



Controversy session

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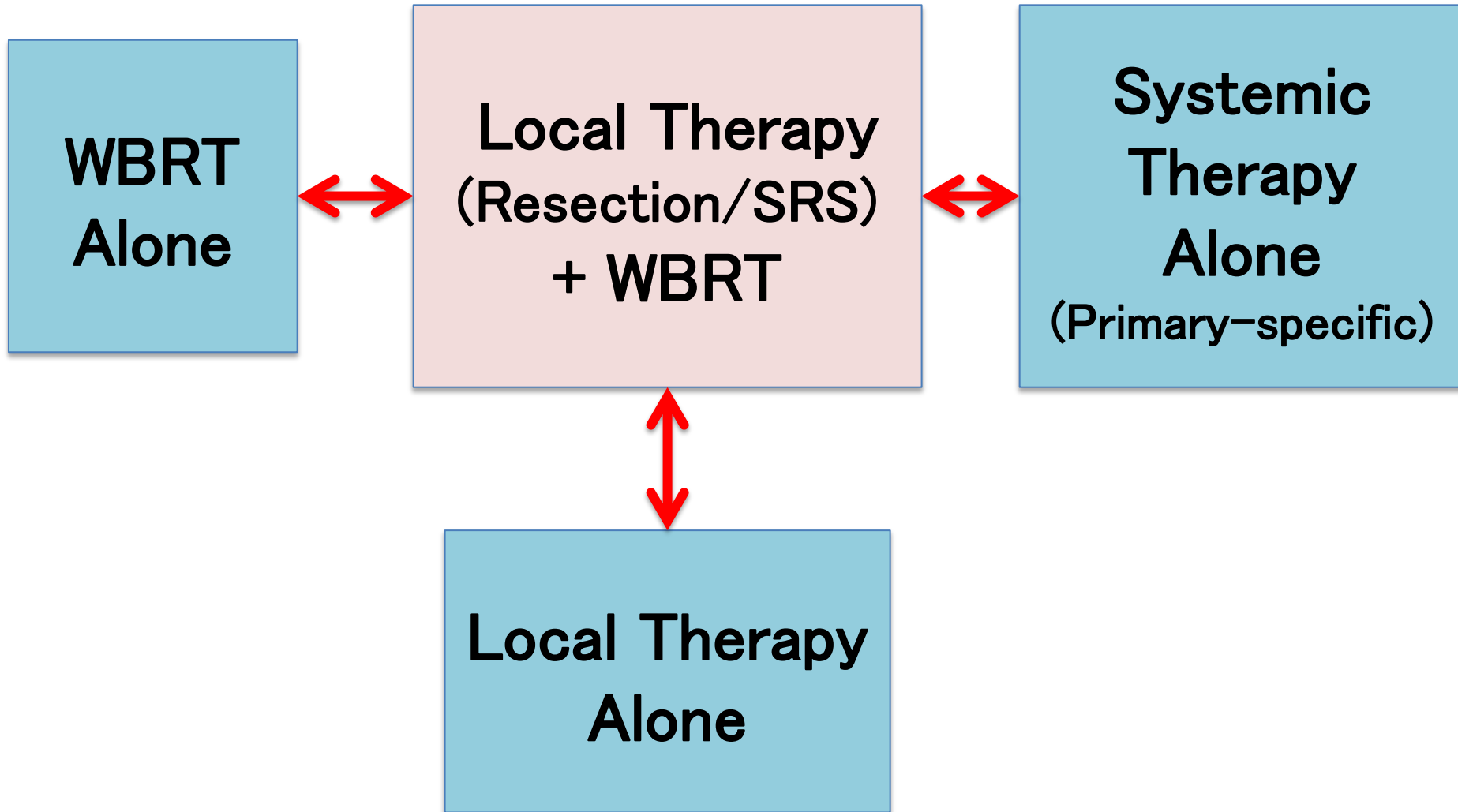
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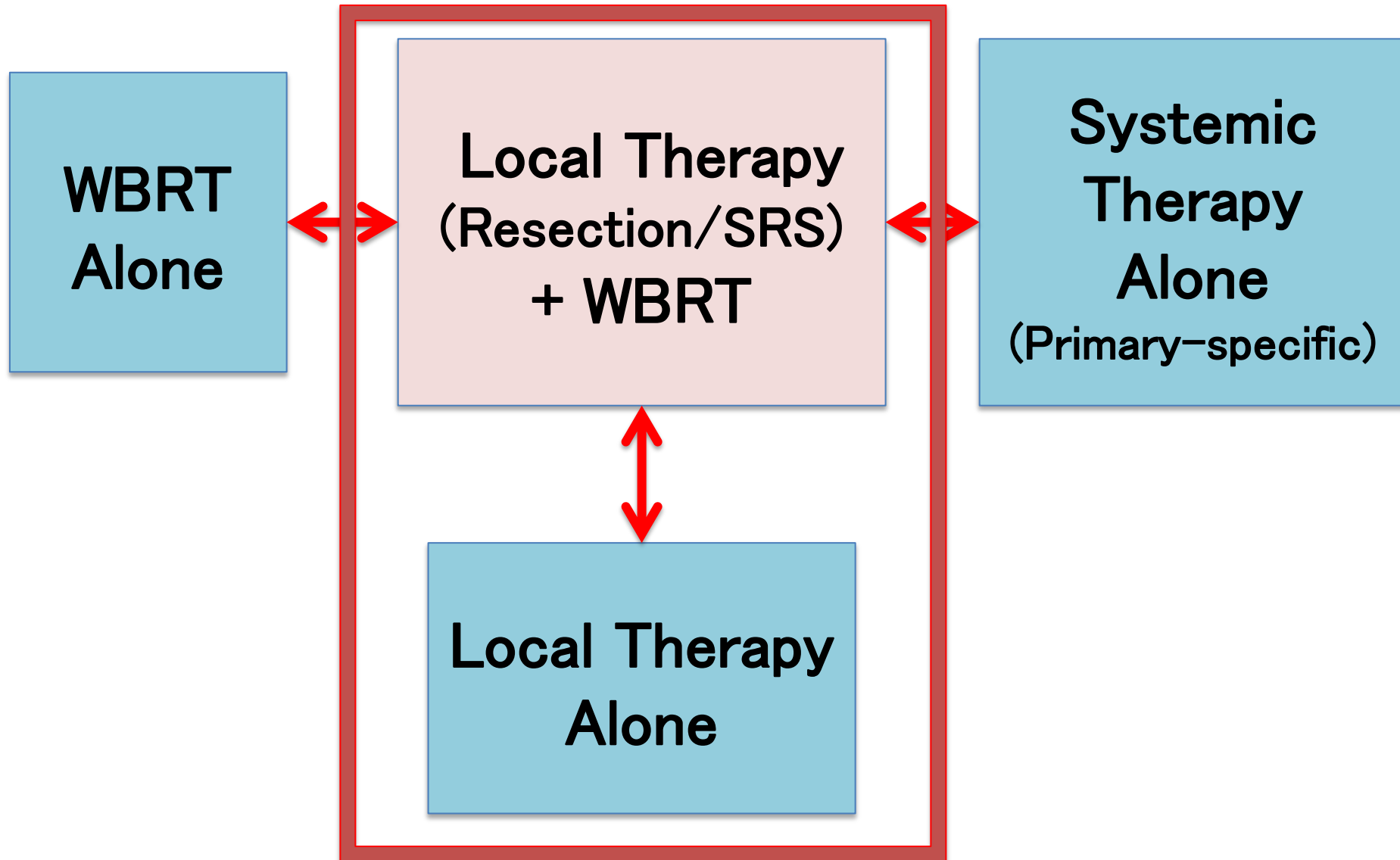
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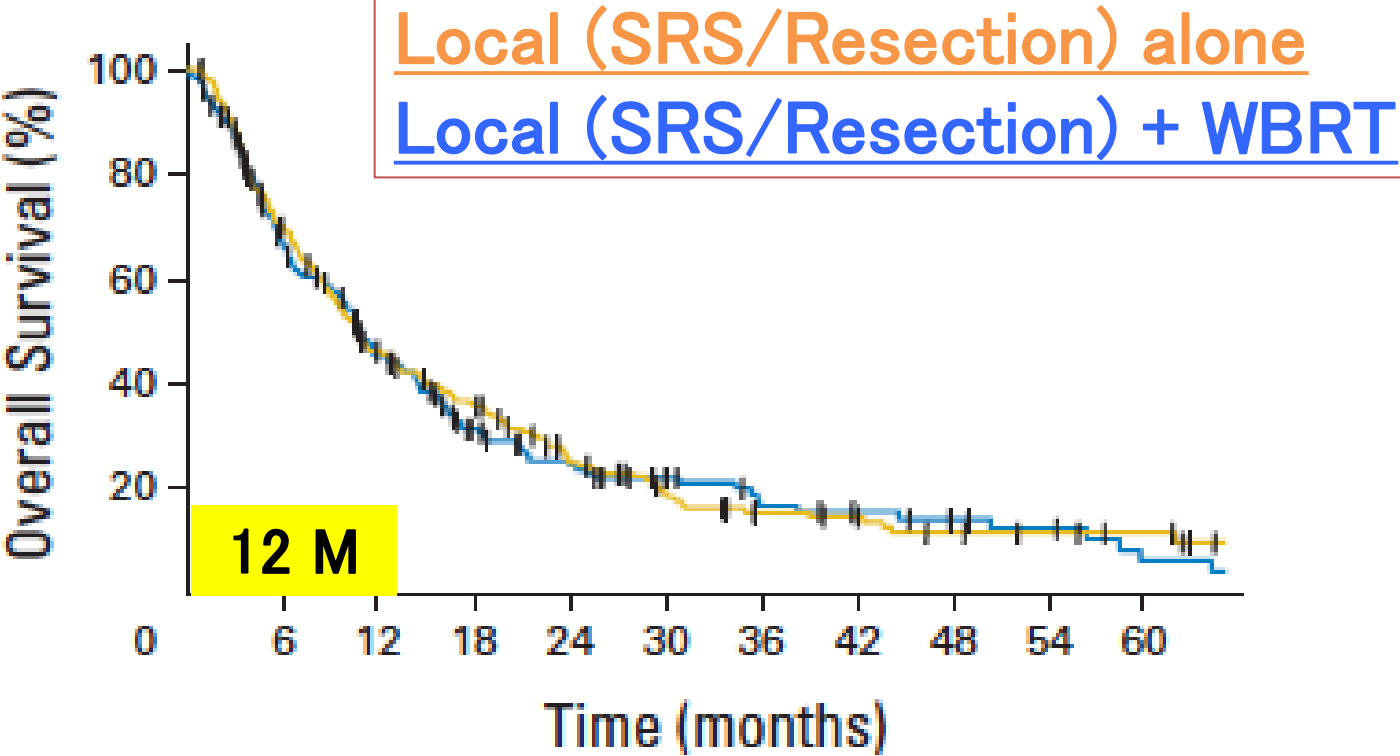
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Randomized  
treatment

Observation

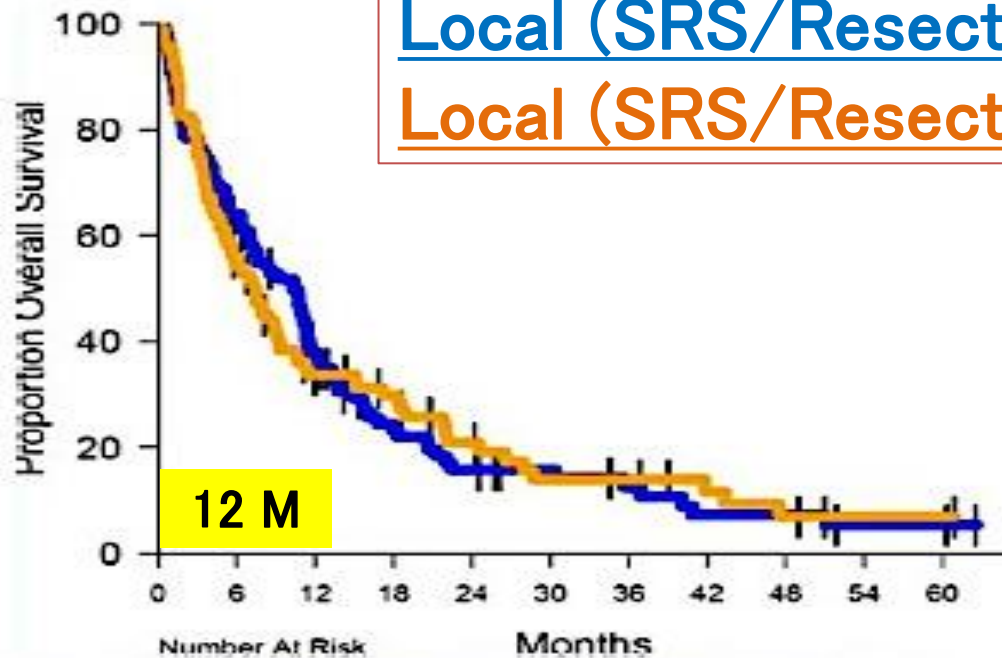
WBRT

O	N	No. of patients at risk									
143	179	117	75	44	31	22	15	12	9	7	3
149	180	124	80	61	38	25	18	15	11	9	7

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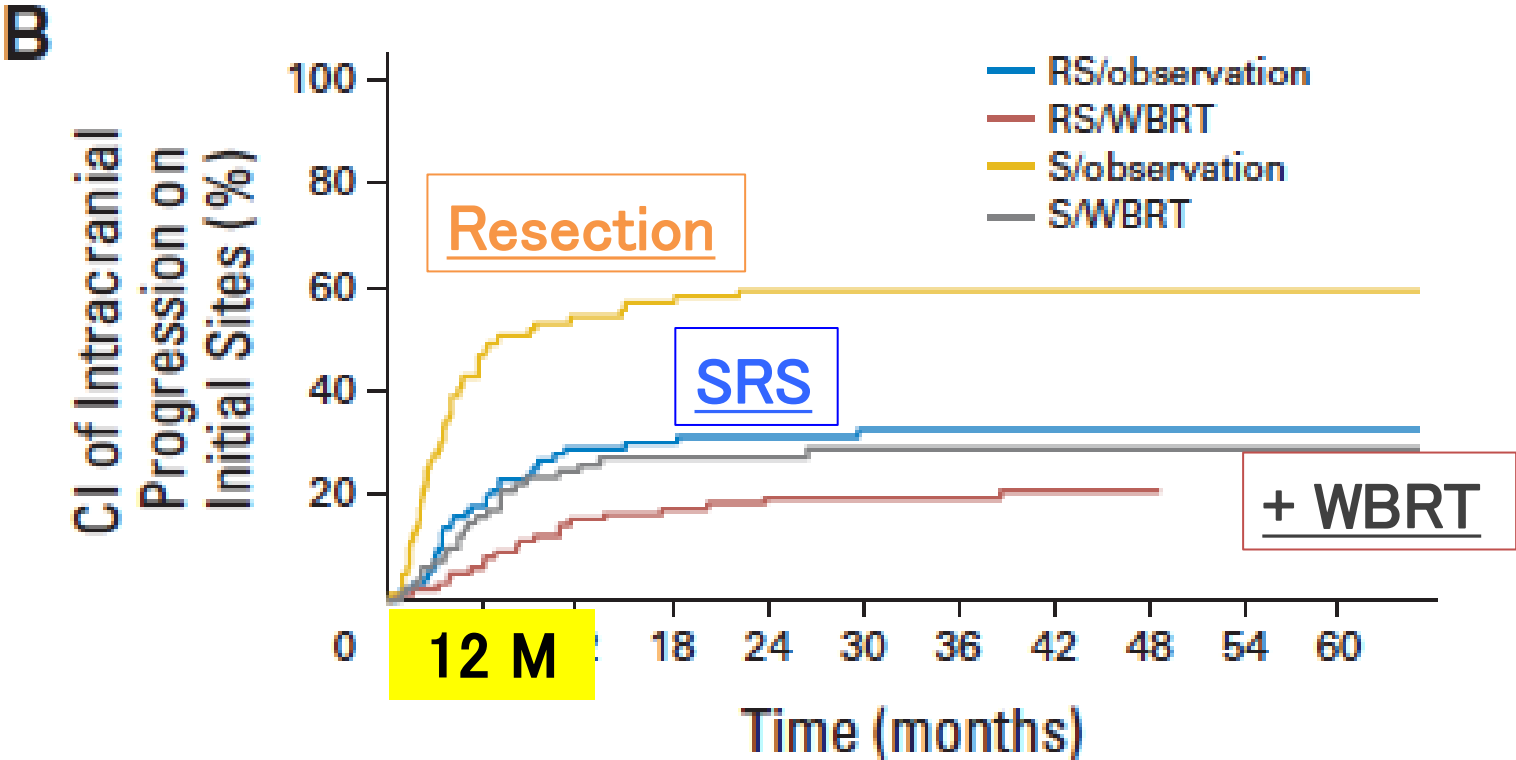
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Local Control

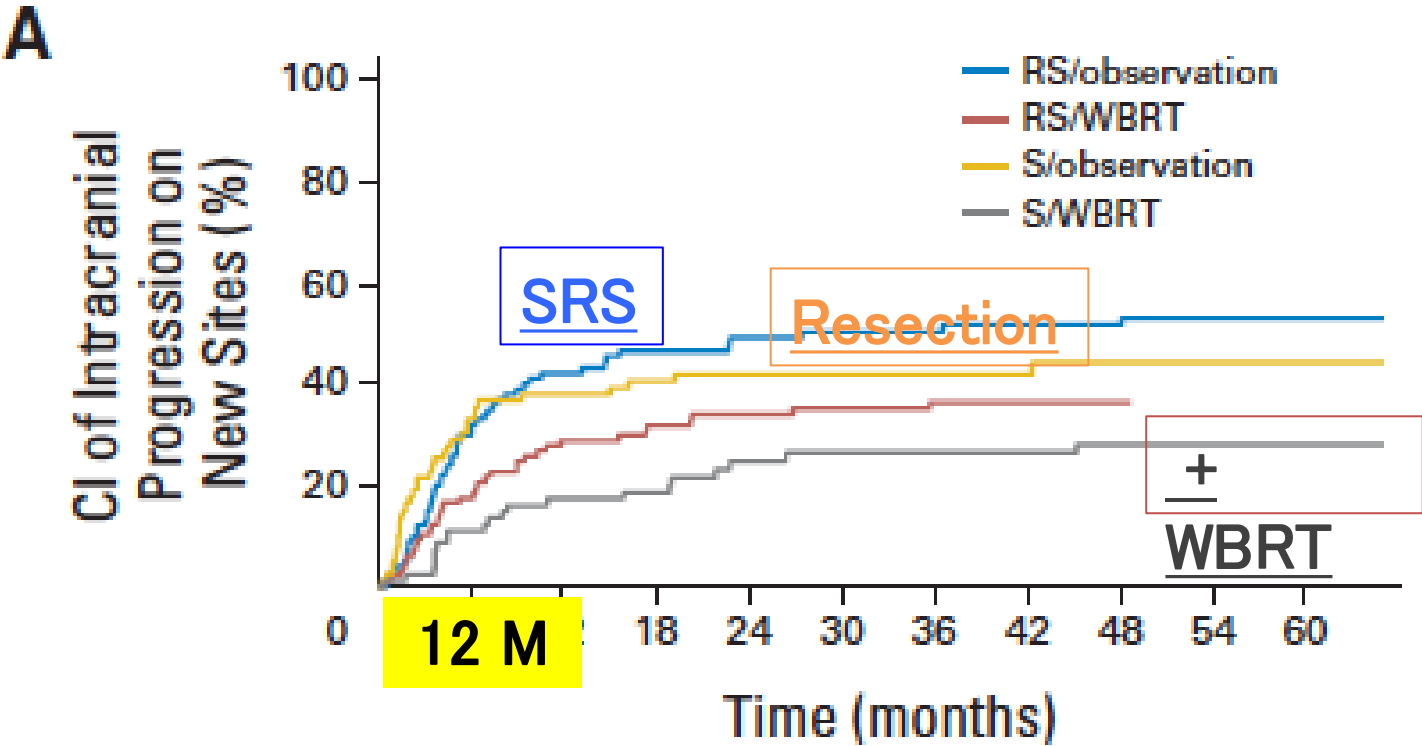


Randomized treatment	O	N	No. of patients at risk									
RS/observation	32	100	43	16	9	6	3	3	2	2	1	1
RS/WBRT	20	99	59	26	16	10	7	5	3	1	0	0
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Distant Control



Randomized

treatment	O	N	No. of patients at risk									
RS/observation	51	100	43	16	9	6	3	3	2	2	1	1
RS/WBRT	35	99	59	26	16	10	7	5	3	1	0	0
S/observation	34	79	23	15	10	7	4	3	3	1	1	1
S/WBRT	21	81	47	30	23	11	9	8	8	7	6	4

## Local control rates by SRS



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# **Radiation-induced dementia in patients cured of brain metastases**

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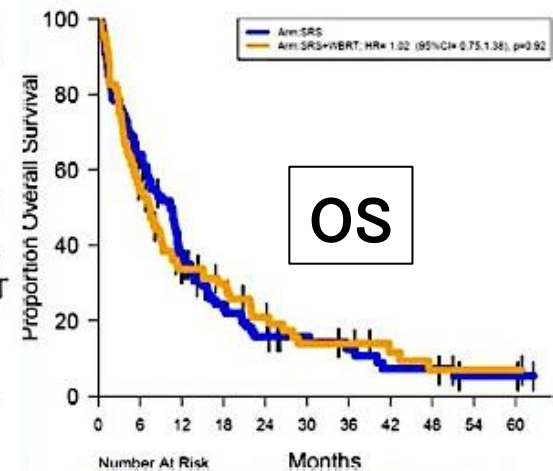
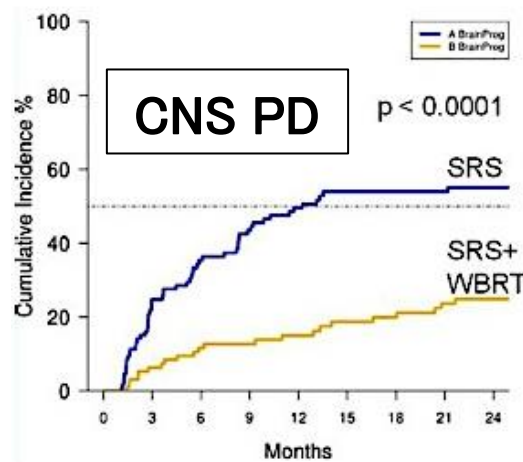
**Article abstract**—When a patient with cancer develops a brain metastasis, death is usually imminent, but aggressive treatment in some patients with limited or no systemic disease yields long-term survival. In such patients, delayed deleterious effects of therapy are particularly tragic. We report 12 patients who developed delayed complications of whole brain radiotherapy (WBRT) given as sole treatment (4 patients) or in combination with surgical resection (8 patients). Within 5 to 36 months (median, 14) all patients developed progressive dementia, ataxia, and urinary incontinence causing severe disability in all and leading to death in 7. No patient had tumor recurrence when neurologic symptoms began. Cortical atrophy and hypodense white matter were identified by CT in all. Contrast-enhancing lesions were seen in 3 patients; 2 of the lesions yielded radionecrosis on biopsy. Autopsies on 2 patients revealed diffuse chronic edema of the hemispheric white matter in the absence of tumor recurrence. Corticosteroids and ventriculoperitoneal shunt offered significant but incomplete improvement in some patients. The total dose of WBRT was only 2,500 to 3,900 cGy, but daily fractions of 300 to 600 cGy were employed. We believe that these fractionation schedules, several of which are used commonly, predispose to delayed neurologic toxicity, and that more protracted schedules should be employed for the safe and efficacious treatment of good-risk patients with brain metastases. The incidence of WBRT-induced dementia was only 1.9 to 5.1% in the 2 populations reviewed here; however, this underestimates the incidence because only severely affected patients could be identified from chart review.

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	No (Lung)	PS 0-1	3M -Cognition Worse	6M-CNS PD	OS(M)
SRS	111 (72%)	91%	63.5%	35.4%	10.4
SRS + WBRT	102 (65%)	92%	91.7%	11.6%	7.4
			p=.0007	p<.0001	p=.93

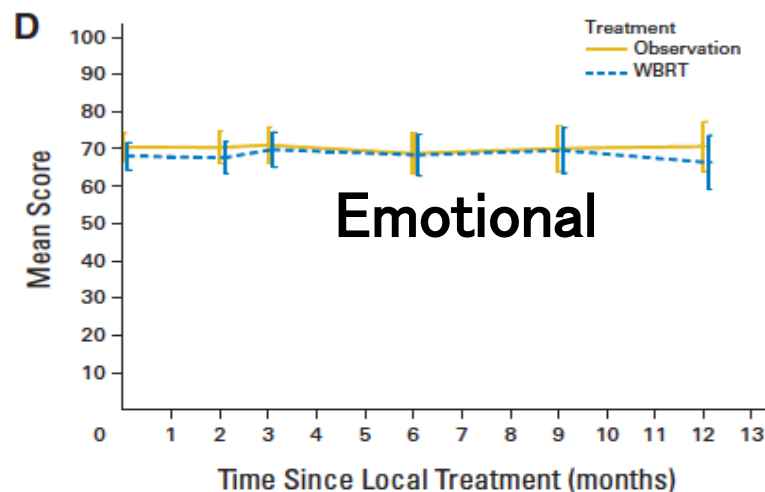
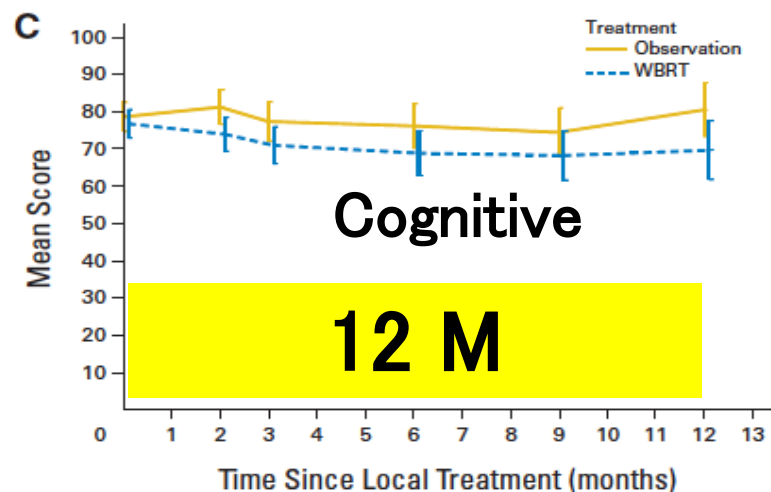
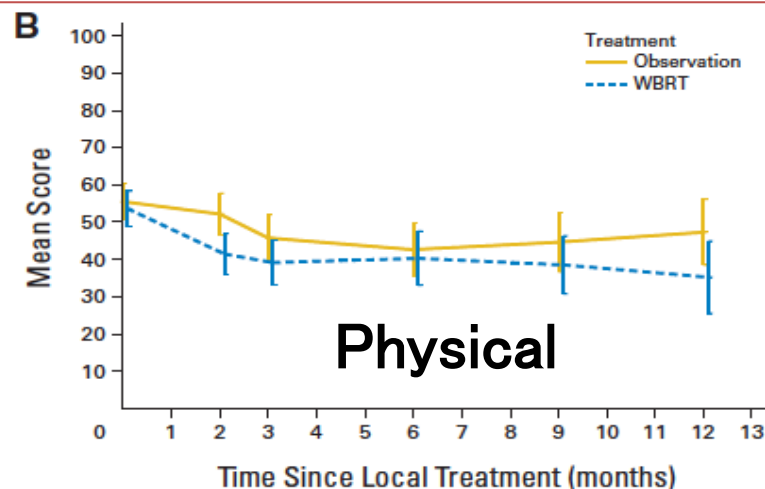
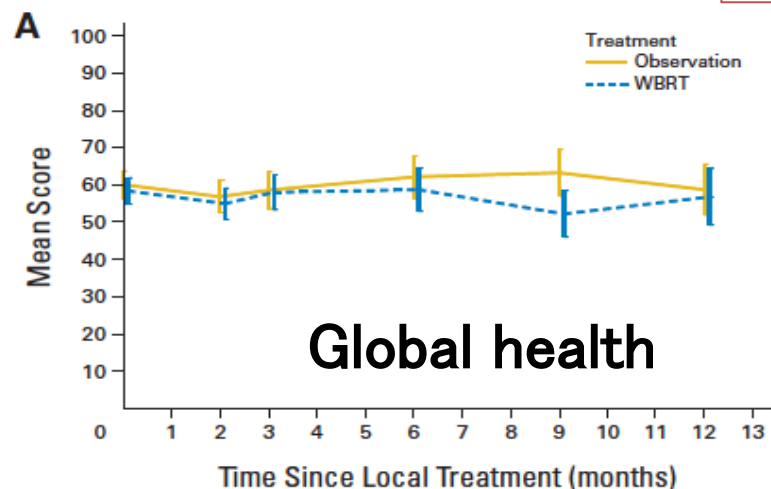
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## Local (SRS/Resection) alone Local (SRS/Resection) + WBRT





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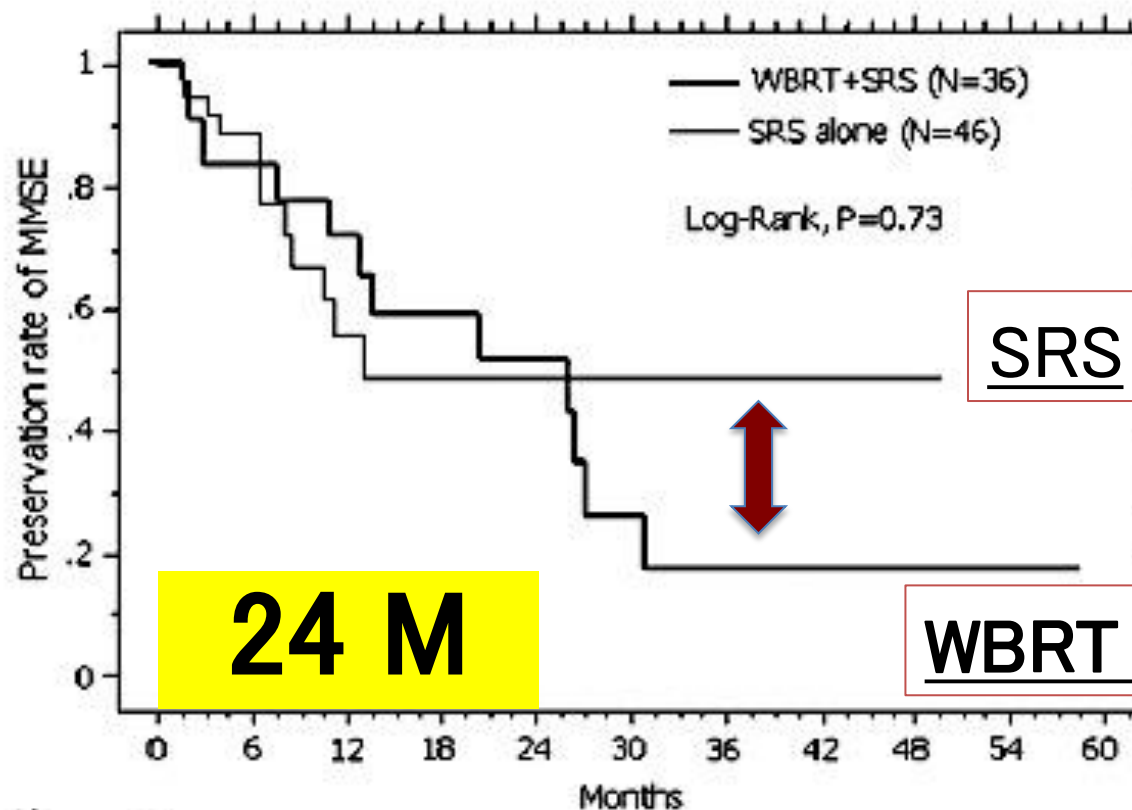
Brain

NEUROCOGNITIVE FUNCTION OF PATIENTS WITH BRAIN METASTASIS WHO RECEIVED EITHER WHOLE BRAIN RADIOTHERAPY PLUS STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY OR RADIOSURGERY ALONE

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# Reservation of MMSE score

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SRS

24 M

WBRT +SRS

Number of patients at risk

WBRT+SRS

SRS alone

N

36

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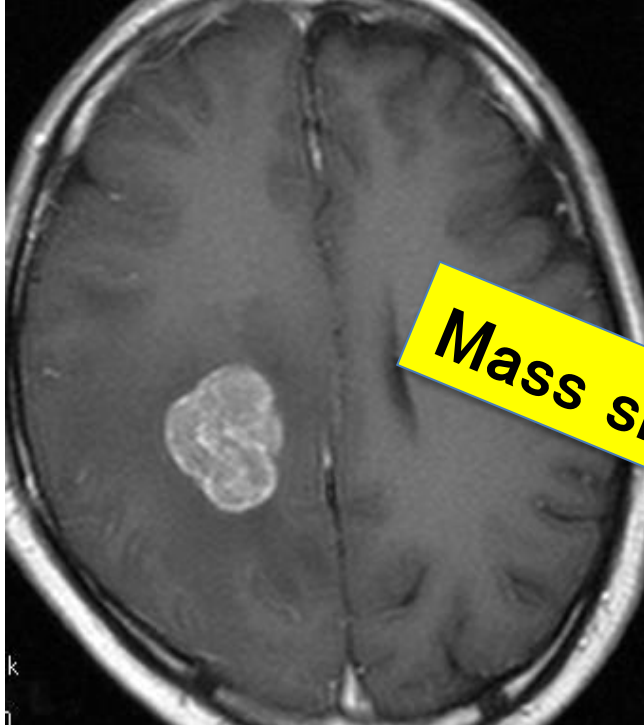
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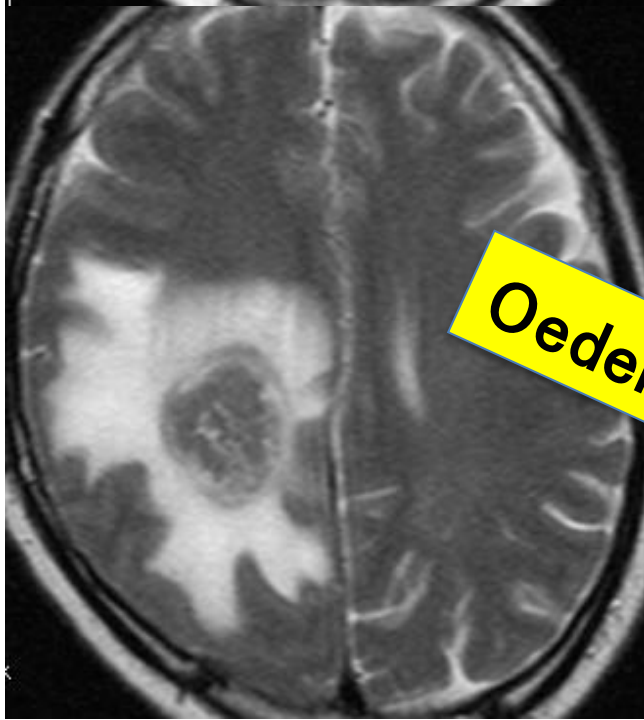
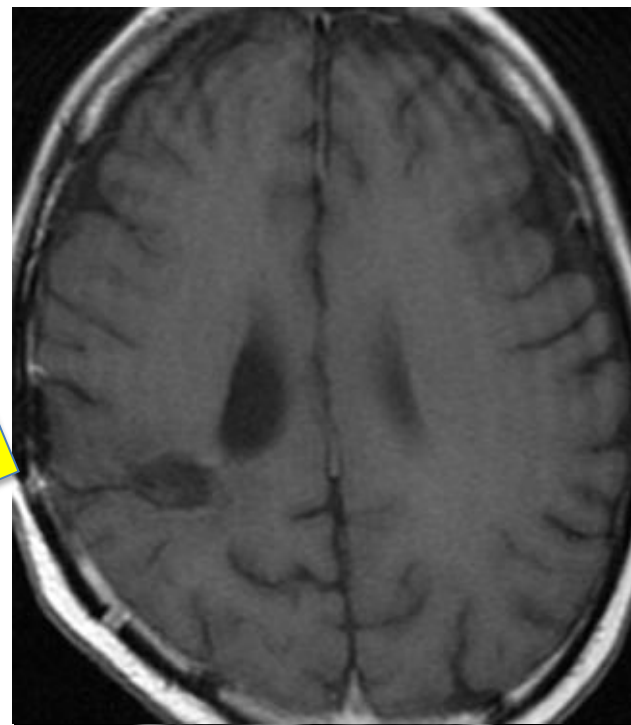
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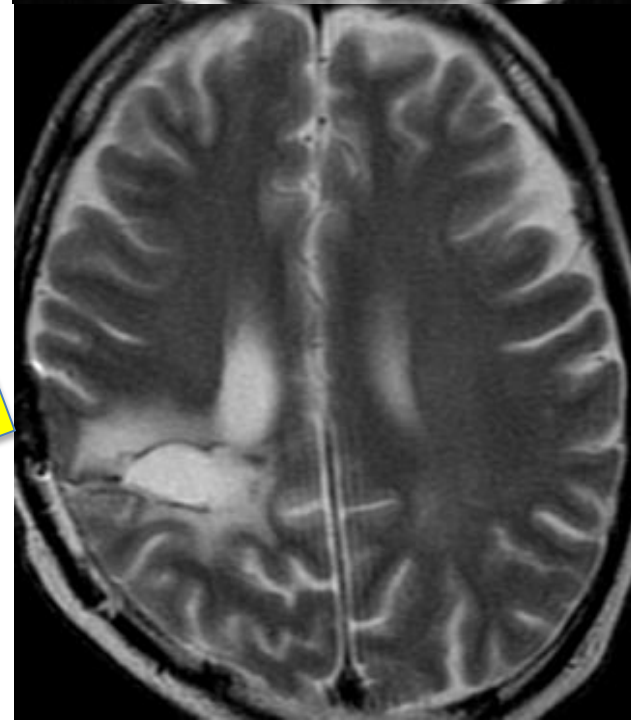
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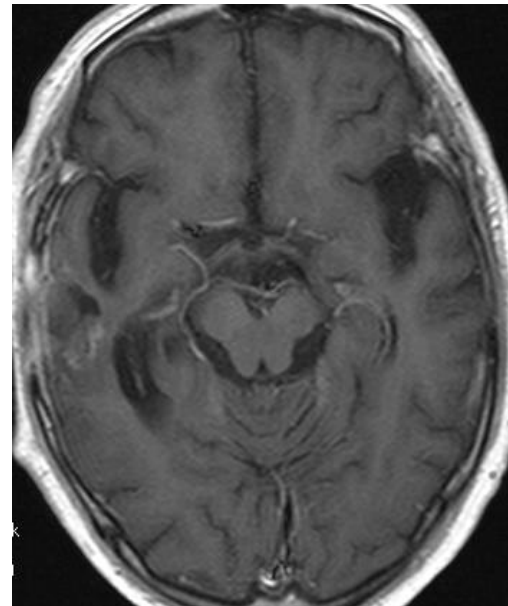
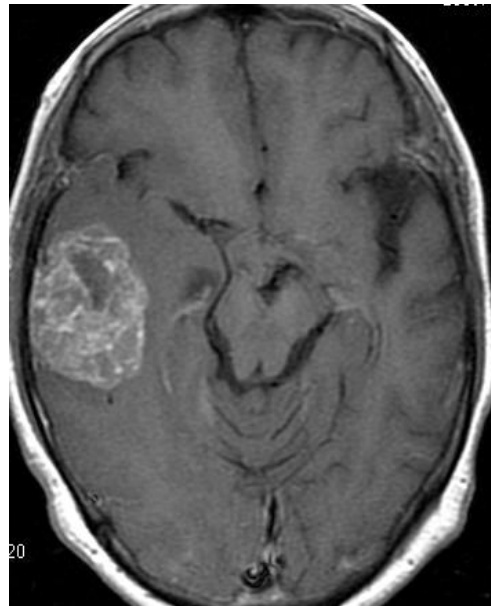
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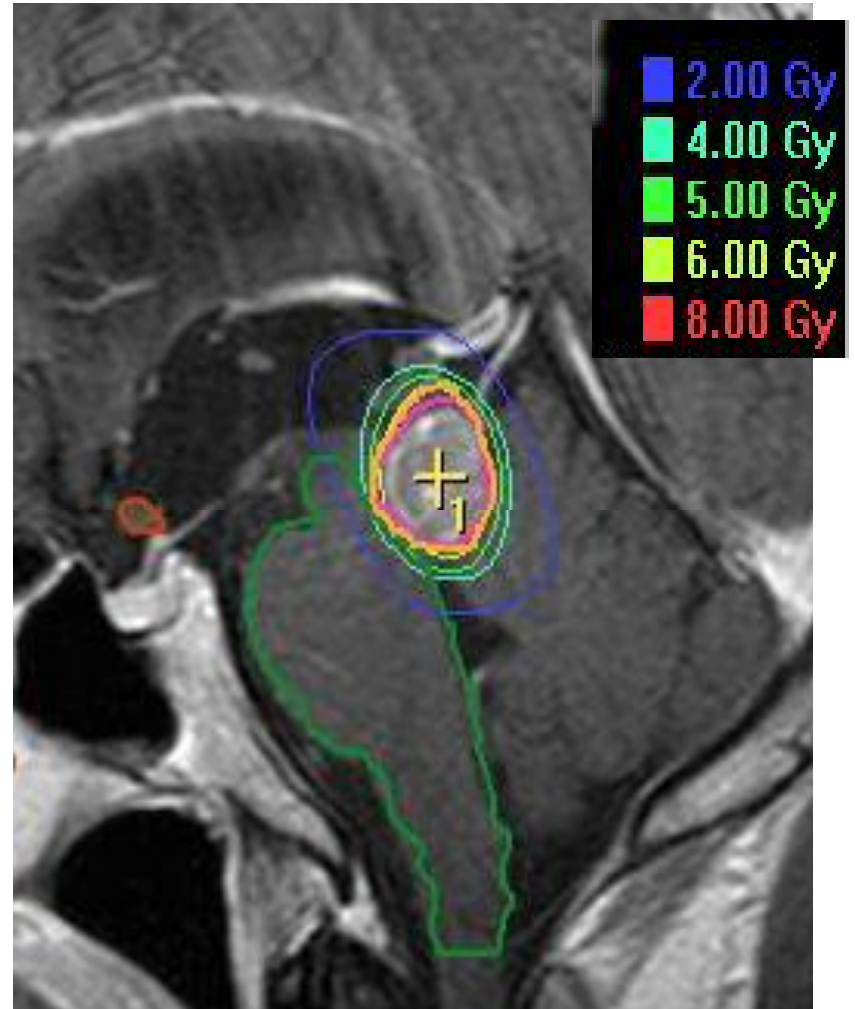
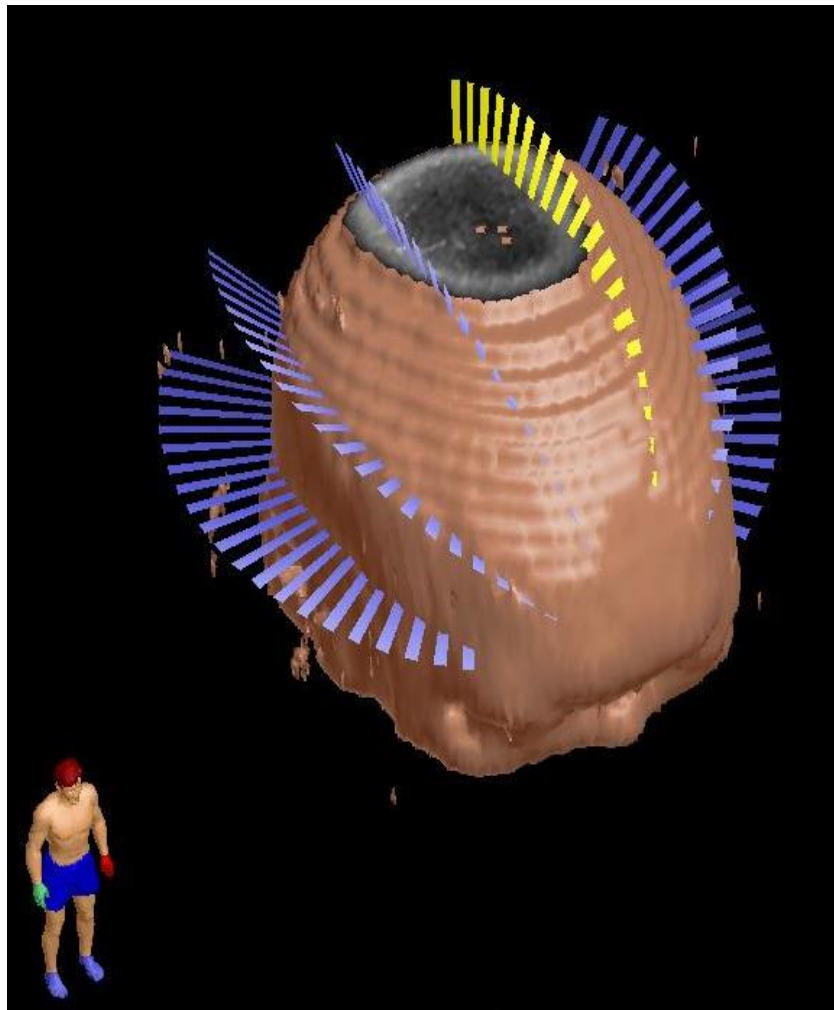
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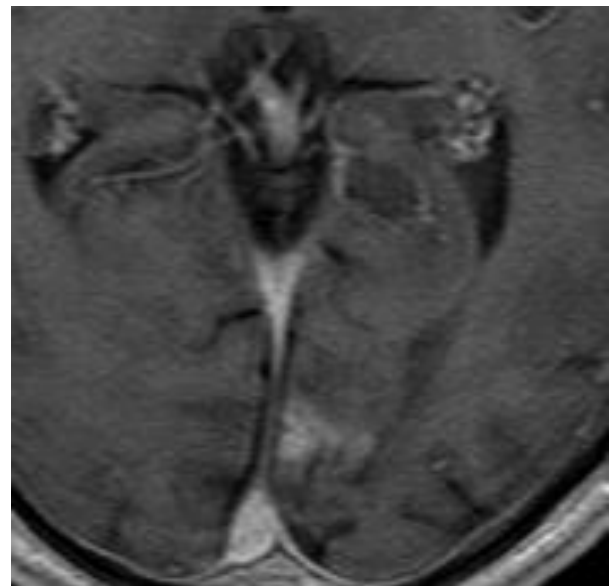
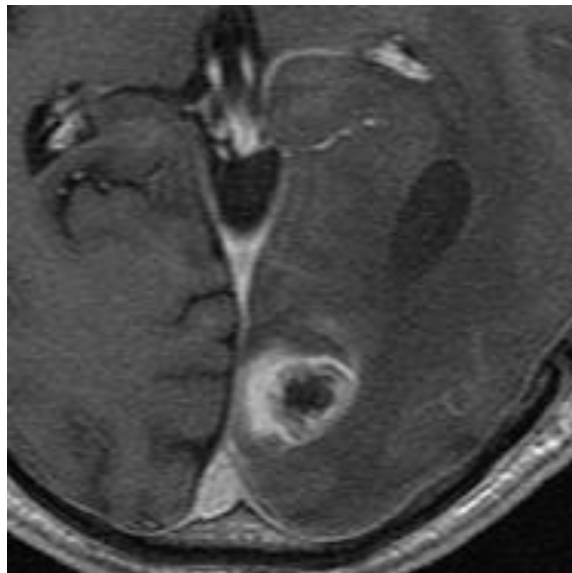
**Resection**  
**= Prompt recovery in**  
**neurological deficits**



# SRT



**SRS/SRT**  
**= 1- to 5-Day session**



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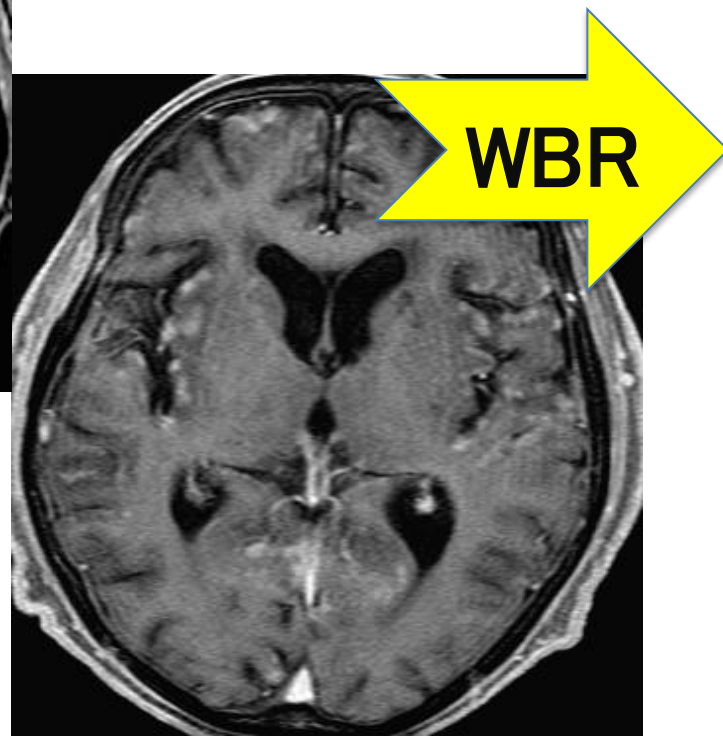
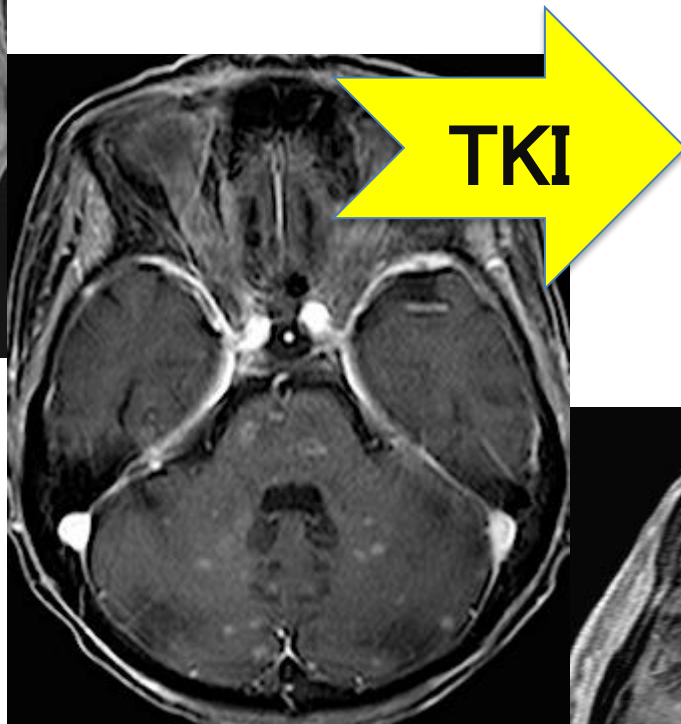
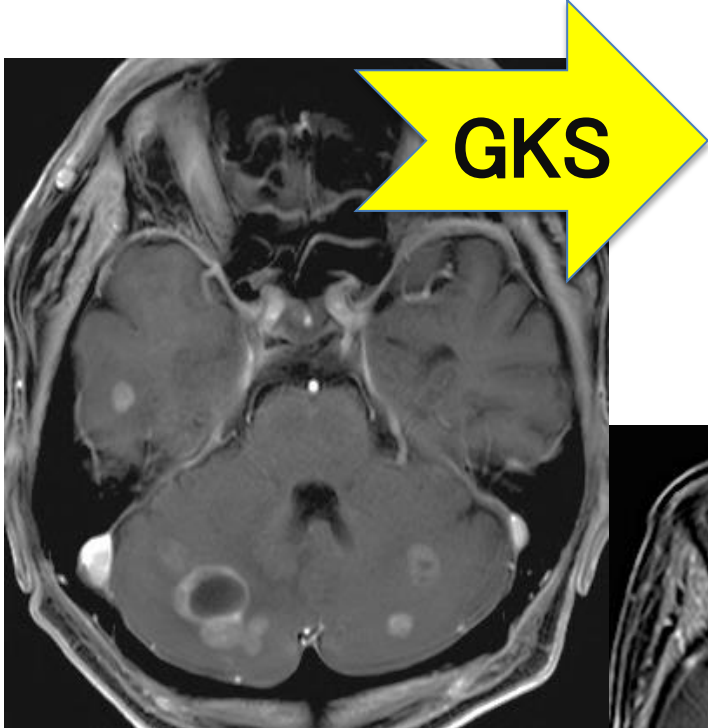
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