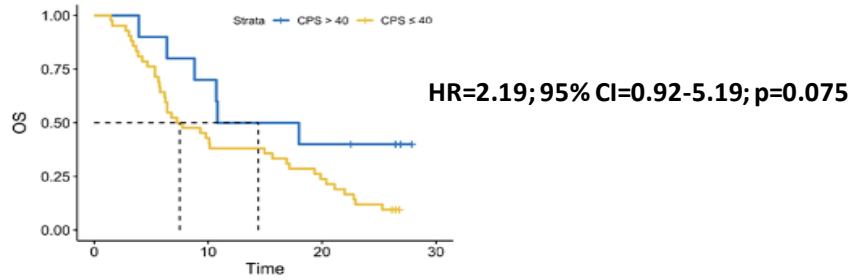
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PD-L1 CPS



Number at risk

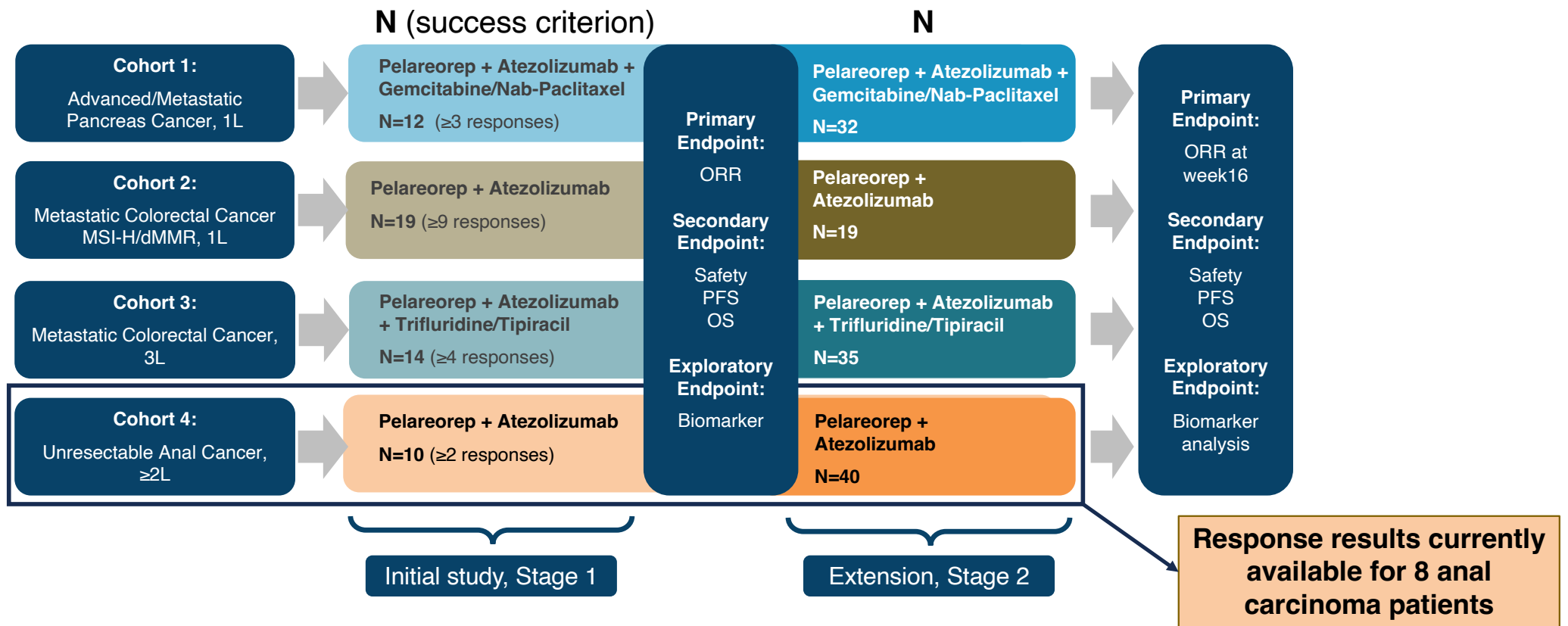
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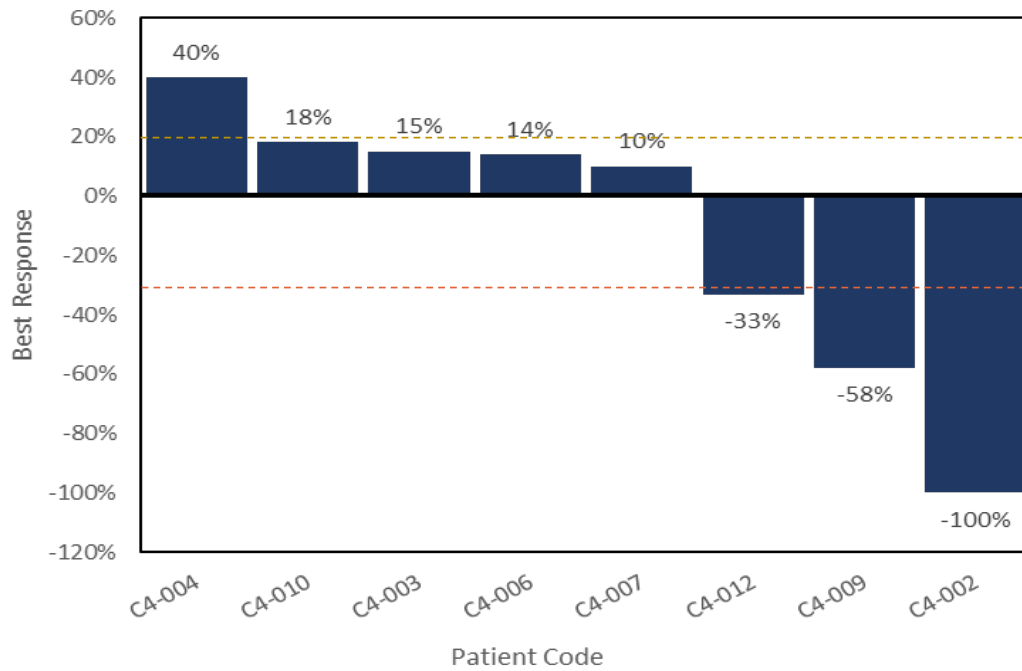
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Oncolytic virus Pelareorep plus ICI: AIO GOBLET

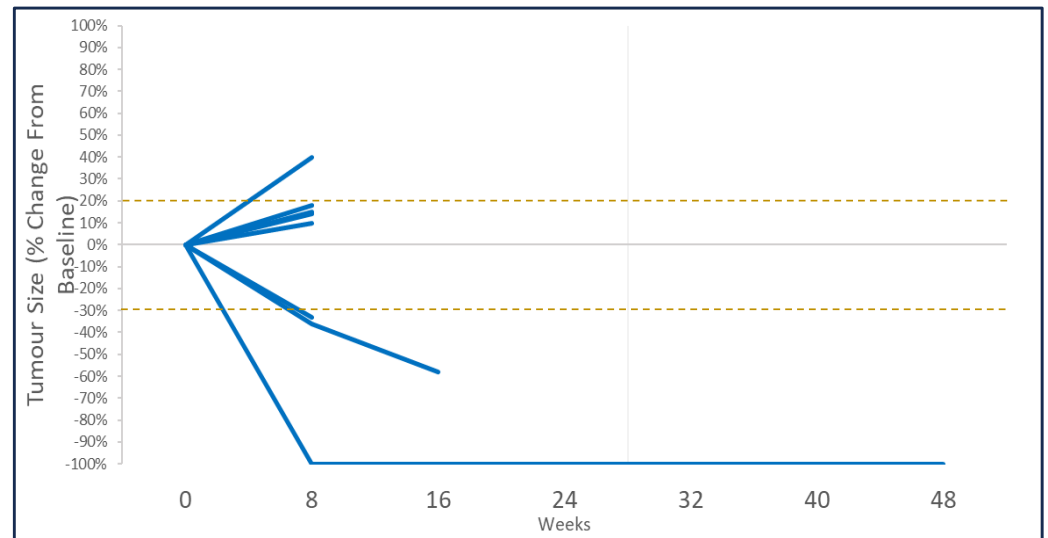


Oncolytic virus Pelareorep plus ICI: AIO GOBLET

Overall Best Response



Best Response Over Time

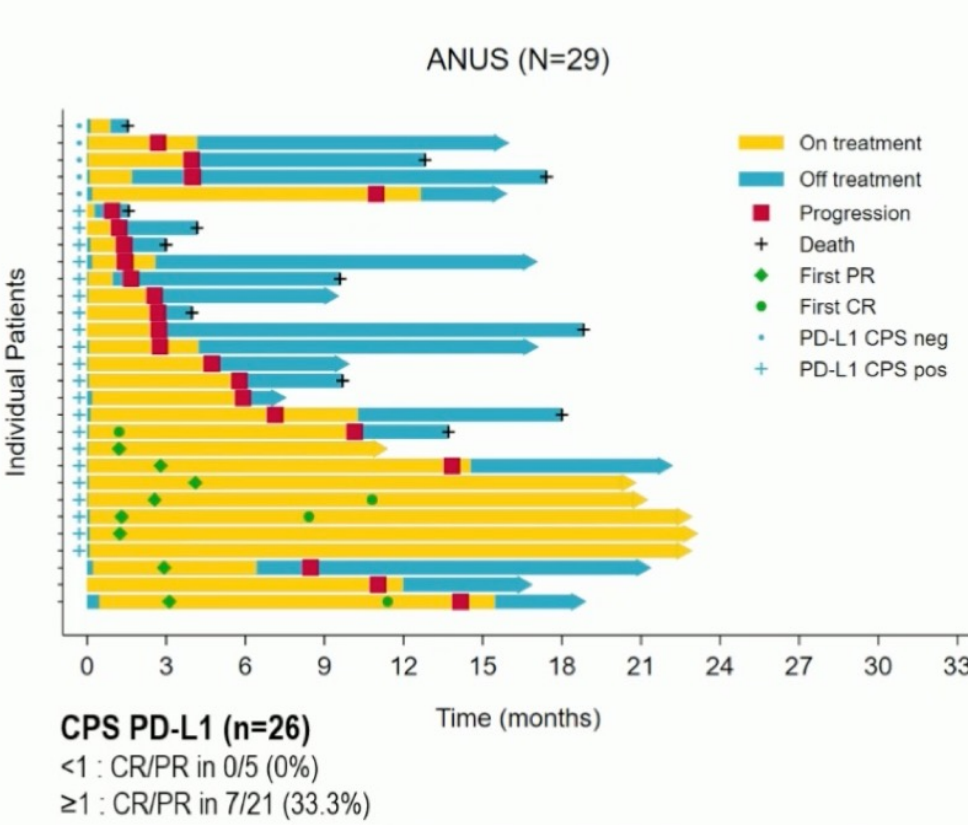


HDAC inhibitor Vorinostat plus ICI (Pembro): PEVOSq trial

Objective Response Rate (ORR)

	SCAC cohort (n=29)
Best response, n (%)	
CR	4 (13.8)
PR	5 (17.2)
SD	14 (48.3)
PD	5 (17.2)
NE	1 (3.4)*
ORR, % [95% CI]	31.0 [15.3-50.8]
Median PFS, months [95% CI]	5.8 [2.7-11.0]
Median OS, months [95% CI]	18.8 [12.8-NR]

* Death before the first tumor assessment



Combinations: „Appear favourable...“

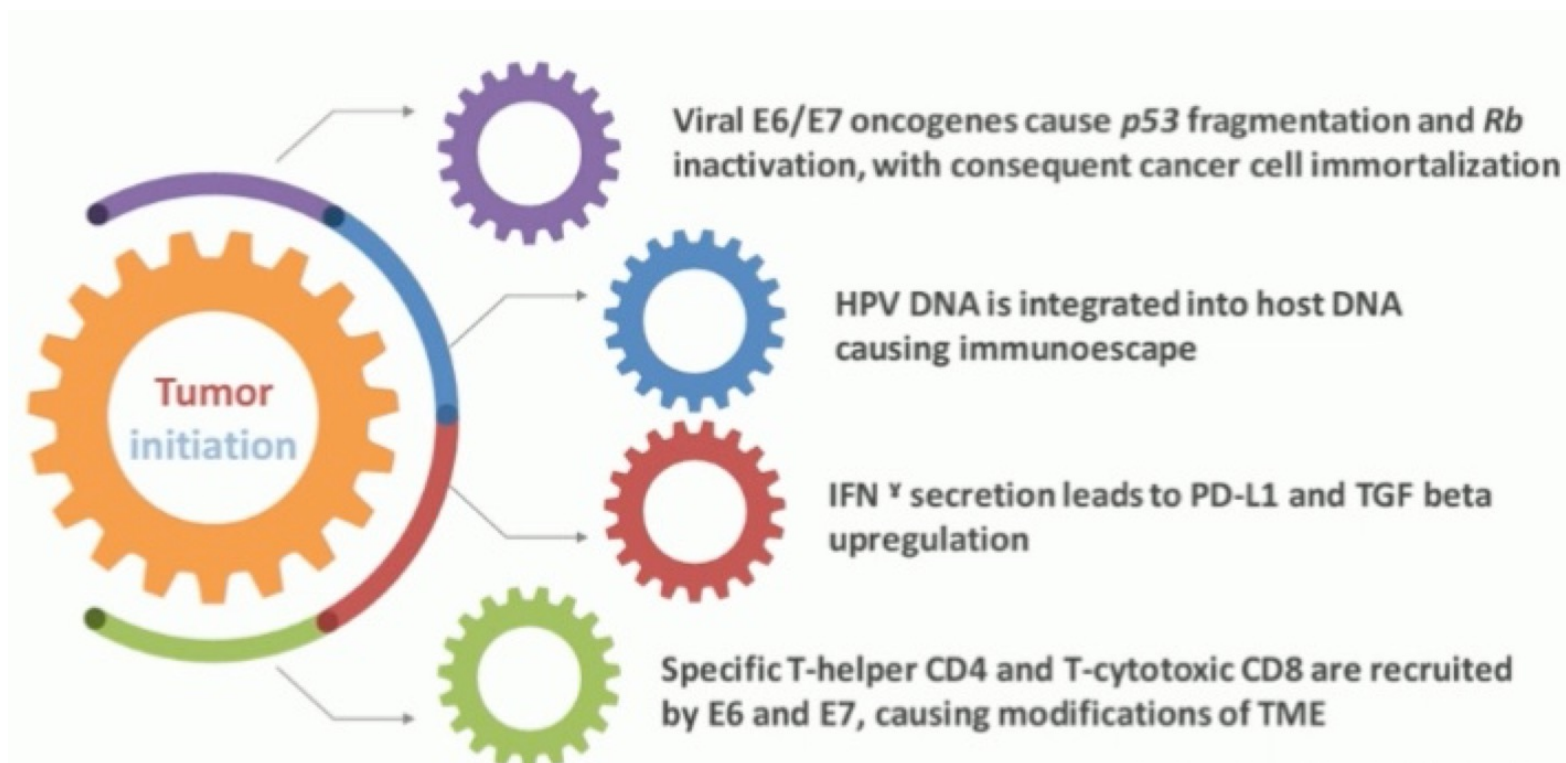
Appears favorable...

Trial	ICI	Single Agent/Combo	N	ORR	PFS	Ref
NCI9673	Nivolumab	Single	37	24%	4.1m	Morris et al, Lancet Oncol 2017
KEYNOTE 028	Pembrolizumab	Single	25	17%	3.0m	Ott et al, Ann Oncol 2017
KEYNOTE 158	Pembrolizumab	Single	112	11%	2.0m	Marabelle et al, Lancet Gas Hep 2022
CARACAS	Avelumab	Single	30	10%	2.0m	Lonardi et al, J Imm Can, 2021
		Cetuximab	30	17%	3.9m	
NCT03074513	Atezolizumab	Bevacizumab	20	11%	4.1m	Morris et al, ESMO 2022
POD1UM 202	Retifanlimab	Single	94	14%	2.3m	Rao et al, ESMO Open 2022
PEVOSq	Pembrolizumab	Vorinostat	29	31%	5.8m	Coutzac et al, ESMO 2023

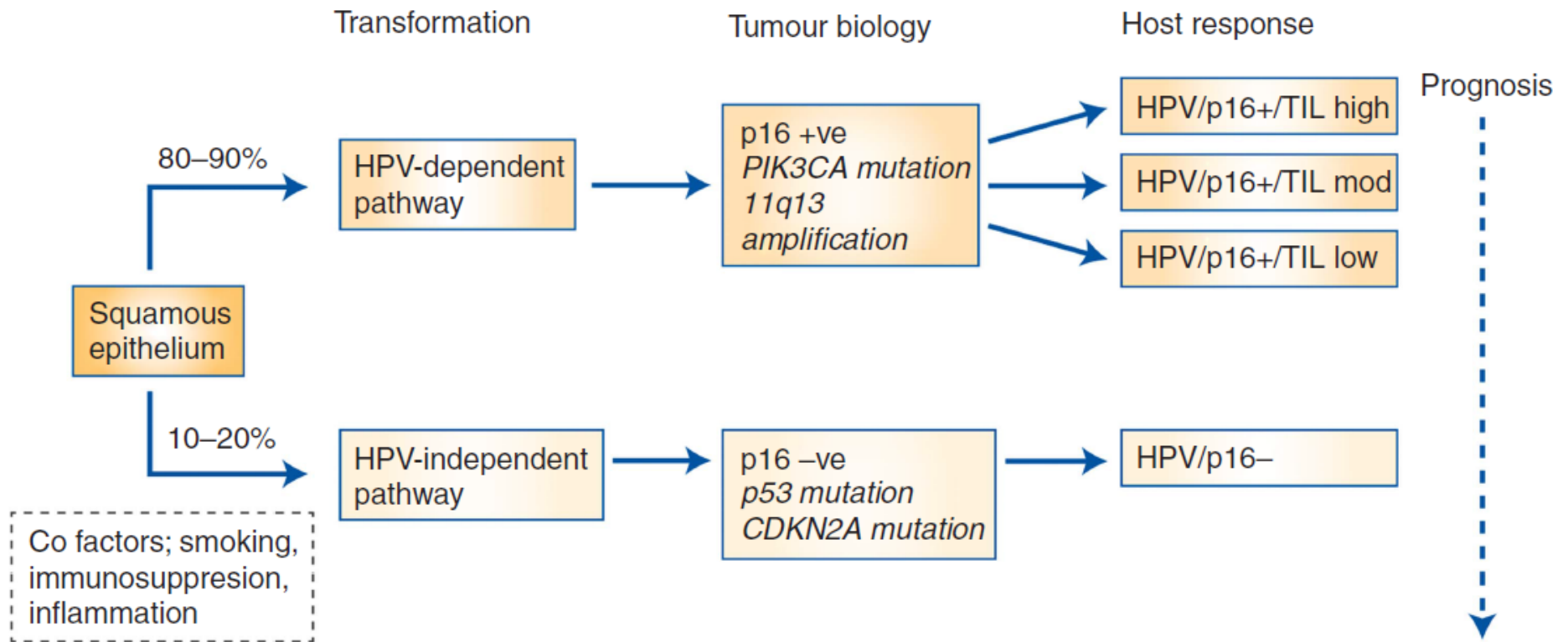
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SCC of the anal tract: Why immunotherapy matters

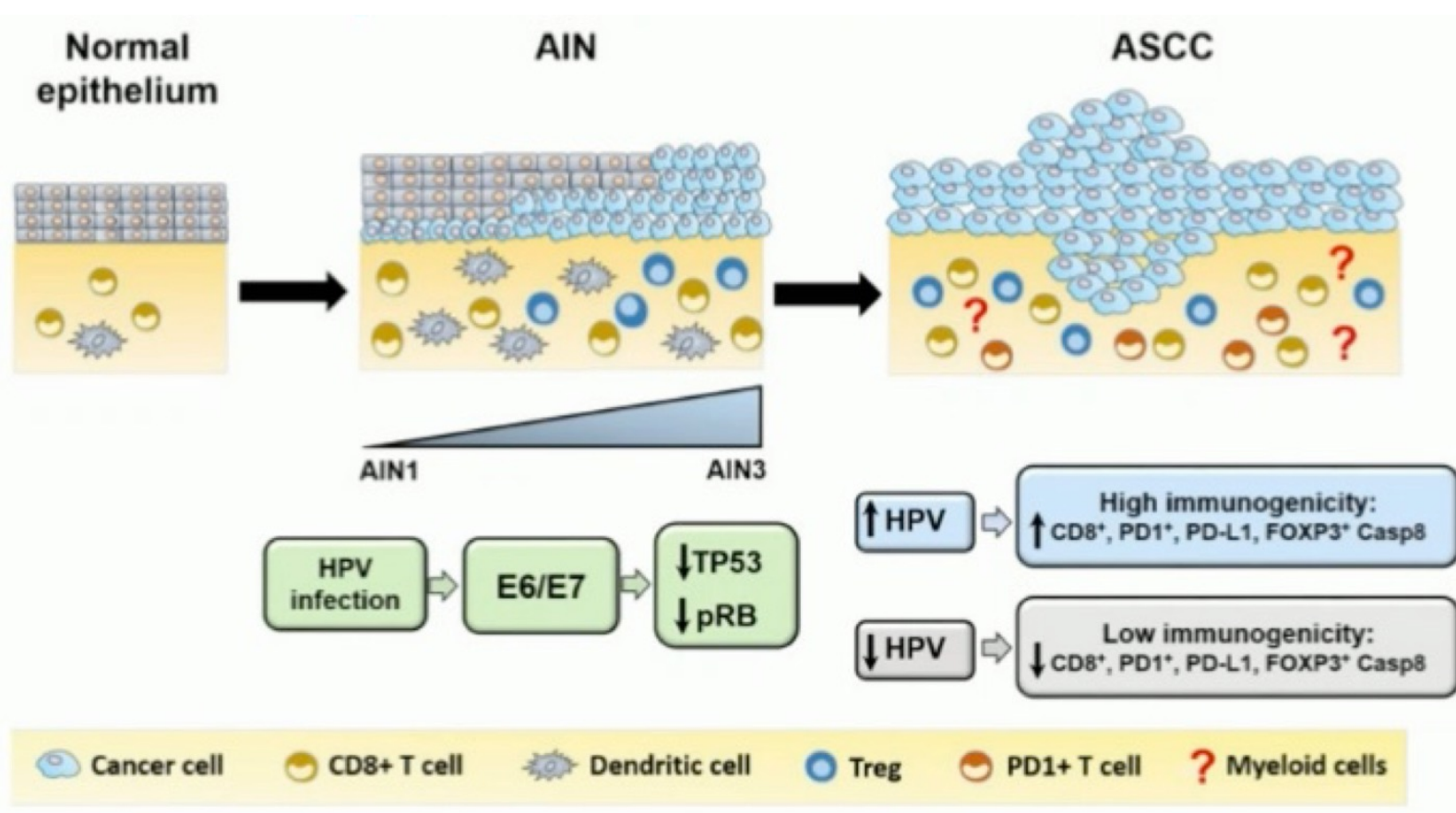


Biological model of response to CRT



Need for biology-driven studies and strategies for HPV negative tumours

The route for HPV targeted approaches?

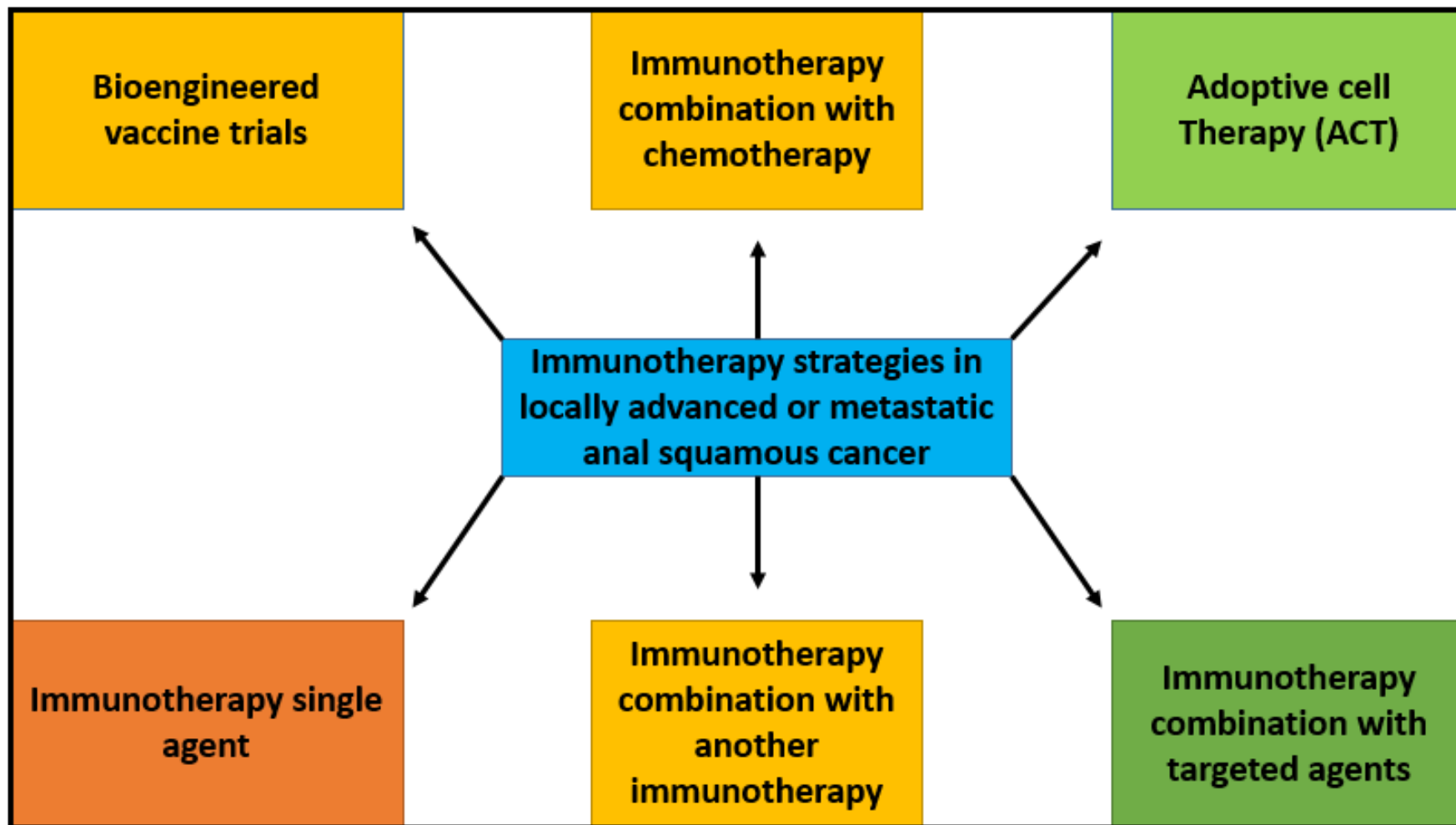


HPV targeted approaches under investigation

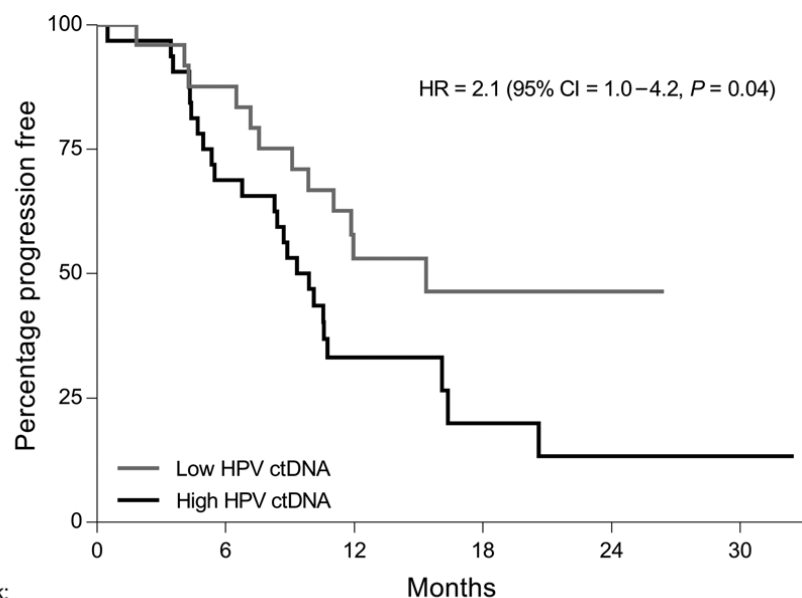
- HPV E6 and E7 T-cell receptor inhibitor, followed by aldesleukin
- HPV 16 E7-protein fusion protein (axalimogene filolisbasc)
- Anti-HPV vaccination
- TILs plus aldesleukin plus nivolumab

Zusammenfassung Anal-Ca.: Metastasierte Erkrankung

- Der „unmet need“ beim fortgeschrittenen / metastasierten Anal-Ca. ist (sehr) hoch
- SOC: Kombinationschemotherapie (Carbo/Tax DCF)
- Daten für Immuntherapie in späteren Linien: Interessant, aber (noch) nicht „super exciting“
- Kombination mit Chemotherapie in früheren Linien? Kombinationen mit anderen zielgerichteten oder immunologischen Prinzipien in späteren Linien?
- Biomarker-stratifizierte Therapie: HPV? ctDNA-gesteuert?
- Neue Immunotherapien (Vakzinierungen, zelluläre Therapie, CAR-T,...) und Selektion sind die interessantesten Pfade



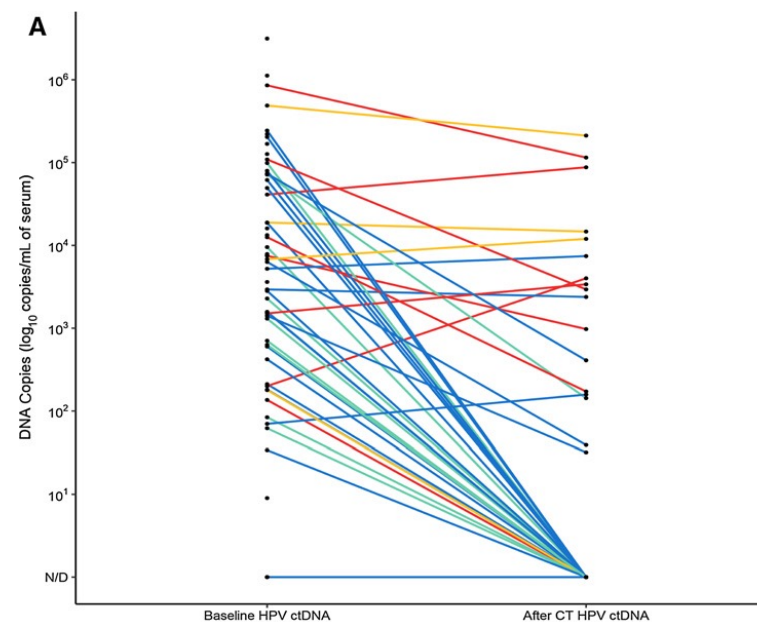
Clinical Validity of HPV ctDNA in using ddPCR: Epitopes Trial



Number at risk:

	0	6	12	18	24	30
Low level HPV ctDNA	25	22	12	8	3	1
High level HPV ctDNA	35	23	9	4	2	1

PFS according to baseline HPV ctDNA level by ddPCR. AUC analysis was used to classify the population into 2 relevant subgroups before chemotherapy.

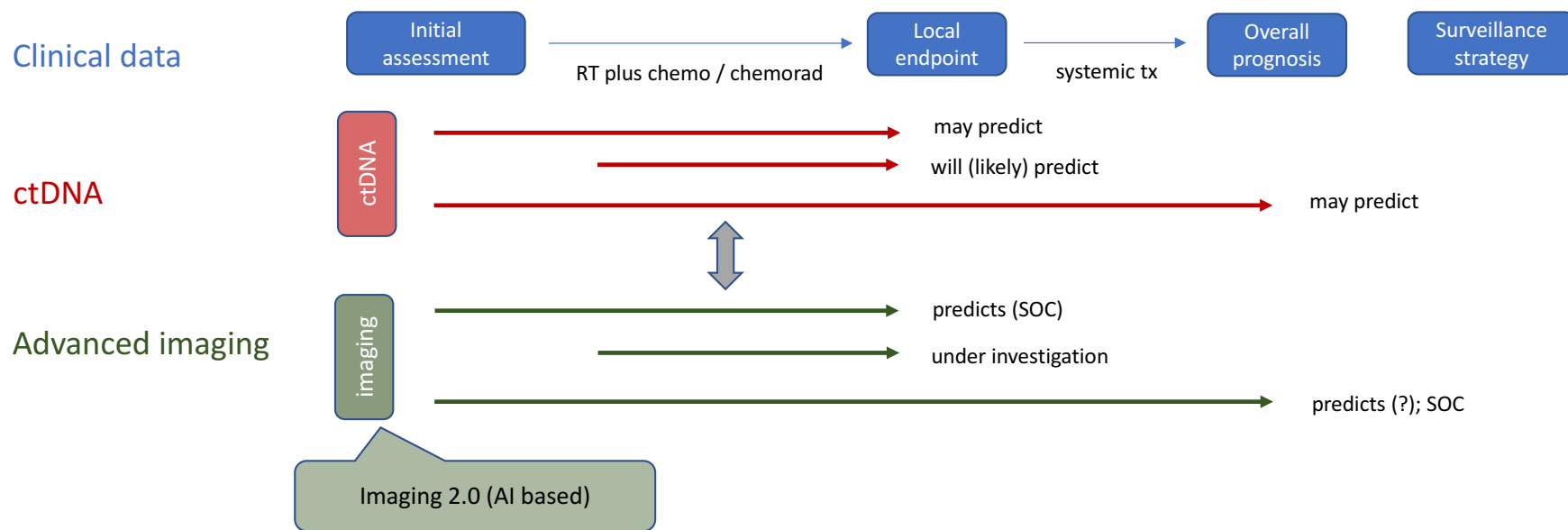


B First radiological assessment after CT discontinuation — CR — PR — SD — PD

	Baseline HPV ctDNA median (range)	Median change during CT (%) (range)	<i>p</i>
CR (<i>n</i> = 8)	1792 (61; 98950)	-100% (-99.8; -100)	0.008
PR (<i>n</i> = 19)	2940 (0; 243750)	-100% (-100; 127)	0.0004
SD (<i>n</i> = 3)	6910 (178; 488700)	-57% (-100; 76)	0.75
PD (<i>n</i> = 6)	26825 (135; 865500)	-92% (-100; 124)	0.44

New proposal: An IRCI/EORTC registry for clinical course, ctDNA assessment over time and advanced imaging

Presented at the meeting by Dirk Arnold



Zusammenfassung Anal-Ca.: Lokalisierte Stadien

- Stadium I-III (außer Analrand-Ca. im Stadium I):
 - Behandelt (= in 85% geheilt) mit Radiochemotherapie
- Optimale Radiochemotherapie für jeden Patienten
 - Verbesserte Lokalkontrolle bei Hochrisiko durch bessere RT, vielleicht Immuntherapie
 - Cave – (chronisch) Toxizität. Deeskalation bei frühen Stadien Decrease late effects in low-risk patients
- Rolle der Immuntherapie – Status: “kurz vor Klärung”
- Viele offene Fragen hinsichtlich Biomarkern, translational research und (wirklich) stratifizierten, zielgerichteten Strategien
- Seltene Erkrankung – kleine Patient:innengruppen; wir brauchen internationale Kollaborationene (und: Studieneinschlüsse!)

Kollaborative Studiengruppen



Mitglieder: (u.a.) Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft/AIO
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Summary anal cancer: Localized stages

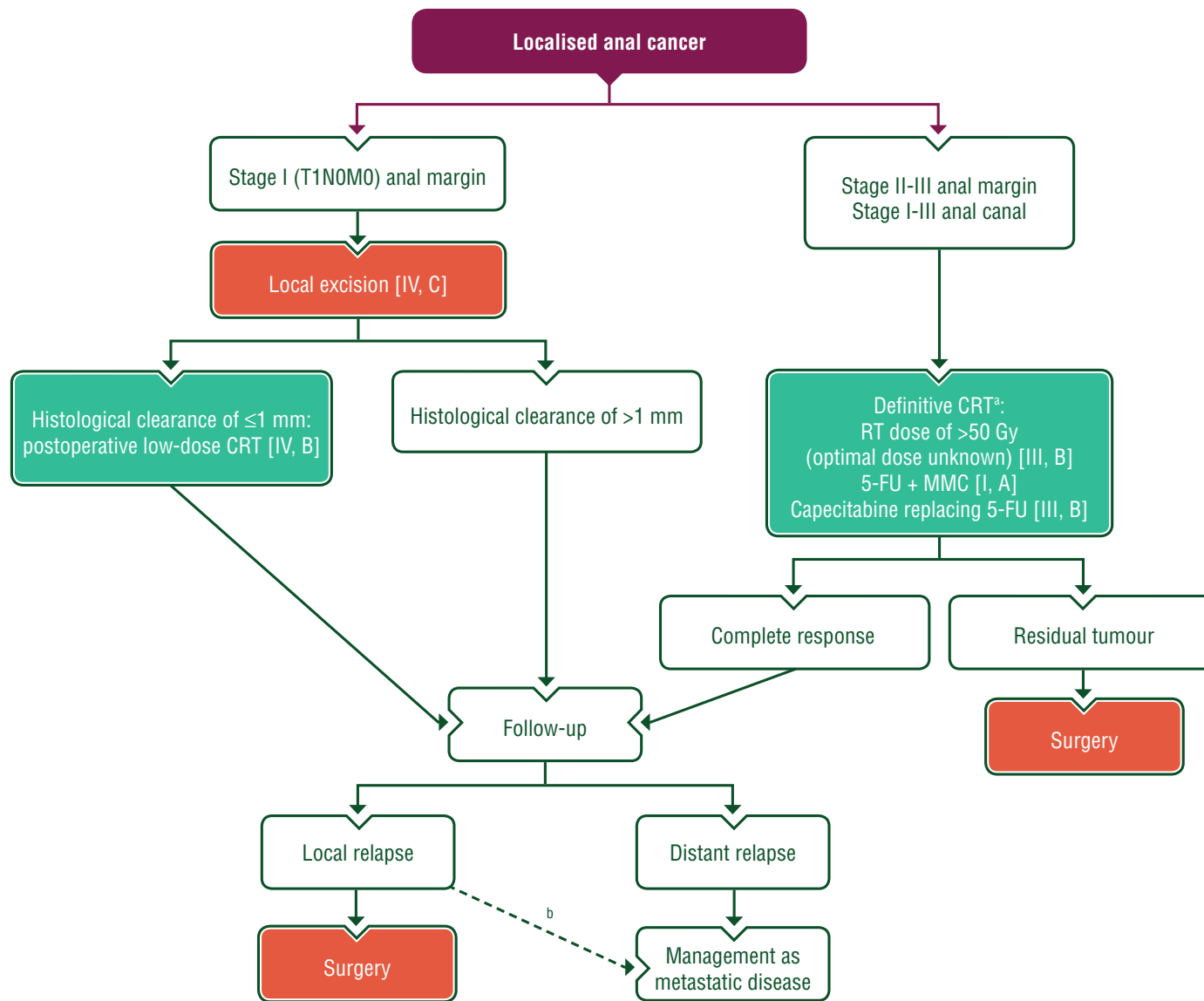
- Stage I-III (except rim stage I): treated (= cured in 85%) with chemoradiotherapy
- Optimal CRT for each patient
 - Improve tumour control in high-risk patients
 - Decrease late effects in low-risk patients
- Role of immune therapy is being investigated
- Need translational research and biology-guided clinical trials
- Small tumour groups benefit from international collaborations
- **Include patients in international clinical trials**

Treatment of advanced (metastatic) Anal Cancer: Summary

- The unmet need in advanced and metastatic anal cancer is high
- SOC – combination chemotherapy (Carbo/Tax DCF)
- Current data on later lines immunotherapy are encouraging - but not „super exciting“
- Combination with chemo in earlier settings might enhance the benefit
- New immunotherapy strategies (vaccines, CAR-T,...) or selection by HPV infection might be at the moment the more promising roads to follow

AJCC 8. Auflage

Definition des Primärtumors (T)	
TX	Primärtumor nicht beurteilt
T0	Kein Anhalt für Primärtumor
Tis	Hochgradige plattenepitheliale intraepitheliale Läsion (HSIL) (zuvor bezeichnet als Carcinoma <i>in situ</i> , Morbus Bowen, anale intraepitheliale Neoplasie II-III, high-grade AIN)
T1	Tumor ≤2 cm
T2	Tumor >2 und ≤5 cm
T3	Tumor >5 cm
T4	Tumor jeglicher Größe mit Infiltration in benachbarte Organe, z.B. Vagina, Urethra oder Harnblase
Definition der regionären Lymphknoten (N)	
NX	Regionäre Lymphknoten können nicht beurteilt werden
N0	Keine regionäre Lymphknotenmetastase
N1	Metastasen in inguinalen, mesorektalen Lymphknoten, Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca interna oder der Arteria iliaca externa
N1a	Metastasen in inguinalen, mesorektalen Lymphknoten oder Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca interna
N1b	Metastasen in Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca externa
N1c	Metastasen in Lymphknoten der Arteria iliaca externa sowie N1a-Lymphknoten
Definition der Fernmetastasen (M)	
M0	Keine Fernmetastasen
M1	Fernmetastasen



Benefit of immune therapy?

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