



HCC personalised treatment
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Overzicht

- **Welke vragen stelt de patient zich ?**
- **Welke vragen stelt de arts zich ?**
- **Epidemiologie en risicofactoren**
- **Diagnose**
- **Management en prognose**
- **Conclusies**

Aanloop naar een hepatocellulair carcinoom

- Patiënt heeft een klacht, symptoom of lab. afwijking
- Echografie buik/lever
- Haardvormige afwijking gevonden

- Die vervolgens een nieuw probleem creëert in plaats van een bestaand probleem op te lossen
- Dat nieuwe probleem geeft aanleiding tot extra onderzoek (CT, MRI)

- En dan zie ik de patiënt op mijn spreekuur.....

Kernvragen voor de patiënt

1. Is het kanker ?
2. Is er iets aan te doen ?
3. Kan ik morgen antwoord op mijn vragen hebben ?
4. Ben ik op de juiste plaats om deze vragen te beantwoorden ?

Kernvragen voor de patiënt

Vertaald in het proces

- 1. Duidelijk antwoord op de vraag**
- 2. Consequentie van de bevinding**
- 3. Snelheid**
- 4. Kwaliteit van zorg**
- 5. Beschikbaarheid van de moderne behandelopties**

Kernvragen voor de arts

1. Is er een leverziekte ?
2. Is er wel een haardvormige afwijking ?
3. Waar zit die afwijking precies ?
4. Wat voor eigenschappen (solide of cysteus) ?

Kernvragen voor de arts

5. Werkdiagnose afwijking

6. Plan van aanpak

7. Zelf doen, patiënt verwijzen of beeldmateriaal verwijzen ?

Therapie Hepatocellulair carcinoom

toenemende multimodaliteit benadering

Chirurgie

- Gedeeltelijke leverresectie met of zonder v.porta embolisatie
- Volledige leverresectie en levertransplantatie
- Open RFA

Protocollair

- Stereotactische Radiotherapie
- Systemische therapie

Interventie radiologie

- Gesloten RFA/MWA
- Chemoembolisatie (TACE)
- Radioembolisatie (TARE)
- (Percutane Ethanol injectie)

Teaching Aims

- Understand the difference between the diagnostic work-up of a nodule in liver cirrhosis and non-cirrhotic liver disease.
- Therapy selection in HCC depends on
 - extent of liver disease
 - extent of tumor burden
 - performance status of the patient
 - patient preference
 - (available treatment modalities in center)
- Systematic approach using guidelines:
 - IKNL www.oncoline, AASLD, EASL, LIRADS, BCLC

Patient 1: history

- Male patient, 56 years.
- Diagnosed 1982 chronic HBV HBeAg(-), Stage CPH
- Mother, sister chronic HBV infection.
- Mother died of HCC.

- 1982-2004: no antiviral therapy; “multiple flares”
- 1988: biopsy CAH with fibrosis

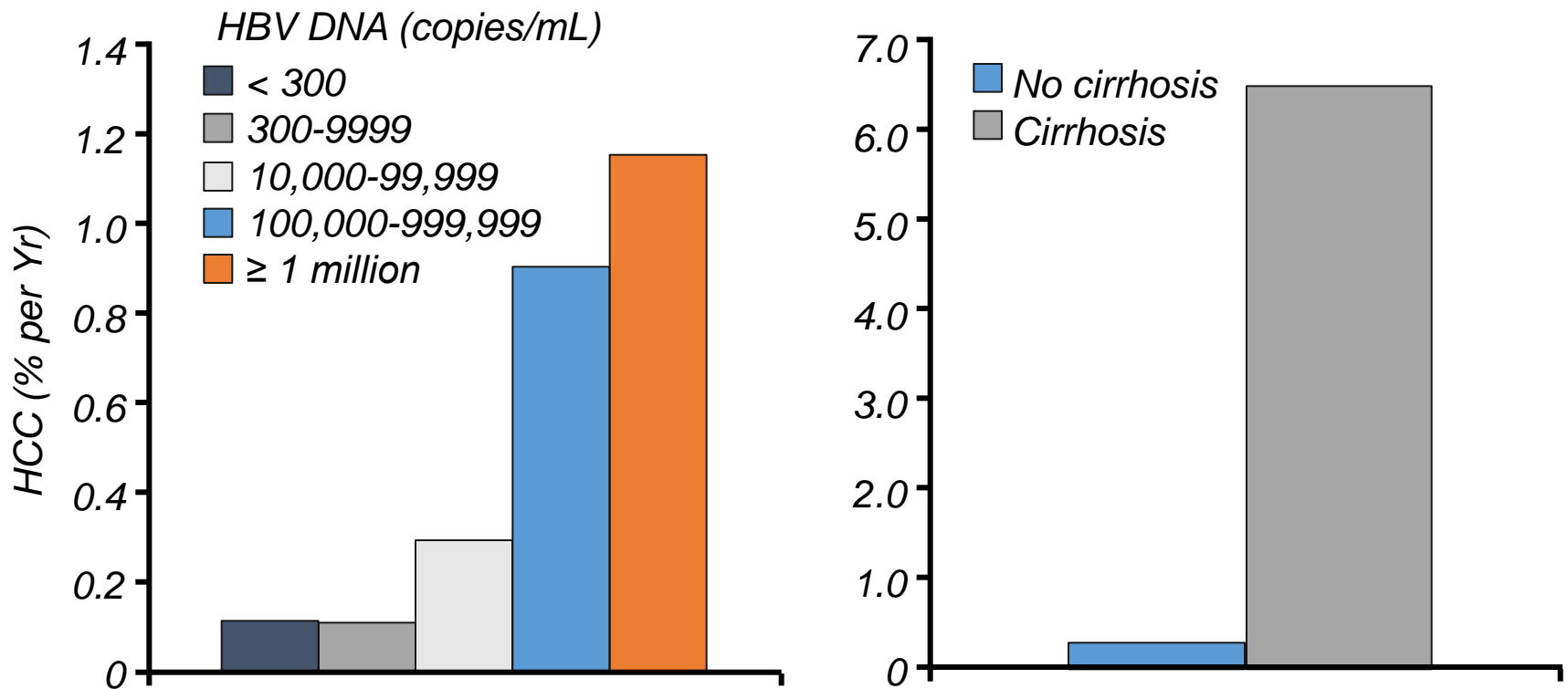
- Referred to hepatologist in 2004: how to proceed ?

Patient 1: 2004

- Main complaint: fatigue
 - ALT/AST 1 - 4x upper limit of normal
 - Virology HBe(-), HBV-DNA 10e5 copies/ml
 - Alfa-fetoprotein: normal
- Adefovir 10 mg was started.
- Imaging: malignant nodule right liver 6 cm
 - No signs of cirrhosis or portal hypertension
 - Chest X-ray and bone scintigraphy: no abnormalities

Risk of HCC according to Baseline Factors

- REVEAL: long-term follow-up (mean: 11.4 yrs) of untreated HBsAg-positive individuals in Taiwan (N = 3653)



Grootte van de afwijking zegt niets over operabiliteit (in een niet-cirrotische lever)



- Tumor weefsel is niet functioneel leverweefsel
- Functionele overcapaciteit van de lever
- Van belang is de schatting hoeveel parenchym er over blijft (volumetrie) en de kwaliteit van dat parenchym (biopt)

The Patient: 2004; what to do ?

1. Refer to the surgeon for resection
2. Liver biopsy form the lesion
3. Local therapy RFA, radiofrequency ablation
4. TACE, chemo embolisation
5. Refer for liver transplantation

Operation 2004

- Hemi hepatectomy right side
- Partial resection diafragm

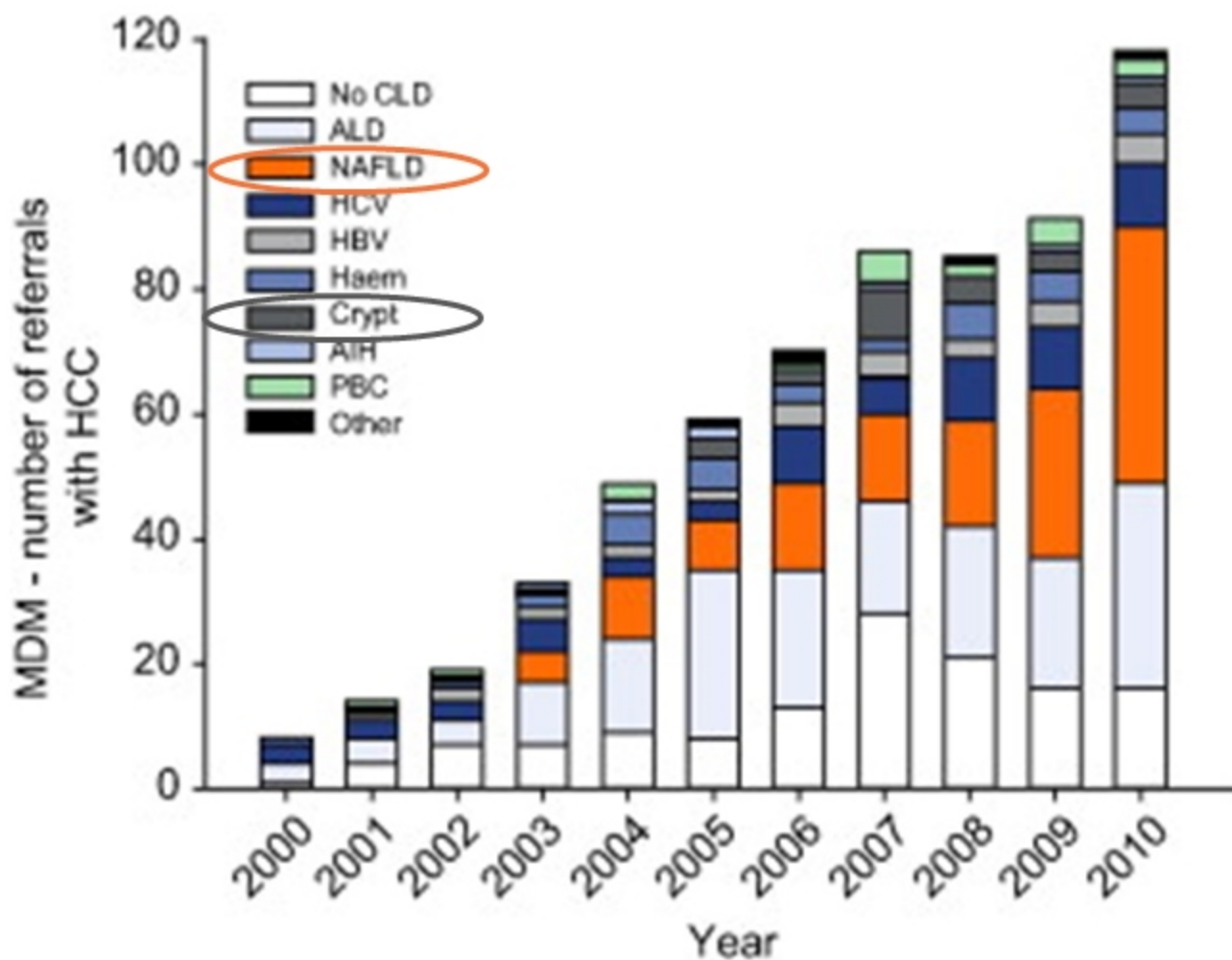
- Pathology:
- HCC, 6 cm, well differentiated, no vasoinvasive growth, free margins.

- Follow-up

Patient 2:

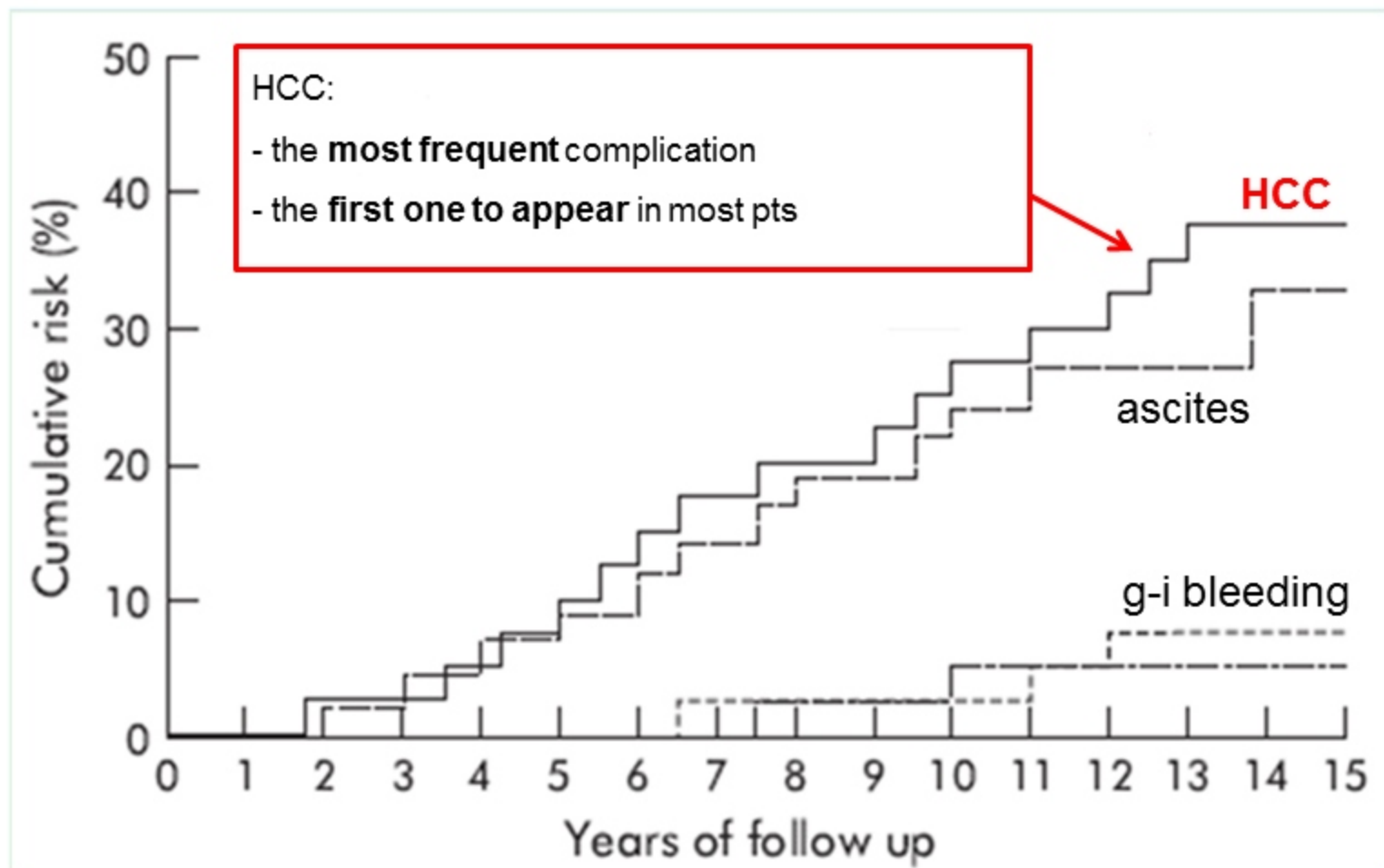
- NASH patient, cirrhosis Child B with portal hypertension
- Imaging: malignant nodule *typical* HCC Right liver 6 cm
- Chest X-ray and bone scintigraphy: no abnormalities

Etiologies of chronic liver disease associated with HCC: an English study



Temporal trends of complications in initially compensated cirrhosis

Child-Pugh class A patients (n = 312), median follow-up: 93 months

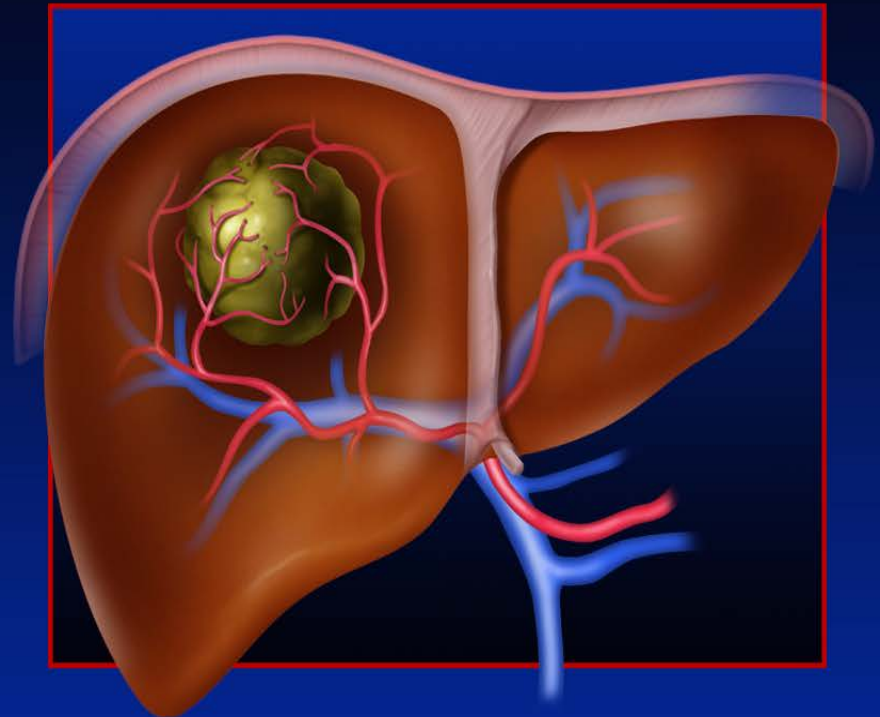


Clinical Features at Presentation

Symptoms	Percent of Patients
None	23%
Abdominal Pain	32%
Ascites	8%
Jaundice	8%
Anorexia/weight loss	10%
Malaise	6%
Bleeding	4%
Encephalopathy	2%

Dual Blood Supply of Liver

- The vascular supply of HCC arises from the hepatic artery through neovascularization.
- Imaging of the liver has to be performed in a triple phase manner to account for the early arterial phase followed by the portal venous phase and the delayed phases

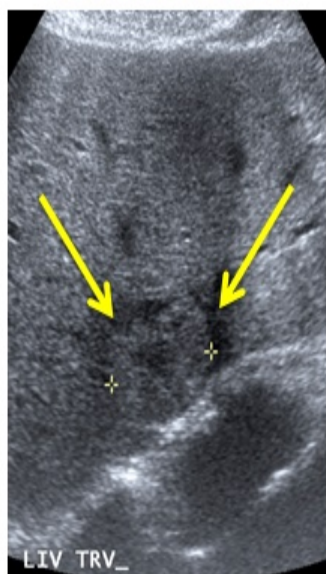


Classical Scenario

Detection

Characterization

Ultrasound

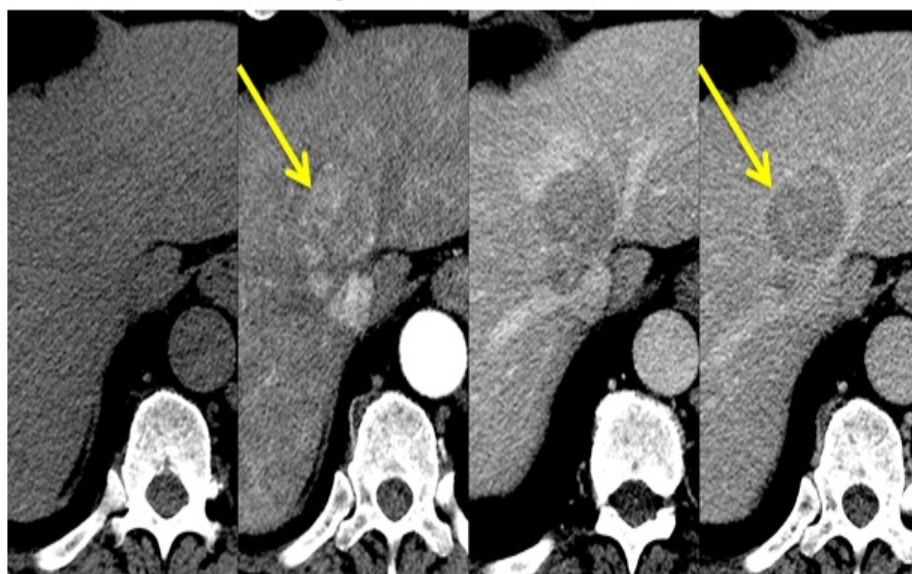


Transverse

“Nodule”



Multiphasic CT or MRI



Pre

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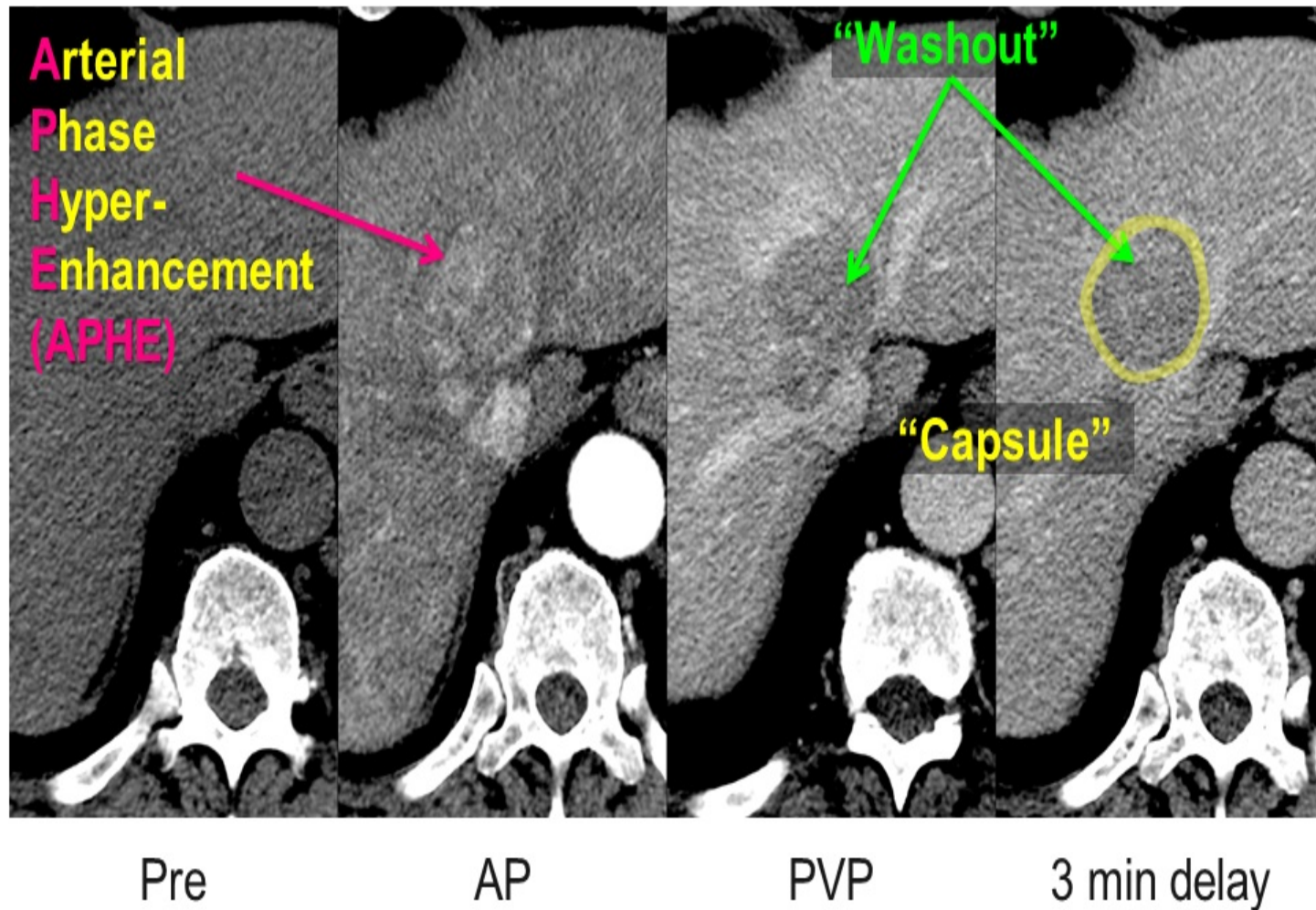
PVP

3 min delay

“HCC”

Characterization

Multiphasic CT (or MRI)



Diagnostic Criteria for HCC



**Imaging criteria
~100% PPV for HCC**

Diagnostic Criteria for HCC

Nodule on US



APHE +
“Washout”

CT and MRI-ECA

- if 10-20 mm

CT or MRI-ECA

- if > 20 mm

Must be
multiphasic



APHE +
“Washout”

CT or MRI-ECA

- if > 10 mm



APHE +
“Washout”

CT or MRI-ECA or MRI-Gx

- if \geq 10 mm

Diagnostic Criteria for HCC

Nodule **not** visible on **US**, or **US not done**



APHE +
“Washout”

CT and MRI-ECA

- if 10-20 mm

CT or MRI-ECA

- if > 20 mm



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Diagnostic Criteria for HCC

Nodule **not** visible on US, or US not done

- | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| • If 10-19 mm | APHE +
2 or more
other major features |
Multiphasic
CT <u>or</u>
MRI-ECA <u>or</u>
MRI-Gx |
| • If ≥ 20 mm | APHE +
1 or more
other major features | |

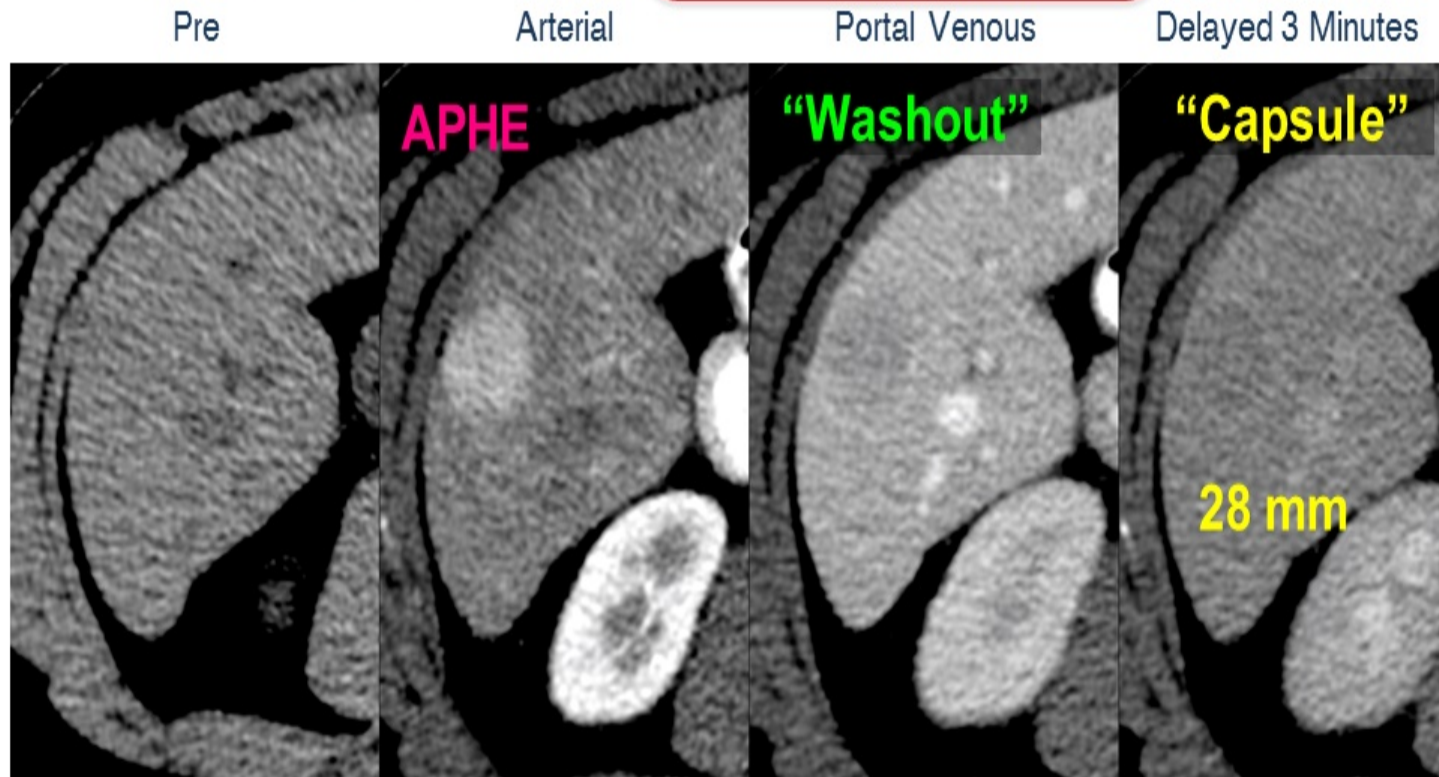


Other major features =

- “washout”, “capsule”, growth

Diagnostic Criteria for HCC

54-year-old woman, **no liver disease**



Don't: apply imaging criteria to general population!

Do: apply criteria to patients at risk for HCC!

Don't Meet Diagnostic Criteria for HCC



Biopsy

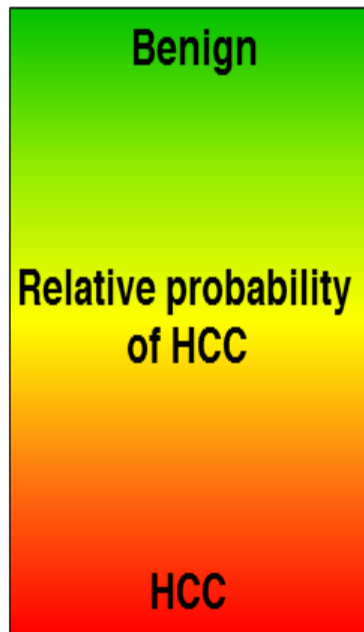


Biopsy



Individualized management

Don't Meet Diagnostic Criteria for HCC

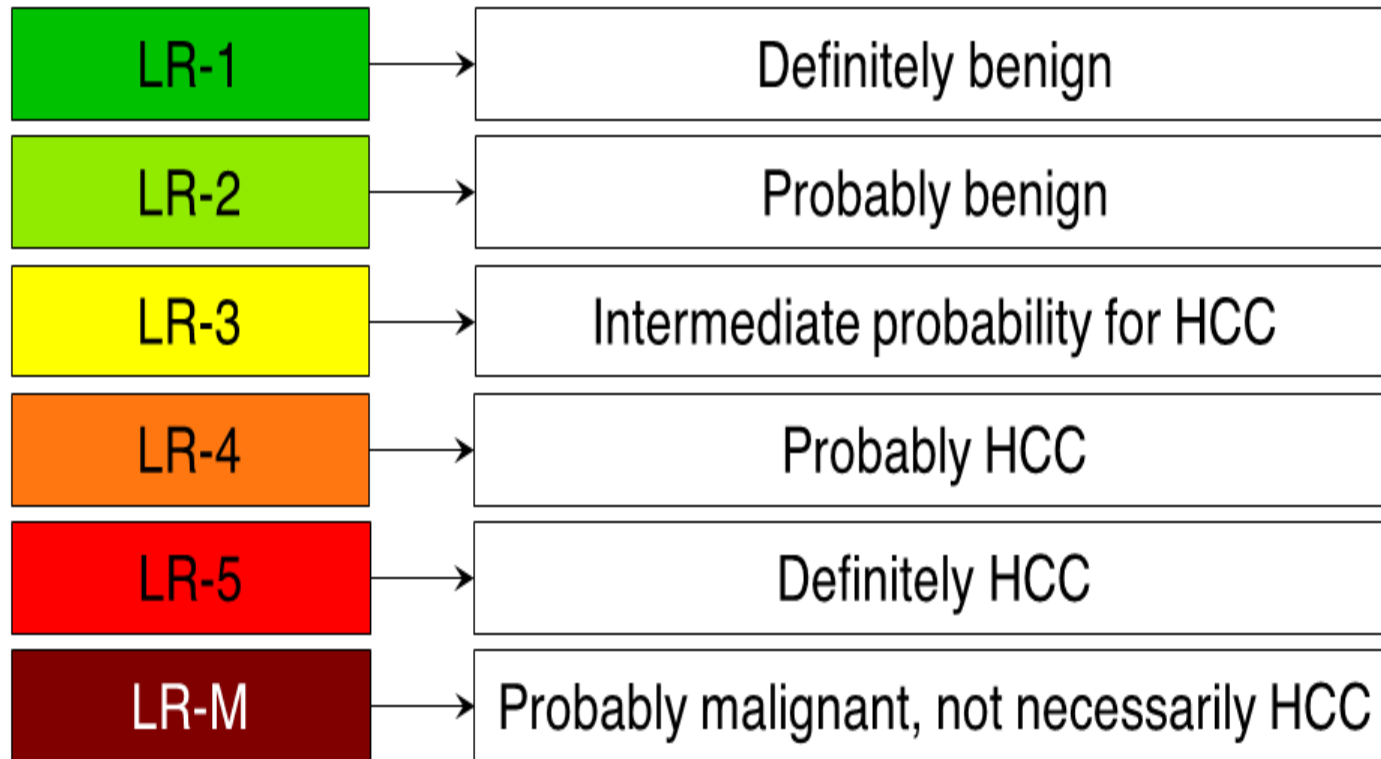


LI-RADS Categories



Individualized management

Don't Meet Diagnostic Criteria for HCC



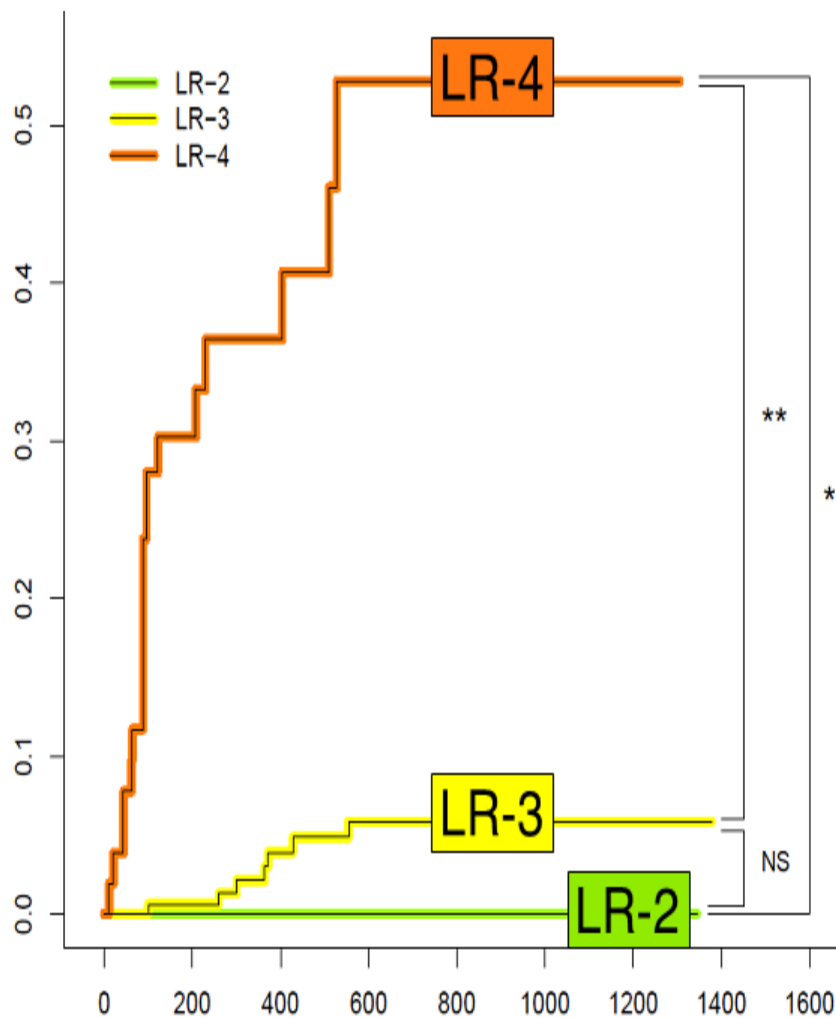
Individualized management

LR-2

LR-3

LR-4

**Cumulative
incidence of
progression
to
malignancy**



Days until progression

Take Home Messages

EASL, AASLD, LI-RADS: imaging criteria for HCC

- ~100% positive predictive value for HCC
- Apply **only** to high-risk patients

Algorithms non-identical

- EASL and AASLD
 - US detected nodules; CT or MRI-ECA
- LI-RADS
 - Any nodules; CT or MRI-ECA or MRI-Gx

Nodules that don't meet HCC criteria

- EASL and AASLD → biopsy
- LI-RADS → individualized management, informed **in part** by LR category

The BCLC concept development

Operable

End-stage

Operable

Non surgical HCC or unresectable HCC

Early HCC

Unresectable, non-terminal HCC

End-stage

Resection
Ablation
Transplantation

Best
supportive
care

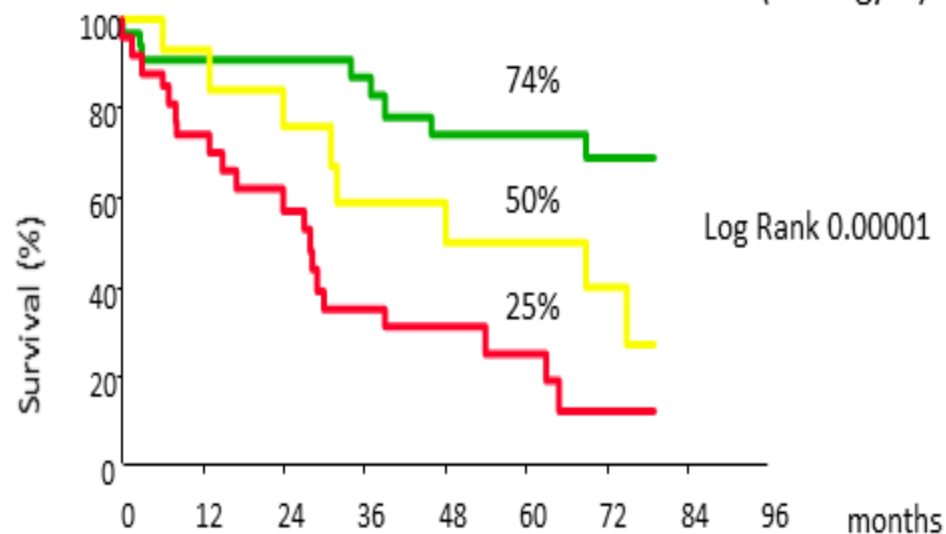
Curative treatments: Surgical Resection

Prognosis of HCC suitable to resection

Best candidates: - Solitary HCC

- Child-Pugh A: No portal hypertension (HVPG < 10 mmHg)

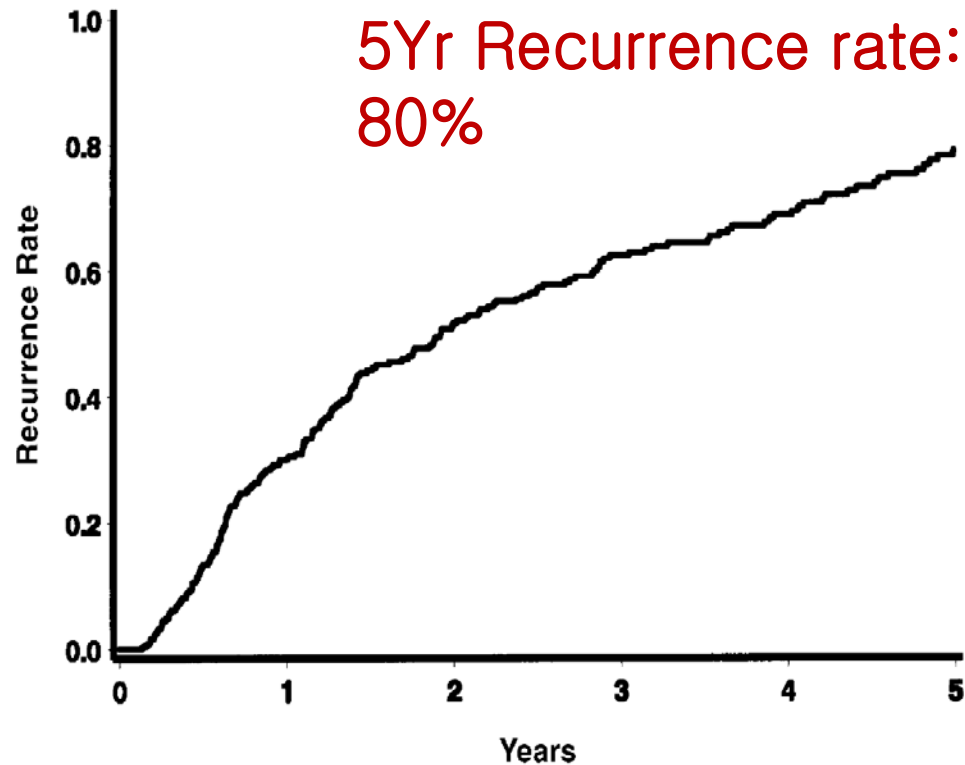
Normal Bilirubin (< 1 mg/dl)



- No portal hypertension and normal bilirubin (n= 35)
- Portal hypertension and normal bilirubin (n=15)
- Portal hypertension and Bilirubin ≥ 1 mg/dL (n=27)

HCC Recurrence rate after resection

5Yr Survival rate: 50–70%
5Yr Recurrence rate: 60–80%



No. at risk

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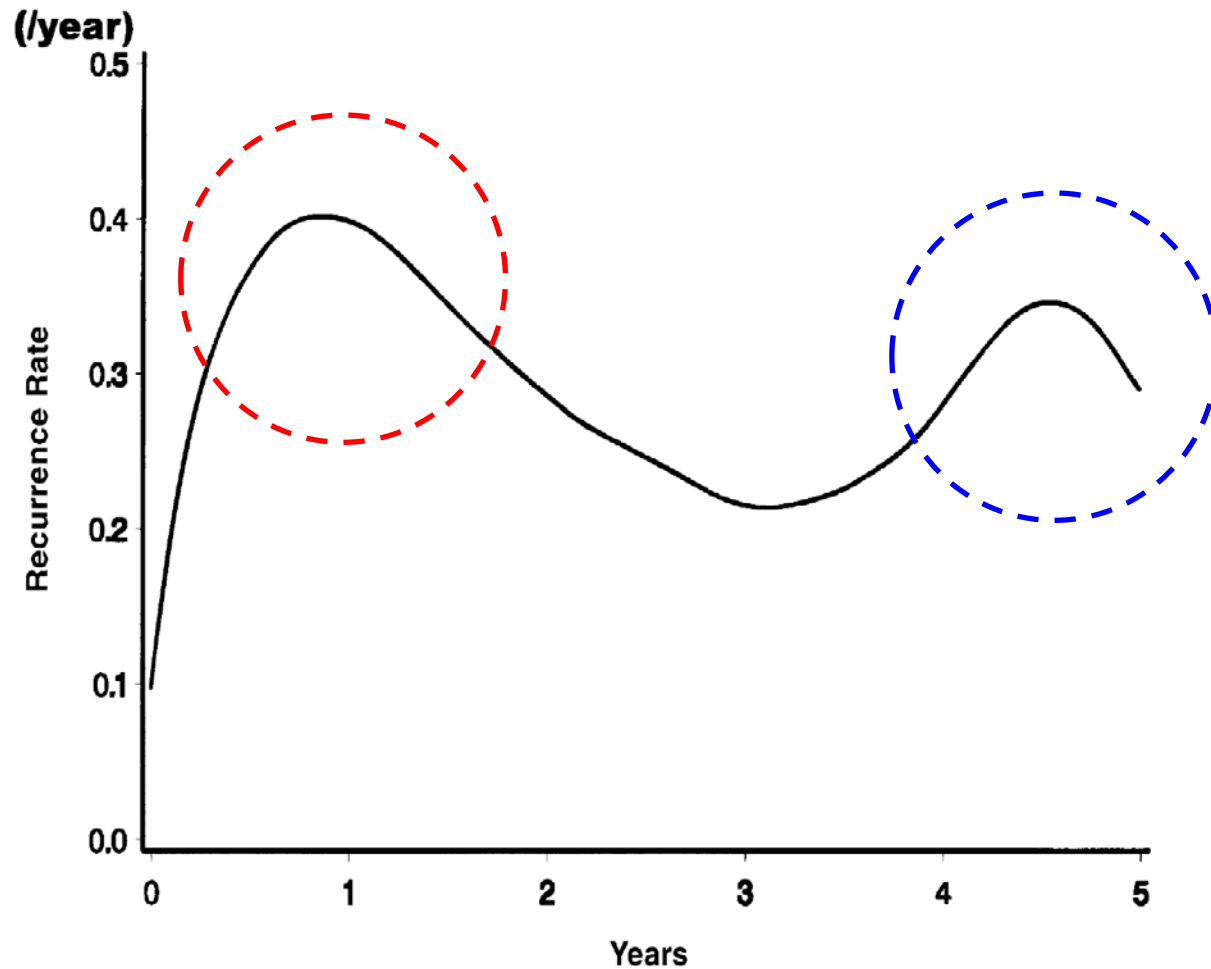
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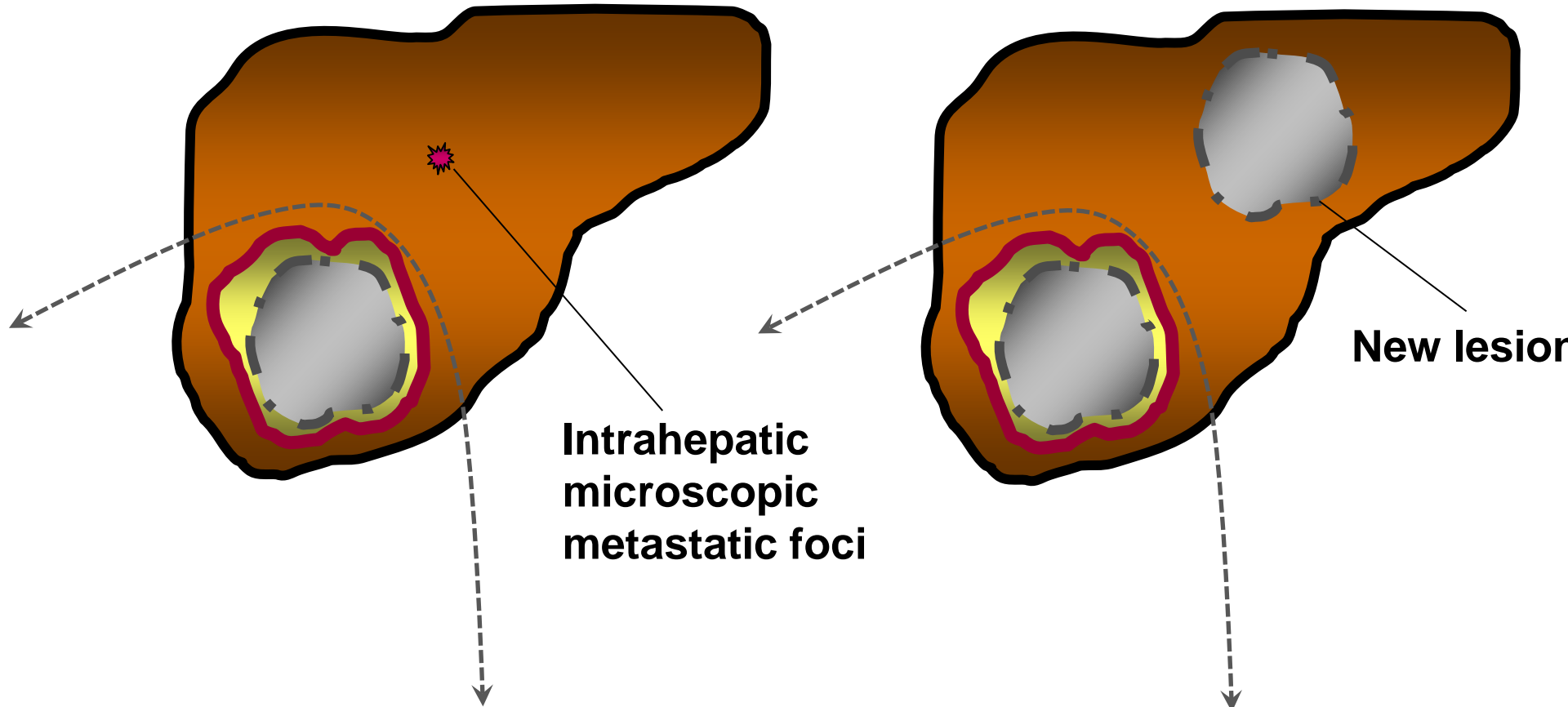
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Bimodal recurrence after HCC resection



Early recurrence;
intrahepatic metastasis

Late recurrence;
de novo carcinogenesis



Curative treatments: Liver transplantation

Outcomes applying restrictive selection criteria

Authors, year	n	Selection criteria	Recurrence	Survival at 5y
Mazzaferro, 1996	48	Milan	8%	74%*
Jonas, 2001	120	Milan	15%	71%
Cillo, 2004	30	Milan	6.7%	72%
Herrero, 2008	47	Milan	8.5%	70%
Mazzaferro, 2009	444	Milan	5.5%	73.3%

* Survival at 4 years

~ 5-y recurrence rate

~ 100-(5-y RFS)

Mazzaferro V et al. N Engl J Med. 1996;334:693-9

Jonas S et al. Hepatology. 2001;33:1080-6

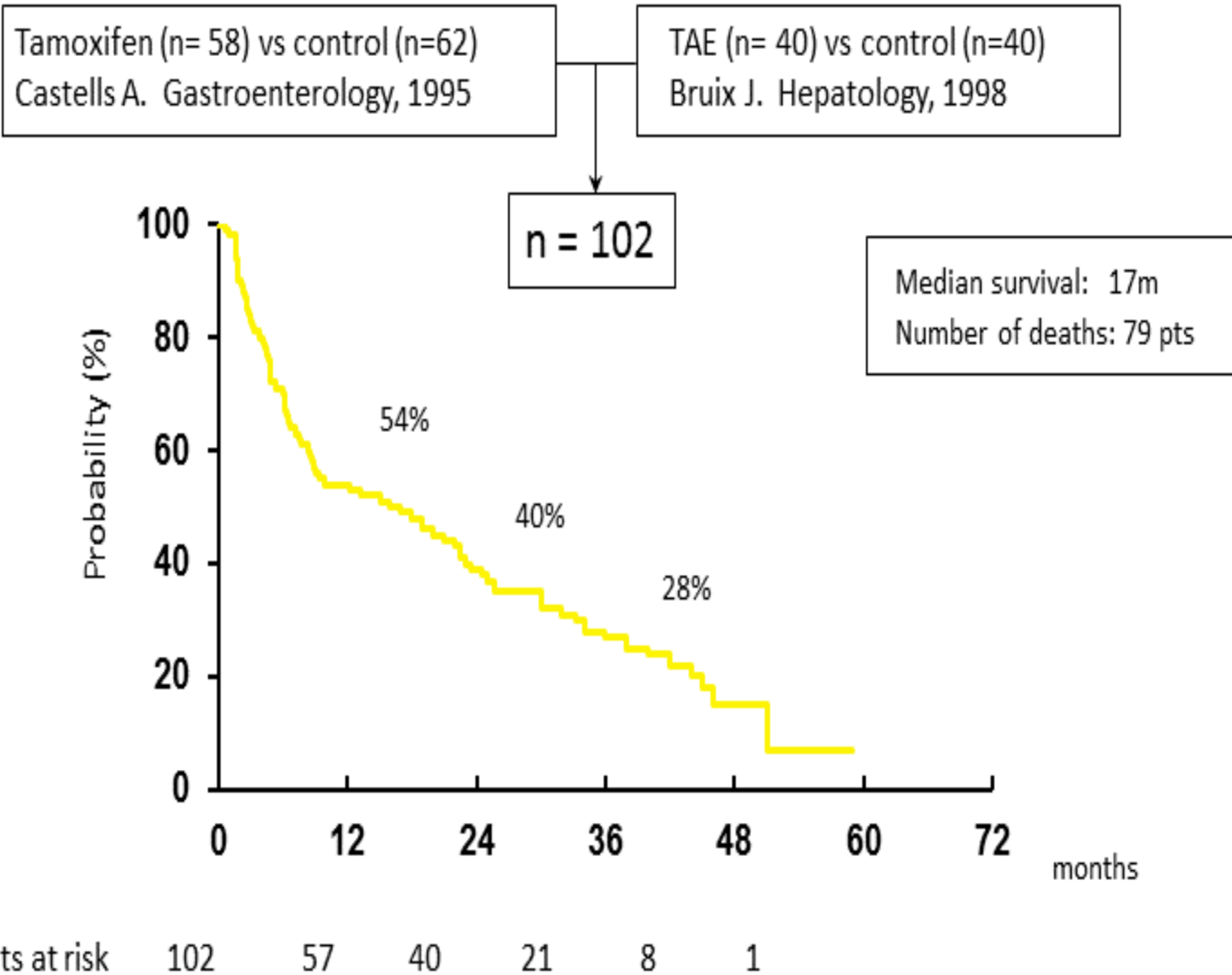
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Herrero JI et al. Liver Transpl. 2008;14:272-8

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Natural history of non-surgical HCC

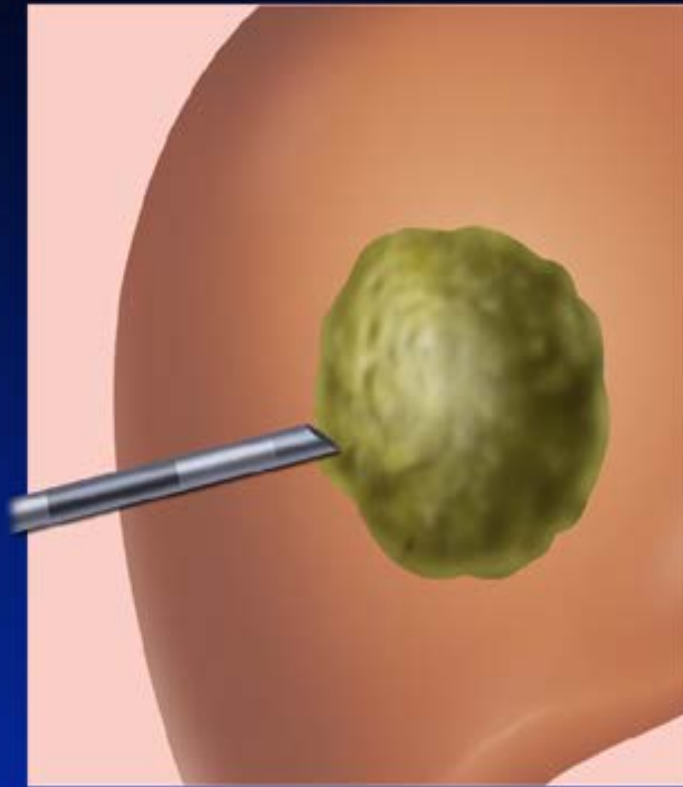


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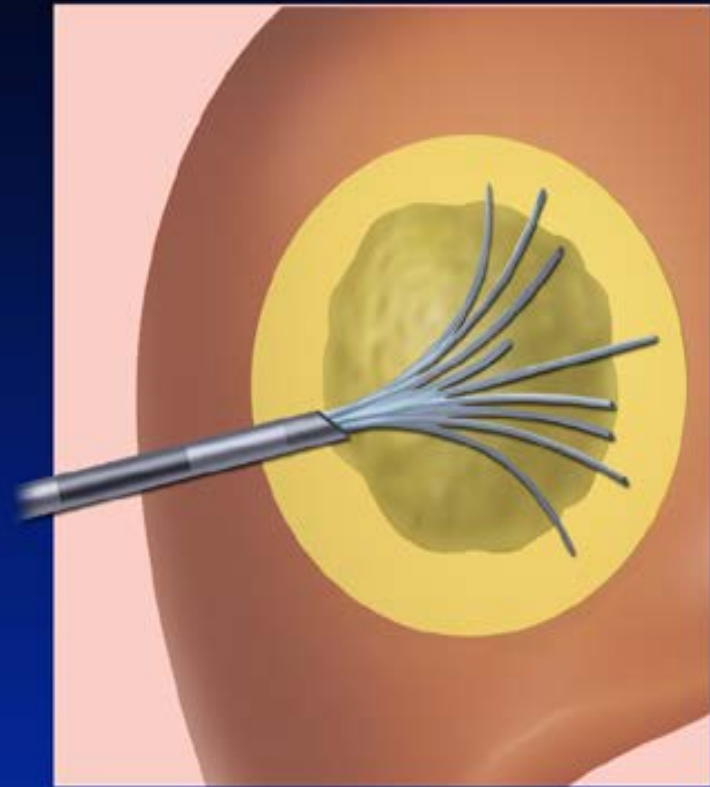
Prognostic factors in the multivariate analysis

Variables		OR (95% CI)	p value
Performance status	1	1.2 (0.7-1.9)	0.0171
	2	1.5 (0.8-2.9)	
Constitutional syndrome		1.4 (1.1-1.9)	0.046
Portal thrombosis		1.9 (1.2-2.9)	0.0013
Extrahepatic spread		1.67 (1.1-2.7)	0.048

Radiofrequency Ablation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma

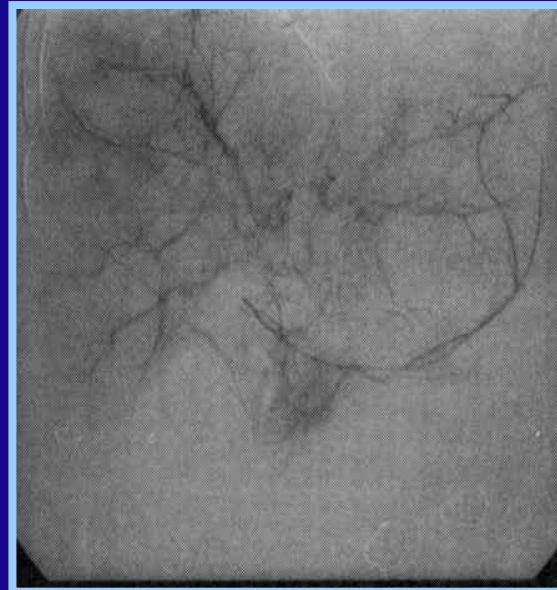
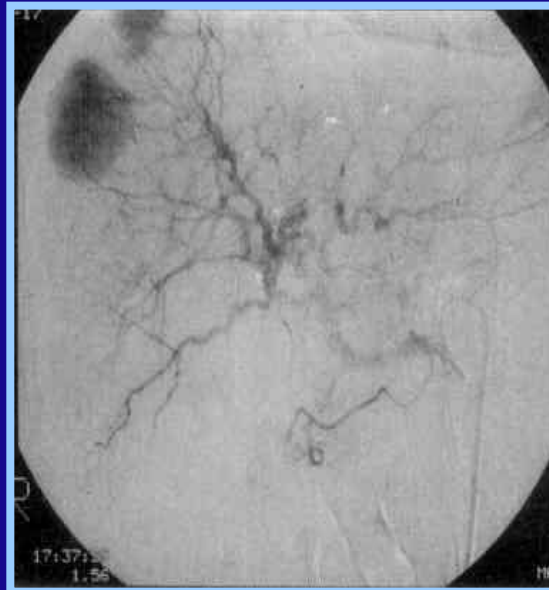
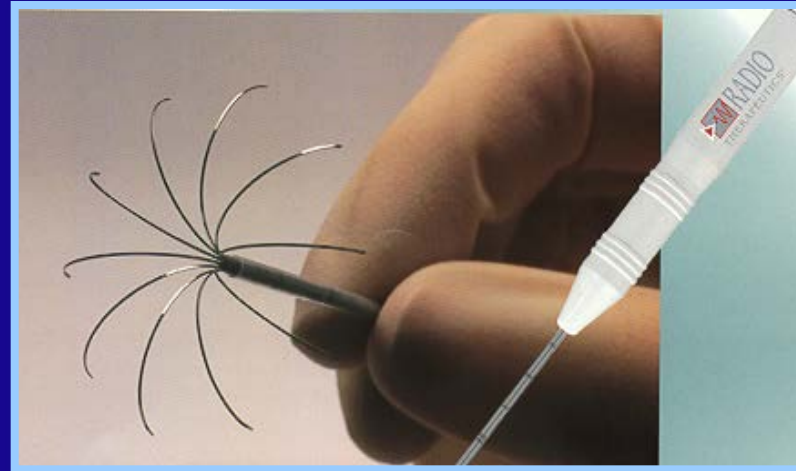


Probe insertion



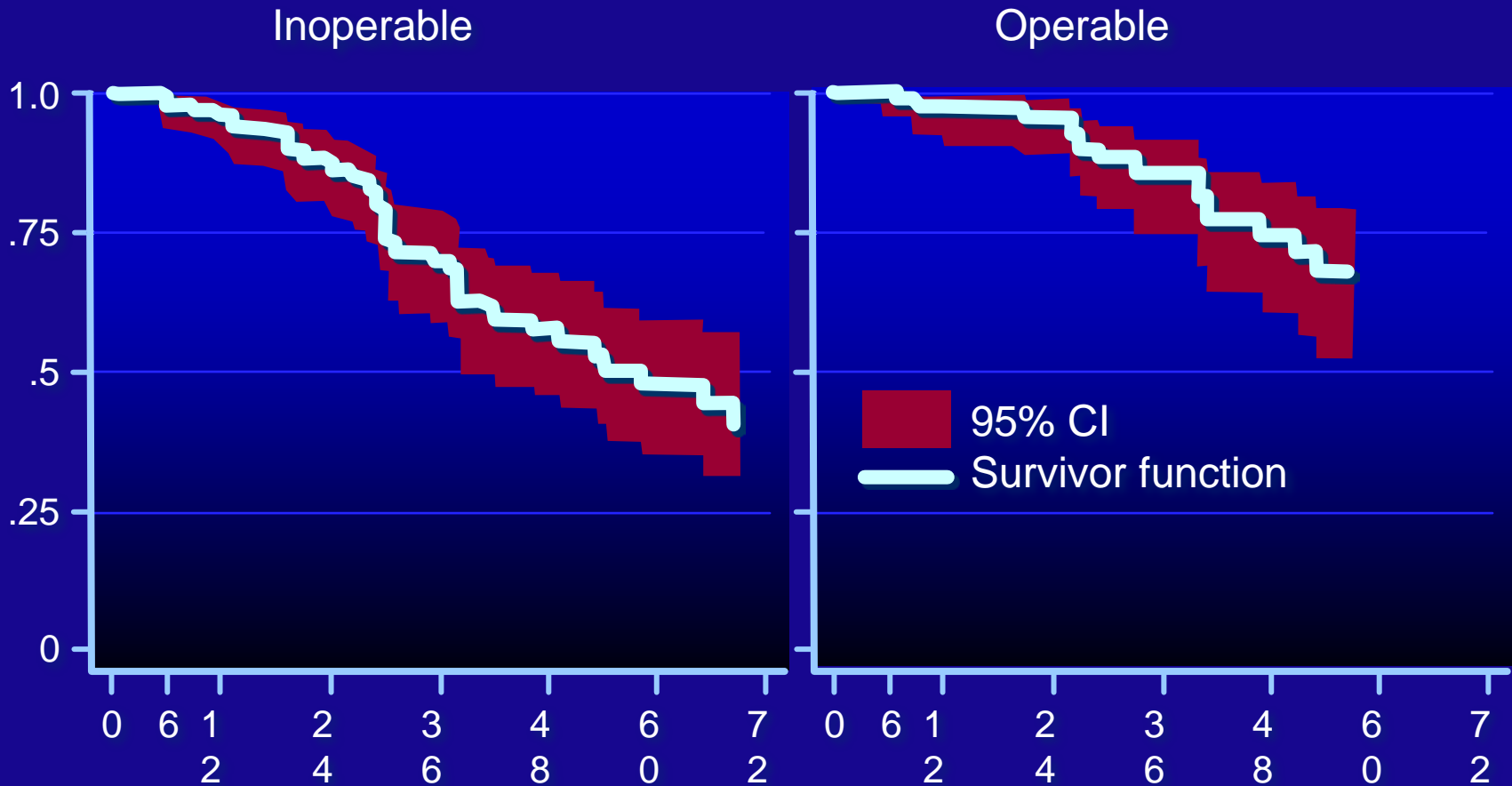
Deployment of tines and treatment of tumor and surrounding region

Radiofrequency Ablation



Prospective Study of RFA in Early HCC

Kaplan-Meier survival estimates, by operability



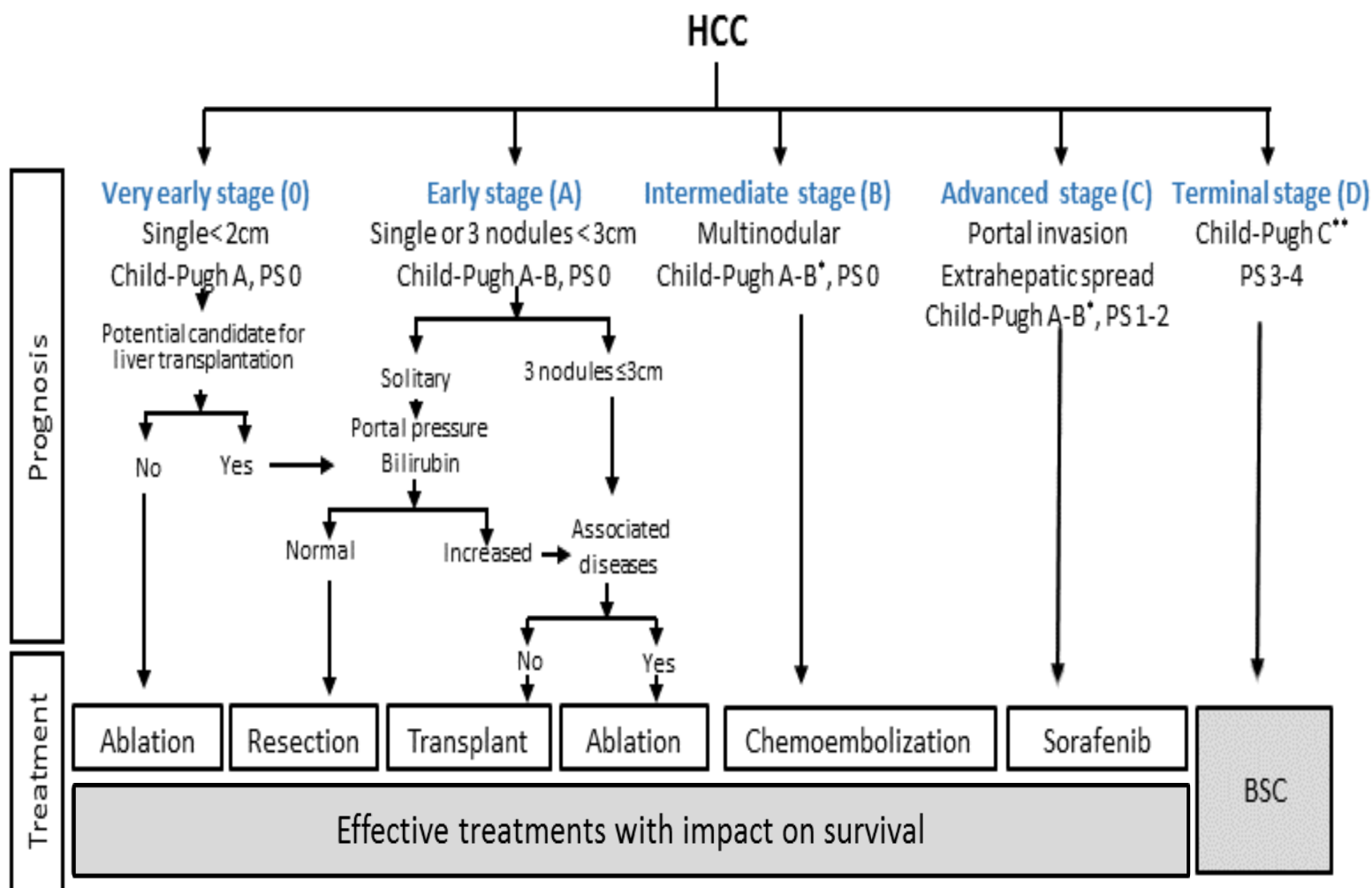
97% complete response upon a median F/U time of 31 mo

HCC Treatment

Staging Systems for Hepatocellular Carcinoma

- Okuda Staging System
- Cancer of the Liver Italian Program (CLIP)
- American Joint Commission on Cancer (AJCC)/Union International Contra la Cancrum (UICC) Tumor Node Metastasis (TNM)
- Japanese Staging System and Japan Integrated Staging score (JIS)
- Chinese University Prognostic Index (CUPI)
- Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer (BCLC)
- Group d'Etude de Traitement du Carcinoma Hepatocellulaire (GRETCH)

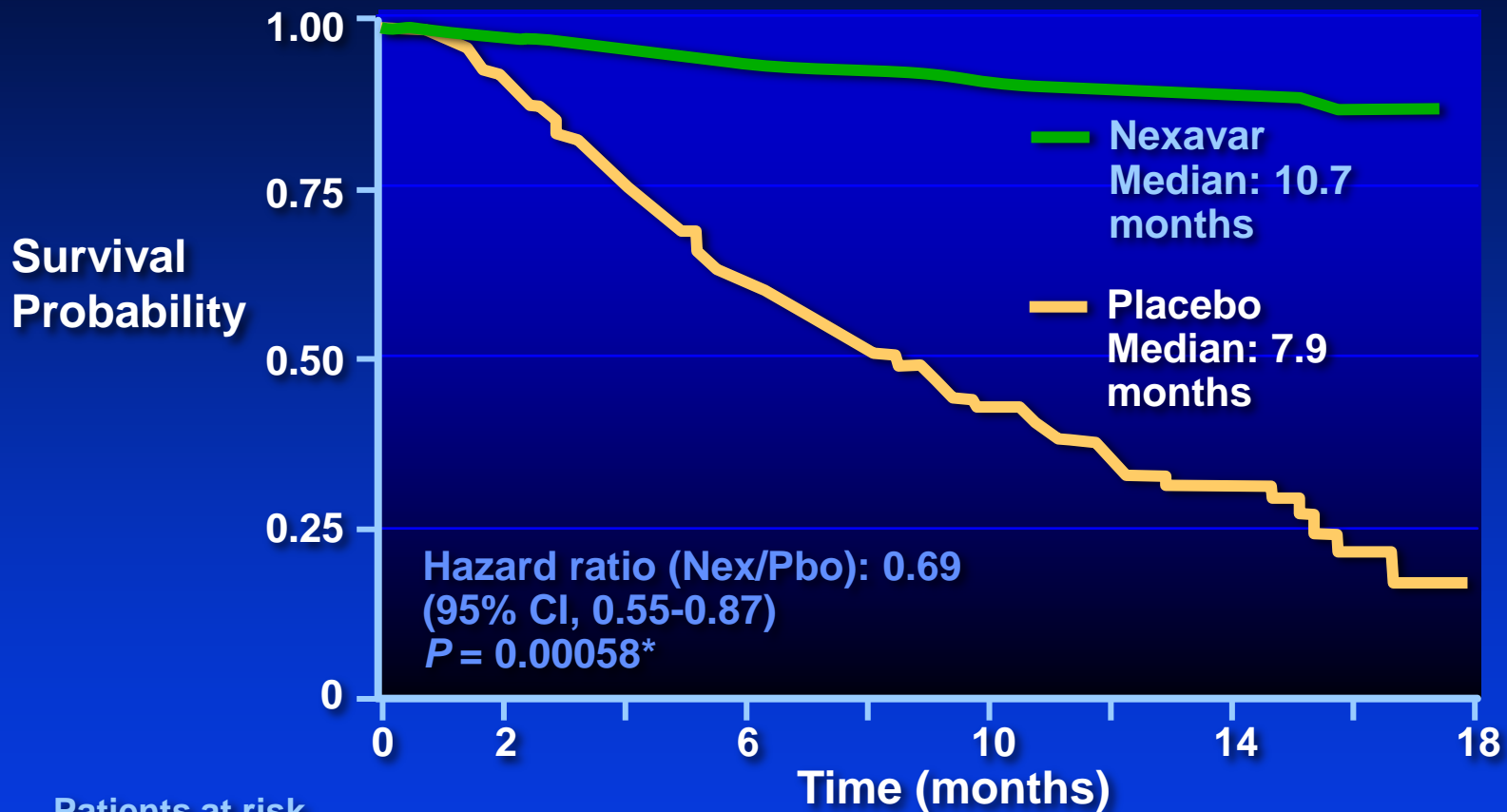
BCLC Staging and Treatment Strategy, 2016



* Note that Child-Pugh classification is not sensitive to accurately identify those patients with advanced liver failure that would deserve liver transplant consideration.

** Patients with end stage cirrhosis due to heavily impaired liver function (Child-Pugh C or earlier stages with predictors of poor prognosis, high MELD score) should be considered for liver transplantation. In the, HCC may become a contraindication if exceeding the enlistment criteria.

Phase III SHARP Trial: Overall Survival (Intent-to-Treat Population)

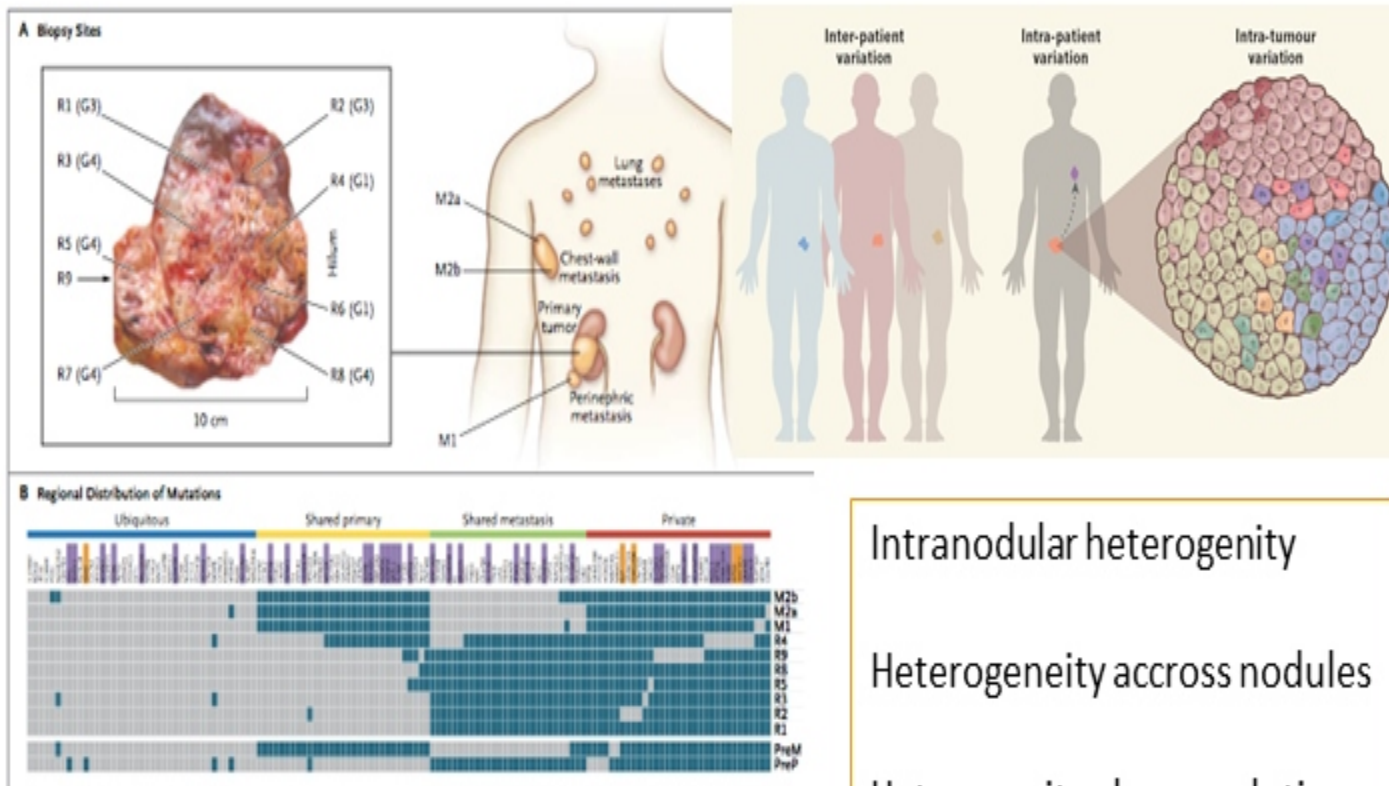


Patients at risk

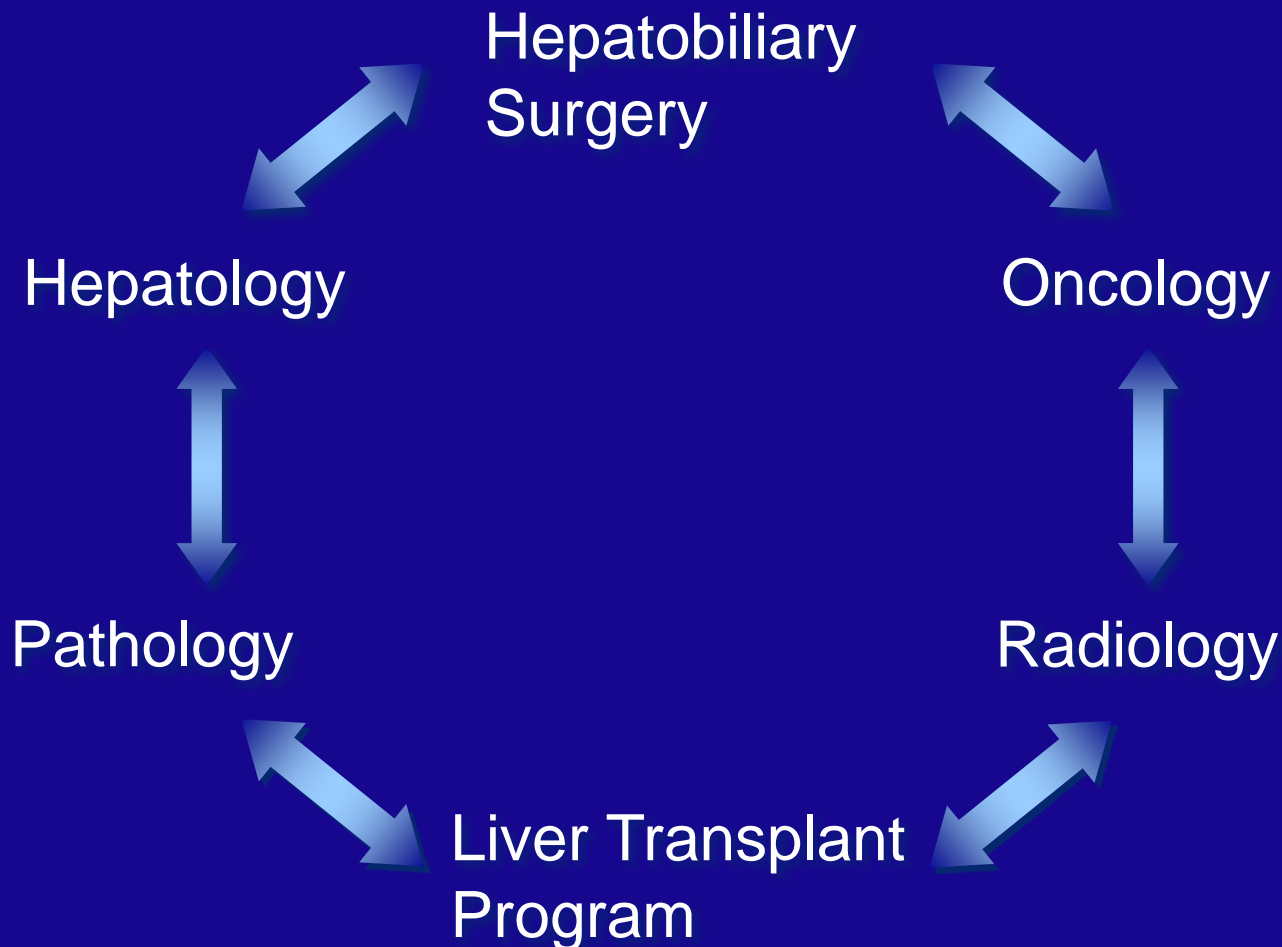
Nexavar:	299	274	241	205	161	108	67	38	12	0
Placebo:	303	276	224	179	126	78	47	25	7	2

Molecular classification of HCC

Limited by intratumor Heterogeneity



Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma Requires a Multidisciplinary Approach



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