

The 8th TNM staging system

Impact on surgical strategy in early and advanced NSCLC

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7TH TNM CLASSIFICATION¹

Retrospective data collection

Database sampling 1990 – 2000

81915 patients

20 Countries

4 Continents	Europe	58%
	USA	21%
	Asia	14%

¹ enacted 2010

8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION¹

Retrospective data collection

Database sampling 1999 – 2010

77156 patients

16 Countries

4 Continents	Europe	49%
	USA	5%
	Asia	44%

¹ to be enacted 2017

7TH TNM CLASSIFICATION

Surgery only	41%
Combined treatments	25%
Chemotherapy only	23%
Radiotherapy only	11%

8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION

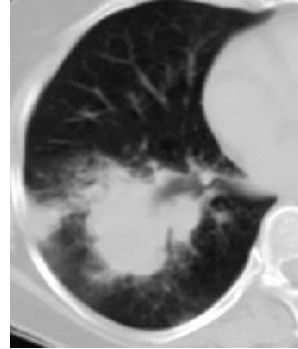
Surgery only ¹	58%
Combined treatments ²	32%
Chemotherapy only	9%
Radiotherapy only	2%

¹Complete resection 28150 (94%)

²CHT+S 21%, RT+S 2%, trimodal 4%

→ Surgery in > 80% of patients

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *T-DESCRIPTORS*



1. CORRELATION OF SURVIVAL WITH TUMOR SIZE

1-5 cm tumors: progressive degradation of survival for each 1cm cut point

- Important for screening programs (60% stage I; 50% \leq 1cm)
- Important for studies with sublobar resections

5-7cm tumors correspond to T3 survival

>7cm tumors correspond to T4 survival

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2. INVOLVEMENT OF MAIN BRONCHUS BUT NOT CARINA

Corresponds to a T2 prognosis (*including poststenotic pneumonia*)

➤ T2N0-1M0 → upfront resection (*sleeve lobectomy*)

3. INVASION OF DIAPHRAGM

Corresponds to T4 prognosis (*5y survival <30% after resection*)

4. MEDIASTINAL PLEURAL INVASION

Mostly in combination with true mediastinal invasion (*T4 prognosis*)

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T1 < 3cm, surrounded by lung/visceral pleura \leq lobar bronchus

T1a(mi) Minimally invasive adenocarcinoma (\leq 5mm invasion)

T1a \leq 1 cm

T1b > 1cm but \leq 2cm

T1c > 2cm but \leq 3 cm

T2 > 3cm but \leq 7 cm \leq 5 cm,
or invades visceral pleura / main bronchus \leq 2cm carina but not carina

T2a > 3cm but \leq 4cm

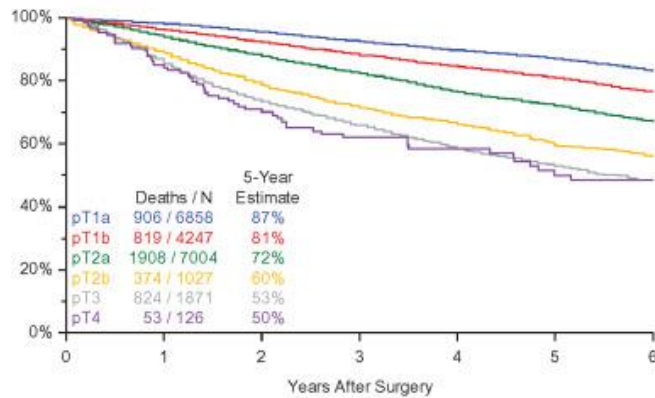
T2b > 4cm but \leq 5cm

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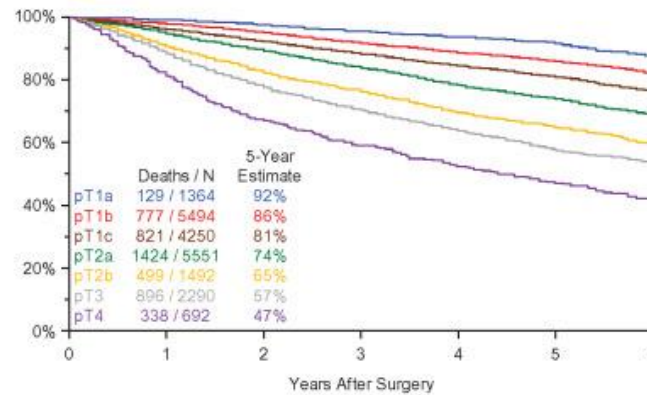
- T3 $> 7\text{cm}$ $> 5\text{cm}$ but $\leq 7\text{cm}$,
or satellite nodules in same lobe,
or invades chest wall / phrenic nerve / pericardium / diaphragm /
mediastinal pleura / main bronchus $< 2\text{cm}$ carina
- T4 $> 7\text{ cm}$,
or invasion of mediastinum / diaphragm / heart / great vessels / carina /
trachea / recurrent nerve / esophagus / vertebrae,
or separate nodule in a different ipsilateral lobe

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *T-DESCRIPTORS*

7th edition T categories

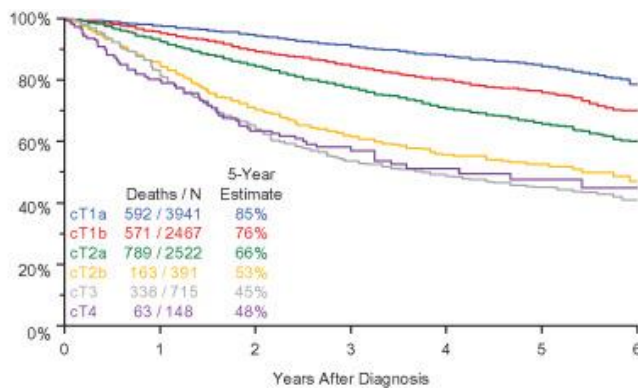


8th edition T categories

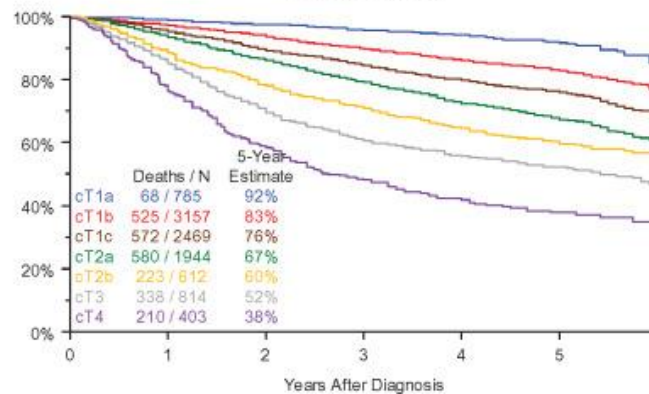


pT1-4N0M0R0 cases

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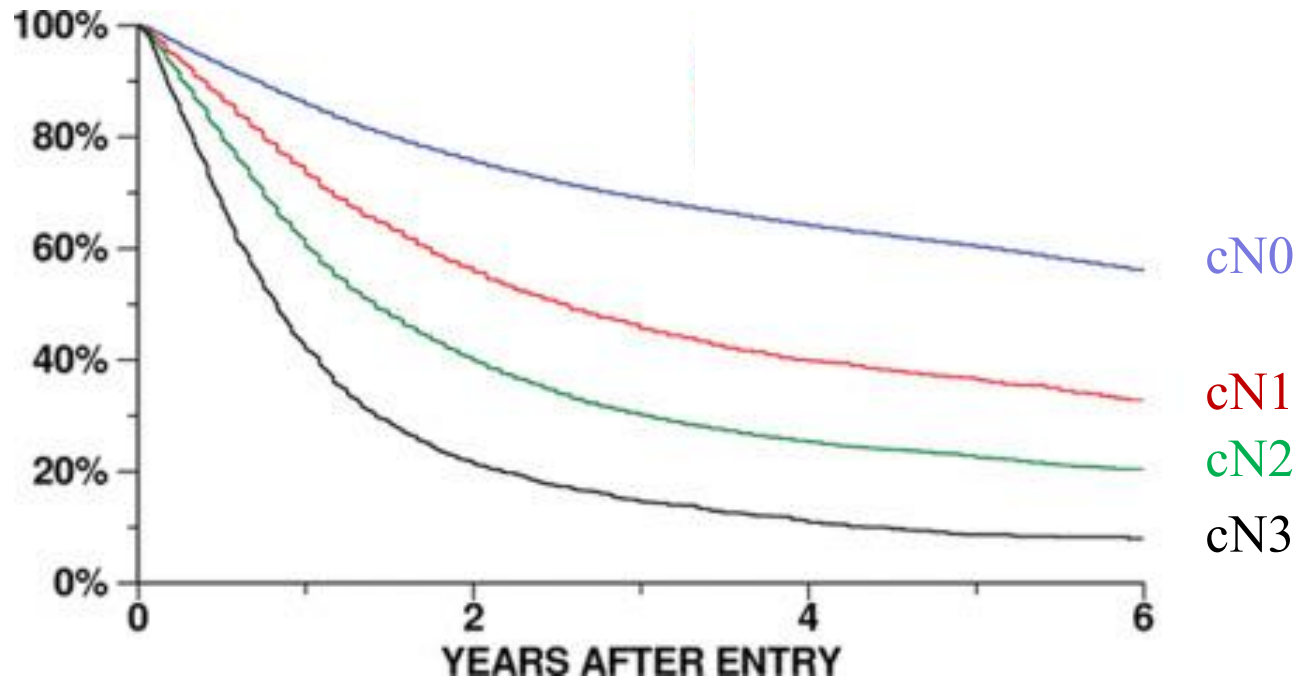


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cT1-4N0M0 cases

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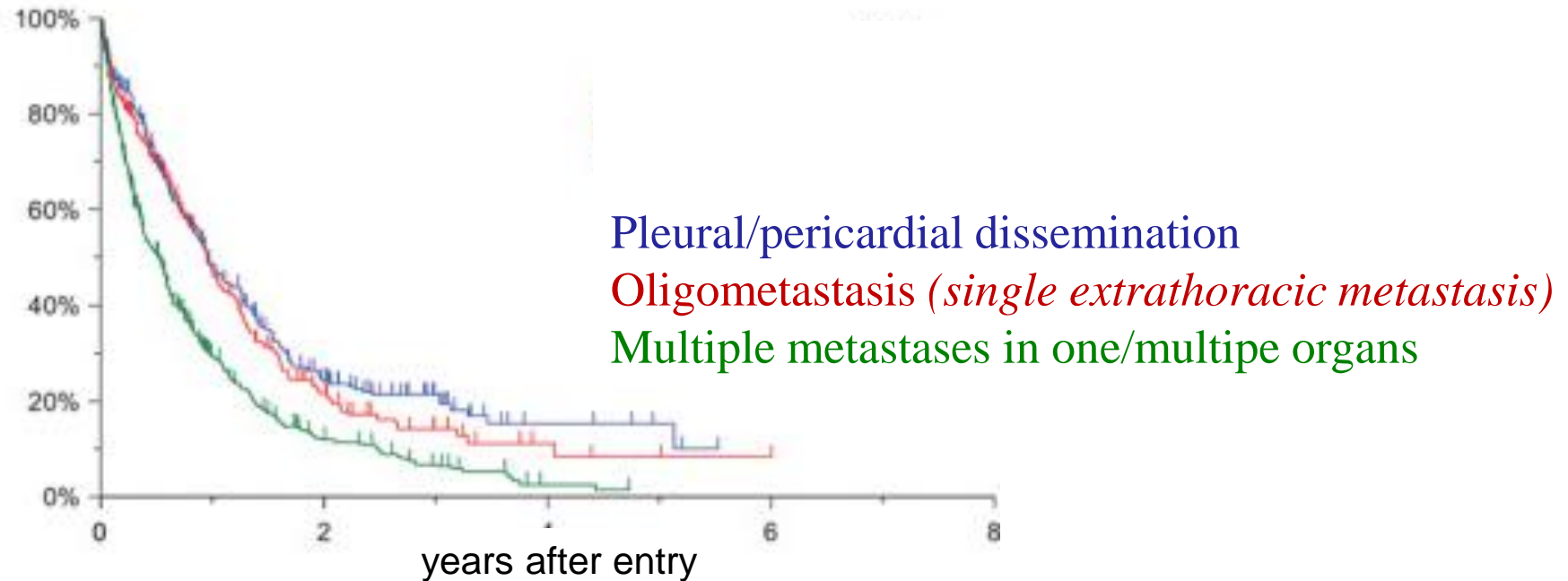


The current (7th) N0-N3 descriptors consistently separate prognostically distinct groups for both, cN and pN status

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *N-DESCRIPTORS*

- N0 No node metastases
- N1 Peribronchial / hilar metastases (*including extension involvement*)
- N2 Ipsilateral /subcarinal metastases
- N3 Contralateral mediastinal / hilar metastases
or scalene / supraclavicular metastases (*ipsi/contralateral*)

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *M-DESCRIPTORS*



Oligometastatic disease has a similar prognosis than pleural / pericardial dissemination which holds true for all organs systems involved

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *M-DESCRIPTORS*

M0 No distant metastases

M1a Malignant pleural / pericardial dissemination /effusion,
or contralateral / bilateral tumor nodules

M1b Distant metastases **Single extrathoracic metastasis (*oligometastatis*)¹**

M1c Multiple extrathoracic metastases in one / more organs

¹Include single distant non regional lymph node

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *SURVIVAL*

Survival curves are the result from a combination of tumor characteristics and treatment efforts

Improved overall and stage-for stage-survival compared to the 7th edition

- Improvements in diagnosis / staging (*screening / PET / HRCT / EBUS*)
- Improvements in treatments (*adjuvant chemotherapy / VATS / MLND*)
- More radical options for less fit patients
- Improvement in patient care (*interdisciplinarity / case load*)

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION

IMPACT ON SURGICAL STRATEGIES FOR NSCLC

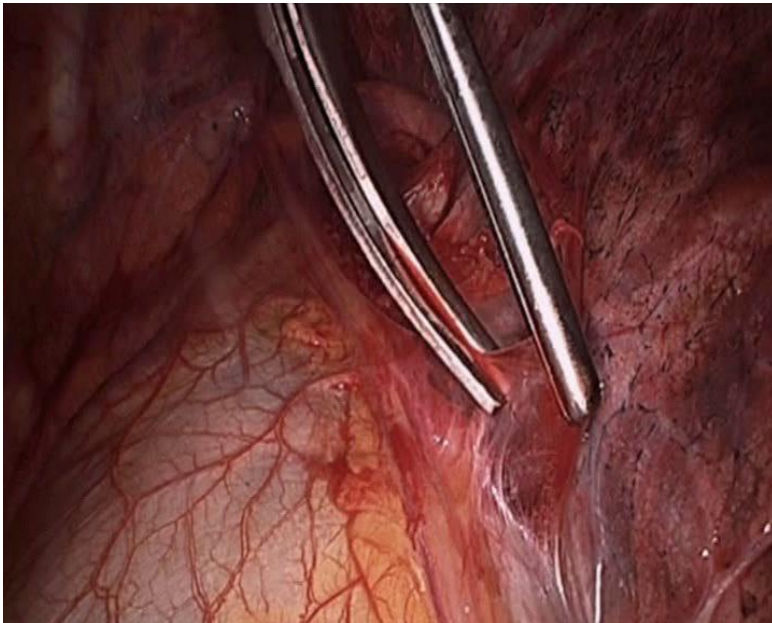
The revised TNM edition is a refinement of the classification and is not designed to formulate new treatment recommendations!

Changes of established treatments should be based on new trials

- Sublobar resections for small tumors?
- New multimodal approaches including surgery for T3/T4 tumors?
- Surgical approaches for oligometastatic disease?

CURRENT TREATMENT OF STAGE I/II NSCLC

SURGERY REMAINS THE MAINSTAY OF TREATMENT IN OPERABLE PATIENTS



Lobectomy and mediastinal lymph node dissection (MLND)

1B

VATS procedures preferred in experienced centers

2C

CURRENT TREATMENT OF STAGE I/II NSCLC

SUBLOBAR RESECTIONS

Patients with stage I NSCLC who can tolerate surgery but not a lobectomy

1B

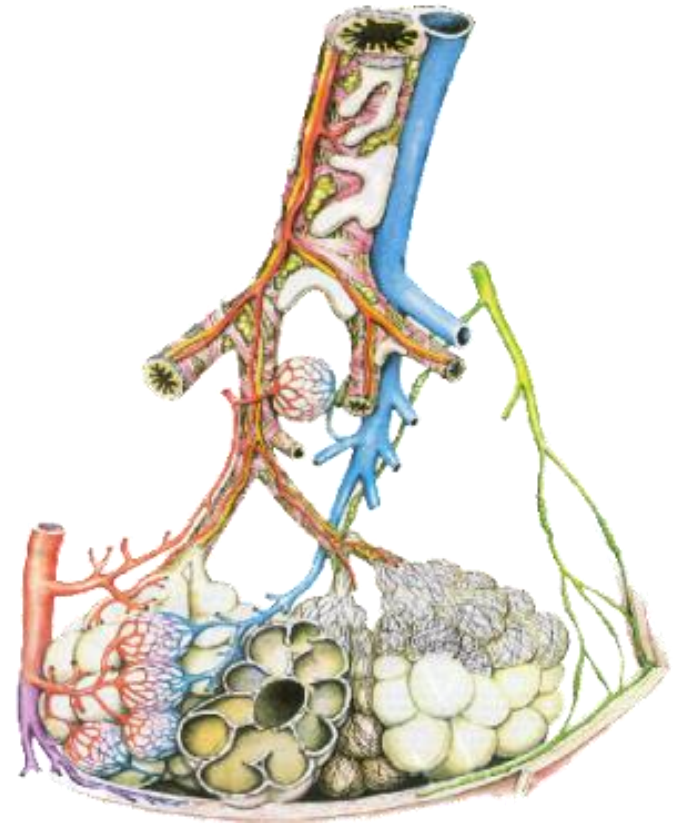
Anatomical segmentectomy is preferred over wedge resection

2C

ACCP Guidelines (3rded) Chest 2013;143 Suppl

→ *Is there a place for segmentectomy in patients who can tolerate a lobectomy?*

ANATOMICAL SEGMENTECTOMY

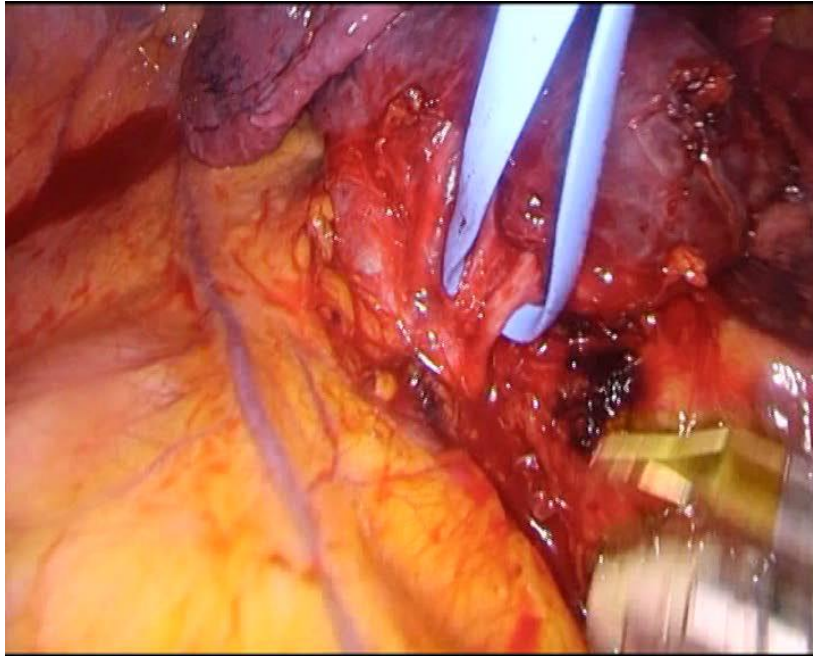


Individual isolation and division of the targeted segmental pedicle

Resection of the venous / lymphatic supply (*intersegmental plane*)

Hilar and mediastinal lymph node dissection / sampling

VATS VS OPEN SEGMENTECTOMY FOR STAGE I NSCLC¹



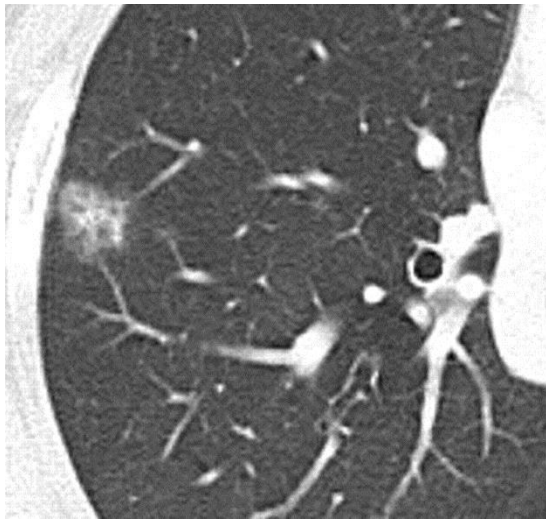
Similar postoperative outcomes, overall and cancer-specific survival

¹SEERS DATABASE Propensity score matching 577 stage I NSCLC < 65y, 424 open, 153 VATS

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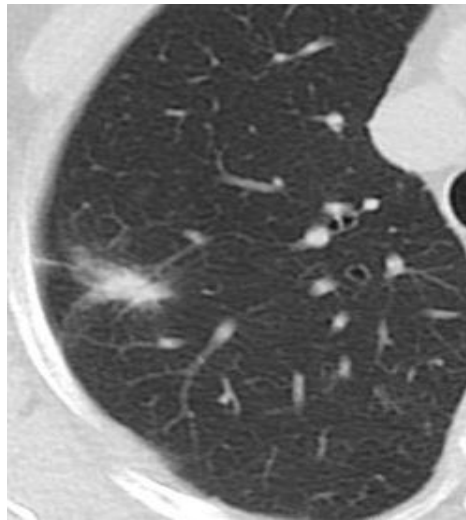
SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR EARLY STAGE NSCLC

1. TRIALS WITH SUBLOBAR RESECTIONS FOR T1N0 TUMORS (*SCREENING*)



GROUND GLASS OPACITY

>5mm and increases in size
develops solid component



PART SOLID LESION

> 8mm and persistent



SOLID NODULE

Clinically suspect
PET-CT positive

SEGMENTECTOMY VS LOBECTOMY FOR STAGE cI NSCLC

PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHED PAIRS

	N	SIZE	5Y OS	10Y OS	5Y DFS	10Y DFS	
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Koike ₂₀₁₆							
Lobectomy	87	<2cm	85%	66%	80%	64%	} ns
Segmentectomy	87	<2cm	84%	63%	77%	58%	
Kodama ₂₀₁₆							
Lobectomy	69	<1.5cm	90%	88%	97%	97%	} ns
Segmentectomy	69	<1.5cm	97%	83%	97%	95%	

SEGMENTECTOMY VS LOBECTOMY FOR STAGE cI NSCLC

PROPENSITY SCORE MATCHED PAIRS

	N	SIZE	5Y OS	10Y OS	5Y DFS	10Y DFS	
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Tsutani ₂₀₁₃							
Lobectomy	81	0.7cm	93%	-	93%	-	} ns
Segmentectomy	81	0.8cm	96%	-	91%	-	
Landrenau ₂₀₁₄							
Lobectomy ¹	312	2.2±1cm	60%	-	71% ²	-	} ns
Segmentectomy ¹	312	2.2±1cm	54%	-	70% ²	-	

¹ Stage IB: segmentectomy group 26%, lobectomy group 31%

RESECTION FOR SUBCENTRIMETRIC cT1N0M0 NSCLC ($N=135$)

CT/PET-CT → RESECTION + MLND/SAMPLING

	N	5Y OS	5Y DFS	pN1/2
Pure GGO	64	100%	100%	-
Part solid	45	100%	93%	0%
Pure solid	26	87%	75%	32%
$SUV_{max} < 2.5$				3%
$SUV_{max} > 2.5$				50%

→ Risk of N1-2 disease in ≤ 1 cm pure solid NSCLC with a high SUV_{max}

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SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR EARLY STAGE NSCLC

2. TRIALS WITH STEREOTACTIC RT VS SURGERY FOR T1N0 TUMORS



CURRENT INDICATION FOR SBRT

Patients who do not tolerate a segmentectomy or unfavorable tumor localization

SBRT VS SURGERY FOR OPERABLE STAGE cI NSCLC

	MORTALITY	FOLLOW UP MTS	RECURRENCE LOCO-REGIONAL	OS
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Chang ₂₀₁₅				
S = 27	4%	35	4% ¹	79% ¹ (3y)
RT = 31	0%	40	16.1%	95% (3y)
Hamaji ₂₀₁₅				
S = 41	0%	54	8% ²	69% ² (5y)
RT = 41	0%	41	38%	37% (5y)
vandenBergh ₂₀₁₅				
S = 143	-	61	13% ³	58% ³ (5y)
RT = 197 ³	-	61	23%	32% (5y)

¹Combined analysis of failed ROSEL/STARS trials, 30% patients in SABR group without histology

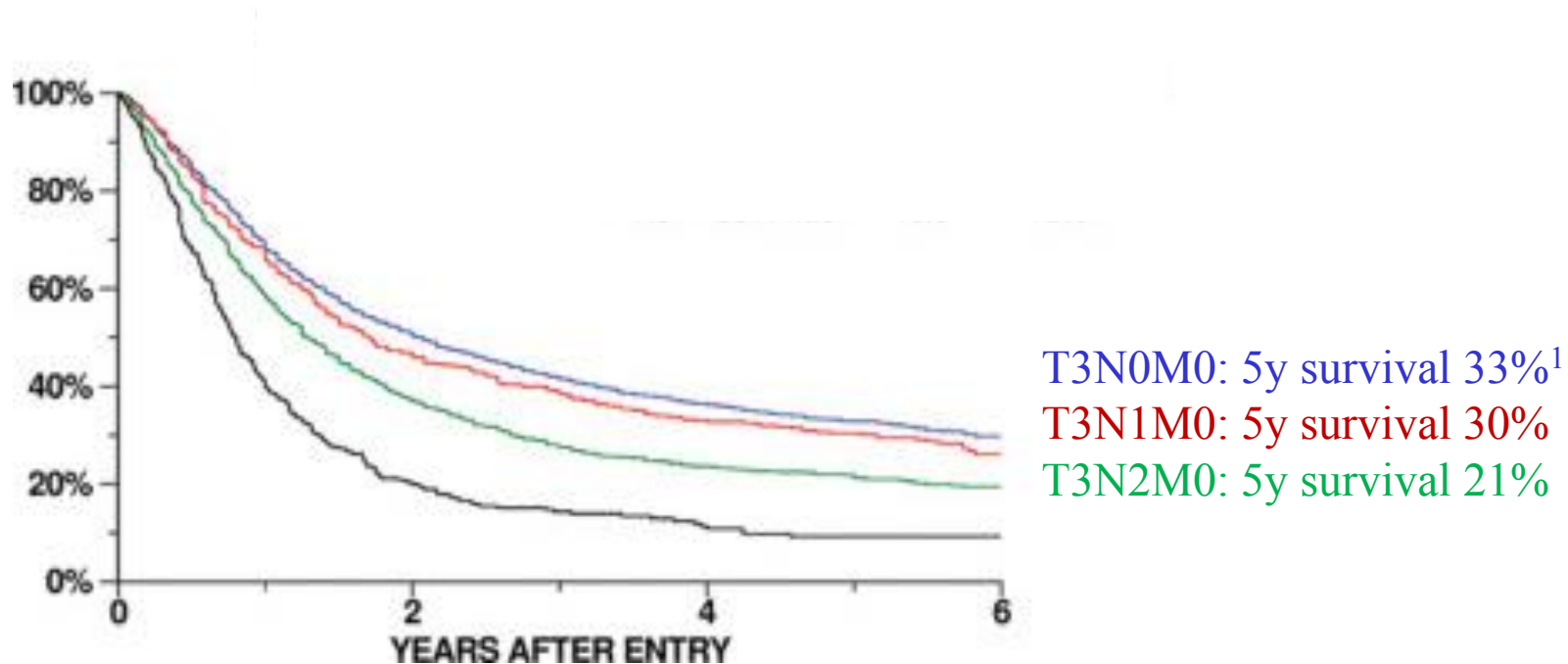
²Blinded, propensity score matching, all patients in SABR with histology

³Matched pairs, 78% patients in SABR group without histology

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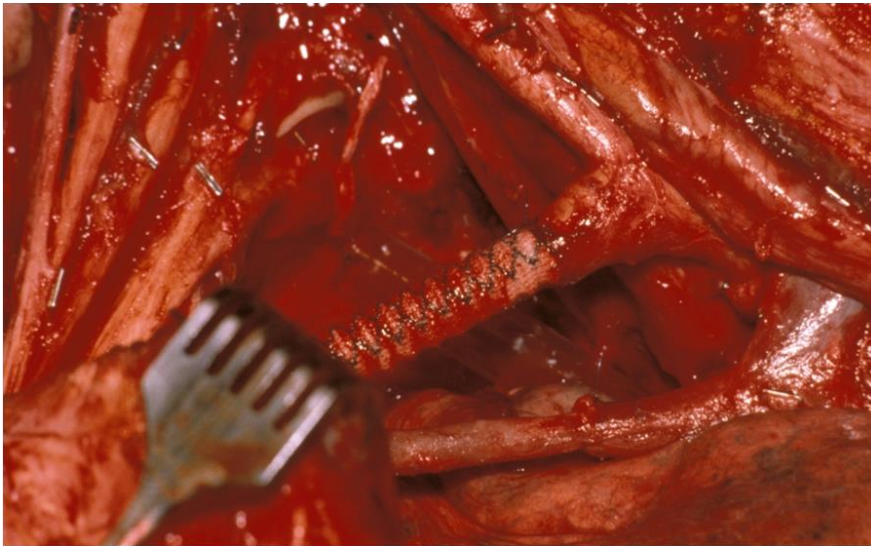
SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR LOCALLY ADVANCED NSCLC

1. NEW TRIALS WITH INDUCTION THERAPY → SURGERY FOR T3 TUMORS



¹ 8th Edition

INDUCTION THERAPY → SURGERY FOR T3N0-2 TUMORS



PANCOAST TUMOR

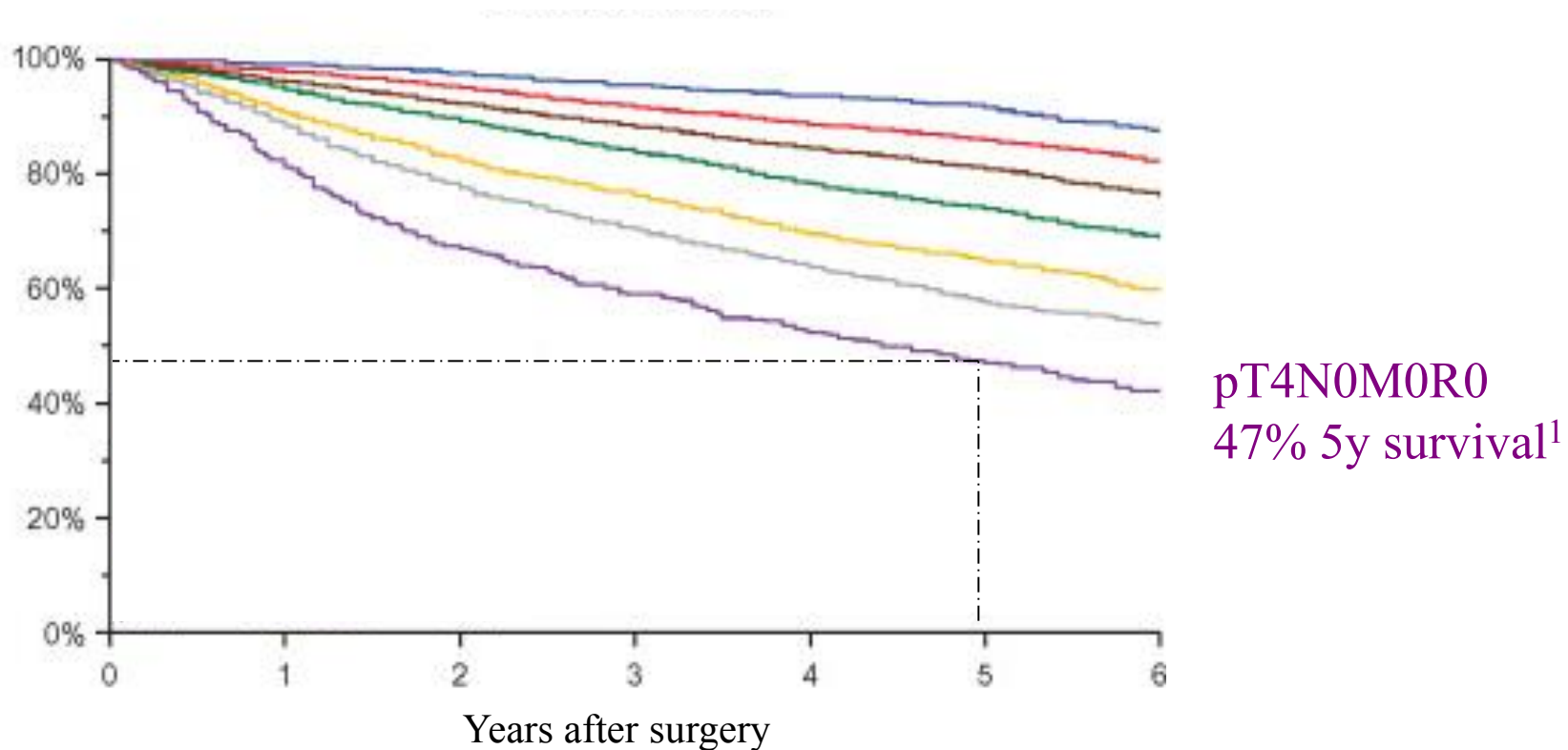
CHEST WALL INVASION

TUMOR SIZE >5 cm

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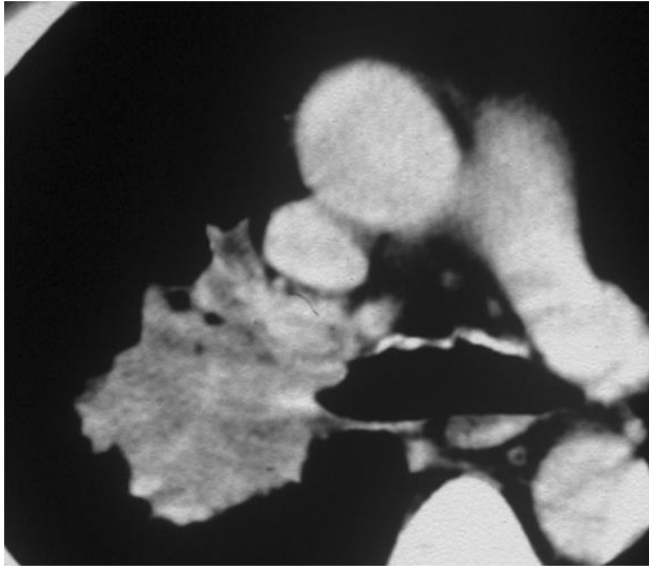
SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR LOCALLY ADVANCED NSCLC

3. NEW TRIALS WITH INDUCTION → SURGERY FOR T4_{invasive} TUMORS



¹ 8th Edition

INDUCTION THERAPY AND RESECTION FOR T4_{invasive} N0-1 NSCLC

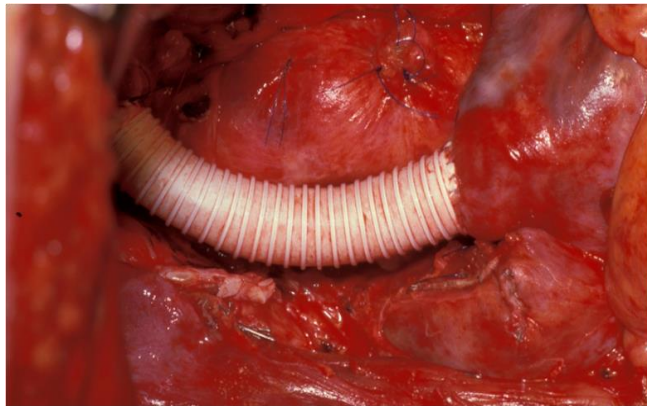


CHT / RT-CHT → resection can result in long-term survival in experienced centers even in presence of N2 disease (*per continuitatem* invasion)

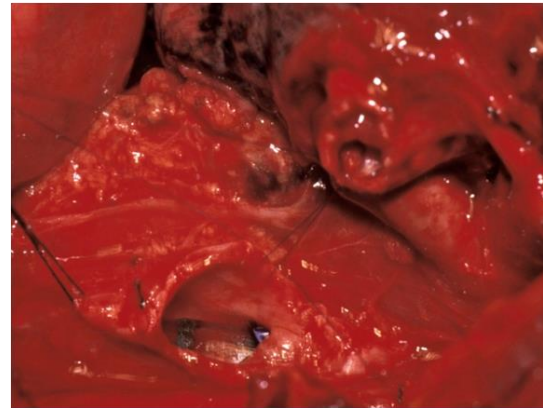
INDUCTION THERAPY AND RESECTION FOR T4_{invasive} N0-2 NSCLC

POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE T4 TUMORS

Superior vena cava / carina / recurrent nerve / vertebral body / left atrium

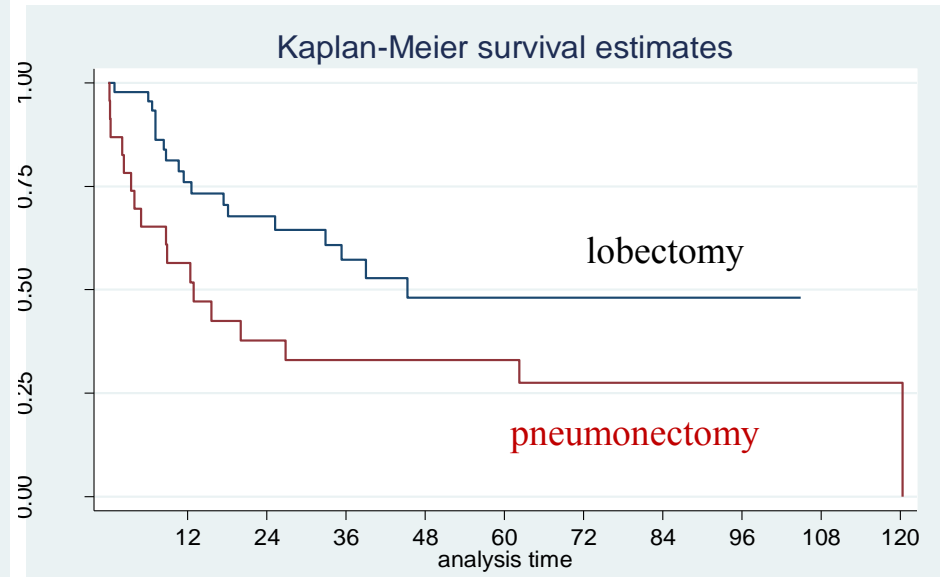
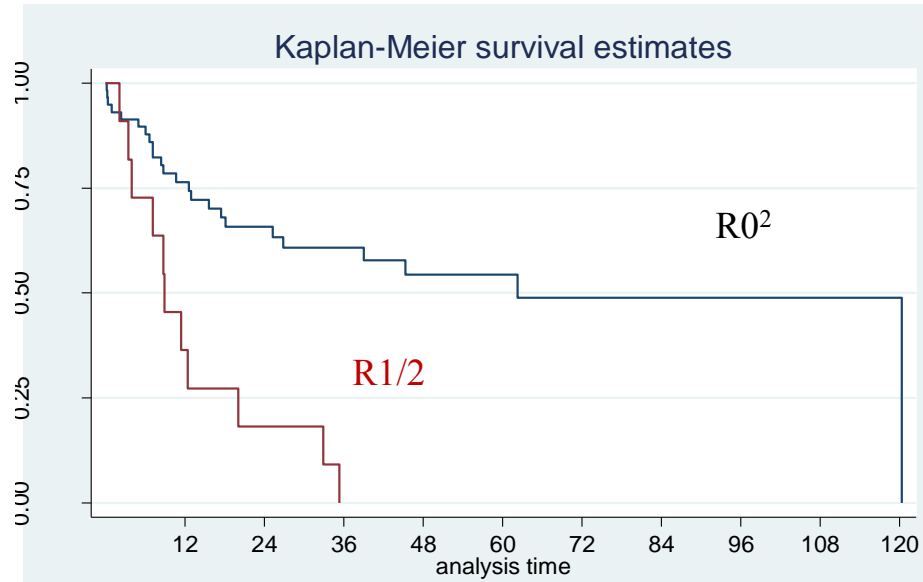


SVC RECONSTRUCTION



CARINAL RESECTION / RECONSTRUCTION

NEOADJUVANT CHT-RT→RESECTION FOR T4_{Invasive} N0-2 NSCLC (N=72)¹

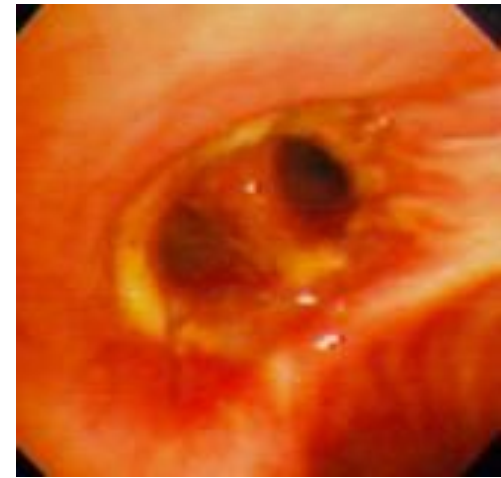


	TOTAL N=72	LOBECTOMY N=48	PNEUMONECTOMY N=24	
90d mortality	8%	2%	21%	<i>p=0.01</i>
5y survival	45%	50%	33%	<i>p=0.01</i>

¹49% T4N0-1, 51% T4N2

²R0 resections 84%

SLEEVE RESECTIONS AFTER INDUCTION THERAPY



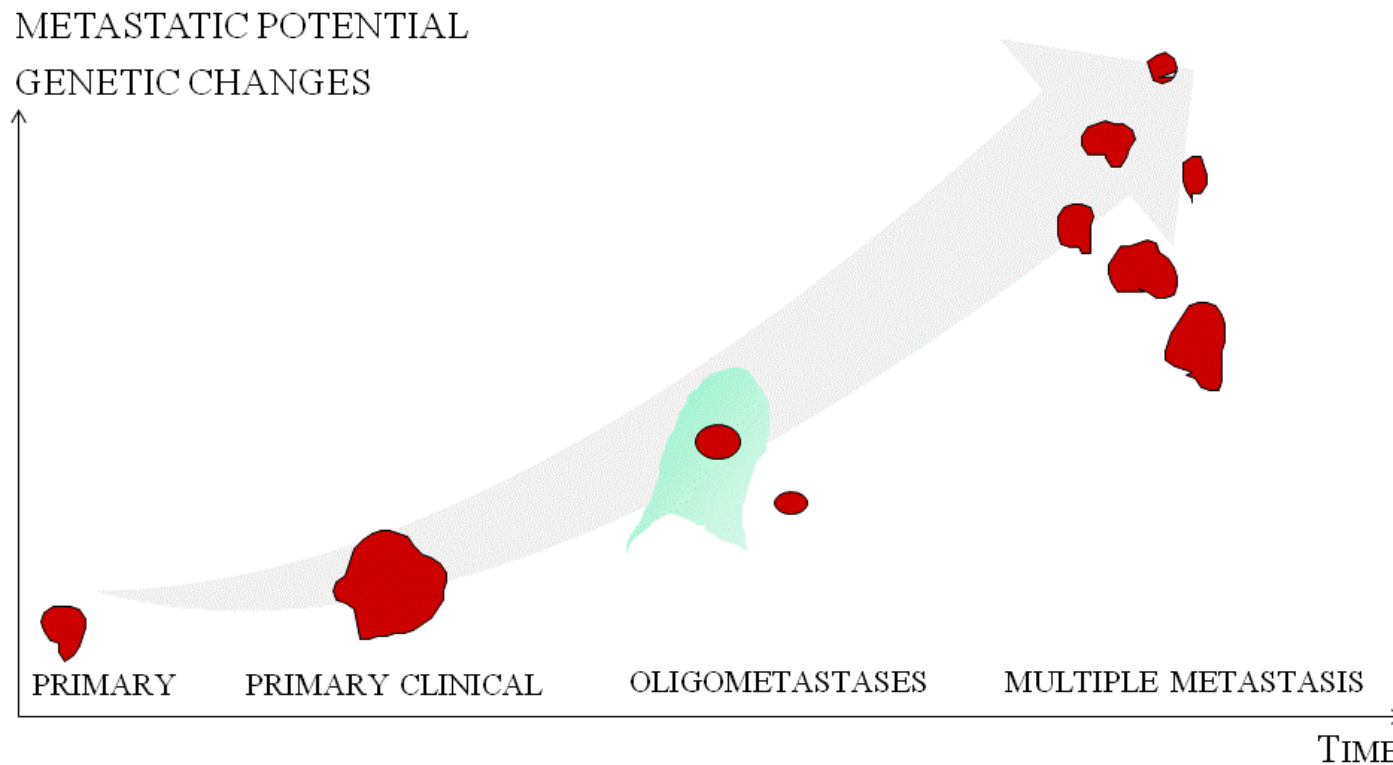
	N	AP /SVC ¹	COMPLICATIONS	MORTALITY
Veronesi ₂₀₀₂	27	10	7%	0
Rendina ₁₉₉₇	27	11	11%	0
Ohta ₂₀₀₃	20		35%	0
Pezzetta ₂₀₀₅	24	6	15%	4%

¹additional AP=pulmonary artery / SVC=super vena cava resection/reconstruction

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SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR LOCALLY ADVANCED NSCLC

4. SURGICAL TRIALS FOR OLIGOMETASTATIC T1-2N0 DISEASE



→ VATS resection and ablation of isolated metastasis (*brain / adrenal*)

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IMPACT ON SURGICAL STRATEGIES FOR NSCLC

The revised classification is not designed to formulate new treatment recommendations, and treatment changes must be based on new trials

The improved stage-for-stage survival observed in the revised edition is the result of a combination of tumor characteristics and improvements in staging and treatments (*mainly surgery*) → keep surgery as part of new trials

- new trials to examine the role of sublobar resections and non-surgical ablation of early NSCLC
- new trials with multimodal treatments including surgery for locally advanced / oligometastatic disease

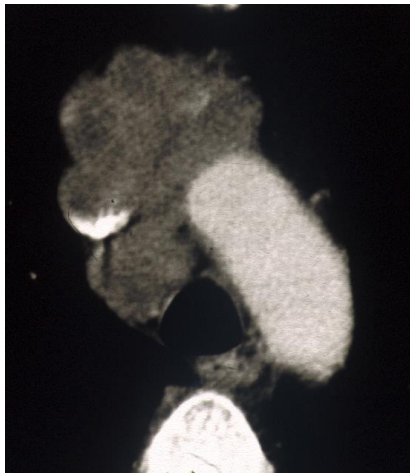
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SURGICAL PERSPECTIVES FOR LOCALLY ADVANCED NSCLC

2. TRIALS WITH NOVEL INDUCTION → SURGERY FOR N2 DISEASE



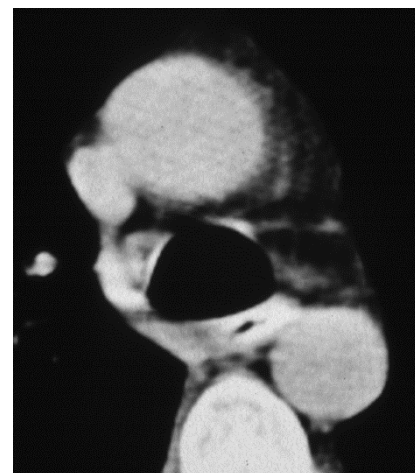
INFILTRATIVE N2
BULKY/MULTILEVEL

RT-CHT



PREOPERATIVE
« DISCRETE » N2

RT-CHT *or*
CHT → Surgery



INCIDENTAL pN2
AFTER SURGERY

Adjuvant CHT

THE 8TH TNM CLASSIFICATION: *N-DESCRIPTORS*

4. Significant difference in survival according to geographic regions for pN0/pN1 disease with a survival benefit for Asians compared to Europeans
 - for pN0: 25%
 - for pN1: 20%
5. Naruke mapping¹ which is different from the ATS lymph node mapping accounts for 75% of all pN cases

¹Subcarinal space along inferior border of main stem bronchus → N1

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2. A combination of location of nodal metastases (single vs multiple stations) and absence / presence of skip metastases may result in a more accurate prognosis:

➤ pN1a	single station	pN1b	multiple stations
➤ pN2a	single station ¹	pN2b	multiple stations

3. The tumor burden at regional lymph nodes is not reflected (*micrometastasis vs bulky /extracapsular disease*)

¹ pN2a1 single station without N1 involvement (*skip metastases*)
pN2a2 single station with N1 involvement

The 8th TNM Classification

Stage groupings

Stage IA1	T1a ¹	N0	M0
Stage IA2	T1b	N0	M0
Stage IA3	T1c	N0	M0
Stage IB	T2a	N0	M0
Stage IIA	T2b	N0	M0
Stage IIB	T1	N1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
	T3	N0	M0

¹ Including T1a(mi)

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Stage groupings

Stage IIIA	T1-2	N2	M0
	T3	N1	M0
	T4	N0-1	M0
Stage IIIB	T1-2	N3	M0
	T3	N2	M0
	T4	N2	M0
Stage IIIC	T3	N3	M0
	T4	N0	M0
Stage IV	T _{any}	N _{any}	M1a,b,c