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**Carcinoma della prostata  
localmente avanzato: quali  
strategie di trattamento?**

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# Who are locally advanced prostate cancer patients?

**Table 1 – EAU risk groups for biochemical recurrence of localised and locally advanced prostate Cancer**

| Low-risk  | Intermediate-risk                                  | High-risk  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| Definition  |  |  |   |
| PSA < 10 ng/mL<br>and GS < 7<br>and cT1-2a<br>Localised | PSA 10-20 ng/mL<br>or GS 7<br>or cT2b<br>Localised | PSA > 20 ng/mL<br>or GS >7<br>or cT2c<br>Localised | any PSA<br>any GS<br>cT3-4 or cN+<br>Locally advanced |
| GS = Gleason score; PSA = prostate-specific antigen.    |  |  |   |

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- **Radiotherapy**
- **Systemic treatments**

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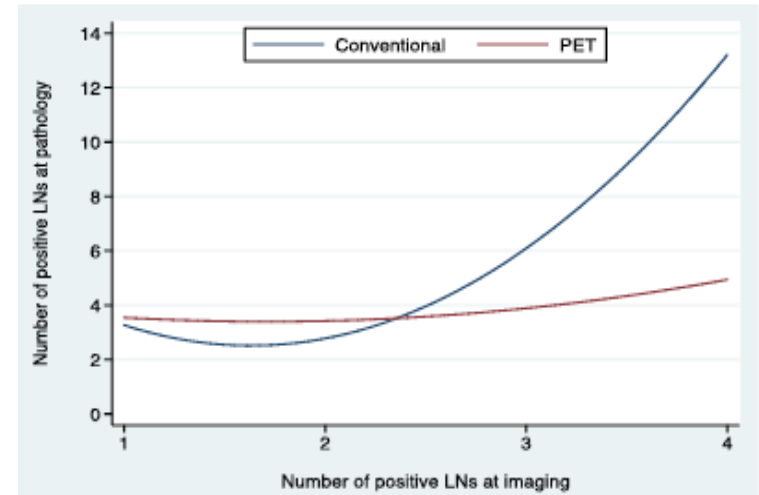
# Is there a role for surgery in locally advanced prostate cancer ?

- ✓ Only retrospective evidence
- ✓ High risk of patient selection bias
- ✓ No standardized extent of PLND/use of multimodal approaches
- ✓ (Mainly) use of conventional imaging

# Conventional and molecular imaging in cN+

- ✓ **Conventional imaging:** low sensitivity for detecting small volume lesions and poorly quantifies the burden and the site of oligometastatic disease
- ✓ **Molecular and conventional imaging** were characterized by the **risk of underestimating nodal burden in patients  $\leq 2$  positive spots**

|   | Sensitivity | Specificity |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <i>CT/MRI</i>   | 13%         | 82%         |
| <i>DW-MRI</i>   | 20%         | 79-81%      |
| <i>[<sup>11</sup>C]/[<sup>18</sup>F] Choline PET-CT</i> | 20-49%      | 89-95%      |
| <i><sup>68</sup>Ga-PSMA PET/CT</i>                      | 66%         | 85-99%      |



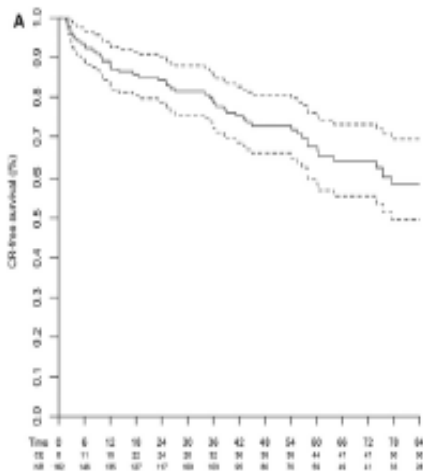
# Potential implications of surgery

| Pros   | Cons   |
|--|--|
| Accurate assessment of the real extent of nodal invasion         | Short- and long-term side effects (multi-modal approaches) |
| Maximize local control in bulky disease                          | Some patients would not benefit from surgery               |
| Multimodal approach with accurate tumor debulking                | No abscopal effect   |
| Tailored approach (pathological report available – post op PSA ) |  |

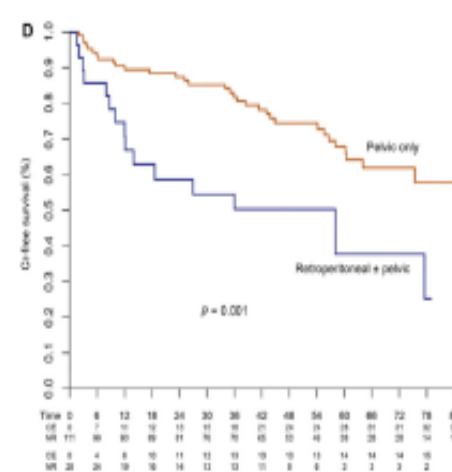
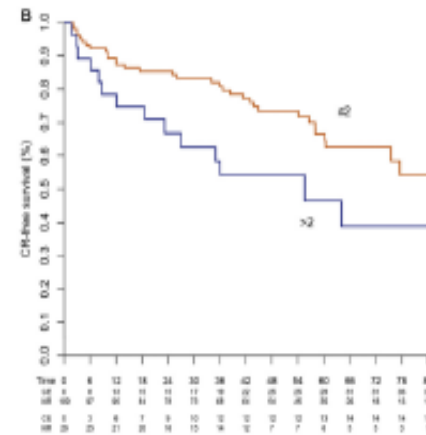


# Outcomes in cN+ patients treated with surgery

- ✓ 162 patients with cN1 PCa treated with RP + ePLND at three tertiary referral centers
- ✓ 80% pN1



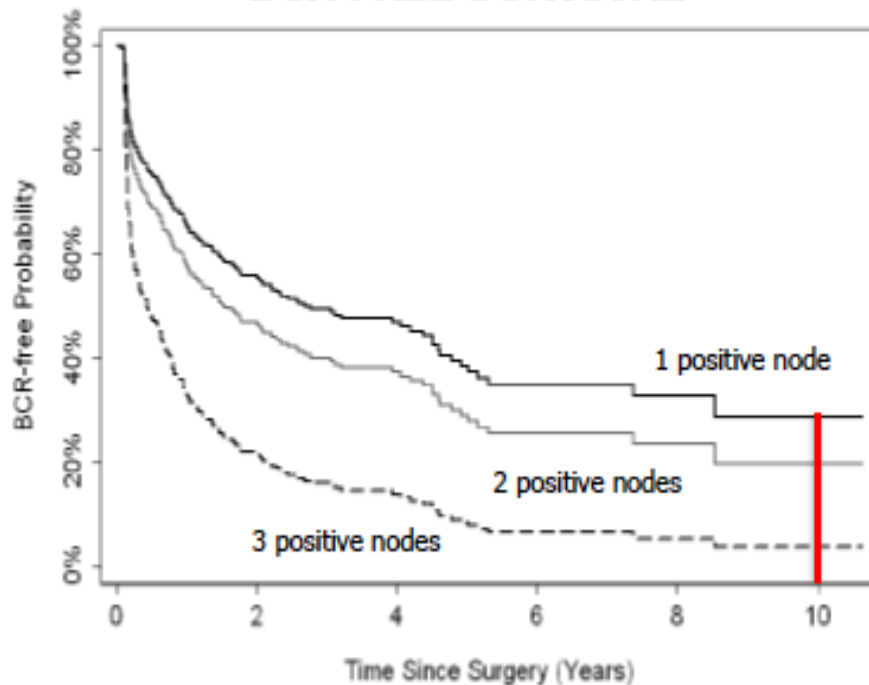
5-yr CSS: 85%  
Median follow-up: 64 months



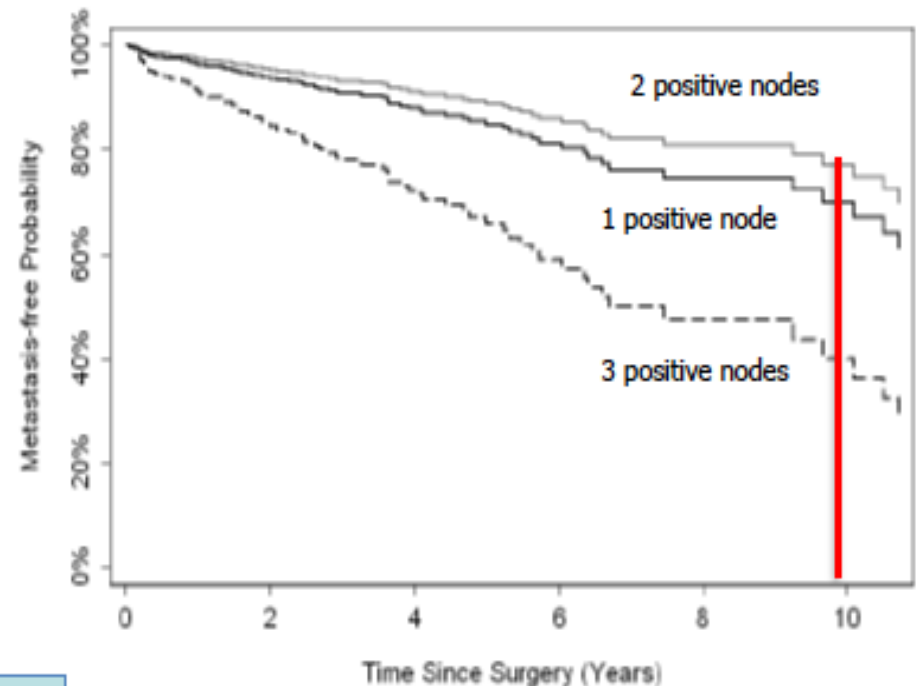
# Should ePLND be performed in cN1+ patients?

369 patients treated with ePLND (median n. of nodes removed: 15) without adjuvant therapies

### BCR FREE SURVIVAL



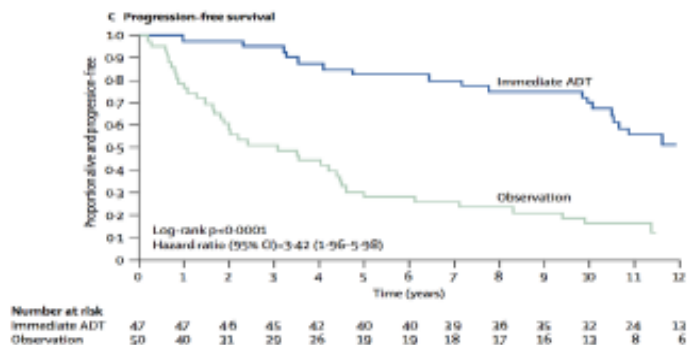
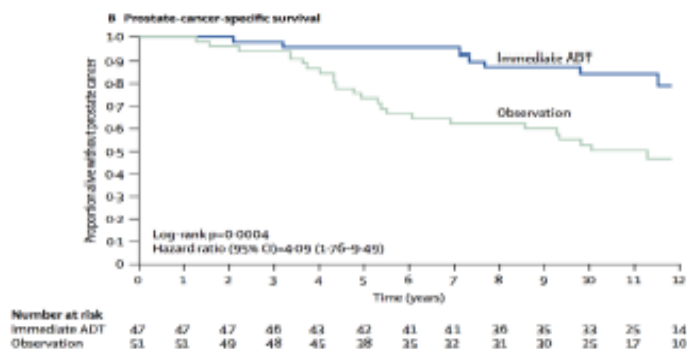
### METASTASIS FREE SURVIVAL



Roughly 30% of patients with  $\leq 2$  positive nodes would not experience recurrence at 10-year follow-up

*Toujer et al, Eur Urol 2014, 65;20-5*

# Should we always consider adjuvant ADT in cN1+ patients?



## Recommendations

Discuss three management options with patients with pN+ disease after an extended lymph node dissection, based on nodal involvement characteristics:

1. Offer adjuvant ADT for node-positive (pN+).
2. Offer adjuvant ADT with additional radiotherapy.
3. Offer observation (expectant management) to a patient after eLND and  $\leq 2$  nodes with microscopic involvement, and a PSA  $< 0.1$  ng/mL and absence of extranodal extension.

## Strength of recommendation

Weak

Messing et al. *Lancet Oncol* 2006;7:472-79

# Should we always consider adjuvant RT in cN1+ patients?

N= 1,173 LNI patients treated 1988 and 2012, at Mayo Clinic and San-Raffaele Hospital. All patients received adjuvant HT with or without aRT.

Eight-Year CSM-Free Survival (95% CI)

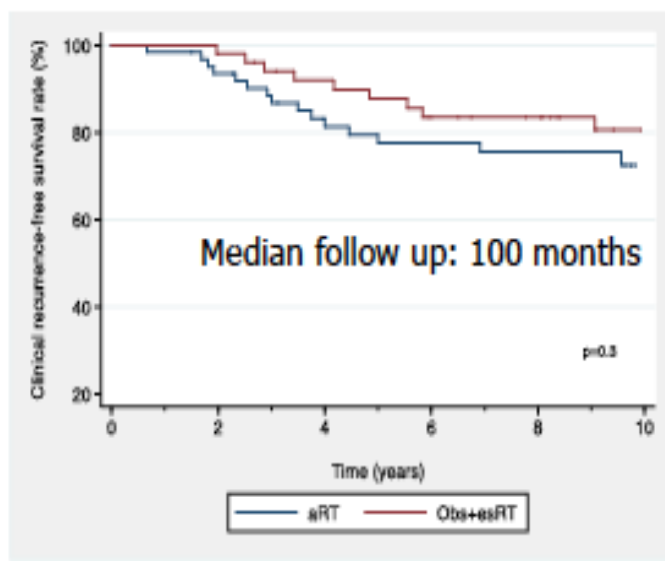
|   |   | Entire Cohort       | aHT Alone           | aRT + aHT           | P   |
|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|
| All patients with pN1 disease (n = 1,107; 100%) | Positive nodes – 1–2                      |                     |                     |                     |     |
|   | Gleason score 2–6 (n = 123; 12%)          | 98.6 (95.8 to 100)  | 98.4 (95.4 to 100)  | 100 (100 to 100)    | .7  |
|   | Gleason score 7–10                        |                     |                     |                     |     |
|   | pT2/pT3a and negative SM (n = 131; 11.8%) | 96.6 (93.4 to 99.9) | 96.8 (93.2 to 100)  | 96.3 (89.4 to 100)  | .4  |
|   | pT3b/pT4 or positive SM (n = 552; 49.9%)  | 86.7 (83.0 to 90.6) | 84.2 (79.7 to 89.0) | 93.1 (87.5 to 99.1) | .03 |
| Positive nodes – 3–4 (n = 160; 14.5%)           | 85.3 (78.9 to 92.1)                       | 78.8 (69.7 to 89.0) | 96.5 (91.8 to 100)  | .02                 |     |
| Positive nodes > 4 (n = 131; 11.8%)             | 72.2 (62.7 to 83.1)                       | 72.0 (60.9 to 85.2) | 74.7 (59.2 to 94.3) | .9                  |     |

Intermediate risk  
High risk

# Adjuvant vs early salvage RT in cN1+ patients?

....Unknown since in RADICALS. RAVES, GETUG-17 node positive patients were virtually all excluded....

- ✓ Multi-institutional cohort from 6 tertiary referral centres, 171 pN1 patients (RP+ PLND)
- ✓ Patients were stratified into two groups: aRT (Group 1) versus initial observation followed by esRT in case of PSA relapse (Group 2)



# What do the guidelines say?

| Recommendations  | Strength rating |
|--|-----------------|
| <b>Radical Prostatectomy (RP)</b>  |                 |
| Offer RP to highly selected patients with (cT3b-T4 N0 or any T N1) only as part of multimodal therapy.           | Strong          |
| <b>Extended pelvic lymph node dissection (ePLND)</b>   |                 |
| Perform an ePLND in high-risk PCa.   | Strong          |
| Do not perform a frozen section of nodes during RP to decide whether to proceed with, or abandon, the procedure. | Strong          |

involvement (cN0). In case of suspected positive LNs during RP (initially considered cN0), the procedure should not be abandoned since RP may have a survival benefit in these patients. Intra-operative frozen section analysis is not justified in this case [401]. Only limited evidence exists supporting RP for cN+ patients. Moschini *et al.* compared the outcomes of 50 patients with cN+ with those of 252 patients with pN1, but cN0 at pre-operative staging. cN+ was not a significant predictor of CSS [606]. An ePLND is considered standard if a RP is planned.

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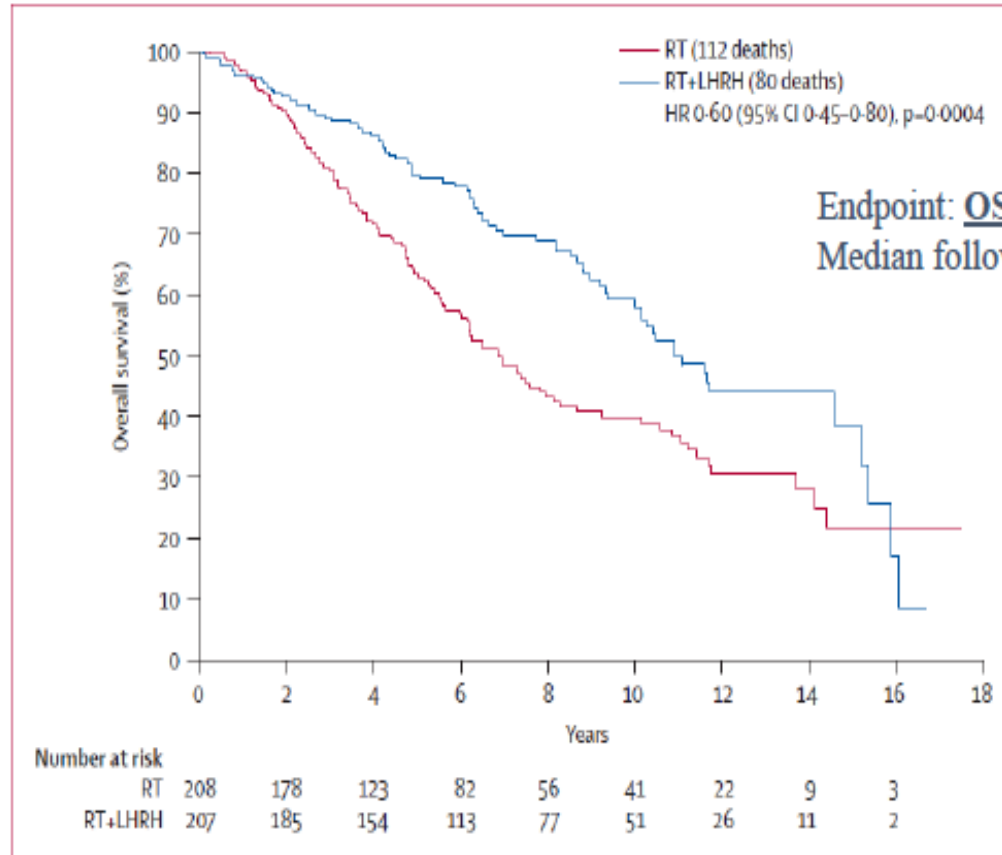
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# Do we have evidence to treat locally advanced prostate cancer with radical RT?

| Study           | Number of patients | Therapy       | Survival HR (95% CI) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Bryant, 2018    | 648                | RT+ADT vs ADT | 0.38 (0.25-0.57)     |
| Seisen, 2017    | 1987               | LT+ADT vs ADT | 0.31 (0.13-0.74)     |
| James, 2016     | 177                | RT+ADT vs ADT | 0.35 (0.19-0.65)     |
| Rusthoven, 2014 | 796                | RT vs no RT   | 0.58 (0.47-0.71)     |
| Tward, 2013     | 1100               | RT vs no RT   | CSS (78% vs 71%)     |
| Lin, 2005       | 636                | RT+ADT vs ADT | 0.5 (0.37-0.67)      |



# Is RT+ ADT better than RT alone?



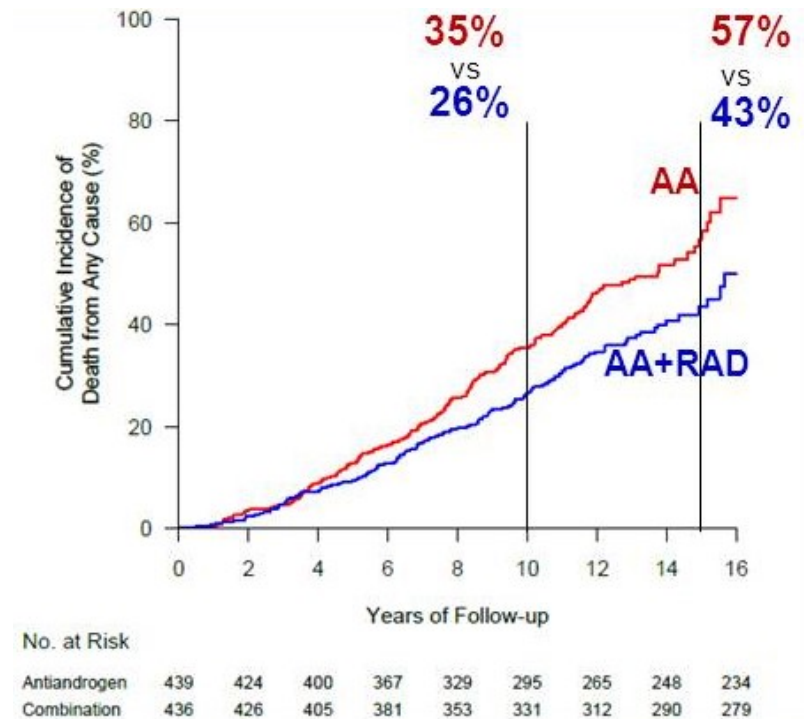
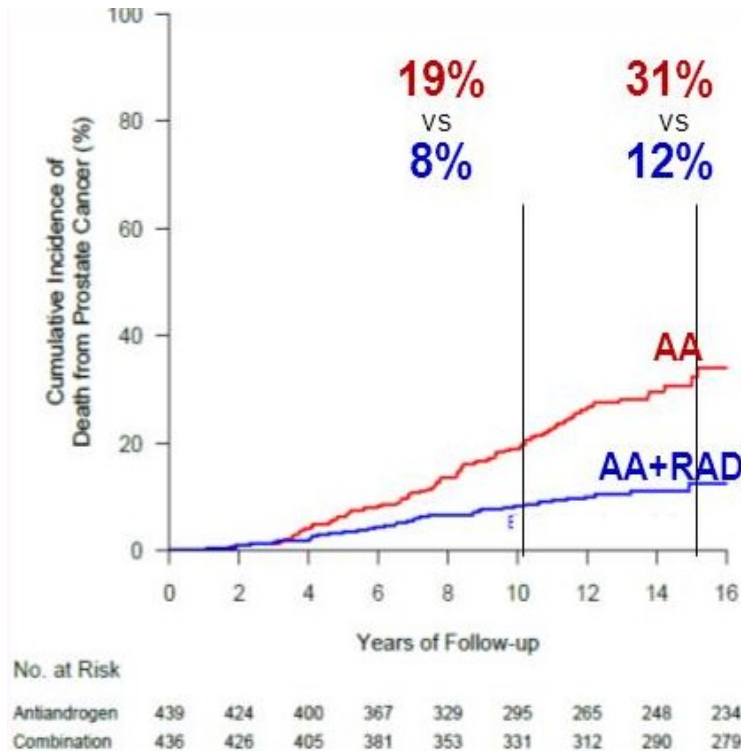
**RT+ADT>RT**

# Is RT+ ADT better than ADT upfront?

**PCa specific mortality**

**Overall mortality**

**RT+ADT > ADT**



# Which is the optimal duration of neo-adj ADT in patients treated with radical RT?

| Study                   | N° patients | treatment                             | OS                           |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| TROG 96-01 <sup>1</sup> | 818         | 3mo ADT + RT vs<br>6mo ADT + RT vs RT | HR 0.63 (0.48–0.83)          |
| RTOG 8610 <sup>2</sup>  | 456         | 4 mo ADT + RT vs<br>RT                | CSS 23% vs 36% (p<br>= 0.01) |

<sup>1</sup> Denham JW Lancet Oncol 2011; <sup>2</sup> Roach M JCO 2008

# Which is the optimal duration of adj ADT in patients treated with radical RT?

| Study                    | N° patients | treatment                                 | OS  |
|--------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| RTOG 92-02 <sup>1</sup>  | 1514        | 4mo ADT + RT vs<br>24mo ADT + RT vs<br>RT | 81% vs 70.7%<br>p=0.044                       |
| EORTC 22961 <sup>2</sup> | 970         | 6mo ADT + RT vs<br>32mo ADT + RT vs<br>RT | 19 % vs 15.2%<br>HR 1.42; 95% CI<br>1.09–1.85 |

<sup>1</sup>Hanks GE JCO 2003; <sup>2</sup>Bolla M NEJM 2009

# What do the guidelines say?

## Neoadjuvant and adjuvant hormone treatment

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- Neoadjuvant and concurrent ADT for 4–6 months are recommended for men receiving radical RT for high-risk disease, and should be considered for men with intermediate-risk disease [I, A].
- Adjuvant ADT, for 2–3 years, is recommended for men receiving neoadjuvant hormonal therapy and radical RT, who are at high risk of prostate cancer mortality [I, A].

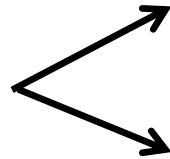
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**Why**

**Should we anticipate systemic treatment?**

**Effect on Survival**

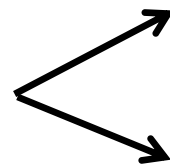


**Increase Cure Rate**  
*(locally advanced disease)*

**Prolong Survival**  
*(advanced disease)*

**Symptoms delay/control**

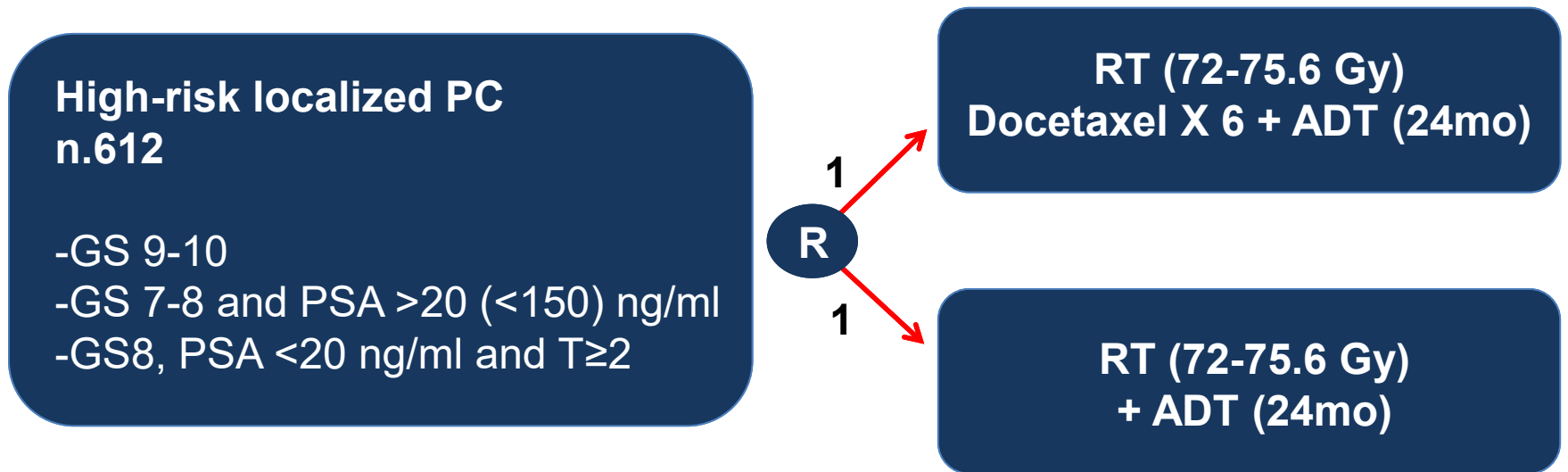
**Maintain QoL**



**Disease** (*symptoms*)

**Drug** (*toxicities*)

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**Primary end point: Overall Survival**

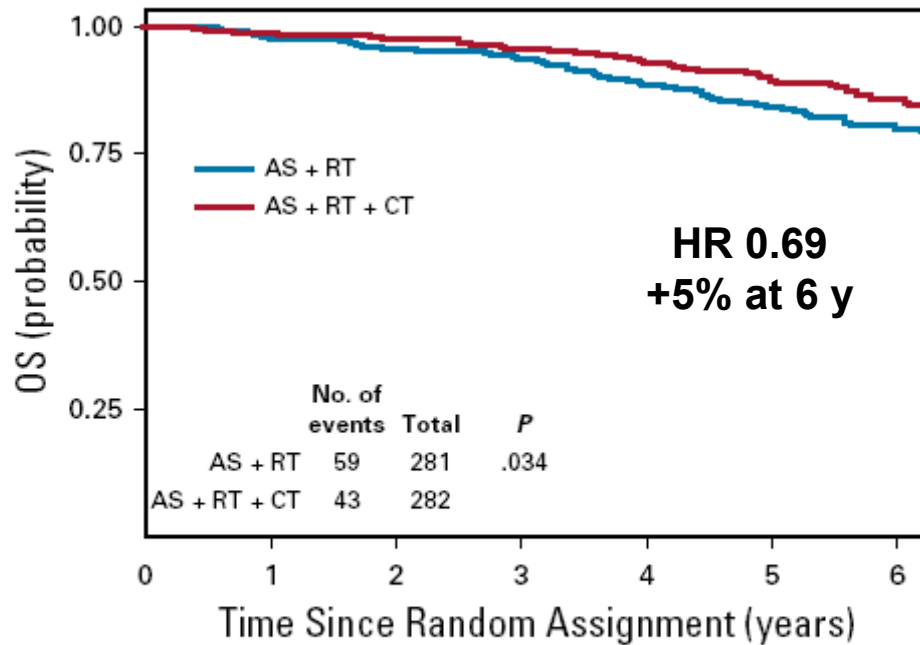
**Secondary end point:**

- freedom from biochemical failure (PSA)
- freedom from distant metastasis
- disease-free survival

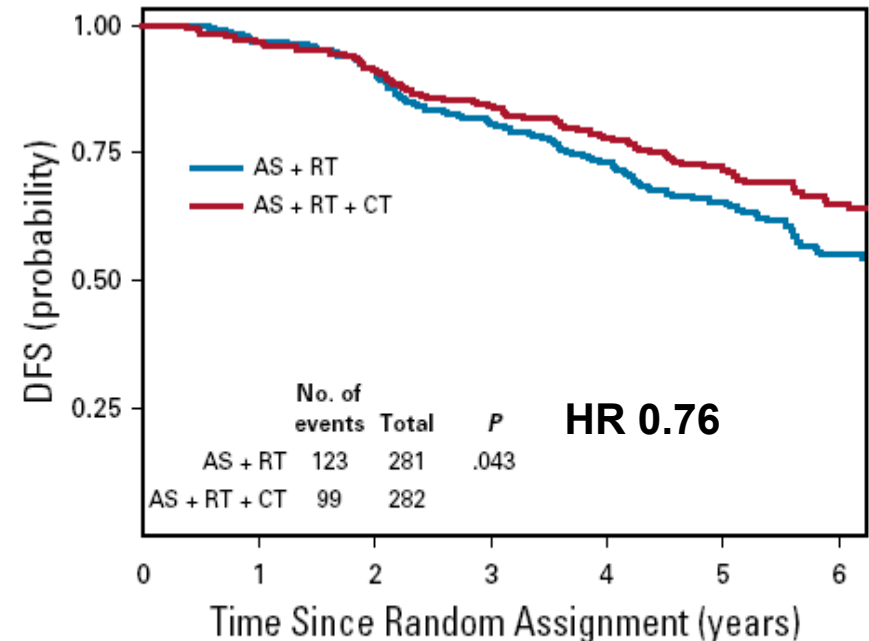


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## Overall Survival



## Disease free Survival



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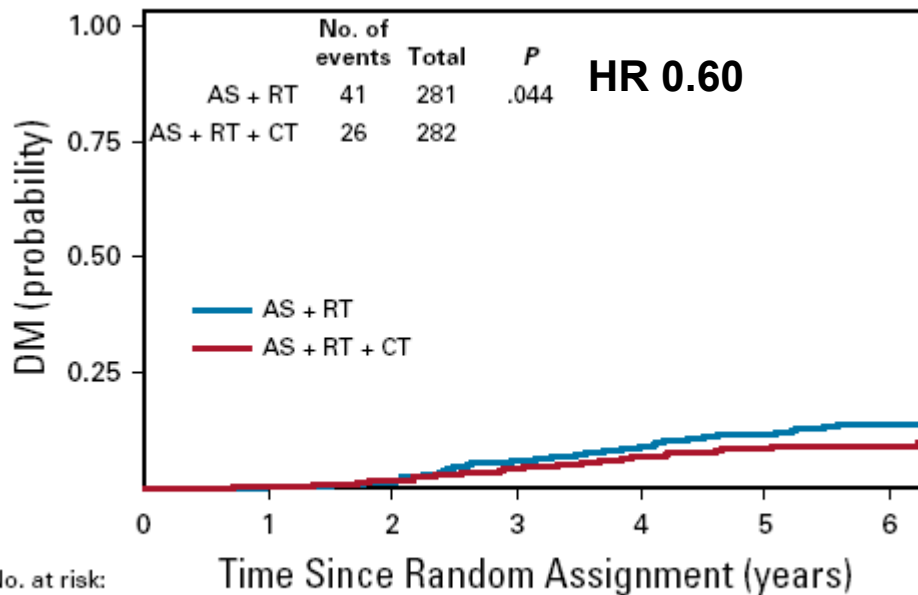
|              | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| AS + RT      | 281 | 274 | 263 | 255 | 240 | 204 | 128 |
| AS + RT + CT | 282 | 273 | 267 | 254 | 241 | 218 | 121 |

No. at risk:

|              | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| AS + RT      | 281 | 271 | 252 | 222 | 197 | 156 | 84 |
| AS + RT + CT | 282 | 268 | 251 | 224 | 202 | 173 | 88 |

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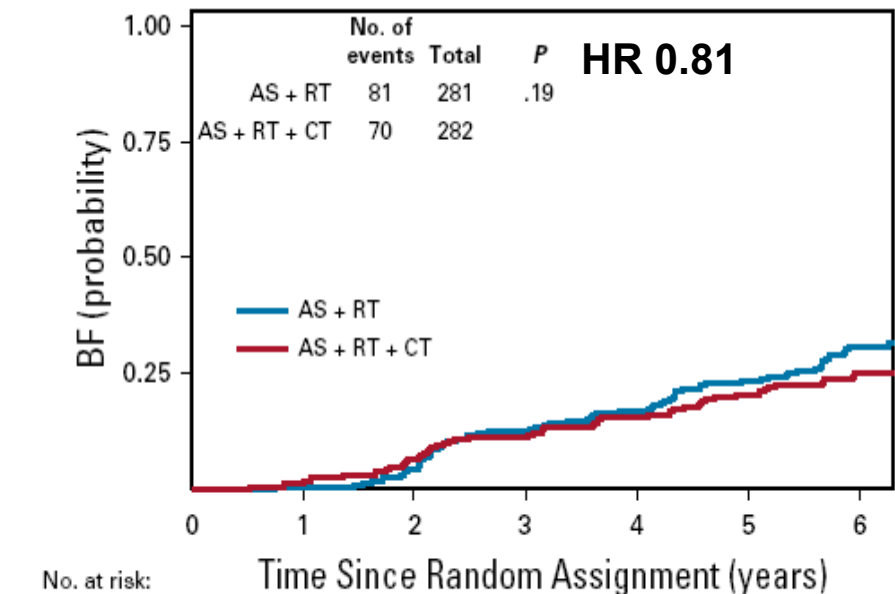
## Distant Metastases



No. at risk:

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|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
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| AS + RT + CT | 282 | 271 | 264 | 246 | 230 | 207 | 114 |

## Biochemical failure



No. at risk:

|              | 0   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
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# Benefit of Adjuvant treatment in solid tumors

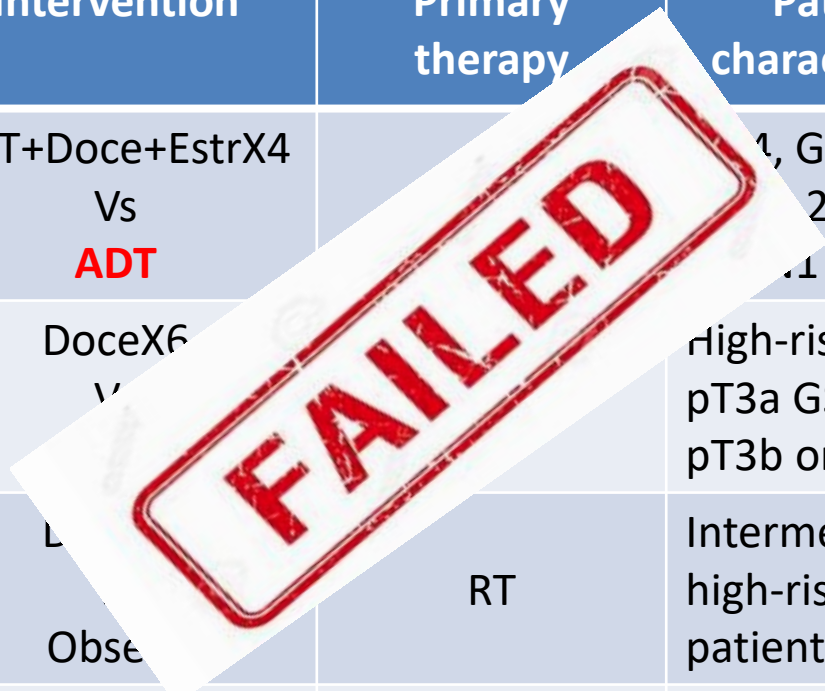
| Disease  | Absolute Survival Benefit, %     | Relative Risk Reduction, % | NNT  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------|
| Lung cancer <sup>4</sup>   | 5.4 at 5 years (HR, 0.89)        | 10                         | 18.5 |
| Colon cancer stage III (MOSAIC) <sup>5</sup>                                   | 4 at 6 years (73 v 69; HR, 0.80) | 13                         | 25   |
| Breast cancer EBCTCG meta-analysis (anthracycline v no treatment) <sup>6</sup> | 5 (40 v 35; HR, 0.84)            | 12.5                       | 20   |
| Prostate cancer RTOG 0521 <sup>14</sup>  | 5.4 at 6 years (86 v 80.6)       | 6.3                        | 18.5 |

Abbreviations: EBCTCG, Early Breast Cancer Trialists' Collaborative Group; HR, hazard ratio; MOSAIC, Adjuvant Treatment of Colon Cancer; NNT, number needed to treat.

**Ready for  
clinical practice?**

# Randomized trials of Adjuvant Docetaxel

| Study                               | Intervention                        | Primary therapy | Patients characteristics                            | Key outcome results              |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| GETUG-12 <sup>1</sup><br>(n. 413)   | ADT+Doce+EstrX4<br>Vs<br><b>ADT</b> |                 | 1, GS ≥ 8,<br>20 ng/mL,<br>1                        | 12y RFS pos<br><br>OS <b>Neg</b> |
| SPCG-12 <sup>2</sup><br>(n. 459)    | DoceX6<br>Vs<br>Observ              |                 | High-risk pT2 R1;<br>pT3a GS ≥ 4+3;<br>pT3b or pN1+ | PFS <b>Neg</b>                   |
| SPCG-13 <sup>3</sup><br>(n. 376)    | DoceX6<br>Vs<br>Observ              | RT              | Intermediate- or<br>high-risk<br>patients           | BDFS <b>Neg</b>                  |
| VA CSP 553 <sup>4</sup><br>(n. 297) | DoceX6<br>Vs<br>Observ              | RP              | High-risk<br>pathologic<br>features on RP           | PFS <b>Neg</b>                   |

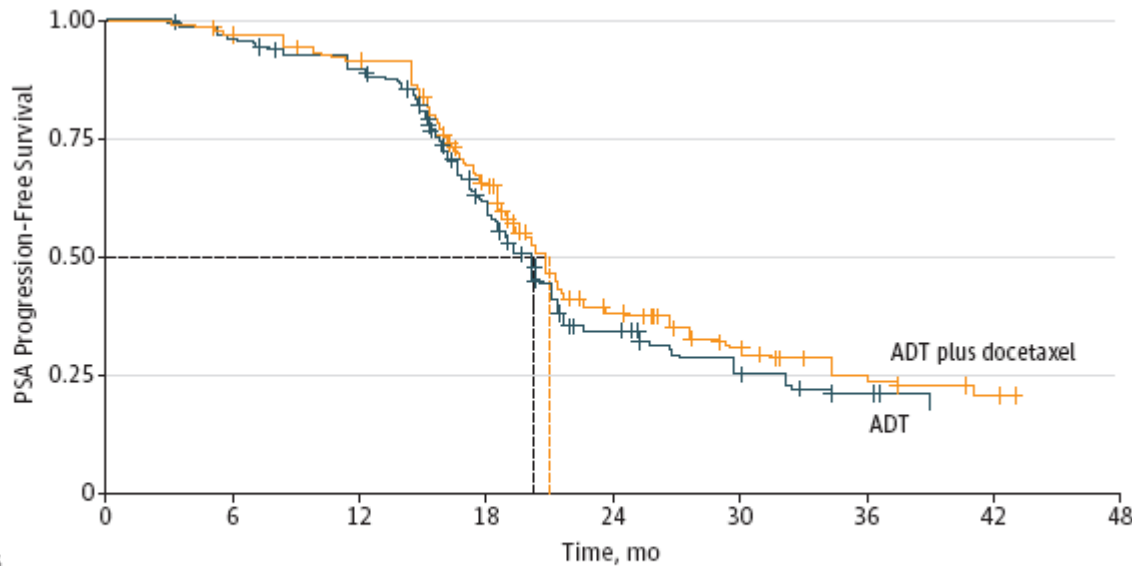


1. Fizazi, Lancet Onc 2015; 2. Ahlgren, Eur Urol 2018; 3. Lehtinen, JCO 2018; 4. Lin, J Urol 2016

# Effect of Adding Docetaxel to Androgen-Deprivation Therapy in Patients With High-Risk Prostate Cancer With Rising Prostate-Specific Antigen Levels After Primary Local Therapy

## A Randomized Clinical Trial

### PSA Progression-Free Survival



**Radiologic PFS**  
HR 1.03, p 0.88

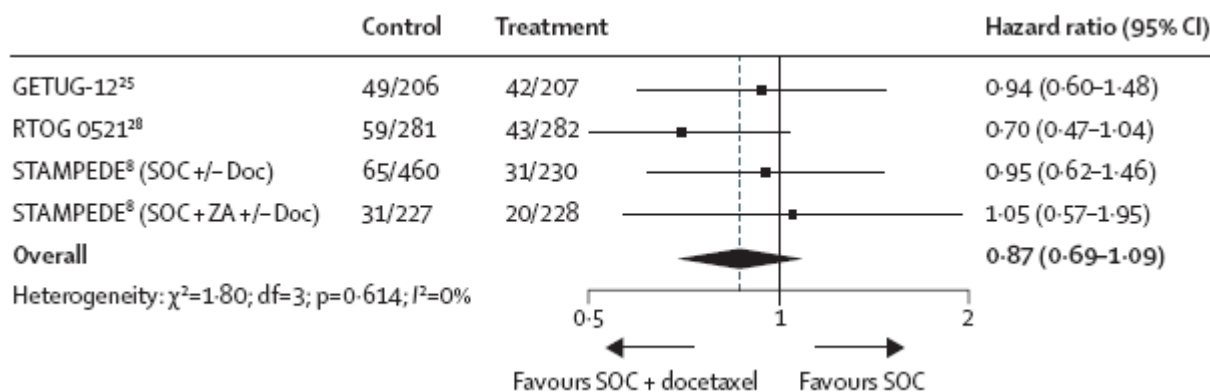
**Overall Survival**  
HR 0.86, p 0.49

No. of patients  
at risk

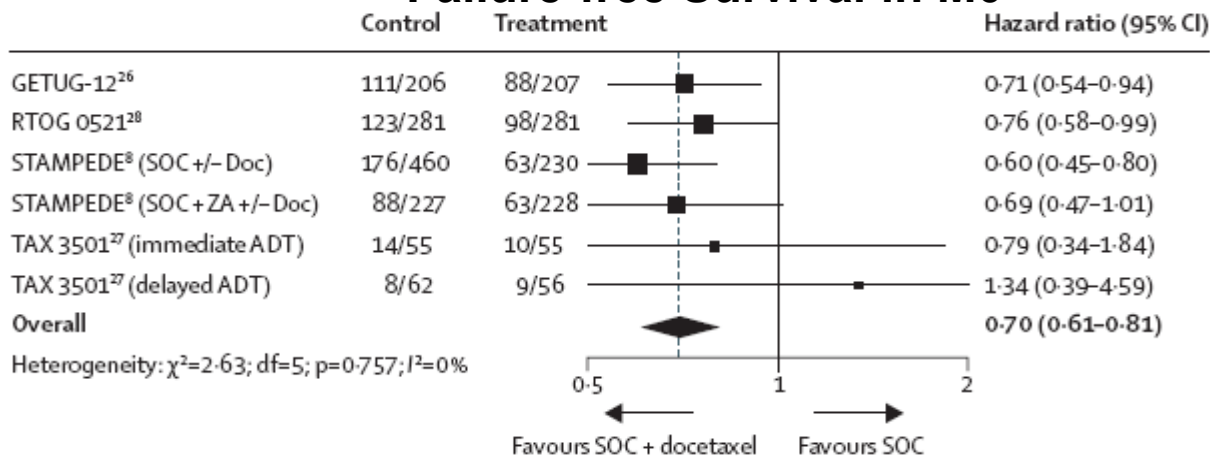
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|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|
| ADT                | 125 | 120 | 110 | 62 | 28 | 18 | 12 | 9 |
| ADT plus docetaxel | 125 | 116 | 108 | 74 | 33 | 19 | 11 | 6 |

# Addition of docetaxel or bisphosphonates to standard of care in men with localised or metastatic, hormone-sensitive prostate cancer: a systematic review and meta-analyses of aggregate data

## Overall Survival in M0

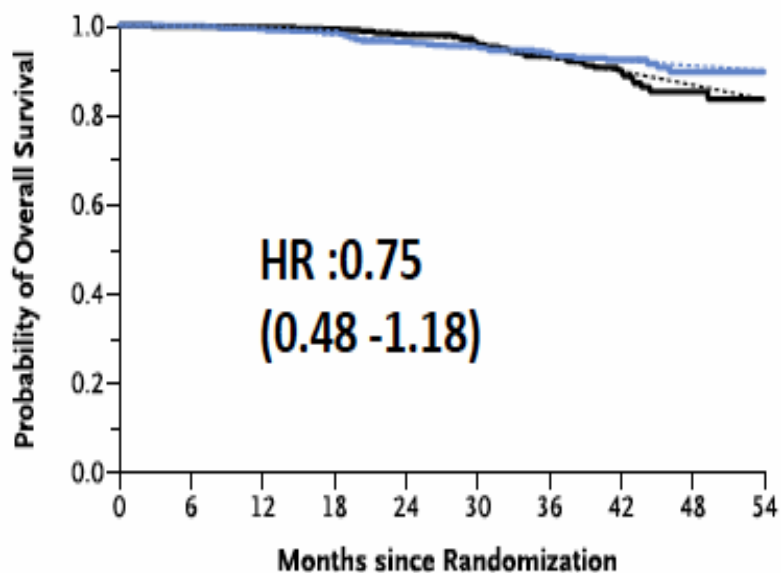


## Failure-free Survival in M0



# STAMPEDE: Abiraterone/P in M0 HSPCa

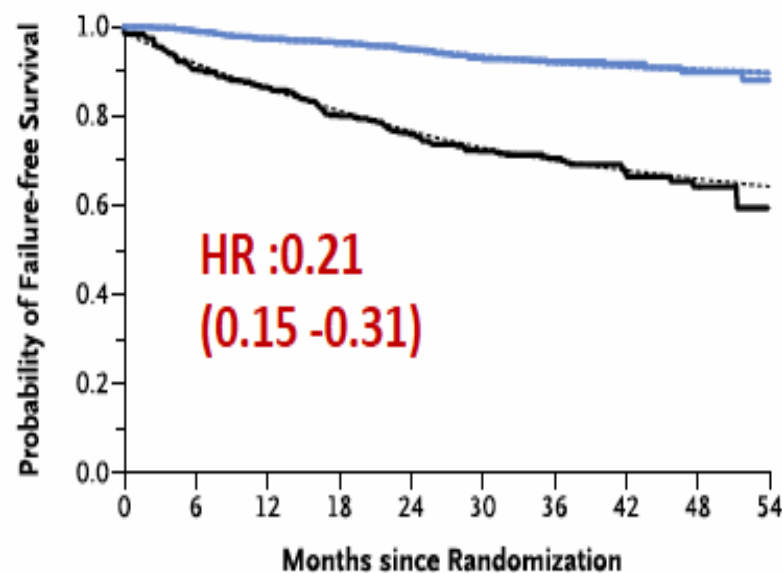
Overall Survival in Patients with Nonmetastatic Disease



No. of Patients  
(no. of deaths)

|                     |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |      |    |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|
| Combination therapy | 460 | (4) | 448 | (13) | 425 | (10) | 285 | (7)  | 80 |
| ADT alone           | 455 | (2) | 449 | (8)  | 435 | (19) | 276 | (13) | 63 |

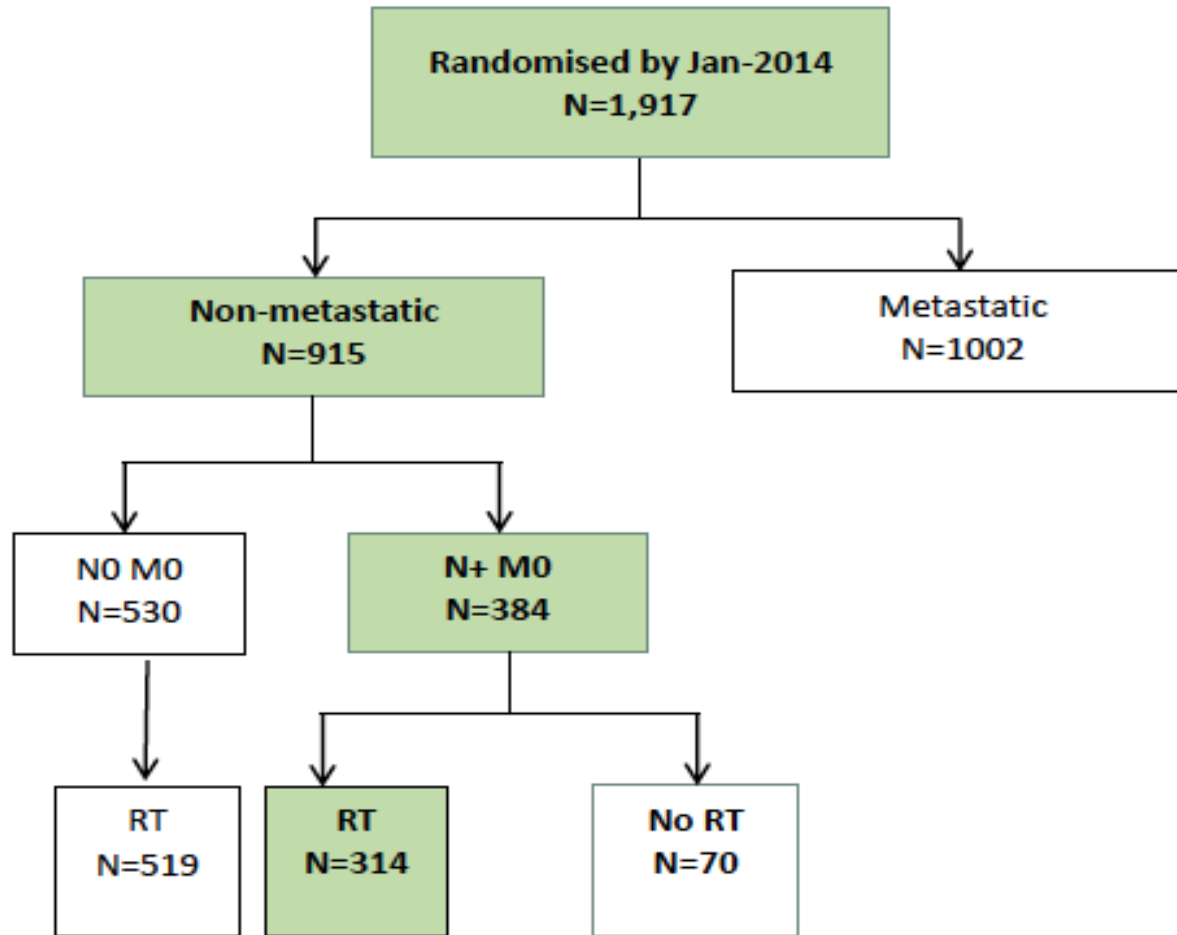
Failure-free Survival in Patients with Nonmetastatic Disease



No. of Patients  
(no. of treatment-failure events)

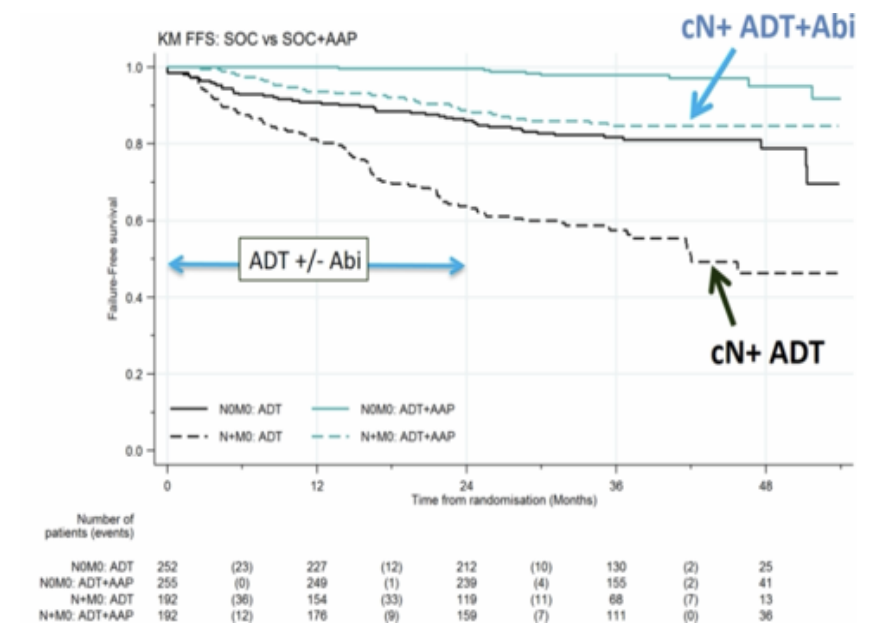
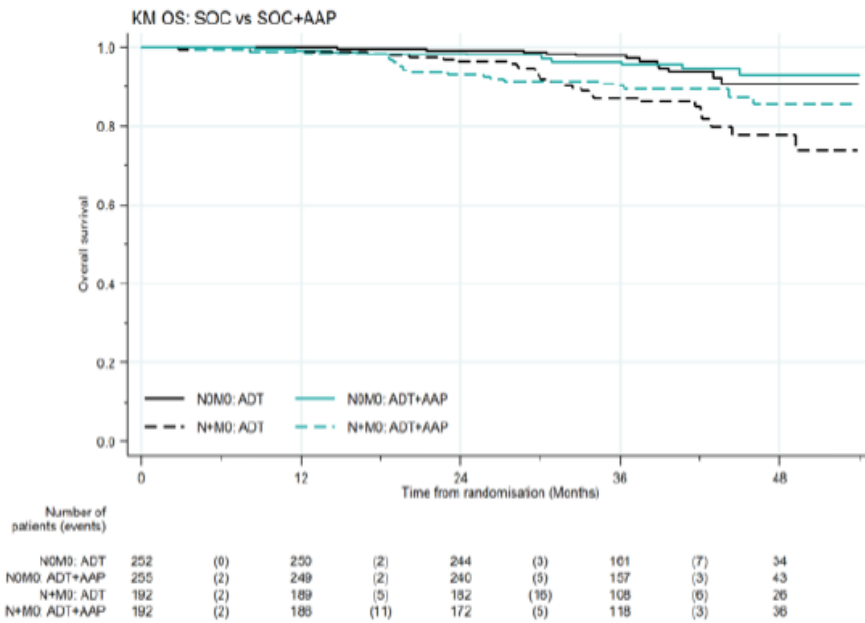
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|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|----|
| Combination therapy | 460 | (12) | 438 | (10) | 411 | (12) | 275 | (3) | 78 |
| ADT alone           | 455 | (61) | 389 | (47) | 337 | (23) | 201 | (9) | 39 |

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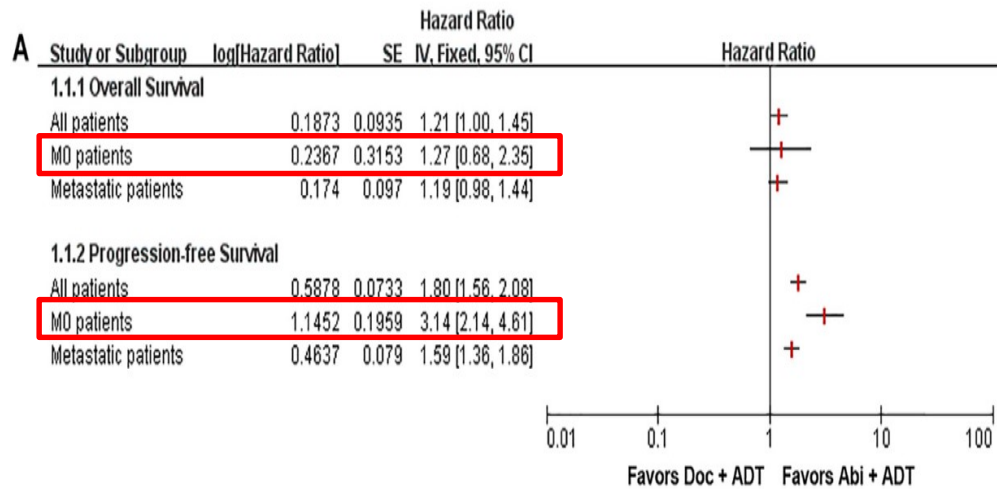




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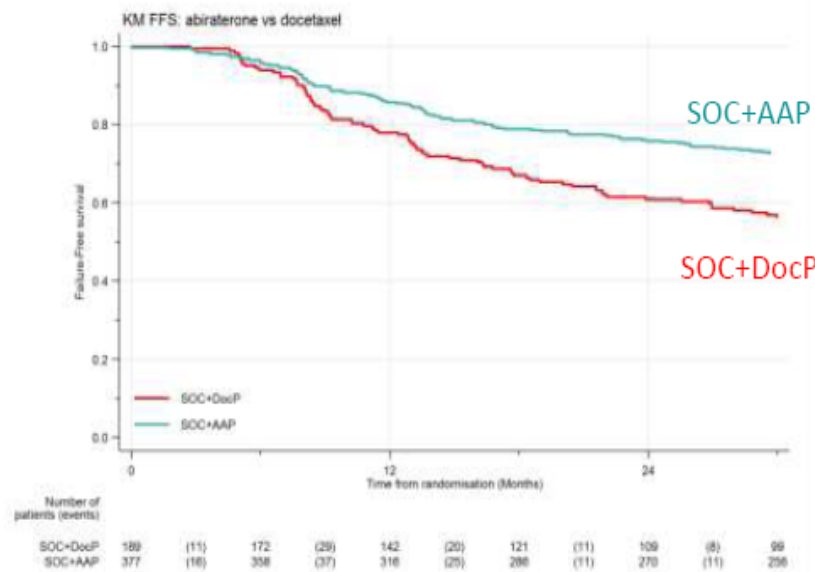


Abiraterone or Docetaxel  
in M0 HSPCa....  
This is the question....



# Adding abiraterone or docetaxel to long-term hormone therapy for prostate cancer: directly randomised data from the STAMPEDE multi-arm, multi-stage platform protocol

## Failure-free survival [driven by PSA failure]



Key:  
 HR<1 favours SOC+AAP  
 HR>1 favours SOC+DocP

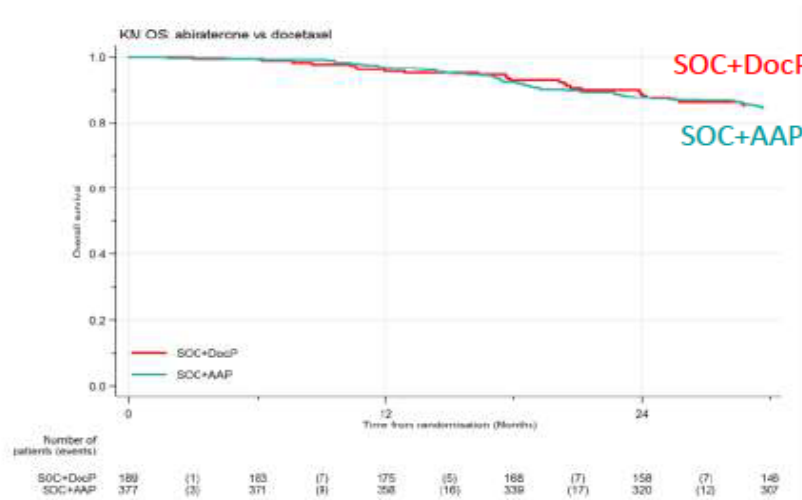
|     | HR (95%CI)                 | P-val  | <i>Interact<sup>n</sup></i><br><i>test</i> |
|-----|----------------------------|--------|--|
| All | <b>0.51</b> (0.39 to 0.67) | <0.001 |  |
| M0  | <b>0.34</b> (0.16 to 0.69) | 0.003  | 0.17                                       |
| M1  | <b>0.56</b> (0.42 to 0.75) | <0.001 |  |

|     | SOC+DocP  |            | SOC+AAP    |            |
|-----|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
|     | Events    | Pts        | Events     | Pts        |
| All | <b>97</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>377</b> |

|    |           |            |            |            |
|----|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| M0 | <b>18</b> | <b>74</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>150</b> |
| M1 | <b>79</b> | <b>115</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>227</b> |

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## Overall survival [primary outcome measure]



### Key:

HR < 1 favours SOC+AAP

HR > 1 favours SOC+DocP

Interact<sup>n</sup> = test for interaction (heterogeneity of treatment effect)

|  | HR (95%CI) | P-val | Interact <sup>n</sup> test |
|--|------------|-------|----------------------------|
|--|------------|-------|----------------------------|

All **1.16** (0.82 to 1.65) 0.40

M0 **1.51** (0.58 to 3.93) 0.40

M1 **1.13** (0.77 to 1.66) 0.53

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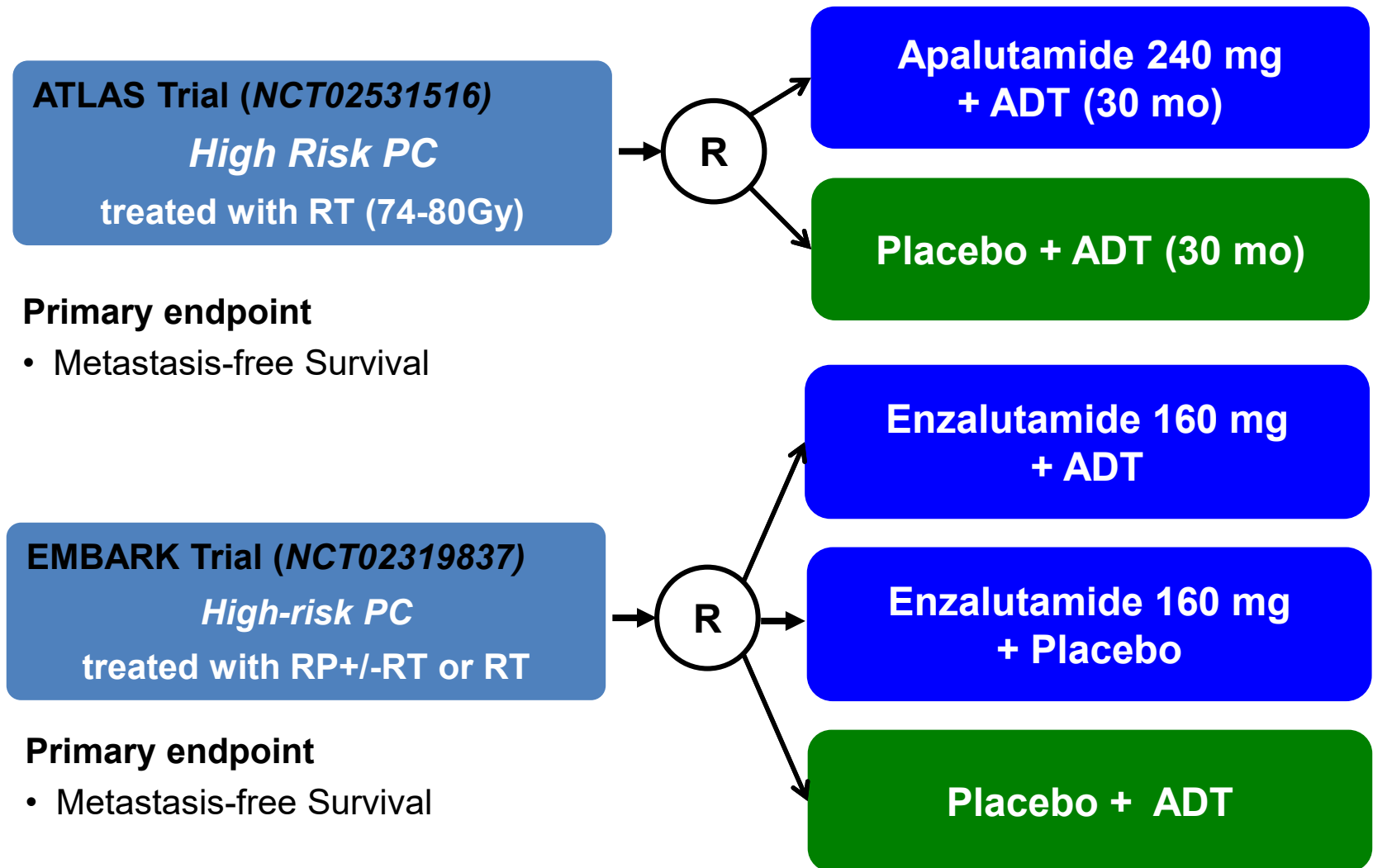
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M0 **6** **74** **16** **150**

M1 **38** **115** **89** **227**

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# Conclusions

- Multimodality treatment play a key role for the management of locally advanced PCa
- Limited evidence support RP. It might be offered to highly selected patients. If RP is planned ePLND should be considered standard.
- RT + ADT (24-36 mo) is an option for locally advanced prostate cancer (evidence IB)
- Suggestion for greater effect of Abiraterone on FFS (No Rand. Trials) but no impact on OS

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