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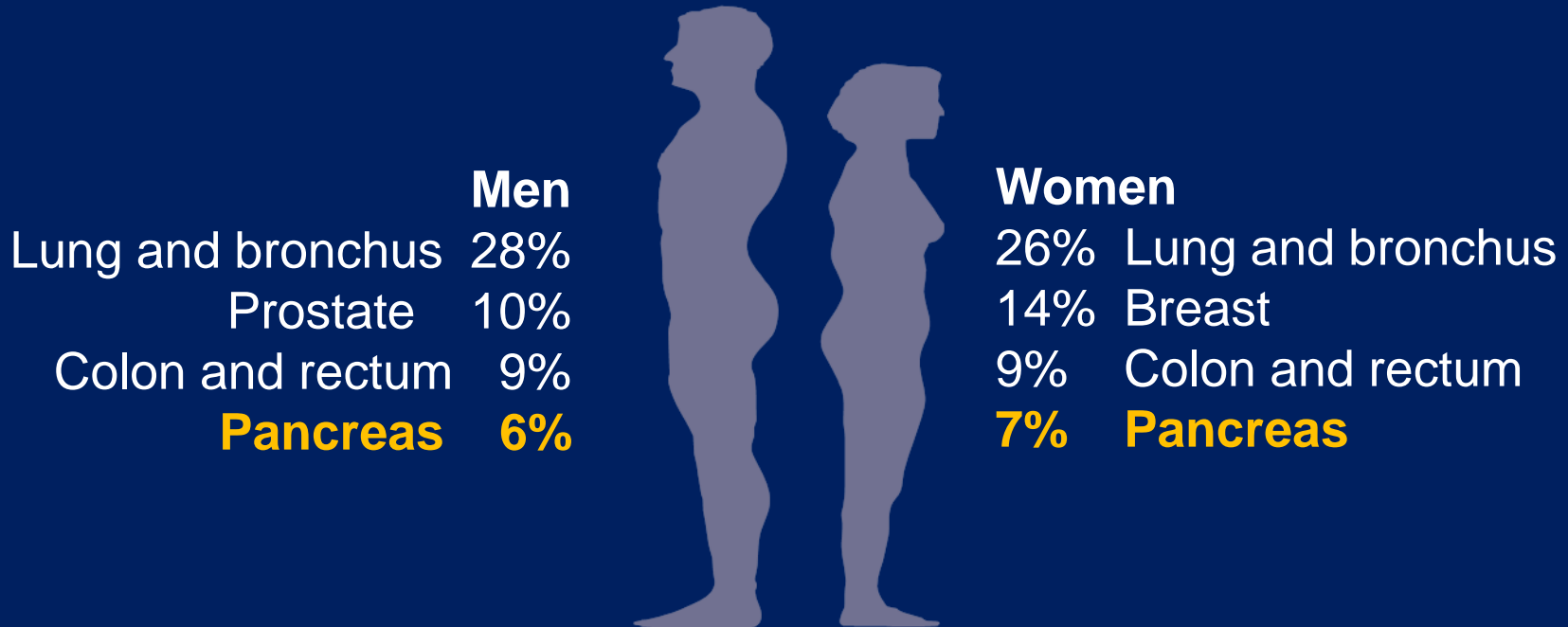
# **Locally advanced pancreatic cancer**

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# Pancreatic Cancer: Mortality and New Cases

Mortality by Leading Sites\* by Sex, United States, 2013 Estimates



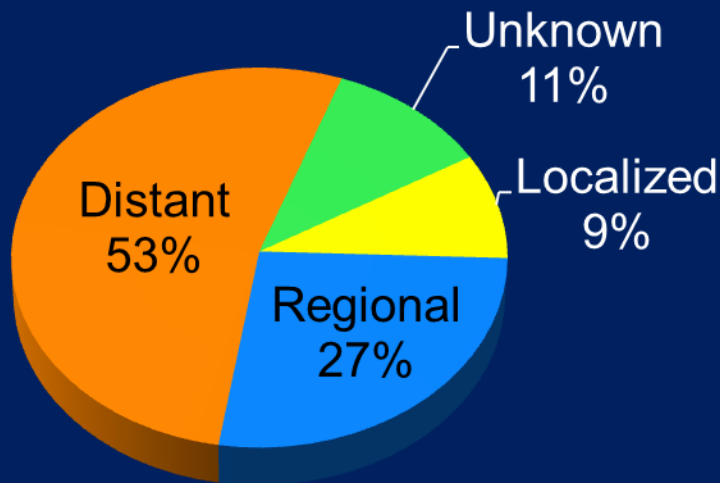
- The 10th most commonly diagnosed cancer and the 4th leading cause of cancer death
  - 44,980 new cases and 38,460 deaths in USA in 2013

\*Excludes basal and squamous cell skin cancer, and in situ carcinomas except urinary bladder.  
PaC, pancreatic cancer.

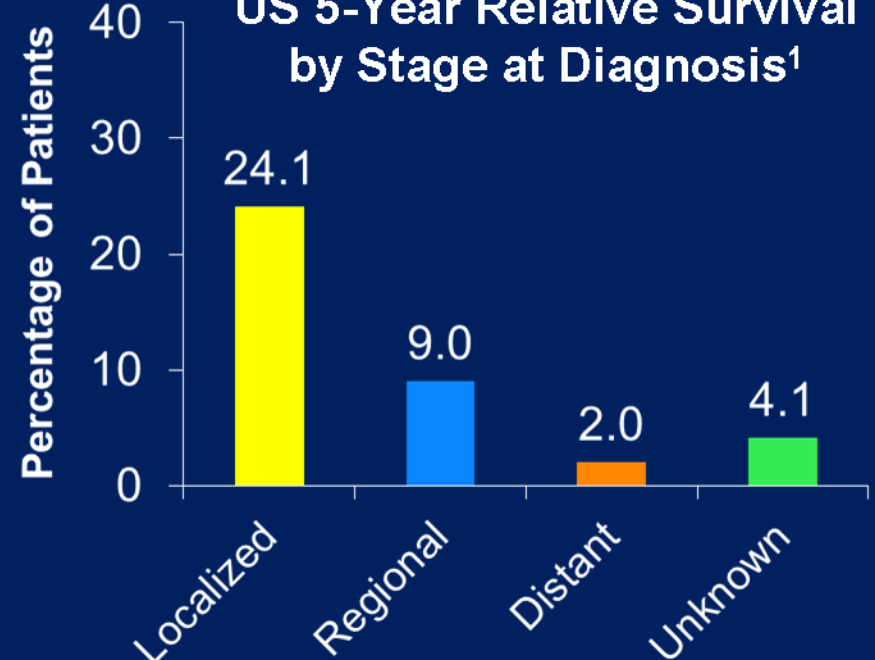
# Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rates by Stage

US Clinical Stage at Diagnosis<sup>1</sup>

Percentage of Patients

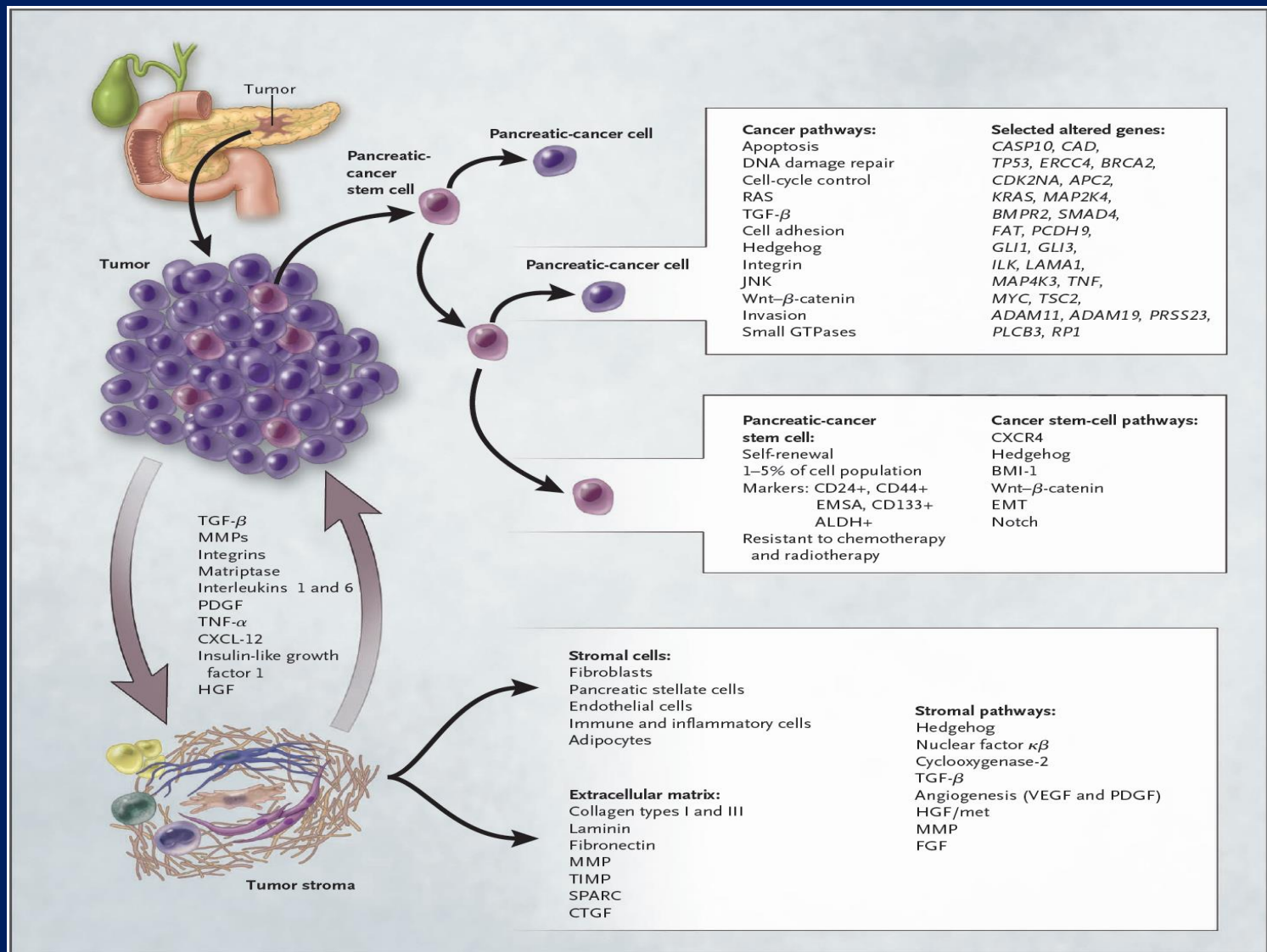


US 5-Year Relative Survival by Stage at Diagnosis<sup>1</sup>

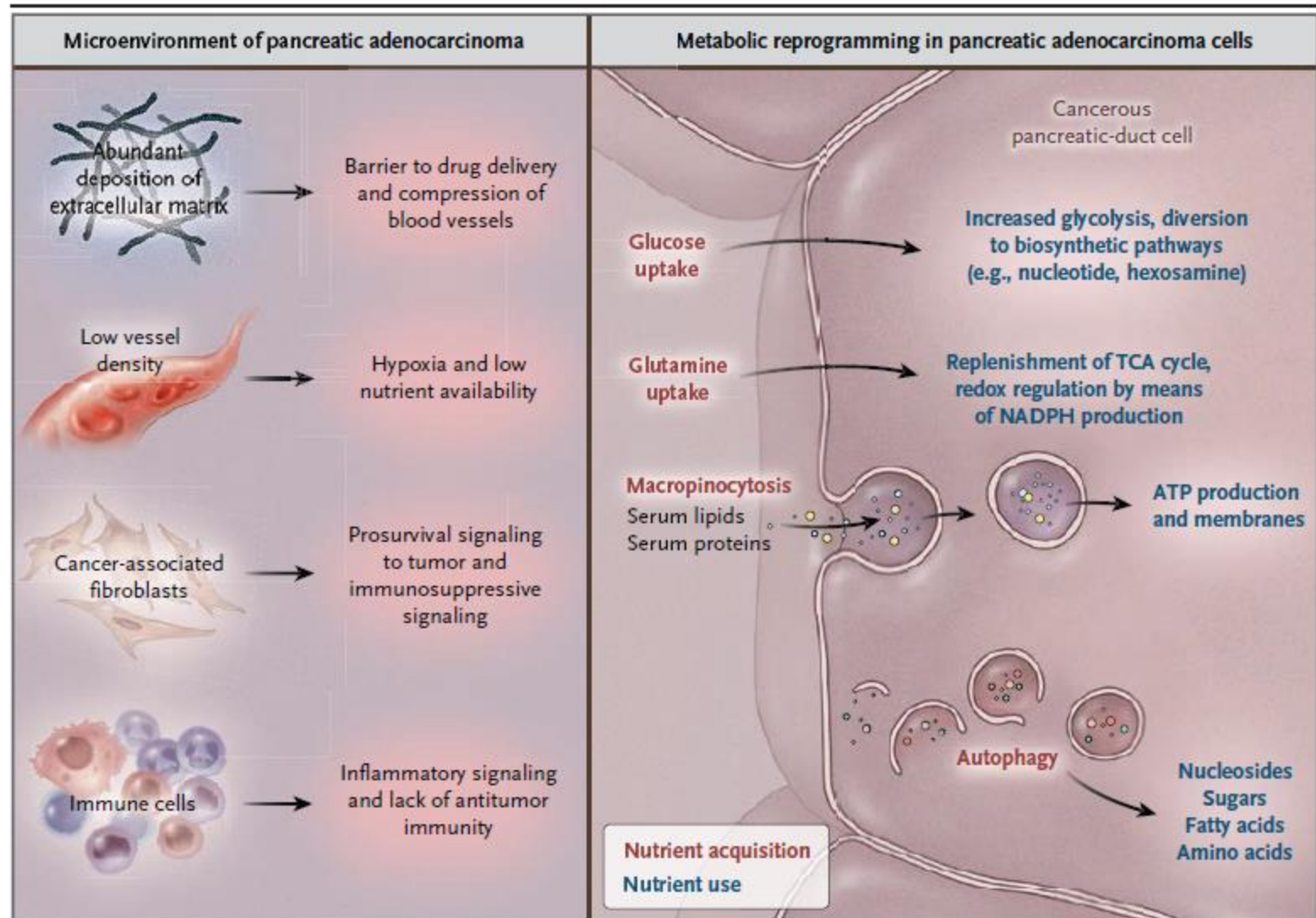


- Majority of patients have inoperable disease at time of diagnosis<sup>1</sup>
  - Only 6% of patients (all stages) survive more than 5 years<sup>1</sup>
- Mortality rates from pancreatic cancer in the United States have slowly increased over the past 10 years<sup>2</sup>

# Multifaceted Biology of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma







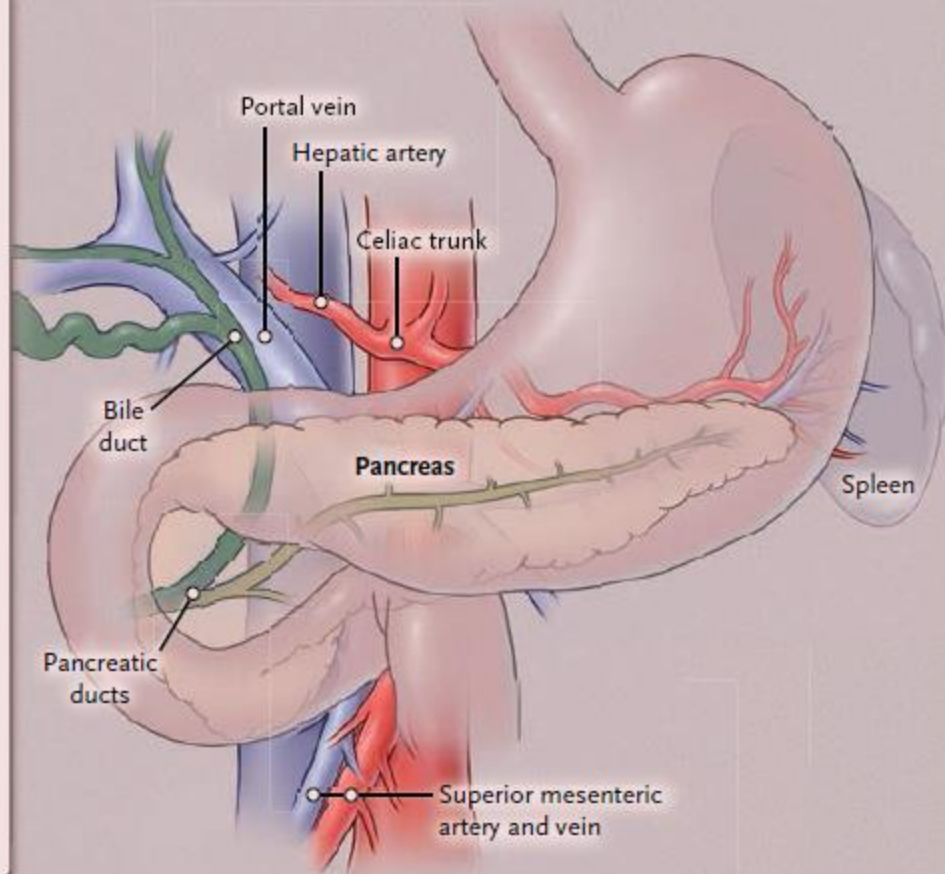
**Figure 2. Biologic Features of Pancreatic Cancer.**

Pancreatic cancers have a complex microenvironment that might be a target for therapy. TCA denotes tricarboxylic acid.

### Unresectable

- ↑ Distant metastases
- Arterial encasement (celiac trunk, superior mesenteric artery, or hepatic artery)
- Arterial involvement (celiac trunk, superior mesenteric artery, or hepatic artery)
- Venous encasement (portal or superior mesenteric vein)
- Venous involvement (portal or superior mesenteric vein)
- Attached to other organs
- ↓ No arterial or venous involvement

### Resectable



**Figure 3. Anatomy and Surgical Resectability of Pancreatic Cancer.**

Pancreatic cancers are categorized on a continuum from resectable to unresectable according to the involvement of adjacent structures and the presence of distant metastases.

# **Pancreatic adenocarcinoma clinical grouping**

## **❖ Metastatic disease**

- ✓ Chemotherapy: modest progress

## **❖ Resectable disease**

## **❖ Borderline resectable disease**

## **❖ Locally advanced, but clearly not resectable disease**

# Metastatic pancreatic cancer

**Table 3.** Key Clinical Trials in Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer.\*

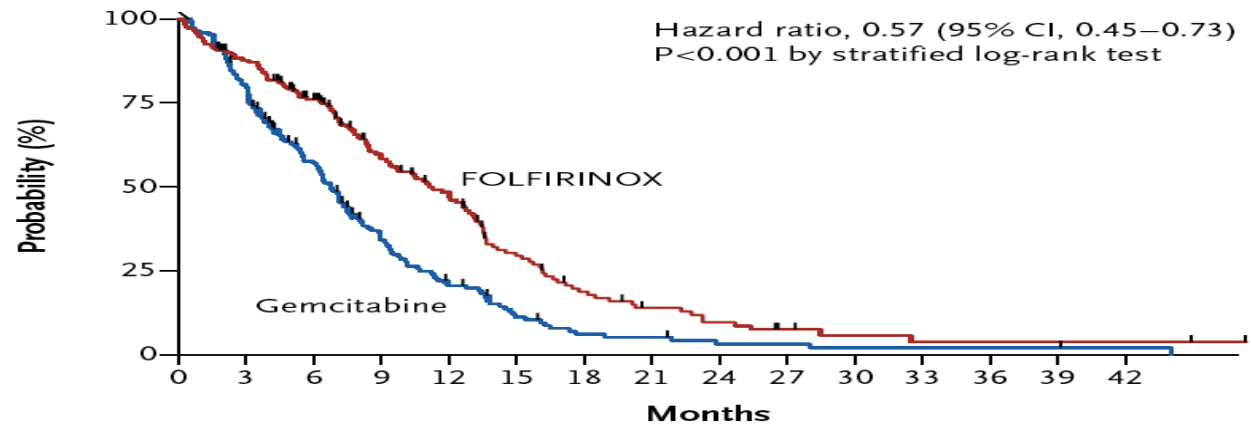
Trial	No. of Patients	Treatment	Median Survival	P Value
			<i>mo</i>	
Burris et al. <sup>70</sup>	126	Fluorouracil Gemcitabine	4.4 5.6	0.002
NCIC <sup>71</sup>	569	Gemcitabine Gemcitabine plus erlotinib	5.9 6.2	0.04
Ueno et al. <sup>72</sup>	834	Gemcitabine S-1	8.8 9.7	<0.001 for non-inferiority
Conroy et al. <sup>73</sup>	342	Gemcitabine FOLFIRINOX	6.8 11.1	<0.001
Von Hoff et al. <sup>74</sup>	861	Gemcitabine Gemcitabine plus nab-paclitaxel	6.7 8.5	<0.001

\* FOLFIRINOX denotes fluorouracil, irinotecan, oxaliplatin, and leucovorin; and NCIC National Cancer Institute of Canada.



# ACCORD trial: Gemcitabine vs FOLFIRINOX

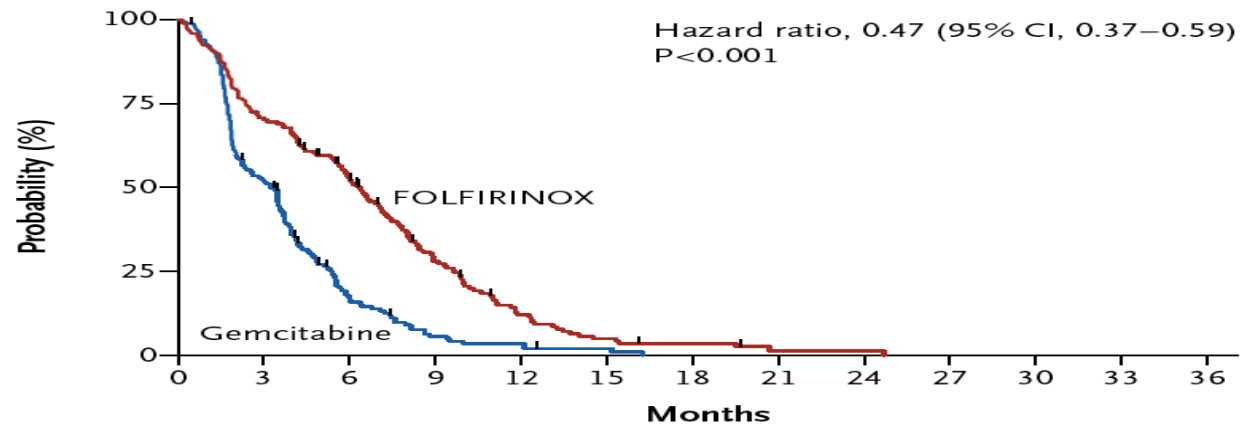
## A Overall Survival



### No. at Risk

Gemcitabine	171	134	89	48	28	14	7	6	3	3	2	2	2	1
FOLFIRINOX	171	146	116	81	62	34	20	13	9	5	3	2	2	2

## B Progression-free Survival



### No. at Risk

Gemcitabine	171	88	26	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FOLFIRINOX	171	121	85	42	17	7	4	1	1	0	0	0	0

# MPACT Study Design

## Planned N = 842

- Stage IV
- No prior treatment for metastatic disease
- KPS  $\geq 70$
- Measurable disease
- Total bilirubin  $\leq$  ULN
- No age limitation

### *nab-P*

125 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV qw 3/4

+

### Gem

1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV qw 3/4

1:1, stratified by KPS, region, liver metastasis

### Gem

1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV qw 7/8  
then qw 3/4

## ❖ Primary endpoint

- ✓ OS

## ❖ Secondary endpoints

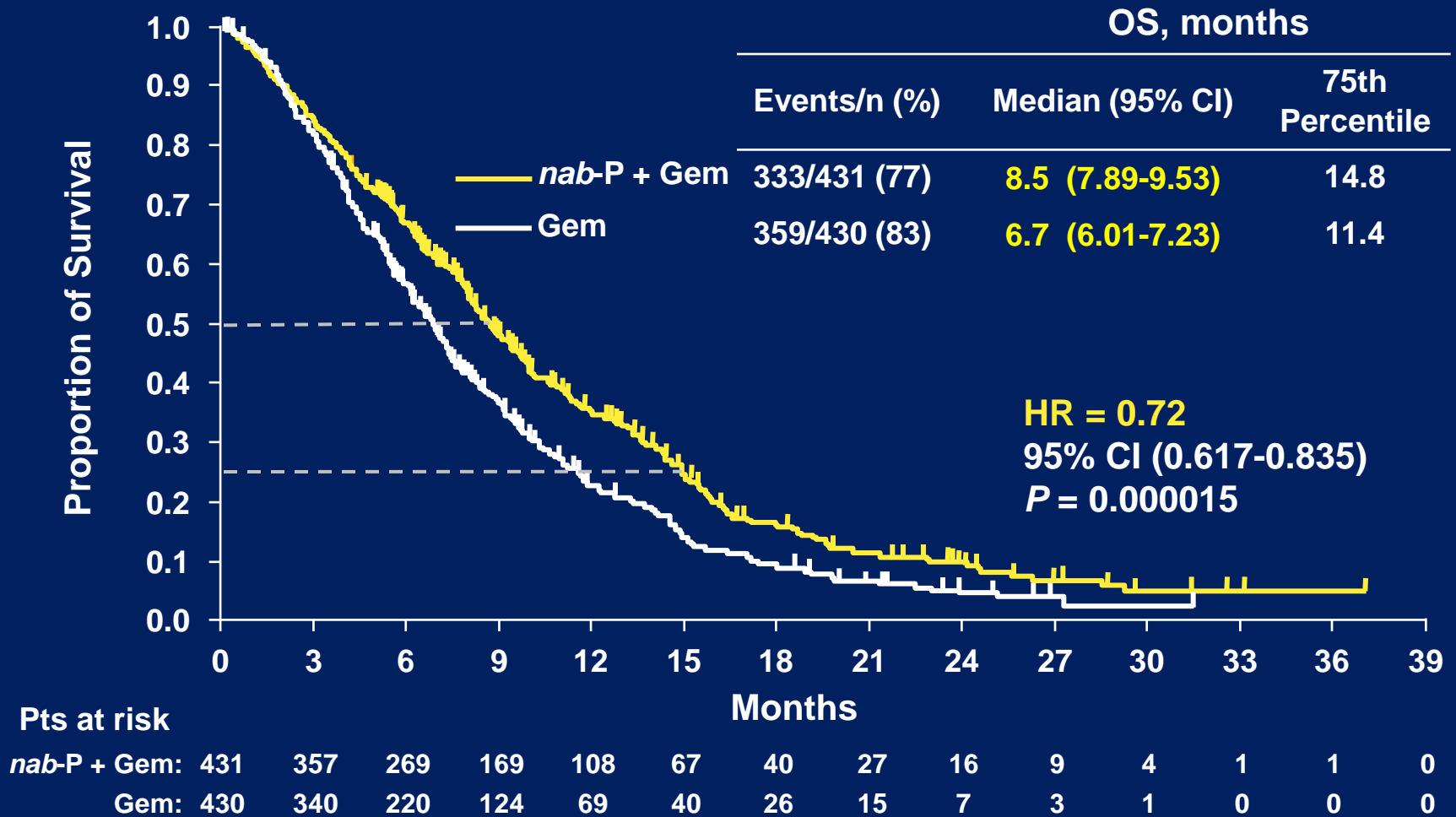
- ✓ PFS and ORR by independent review (RECIST)

## ❖ Safety and tolerability

- ✓ By NCI CTCAE v3.0

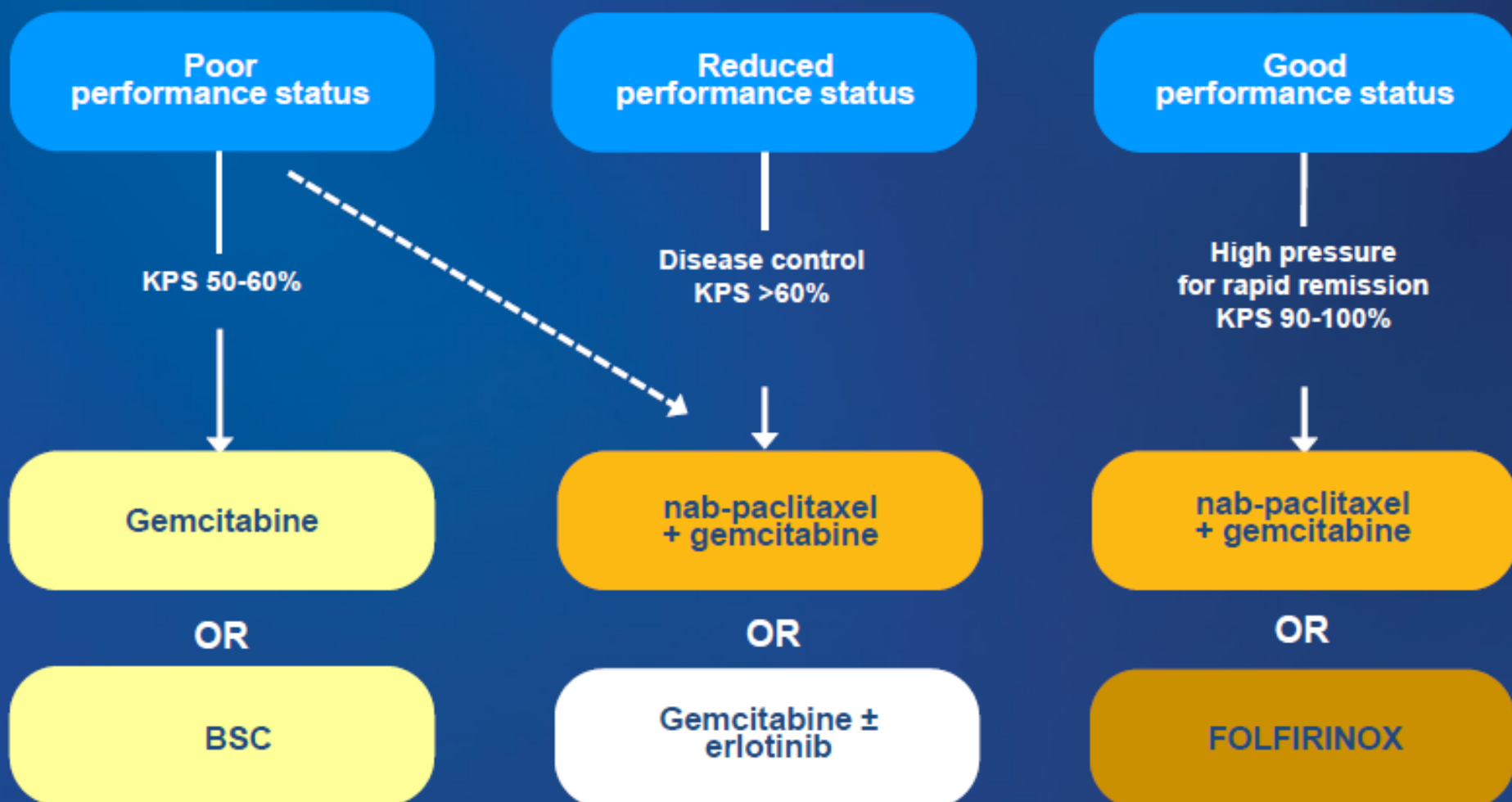
- ✓ With 608 events, 90% power to detect OS; HR = 0.769 (2-sided  $\alpha = 0.049$ )
- ✓ Treat until progression
- ✓ CT scans every 8 weeks
- ✓ PET scans in an initial cohort of patients at baseline and weeks 8 and 16
- ✓ CA19-9 measurements at baseline and every 8 weeks

# MPACT trial: Overall Survival



- Subsequent therapy: 38% for *nab*-P + Gem and 42% for Gem
- OS censored at time of secondary therapy: 9.4 vs 6.8 months; HR 0.68;  $P = 0.00007$
- Trial conclusions not impacted by secondary therapies

# Suggested treatment algorithm for metastatic pancreatic cancer



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## **Researchers Optimistic About Targeted Drugs for Pancreatic Cancer**



# Pancreatic adenocarcinoma clinical grouping

- ❖ Metastatic disease
- ❖ **Resectable disease:**
  - ✓ resection plus adjuvant treatment
- ❖ Borderline resectable disease
- ❖ Locally advanced, but clearly not resectable disease

**Table 2.** Adjuvant Therapy for Pancreatic Cancer.\*

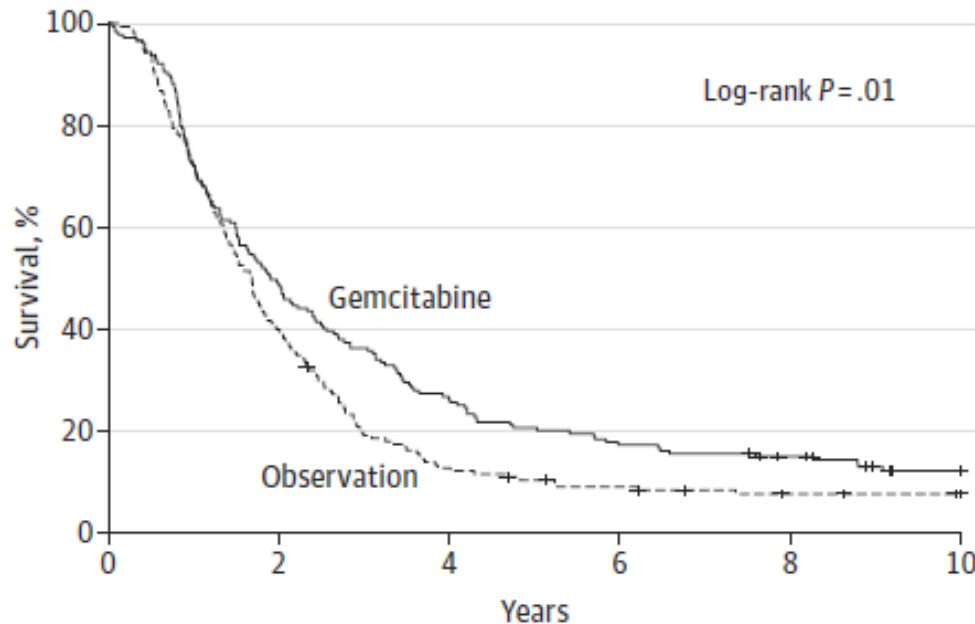
Study	No. of Patients	Treatment	Survival	P Value
GITSG <sup>58</sup>	43	Observation Fluorouracil plus radiotherapy	10% at 2 yr 20% at 2 yr	0.007
EORTC <sup>59</sup>	218	Observation Fluorouracil plus radiotherapy	26% at 2 yr 34% at 2 yr	0.10
ESPAC-1 <sup>60</sup>	289	Observation Chemoradiotherapy	16.9 mo (median) <sup>†</sup> 13.9 mo	
		Fluorouracil Chemoradiotherapy plus fluorouracil	21.6 mo 19.9 mo	
CONKO-01 <sup>61</sup>	368	Observation Gemcitabine	10.4% at 5 yr 20.7% at 5 yr	0.01
ESPAC 3 <sup>62</sup>	1088	Fluorouracil Gemcitabine	23.0 mo (median) 23.6 mo	0.39
RTOG 9704 <sup>63</sup>	451	Fluorouracil plus radiotherapy Gemcitabine plus radiotherapy	22% at 5 yr 18% at 5 yr	0.12
JASPAC-01 <sup>64</sup>	378	S-1 (oral fluoropyrimidine) Gemcitabine	70% at 2 yr 53% at 2 yr	<0.001

\* CONKO-01 denotes Charité Onkologie 01, EORTC European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, ESPAC European Study Group for Pancreatic Cancer, GITSG Gastrointestinal Tumor Study Group, JASPAC-01 Japan Adjuvant Study Group of Pancreatic Cancer, and RTOG 9704 Radiation Therapy Oncology Group 9704.

<sup>†</sup> The estimated 5-year survival rate was 10% among patients who received chemoradiotherapy and 20% among patients who did not receive chemoradiotherapy (P=0.05). The 5-year survival rate was 21% among patients who received chemotherapy and 8% among patients who did not receive chemotherapy (P=0.009).

# Adjuvant Gemcitabine After Complete Tumor Resection

**B** Overall survival



No. at risk						
Gemcitabine	179	87	47	31	24	14
Observation	175	70	22	14	9	7

- Statistically significant improvement in 5 and 10 year OS rates vs observation  
5-year OS: 10.3% improvement (20.7% vs 10.4%)<sup>a</sup>  
10-year OS: 4.5% improvement (12.2% vs 7.7%)<sup>b</sup>

95% CI for gemcitabine and observation, respectively

<sup>a</sup>(95% CI: 14.7%-26.6%) vs (95% CI, 5.9%-15.0%)

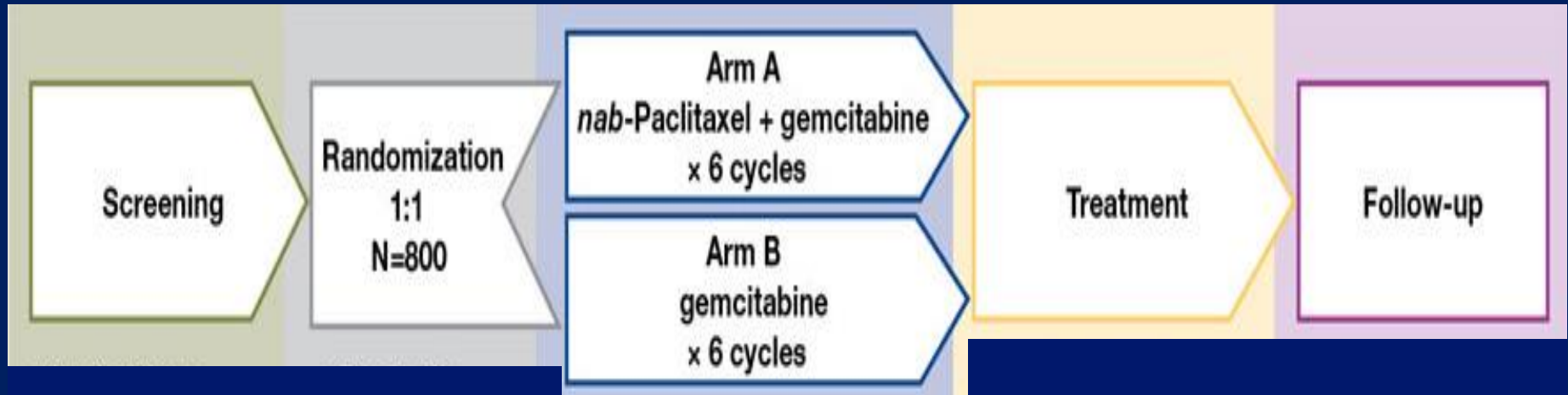
<sup>b</sup>(95% CI: 7.3%-17.2%) vs (95% CI: 3.6%-11.8%)

Treatment with adjuvant gemcitabine for 6 months leads to 24% improvement in OS over observation

A phase III trial of *nab*-paclitaxel (*nab*-P) plus gemcitabine (Gem) vs Gem alone for resected pancreatic cancer (PC) is ongoing (APACT trial)<sup>2</sup>

# APACT:

## Adjuvant Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Clinical Trial



- **Nab-paclitaxel and Gemcitabine vs Gemcitabine Alone as Adjuvant Therapy for Patients With Resected Pancreatic Cancer<sup>1</sup>**
  - Primary endpoints: Disease Free Survival (DFS)
  - Secondary endpoints: OS, safety and tolerability
- Exploratory endpoints: molecular profiling of tumours, QoL

1. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01964430?term=nab-paclitaxel+and+pancreatic+cancer&rank=24>

# **Pancreatic adenocarcinoma clinical grouping**

- ❖ **Metastatic disease**
- ❖ **Resectable disease**
- ❖ **Borderline resectable disease: definition issues**
  - ✓ Neoadjuvant treatment
    - ✓ Chemotherapy
    - ✓ Chemoradiotherapy
- ❖ **Locally advanced, but clearly not resectable disease**



# **AHPBA** (American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association) **Consensus Conference Refined the** **MDACC** (MD Anderson) **Criteria**

## ❖ Includes:

- No distant metastases.
- Venous involvement of the SMV/portal vein demonstrating tumor abutment with or without impingement and narrowing of the lumen, encasement of the SMV/portal vein but without encasement of the nearby arteries,
  - or short segment venous occlusion resulting from either tumor thrombus or encasement but with suitable vessel proximal and distal to the area of vessel involvement, allowing for safe resection and reconstruction

# AHPBA Consensus Statement II

## ❖ Continued

- Gastroduodenal artery encasement up to the hepatic artery with either short segment encasement or direct abutment of the hepatic artery, without extension to the celiac axis
- Tumor abutment of the SMA not to exceed 180° of the circumference of the vessel wall.

❖ **Note: Method of assessment: Multidetector CT scan, 2 phases, with 3-dimensional reconstruction**

❖ **NCCN guidelines use this definition and ESDO accept these criteria**

# Differing Criteria for Borderline Resectable may Produce Different Results

- Recent study of FDR gemcitabine + capecitabine as neoadjuvant therapy (no XRT)
  - Local criteria used: 33 borderline resectable patients and 10 unresectable patients
  - NCCN criteria used: 18 borderline resectable, 25 unresectable
  - By local criteria, 15 BR went to surgery, 13 R0 resections and 1 of 2 UR who went to surgery had R0 resection
  - By NCCN criteria, 11 BR went to surgery, 9 R0 resections and 5 of 6 UR who went to surgery had R0 resection

# 3 Principle Goals of Neoadjuvant Therapy

- **Response**
  - This may not be RECIST response
  - Needs to “sterilize” the margins
  - Needs to shrink away from the vessels if possible
- **Margin free resection**
  - All data suggests that margin + resections result in poorer survival outcomes
- **Not interfering with surgical outcome**
  - Treatment should not cause increased morbidity/increased post-operative complications
  - Treatment should not cause fibrosis/scarring that make the operation more difficult

# Combined Analysis of Published Data Shows Low Response Rates

	CR	PR	SD	PD
All patients (n = 330)	1.8%	18.8%	59.2%	18.9%
Resectable (n = 196)	0.8%	9.5%	73.9%	17%
Borderline/unresectable (n = 134)	4%	31.8%	40.9%	21.8%

54.2% of all patients underwent resection  
65.8% of resectable patients underwent resection  
80.6% of these were R0  
31.6% of borderline/unresectable patients underwent resection  
62.2% of these were R0  
All patients received chemo, 85% had chemoxrt



# Combined Analysis Shows We Can Achieve R0 Resection

- Suggests that neoadjuvant therapy leads to high R0 resection rate
  - These studies had differing definitions of resectable, borderline and unresectable
  - Intriguingly, borderline and unresectable patients who had resection had the same survival (22.3months) as resectable patients (23 months)
    - Does this suggest our definitions of borderline resectable are just bad on these studies?
  - Did not differentiate chemo from chemoradiation

# Does chemoradiation have a higher response rate than chemo alone?

- Very little evidence of this
- Even in the combined analysis, the definitions of response varied over the years
- Primary pancreatic cancers
  - Appear less responsive than metastases
  - Are difficult to measure even with high quality scans

# E4201: Locally Advanced pancreatic Cancer Trial Schema

## Stratify:

- PS (0 vs 1)
- Weight loss (>10% vs ≤10%)

R  
A  
N  
D  
O  
M  
I  
Z  
E

### ARM A: INDUCTION

GEMCITABINE 1000mg/M2  
Once weekly x 6 weeks

1 week rest

### ARM A: CONSOLIDATION

GEMCITABINE 1000mg/M2  
Once weekly x 3 weeks  
Followed by 1 week rest x 5  
cycles  
1 cycle = 4 weeks

### ARM B: INDUCTION

GEMCITABINE 600 mg/M2  
Once weekly x 6 weeks  
CONCURRENT RT 180 cGy/day  
5 days week x 6 weeks  
Total dose 50.40 Gy

4 weeks rest

### ARM B: CONSOLIDATION

GEMCITABINE 1000mg/M2  
Once weekly x 3 weeks  
Followed by 1 week rest x 5  
cycles  
1 cycle = 4 weeks

# E4201: Response is the Same for Chemo and ChemoXRT

	<u>GEM alone</u>	<u>GEM plus XRT</u>
	<u>N = 35</u>	<u>N = 34</u>
Partial Resp.	5%	6%
Stable Disease	35%	68%
Progression	16%	6%
Inevaluable*	46%	21%

\* Clinical “progression” without confirmation scans  
or scans performed outside of scheduled times

# E4201: But ChemoXRT has More Stable Disease

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# E4201: ChemoXRT May Decrease Incidence of Local Relapse

	<u>GEM alone</u>	<u>GEM plus XRT</u>
Local	41%	23%
Distant	14%	23%
Local and Distant	5%	9%
Not documented*	41%	44%

\* Clinical “progression” without confirmation scans  
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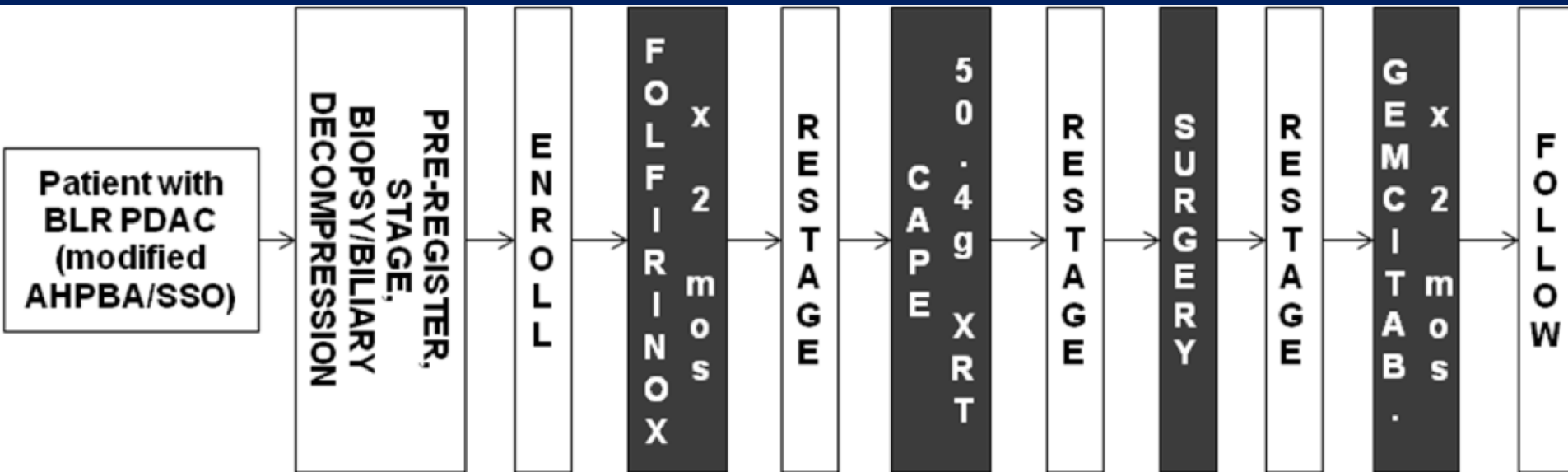
# E4201: Conclusions

- ❖ **Despite no improvement in response or PFS**
  - **This study appeared to show a modest survival benefit (time was equal to the time patients spent getting radiated)**
  - **While response was not higher for XRT, local relapse appeared modestly less likely when XRT was used**
  - **Does not give conclusive evidence of anything as it was underpowered due to poor accrual**

# Can Chemotherapy Before ChemoXRT Provide Better Outcomes?

- 70 patients with borderline (n = 24), or unresectable (n = 46) disease treated with chemoXRT
  - Two strategies
    - ChemoXRT with 50.4Gy (53% unresectable pre-treatment)
    - Chemo (gem based) followed by ChemoXRT if no PD after chemo (83% unresectable pre-treatment)
    - 20% in both strategies had resection
  - The patients who underwent chemo followed by chemoradiation had an improved OS (18.7 vs 12.4 months,  $p = 0.02$ ) compared to chemoXRT alone

# Alliance A021101 Protocol



Pre-Registration allows for  
Biliary decompression  
Central review of staging scans (restaging also  
reviewed centrally)

# Alliance A021101 Protocol

- Endpoints
  - Primary:
    - Estimate the 1-year overall survival (OS) rate
  - Secondary:
    - To estimate the rate of treatment-related toxicity during preoperative therapy.
    - To estimate the R0 resection rate following preoperative therapy.
    - To estimate the rate of radiographic and histopathologic response to preoperative therapy.
    - To estimate the time to locoregional and distant recurrence following completion of treatment.

# Treatment For Borderline Resectable or Locally Advanced Unresectable Pancreatic Cancer

Regimen	Stage	Study Design	N	ORR, %	Resection rate, %	R0 resections, %	1-year PFS, %
FOLFIRINOX <sup>1,a</sup>	BL or unresectable	Retro-spective	18	---	39	28	83
FOLFIRINOX <sup>2,a</sup>	laPC	Retro-spective	16	50	---	---	---
FOLFIRINOX <sup>3,a</sup>	laPC or BL	Registry	23	34	---	---	75
FOLFIRINOX <sup>4,a</sup>	laPC or BL	Retro-spective	43	---	54	42	---
FOLFIRINOX <sup>5,a</sup>	BL or unresectable	Phase II	32	37	41	---	---
FOLFIRINOX <sup>6,a</sup>	laPC	Phase II <sup>b</sup>	8	63	37	---	---
Nab-paclitaxel + gemcitabine <sup>7</sup>	BL or resectable	Phase II	16	31 <sup>c</sup>	56 <sup>d</sup>	89 <sup>e</sup>	---

<sup>a</sup>Oxaliplatin-Irinotecan Based Chemotherapeutic Regimen

<sup>b</sup>Sequential regimen including FOLFIRINOX and *nab*-paclitaxel plus gemcitabine

<sup>c</sup>1 complete pathological response and 4 near complete responses (few (<5%) residual tumor)

<sup>d</sup>At the time of the analysis <sup>e</sup>Of patients who had been operated on at the time of the analysis

BL: borderline  
laPC: locally  
advanced pancreatic  
cancer

1. Hosein PJ et al. *BMC Cancer*. 2012;12: 199 2.Gunturu KS et al. *Medical Oncology*. 2013;30(1): 361 3.Peddi PF et al. *Journal of the Pancreas*. 2012;13(5): 497–501 4. Blazer MA, Wu C, and Goldberg R. *J Clin Oncol* . 2014;32(3): (suppl; abstr 275) 5. Vasile E, de Lio N, and Cappelli C. *J Clin Oncol* . 2013: 31:(suppl; abstr 4062) 6. Kunzmann V et al. *J Clin Oncol* , 2013; 31:(suppl; abstr e15193) 7. Alvarez-Gallego et al. *J Clin Oncol* 2012;30: (suppl; abstr 4040)

# ESMO–ESDO Clinical Practice Guidelines

- ❖ The only curative treatment of pancreatic cancer is surgical resection<sup>1,2</sup>
- ❖ This approach is mainly suitable for patients with early stage of disease mainly stage I and some stage II.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ For borderline resectable disease, neoadjuvant chemotherapy or CRT is recommended, if R0 resection is possible<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Multidisciplinary approach is paramount in assessing resectability<sup>2</sup>
  - Surgeon, radiologist, oncologist, gastroenterologist and radiotherapist

# Borderline Resectable Conclusions

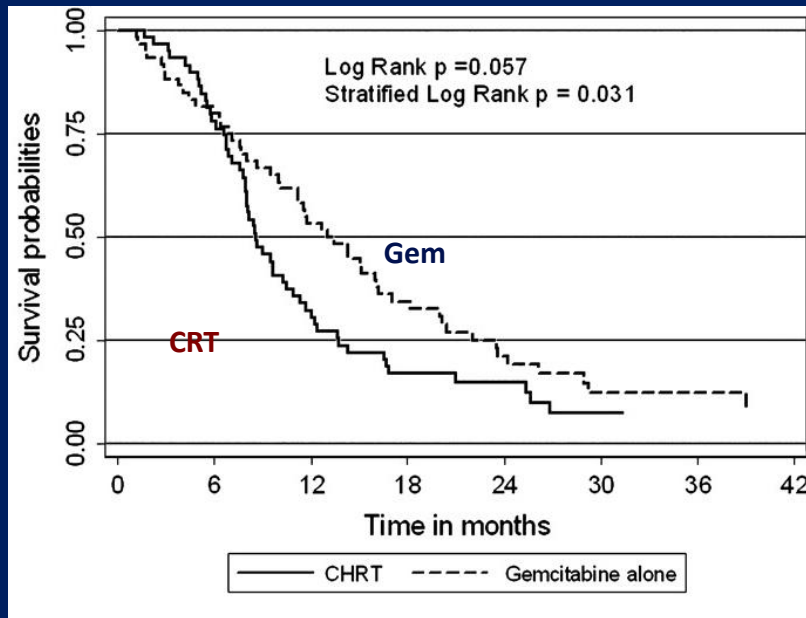
- ❖ We need to establish more standards for this category
  - Pathology
  - Surgery
  - Radiology
  - Treatment choice
- ❖ These definitions need to truly separate borderline unresectable from truly unresectable patients
- ❖ Standard of care is not clearly defined
  - More intense chemotherapy or chemoradiotherapy



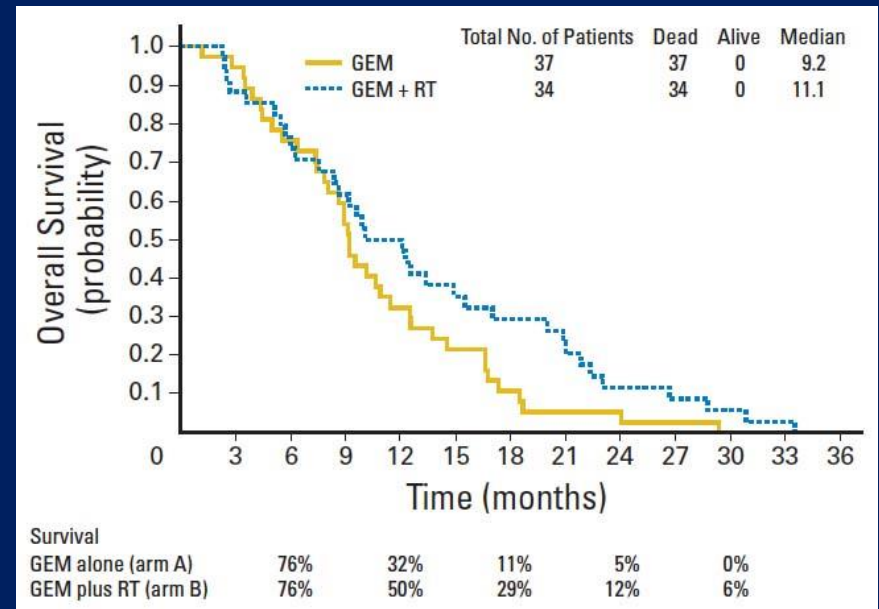
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# Frontline CRT versus chemotherapy in LAPC



*Chauffert B et al. Ann Oncol 2008*

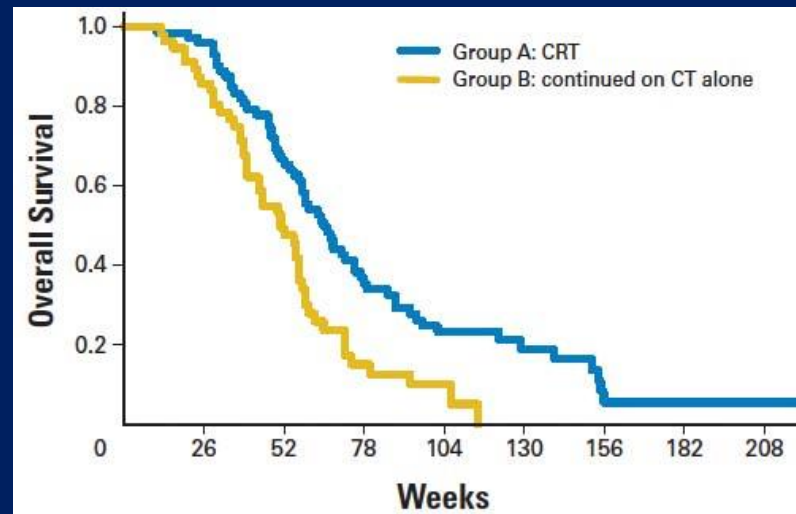


*Loehrer P et al. J Clin Oncol 2011*

→ **Contradictory** results

# Induction CT followed by CRT in LAPC

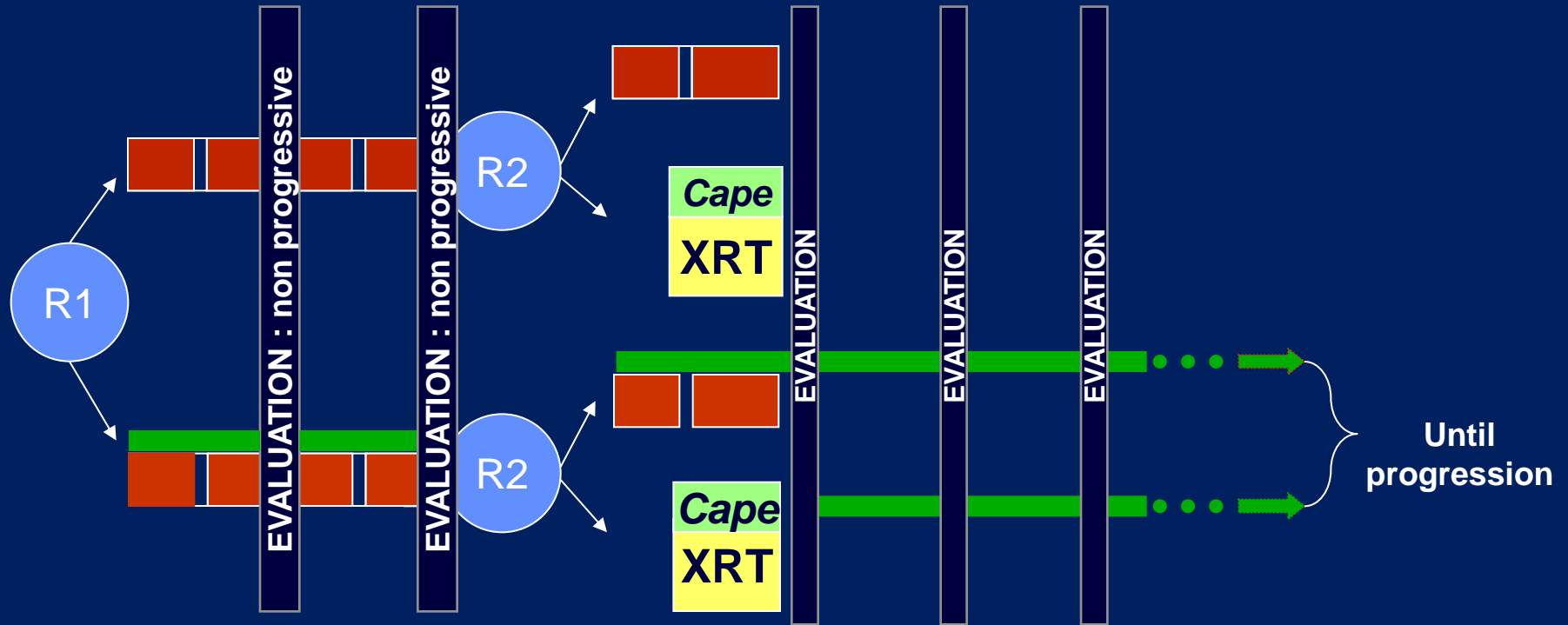
CRT after 3 months of induction chemotherapy



*Huguet F et al, J Clin Oncol 2007*

→ **Promising** strategy

# LAP07 study



1 month = Gemcitabine (1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)/wkX3



Erlotinib : 100 mg/d with gem  
150 mg/d as single agent



Capecitabine plus radiation  
Quality assurance

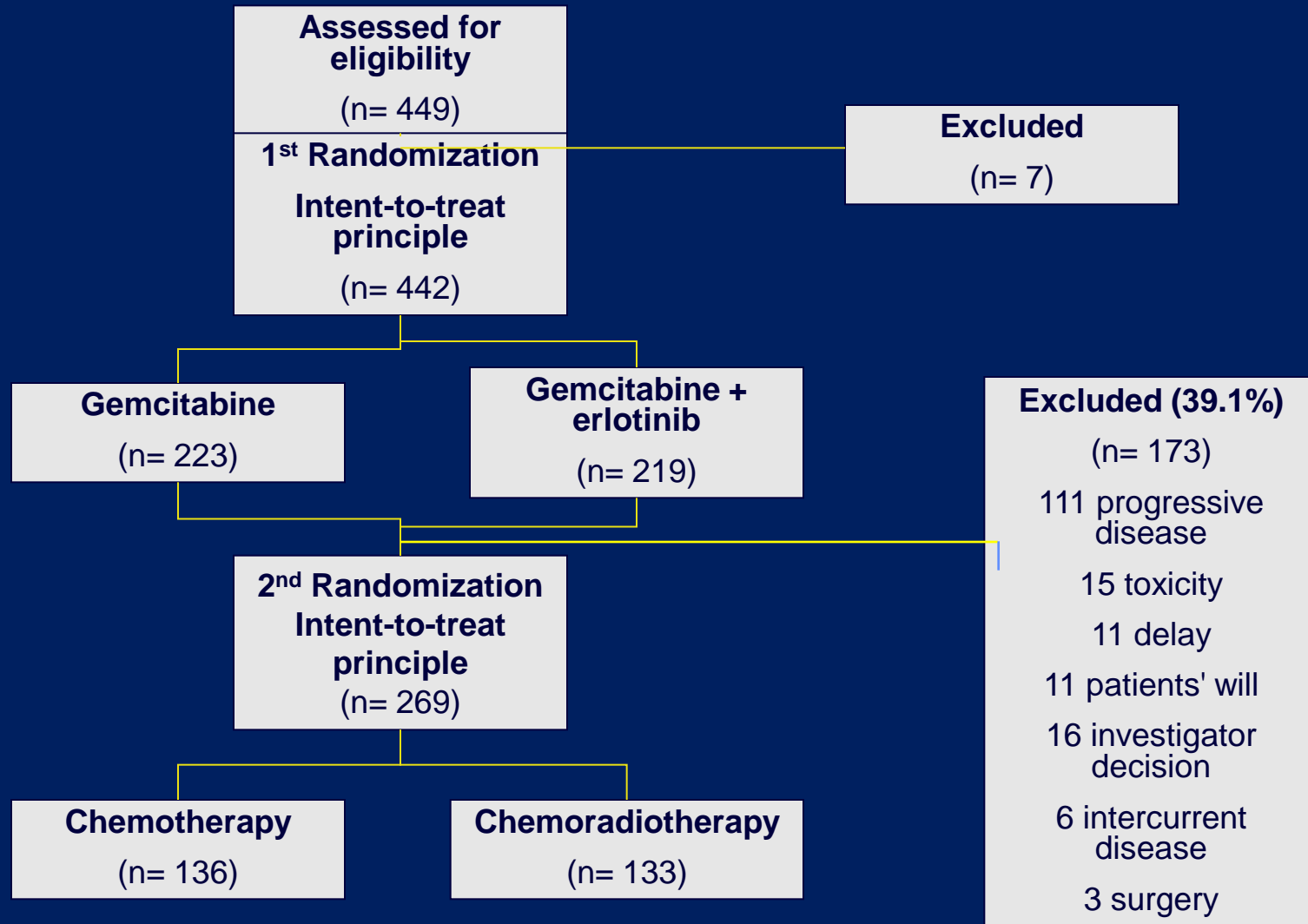
Secondary surgery allowed at any time

# Objectives of LAP07 study

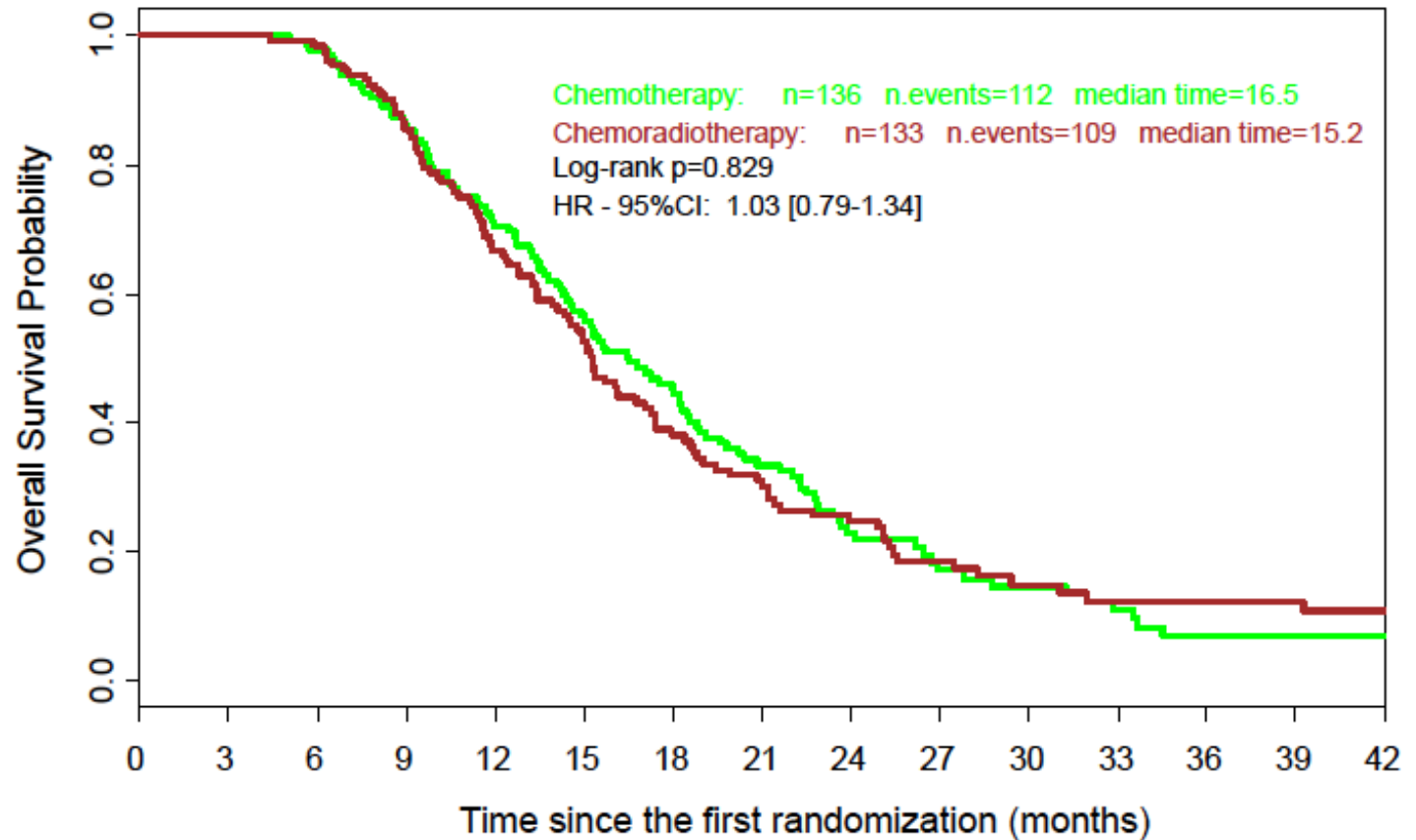
- **Primary objective:** to assess whether administering CRT increases overall survival in patients whose tumor is controlled after 4 months of induction chemotherapy
- **Secondary objectives:**
  - Role of erlotinib
  - Progression free survival (PFS)
  - Tolerance
  - Impact of Radiation Therapy Quality Assessment (RTQA)<sup>1</sup>
  - Predictive molecular markers, circulating tumor cells<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Huguet F et al. ASTRO 2013; <sup>2</sup> Bidard FC et al. Ann Oncol 2013

# LAP 007: Flow Chart



# LAP 007: Overall Survival



N at risk

Chemotherapy	136	136	133	117	94	70	55	39	24	14	12	8	4	4	4
Chemoradiotherapy	133	133	131	113	87	66	45	34	26	18	12	9	9	8	6

# LAP-007: Site of progression

- **R2 patients:**

236/269 patients (88%) with tumor progression

93 with local progression only (39.4%)

122 with metastatic ( $\pm$  local) progression (51.7%)

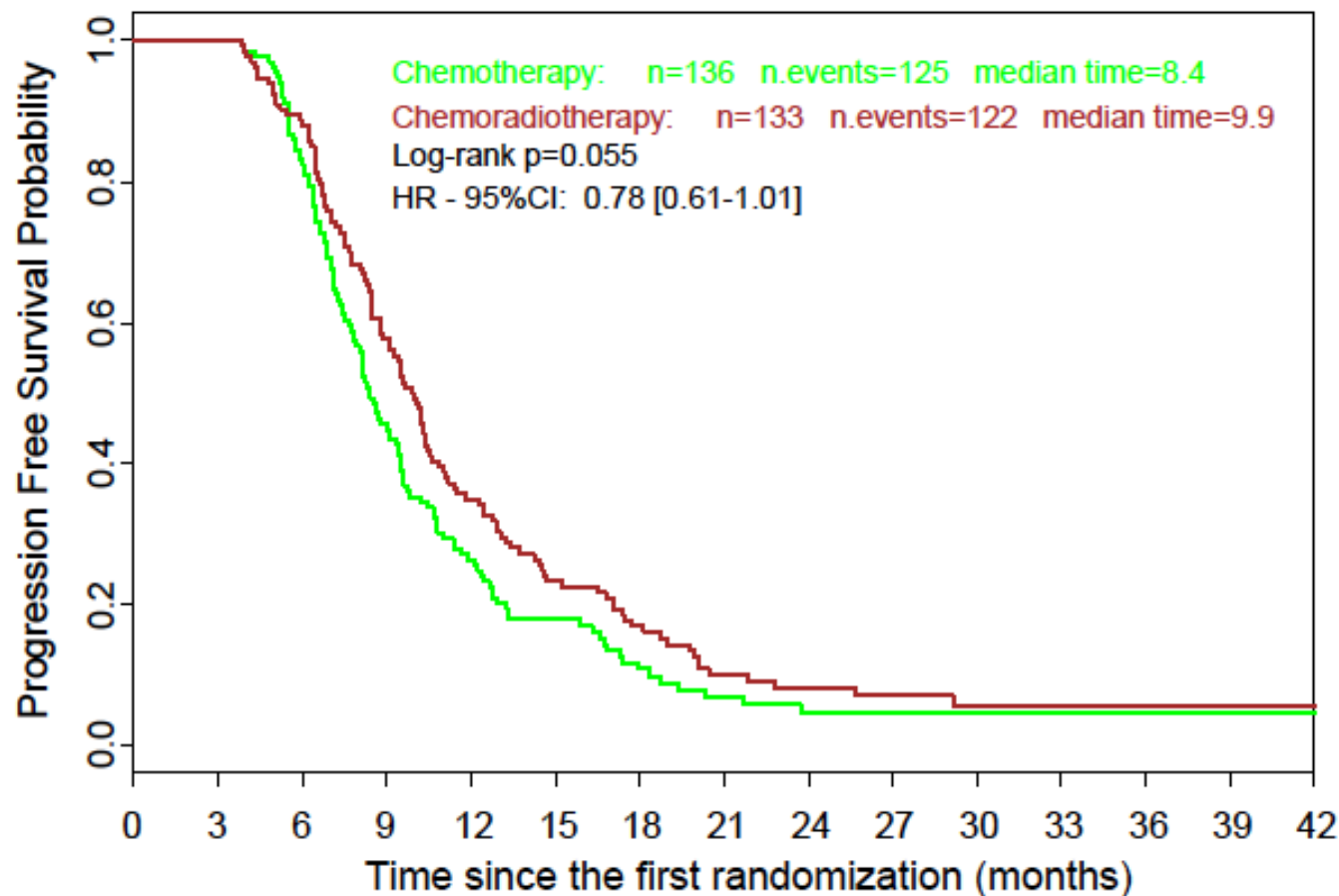
21 unknown (8.9%)

	Chemotherapy (n= 125)	Chemoradiation (n= 111)
LA	58 (46%)	35 (32%)
M+	55 (44%)	67 (60%)
unknown	12 (10%)	9 (8%)

$p=0.035$



# LAP-007: Progression Free Survival



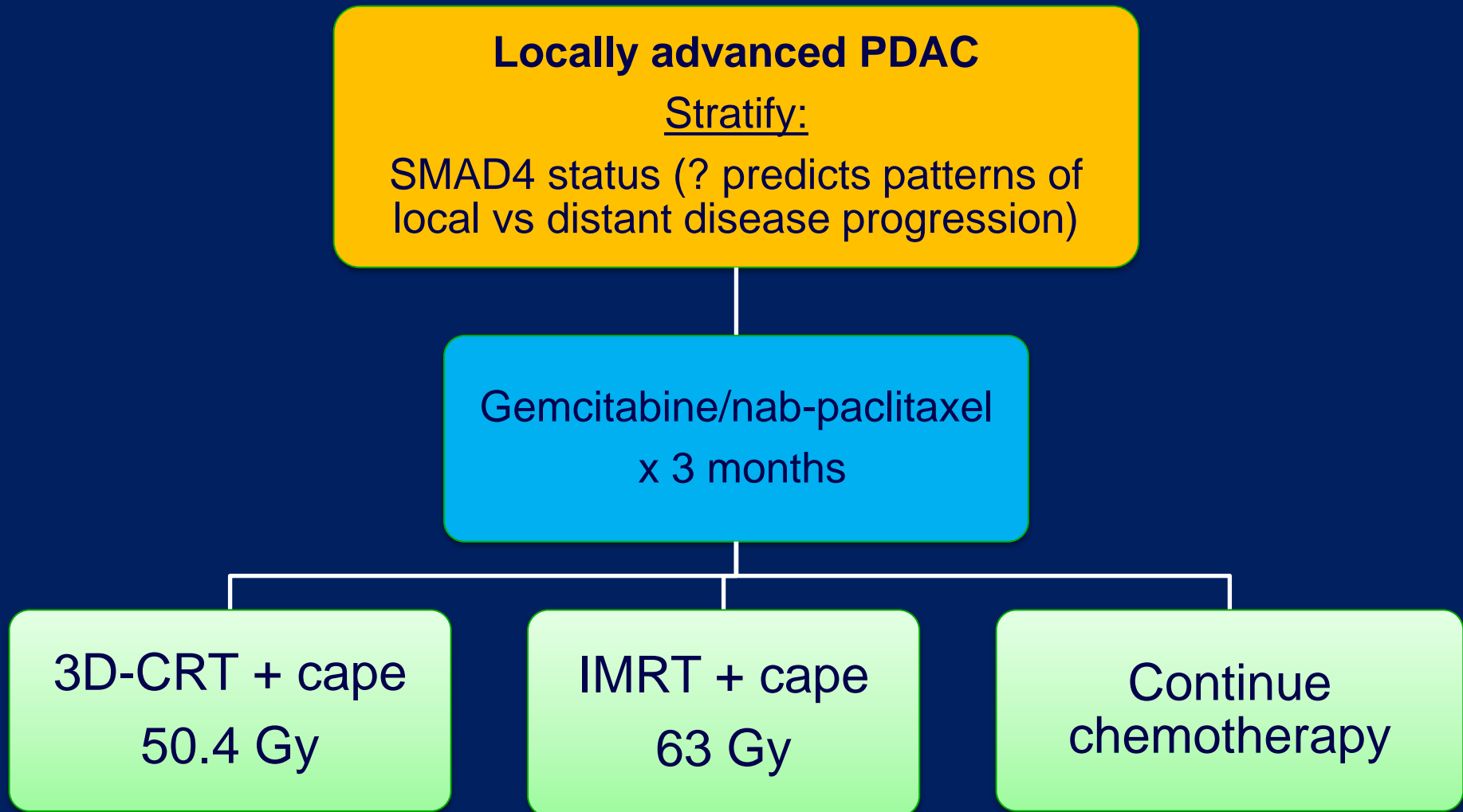
N at risk

Chemotherapy	136	136	113	61	35	21	12	7	3	1	1	1	1	1
Chemoradiotherapy	133	133	117	76	45	30	21	11	8	7	4	4	4	4

# LAP07 Conclusions

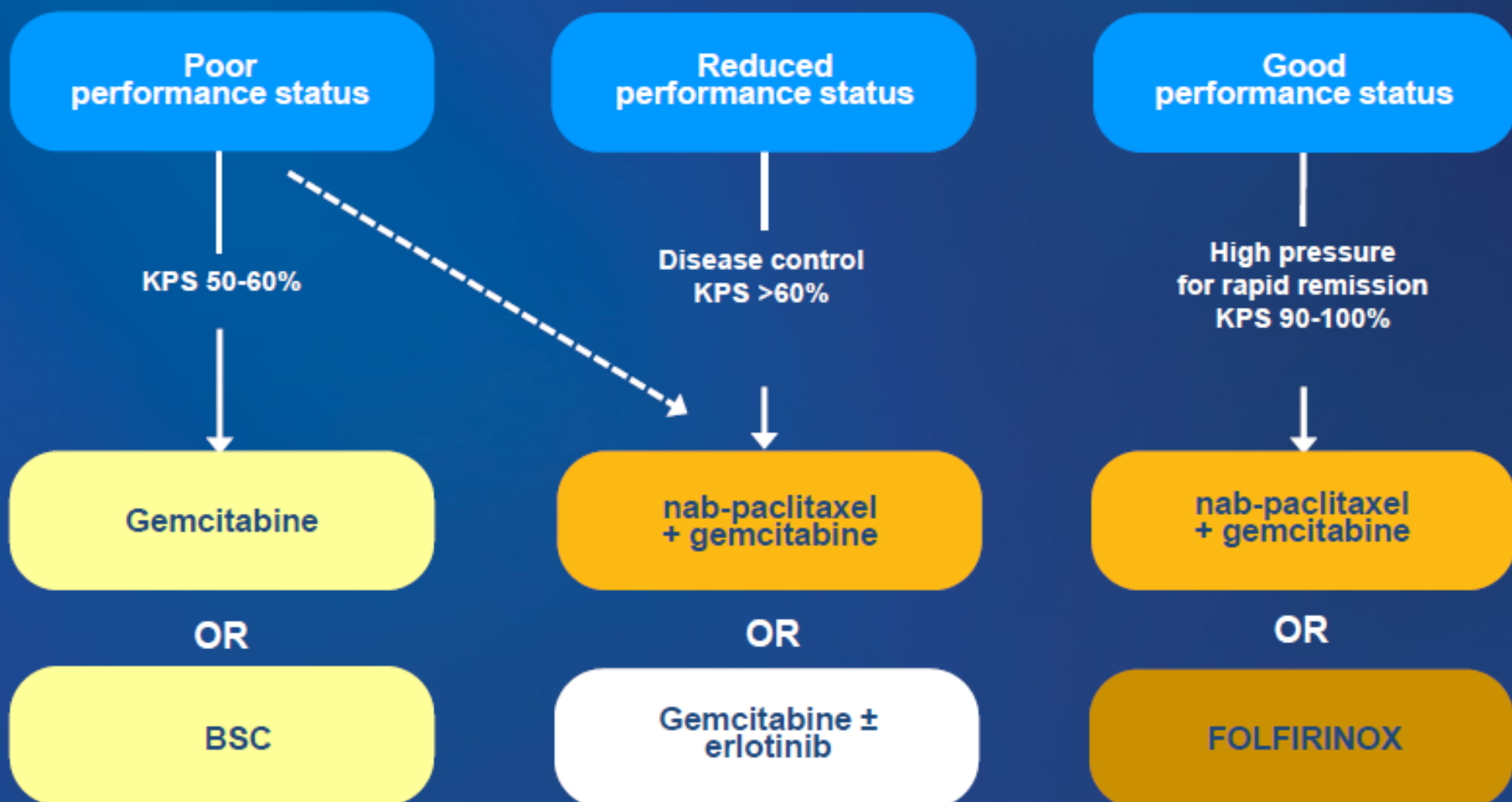
- ❖ LAP07 prospectively confirmed the value of frontline chemotherapy in LAPC patients
- ❖ Overall survival in CRT arm is not superior to chemotherapy arm in LAPC patients with tumor controlled after 4 months of chemotherapy
- ❖ However, trend for PFS in favor of CRT
- ❖ In the CRT arm, patients had a significantly less local tumor progression and a longer period without chemotherapy

# RTOG 1201 will help address the question of whether more effective chemotherapy impacts the role of radiation in locally advanced disease



(P.I.: Christopher Crane, MD Anderson)

# Suggested treatment algorithm for metastatic pancreatic cancer



# **Pancreatic adenocarcinoma clinical grouping**

- ❖ **Metastatic disease**
- ❖ **Resectable disease**
- ❖ **Borderline resectable disease**
- ❖ **Locally advanced, but clearly not resectable disease**



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