

# Welcome to the debate

## Salvage Treatment in Testis Cancer



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# Estimated Incidence Rates

## Testis Cancer

~ 4000 new cases  
in Germany per year

Rosen A, Jayram G, Drazer M, Eggener SE. Global trends in testicular cancer incidence and mortality. Eur Urol. 2011 Aug;60(2):374-9. Epub 2011 May 17.

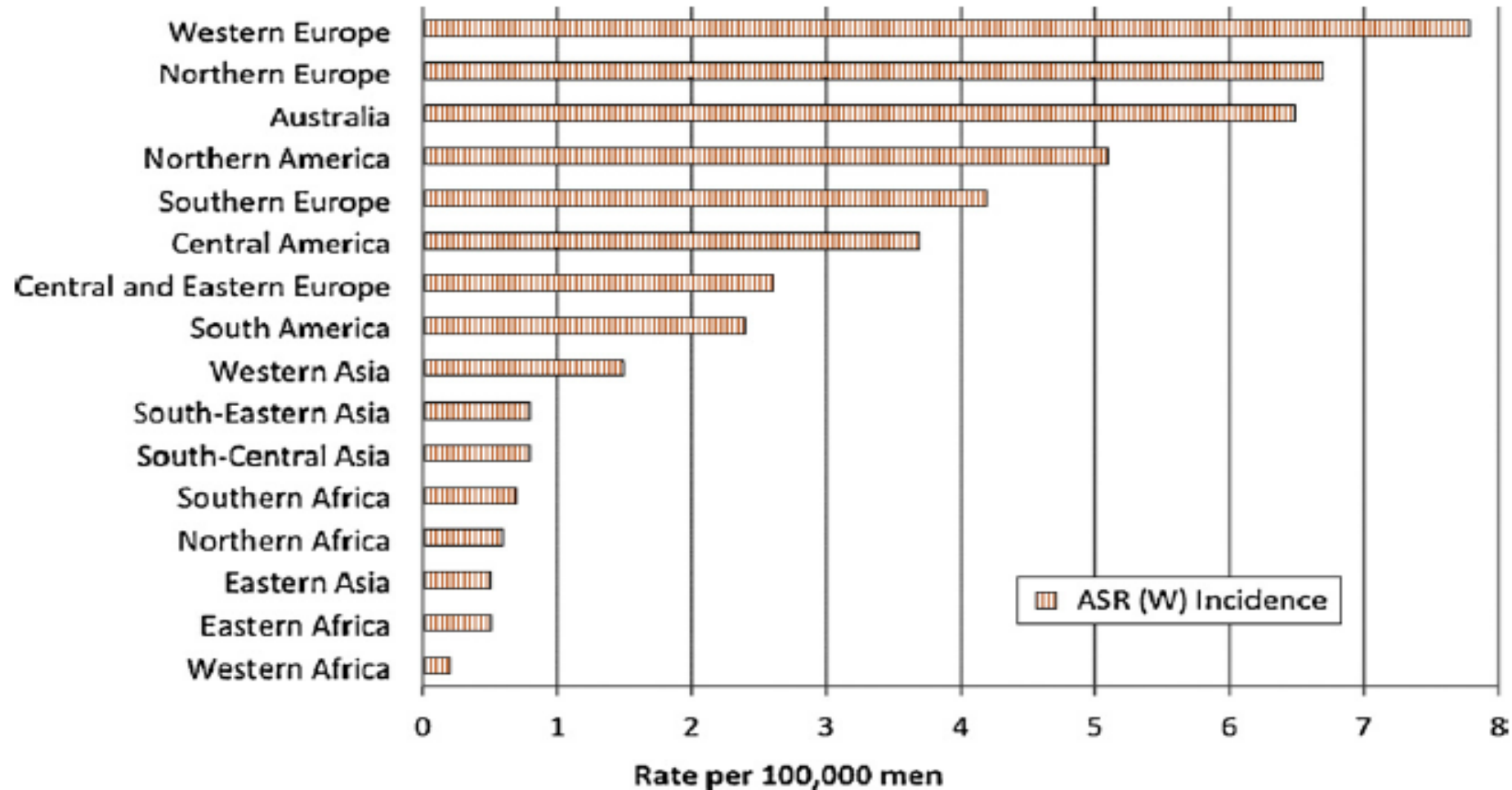


Fig. 1 – Incidence rates of testicular cancer (per 100 000) age standardized to the world population.

# Stage Distribution & Outcome Germ-cell Cancer Germany

~ 4000 new patients  
~ 120 deaths

Stage	Frequency	No pts	Cures	Relapses
Stage I	60%	2400	99%	20 pts
Metastatic				
good	56%	900	90%	90 pts
intermediate	28%	400	78%	80 pts
poor	16%	300	45%	160 pts

# 3-4 x BEP every 21 days

## Conventional-dose chemotherapy regimens

Therapieschema	Referenz	Anwendung		Intervall (Tage)	Zyklus- zahl
		Dosis	Dauer (Tage)		
PEB	Cisplatin Etoposid Bleomycin	[23] 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 30 mg	1–5 1–5 abs. 1, 8, 15	21 <sup>a</sup>	3–4 <sup>b, c</sup>
PE	Cisplatin Etoposid	[22] 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 100 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	1–5 1–5	21 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>
PEI	Cisplatin Etoposid Ifosfamid	[18] 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 75 mg/m <sup>2</sup> 1,2 g/m <sup>2</sup>	1–5 1–5 1–5	21 <sup>a</sup>	3–4 <sup>b, c</sup>

# Survival after first-treatment

(299 Patients)	Risk Groups			
	good	inter- mediate	poor	all
1977-1986	95%	74%	37%	76%
1987-1996	94%	87%	66%	88%



## The problem:

How should we treat patients who relapse after 3-4 cycles first-line treatment ?

# What treatment would you recommend ?

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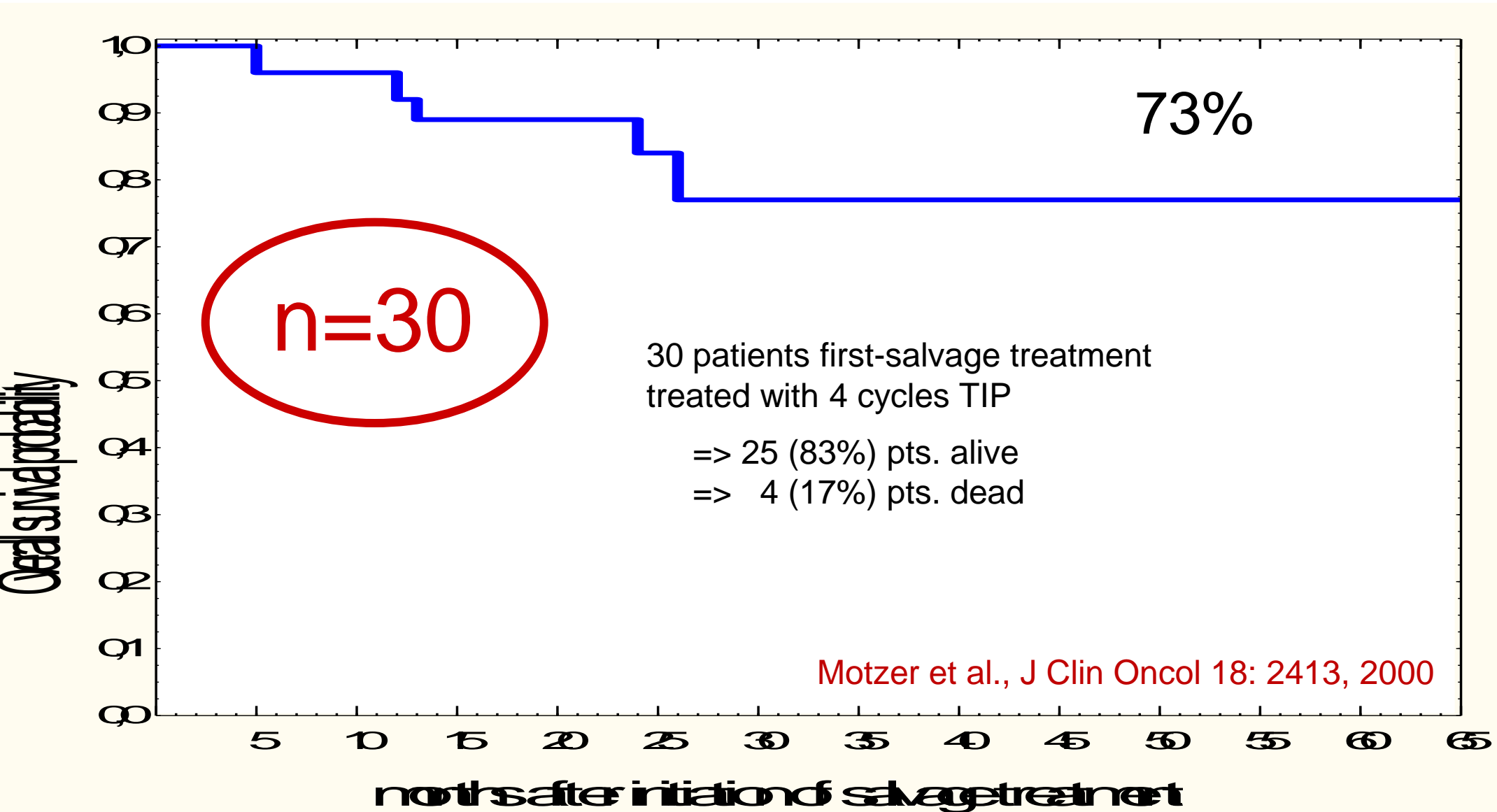


# Raise your hands and give me your vote !

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e.g. with VeIP, VIP or TIP
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# Survival after conventional-dose first-salvage treatment



# Challenge of TIP data

- very small, single center, phase II trial
- highly positively selected patient population
- 50% did not receive modern type first-line treatment
- mixed bag of seminoma and non-seminoma
- some mature teratoma probably cured by surgery
- treated 1994-1998, no long-term follow-up

## **Paclitaxel, Ifosfamide, and Cisplatin Second-Line Therapy for Patients With Relapsed Testicular Germ Cell Cancer**

All favorable prognostic factors for achieving a complete response to cisplatin plus ifosfamide conventional-dose salvage therapy had to be met and were as follows: (1) gonadal primary tumor site; (2) prior treatment limited to one program or six or fewer prior cycles of cisplatin; and (3) either a complete response or a partial response with normal serum tumor markers to first-line chemotherapy program.

Histology		
Nonseminoma	27	90
Seminoma	3	10
Prior chemotherapy regimen		
Etoposide plus cisplatin	15	50
Bleomycin, etoposide, cisplatin	10	33
VAB-6 $\pm$ others	3	10
Etoposide plus carboplatin	2	7

# Combination of Paclitaxel, Ifosfamide, and Cisplatin Is an Effective Second-Line Therapy for Patients With Relapsed Testicular Germ Cell Tumors

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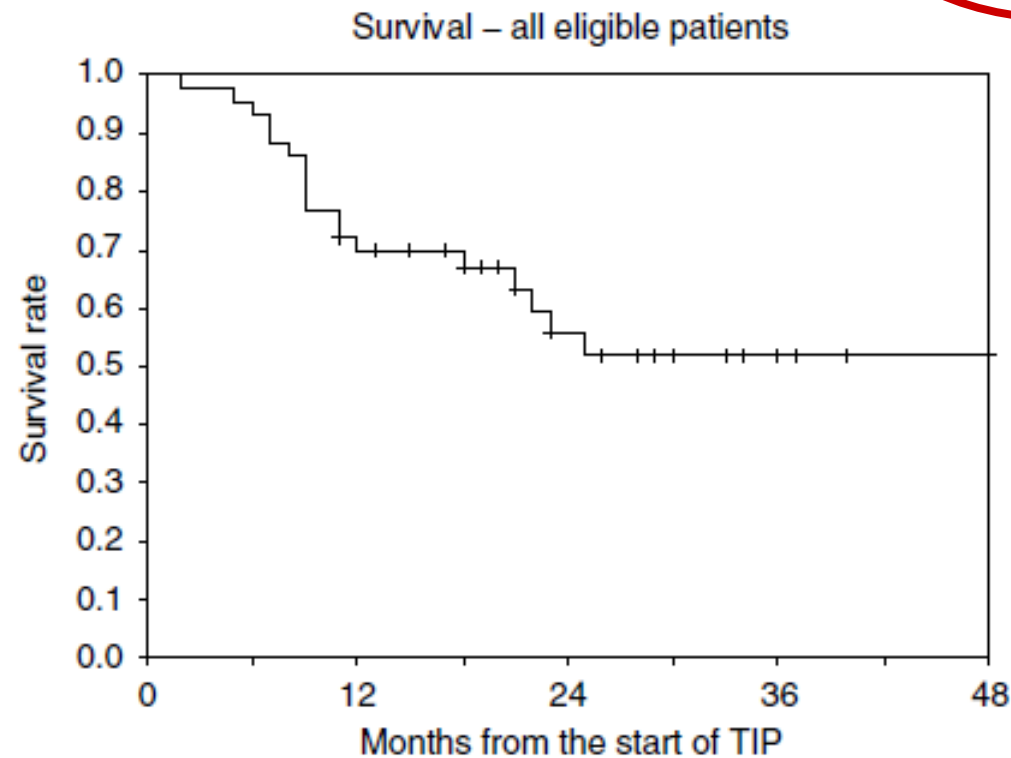
Treatment consisted of four cycles of TIP administered 21 days apart. The first 30 patients were treated with a 6-day regimen as previously described.<sup>15</sup>

Histology		
Nonseminoma	41	89
Seminoma	5	11
Prior chemotherapy regimen		
Etoposide + cisplatin ± bleomycin	34	74
VAB-6 or other vinblastine-based therapy*	9	19
Etoposide + carboplatin ± bleomycin	3	7

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British Journal of Cancer (2005) **93**(2), 178–184

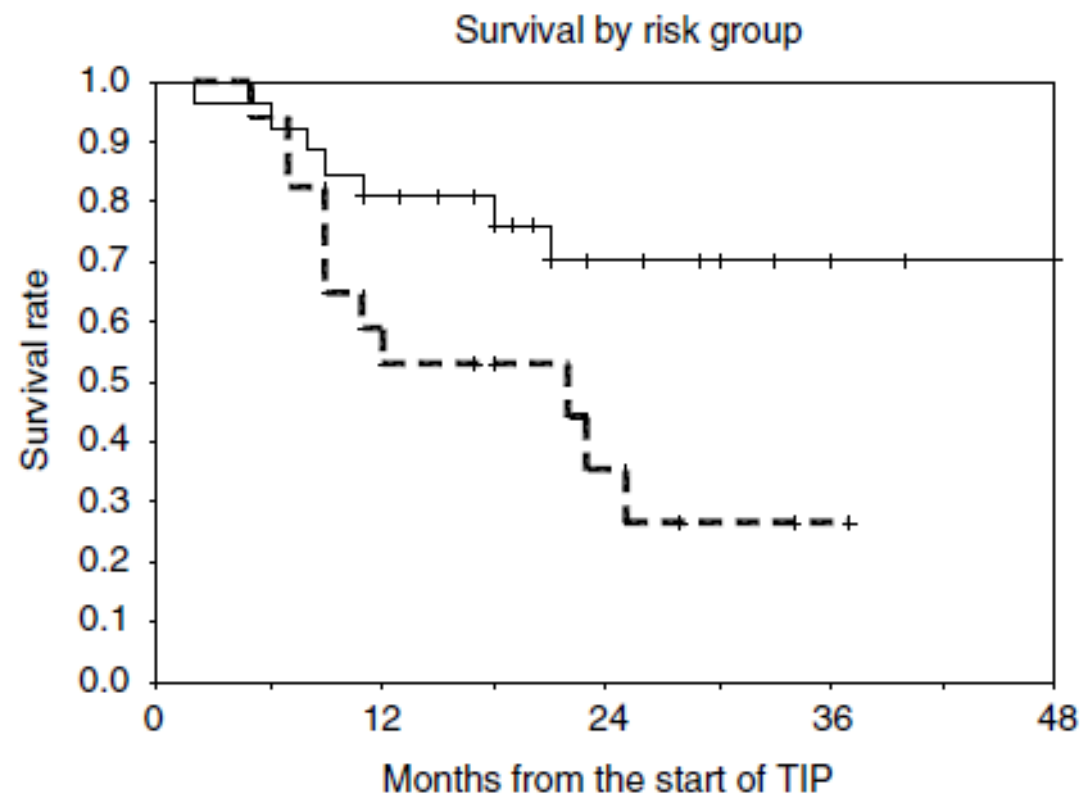
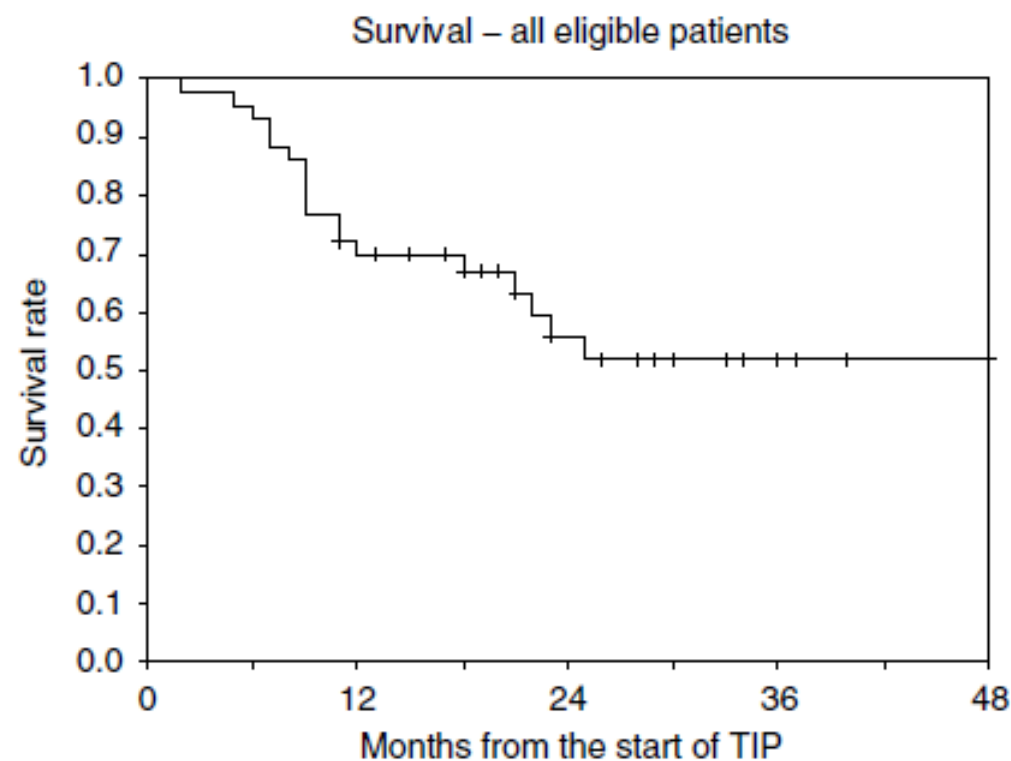
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**Eligibility**

Male patients with the following characteristics were eligible: (i) first relapse after previous BEP chemotherapy given for metastatic GCC, (ii) either sequentially rising serum markers (AFP and/or HCG) or biopsy-proven and unresectable GCC; (iii) age 16–65 years; (iv) ECOG performance status 0–2; (v) glomerular filtration rate of  $\geq 50\text{ ml h}^{-1}$  and (vi) no evidence of brain metastases.

*Histology*

Seminoma	9	20.90
Nonseminoma	33	76.70
Not known (high HCG, no biopsy)	1	2.30

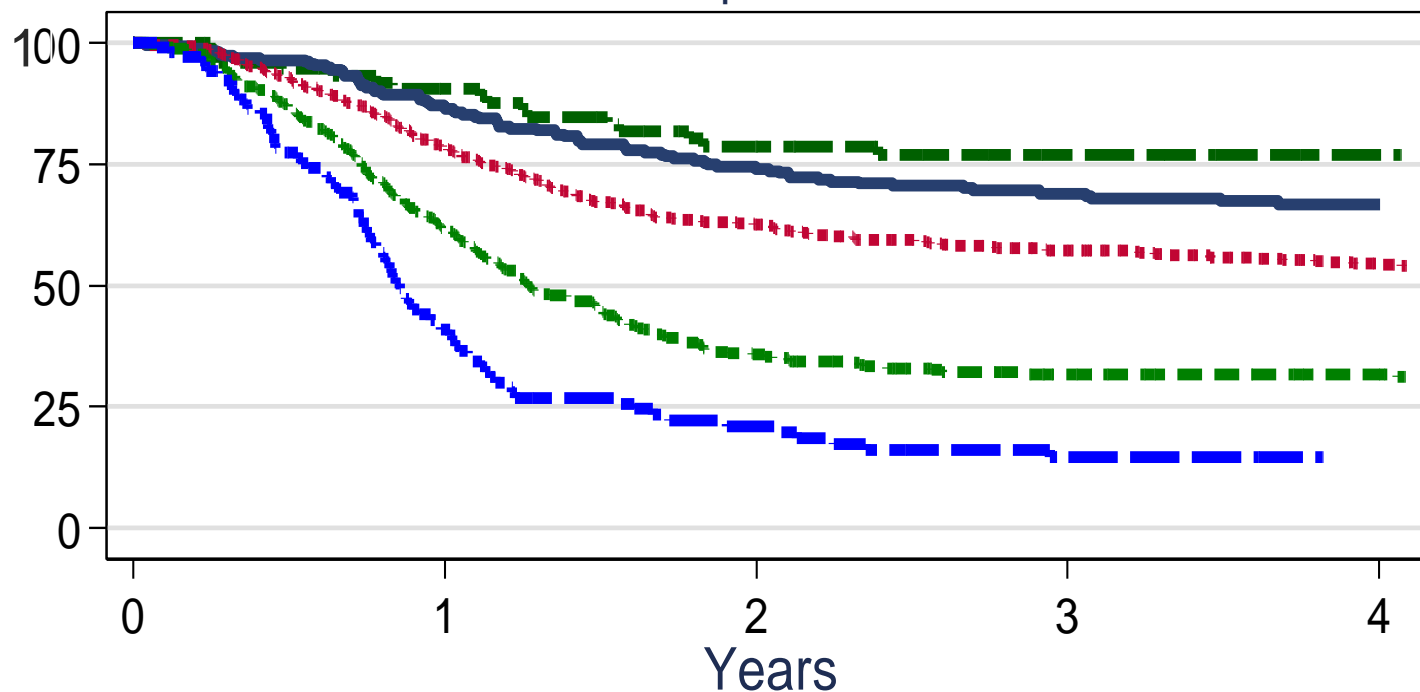
*Relapse interval*

<2 months	4	9.30
2 months to 2 years	30	69.80
> 2 years	9	20.90



# n=1594

## Overall Survival All patients



### Number at risk

Very Low	76	64	50	40	35
Low	257	214	172	135	107
Intermediate	646	475	351	276	219
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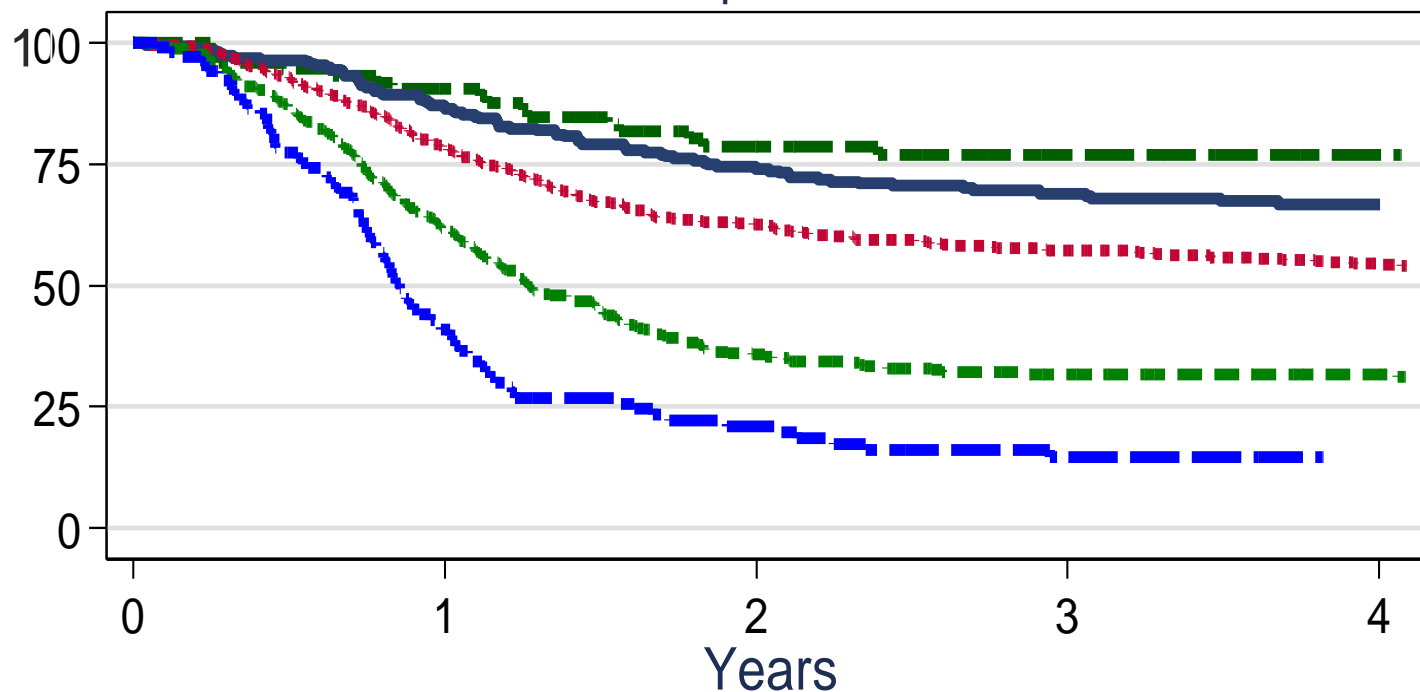
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**Table 4.** Prognostic Score for Patients With Nonseminoma and Seminoma

Parameter	Score Points				Score
	0	1	2	3	
Primary site	Gonadal	Extragonadal	—	Mediastinal nonseminoma	
Prior response	CR/PRm—	PRm+/SD	PD	—	
PFI, months	> 3	≤ 3	—	—	
AFP salvage	Normal	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	
HCG salvage	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	—	
LBB	No	Yes	—	—	

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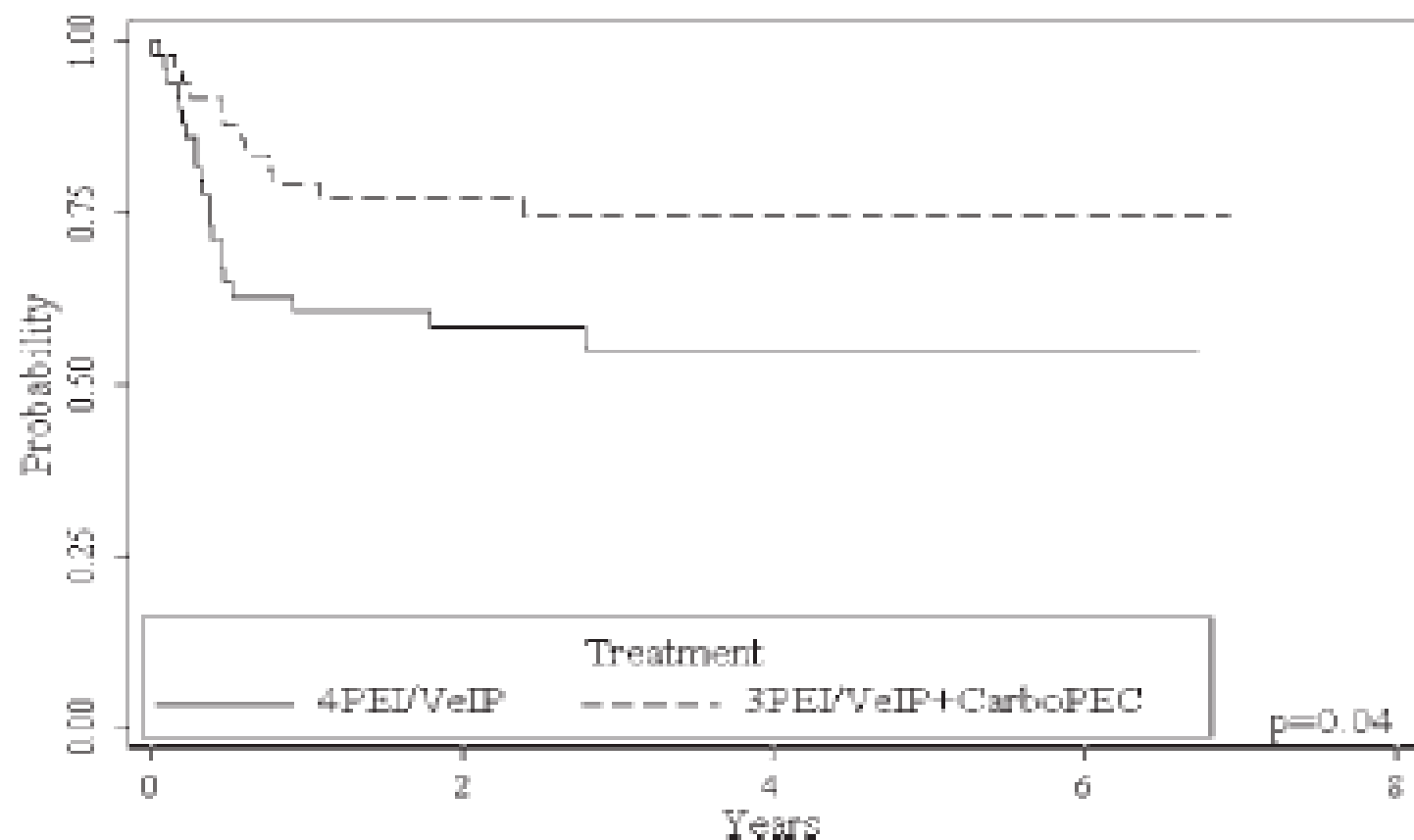
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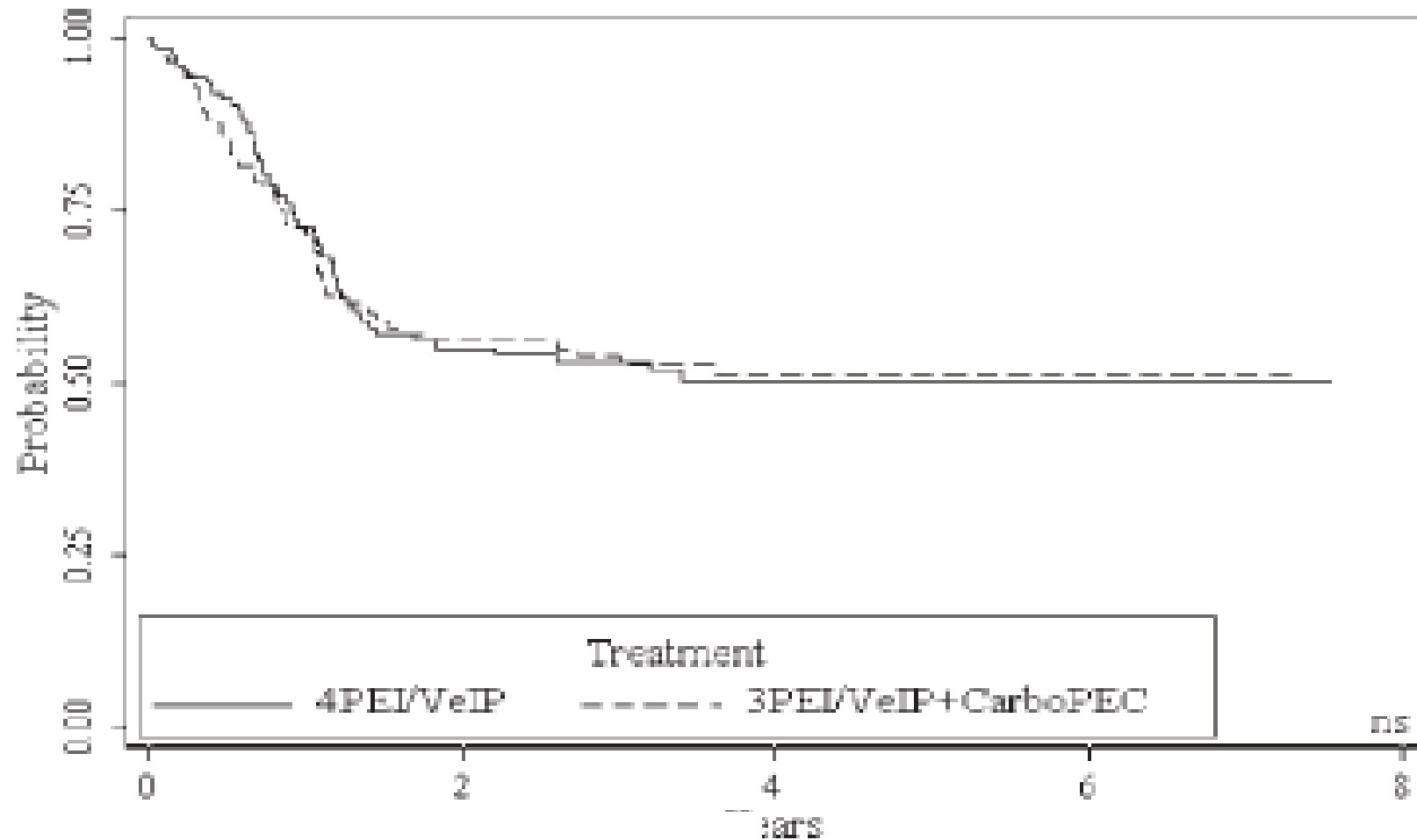
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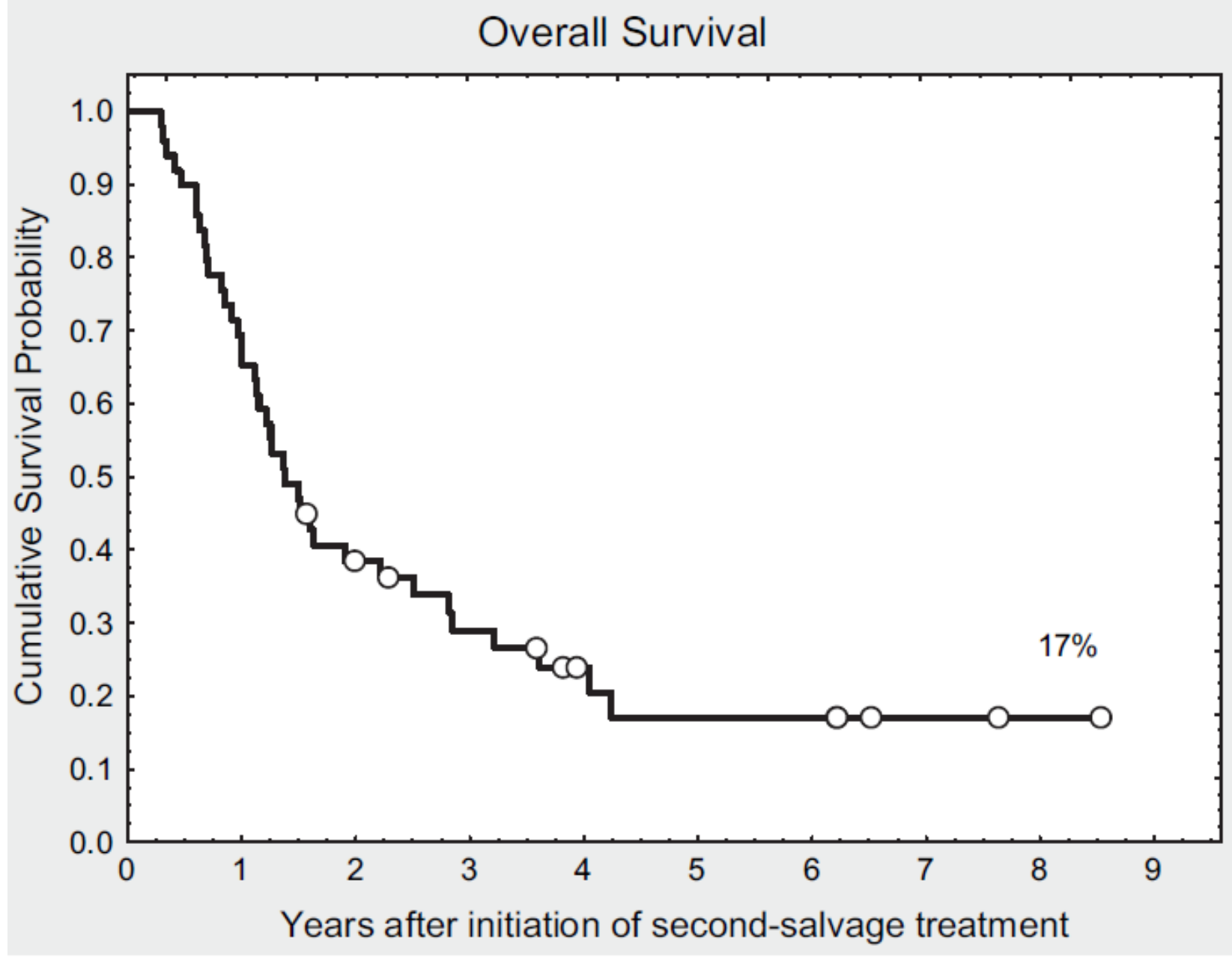
# Summary conventional-dose salvage

- Two phase II trials favor conventional-dose salvage chemo in "good risk" patients e.g. paclitaxel, cisplatin, ifosfamide
- One randomized trial failed to show superiority of high-dose dose over conventional-dose chemotherapy
- High-dose chemo might still be curative in second or even subsequent salvage treatment



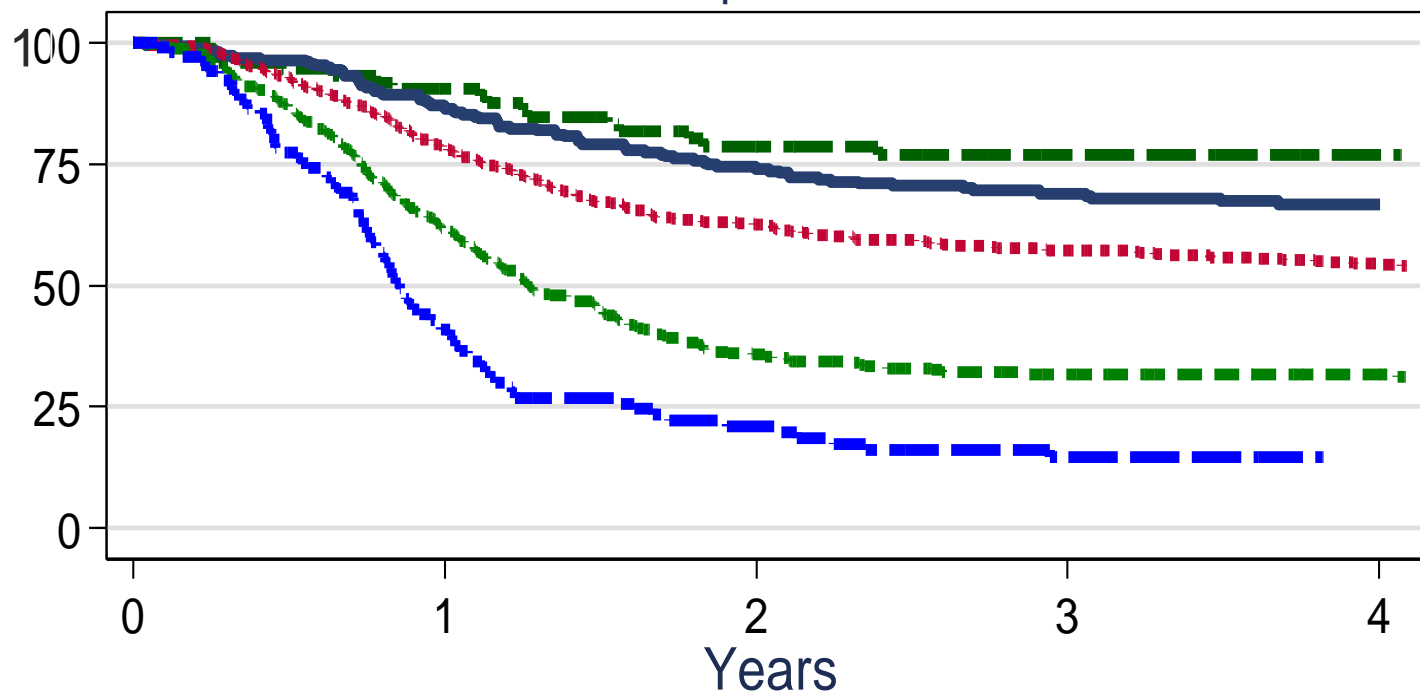
# High-dose chemotherapy (HDCT) as second-salvage treatment in patients with multiple relapsed or refractory germ-cell tumors

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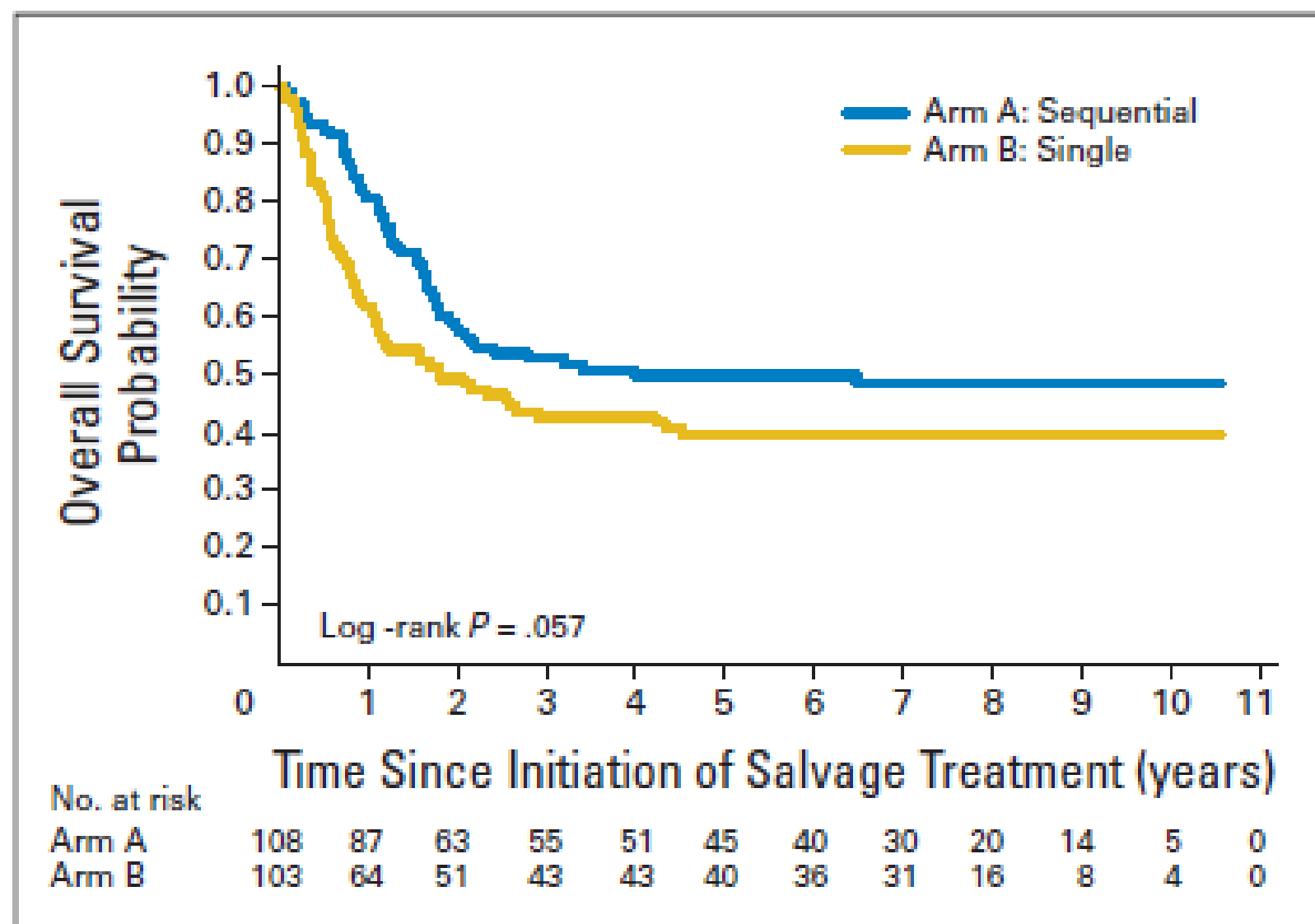
Does high-dose chemotherapy  
make a difference?

Yes, it does !

# High-dose salvage

First author	Year published	Regimen used	Patients included	Treatment Period
Nichols	1991	Carbo, Eto	38	1988 - 1989
Bhatia	2000		65	1992 - 1998
Motzer	2000		37	1994 - 1997
De Giorgi	2005		59	1987 - 1999
Einhorn	2007		184	1996 - 2004
Kondagunta	2007		48	1998 - 2003
Lorch	2007		108	1999 - 2004
Siegert	1994	Carbo, Eto, Ifo	74	1989 - 1992
Lotz	1995		31	
Margolin	1996		20	1989 - 1995
Pico	2007	Carbo, Eto, Cyclo	135	1994 - 2001
Lorch	2007		103	1999 - 2004
Rodenhuis	1999	Carbo, Eto, Thio +/- Cyclo or Ifo	35	1994 - 1997
Rick	2001		80	1995 - 1997
Lotz	2005		45	1998 - 2001

# Sequential Versus Single High-Dose Chemotherapy in Patients With Relapsed or Refractory Germ Cell Tumors: Long-Term Results of a Prospective Randomized Trial



# Survival rates according to prognostic categories

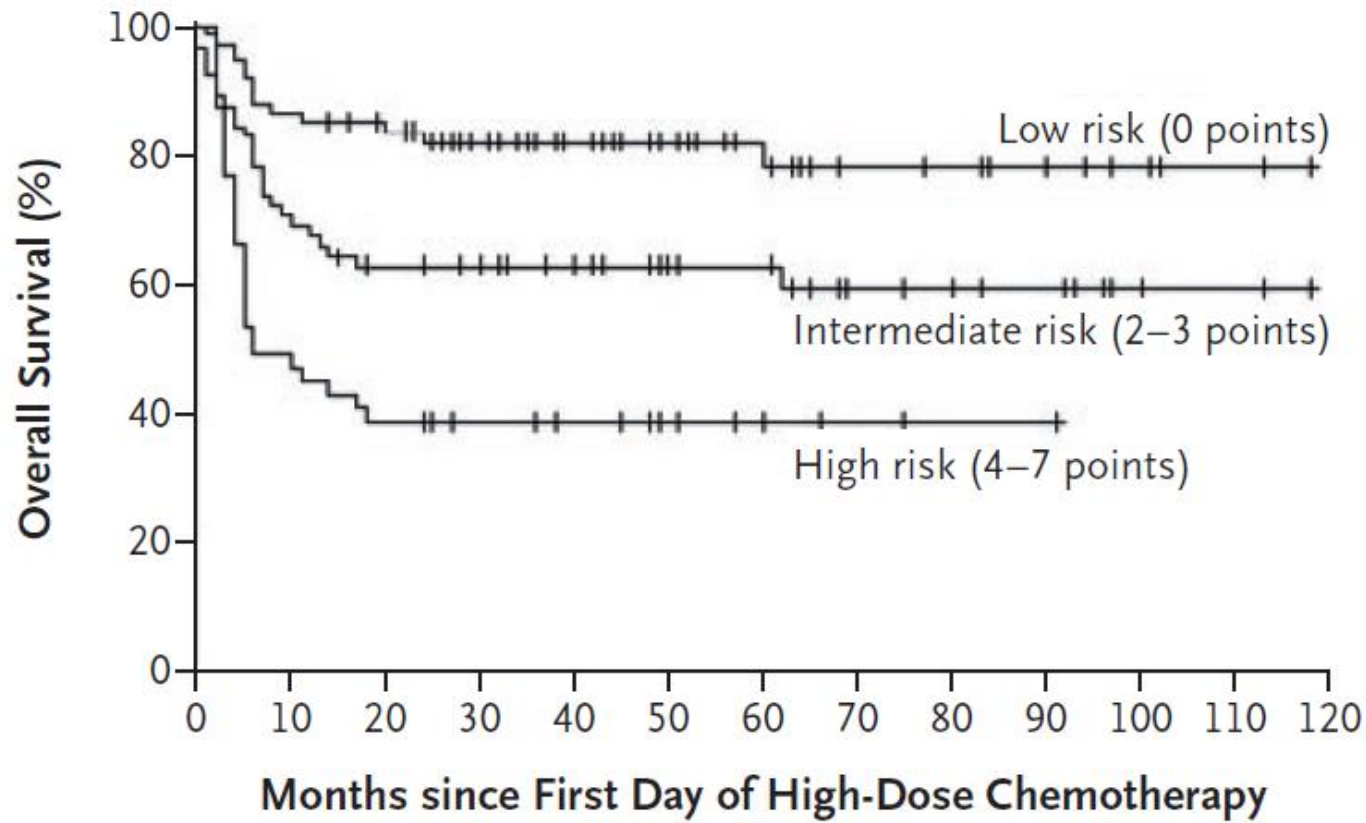
Prognostic category	N	(%)	PFS at 2-years	95% CI	OS at 3-years	95% CI
First salvage: very low-risk	17	(8%)	82%	55% - 94%	82%	55% - 94%
Arm A	8	(4%)	63%	24% - 86%	63%	23% - 86%
Arm B	9	(4%)	100%	-	100%	-
First salvage: low-risk	32	(15%)	64%	44% - 79%	59%	40% - 74%
Arm A	18	(9%)	69%	40% - 86%	61%	35% - 79%
Arm B	14	(7%)	58%	27% - 80%	56%	26% - 77%
First salvage: intermediate risk	79	(38%)	52%	40% - 63%	52%	40% - 62%
Arm A	42	(20%)	51%	35% - 65%	55%	39% - 68%
Arm B	37	(18%)	54%	36% - 69%	49%	32% - 63%
First salvage: high-risk	37	(18%)	34%	19% - 50%	32%	18% - 47%
Arm A	18	(9%)	50%	26% - 70%	56%	31% - 75%
Arm B	19	(9%)	14%	2% - 37%	11%	2% - 28%
First salvage: very high-risk	7	(3%)	none	-	none	-
Second or subsequent salvage	30	(14%)	24%	11% - 41%	30%	15% - 47%
Arm A	15	(7%)	33%	12% - 56%	40%	17% - 63%
Arm B	15	(7%)	15%	2% - 38%	20%	5% - 42%
No unequivocal classification	9	(4%)	76%	33% - 94%	67%	28% - 88%

# High-Dose Chemotherapy and Stem-Cell Rescue for Metastatic Germ-Cell Tumors

Lawrence H. Einhorn, M.D., Stephen D. Williams, M.D., Amy Chamness, B.A., Mary J. Brames, R.N., Susan M. Perkins, Ph.D., and Rafat Abonour, M.D.

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## No. at Risk

Low risk	73	63	59	44	34	26	21	10	9	7	4	2
Intermediate risk	64	45	37	35	28	22	19	12	10	7	3	2
High risk	47	23	17	13	10	7	5	2	1	1		



# Conventional-Dose Versus High-Dose Chemotherapy As First Salvage Treatment in Male Patients With Metastatic Germ Cell Tumors: Evidence From a Large International Database

**n = 1594** Patients included in prognostic factor analysis



**n = 773** treated with **CDCT**

**n = 821** treated with **HDCT**

n = 37 very low risk

n = 122 low risk

n = 318 intermediate risk

n = 152 high risk

n = 54 very high risk

n = 39 very low risk

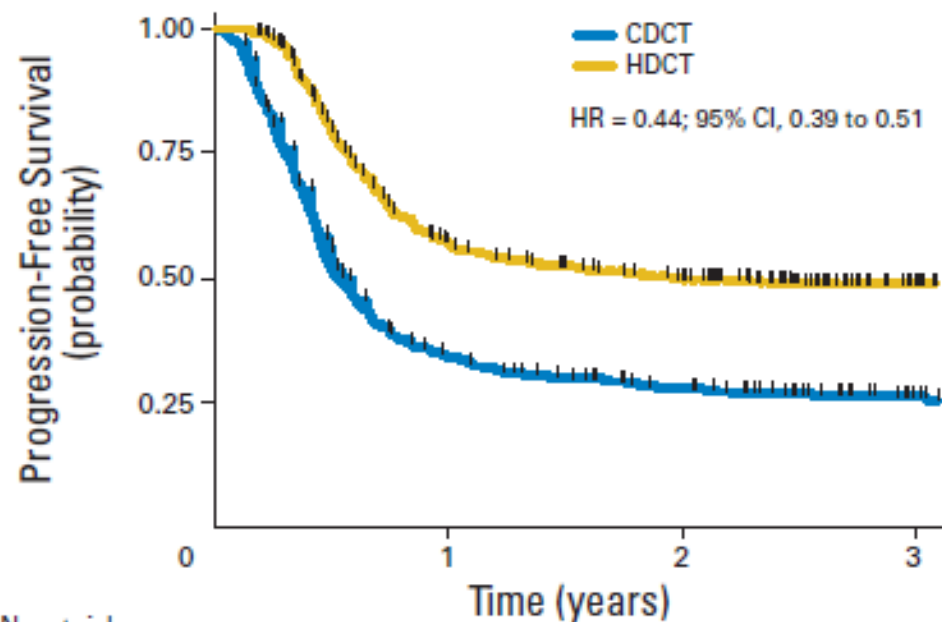
n = 135 low risk

n = 328 intermediate risk

n = 199 high risk

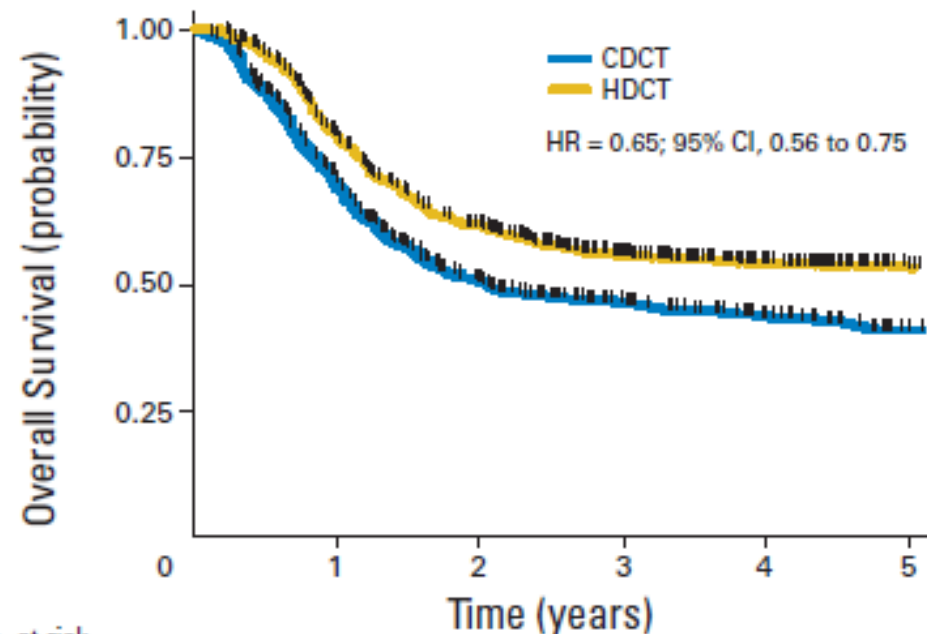
n = 51 very high risk

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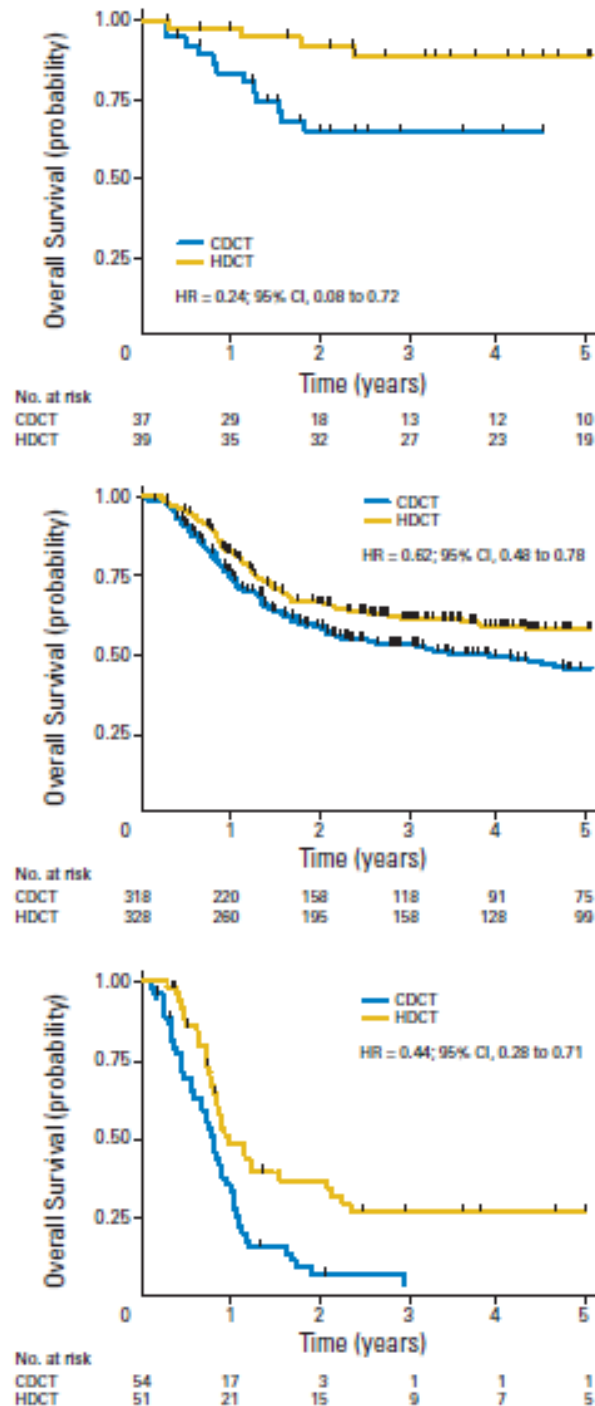
773	250	190	146
821	434	361	296



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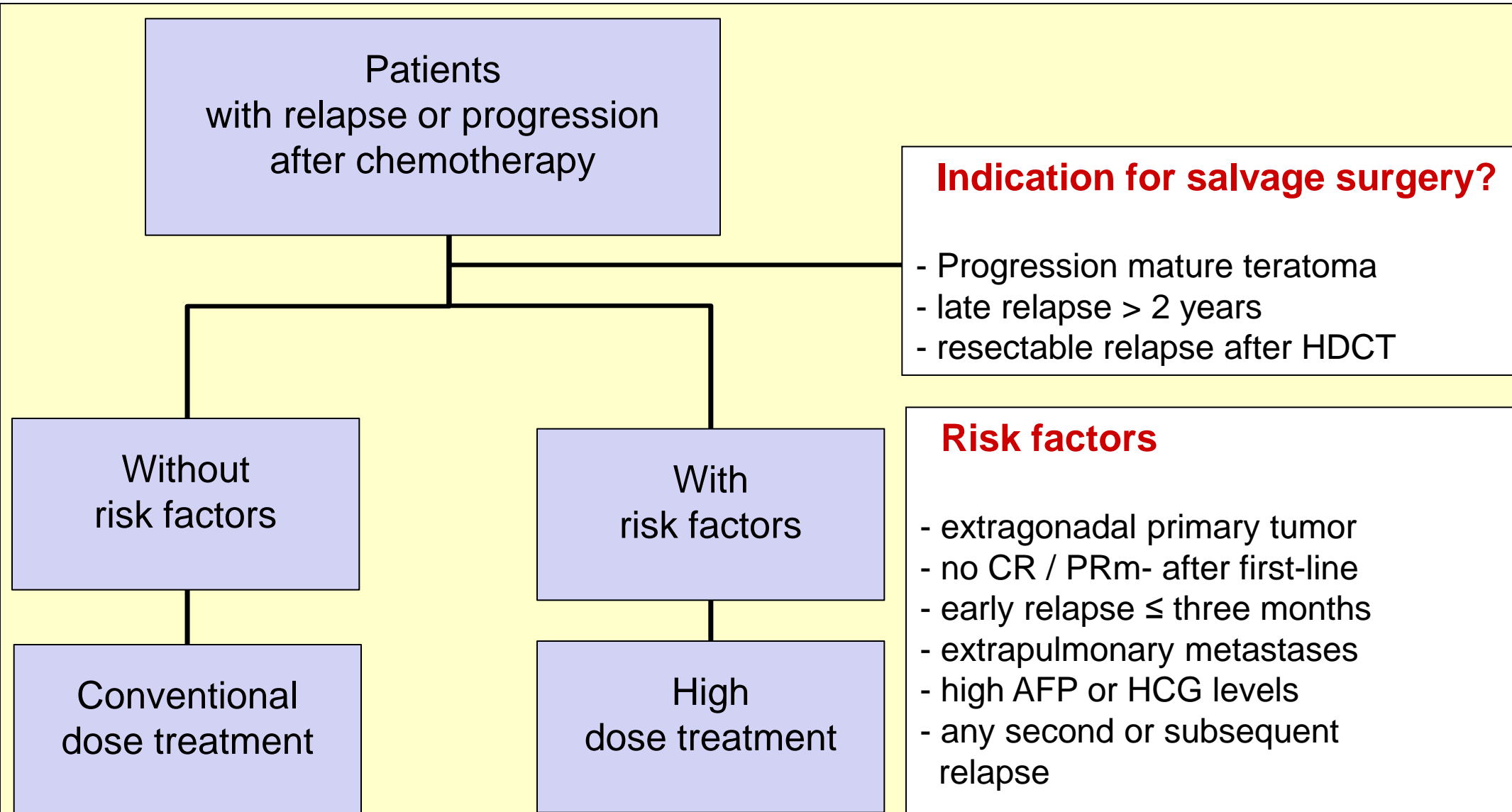
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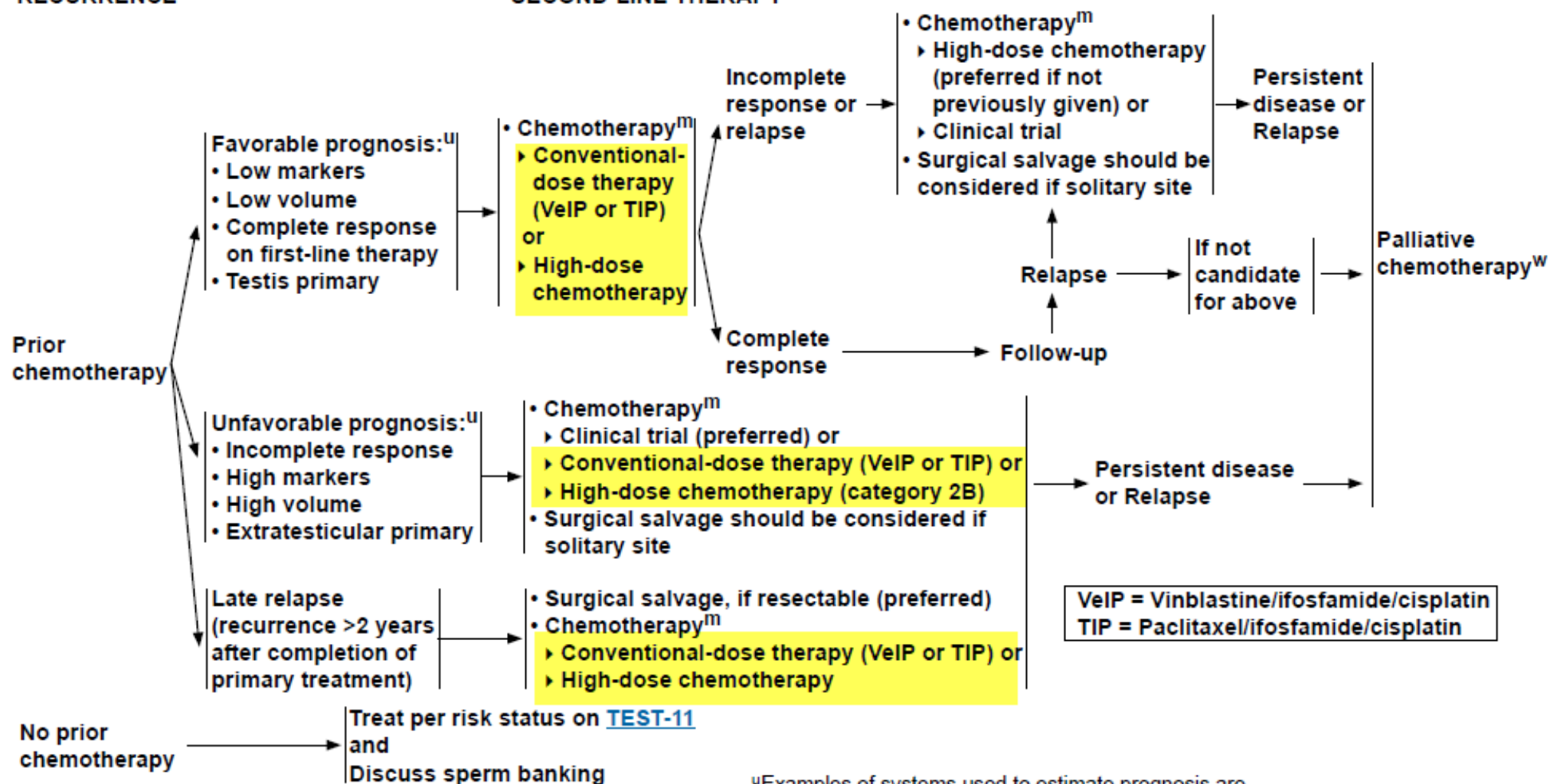
# One possible strategy for first-salvage



# Guidelines on Testicular Cancer

P. Albers (chair), W. Albrecht, F. Algaba,  
C. Bokemeyer, G. Cohn-Cedermark, K. Fizazi,  
A. Horwich, M.P. Laguna, N. Nicolai, J. Oldenburg

High dose chemotherapy offered no advantage as first salvage treatment according to the results of the randomised IT 94 trial in good prognosis patients (256). Patients with good prognostic features should therefore be offered conventional-dose first salvage treatment. However, several phase II trials, as well as one retrospectively matched-pair analysis, have shown an improvement in survival in poor-prognosis patients with early intensification of first-salvage treatment using high-dose chemotherapy (257,262,273,274). All of these patients should, if possible, be entered into ongoing studies to define the optimal approach to salvage treatment, and should be referred to centres experienced in caring for relapse and/or refractory patients (275,276).

RECURRENCE<sup>t</sup>SECOND-LINE THERAPY<sup>v</sup><sup>m</sup>See [Second Line Chemotherapy Regimens for Germ Cell Tumors \(TEST-D\)](#).<sup>t</sup>It is preferred that patients with recurrent nonseminoma be treated at centers with expertise in the management of this disease.<sup>u</sup>Examples of systems used to estimate prognosis are

1) Lorch A, Beyer J, Bascoul-Mollevis C, et al. J Clin Oncol 2010;28:4906-4911.

2) Einhorn LH, Williams SD, Channess A, et al. New Engl J Med 2007;357:340-348.

3) Motzer RJ, Geller NL, Tan CC, et al. Cancer 1991;67:1305-1310.

<sup>v</sup>Includes best supportive care.<sup>w</sup>See [Subsequent Chemotherapy Regimens for Metastatic Germ Cell Tumors \(TEST-E\)](#).

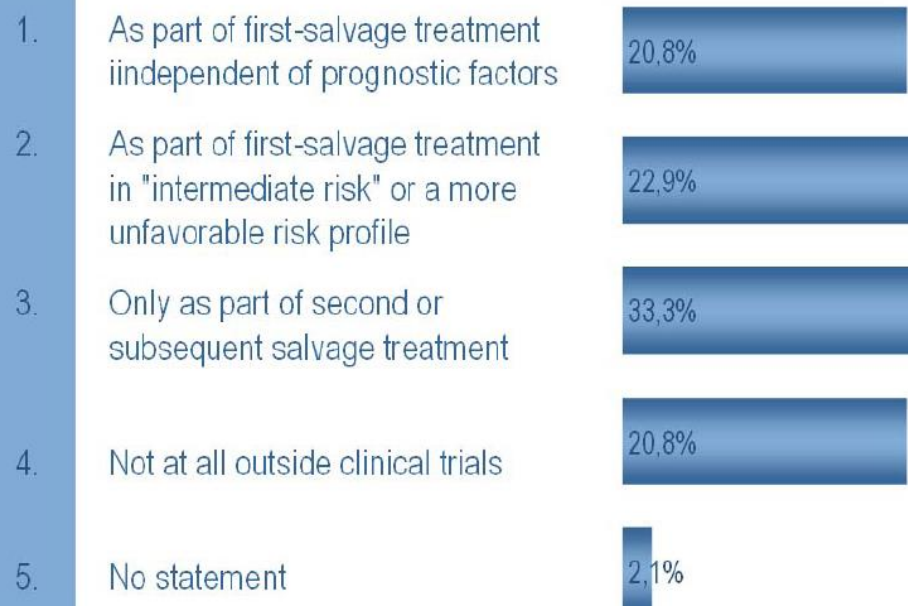
# **Testicular seminoma and non-seminoma: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up<sup>†</sup>**

Conclusive recommendations as to an optimal salvage approach in patients relapsing after cisplatin-based first-line treatment cannot be made at present.



# Maintaining success, reducing treatment burden, focusing on survivorship: highlights from the third European consensus conference on diagnosis and treatment of germ-cell cancer

In non-seminoma and seminoma outside clinical trials high-dose chemotherapy should be given



Seminoma and non-seminoma patients who relapse after full cisplatin-based first-line chemotherapy can be treated using either conventional-dose chemotherapy (CDCT) or HDCT [52–57]. Their prognosis should be assessed using the most recent international prognostic score [54]. No consensus could be reached in respect to their optimal first-salvage management

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- HDCT => PRm- followed by abdominal surgery => CR<sub>Nekrosis</sub>

# High dose chemotherapy plus PBPC regimens

## Lorch JCO 2012

Carbo  
Eto

## Sequential

500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Three cycles

Day 1-3  
Day 1-3

## Motzer JCO 2000

Carbo  
Eto

## Sequential

AUC 8  
400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Three cycles

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## Einhorn NEJM 2011

Carbo  
Eto

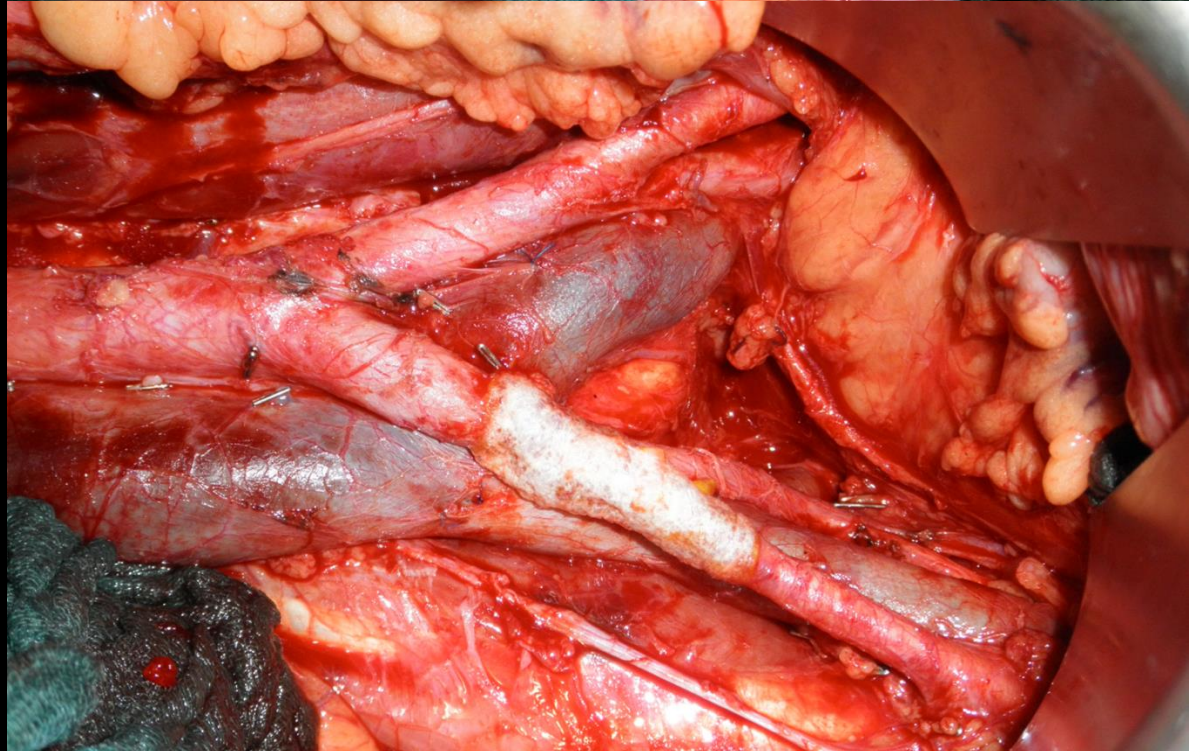
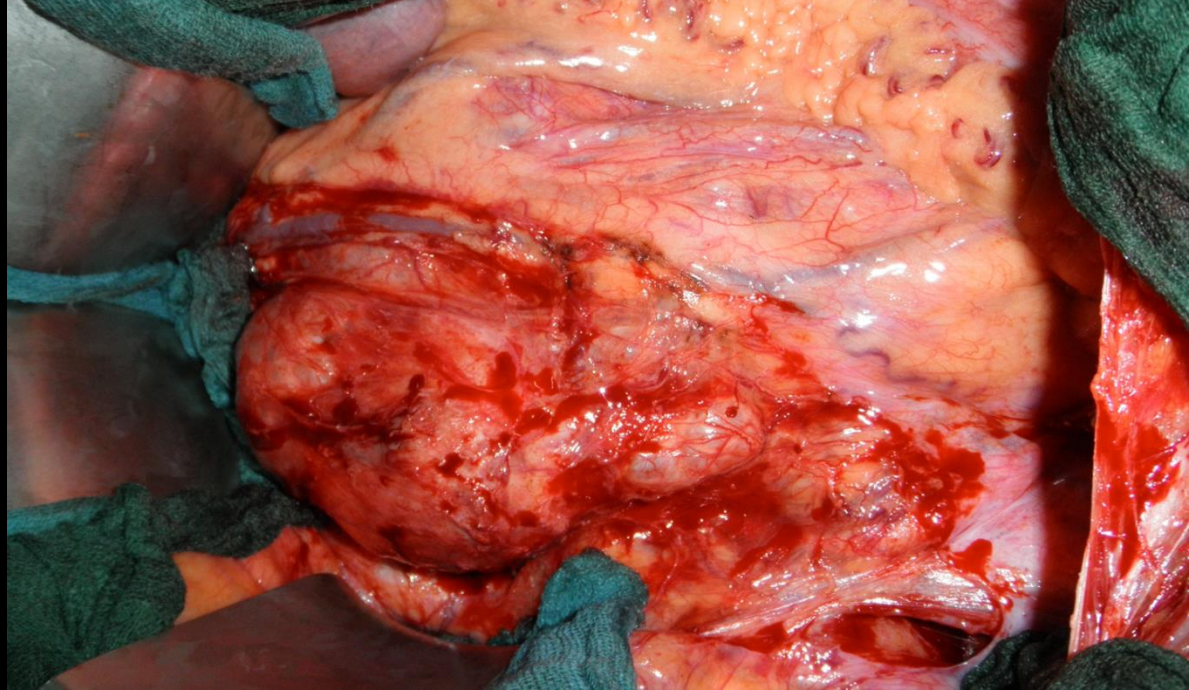
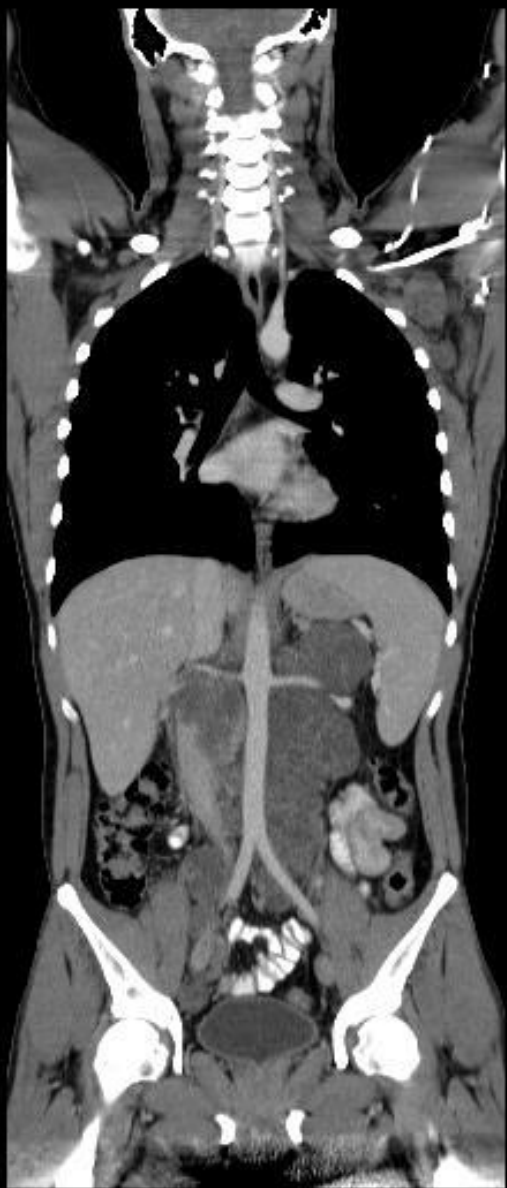
## Sequential

750 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
750 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Two cycles

Day 1-3  
Day 1-3

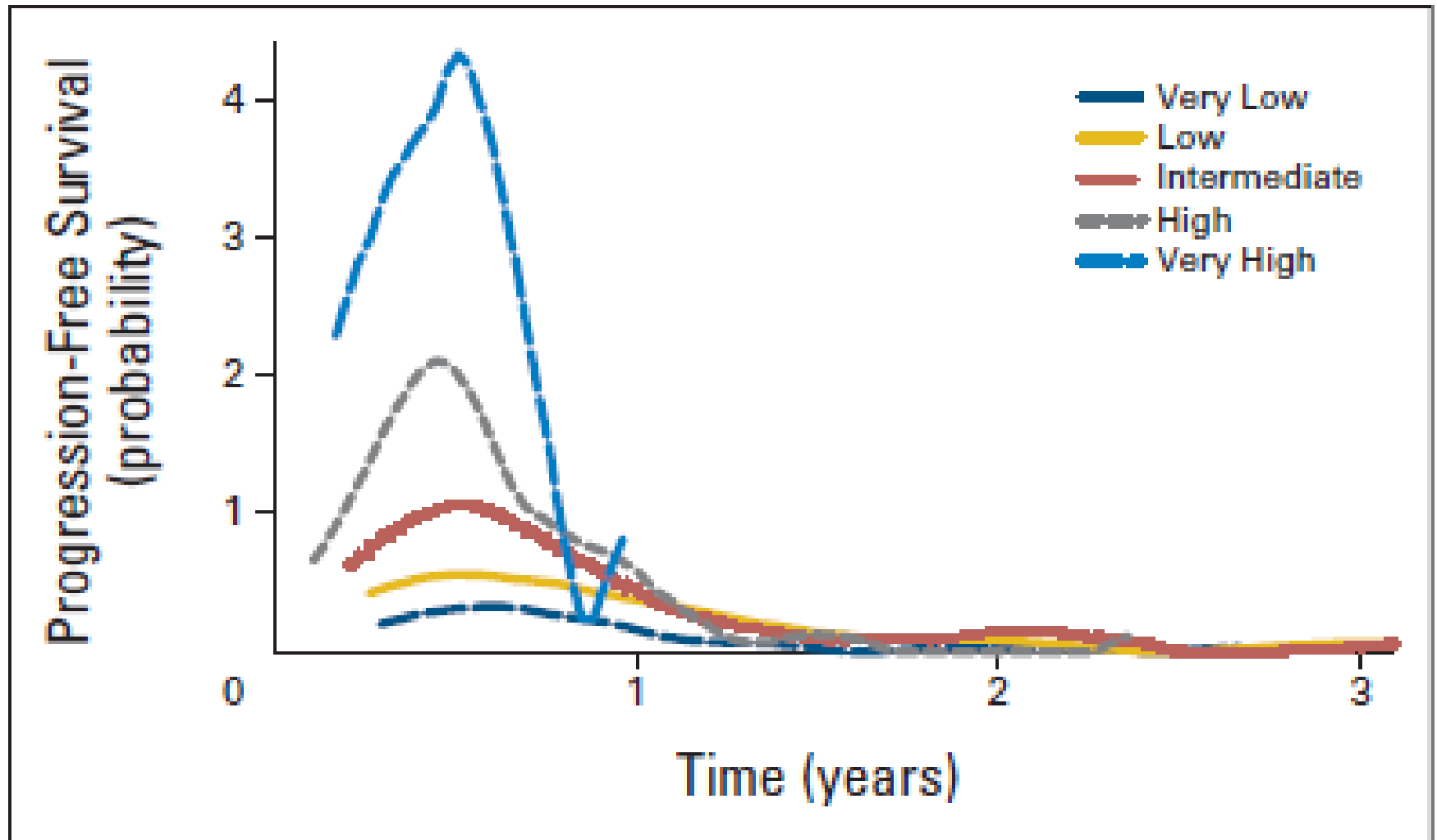






# Progression after Salvage Treatment

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# Patient No 2

- 48 years old, right-sided non-seminoma  
(40% chorio, 30% embryonal, 10% yolk-sac, 10% seminoma, 10% teratoma)
- Increased abdominal lymphnodes, few pulmonary metastases
- Markers: HCG 37.401 U/l, AFP 499 ng/ml, LDH 432 U/l

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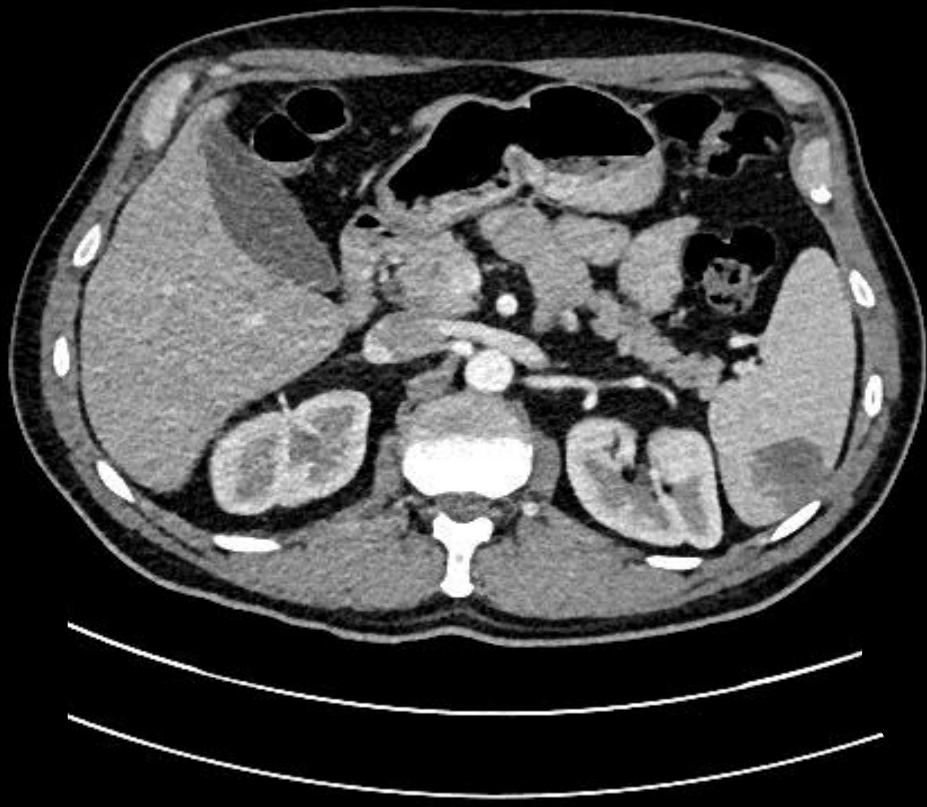
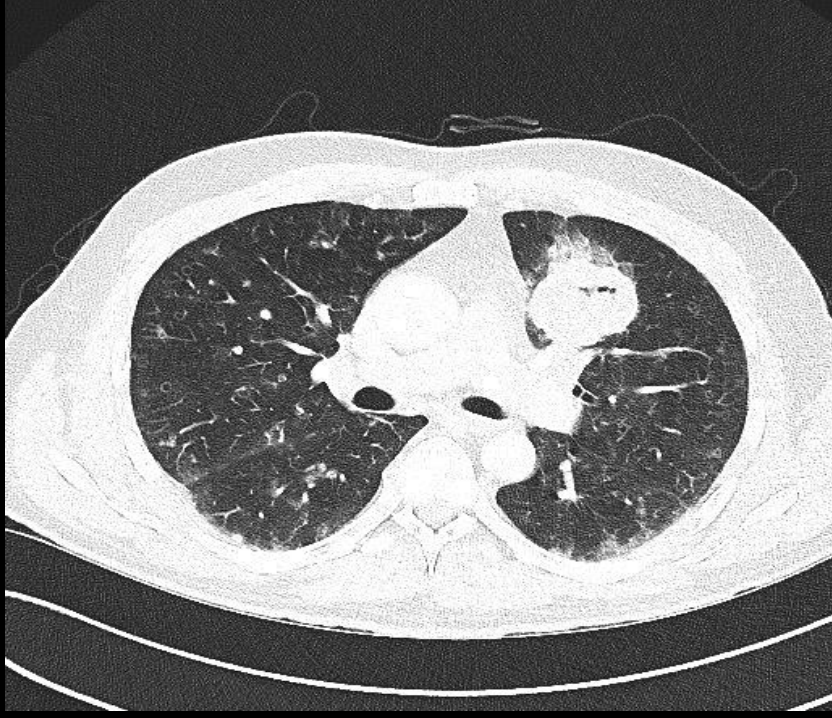
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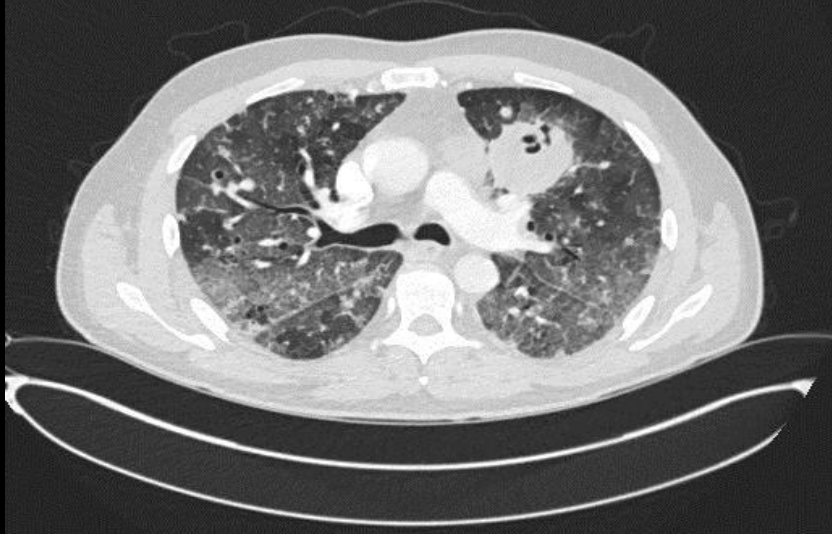
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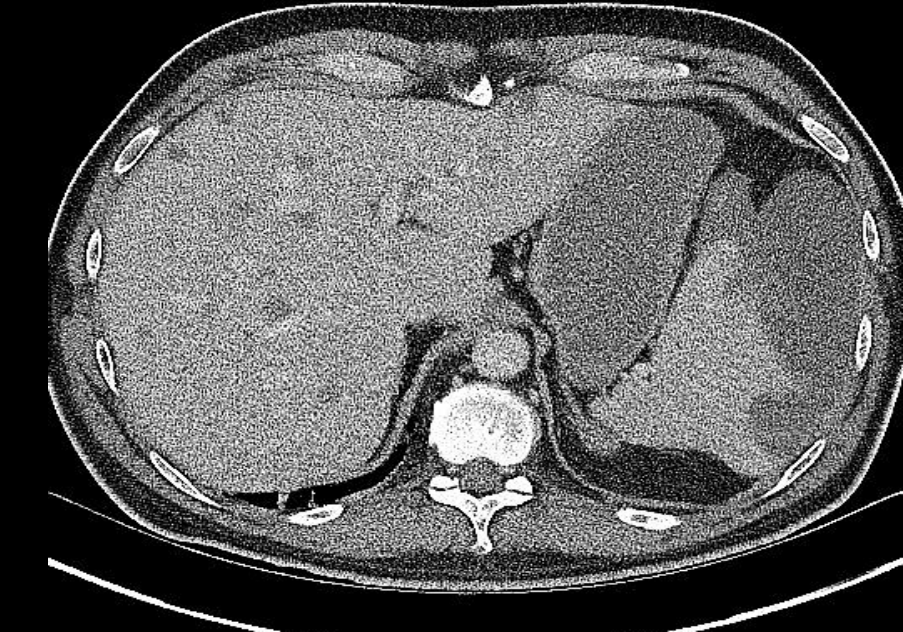
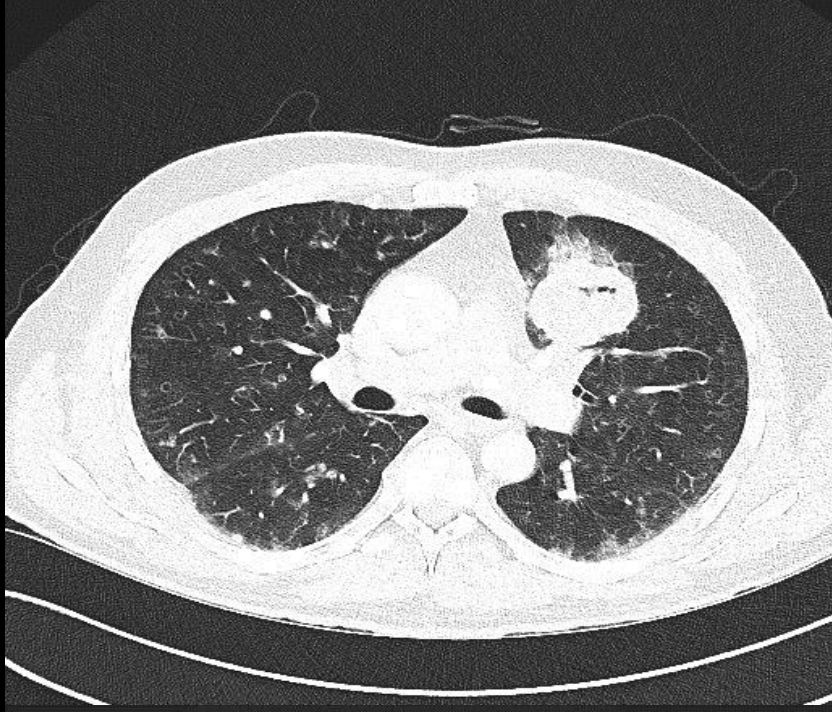
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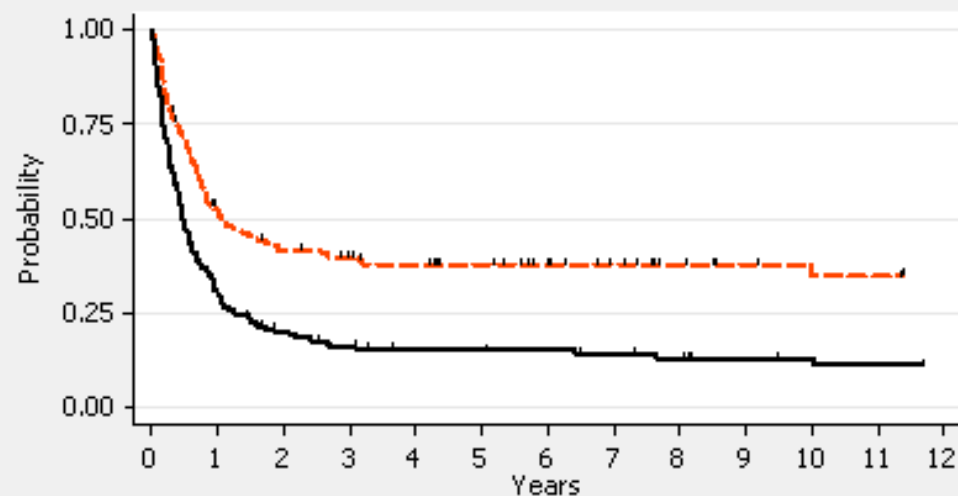
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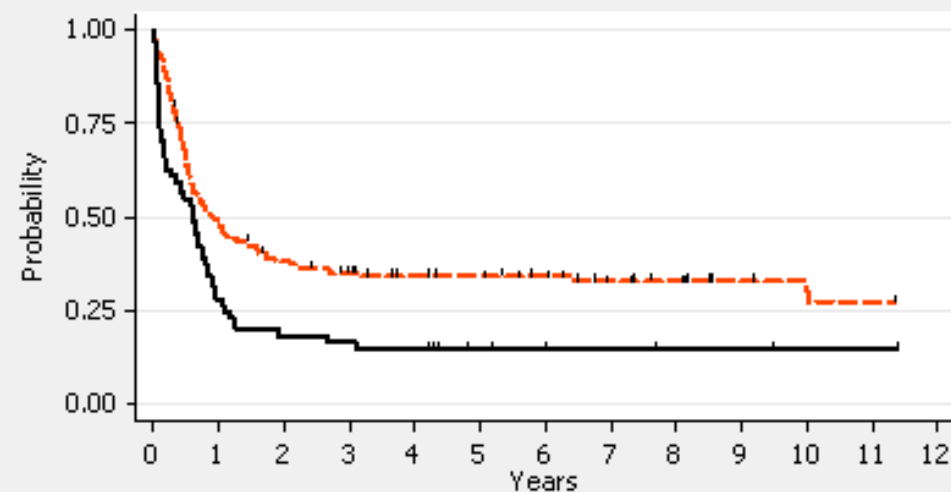
**Table 4.** Prognostic Score for Patients With Nonseminoma and Seminoma

Parameter	Score Points				Score
	0	1	2	3	
Primary site	Gonadal	Extragonadal	—	Mediastinal nonseminoma	
Prior response	CR/PRm—	PRm+/SD	PD	—	
PFI, months	> 3	≤ 3	—	—	
AFP salvage	Normal	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	
HCG salvage	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	—	
LBB	No	Yes	—	—	

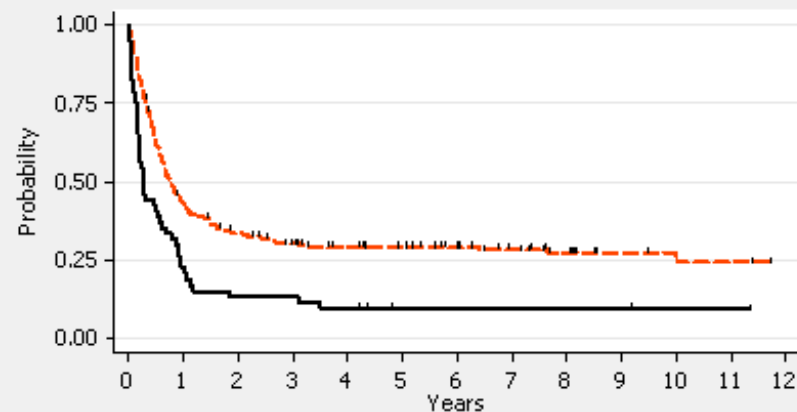
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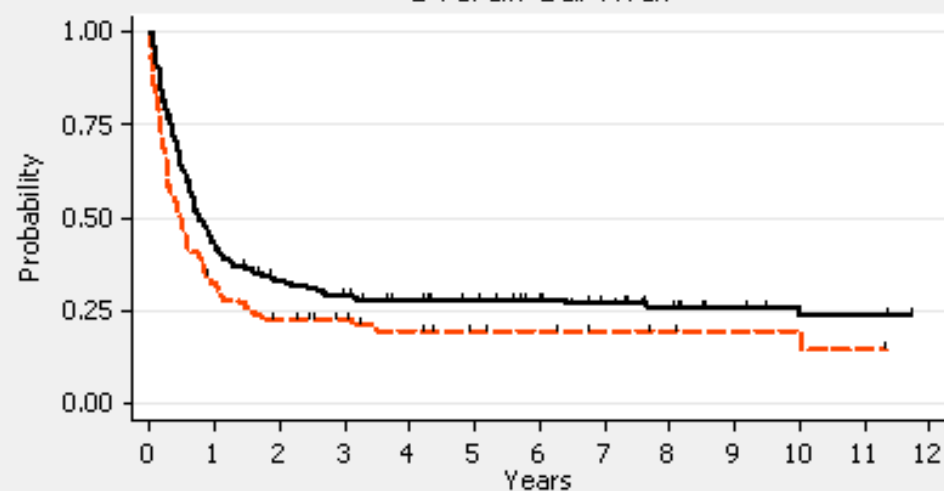
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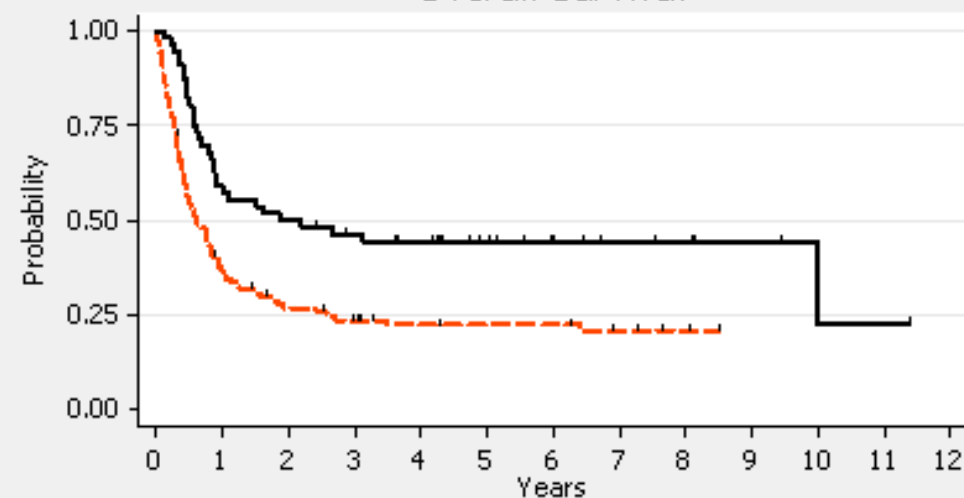
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## late relapse of seminoma and non-seminoma

Some discussions circled around the optimal definition of late relapse. There was a clear vote that the term late relapse should be limited to relapses occurring 2 years or later after full cisplatin-based chemotherapy. This definition excludes patients who relapse after adjuvant treatment or during surveillance who are usually cured by chemotherapy alone. Patients with late relapse represent a rare subgroup with an adverse prognosis as well as a high frequency of teratoma and/or non-GCC elements, who will have to be managed differently

than other cohorts with GCC relapses (supplementary material S25, available at *Annals of Oncology* online). Patients with resectable late relapse should undergo immediate surgical removal of all tumor manifestations at an experienced reference center irrespective of serum tumor marker levels [62, 63]. No consensus could be achieved, however, on the management of unresectable late relapse, although the majority recommended CDCT (supplementary material S26, available at *Annals of Oncology* online) [64].

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**Table 4. Characteristics of Patients Who Experienced Late Relapse to First-Line Therapy**

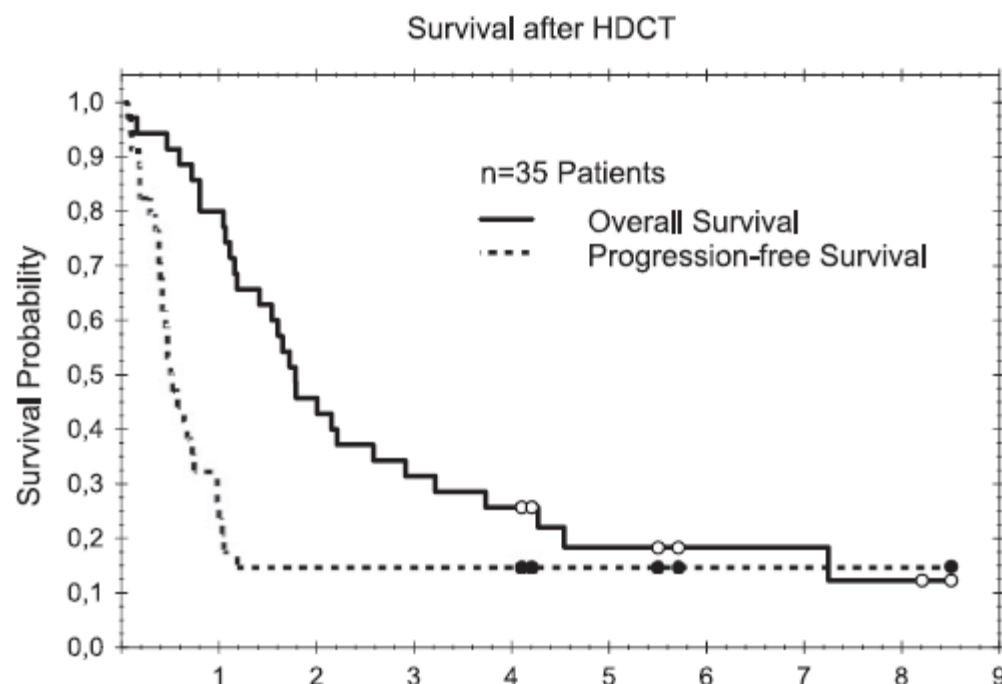
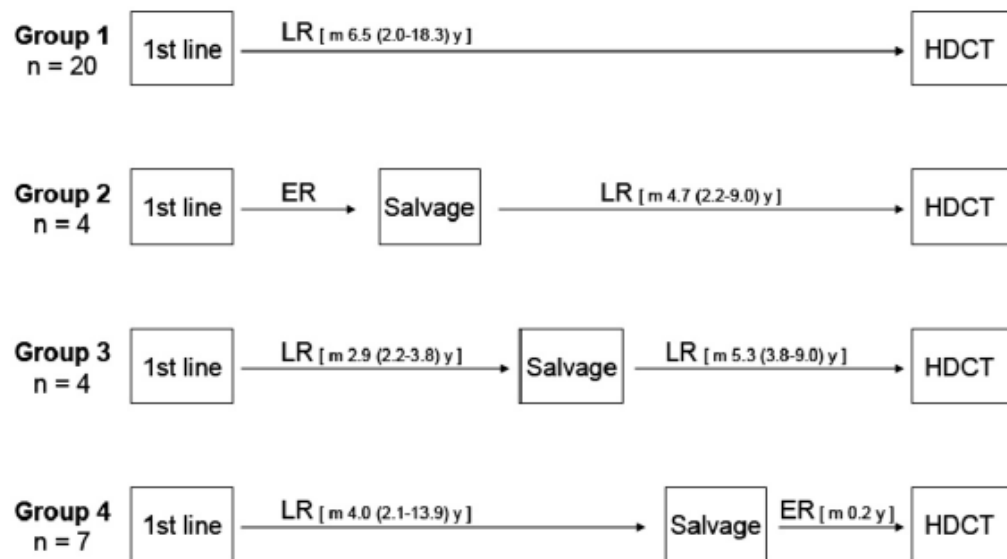
Patient No.	Time to Relapse (years)	First-Line Therapy	Metastatic Sites	Elevated Pretreatment Markers	Response to TIP	Status	Survival Time from TIP (months)
1	3.0	Etoposide plus cisplatin	Lung plus retroperitoneum	AFP	Complete	Alive, NED	38+
2	3.2	Bleomycin, etoposide plus cisplatin	Retroperitoneum	HCG, LDH	Complete	Alive, NED	12+
3	6.7	VAB-6 + high-dose carboplatin plus etoposide	Liver plus retroperitoneum	None	Complete	Alive, NED	21+
4	8.8	Etoposide plus carboplatin	Retroperitoneum	AFP	Incomplete	Alive, NED	39+
5	11.8	Bleomycin, etoposide plus cisplatin	Retroperitoneum	AFP, LDH	Incomplete	Dead	25
6	12.7	VAB-6	Retroperitoneum bone, plus liver	AFP, LDH	Incomplete	Dead	9

Abbreviations: AFP, alfa fetoprotein; NED, no evidence of disease; VAB-6, cisplatin, vinblastine, bleomycin, cyclophosphamide plus actinomycin-D; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase.

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# Third-line (palliative) regimens

## Oechsle/Bokemeyer (2011) "GOP"

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Gemcitabin	800 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 & 8
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## Nicolai/Necchi (2009) "CGP"

Cisplatin	50 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1 & 8
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## Einhorn (2007) "GP"

Gemcitabin	1000 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1, 8 & 15
Paclitaxel	100 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1, 8 & 15

## Cooper/Einhorn (1995) "Oral Etoposide"

Etoposide	50 mg/m <sup>2</sup>	Day 1-14
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