

# Personalizing surgical margins to RPS

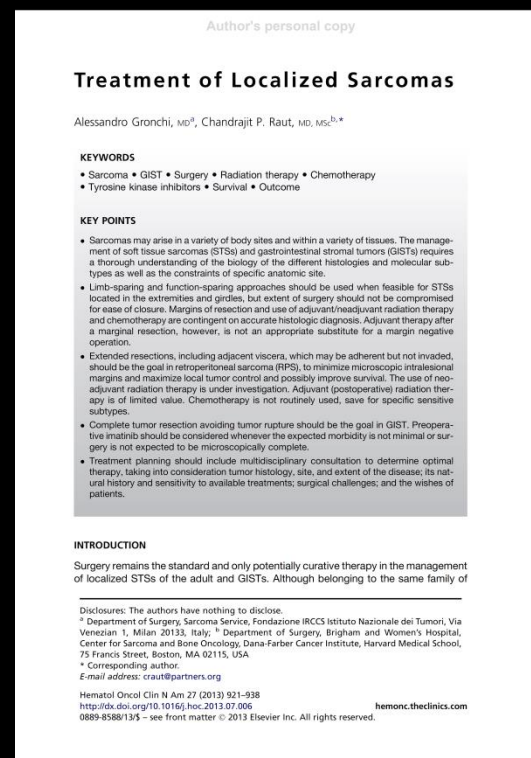
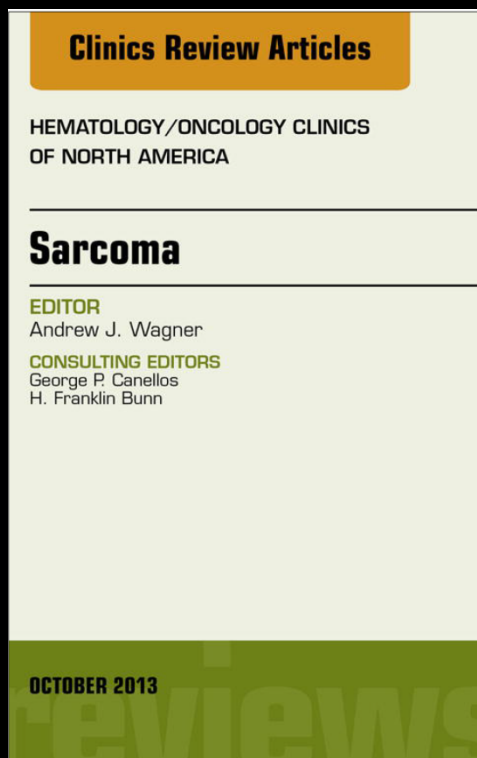


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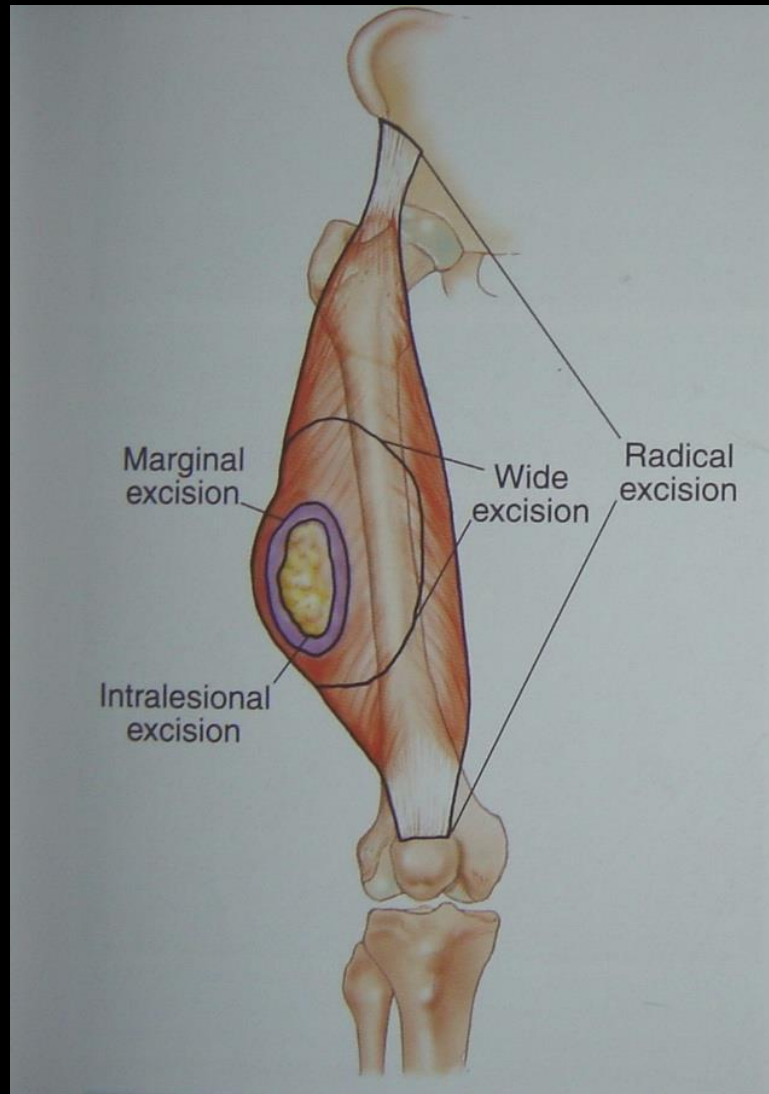


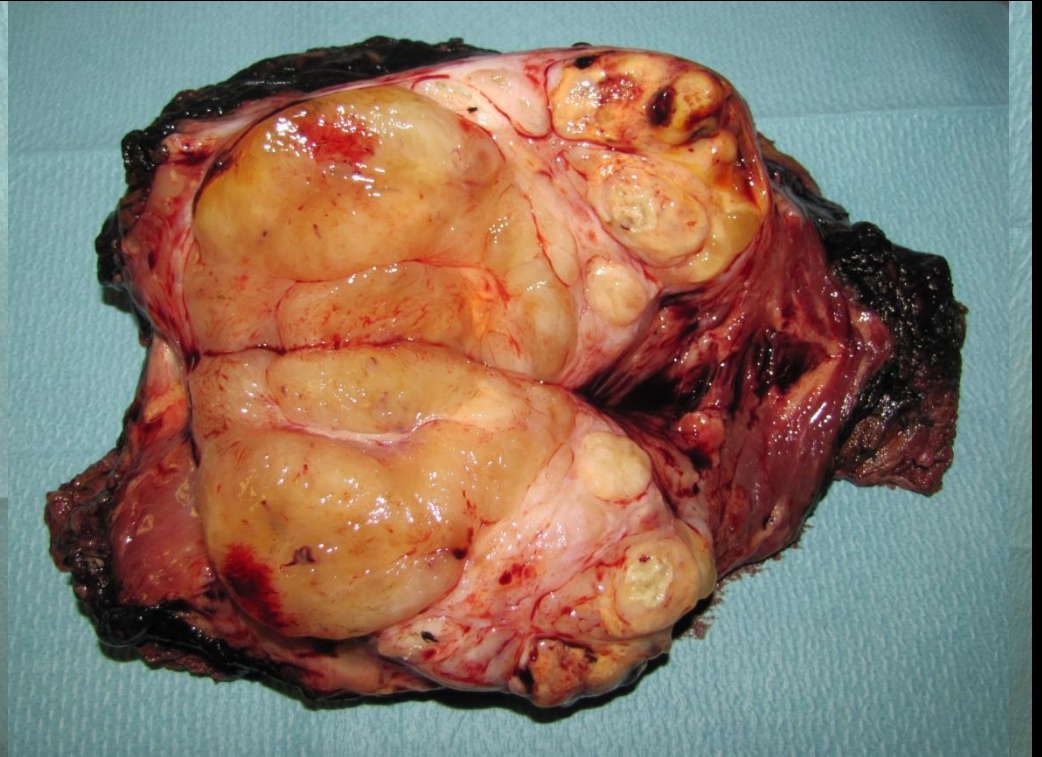
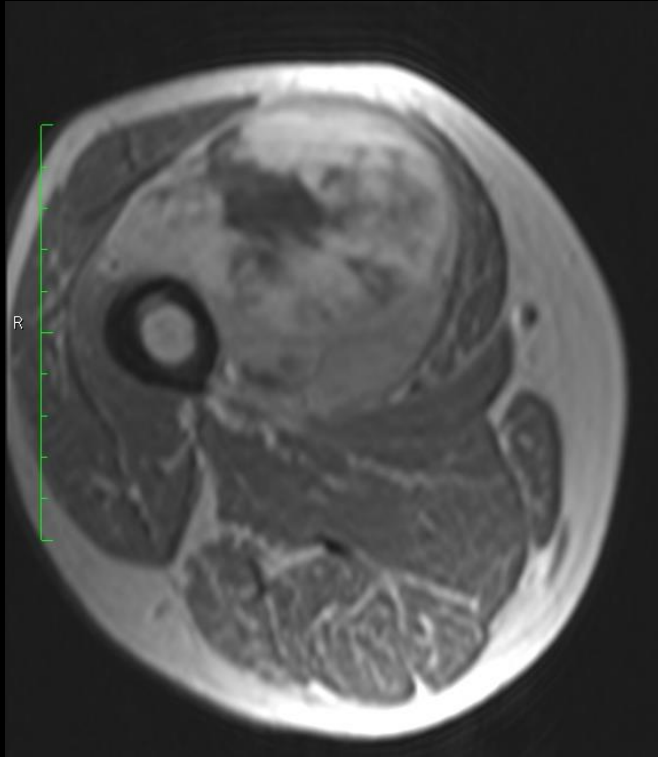
Surgery is the primary and only curative treatment of localized disease

# Basic principles of surgery

- Remove the whole tumor
- Avoid tumor rupture in the surgical field
- Take the tumor out surrounded by a cuff of healthy tissue, in order to obtain negative microscopic surgical margins all around.

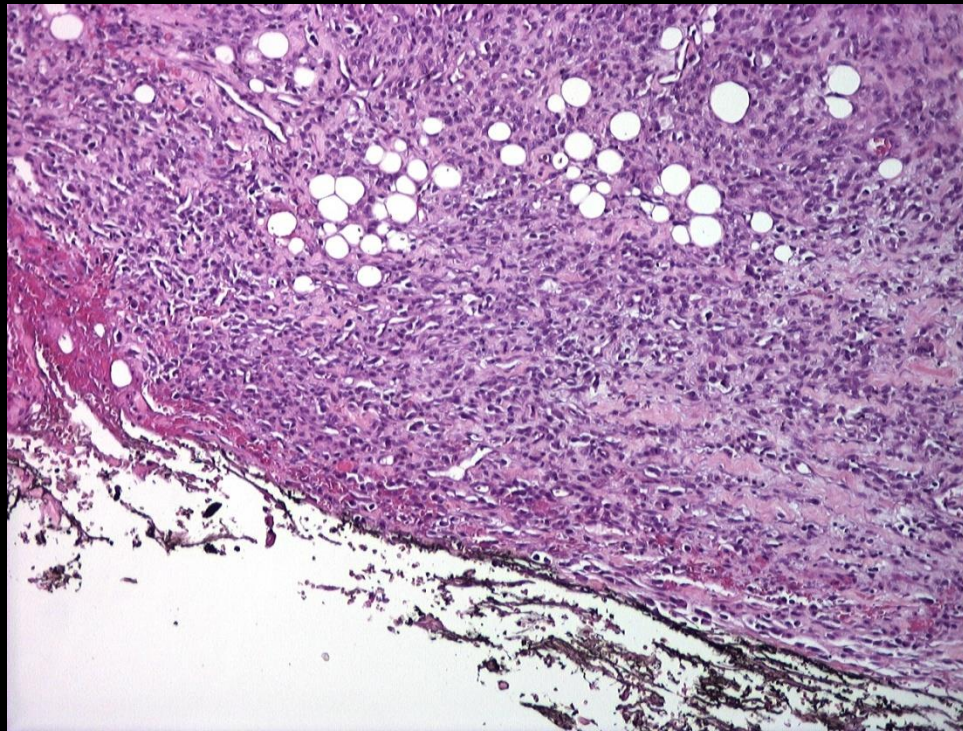






...every attempt should be made to  
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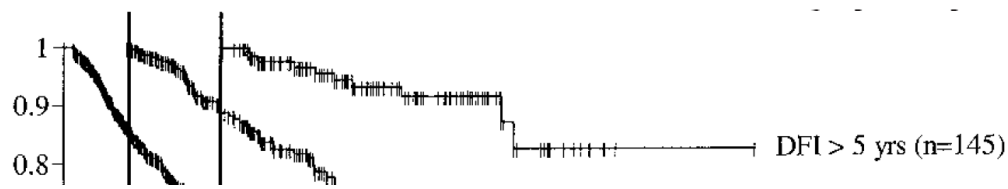
# Tumor edge at the inked surface (within 1 mm)



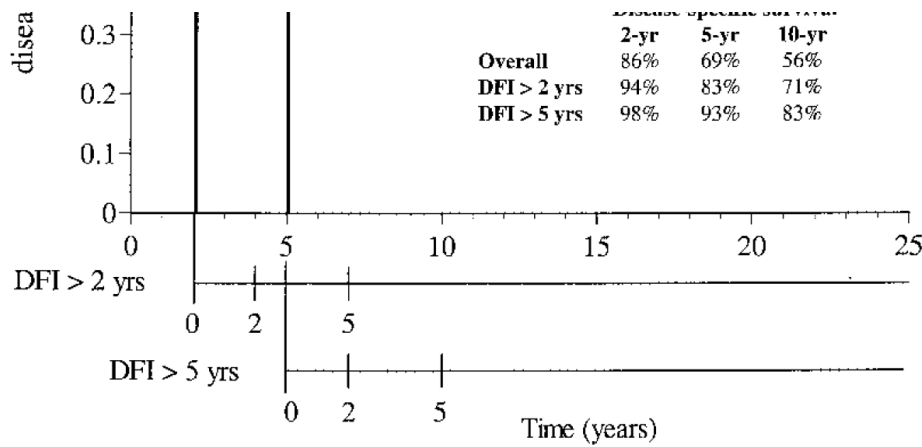
# Primary Adult Soft Tissue Sarcoma: Time-Dependent Influence of Prognostic Variables

By Alexander Stojadinovic, Denis H.Y. Leung, Peter Allen, Jonathan J. Lewis, David P. Jaques, and Murray F. Brennan

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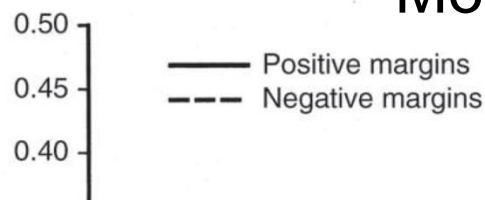
- biology governs early tumor-related mortality
- microscopic resection margins influence late outcome.



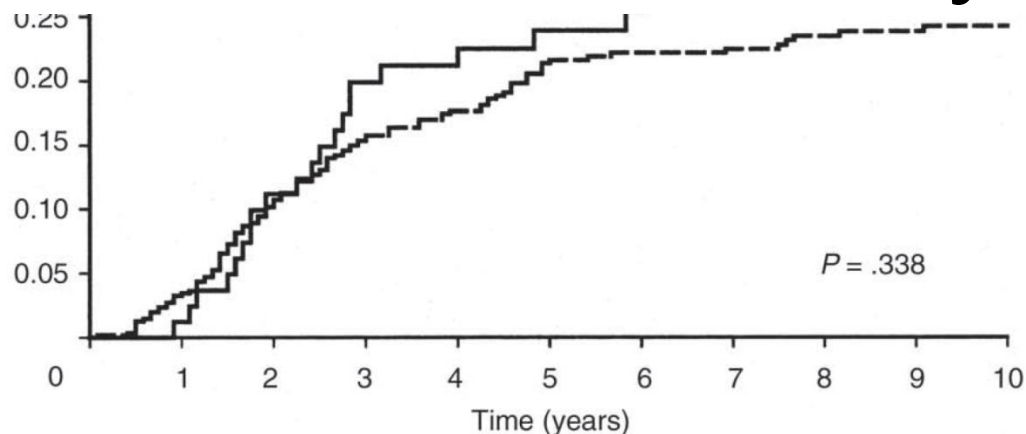
# Status of Surgical Margins and Prognosis in Adult Soft Tissue Sarcomas of the Extremities: A Series of Patients Treated at a Single Institution

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## Mortality



HR 1.8 after the 5<sup>th</sup> year





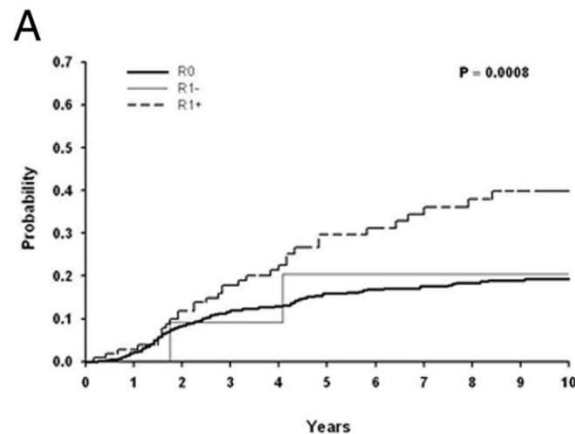
# Extremity Soft Tissue Sarcoma in a Series of Patients Treated at a Single Institution

## *The Local Control Directly Impacts Survival*

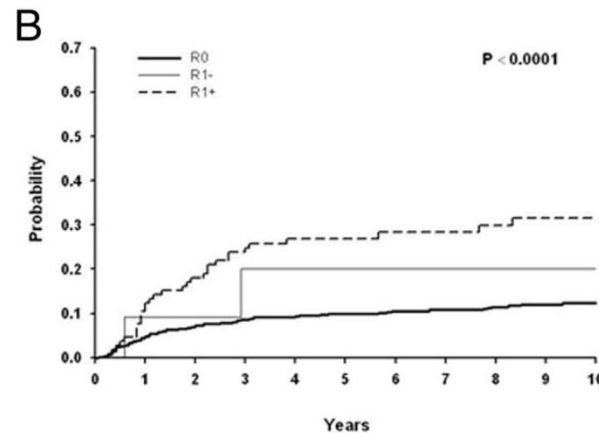
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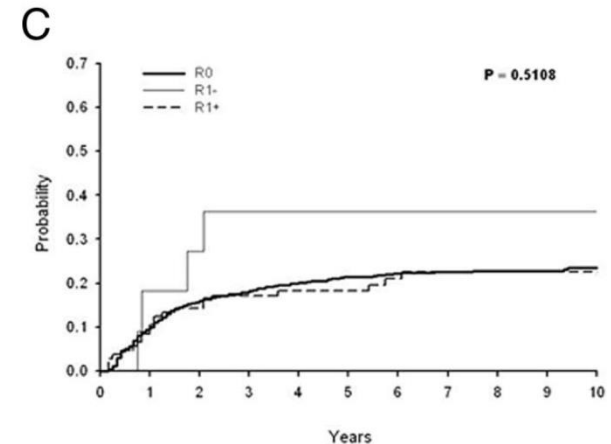
Disease-Specific Mortality, by Margins (R0 / R1- / R1+)



Local relapse, by Margins (R0 / R1- / R1+)

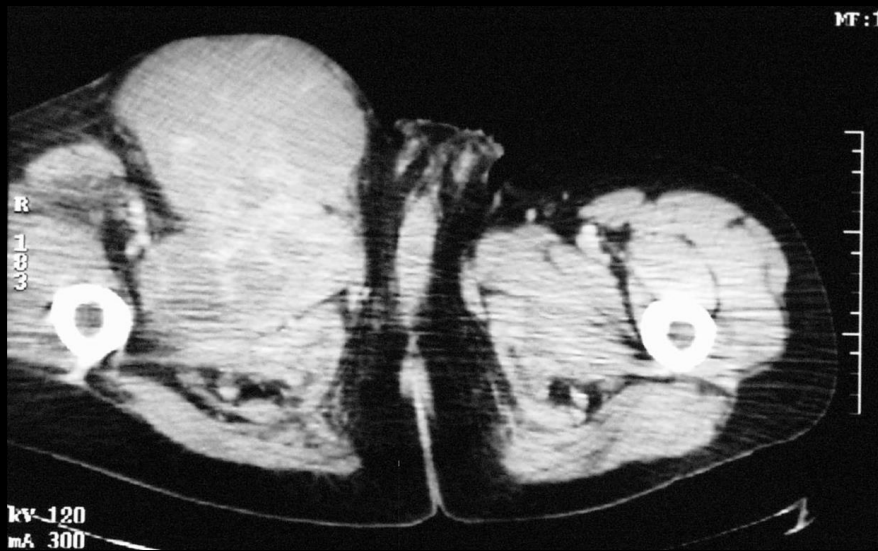


Distant metastases, by Margins (R0 / R1- / R1+)



# Locoregional failure at critical sites can lead to death

- 20% patients affected by ESTS, who had undergone R1 resection and died of disease, did so for loco-regional recurrence without any distant disease.



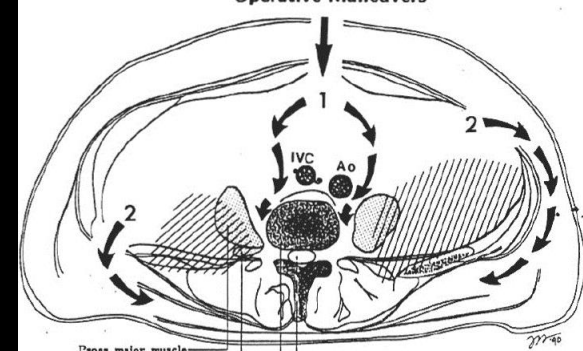


This is all the more true in RPS

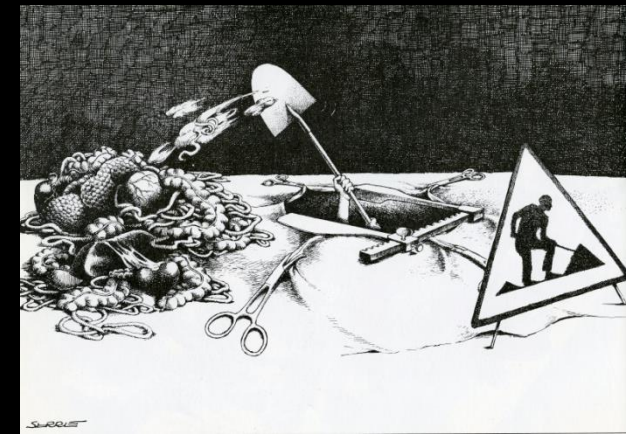


# “Extended surgical approach”

- Liberal en-bloc visceral resections:
  - Ipsilateral nephrectomy and colectomy
  - Splenectomy and left pancreatectomy for left sided tumors
  - Pancreato-duodenectomy and major hepatectomy only when infiltrated for right sided tumors
  - Sigmoid and rectal resection for pelvic lesions (bladder only if directly infiltrated)
- Loco-regional peritonectomy and miomectomy of the psoas:
  - To accomplish better en-bloc resection
- Vascular surgery and bone resection
  - Performed only if vessels/bone infiltrated




*Storm, Mahvi – Ann Surg 1990*



# Ipsilateral nephrectomy and colectomy

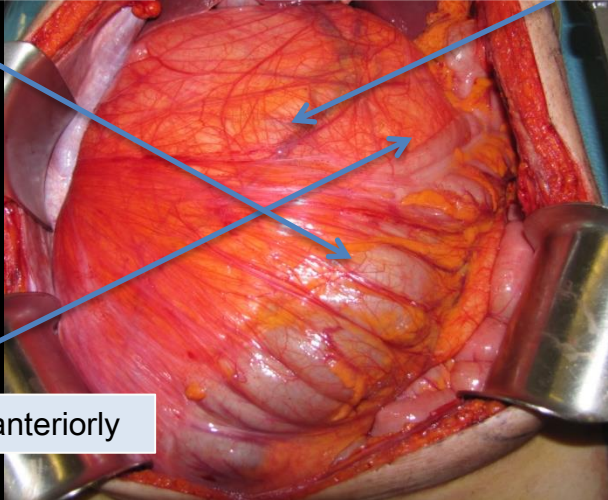
Retroperitoneal Soft Tisse Sarcoma



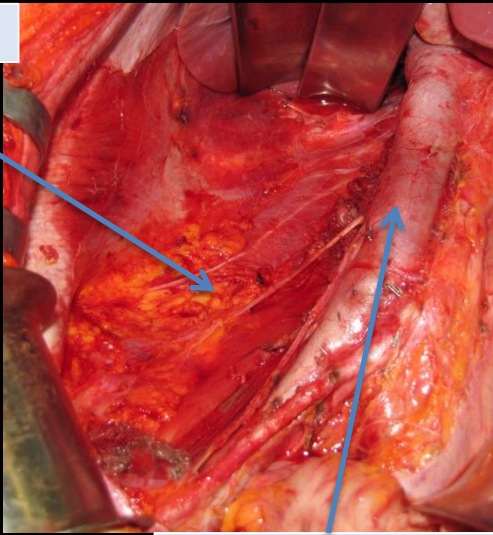
Right colon displaced anteriorly

Right kidney displaced anteriorly

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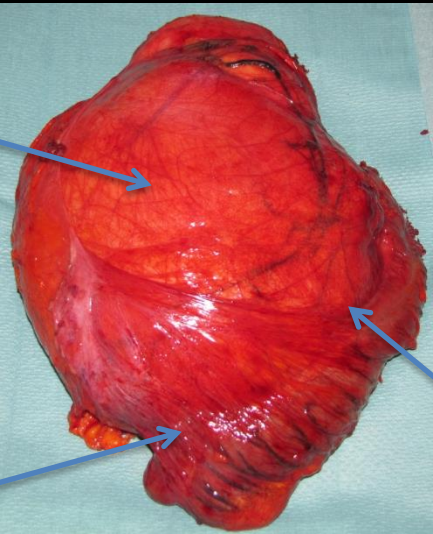


Femoral nerve roots



Inferior Vena Cava

Tumor

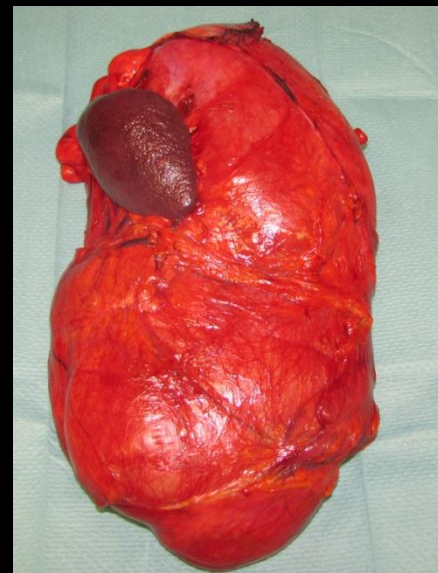
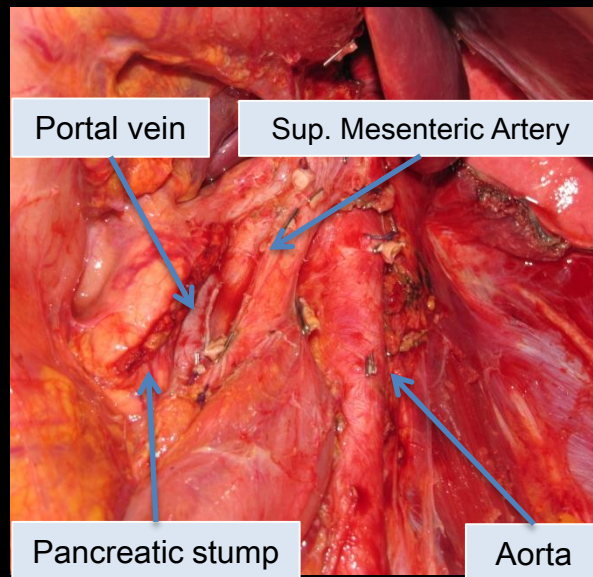
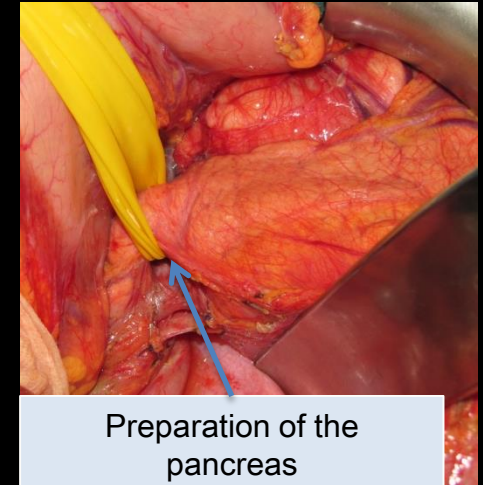
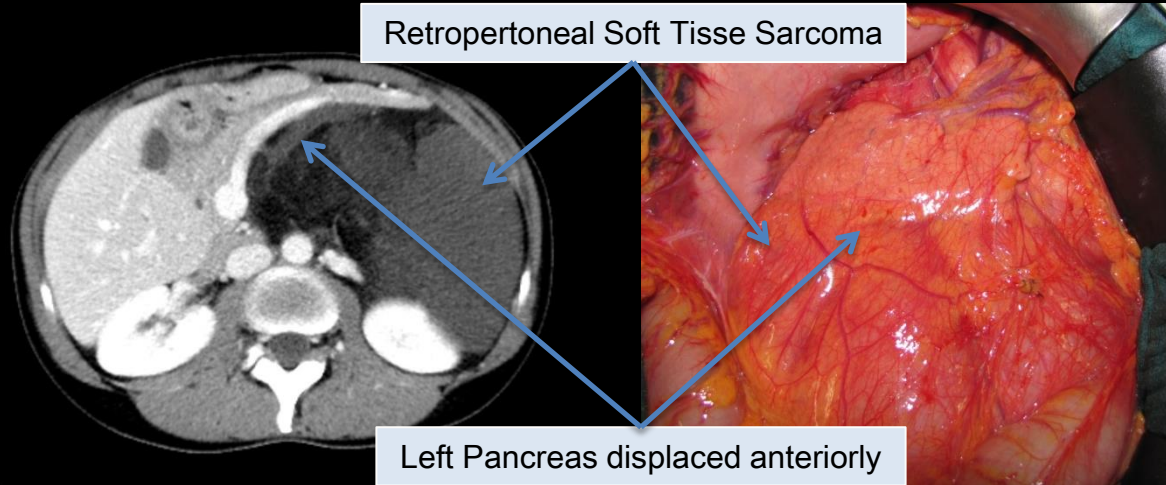


Right Colon

Right Kidney



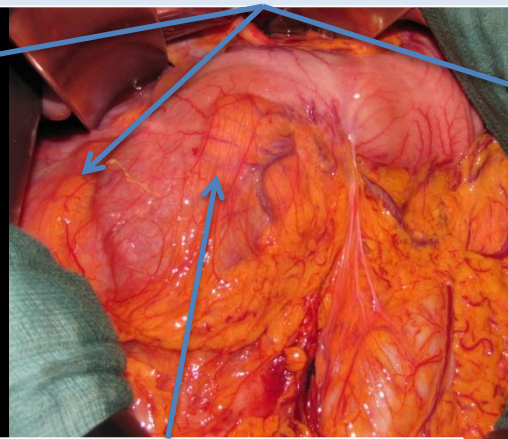
# Splenectomy and left pancreatectomy



# Vascular resection

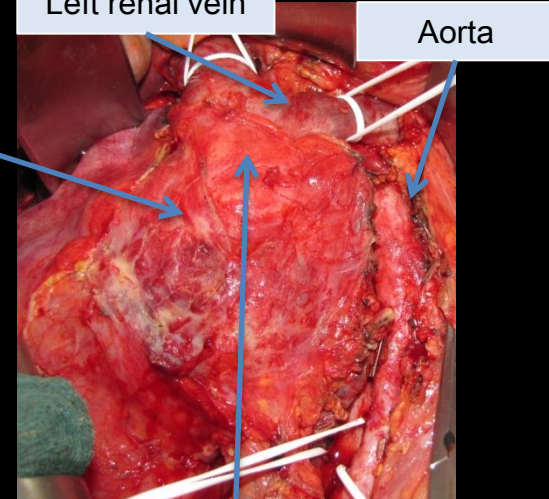


Retroperitoneal Soft Tissue Sarcoma



Left renal vein

Aorta



Duodenum and head of the pancreas

Inferior Vena Cava encased by the tumor

Inferior Vena Cava reconstruction

Surgical specimen

Kidney

Right renal vein

Inferior vena

Inferior Vena Cava, proximal stump

Aorta

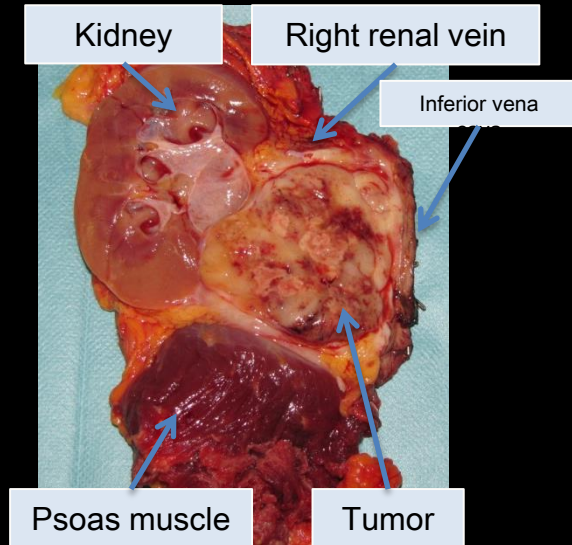
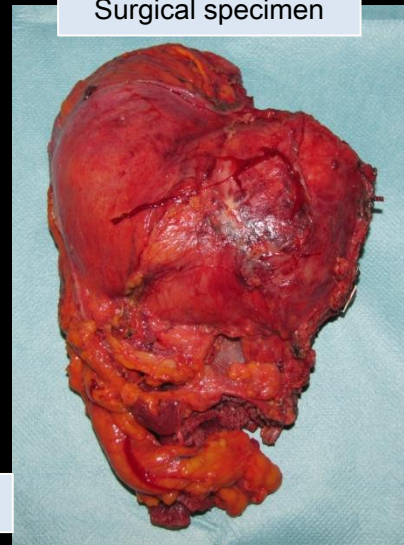
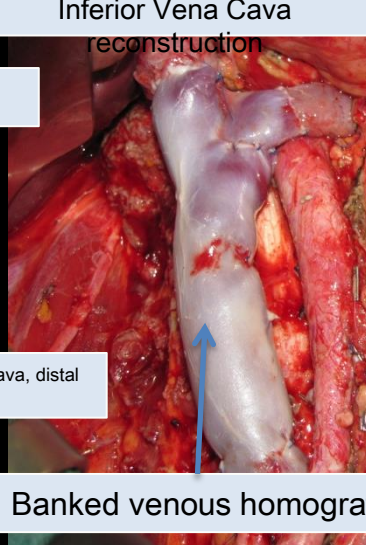
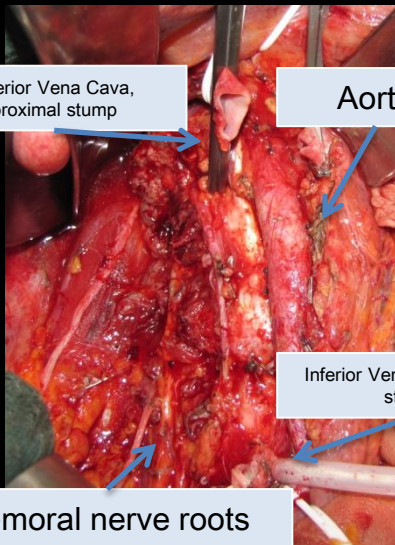
Inferior Vena Cava, distal stump

Femoral nerve roots

Banked venous homograft

Psoas muscle

Tumor





# Aggressive Surgical Policies in a Retrospectively Reviewed Single-Institution Case Series of Retroperitoneal Soft Tissue Sarcoma Patients

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Early =  $\leq$  2001

Recent =  $>$  2001

Total

Organs involved by surgery

None

1

$\geq 2$

Early

Recent

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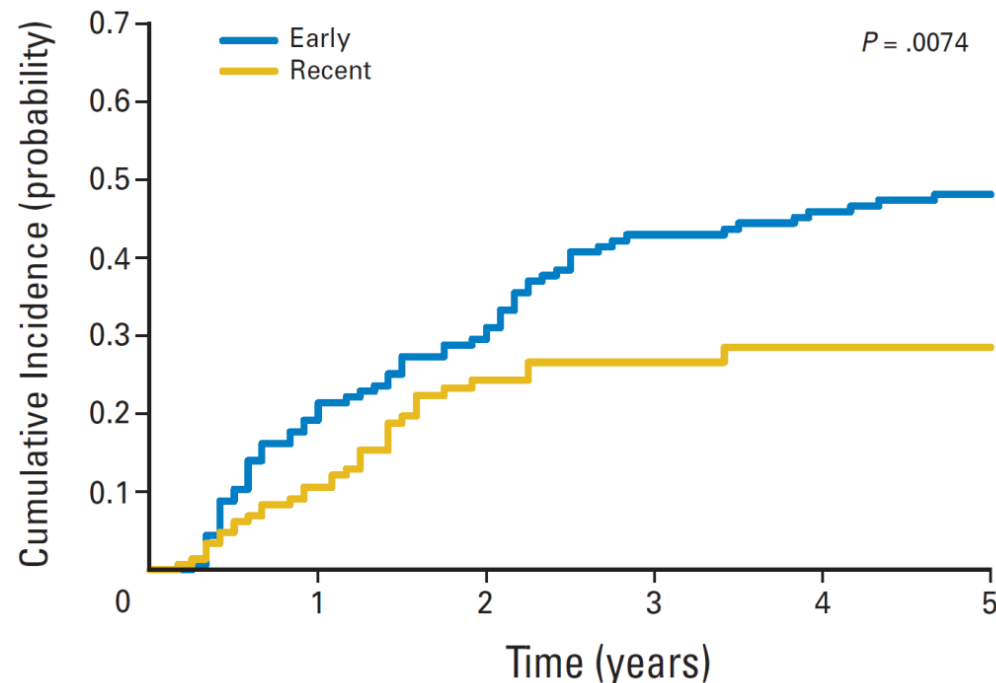
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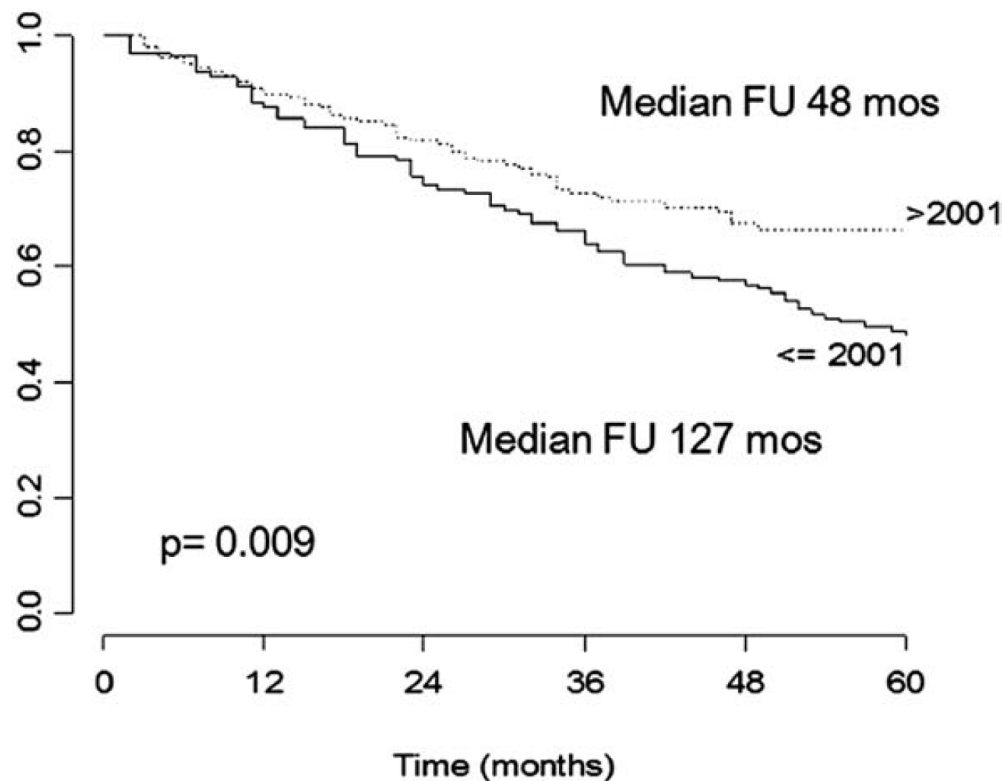
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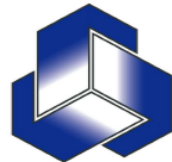


# Frontline extended surgery is associated with improved survival in retroperitoneal low- to intermediate-grade soft tissue sarcomas

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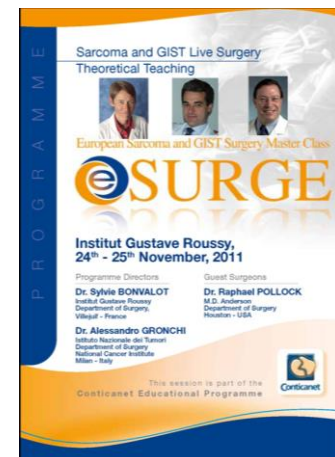
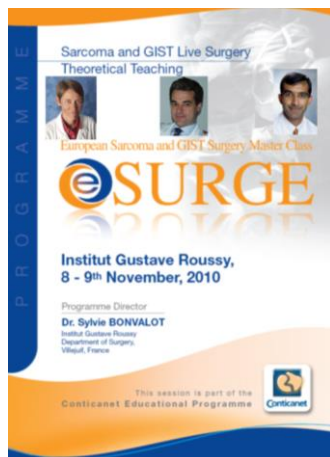
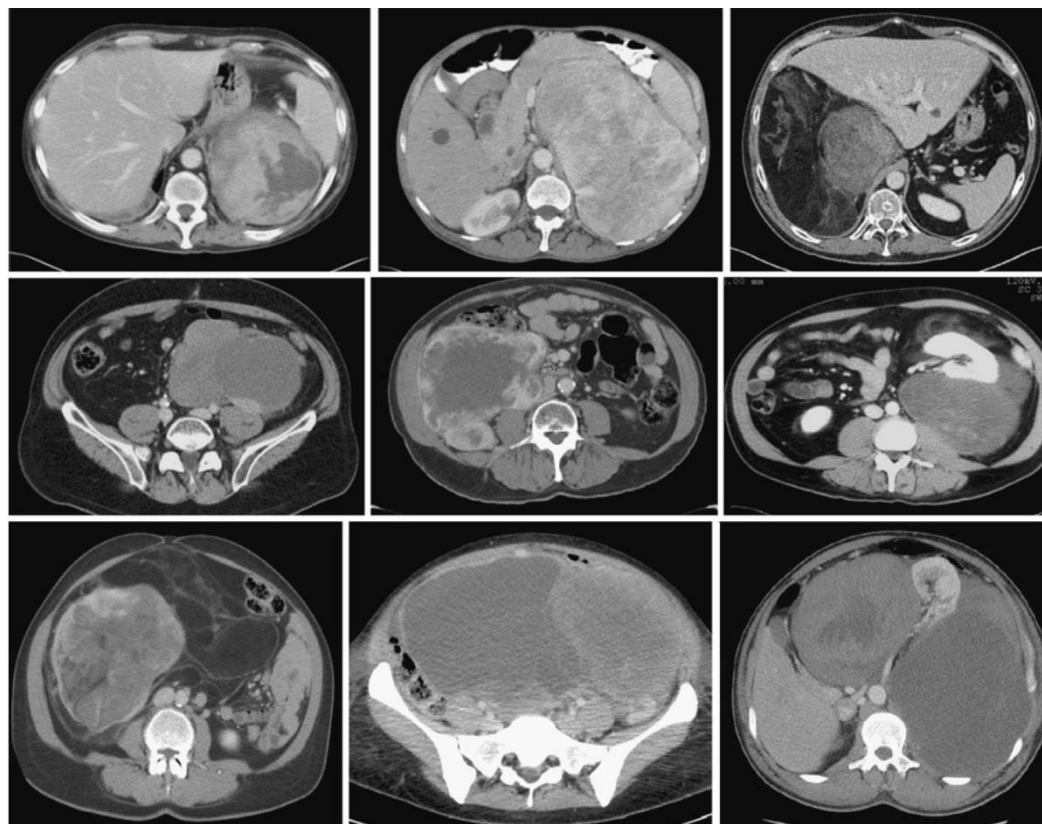




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# Technical Considerations in Surgery for Retroperitoneal Sarcomas: Position Paper from E-Surge, a Master Class in Sarcoma Surgery, and EORTC-STBSG

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# Optimal management of primary retroperitoneal sarcoma: an update

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## Key issues

- Retroperitoneal sarcoma (RPS) is a rare cancer occurring in a complex space and encompass several different histological subtypes with influence the natural history, response to treatment and clinical outcomes.
- RPSs are best managed in specialist sarcoma referral centers in the context of an experienced multidisciplinary team.
- The diagnosis of retroperitoneal liposarcoma is often established with cross-sectional imaging usually in the form of CT scan.
- Unless
- Macro
- Tumor grade and macroscopic complete resection are the two most important and consistent independent factors that dictate oncological outcome. Other factors that play a role in the long-term oncological outcome includes patient age, tumor subtype, microscopic resection margins, tumor size, primary or recurrent disease, multifocality, multimodality treatment and centralized multidisciplinary management in a specialist sarcoma center.
- Retroperitoneal liposarcoma is the most common histological subtype and locoregional recurrence following resection is the main reason for sarcoma-related deaths.
- Retroperitoneal leiomyosarcoma is the second commonest histological subtype and systemic metastasis is the main mode of postresection failure.
- The role of radiotherapy to improve local control is evolving, and the results of a multicenter randomized trial are eagerly awaited to establish the optimal roll to improve local control in RPSs.
- The choice of systemic treatment in RPSs, whether used for investigational studies, locally advanced or unresectable recurrent disease, should be histology driven.

Quality of primary surgery is the major determinant of outcome

biopsy is

and often

transvisceral

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**Table 1. Demographics, histology subtypes, rate of complete resections and outcomes from major series reporting on retroperitoneal sarcomas.**

	Gronchi <i>et al.</i> (2011) [8]	Strauss <i>et al.</i> (2010) [2]	Bonvalot <i>et al.</i> (2009) [3]	Gronchi <i>et al.</i> (2009) [4]	Lehnert <i>et al.</i> (2009) [5]	Van Dalen <i>et al.</i> (2007) [6]	Lewis <i>et al.</i> (1998) [7]
Period	2002–2008	1990–2009	1985–2005	1985–2001	1988–2002	1989–1994	1982–1997
Total cases	191	200	374	136	110	123	500
Primary (%)	71	100	100	62	65	100	56
Centre	Single	Single	Multicenter	Single	Single	Multicenter	Single
Age – median (years)	59	56	57	56	58	60	58
Tumor size – median (cm)	18	27	18	15	–	–	–
Tumor grade	LR rate 45-60% → 20%						
Low (%)							
High/intermediate							
Histology (%)							
Liposarcoma	45	76	59	57	54	38	41
Leiomyosarcoma	17	14	18	15	23	29	27
Other	38	10	23	28	23	33	32
R0/R1 resection	94	85	75	88	67	55	80
Median follow-up (months)	48	29	53	120	89	122	28
5-year overall survival (%)	67	64	57	51	51	39	54
5-year local recurrence-free survival (%)	72	55	51	52	59	39	59
Postoperative mortality (%)	3	3	3	–	6	4	4

Post-op RT should be banned

Pre-op RT is under investigation



EDITORIAL – BONE AND SOFT TISSUE SARCOMAS

# Quality of Local Treatment or Biology of the Tumor: Which are the Trump Cards for Loco-regional Control of Retroperitoneal Sarcoma?

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we are to move a new set-point in RPS, in which specifically useful treatment options can be tailored to the individual patient.

## QUALITY OF LOCAL THERAPY

### *Surgical Strategy*

Some authors have advocated for the widest possible surgical resection at presentation, a strategy at variance with past recommendations advocating grossly complete extirpation in which the need or utility of resecting adjacent organs was limited to unequivocal direct tumor involvement.<sup>3,4</sup> These retrospective analyses have favored a more aggressive adjacent organ resection approach, reporting greater than 75 % local control at 5 years. The need to standardize these seemingly disparate surgical strategies has been addressed recently by a panel of European and North American experts who have described how these tumors might be optimally approached. In essence, this surgical strategy consists of liberal en bloc resection of surrounding adjacent organs, even if not directly infiltrated, tempered by

survival. Manifestly, patients affected by any of these tumors are best treated by surgeons who are comfortable and familiar with the uncertainties of these biological issues and how such vagaries impact multidisciplinary approaches to these diseases.

### *Radiation Therapy*

As correctly pointed out by McBride et al.,<sup>7,8</sup> given that RT has a demonstrated benefit in the treatment of soft tissue sarcoma of the extremity and trunk, there is strong reason to believe that it may similarly benefit those with RPS. Nevertheless, this has never been demonstrated in any prospective trial. Radiotherapy appears to improve local control as reported in several retrospective studies;<sup>9,10</sup> however, this potential advantage must be weighed against potential side effects. Most series favor the use of external beam RT in the preoperative setting, because it is well tolerated and can be administered at a total dose of 50.4 Gy. Postoperative RT usually is no longer considered given that effective doses (60 Gy or higher) cannot be delivered to the tumor bed, which is usually occupied or

## BIOLOGY OF THE TUMOR

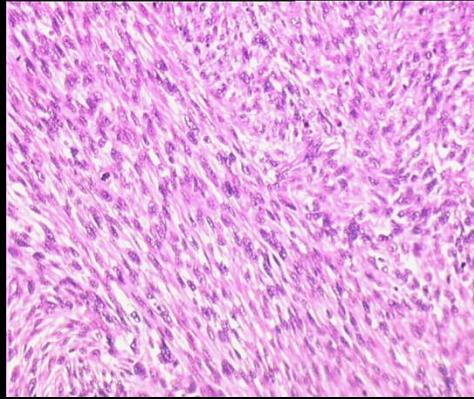
### *Histological Subtype*

RPS is not a single disease entity. Even the commonest subtype, liposarcoma, cannot be considered as a single malignancy and is further subdivided into at least four distinctive tumor biologic categories: atypical lipomatous tumor, also referred to as well differentiated liposarcoma, dedifferentiated liposarcoma, myxoid/round cell liposarcoma, and pleomorphic liposarcoma.<sup>12</sup> Taken together, these liposarcoma subtypes account for 50 % of all RPS.

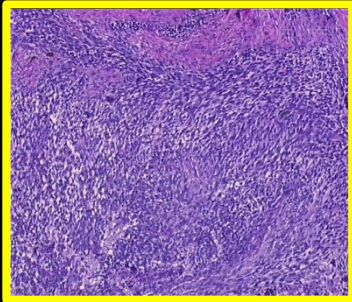
The approach to these different types of liposarcoma must be individualized, although this remains an area of unresolved controversy. Some authors advocate a more conservative approach when dealing with pure atypical lipomatous tumor given the very indolent biology of this. The trade-off between expected benefits versus morbidity must be carefully balanced when contemplating RT as a therapeutic adjunct in patients affected by high-grade RPS.

### *Multifocality/Multicentricity*

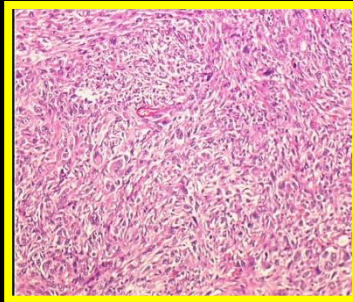
Patterns of presentation, especially in retroperitoneal liposarcoma, may confer useful information about extent of



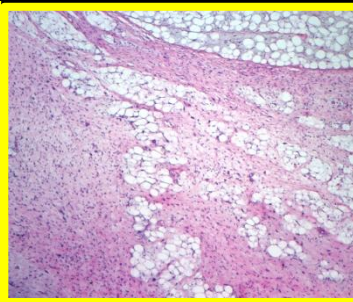
# Adult type soft tissue sarcoma



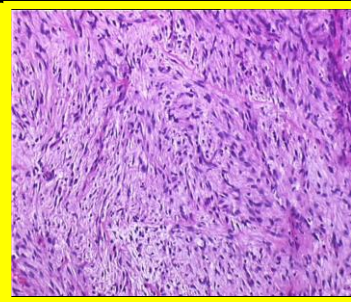
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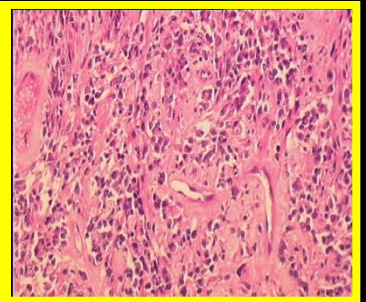
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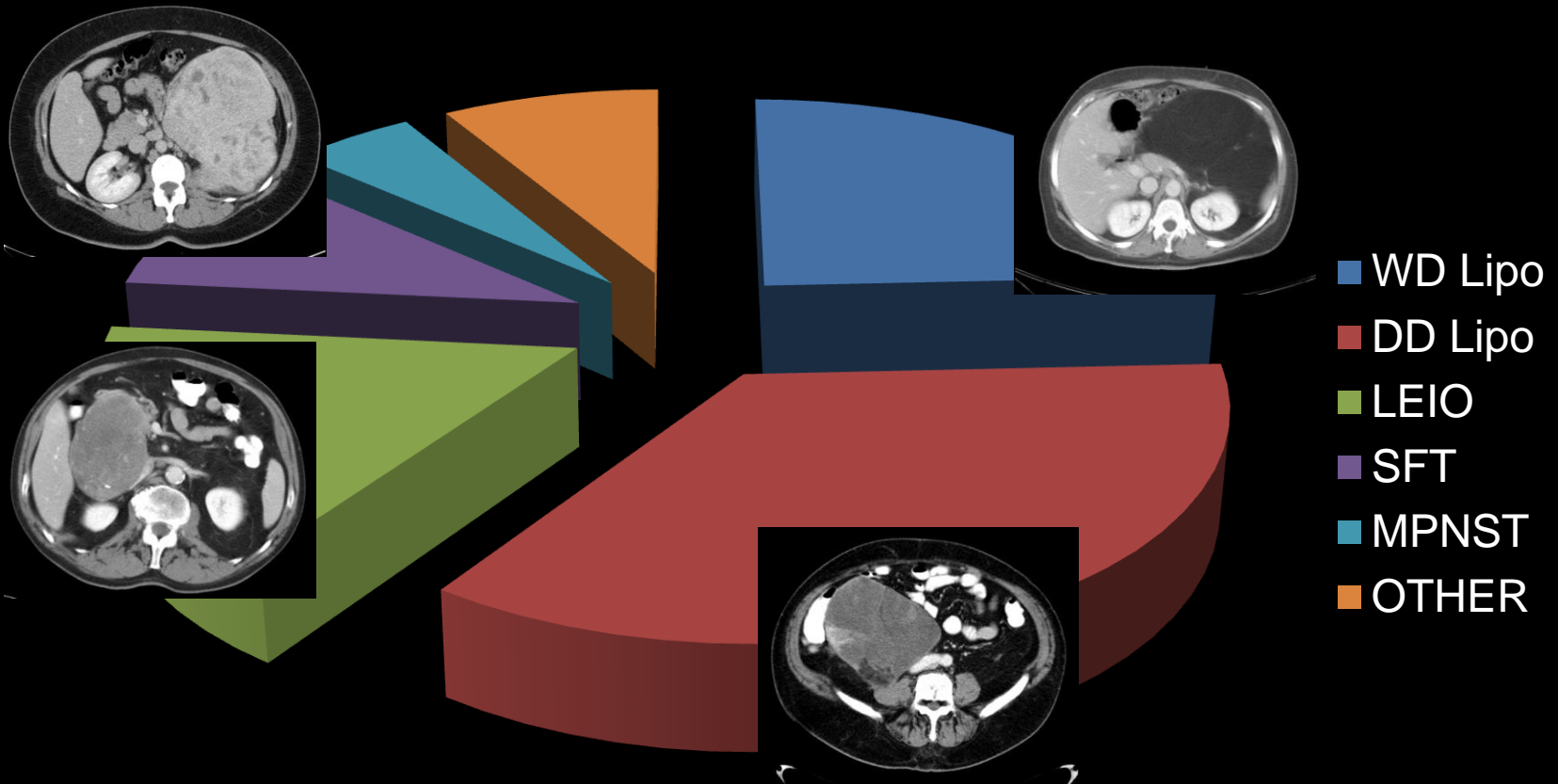
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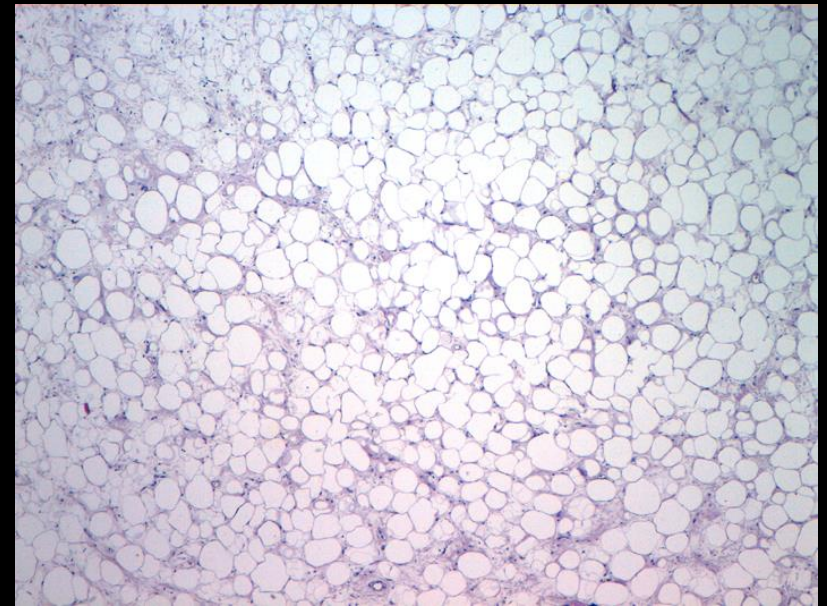
# 377 primary RPS between 2002-2011 at INT-IGR

## Histology distribution

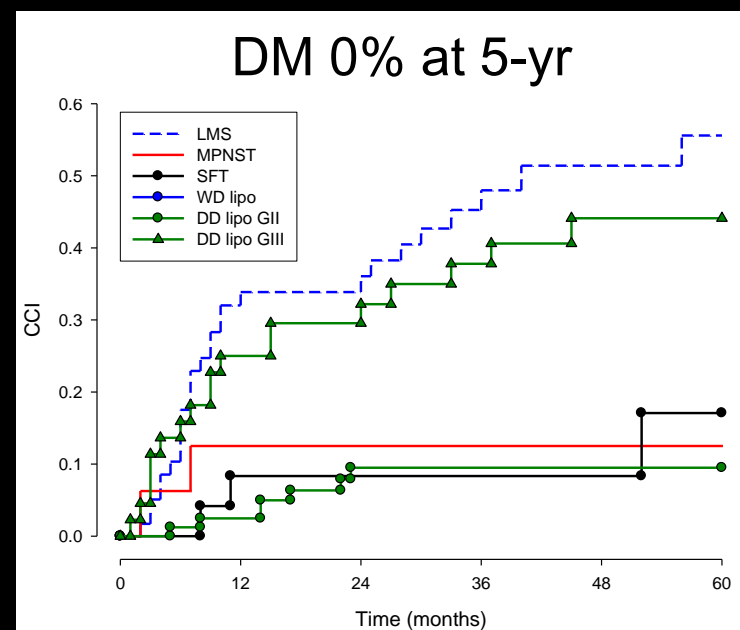
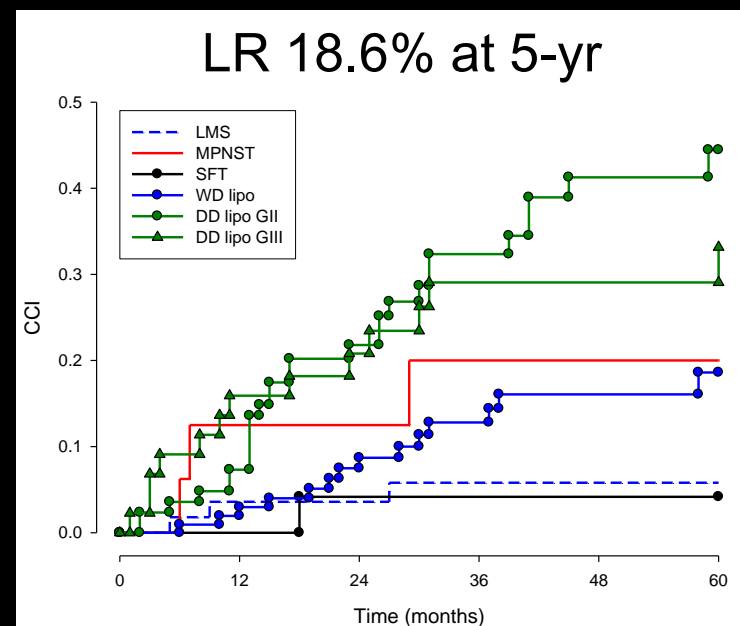
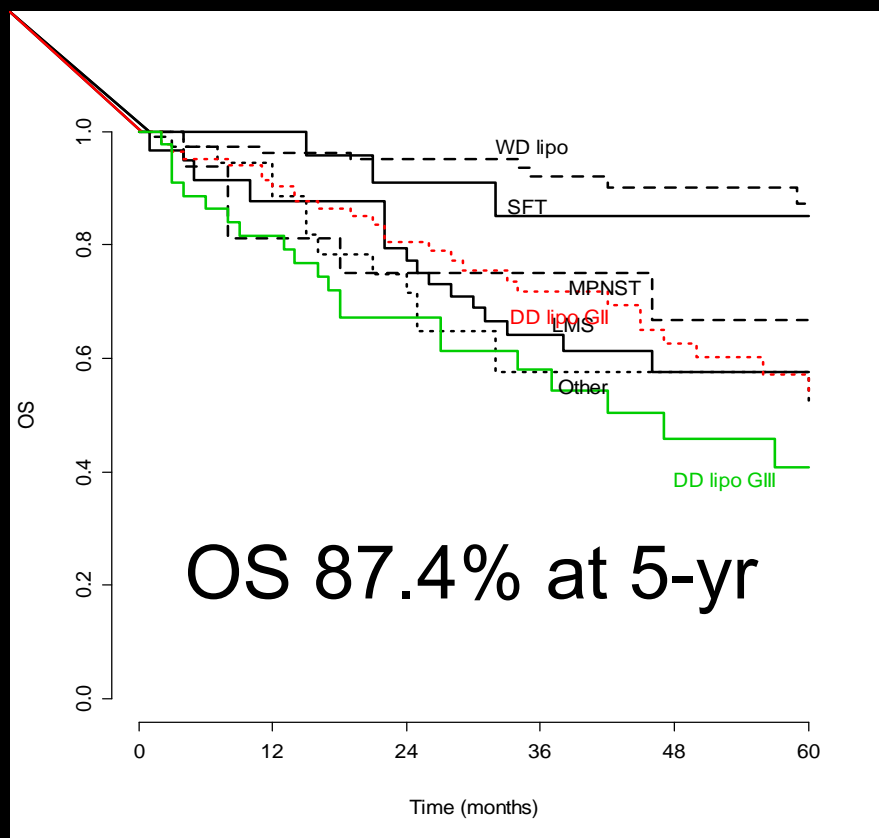




# 1. Well Differentiated Liposarcoma

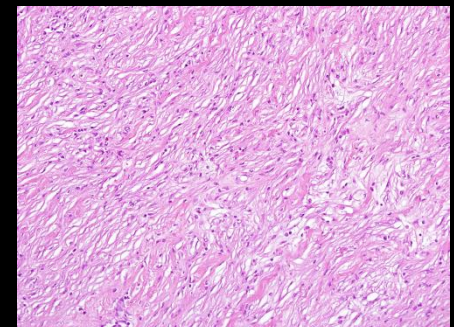
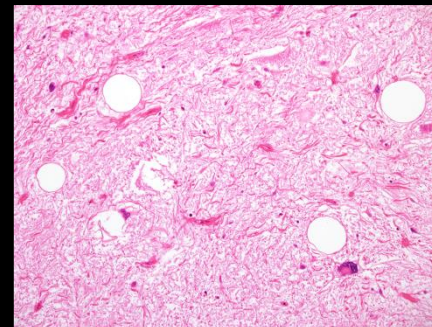
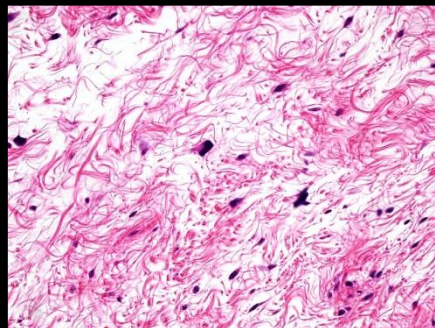
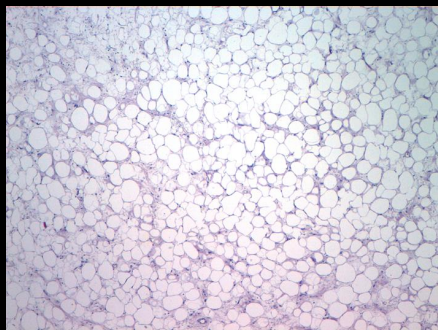






# 1. The spectrum of WD Lipo

Pure ALT      Lipoma-like, sclerosing, inflammatory, myxoid like, cellular (GI DD)

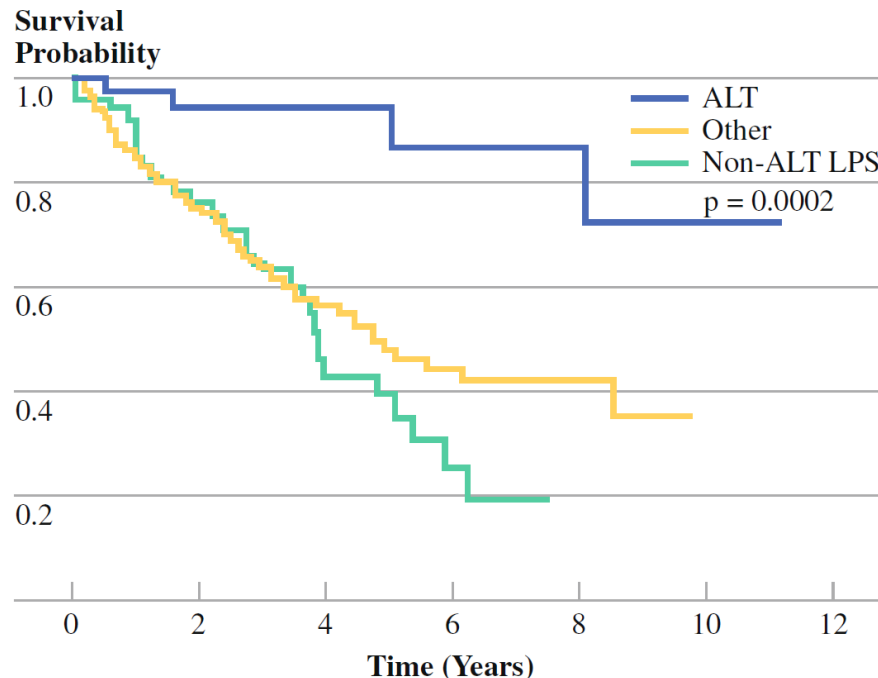


Tailoring extent of surgery to  
histology

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# Establishing Prognosis in Retroperitoneal Sarcoma: A New Histology-Based Paradigm

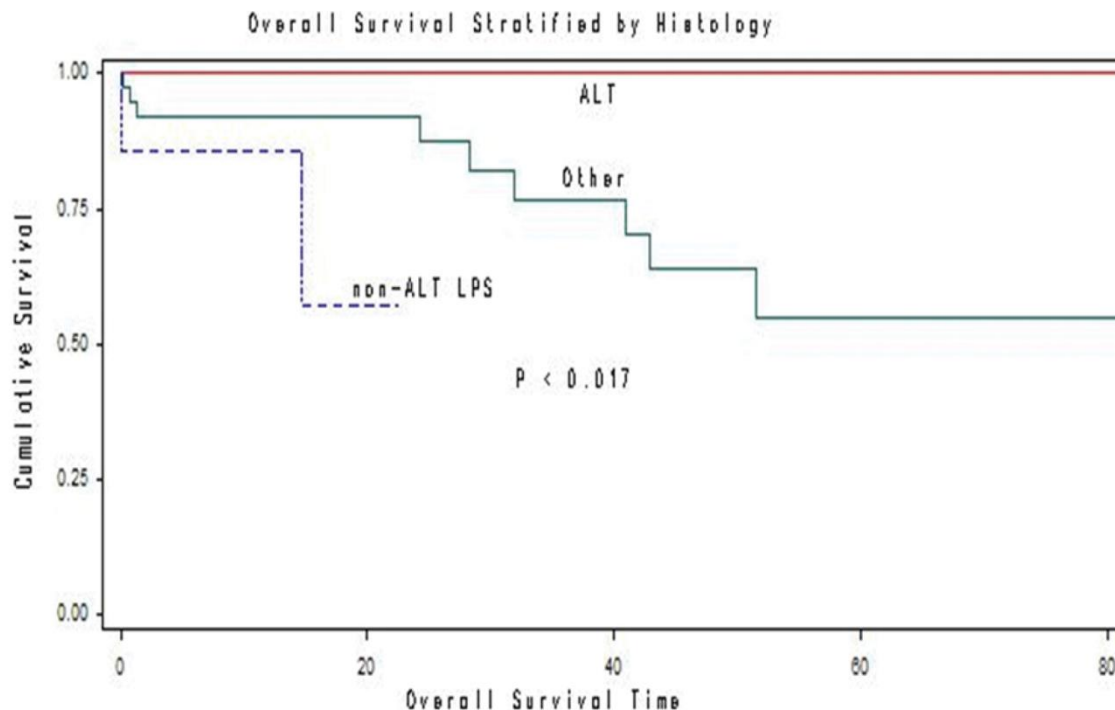
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# Impact of histology on survival in retroperitoneal sarcoma

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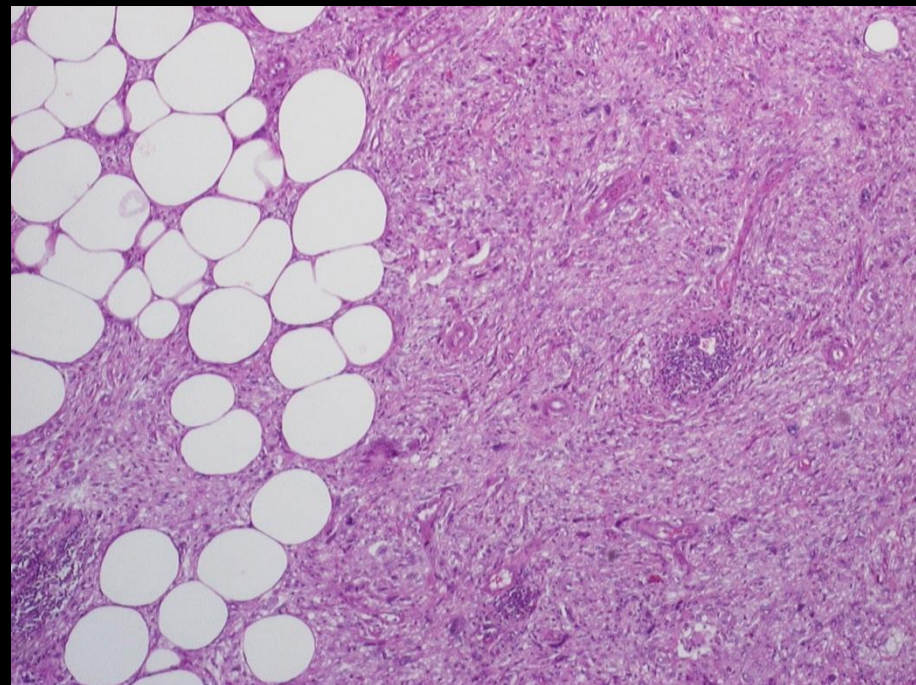
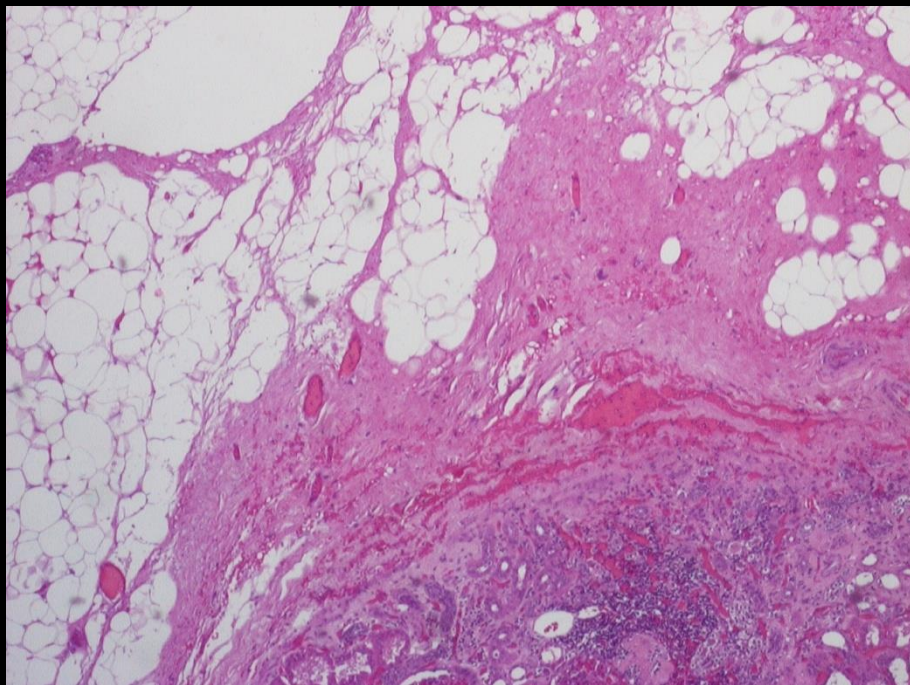
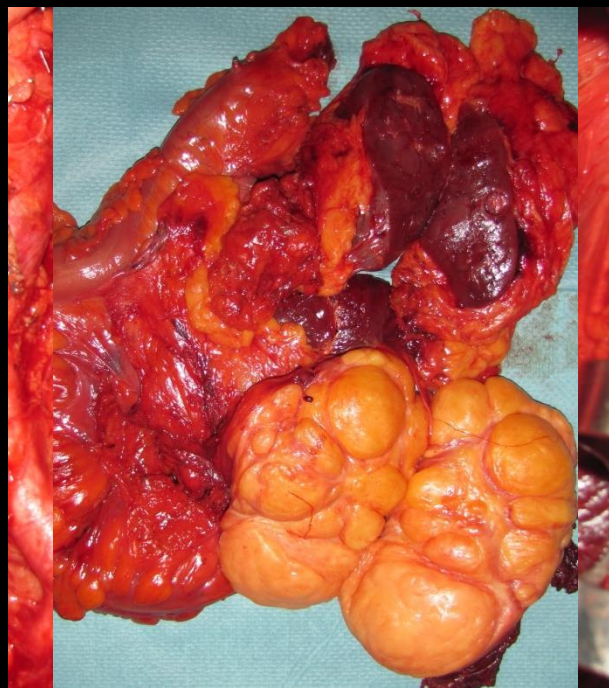
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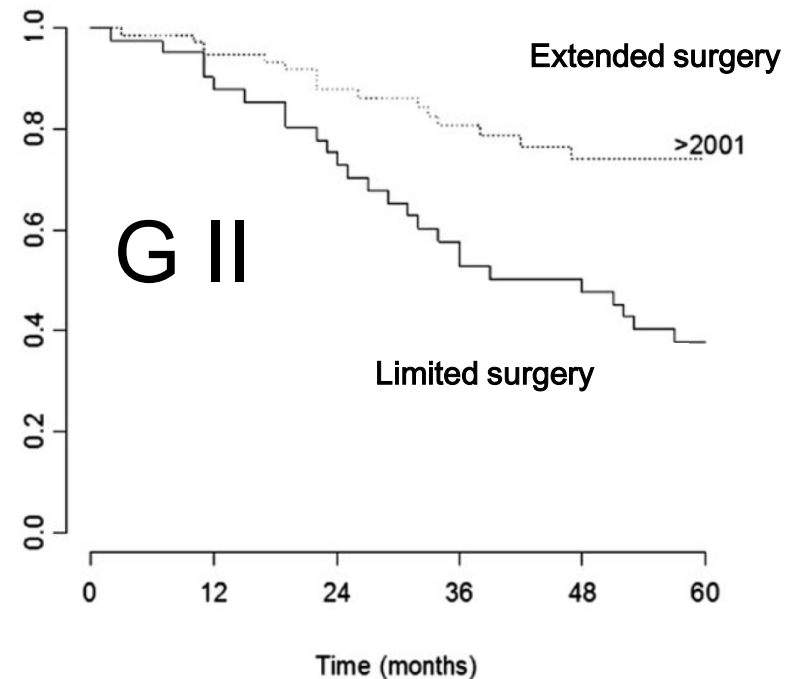
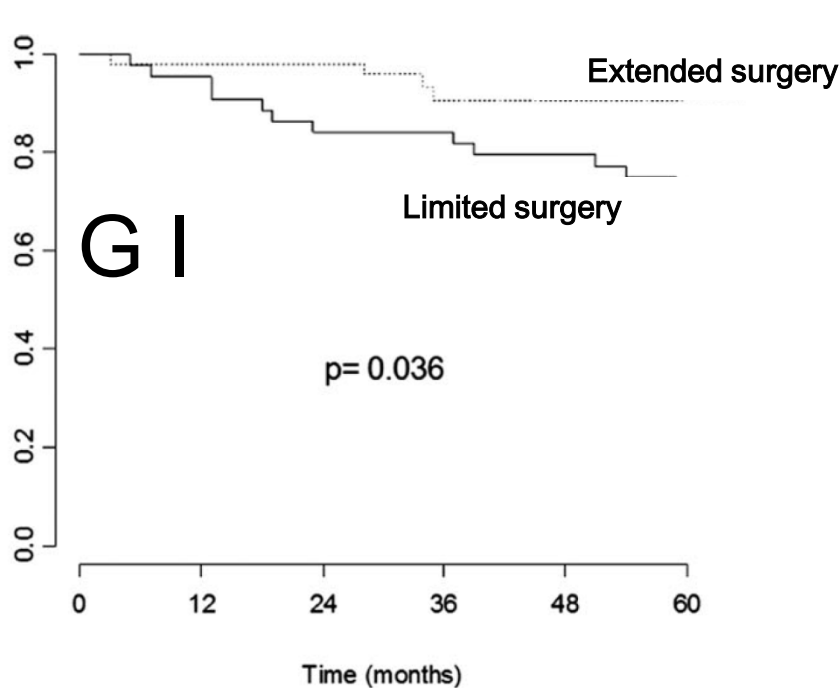
...but

...don't miss the chance for cure !



# Frontline extended surgery is associated with improved survival in retroperitoneal low- to intermediate-grade soft tissue sarcomas

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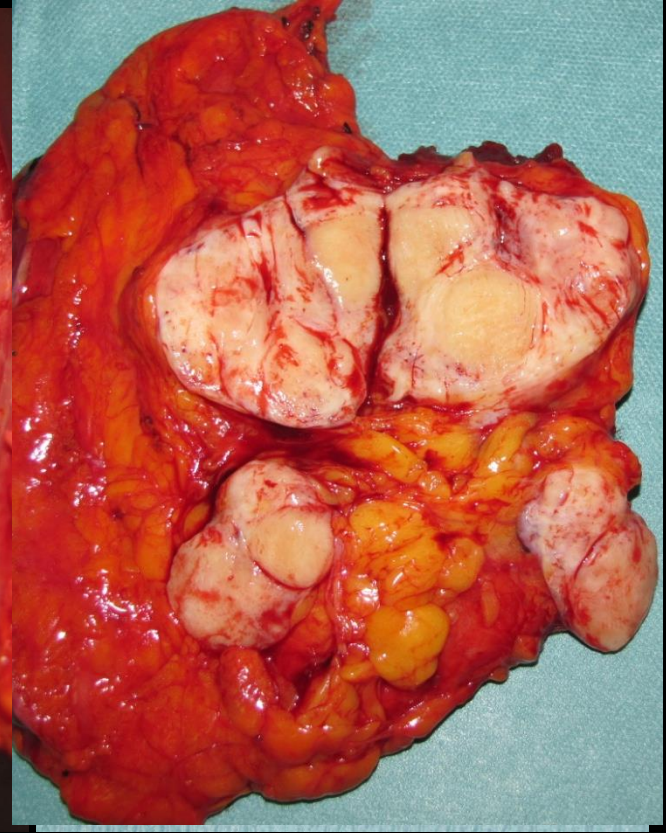
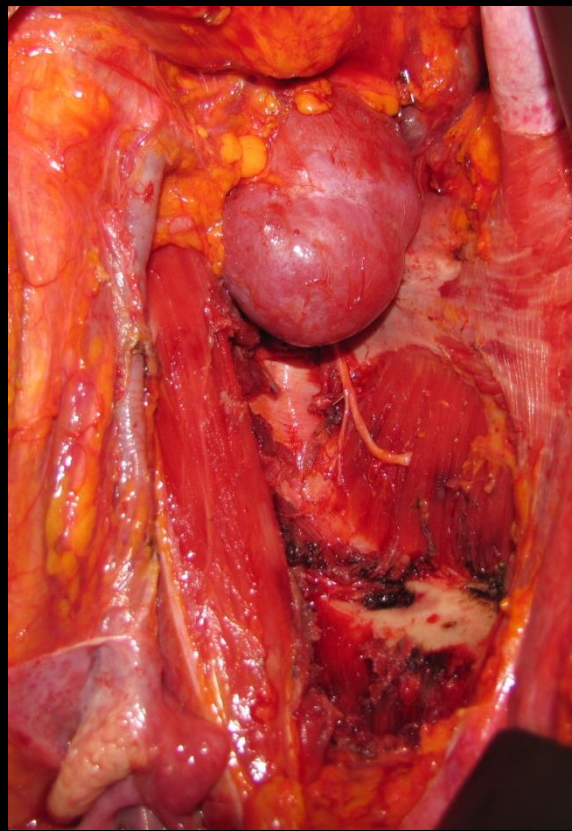
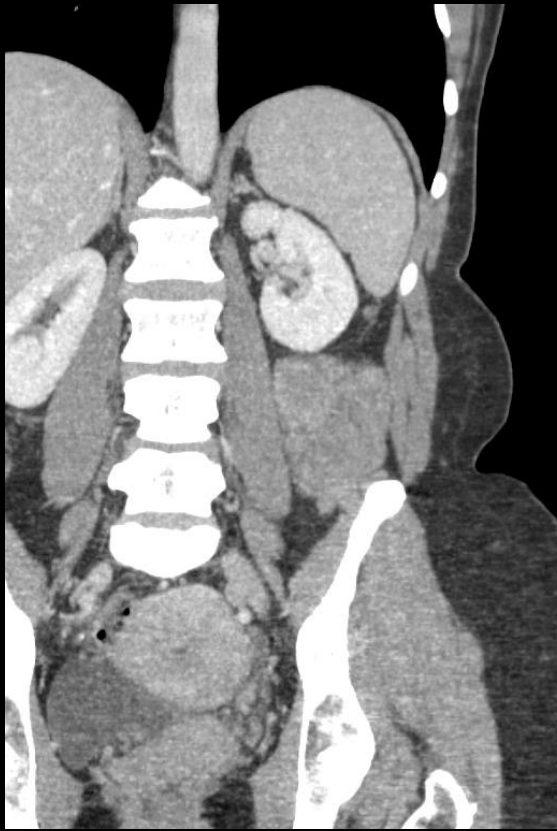


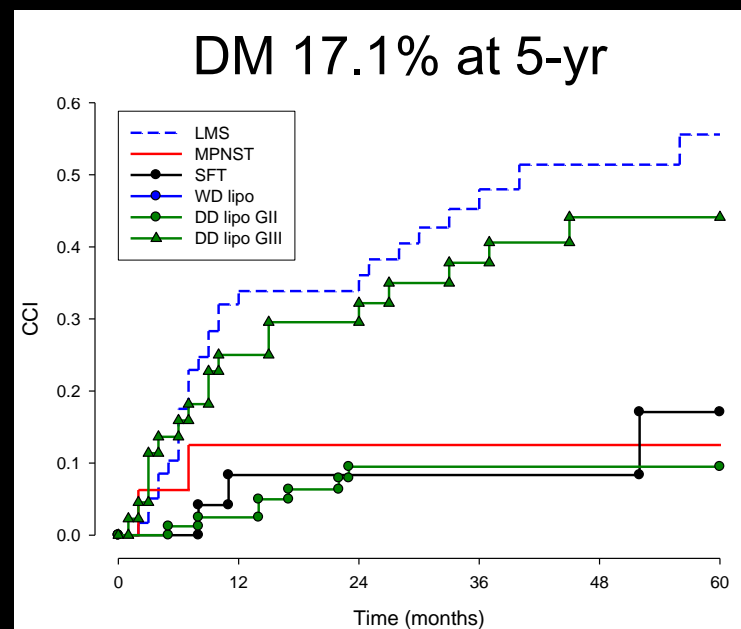
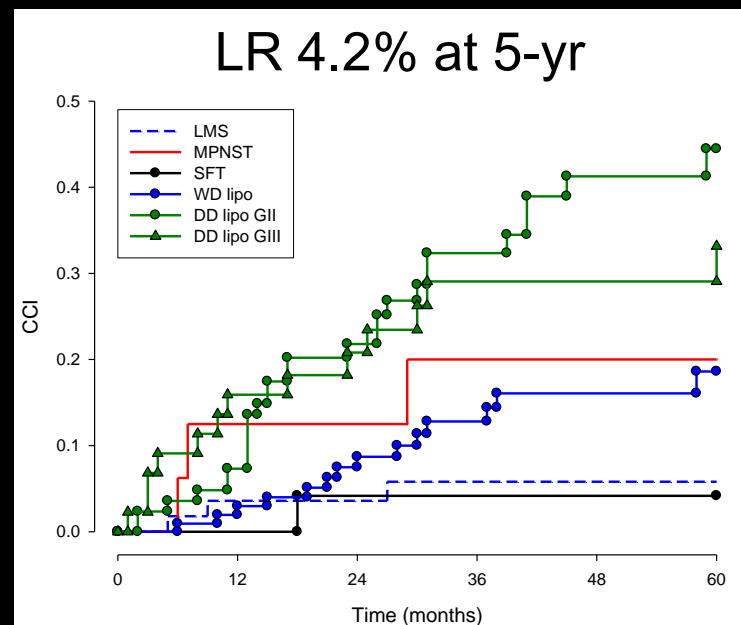
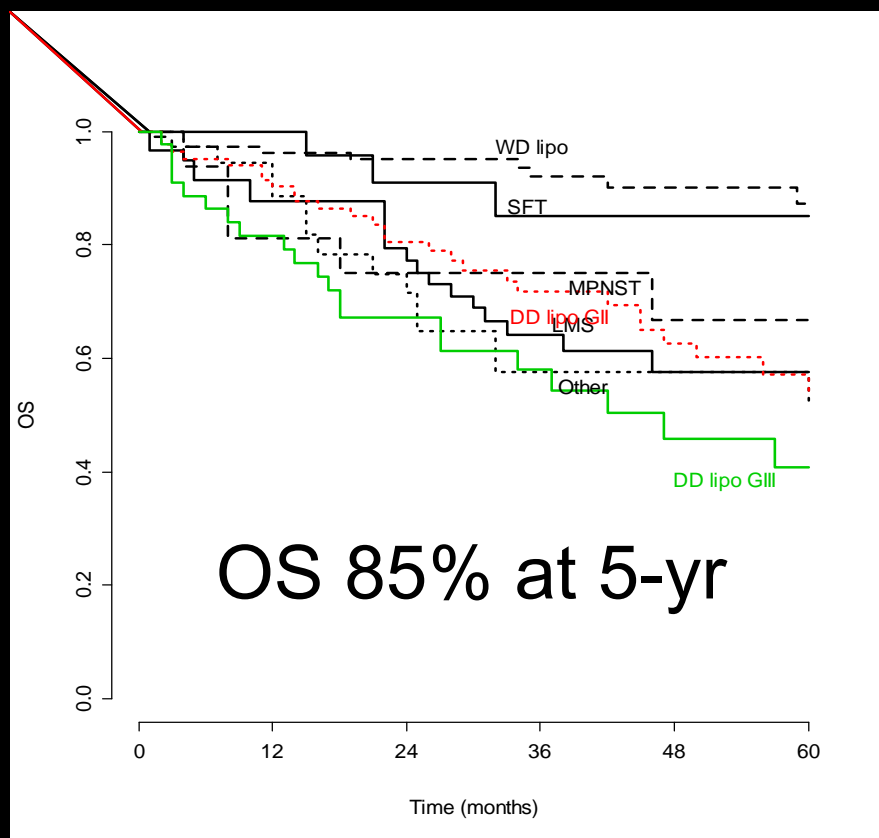
# 1. WD liposarcoma

- Need to extend the resection to surrounding organs because:
  - It's important to clear all the retroperitoneal “fat”, since it is macroscopically undistinguishable from tumor
  - It's difficult to predict the absence of a DD component only on CT scan/MRI, and this approach benefit both WD and GII DD liposarcoma



## 2. Solitary Fibrous Tumor





## 2. The spectrum of SFT

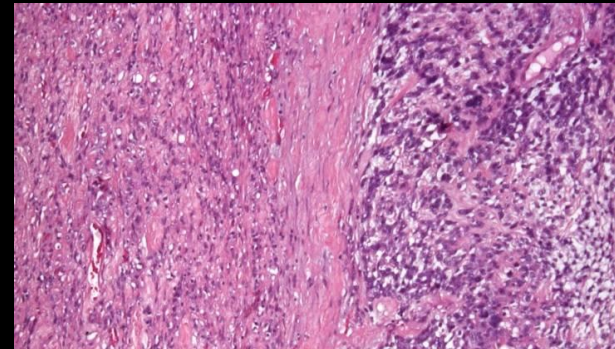
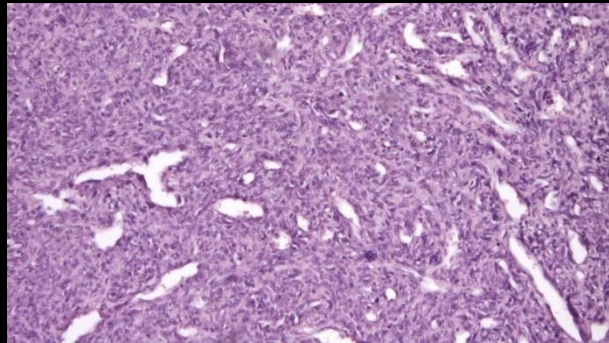
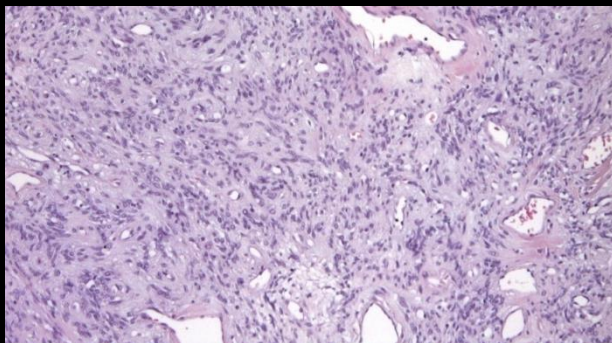
Classic SFT



Malignant SFT



DD SFT

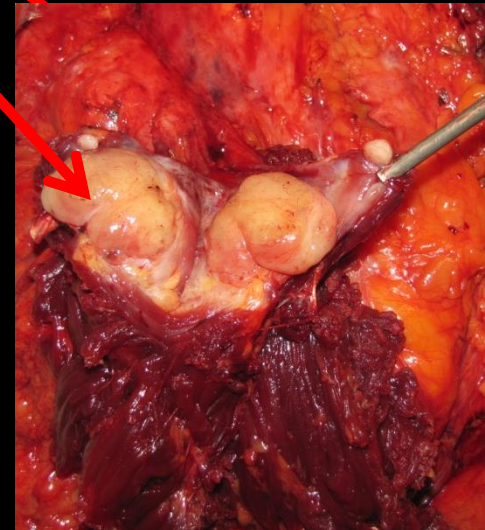
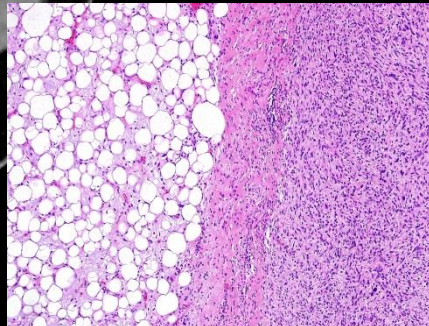
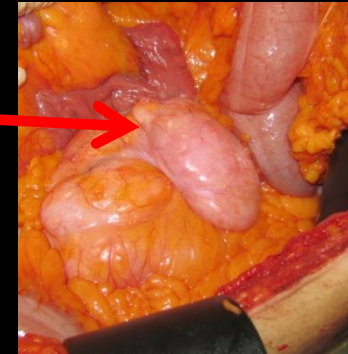
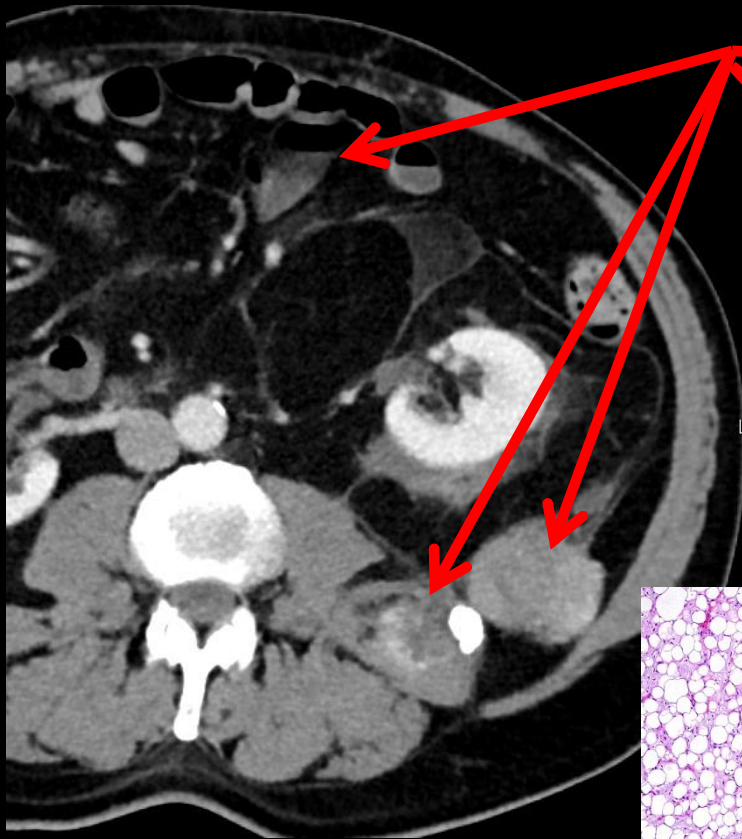




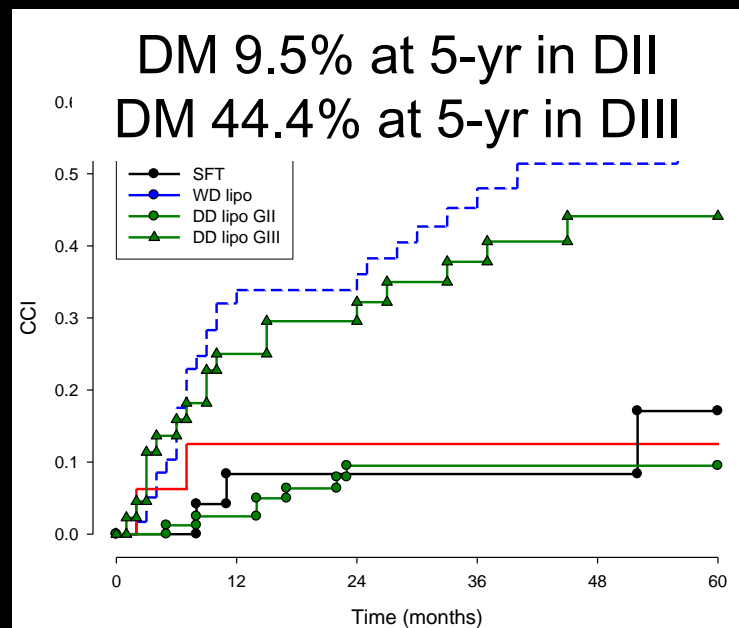
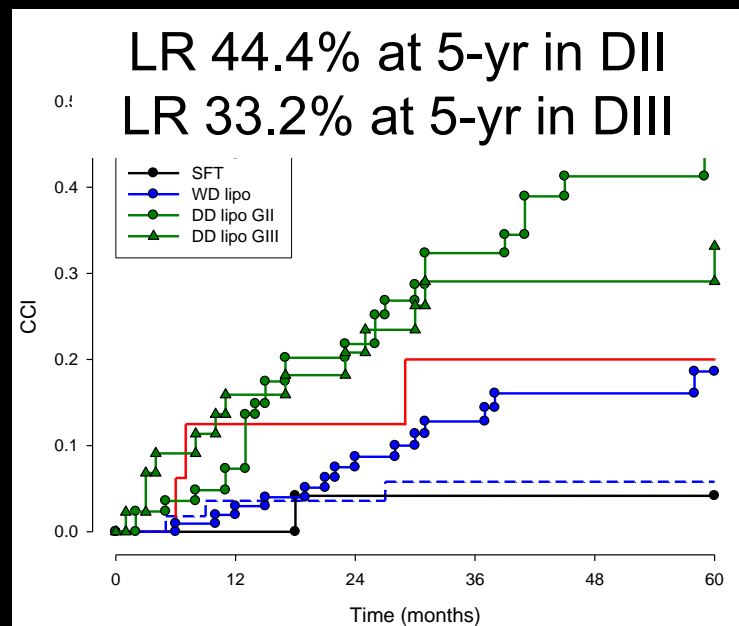
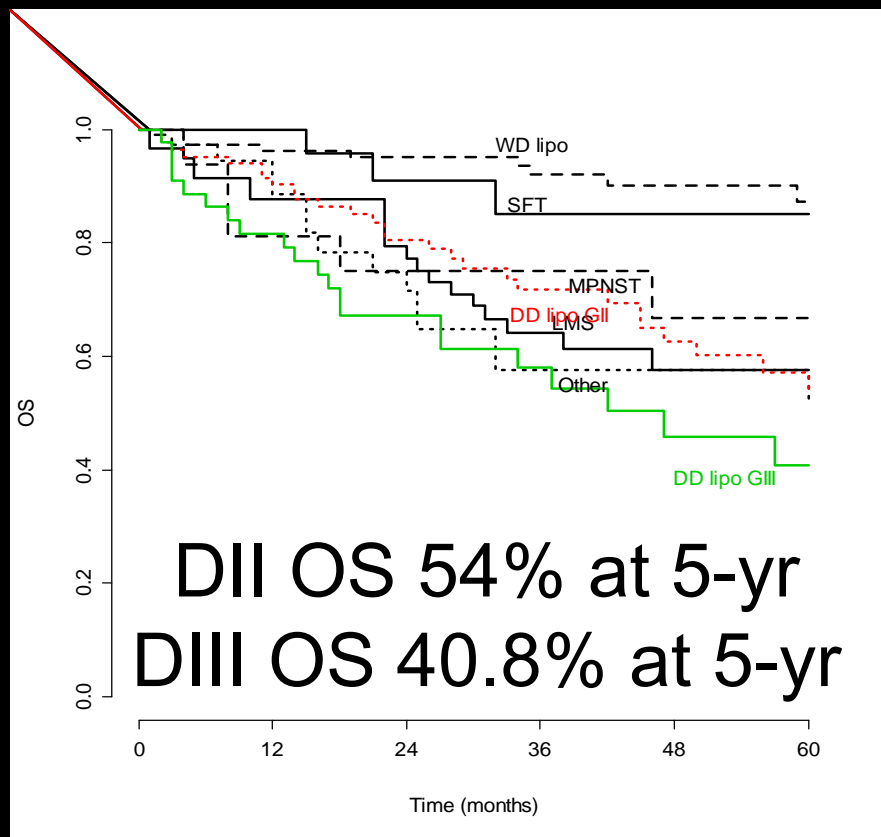
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- The 2nd commonest low grade sarcoma at this site
- Easier to eradicate from the retroperitoneum
- Retroperitoneal organs may be sometimes spared, given the different pattern of growth and spread through the retroperitoneum
- Late recurrences in low grade SFT and distant recurrence in high grade variants are possible.

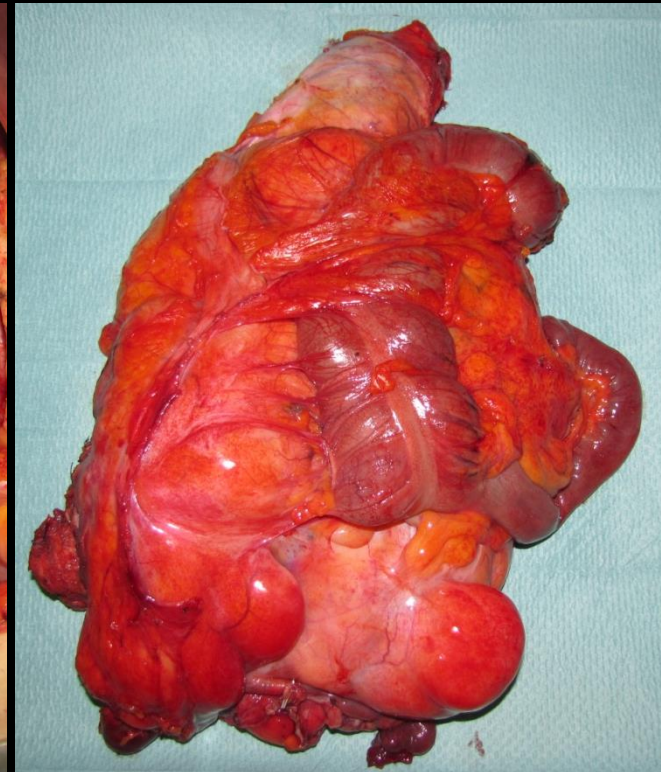
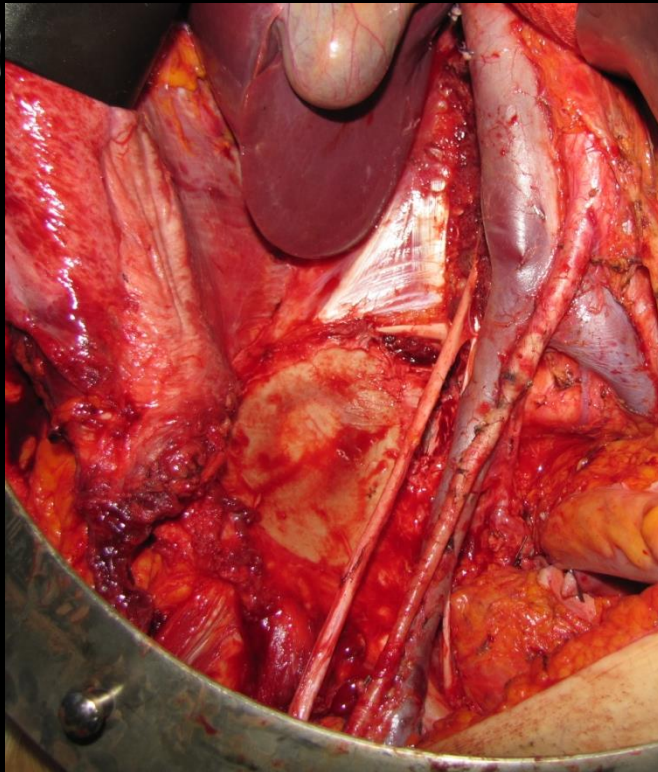
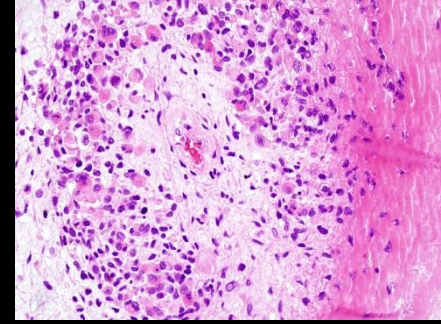
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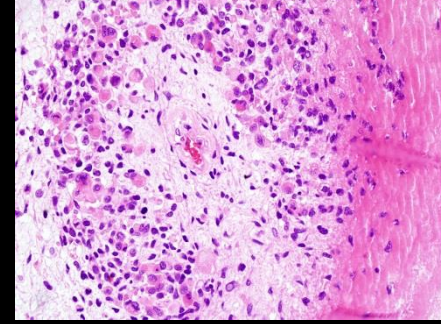




# DD Lipo with rabdo component



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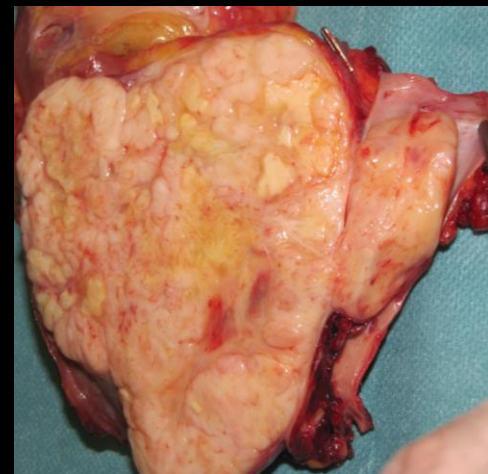
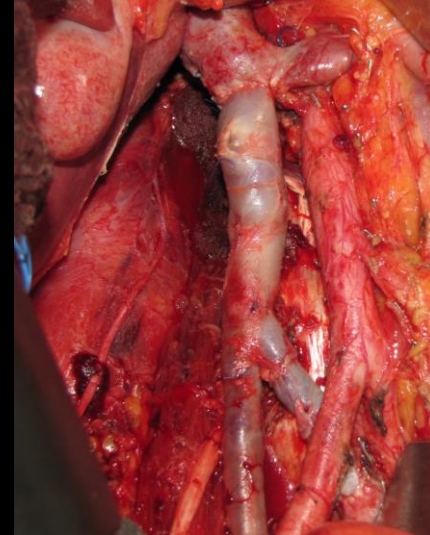


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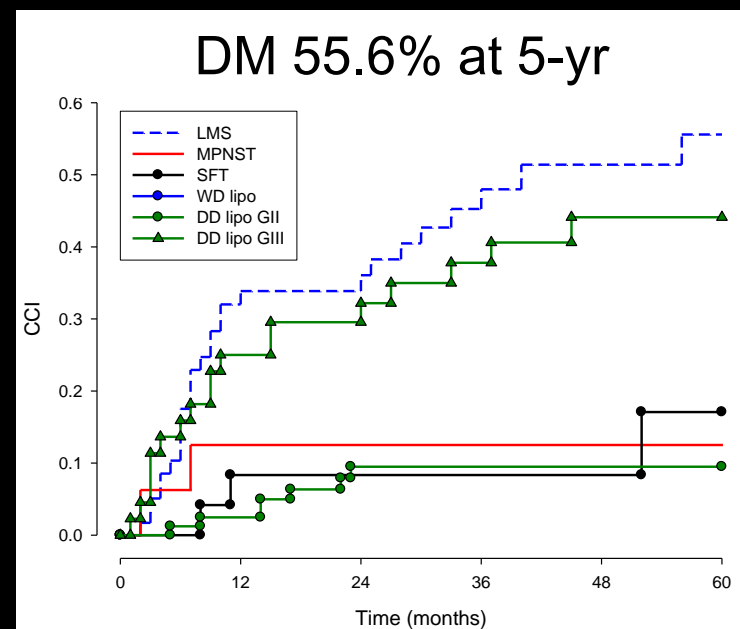
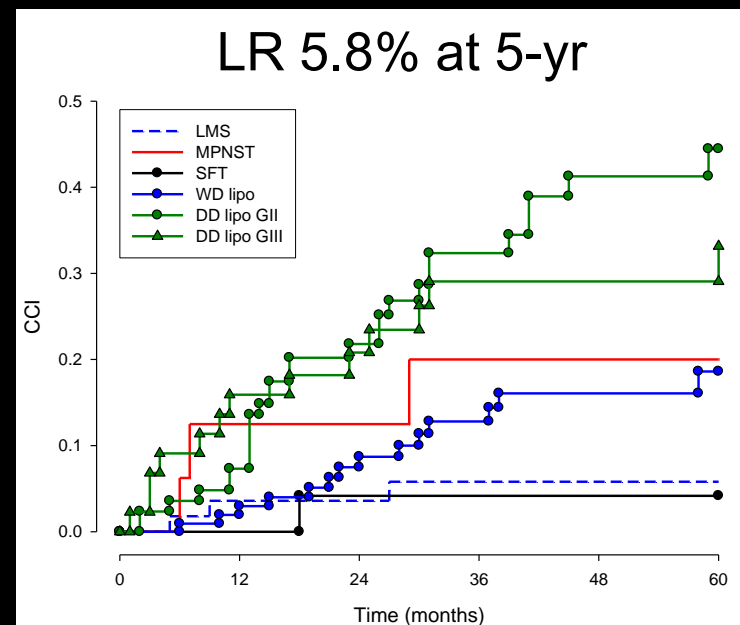
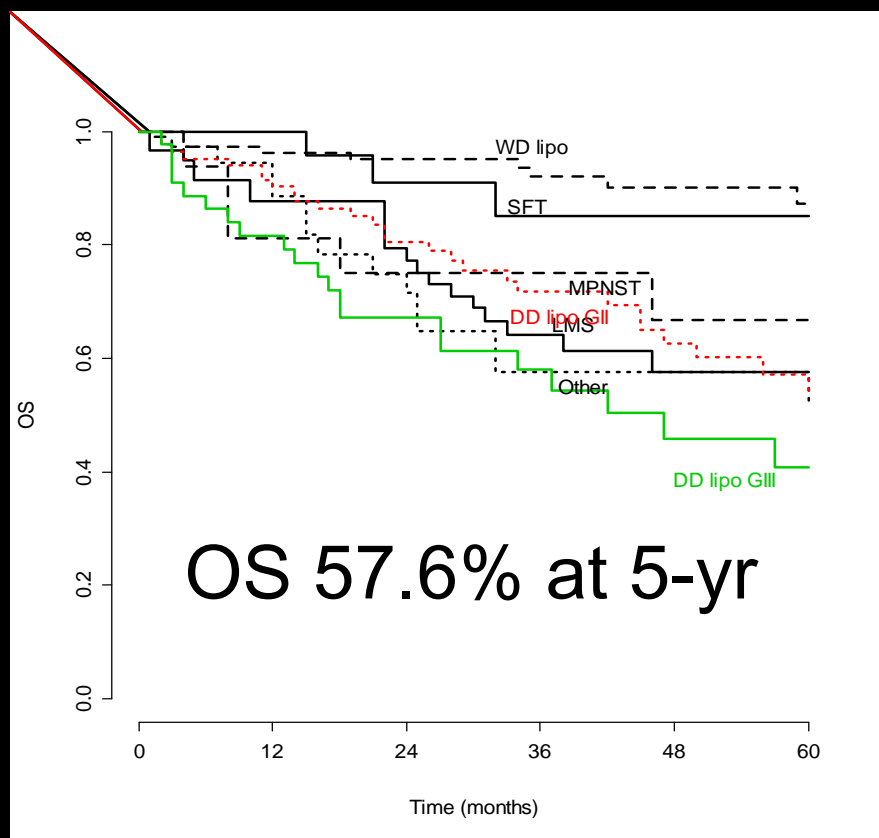
- More difficult to eradicate
  - Shorter clinical history
  - Higher risk of invasion of surrounding organs/muscles
  - Higher risk of peritoneal cavity involvement
- Higher risk of loco-regional recurrences and of distant spread—especially for the high grade and miogenic differentiation group.
- Complementary therapies are needed to address the systemic risk



# 4. Leiomyosarcoma



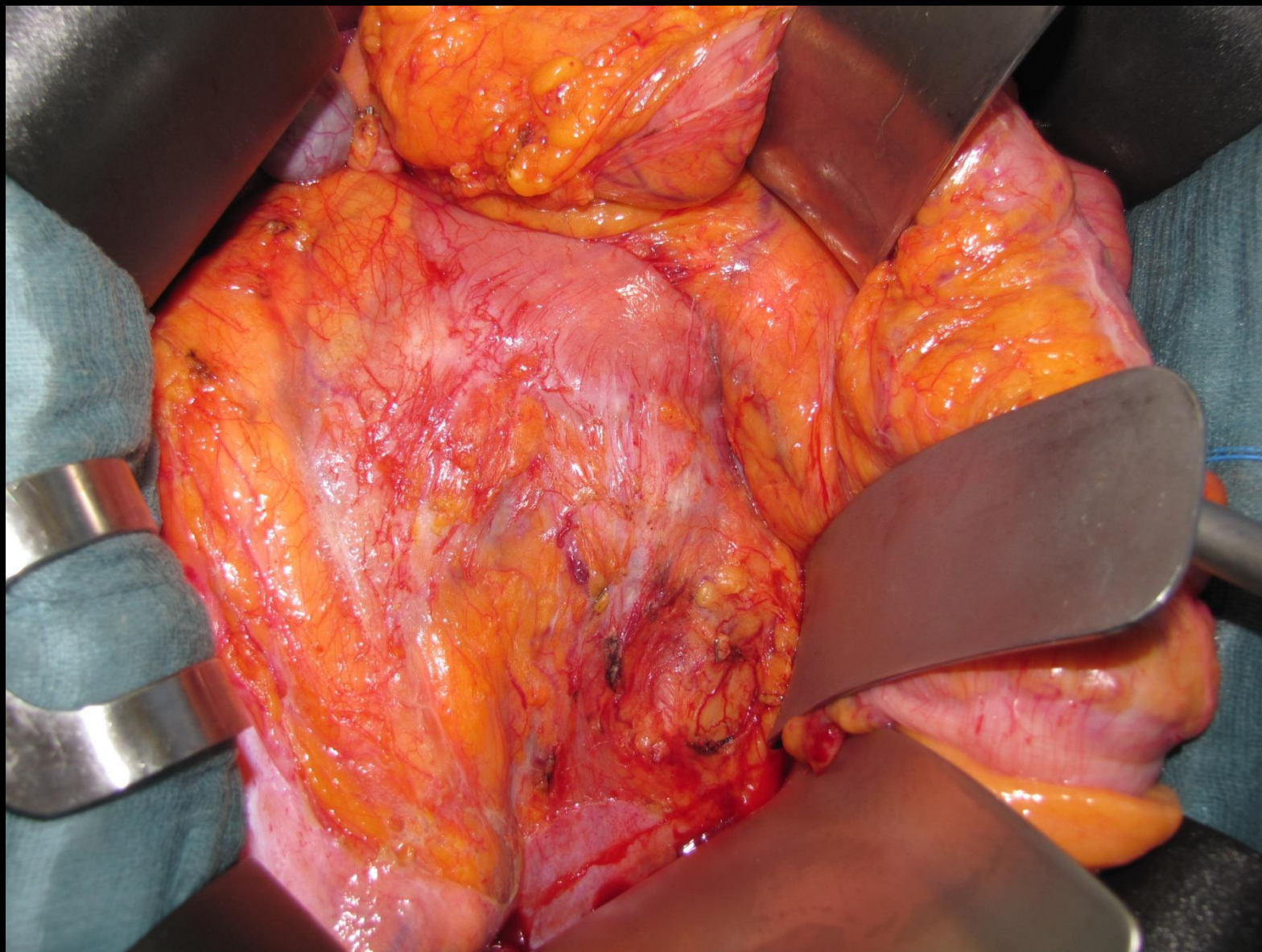




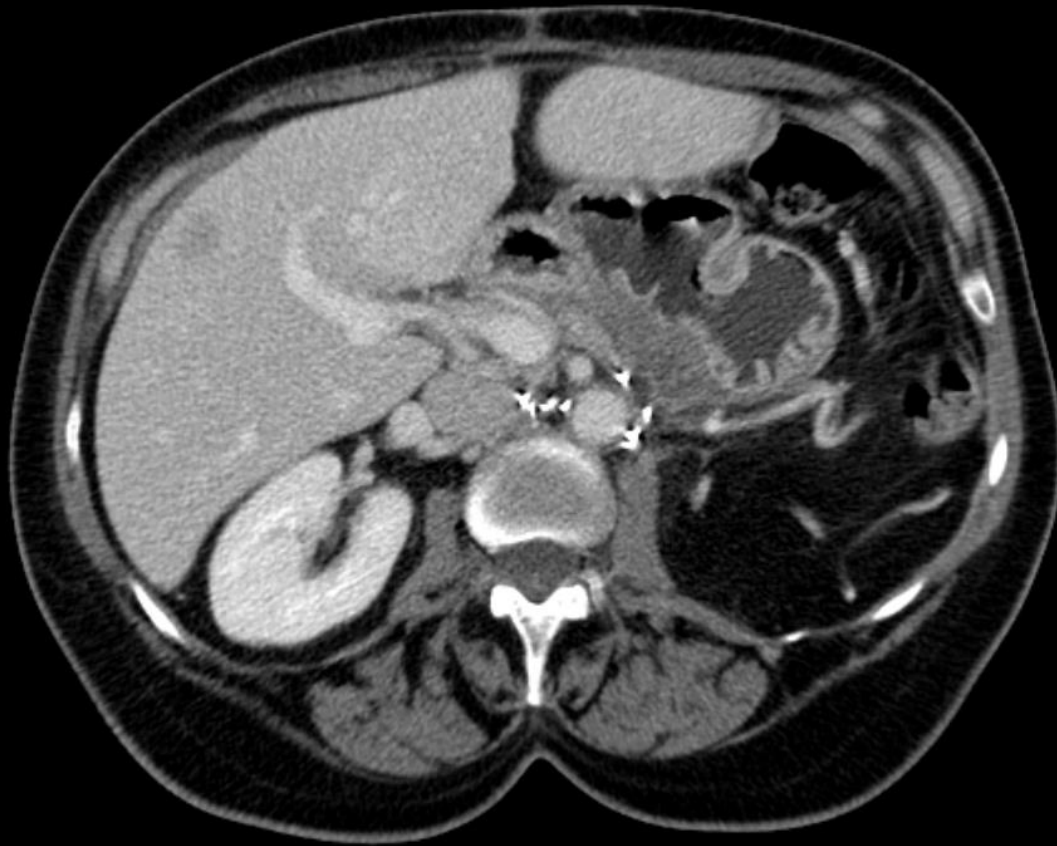


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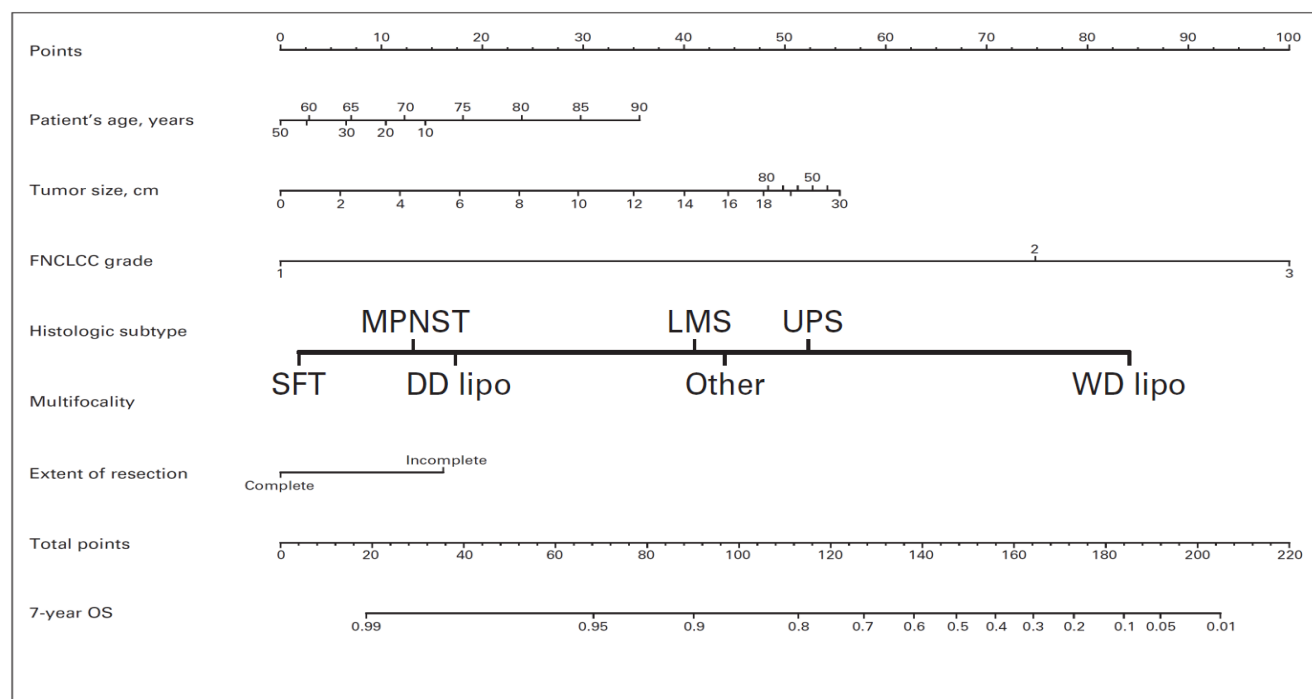
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- No need to clear all the retroperitoneal fat
- Some adjacent organs may be spared
- Often arises/involves a major retroperitoneal vein (IVC, renal, gonadal veins)
- Optimal surgery obtains local control in the vast majority of patients.
- High risk of distant spread.



# Outcome Prediction in Primary Resected Retroperitoneal Soft Tissue Sarcoma: Histology-Specific Overall Survival and Disease-Free Survival Nomograms Built on Major Sarcoma Center Data Sets

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...in brief

- A frontline extended approach is associated with improved LR and OS.
- The primary approach is crucial: need to minimize marginal margins, often resecting adherent uninvolved visceral organs.
- Preservation of specific organs (ie kidney, duodenum-head of the pancreas, bladder, etc.) should be considered on an individualized basis and adapted to histological subtypes. It mandates a specific expertise in the disease to make the right decisions
- Use of preop RT is under investigation and will possibly benefit low-intermediate grade tumors.
- Medical treatments should be considered when the systemic risk is high (GIII DD Lipo and Leio)

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