

# Integrating liver directed therapies as embolization and radiotherapy into systemic treatment



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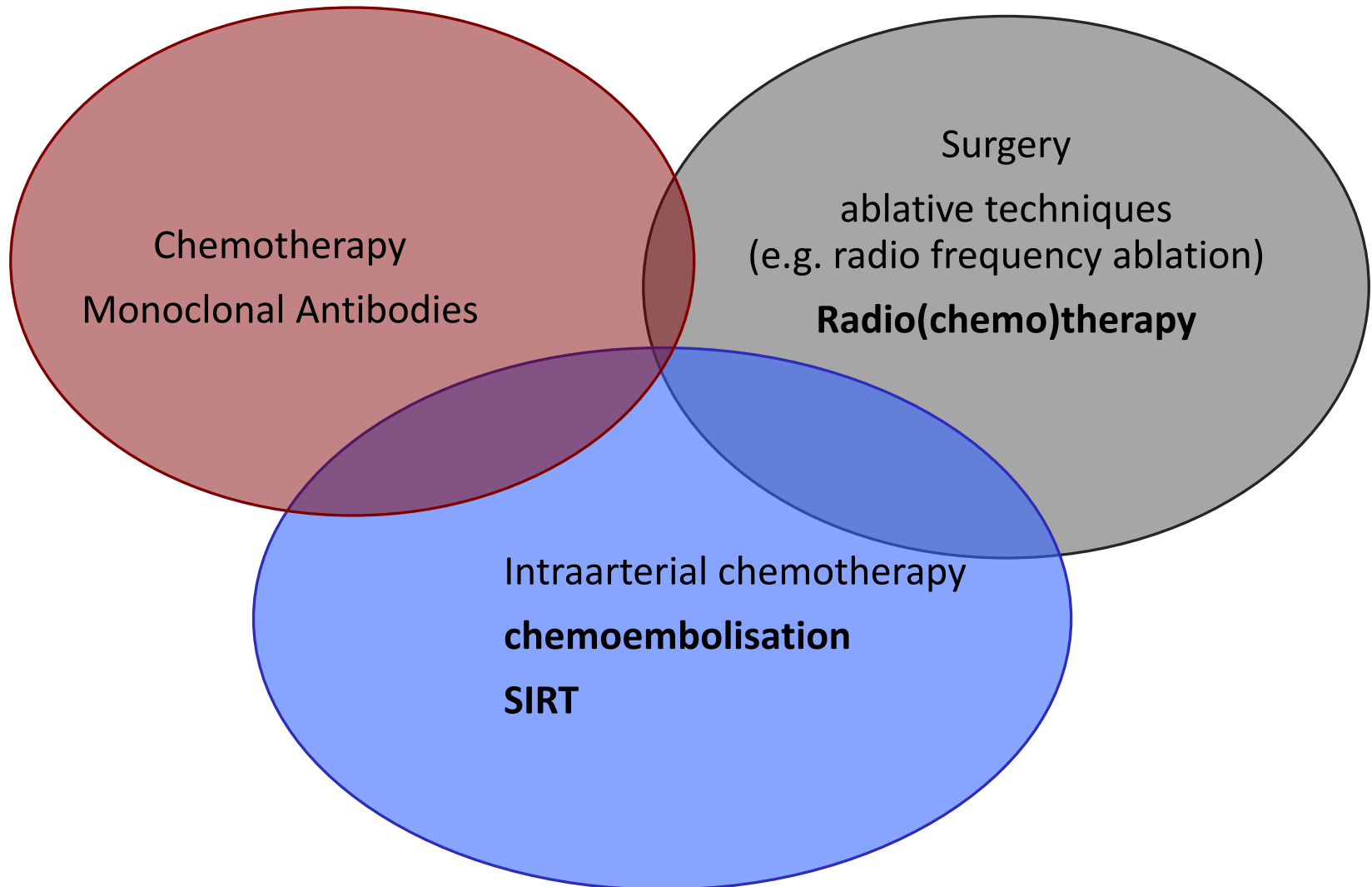
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# Multimodal Therapy of mCRC: Armamentarium



# Embolization techniques: What we know today

- Physiological rationale is good
- Chemoembolization is active
  - Thousands of patients in treatment series with more or less refractory disease
  - Few case control series
  - very few reports of randomized trials
- Significant, but manageable toxicity
- Key factors: selection...selection...selection

# ...and questions - from today's perspective

- How about a **defined therapeutic situation**?
  - e.g. 1st/2nd line...
- How about a **defined strategy**?
  - e.g. „conversion“ to resectability, defined treatment aim
- How about **integration** in a modern multimodal management?
  - Combination with i.v. chemotherapy and monoclonal antibodies?
  - before/after resection or other ablation?
- How **compared to i.v.** therapy?

# Irinotecan-loaded beads: Salvage treatment

- 55 mCRC patients
  - 17 2nd line,
  - 14 3rd line,
  - 24 4th line
- 17 patients with liver involvement > 50%
- 99 DEBIRI treatments (median 2, range 1-5)

**TABLE 4** Response rates for all 55 patients evaluated

Response ( <i>n</i> = 55)	3 months	6 months	12 months
Complete response	7 (12%)	7 (12%)	8 (15%)
Partial response	28 (53%)	21 (38%)	14 (25%)
Stable disease	15 (30%)	19 (34%)	23 (42%)
Progression of disease	3 (5%)	8 (15%)	10 (18%)
Dead of disease	0	5	9
Death of other cause	2	0	0

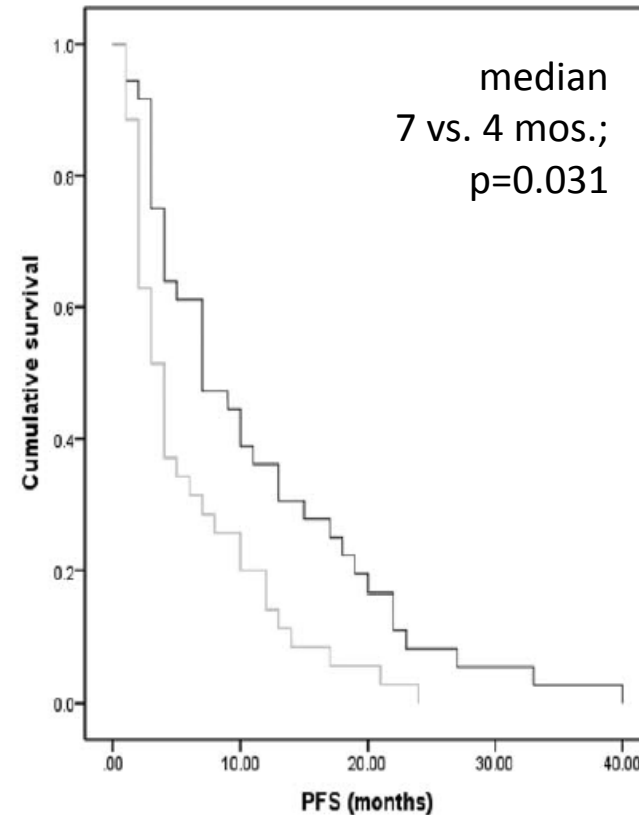
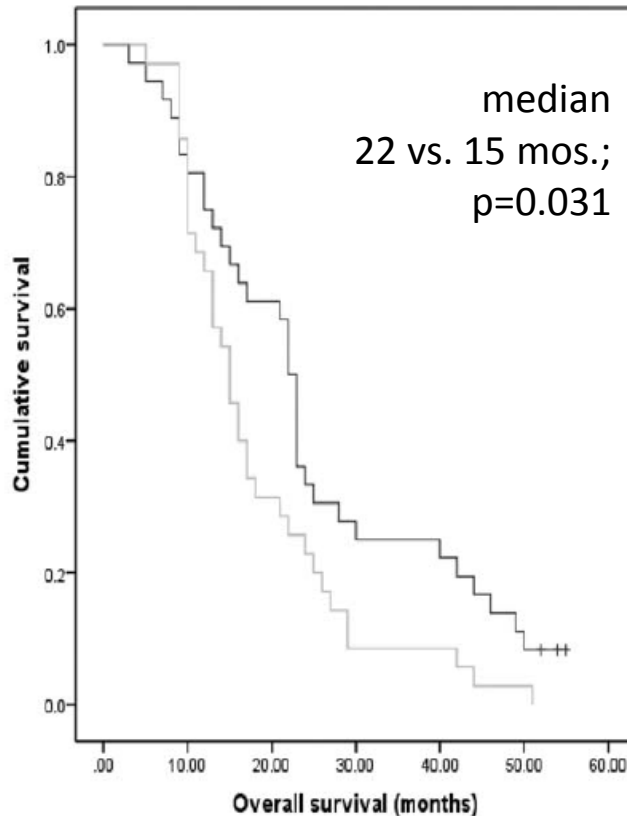
**TABLE 5** Progression-free, hepatic-specific, and overall survival

Survival	Median (months)	At 1 year (%)
PFS	11	55
Hepatic	15	75
Extrahepatic	13	45
Overall survival	19	75

*PFS* progression-free survival

# DEBIRI versus FOLFIRI in nonresectable CRC liver metastases

- Phase III, prospective randomized; > 45% pretreated
- Primary endpoint: increase median survival by 40% at 2-years



# DEBIRI versus FOLFIRI in nonresectable CRC liver metastases

- Objective response 68% vs. 20%
- Time to extrahepatic progression (occurring in all patients): 13 vs. 9 mos.
- Toxicity remarkable

Table III. *Toxicity observed during therapy.*

Toxicity (Grade 2 and 3)	DEBIRI (% out of 70 cycles delivered)	FOLFIRI (% out of 277 cycles delivered)
Pain	30%	0%
Vomiting	25%	25%
Diarrhea	2%	35%
Asthenia	20%	50%
Leukopenia	5%	35%
Anaemia	5%	35%
Fever	15%	3%
Alopecia	5%	35%

# FOLFOX-Bevacizumab plus DEBIRI: 1st line mCRC Phase I/II Study

- Concurrent full dose: mFOLFOX6 +/- Avastin
  - Oxaliplatin 85mg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - with 2 LC Bead™ treatments (100mg irinotecan)
- Schema:

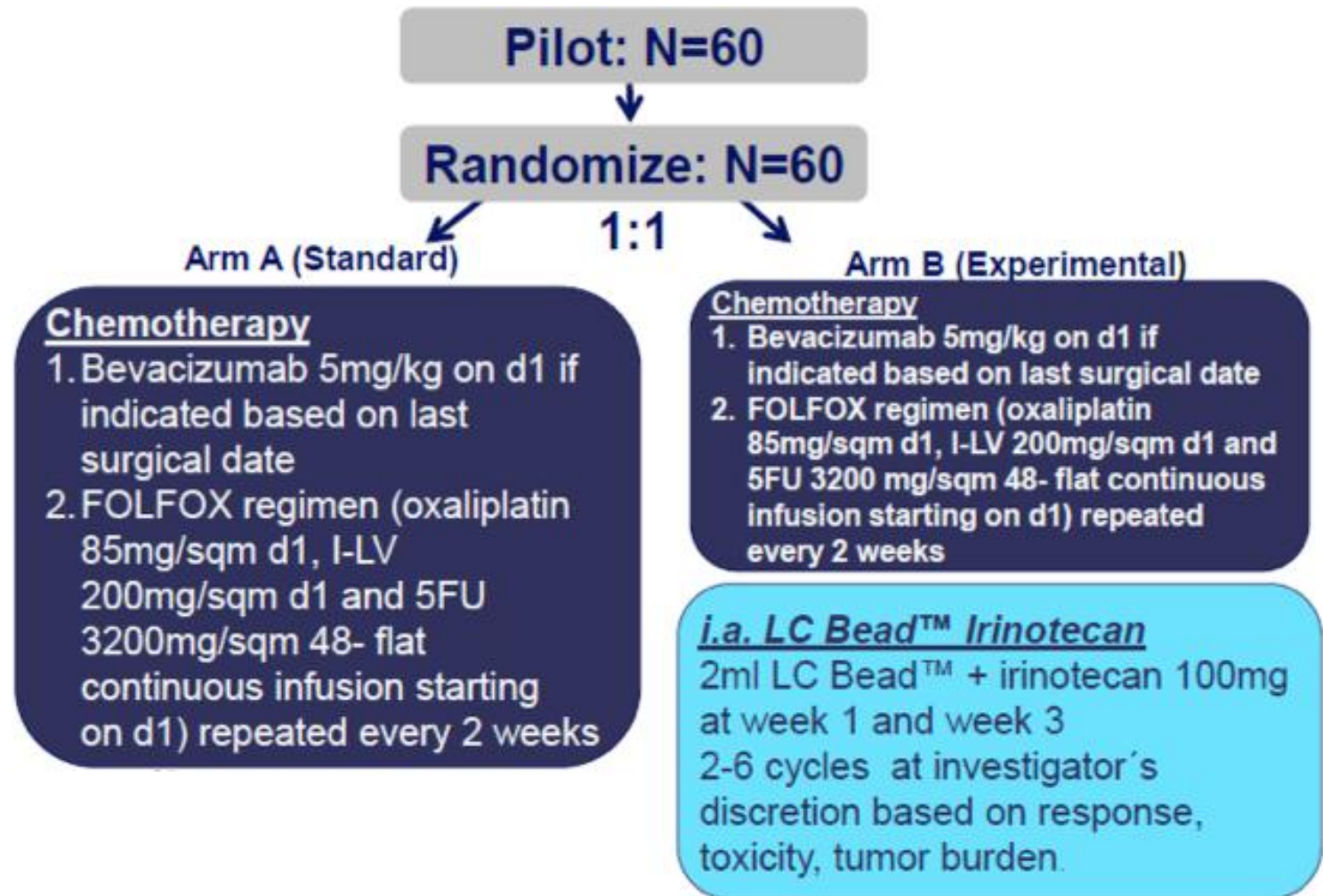
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
FOLFOX + Avastin	LC Bead 100mg Irinotecan	FOLFOX +Avastin	LC Bead 100mg Irinotecan	FOLFOX + Avastin	Break	FOLFOX + Avastin

Then repeat CT to evaluate initial response

- 10 pts: at least 12 cycles FOLFOX+bev and at least 2 DEBIRI Tx
- 12-month response rates: 100 % (2 CR, 8 PR).
- Four patients were successfully downstaged to resection and/or ablation with a median overall survival of 15.2 months.



# US randomized phase II (just opened)

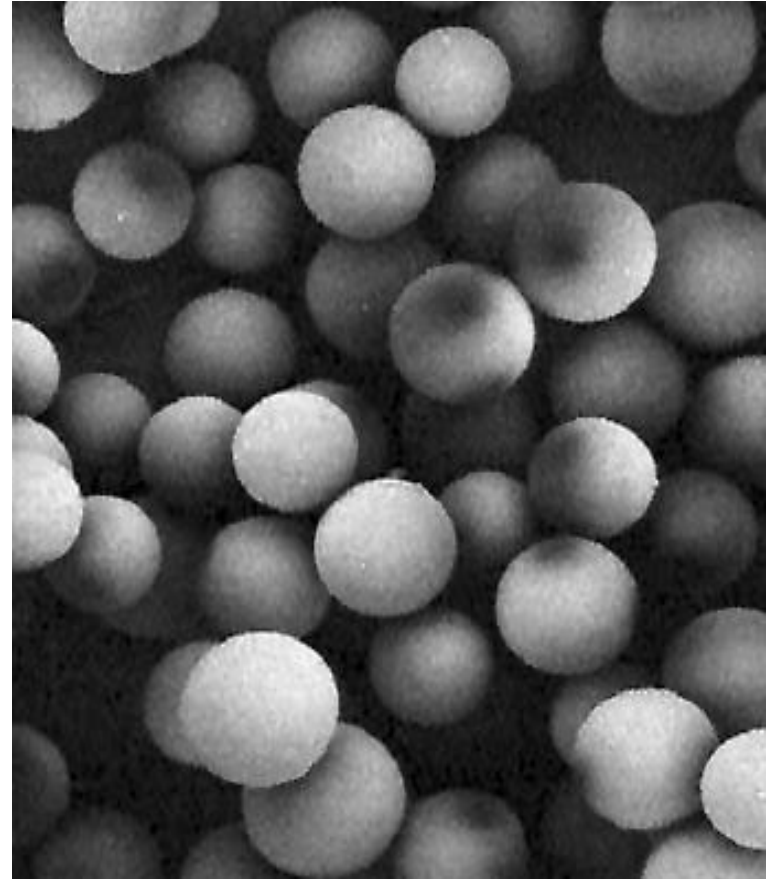


# SIRT: Radioembolisation

Mikrospheres (20-40  $\mu\text{m}$ ) loaded with Yttrium-90

Y-90: Beta emitter

- mean range: 3,9 mm
- max range: 11 mm
- max energy: 2,27 MeV
- Half life: 64 h



# SIRT: Potential adverse events

SAE	Incidence
Radiation gastritis or duodenitis	~5–10% 1–2% grade 3–4
Radiation pancreatitis	<1%
Radiation cholecystitis	<1%
Radiation Induced Liver Disease (RILD)	<1%
Radiation pneumonitis	no cases since lung-shunt study

# Risk factors for REILD

## Risk Factors for REILD Among Patients Receiving Whole-Liver RE on Multivariate Analysis

Variable	<i>P</i>	OR	95% CI
Age <55 y	.003	1.9	1.24–2.91
Activity relative to targeted liver volume >0.8 GBq/L	.03	1.6	1.17–2.18
Capecitabine administered within the last month	.07	5.5	0.74–40.8
Leukocyte count <4000/pL	.16	3.5	0.55–22.0

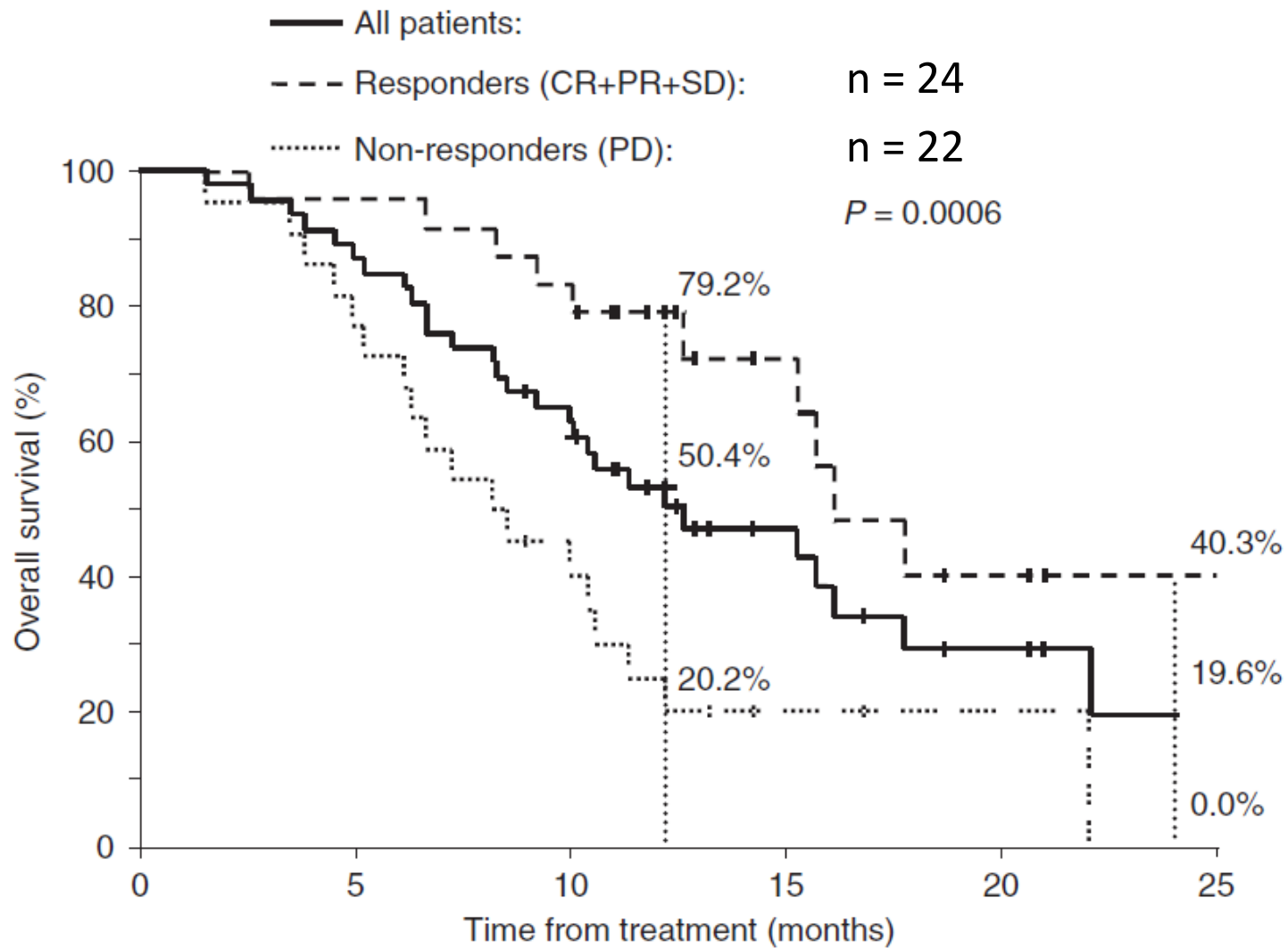
# Multi-centre phase II clinical trial of yttrium-90 resin microspheres alone in unresectable, chemotherapy refractory colorectal liver metastases

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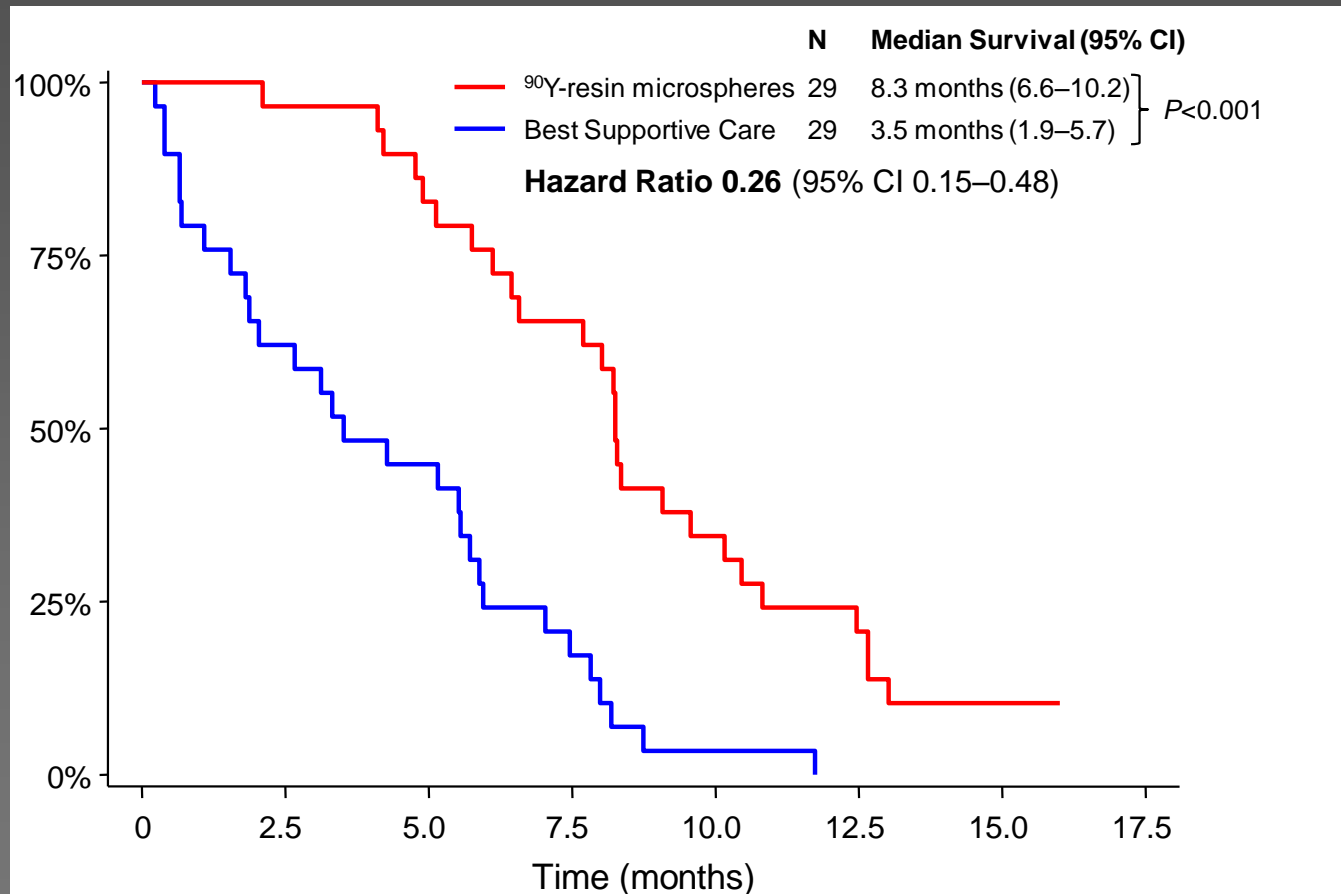
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# Multicenter phase II study in refractory CRC

<i>Prior resection: n (%)</i>	
Extra-hepatic	11 (22)
Hepatic	12 (24)
<i>Prior chemotherapy lines: n (%)</i>	
Three	12 (24)
Four	25 (50)
Five	13 (26)
Prior bevacizumab: n (%)	11 (22)
Prior cetuximab: n (%)	5 (10)
<i>Liver involvement: n (%)</i>	
<25%	20 (40)
25–50%	30 (60)
<i>Number of metastases: n (%)</i>	
≤4	21 (42)
>4	29 (58)
Bilobar/unilobar: n (%)	35/15 (70/30)
Synchronous/metachronous: n (%)	36/14 (72/28)
Median size of metastases: mm (range)	50 (8–120)

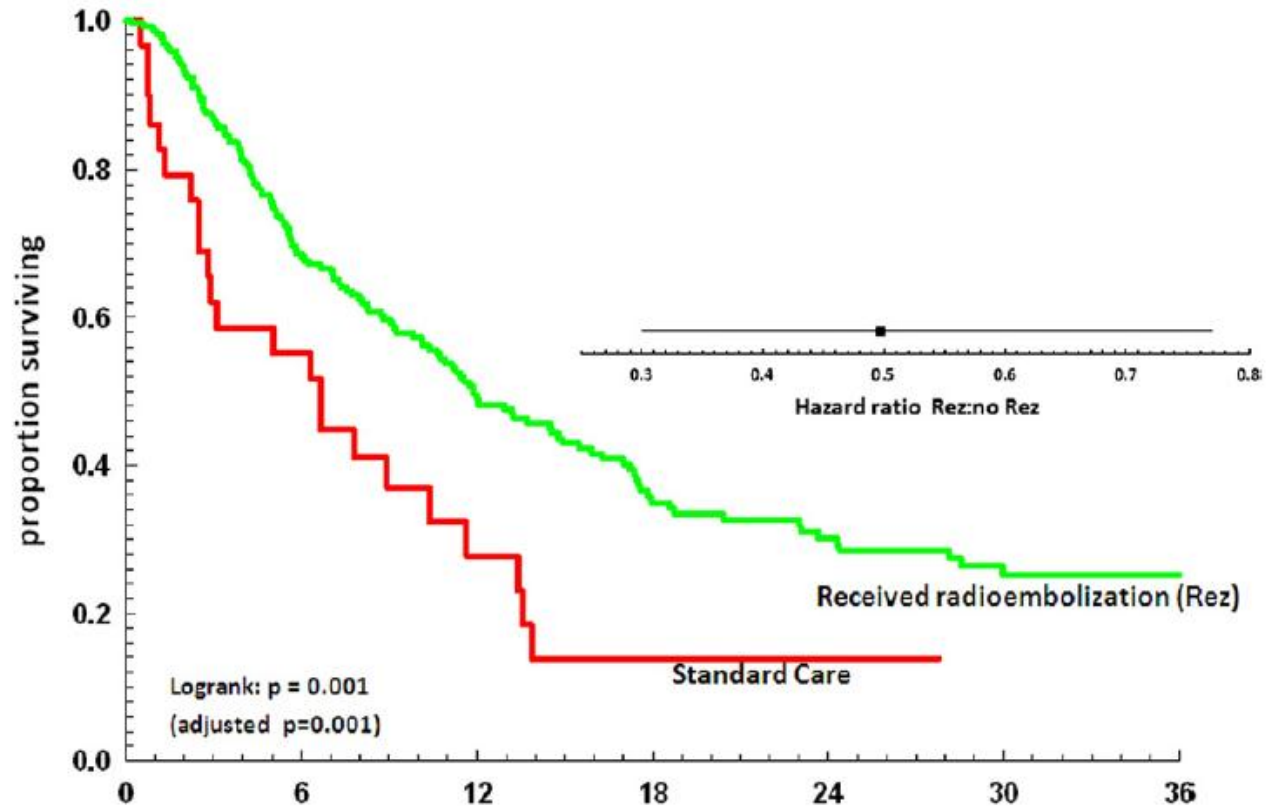


# German Matched Pair Analysis in Refractory Patients: Overall Survival





# Matched-pair for standard care, n=224



Numbers at risk

Received Rez	224	137	81	47	36	22	16
Standard care	29	17	7	4	3	1	

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ORIGINAL REPORT

## Phase III Trial Comparing Protracted Intravenous Fluorouracil Infusion Alone or With Yttrium-90 Resin Microspheres Radioembolization for Liver-Limited Metastatic Colorectal Cancer Refractory to Standard Chemotherapy

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# Baseline demographics

	5-FU		5-FU&Y90	
Time since diagnosis, months		%		%
Median	22		22	
Range	12-44		7-52	
Missing	0	0	1	5
Time since last chemotherapy, weeks				
Median	14		8	
Range	2-60		2-57	
Missing	0	0	2	10
Previous chemotherapy regimen*				
Irinotecan based	20	87	13	62
Oxaliplatin based	2	9	4	19
Other based	1	4	4	19
No. of liver metastases measured				
1 lesion	1	4	2	10
2-4 lesions	10	44	10	48
≥ 5 lesions	10	44	8	38
Not measurable†	2	9	1	5
Presence of nontarget lesions				
Yes	6	26	5	24
Missing	1	4	1	5
Sum of the lesions diameters, mm				
Median	216		176.5	
Range	51-416		31-324	
Missing	2	9	1	5

**Table 3.** Time to Liver Progression, Time to Progression Overall, and Overall Survival

Time to Progression and OS	FU Alone (n = 23)	Radioembolization + FU (n = 21)	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	<i>P</i>
TTLP, median, months					
All progressions considered as events	2.1	5.5	0.38	0.20 to 0.72	.003
Patients with treatment change censored at the time of change	2.1	5.6	0.35	0.18 to 0.69	.002
TTP, median, months	2.1	4.5	0.51	0.28 to 0.94	.03
OS, median, months	7.3	10.0	0.92	0.47 to 1.78	.80

Abbreviations: TTLP, time to liver progression; TTP, time to progression overall; OS, overall survival; FU, fluorouracil.

# “SIRFLOX” first-line FOLFOX +/- SIRT

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**FOLFOX Plus SIR-SPHERES MICROSPHERES Versus FOLFOX Alone in Patients With Liver Mets From Primary Colorectal Cancer (SIRFLOX)**  
**This study is currently recruiting participants.**  
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ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:	NCT00724503

► **Purpose**

This study is a randomized multi-center trial that will assess the effect of adding SIRT, using SIR-Spheres microspheres, to a standard chemotherapy regimen of FOLFOX as first line therapy in patients with non-resectable liver metastases from primary colorectal adenocarcinoma.

Treatment with the biologic agent bevacizumab, if part of the standard of care at participating institutions, is allowed within this study at the discretion of the treating Investigator.

Condition	Intervention
Colorectal Cancer Colorectal Carcinoma Liver Metastases	Drug: Systemic chemotherapy (FOLFOX) Device: SIR-Spheres yttrium-90 microspheres

Study Type: Interventional  
Study Design: Allocation: Randomized  
Endpoint Classification: Safety/Efficacy Study  
Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment  
Masking: Open Label  
Primary Purpose: Treatment

Official Title: Randomised Comparative Study Of Folfox6m Plus Sir-Spheres® Microspheres Versus Folfox6m Alone As First Line Treatment In Patients With Nonresectable Liver Metastases From Primary Colorectal Carcinoma

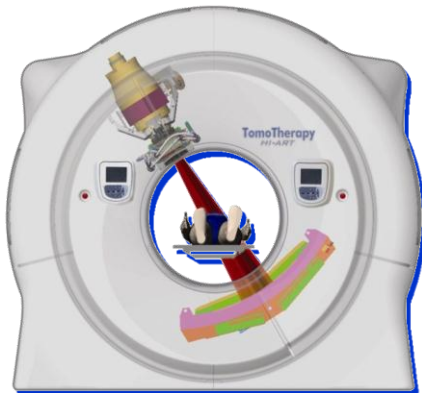
# Evolution of Radiation Oncology

1960s

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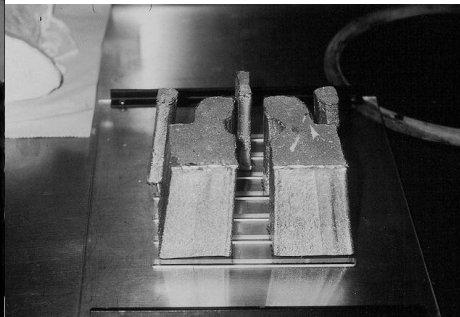
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1960's to Now

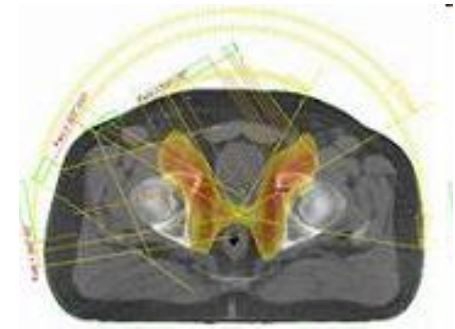
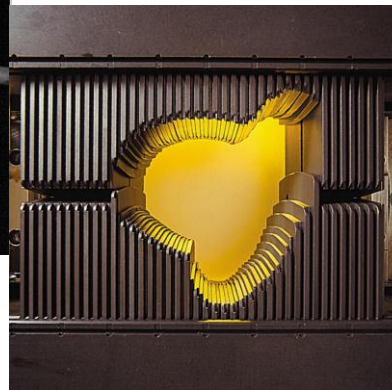
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Cerrobend Blocking



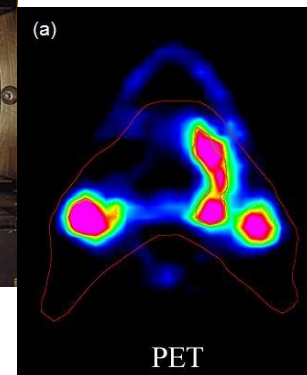
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Multileaf Collimator



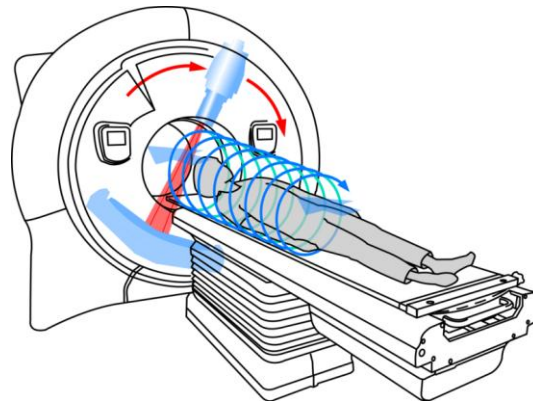
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PET/CT  
Dose-painting



IMRT

2000



2011  
Protons  
Heavy ions

## A Rationale for the Targeted Treatment of Oligometastases With Radiotherapy

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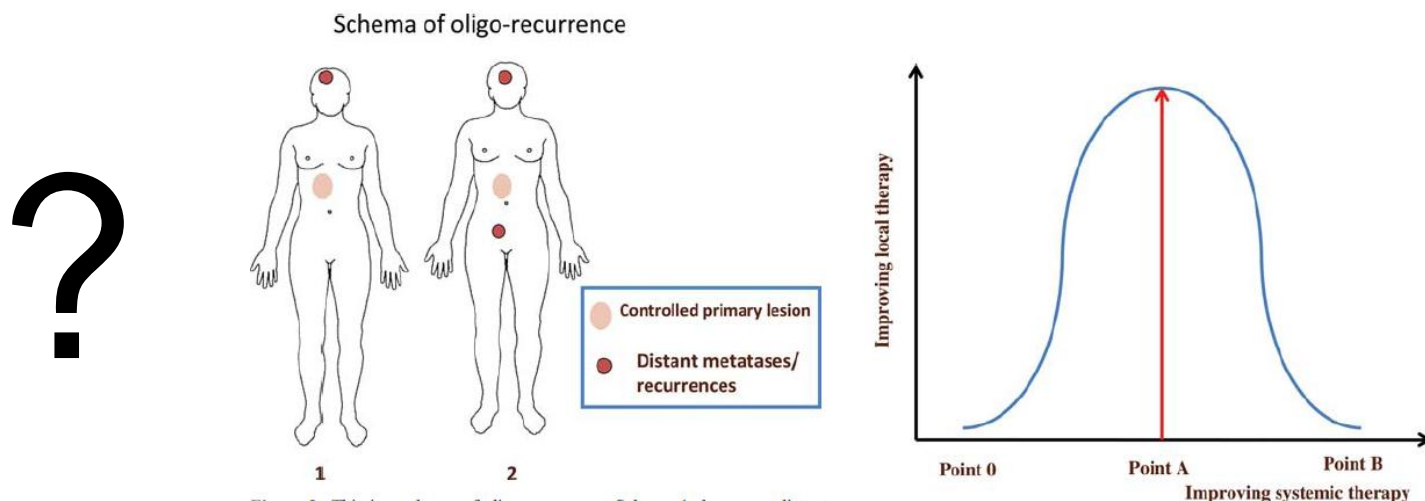
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An oligometastatic state has been proposed wherein patients with metastases limited in number and location may benefit from local therapy directed at all known sites of metastases. We describe here the clinical and biological basis for the oligometastatic state. We present evidence for a potentially curative approach to patients with oligometastases using stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) and we review the literature for SBRT directed at specific metastatic sites in the lungs, liver and multiple organs.

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**KEY WORDS:** oligometastatic; stereotactic body radiotherapy; biology of metastases







## REPORT

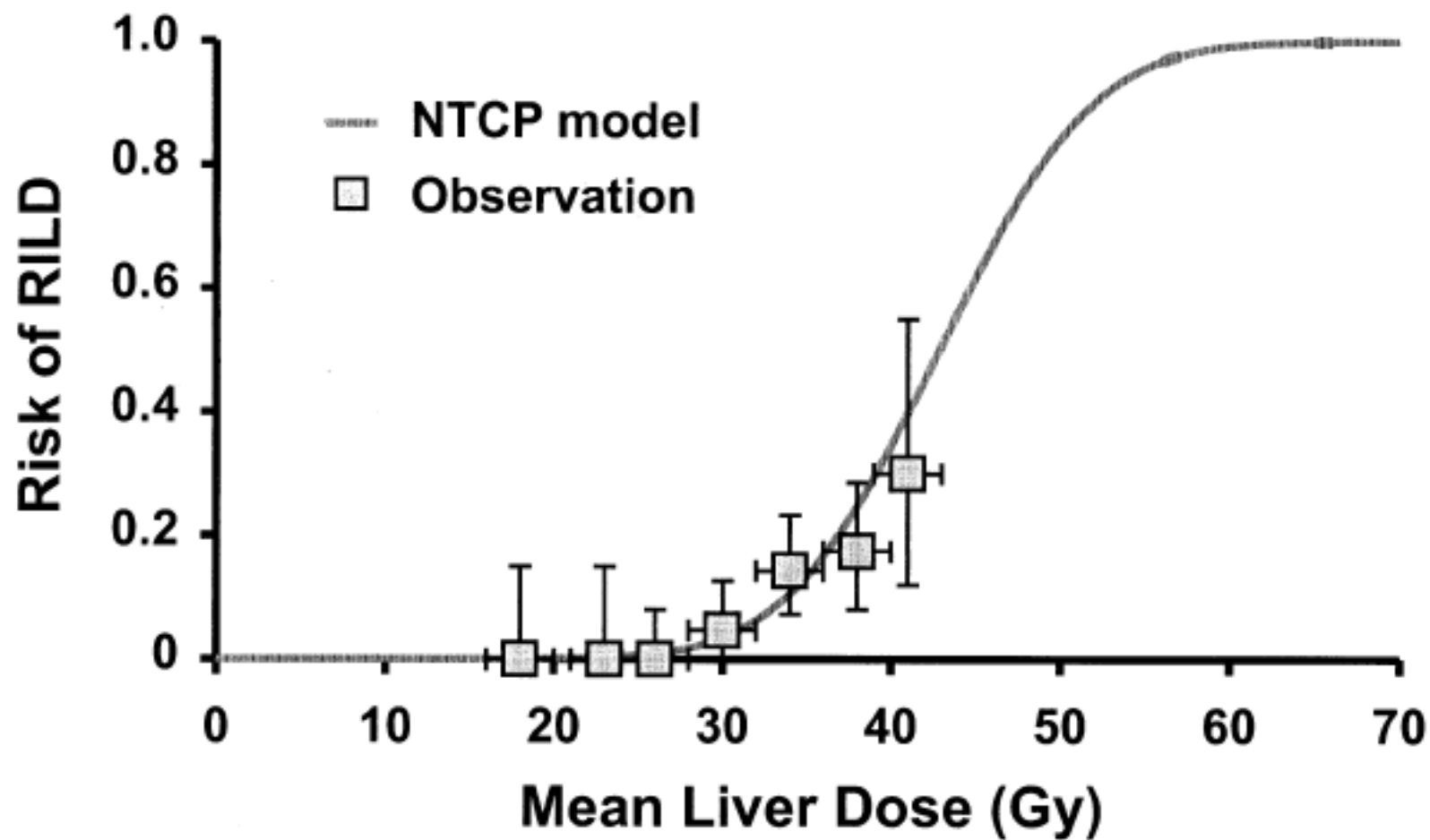
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# AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THERAPEUTIC RADIOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY (ASTRO) AND AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY (ACR) PRACTICE GUIDELINE FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF STEREOTACTIC BODY RADIATION THERAPY

## Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT):

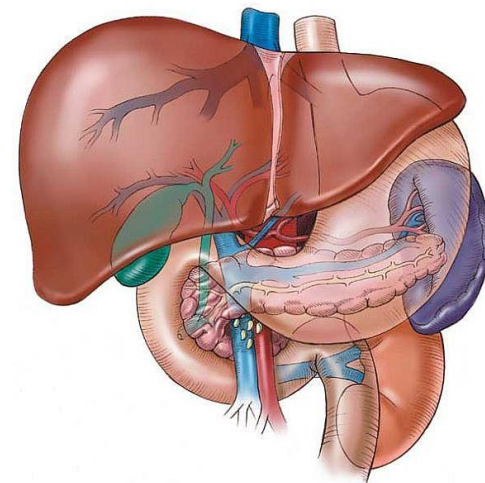
- **Very precise and accurate delivery of a high dose of radiation** to an extracranial target within the body
- **Non invasive** treatment
- **High target dose and steep dose gradients** beyond the target
- **A single or few fractions** of high-dose ionizing radiation



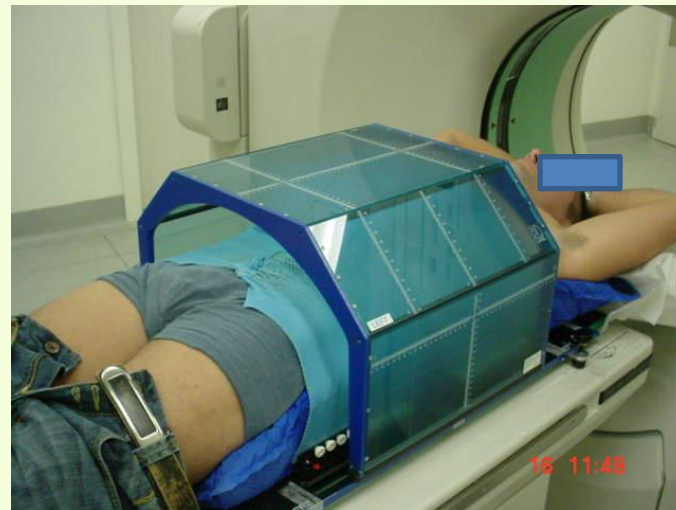
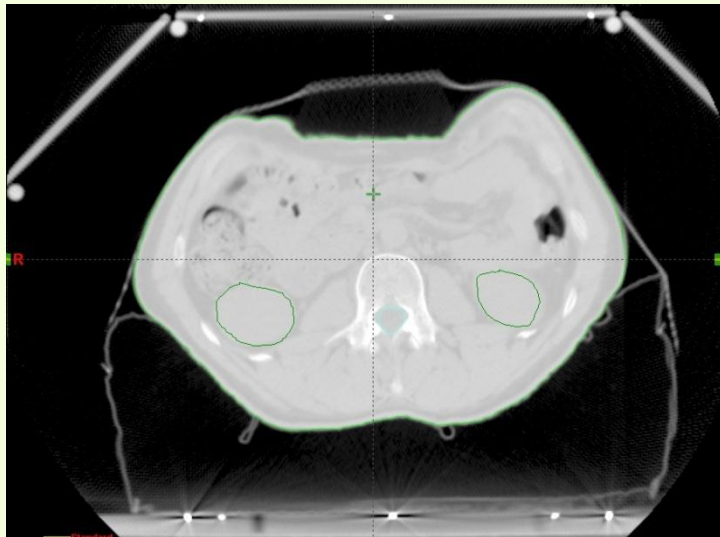
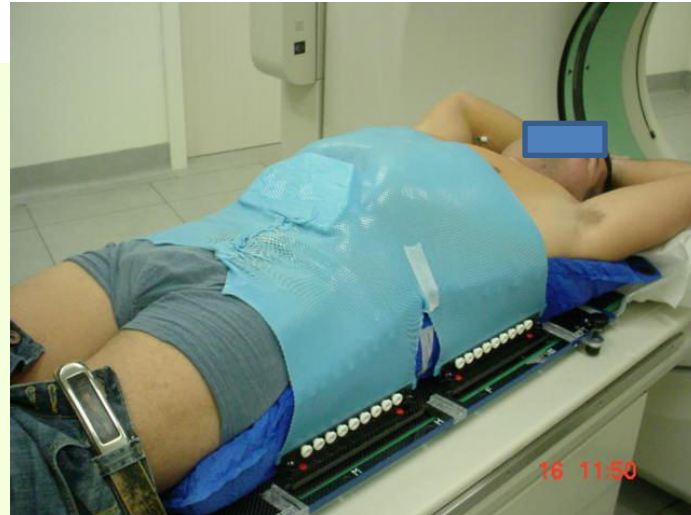


# SBRT to liver metastases: Constraints

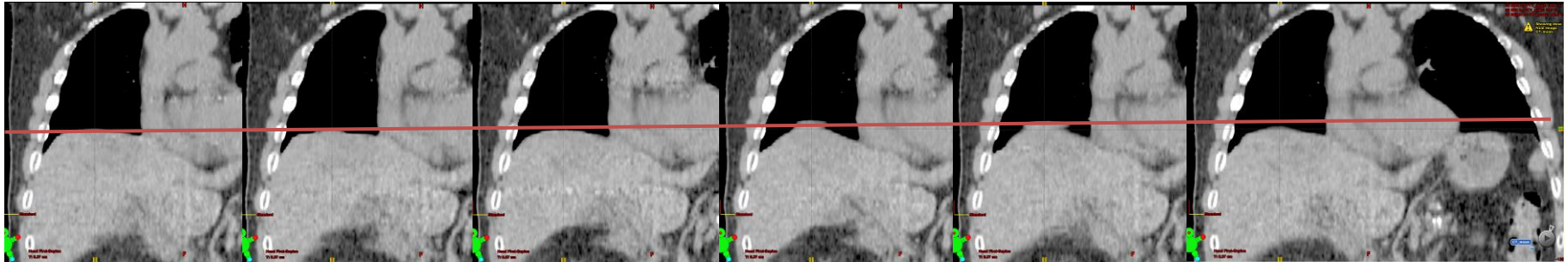
ORGAN	Dose-Volume Limits	Other Conditions
Healthy liver (defined as total liver volume minus cumulative GTV)	> 700 cc at < 15 Gy in 3 F	The volume of healthy liver > 1000 cc
Spinal cord	< 18 Gy in 3 F	
Kidneys (R+L)	V15 Gy < 35%	
Stomach, duodenum, small intestine	< 21 Gy in 3 F (also for minimum volumes)	Patients with GTV < 8 mm from the heart, stomach, duodenum and small intestine to be excluded
Heart	<30 Gy in 3 F	



# Prerequisites: Positioning



# Prerequisites: 4D CT



Min

Max

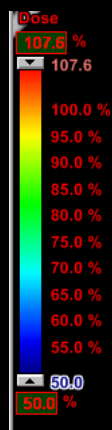
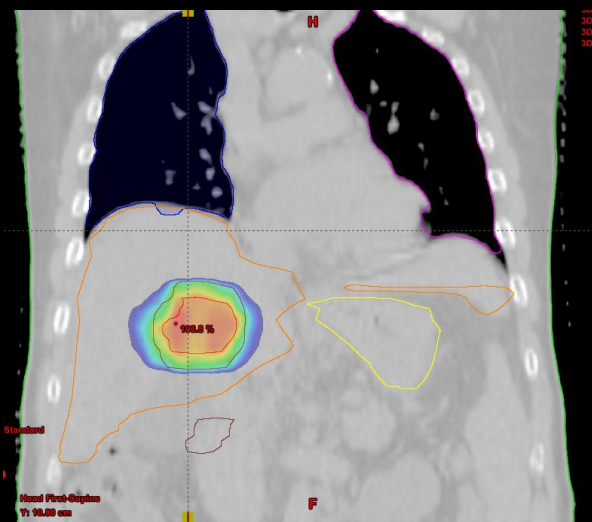
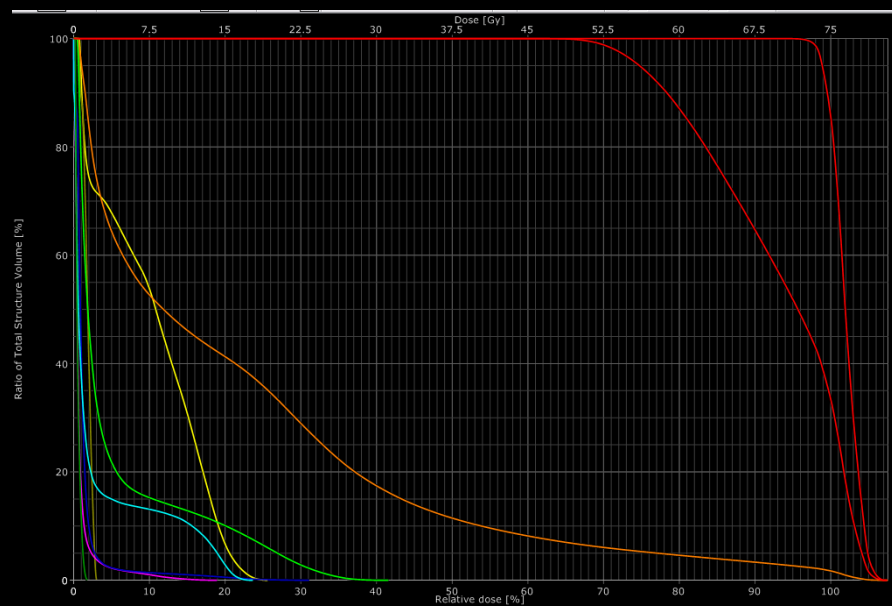
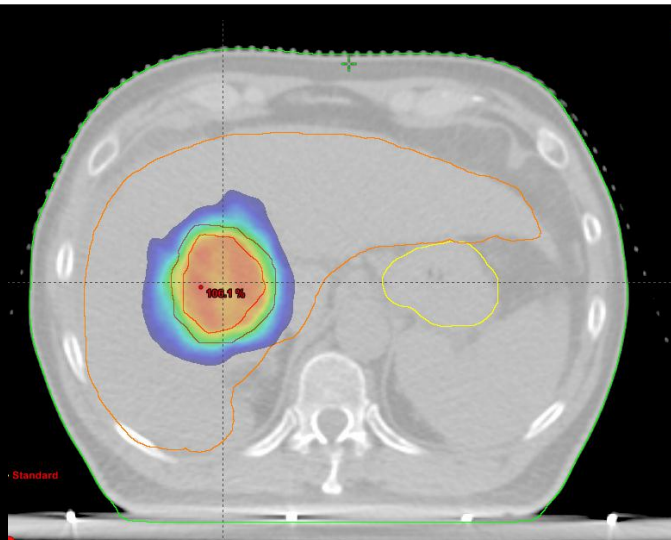


4D-CT min



4D-CT max

# SBRT liver: 25Gy x 3



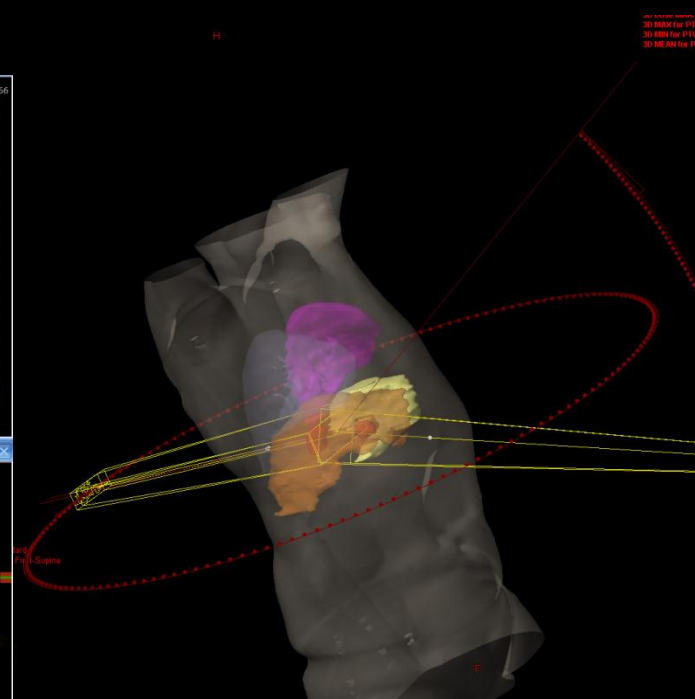
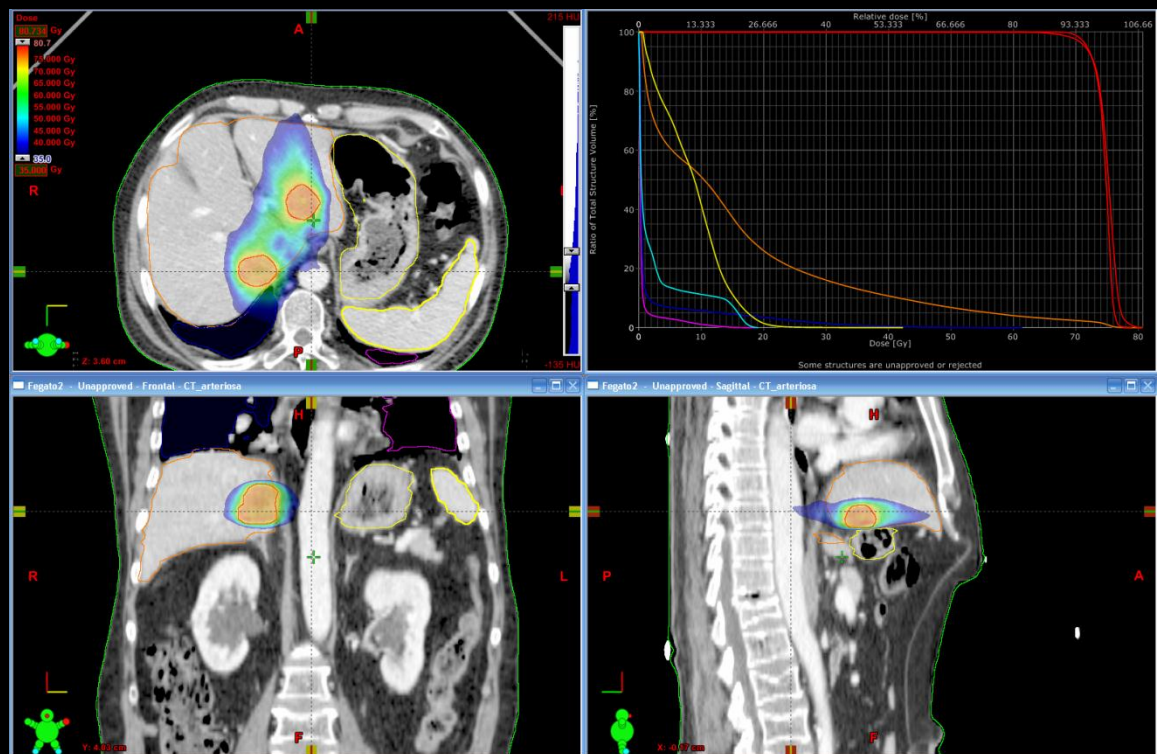
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Jaw tracking

MU: 5642  
BOT: 137s

Spinal cord max dose = 17.3 Gy  
Right kidney mean dose = 3.9 Gy  
Liver mean dose = 15.7 Gy  
Stomach mean dose = 19.3 Gy



# SBRT liver: 25Gy x 3



PTV1&PTV2: V95%=99.5%  
 Spinal cord: Max dose=17.3 Gy  
 Stomach: Max=21.0Gy, Mean=9.5 Gy  
 Liver: Mean=15.5 Gy, D15Gyfree=2811cc

1 isocentre, 3 arcs  
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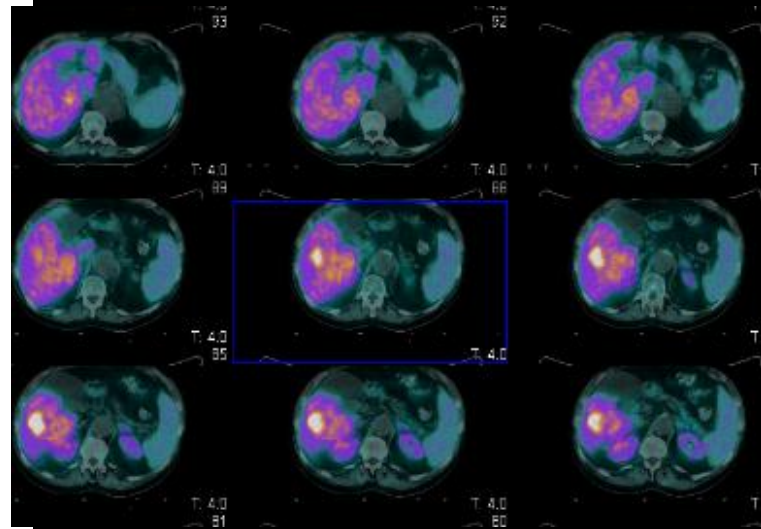
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# Follow-up 25Gy x 3; 10FFF

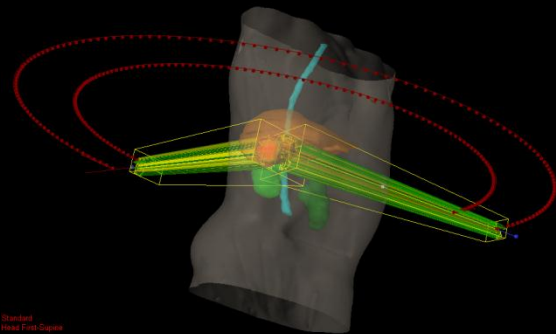
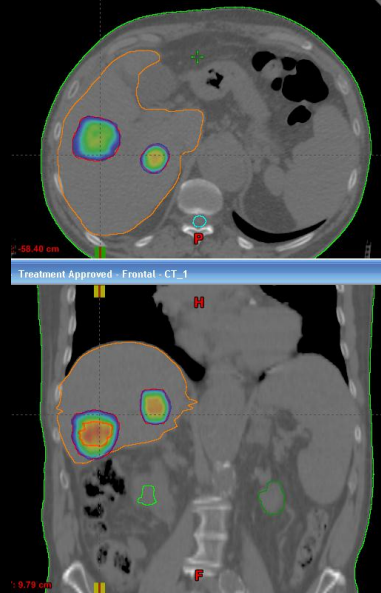


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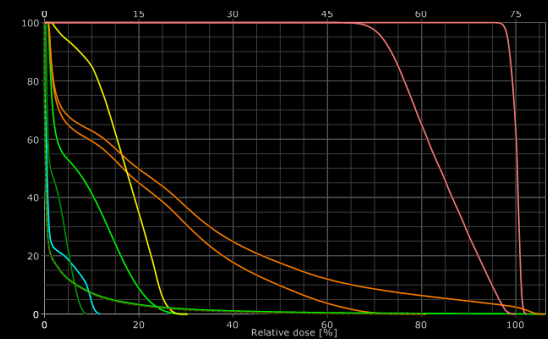
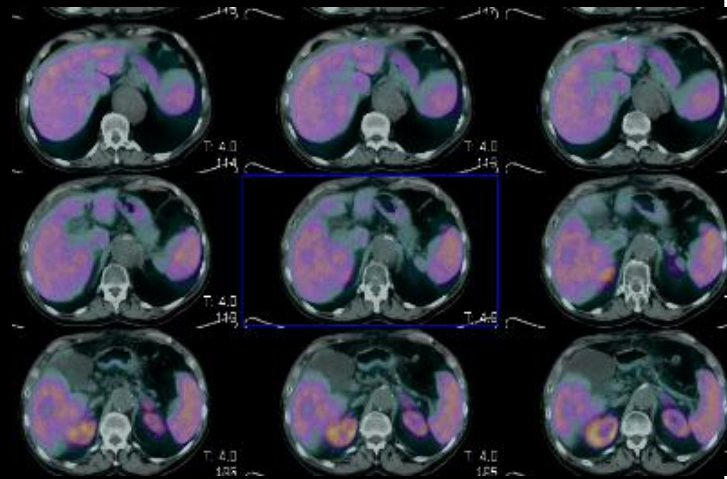


RapidArc  
1 isocentre  
2 arcs  
Jaw tracking



MU:3174+3004  
BOT:170s

PET post; 3 months



# SBRT of liver metastases: Dosing schedules

**Table 3.** Prospective Trials of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Hepatic Metastases

Study	No. of Lesions	Fractionation	Median Follow-Up	Actuarial Local Control	
				Time	%
Herfarth et al <sup>6</sup>	55	1 × 14 Gy to 1 × 26 Gy	6 months	18 months	67
Hoyer et al <sup>24</sup>	141*	3 × 15 Gy	4.3 years	2 years	79
Milano et al <sup>21</sup>	293†	10 × 5 Gy	41 months‡	2 years	67
Mendez-Romero et al <sup>25</sup>	45	3 × 12.5 Gy§	13 months	2 years	82
Rusthoven et al (this study)	49	3 × 20 Gy	16 months	2 years	92

\*Total number of colorectal cancer metastases; 44 liver metastases.

†Total number of lesions treated; 45% of patients were treated for hepatic metastases.

‡In surviving patients.

§Different fractionation (3 × 10 Gy or 5 × 5 Gy) used for patients with hepatocellular carcinoma or with lesions ≥ 4 cm.

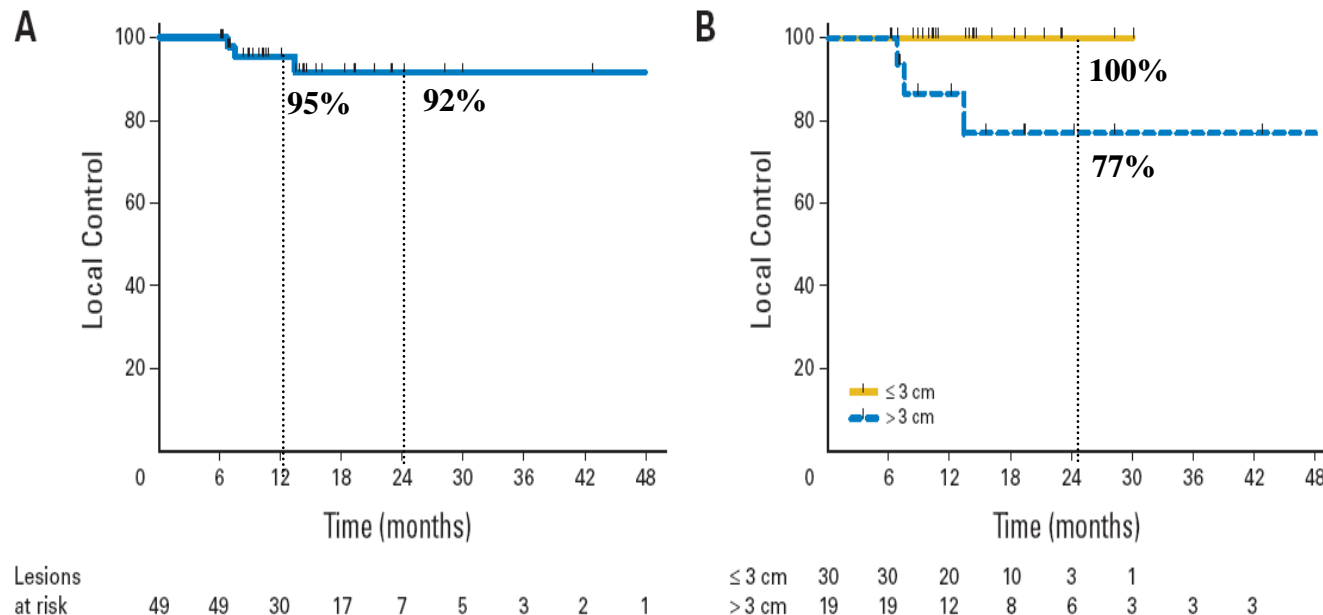
Rusthoven et al, JCO 2009

- The primary end point was in field local control defined as no growth of the treated lesion in patients with at least 6 months of FU imaging post- SBRT
- The secondary end points were toxicity (CTCAE3), progression-free survival and overall survival



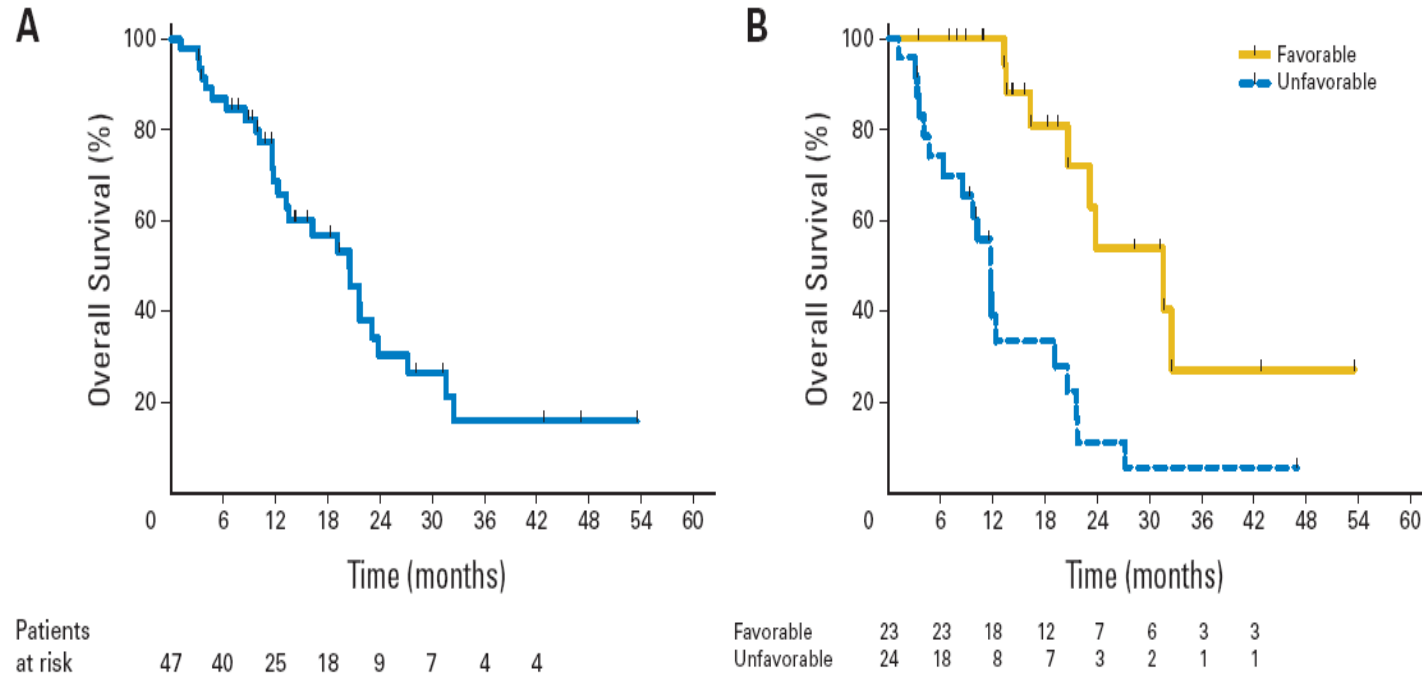
# Multi-Institutional Phase I/II Trial of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Liver Metastases

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Actuarial local control for (A) all lesions and (B) lesions according to maximal tumor diameter.

# SBRT Liver Metastases: CRC vs. others



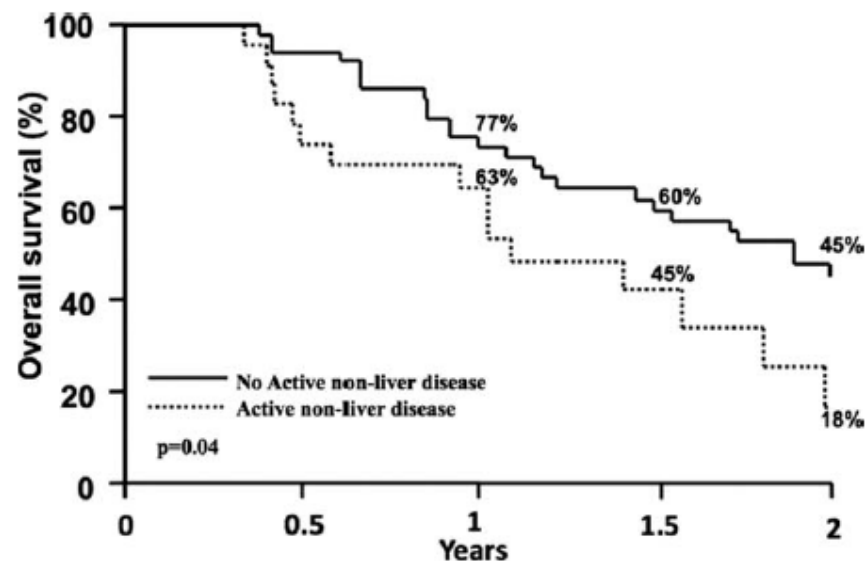
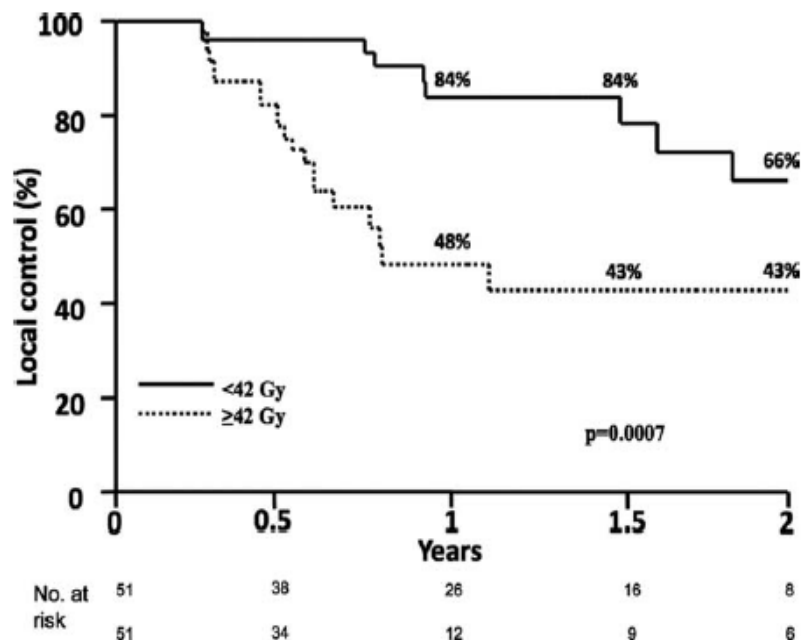
Actuarial survival for (A) all patients and (B) patients according to primary site.

Primary tumors of the lung, ovary, and non CRC gastrointestinal malignancies (ie, unfavorable primary sites) were associated with worse survival

# Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for Colorectal Liver Metastases

## A Pooled Analysis

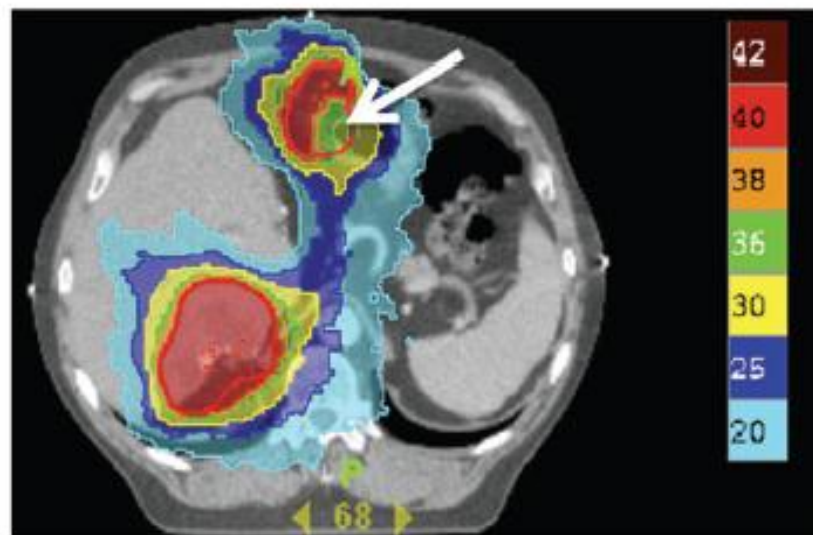
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## Phase II study of helical tomotherapy for oligometastatic colorectal cancer

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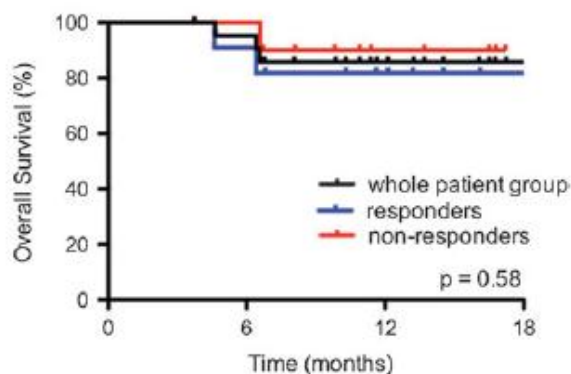
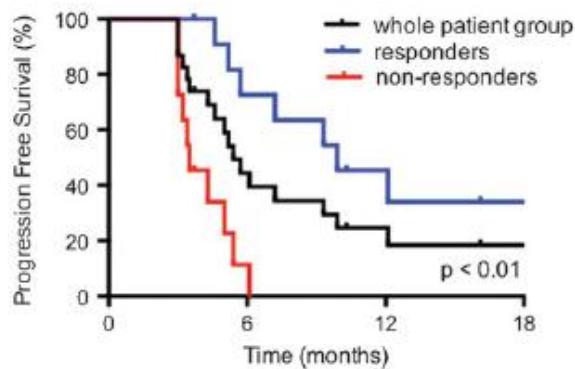
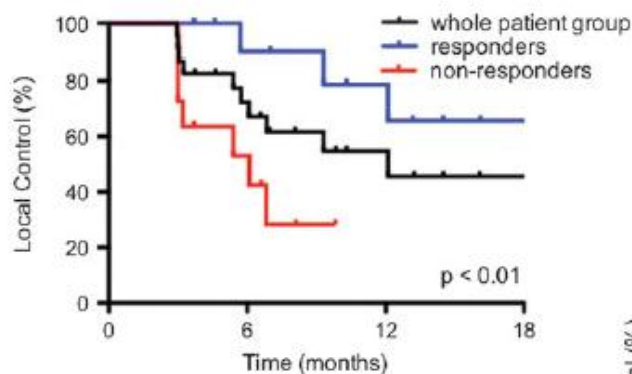
# **SBRT for metastases: Questions**

- Other sites (lung, bones...?)
- Patient selection
- Integration into clinical setting

# Stereotactic RT: Lung metastases of CRC

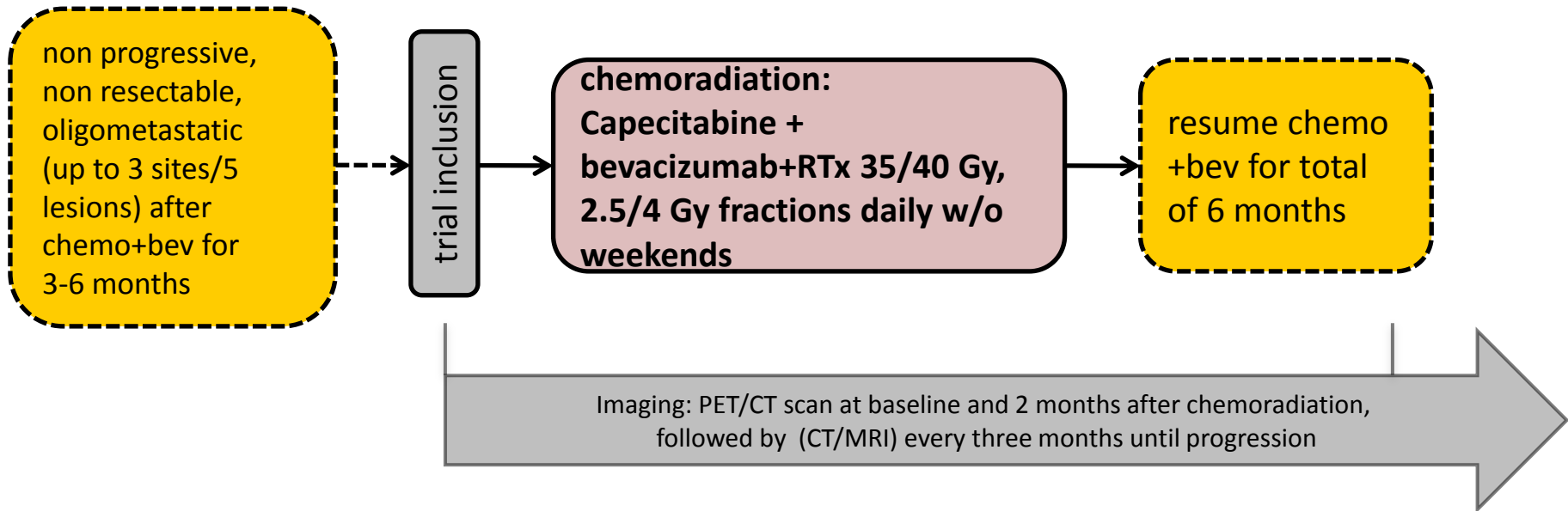
Study and year	Lesions/ patients, n	Method	Median follow- up <sup>1</sup> , months	Local control %	Overall survival %
Higashiyama et al. [31] (2003)	100/100	resection (R0 or R1)	30.3	NR	49.4 (5 years)
Pfannschmidt et al. [8] (2003)	215/167	resection (R0)	56.5 (0.5–183.9)	NR	32.4 (5 years)
Saito et al. [9] (2002)	267 more/165	resection (R0)	56.5 (5–135)	NR	39.6 (5 years)
Kanemitsu et al. [32] (2004)	NR/313	resection (R0 or R1/2)	29 (1–168)	NR	38.3 (5 years)
Welter et al. [33] (2006)	266/169	resection (R0 or R1/2)	NR	NR	39.1 (5 years)
Nakagawa et al. [18] (2000)	10/5	SBRT (3-D) 20–25 Gy/1 fraction	10.1 (2–20.5)	100 crude (1 year)	60 crude (1 year)
Wulf et al. [17] (2004)	51/41	SBRT (3-D) 26 Gy/1 fraction	9 (2–37)	100 (1 year) 80 (2 years)	85 (1 year) 33 (2 years)
Le et al. [19] (2006)	12/12	12–12.5 Gy/3 fractions SBRT (Robotic)	18	58 (1 year)	11 (3 years) 56 (1 year)
Collins et al. [34] (2007)	12/9	15–25 Gy/1 fraction SBRT (motion tracking)	12 (6–30)	78 crude (1 year)	78 crude (1 year)
Present data	18/13	45–60 Gy/3 fractions SBRT (Robotic)	28 (15–57)	86.9 (1 year) 52.7 (2 years) 52.7 (3 years)	100 (1 year) 75.5 (2 years) 64.7 (3 years)
King et al. [35] (2004)	44/19	RFA	23.9 (4.9–30.3)	80 crude (1 year)	NR
Steinke et al. [36] (2004)	52/23	RFA	14 (5.7–27)	57 (2 years)	78 crude (1 year)
Yan et al. [22] (2006)	NR/55	RFA	24 (6–40)	65 (1 year)	85 (1 year) 64 (2 years) 46 (3 years)
Hiraki et al. [23] (2007)	49/27	RFA	20.1 (11.2–47.7)	74 (1 year) 56 (2 years)	96 (1 year) 54 (2 years) 48 (3 years)

# Pre-RT, after CT response by PET/CT



Variable	Distribution	No. of patients	%
Sex	Male	14	61
	Female	9	39
Age (years)	Median	64	
	Range	47–90	
Karnofsky performance status	Median	80	
	Range	60–90	
Previous chemotherapy (number of lines)	0	7	31
	1	7	31
	2	7	31
	3	1	4
	4	1	4
Previous local therapy for metastases	No	13	57
	Yes	10	43
Number of metastases	1	6	26
	2	9	39
	3	5	22
	4	2	9
	5	1	4
Gross tumor volume (cc)	Median	22	
	Range	2–274	
Number of involved sites	1	14	61
	2	8	35
	3	1	4
Localization	Liver	7	31
	Lymph node	10	43
	Lung	7	31
	Soft tissue	3	13
	Bone	3	13
	Peritoneum	2	9
Follow-up (months)	Median	12	
	Range	3–18	

# AIO multicenter phase II trial: OLGA



n=72

Statistics: PFSR@12 months from start of chemotherapy from 40%→53%

(alpha 10%, beta 20%)

PI: Dirk Arnold



# **Chemoembolization, SIRT and external RT to liver metastases**

- SBRT is a non-invasive alternative to other local ablation
- SIRT and CE are feasible in more disseminated disease
- Safe - but not without specific toxicity
- Efficacious - but not without limitations
  - Sustained local control proven
- Integration and selection are the most relevant issues
- Multidisciplinary team and quality assurance mandatory
- Clinical trials in this field:
  - Need to focus on integration (more than on comparison)
  - Need to define best endpoints

# Multimodal treatment of oligometastatic disease

Resection

Radiofrequency ablation / LITT

Chemorad of metastases

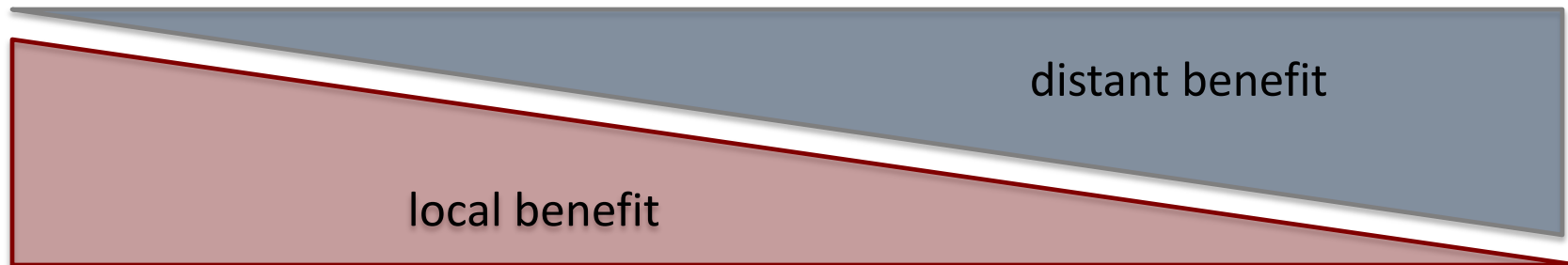
SIRT

Chemoembolization

Intraarterial chemotherapy

+/- systemic therapy

systemic therapy



# AIO Concept: Situation dependent optimization of post-induction treatment

AIO KRK 0207 trial

**FOLFOX or  
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Bevacizumab**

Sites?  
Response?

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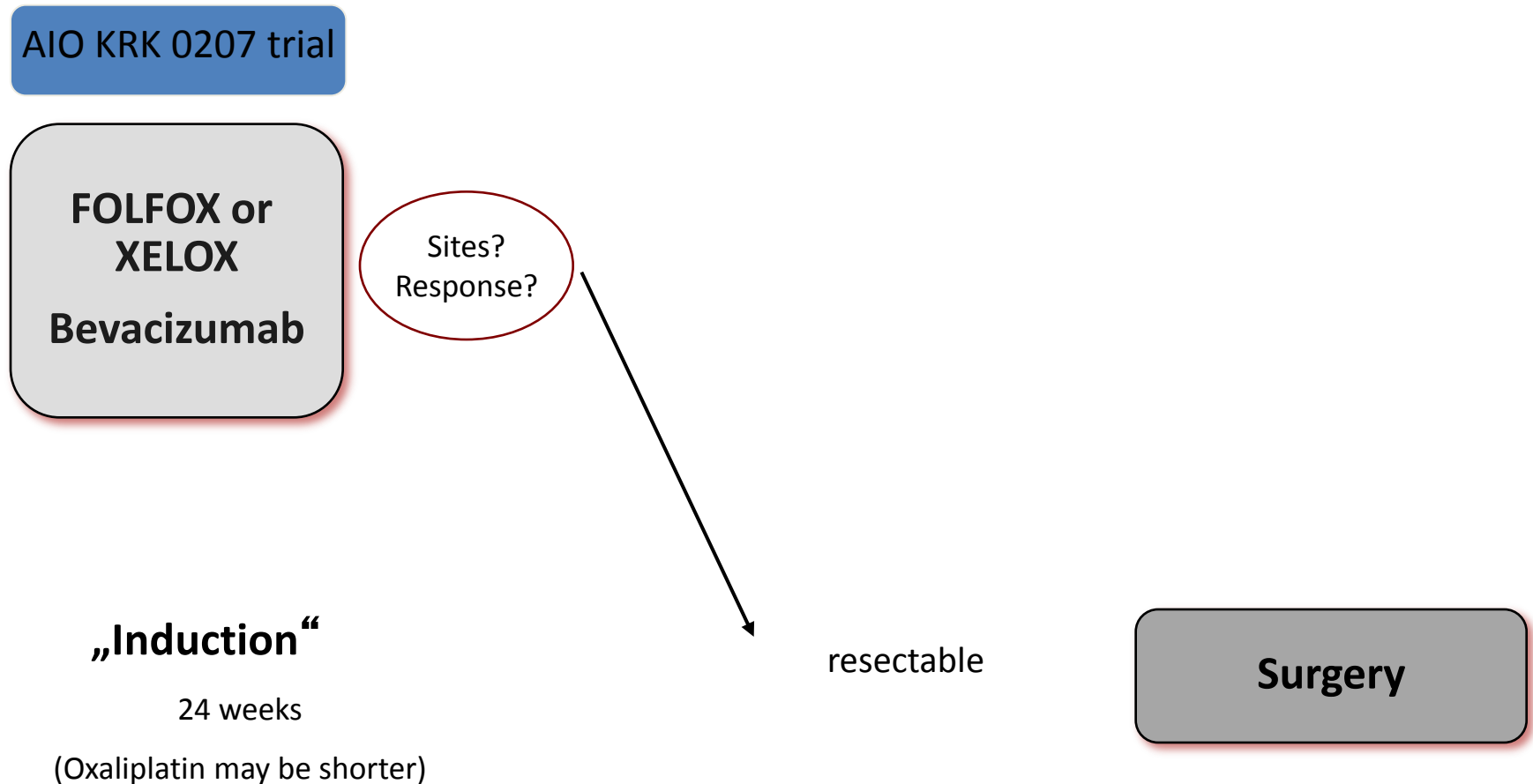
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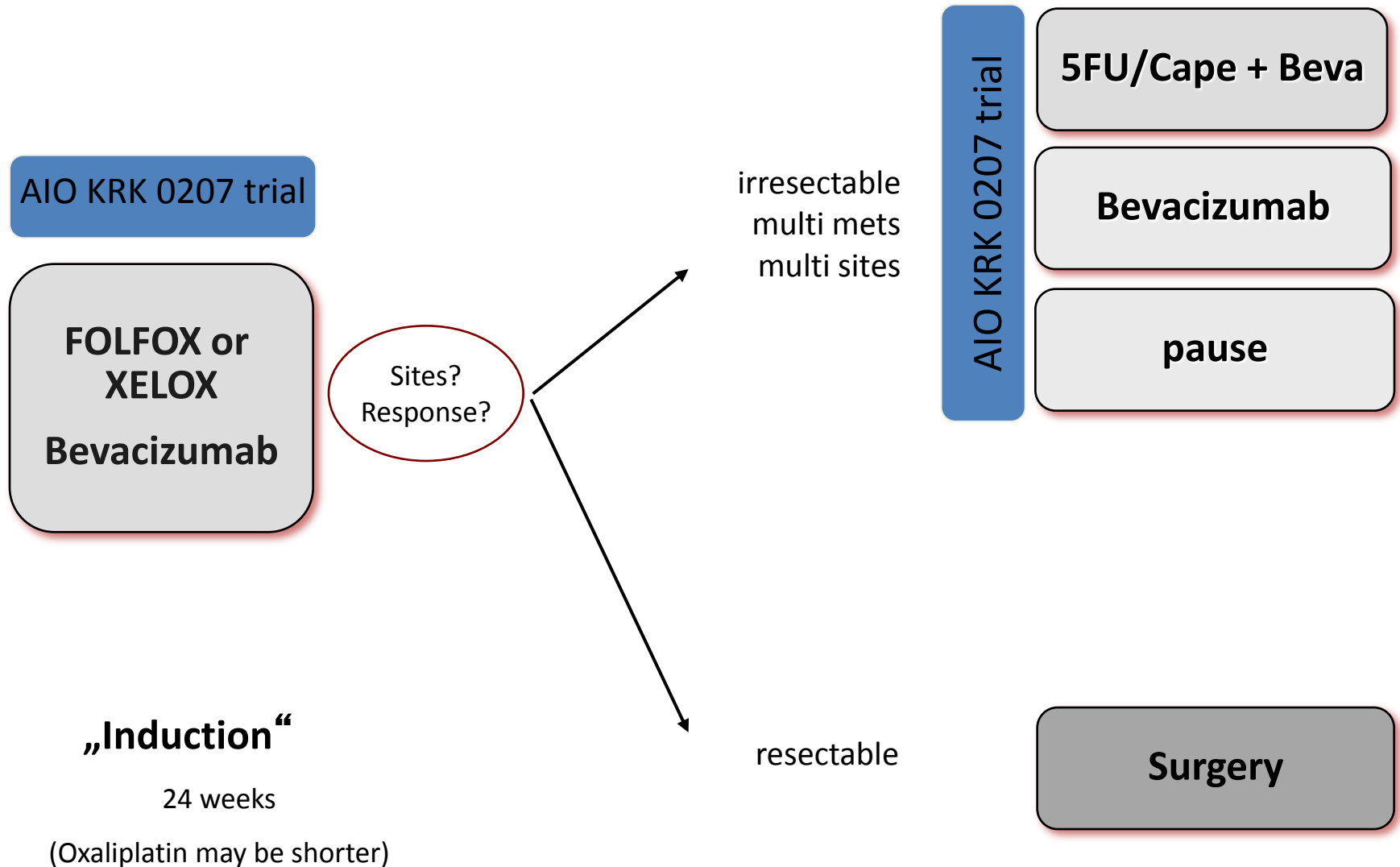
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resectable

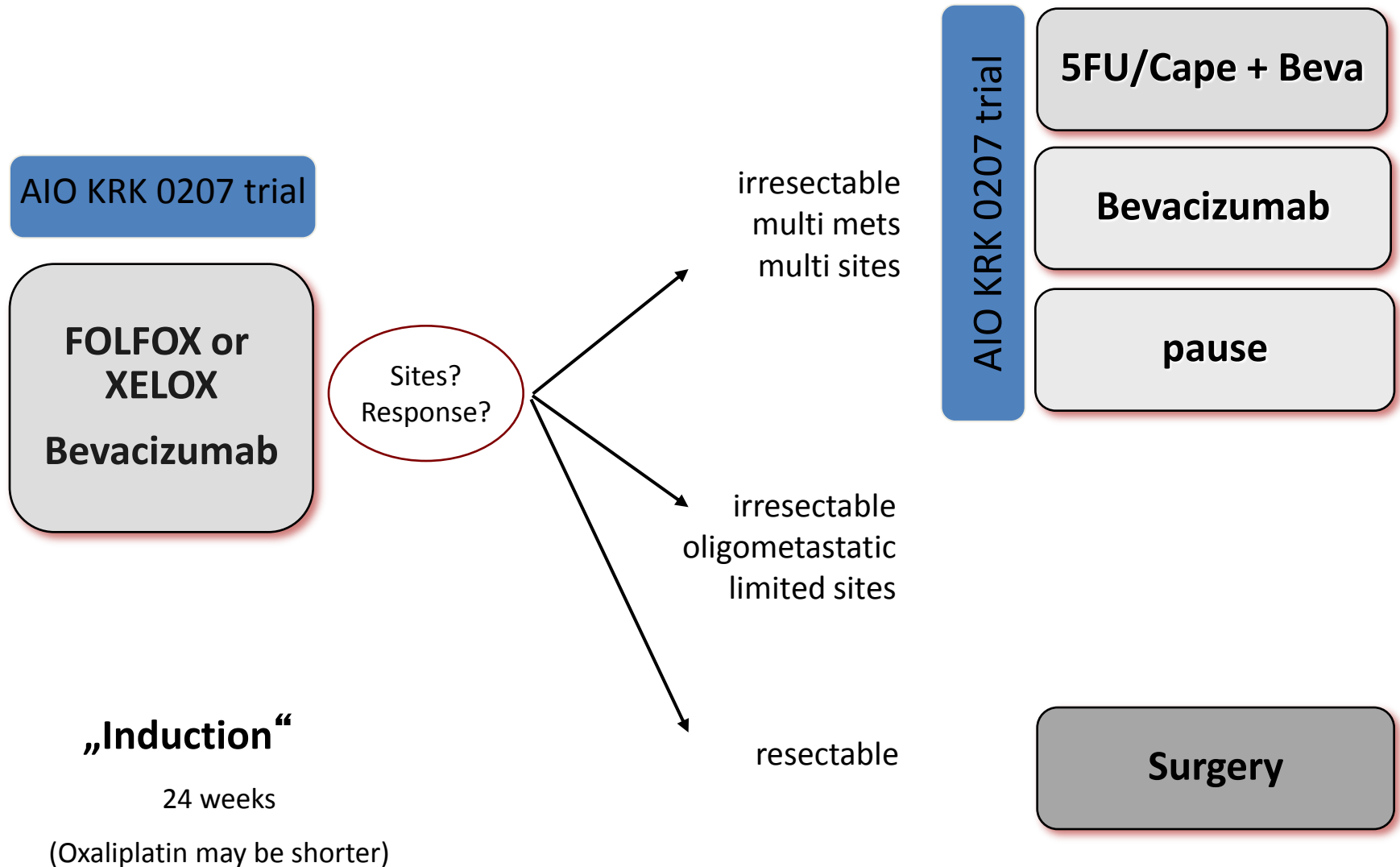
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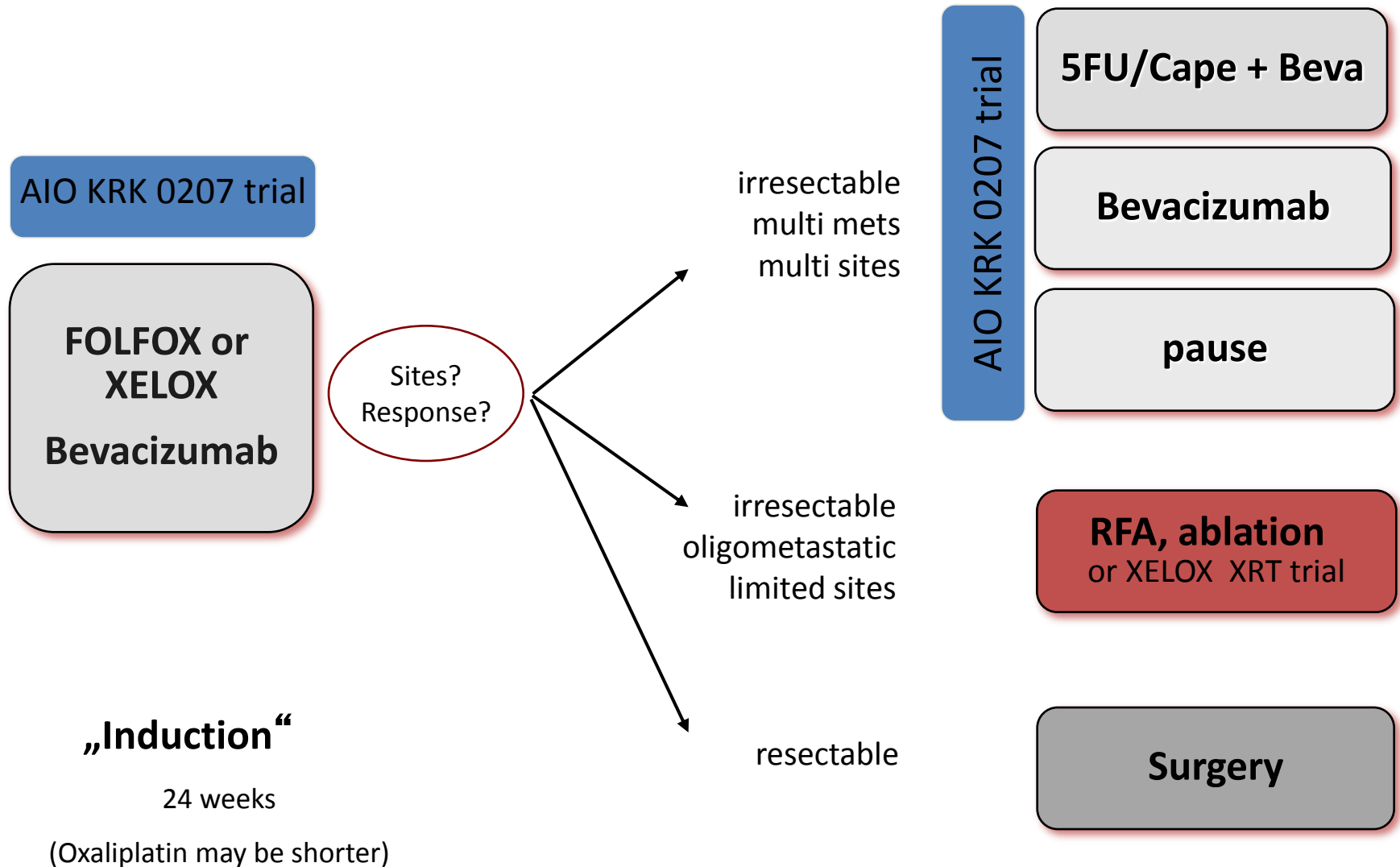
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# Thank you for your attention





# Improvement of prognosis and quality of life by IRINO beads?

Italian phase II DEBIRI trial,  
N=62 refractory patients

- 55 / 62 pts (90%): general improvement of QoL
- Median time with **freedom from symptoms** 5.3 mos. (5-20)
- Median **Time to further chemotherapy**: 6.3 mos. (5-22)