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**IMPACT OF THE NEW CLASSIFICATION:  
*THE SURGEON'S VIEW***

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# STS task force on CT screening

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- ◆ Main objectives
  - minimizing morbidity of false-positive diagnoses
  - optimizing management of screen-detected lung cancers
- ◆ Statement 5
  - *the Taskforce recommends the least parenchymal resection compatible with current diagnostic and oncologic principles performed through the least invasive surgical approach for the diagnosis and treatment of screen-detected nodules*

Rocco G et al. Ann Thor Surg 2013; 96:357-60

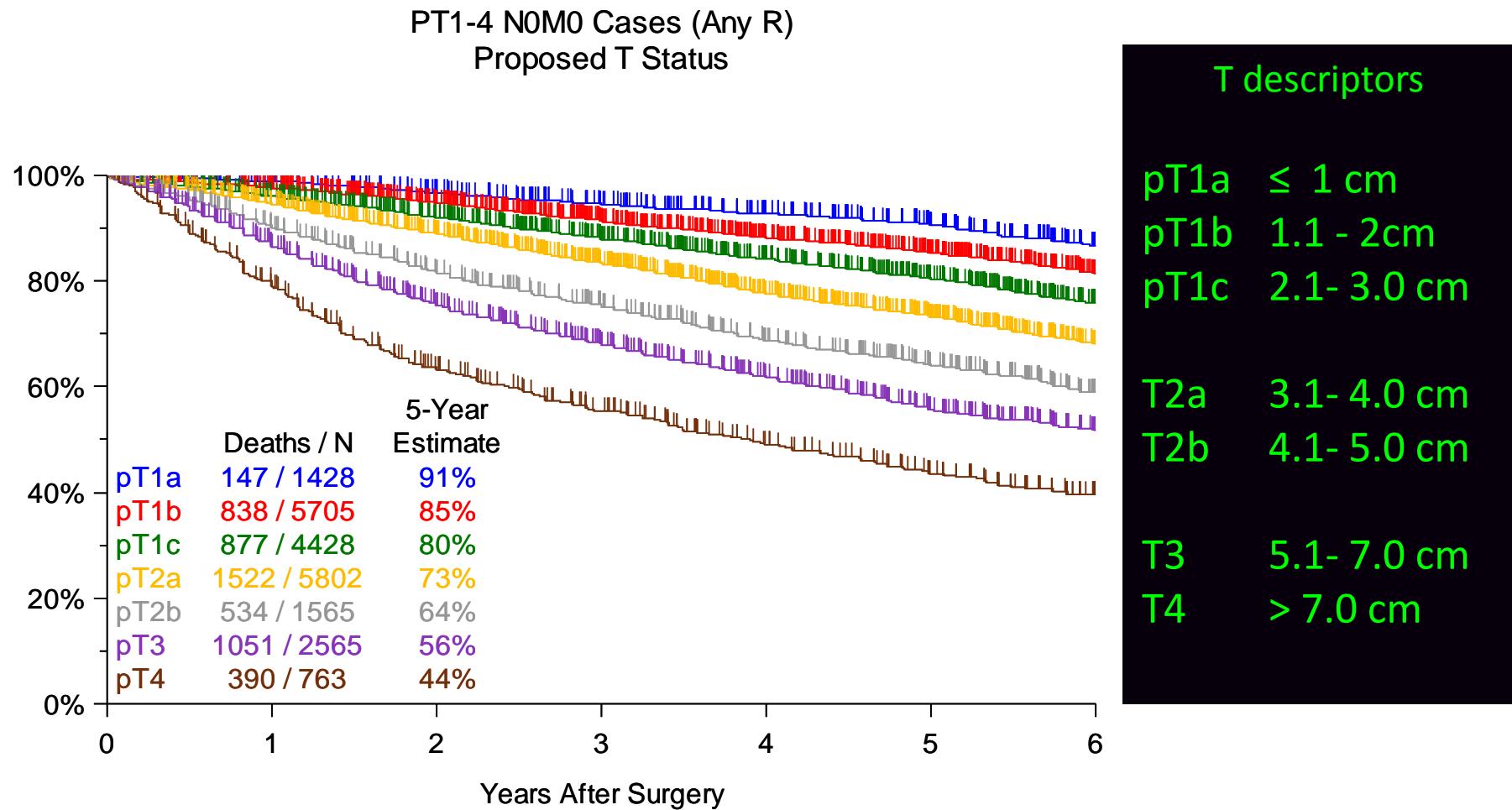
# STS task force on CT screening

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- Statement 6
  - *the Taskforce strongly recommends standardized pathological reporting on surgical specimens, according to the criteria expressed in in the 2011 IASLC/ATS/ERS adenocarcinoma classification (WHO 2015 classification)*
- Statement 7
  - *the Taskforce believes that CT screening programs should follow a formal algorithmic approach to standardize management*

*Rocco G et al. Ann Thor Surg 2013; 96:357-60*

# 8th TNM classification - T descriptor: size

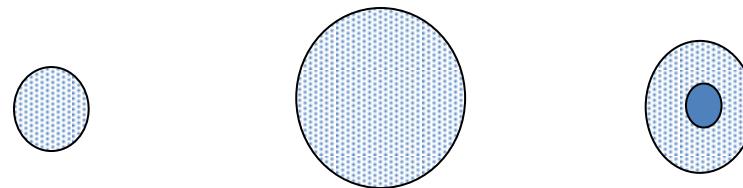


Rami-Porta R. J Thorac Oncol 2015; 10:990-1003

# T size: invasive part!

maximum *unidimensional* measurement  
CT scan: lung window settings

pT

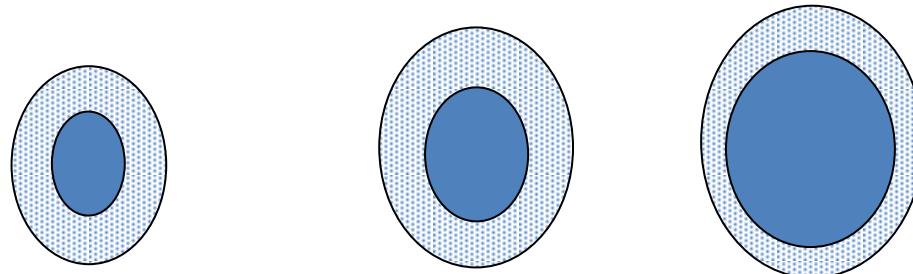


<b>invasive part</b>	0 cm	0 cm	0.1- 0.5 cm
<b>total tumor size</b>	$\leq 0.5$ cm	0.6 - 3.0 cm	0.1- 3.0 cm
<b>pathology</b>	AAH	AIS	MIA
<b>pT</b>		pTis	pT1a-mi

Travis WD. J Thorac Oncol 2016; in press

# T size: invasive part!

pT



<b>invasive part</b>	0.6 - 1.0 cm	1.1 - 2.0 cm	2.1 - 3.0 cm
<b>total tumor size</b>	$\leq 3.0$ cm	$\leq 3.0$ cm	$\leq 3.0$ cm
<b>pathology</b>	lepidic predominant AD or invasive AD with lepidic component	invasive AD with lepidic component or lepidic predominant AD	invasive AD with lepidic component
<b>pT</b>	pT1a	pT1b	pT1c

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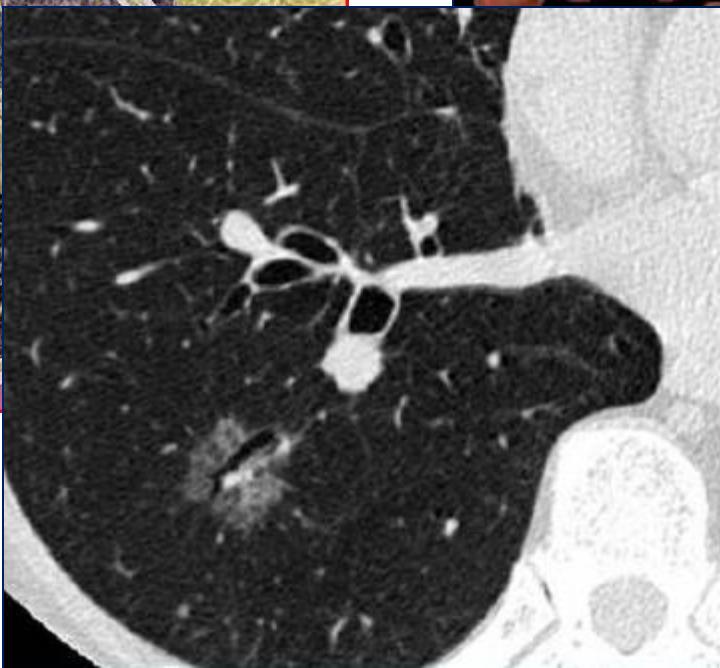
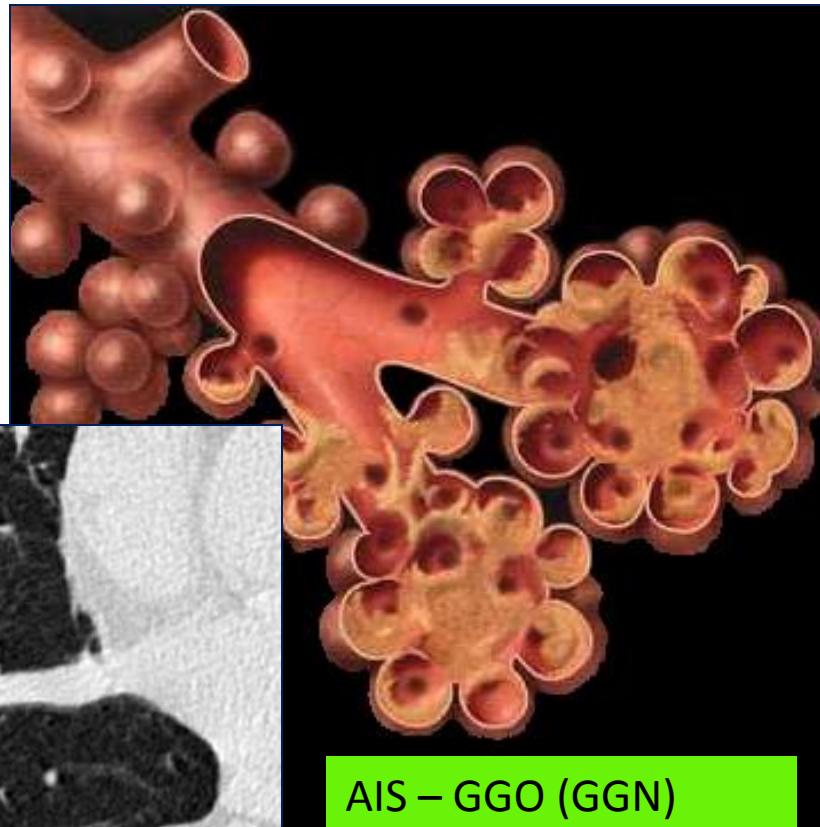
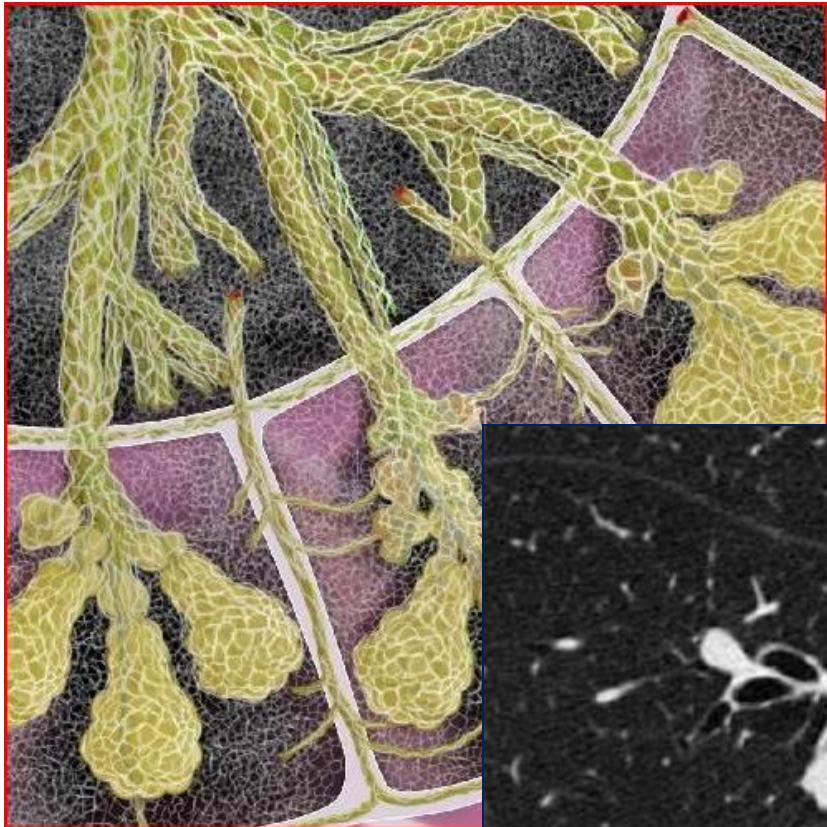
# IASLC/ATS/ERS ADENOCARCINOMA 2011 CLASSIFICATION

- ◆ PREINVASIVE LESIONS
  - ◆ ATYPICAL ADENOMATOUS HYPERPLASIA [AAH]
  - ◆ ADENOCARCINOMA IN SITU [AIS] ( $\leq 3 \text{ cm}$  - formerly BAC pattern)  
*non-mucinous ↑ / mucinous / mixed*
- ◆ MINIMALLY INVASIVE ADENOCARCINOMA [MIA]  
*non-mucinous ↑ / mucinous / mixed*  
 $\leq 3 \text{ cm}$  lepidic predominant tumor with  $\leq 5\text{mm}$  invasion
- ◆ INVASIVE ADENOCARCINOMA

*Extensive sampling is needed to exclude invasion, particularly in larger tumors*

*Travis W et al. J Thorac Oncol 2011; 6:244-85*

*Van Schil P et al. Eur Resp J 2012; 39; 478-486*



AIS – GGO (GGN)  
no consolidation  
no solid part



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BAC – BRONCHIOLOALVEOLAR CARCINOMA

RIP – REST IN PEACE

# IASLC/ATS/ERS ADENOCARCINOMA 2011 CLASSIFICATION

## ◆ INVASIVE ADENOCARCINOMA

- ◆ Lepidic pattern predominant      formerly non-mucinous BAC pattern, with > 5mm invasion
  - ◆ Acinar                                  *predominant pattern*
  - ◆ Papillary
  - ◆ Micropapillary
  - ◆ Solid pattern
- Poor prognosis!

Semiquantitative assessment of patterns in 5-10% increments

Warth A et al. J Clin Oncol 2012; 30:1438-46

# Frozen section: accurate?

- review 361 resected stage I ADC ≤ 3 cm: analysis frozen section + permanent section slides
- ↑ specificity micropapillary 94% – solid 96%patterns
- ↓ sensitivity micropapillary 37% – solid 69%patterns
- satisfactory interobserver agreement (except acinar pattern)

*Yeh YC et al. Histopathology 2015; 66:922-38*

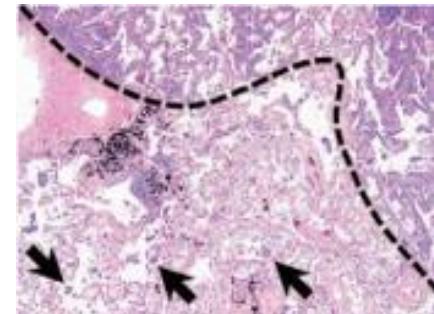
- retrospective study 803 pts stage I ADC, 432 pts sublobar resection
- concordance rate frozen section ↔ final pathology 84.4%
- most discrepancies: underestimation of AIS, MIA
- accuracy frozen section       $\leq 1\text{cm}$     79.6%       $> 1\text{ cm}$     90.8%       $p < .01$

*Liu S et al. J Clin Oncol 2016; 34:307-13*

# New adenocarcinoma classification

## Prognosis

- poor prognosis:
  - micropapillary  $\geq 5\%$ : ↑ risk of recurrence, especially with limited resection
  - solid pattern OS 58.1 mos  $\leftrightarrow$  78.5 mos lepidic ADC
  - STAS: Spread Through Air Spaces in the lung parenchyma beyond the edge of the main tumor



micropapillary  
solid

- series 411 pts stage I ADC: STAS 155 cases (38%)

**limited resection:** STAS ↑ risk of recurrence:

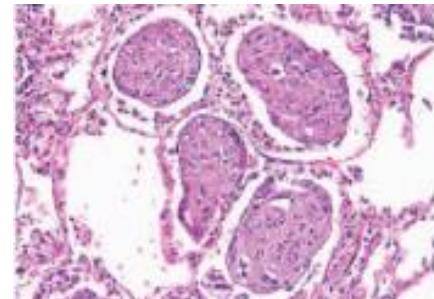
5-year incidence 42.6%  $\leftrightarrow$  10.9% no STAS  $p < .001$

**lobectomy:** no  $\Delta$

Nitadori J et al. J Natl Cancer Inst 2013; 105:1212-20

Warth A et al. J Clin Oncol 2012; 30:21438-46

Kadota K et al. J Thorac Oncol 2015; 10:806-14



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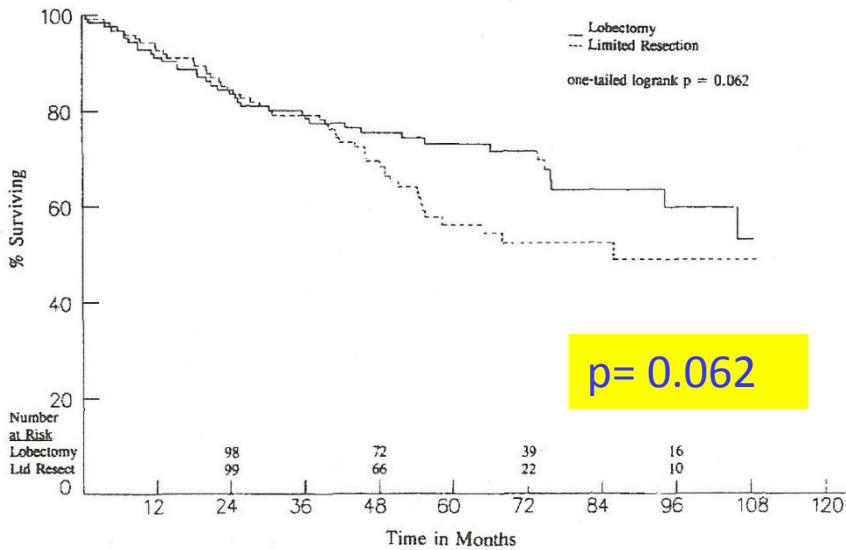
# Is lobectomy standard therapy?

- LCSG: prospective randomized trial  
lobectomy versus lesser resection
  - ❖ peripheral cT1N0 < 3cm
  - ❖ 50 % contra-indication to randomization :
    - not T1 (size, pleura)
    - not N0 (**25%** mediastinal LN involvement !)
  - ❖ postop. morbidity and mortality equal

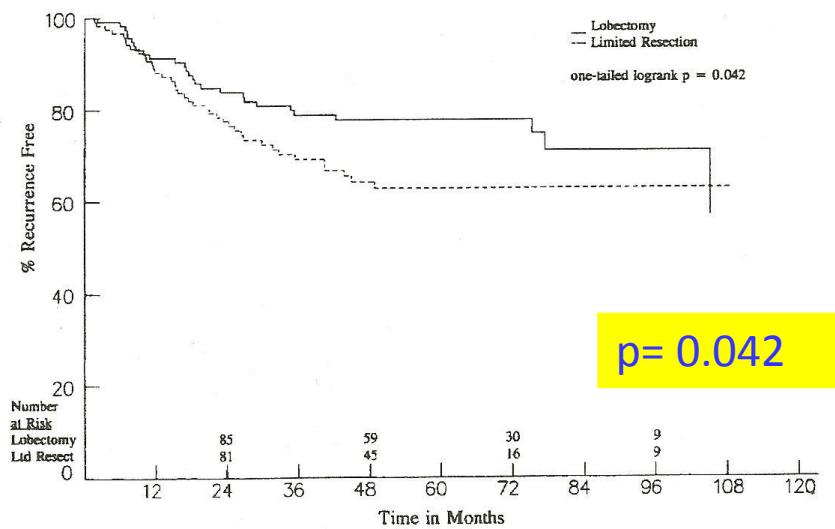
Ginsberg RJ. Randomized trial of lobectomy versus limited resection for T1N0 NSCLC. Ann Thorac Surg 1995; 60:615-23

# Is lobectomy standard therapy?

overall survival



recurrence-free survival



Rubinstein L, Ginsberg RJ. Reply to Lederle F. Lobectomy versus limited resection in in T1N0 lung cancer. Ann Thorac Surg 1996; 62:1249-50

# Is lobectomy standard therapy?

- LCSG: lesser resection
  - ❖ 3 x ↑ rate of local recurrence
  - ❖ long-term follow-up : decreased survival
  - ❖ 30 % ↑ overall death rate
  - ❖ 50 % ↑ death with cancer rate

significant at 0.10 level  
minimal resection = lobectomy

Ginsberg RJ. Ann Thorac Surg 1995; 60:615-23

- small, early-stage lesions: sublobar resection (wedge – segmentectomy)?  
↔ introduction SBRT
- lobectomy + systematic lymph node dissection:  
*“taking a sledgehammer to a fly”*

Donington J. J Clin Oncol 2016; 34:295-6

# Sublobar resection for stage I NSCLC

## Review of sublobar resection ↔ lobectomy

- in general 5-year survival lobectomy = sublobar resection
- local recurrence after wedge resection ↑ than after segmentectomy
- tumors ≤ 2 cm segmentectomy ≈ lobectomy
- segmentectomy + (wide) wedge resection: margins ≥ 1 cm
- pure GGO ≤ 2 cm systematic nodal dissection may not be necessary
- but: randomized trials needed to obtain more evidence

Rami-Porta R, Tsuboi M. Eur Resp J 2009; 33:426-35

# Sublobar resection for stage I NSCLC

## Meta-analysis of sublobectomy ↔ lobectomy

- 24 eligible studies 1990 – 2010 11 360 patients
- overall survival (OS) and cancer-specific survival (CSS)
- stage I NSCLC: OS and CSS ↑ after lobectomy *HR 1.40*
- stage IA ≤ 2 cm: OS sublobectomy = lobectomy *HR 0.81*
- lobectomy ↔ segmentectomy: no Δ OS and CSS *HR 1.09 – 0.99*
- stage I sublobectomy ↓ survival ↔ lobectomy
- stage IA ≤ 2 cm sublobectomy = lobectomy

Fan J et al. Ann Surg Oncol 2012; 19:661-8

# Selection criteria sublobar resection

## Prospective studies

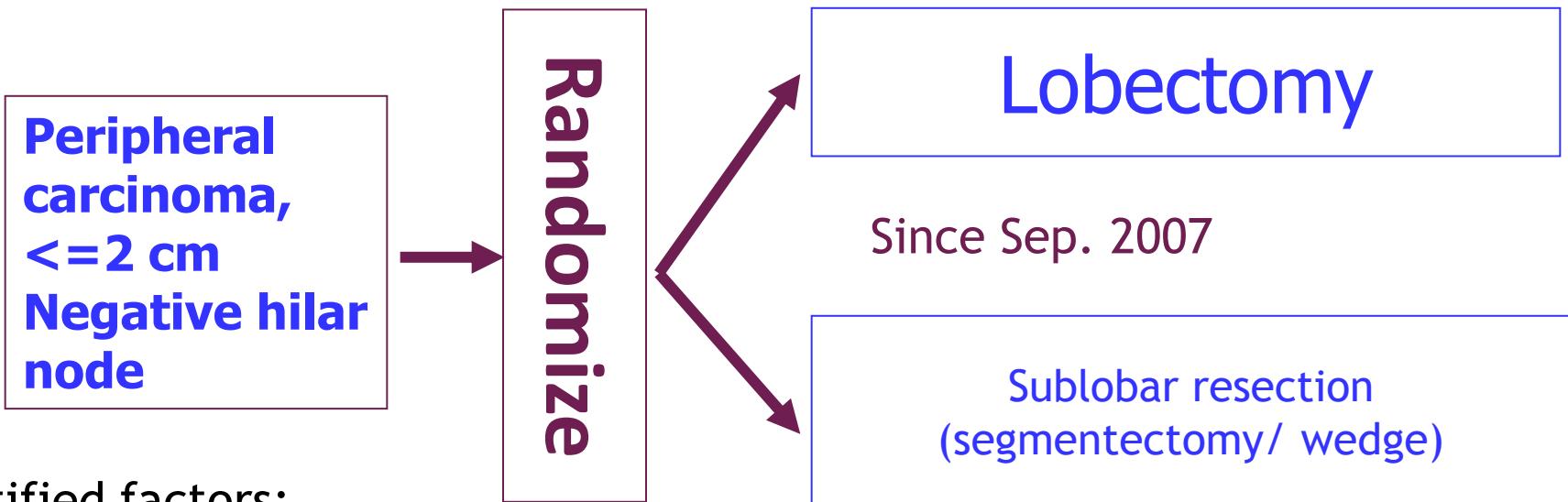
- JCOG 0804                      adenocarcinoma  $\leq$  2 cm GGO  
                                        <25% solid component (AIS, MIA)  
phase II        wide wedge resection or segmentectomy        single arm
- JCOG 0802                      adenocarcinoma  $\leq$  2 cm  
                                        25% - 100% solid component (invasive adenoca.)  
phase III prospective randomized trial  
lobectomy  $\leftrightarrow$  segmentectomy  
+ *LN drop out*  $\rightarrow$  lobectomy

Asamura H et al. Surg Today 2014; 44:1593-4

CALGB 140503  
Phase III Randomized Trial between Lobectomy and  
Sublobar Resection for Small-sized carcinoma

**Non-inferiority design**

*PI: Altorki N*



Stratified factors:

Tumor size,  
Histology (Sq vs. non-sq),  
Smoking status



# Sublobar resection - indications?

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- lobectomy remains gold standard
- sublobar resection: c stage IA and high-risk for lobectomy
  - precise definition of high-risk? ↔ SRT, RFA*
- complete R0 resection + systematic nodal dissection recommended
  - N descriptor, prognosis, adjuvant therapy*

*De Waele M et al. Curr Opin Pulm Med 2015; 21:309-13*

- sublobar resection
  - stage IA disease, no nodal involvement
  - peripheral tumor location
  - predominantly ground-glass appearance

*Sihoe A et al. Lung Cancer 2014; 86:115-20*

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# new WHO 2015 Classification: Surgeon's view

## Conclusions

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- low-dose CT screening: early-stage lung cancer in high-risk populations
- T-descriptor: Δ size, invasive part
- new adenoca. classification: preinvasive, minimally invasive, invasive lesions
  - *poor prognosis: micropapillary, solid patterns, STAS*
  - *frozen section: may be accurate (experienced pathologist!)*
- sublobar resection: selected early-stage disease, no nodal involvement  
*results of recent large randomized trials not yet available!*