

# ELETROCHEMIOTERAPIA: QUALI INDICAZIONI NEL 2015?

## RECIDIVE DEI TUMORI DEL DISTRETTO TESTA-COLLO: QUALE TRATTAMENTO ONCOLOGICO?

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# Dimensione del problema

- Stadio I e II
  - 1/3 dei pazienti
  - Recidive: 20-30%
- Stadio III e IV (M0)
  - 2/3 dei pazienti
  - Recidive: 50-60%



5000-6000 nuovi casi/anno/Italia

# Recurrent and second primary squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck: When and how to reirradiate

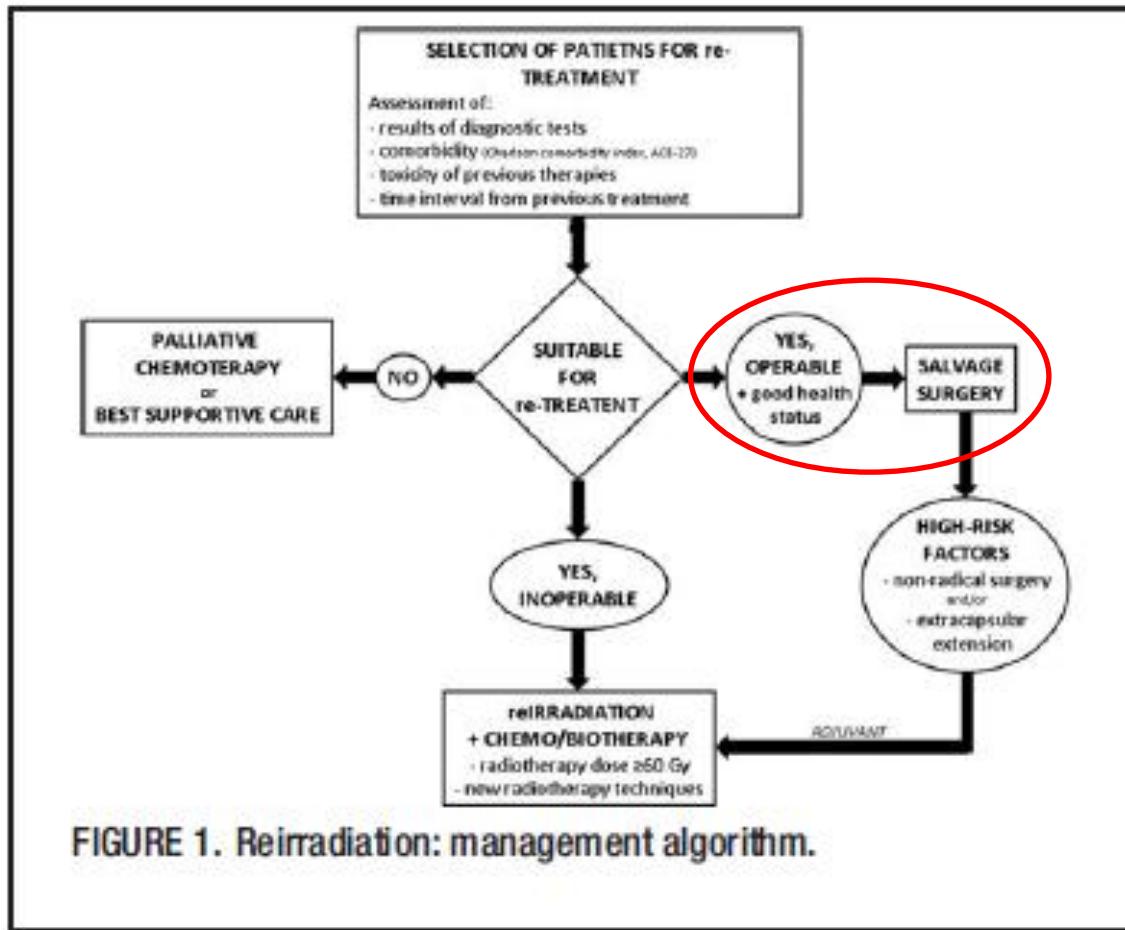
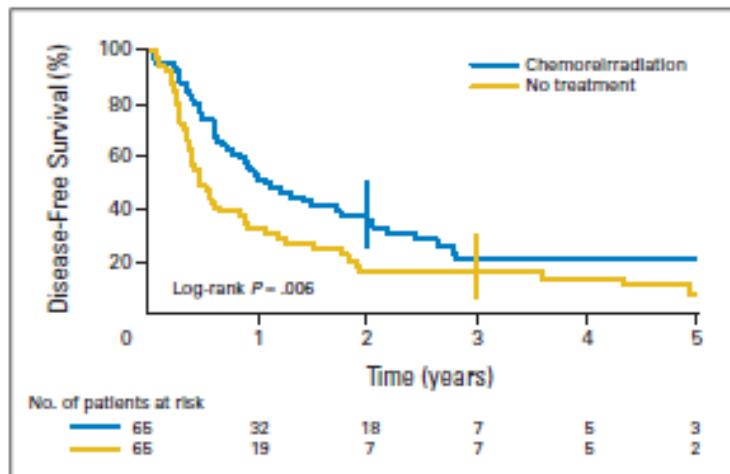


FIGURE 1. Reirradiation: management algorithm.

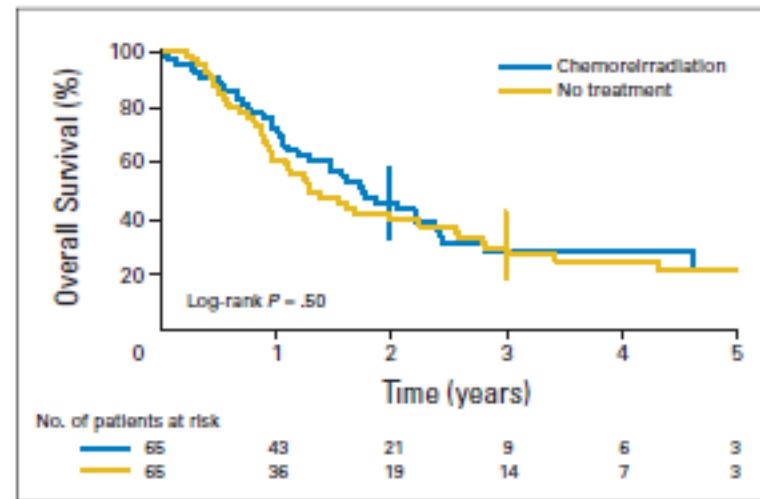
# Chirurgia

- Sopravvivenza a 5 anni: 20-40%
- Stadio e sede
- Recidive: 60%
- RT o CT/RT postoperatoria

## Randomized Trial of Postoperative Reirradiation Combined With Chemotherapy After Salvage Surgery Compared With Salvage Surgery Alone in Head and Neck Carcinoma



**Fig 3.** Disease-free survival. Large tick marks represent the 95% CI of the point estimates. Chemoreirradiation, reirradiation plus concomitant chemotherapy.



**Fig 4.** Overall survival. Large tick marks represent the 95% CI of the point estimates. Chemoreirradiation, reirradiation plus concomitant chemotherapy.

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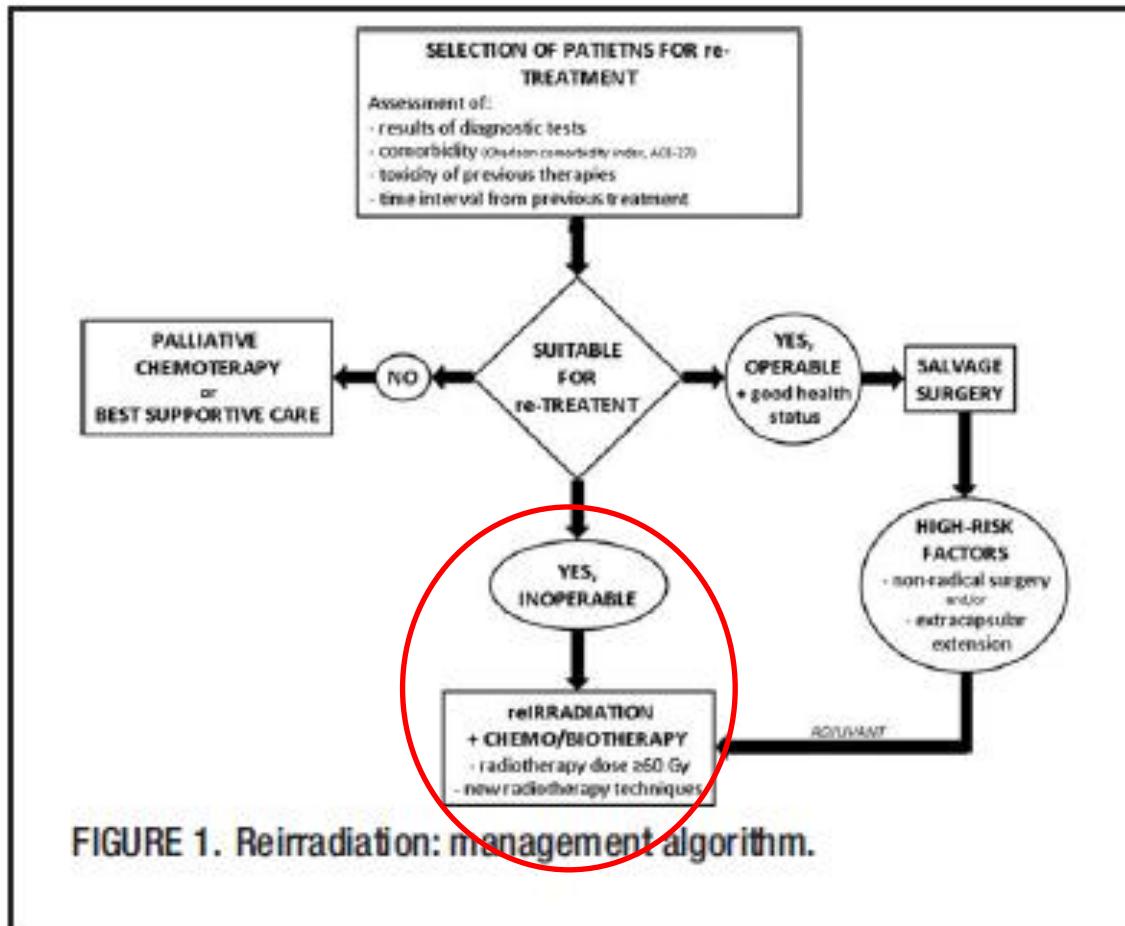
**Table 3.** Late Toxicity at 1 and 2 Years After Random Assignment

Toxicity	RT Arm (n = 42; 1 missing)		WS Arm (n = 33; 3 missing)	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>Toxicity at 12 and 12.5 months after random assignment, RTOG grade ≥ 3</b>				
Mucositis	4	10	1	3
Skin	0	0	0	0
Subcutaneous tissues	6	14	3	9
Larynx	0	0	0	0
Osteoradionecrosis	1	2	0	0
Trismus	3	7	2	6
Pharyngeal stenosis	1	2	0	0
No. of patients	11	26	3	9
<b>Toxicity at 24 months after random assignment, RTOG grade ≥ 3*</b>				
Mucositis	1	6	0	0
Skin	1	6	0	0
Subcutaneous tissues	4	22	1	5
Larynx	1	6	0	0
Trismus	5	28	2	10
Osteoradionecrosis	3	17	0	0
Pharyngeal stenosis	1	5.5	0	0
No. of patients	7	39	2	11

Abbreviations: RT, full-dose reirradiation combined with chemotherapy; WS, "wait and see" approach; RTOG, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group.

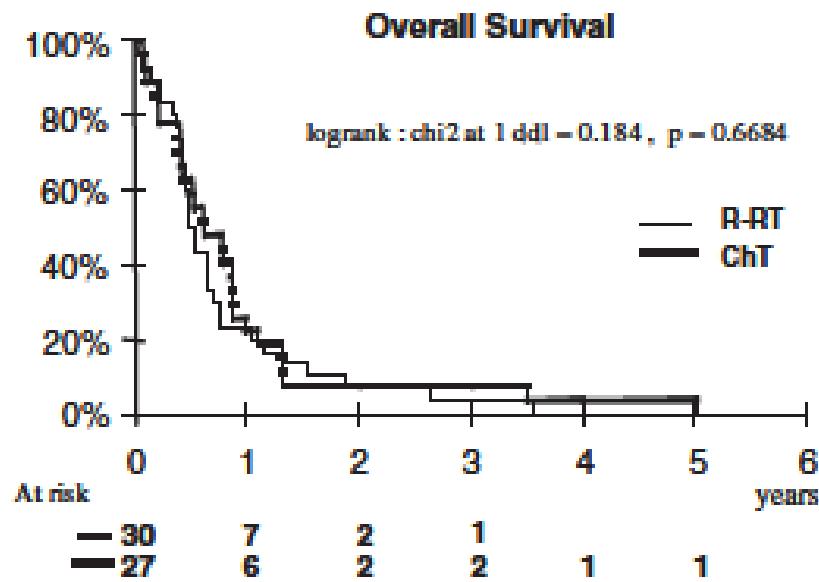
\*At 24 months after random assignment, n = 18 (three missing) for RT arm and n = 19 for WS arm.

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## Phase III randomised trial

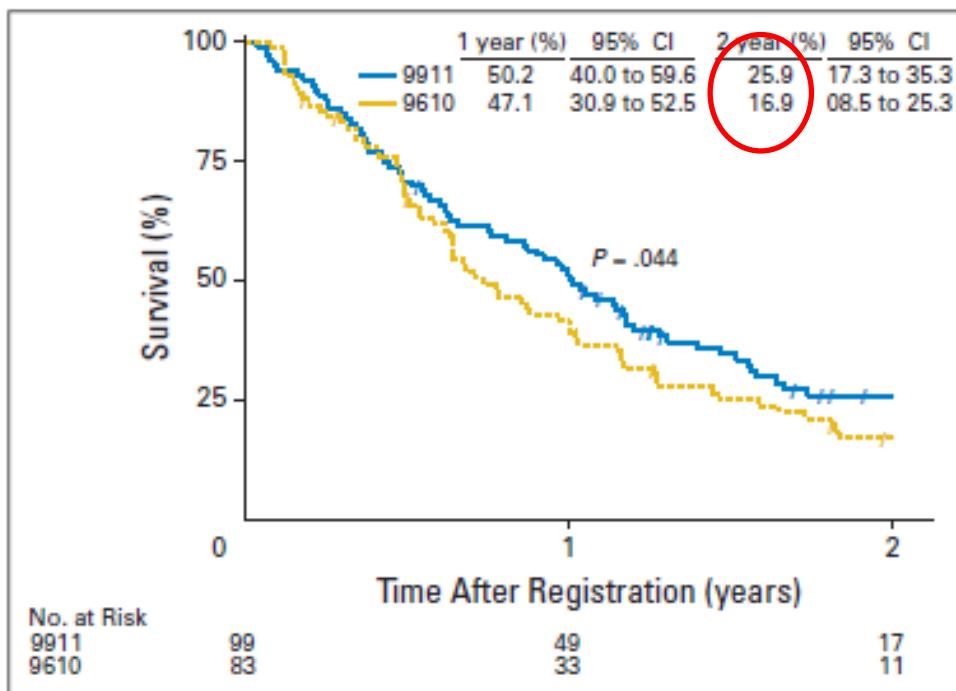
Randomized phase III trial (GORTEC 98-03) comparing re-irradiation plus chemotherapy versus methotrexate in patients with recurrent or a second primary head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, treated with a palliative intent



**Fig. 1.** Overall survival of two arms: re-irradiation and methotrexate.

Phase II Study of Low-Dose Paclitaxel and Cisplatin in Combination With Split-Course Concomitant Twice-Daily Reirradiation in Recurrent Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck: Results of Radiation Therapy Oncology Group Protocol 9911

Corey J. Langer, Jonathan Harris, Eric M. Horwitz, Nicos Nicolaou, Merrill Kies, Walter Curran, Stuart Wong, and Kian Ang



**Fig 2.** Kaplan-Meier estimates of overall survival for Radiation Therapy Oncology Group protocols 9911 and 9610.



## Re-irradiation

 A nomogram to predict loco-regional control after re-irradiation for head and neck cancer <sup>☆</sup>


**Table 3**  
Overall survival univariate and multivariate analysis.

Variable	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Hazard ratio	P value	Hazard ratio	P value
T stage (4 vs. 1–3)	1.17 (0.87–1.58)	0.31		
N stage (2–3 vs. 0–1)	1.39 (1.02–1.90)	0.04	1.72 (1.24–2.39)	0.001
<b>Overall stage (4 vs. 1–3)</b>	1.32 (0.98–1.78)	0.07		
<b>Initial site</b>				
Other	(reference)		(reference)	
Nasopharynx	0.50 (0.32–0.79)	0.003	0.50 (0.30–0.81)	0.005
Oral cavity	1.54 (1.07–2.20)	0.02	1.81 (1.22–2.68)	0.003
Histology (SCC vs. other)	1.48 (0.99–2.18)	0.05		
Number of recurrences (1 vs. ≥2)	0.71 (0.53–0.95)	0.02		
Time since first radiation therapy	0.90 (0.81–0.99)	0.04		
Gender (male vs. female)	0.93 (0.69–1.27)	0.65		
Age (>70 vs. <70)	1.17 (0.83–1.63)	0.37		
KPS (≥80 vs. <80)	0.38 (0.26–0.56)	<0.001	0.41 (0.27–0.63)	<0.001
<b>Organ dysfunction</b>	2.19 (1.57–3.06)	<0.001	1.89 (1.31–2.75)	<0.001
Charlson score (>2 vs. ≤1)	1.00 (0.67–1.48)	0.98		
<b>Surgery</b>	0.57 (0.43–0.77)	<0.001	0.37 (0.27–0.52)	<0.001
Concurrent chemotherapy	1.20 (0.88–1.62)	0.26		
Radiation type (IMRT vs. other)	0.72 (0.52–1.00)	0.05		
<b>Radiation dose (&gt;60 Gy vs. ≤50 Gy)</b>	0.72 (0.52–0.98)	0.04	0.65 (0.47–0.92)	0.01

IMRT, image-guided radiation therapy; KPS, Karnofsky performance status; SCC, squamous cell cancer.

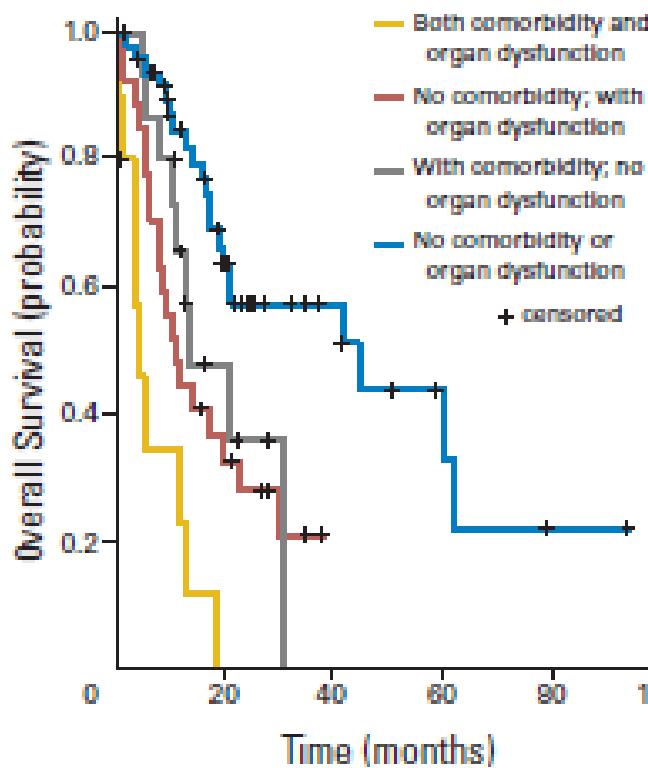
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- Comorbidità
- Disfunzione d'organo
- Intervallo dalla prima radioterapia
- Stadio
- Volume recidiva
- Dose reirradiazione

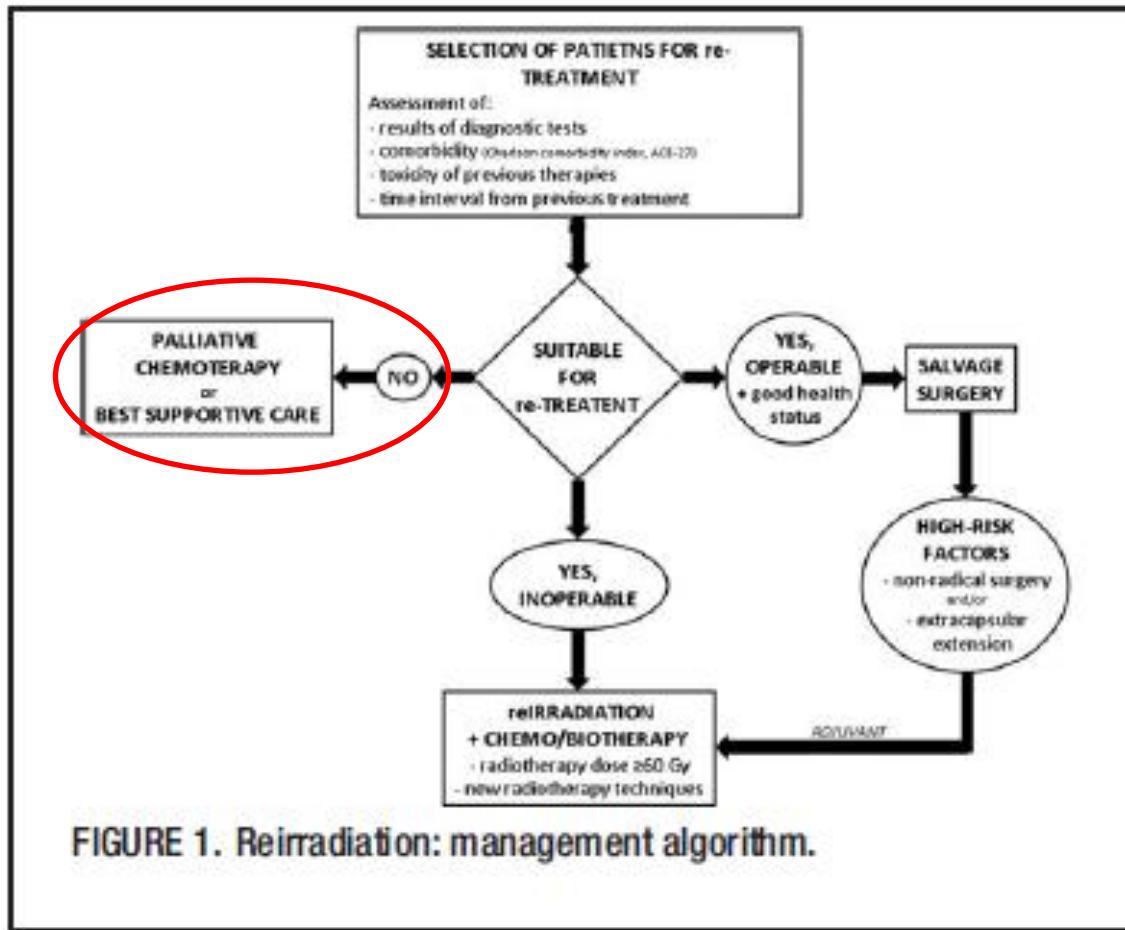
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For those with both comorbidity and organ dysfunction  
reirradiation largely serves as a palliative therapy.

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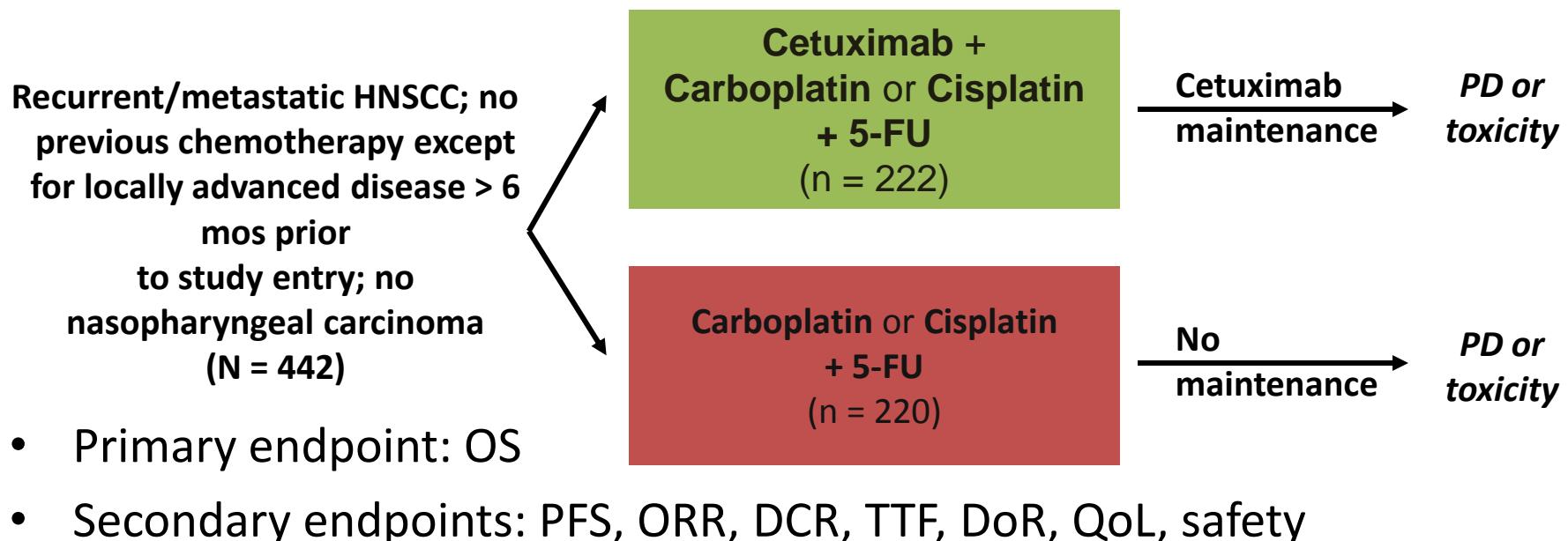


# Recurrent/Metastatic HNSCC: Cytotoxic Agents

- First-line therapy
  - For patients with good PS: historically platinum-based doublet (eg, cisplatin/5-FU or carboplatin/paclitaxel)
    - ORR: 30% to 40%; median OS: 6-9 mos regardless of specific drugs
    - Cetuximab commonly added to current treatment regimens
  - For patients with poor PS: use single agent or cetuximab
- Second-line therapy: taxanes, methotrexate, cetuximab

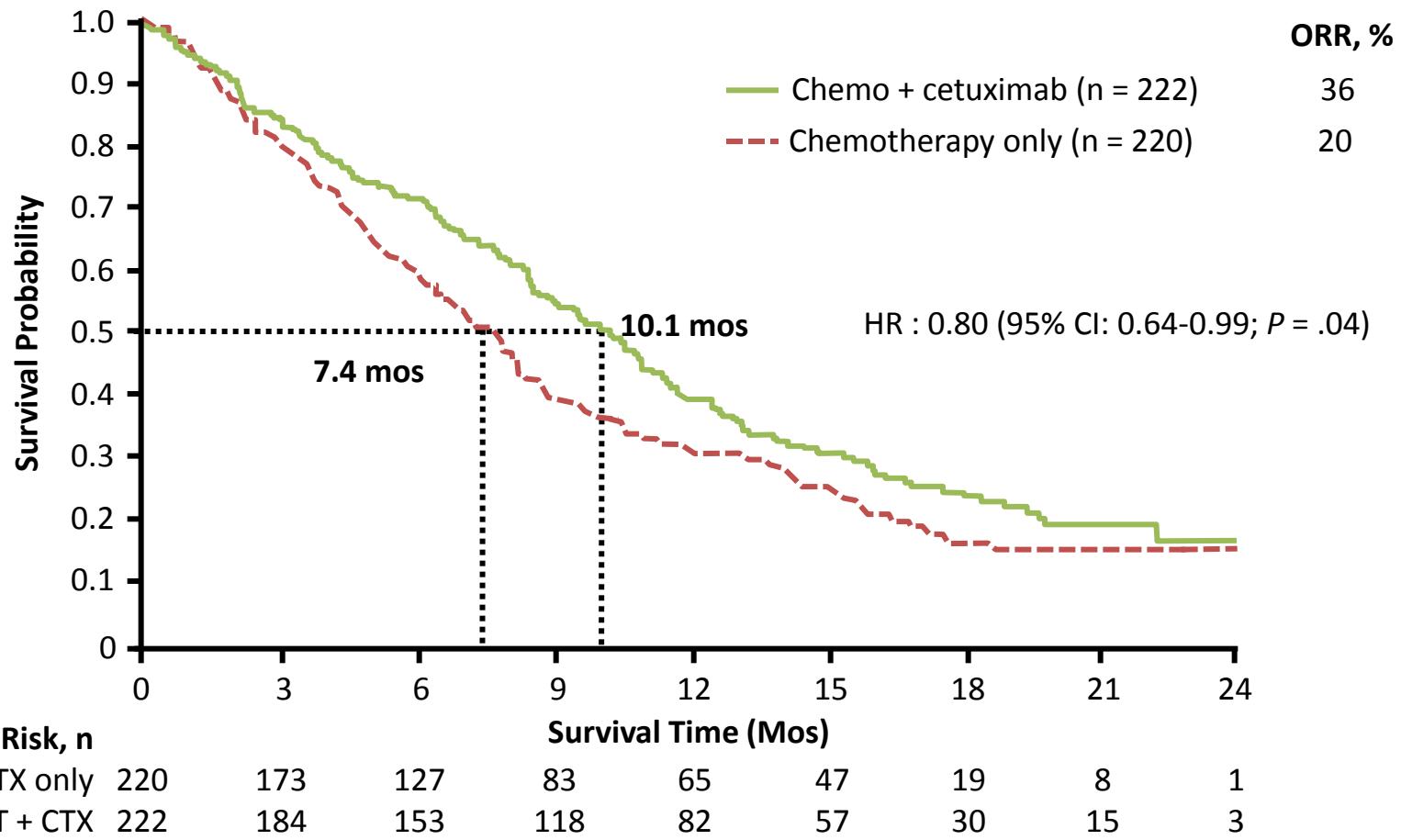
# EXTREME: Platinum/5-FU With or Without Cetuximab in Recurrent/Metastatic HNSCC

- Randomized phase III trial



Up to 6 cycles: cetuximab 400 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, then 250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/wk until PD or unacceptable toxicity; carboplatin AUC 5 or cisplatin 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1; 5-FU 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Days 1-4 every 3 wks.

# Cetuximab ± First-line Platinum in Recurrent or Metastatic HNSCC: OS



## **1.6 Indicazioni generali ai ritrattamenti con radioterapia**

<b>Qualità dell'evidenza SIGN</b>	<b>Raccomandazione</b>	<b>Forza della raccomandazione clinica</b>
<b>D*</b>	Nelle neoplasie recidivate non più suscettibili di chirurgia il ritrattamento con radioterapia dovrebbe essere proposto solo a pazienti selezionati per grado di PS ed assenza di esiti indotti dal precedente trattamento e confinato alle aree di malattia [71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78]	<b>Positiva debole</b>

*\*opinione espressa dal panel*

## 1.7 Indicazioni generali ai ritrattamenti

Qualità dell'evidenza SIGN	Raccomandazione	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
D	Nelle neoplasie recidivate non più suscettibili di chirurgia il ritrattamento con chemio radioterapia non dovrebbe essere utilizzato se non all'interno di sperimentazioni cliniche.	Negativa debole

## **1.9.2 Indicazioni generali alla terapia medica palliativa**

<b>Qualità dell'evidenza SIGN</b>	<b>Raccomandazione</b>	<b>Forza della raccomandazione clinica</b>
A	Il cetuximab aggiunto ad una chemioterapia contenente cisplatino o carboplatino + 5-fluorouracile, seguito da cetuximab di mantenimento in assenza di progressione deve essere considerato il trattamento di prima scelta nei pazienti con buon performance status e malattia recidivata e/o metastatica non più suscettibile di trattamenti con finalità radicali (85-86).	<b>Positiva forte</b>