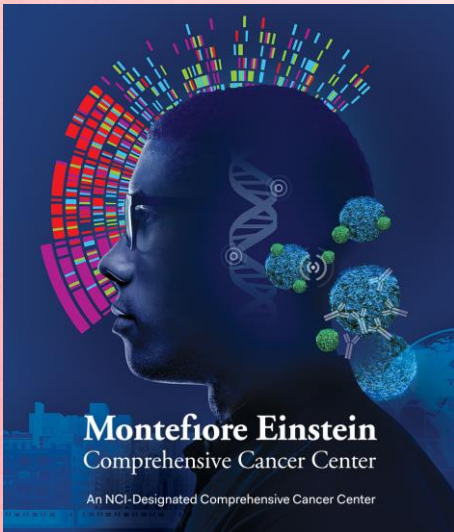


SURGICAL DOGMA, REALITY, AND ASPIRATIONS AFTER NEOADJUVANT THERAPY FOR NSCLC

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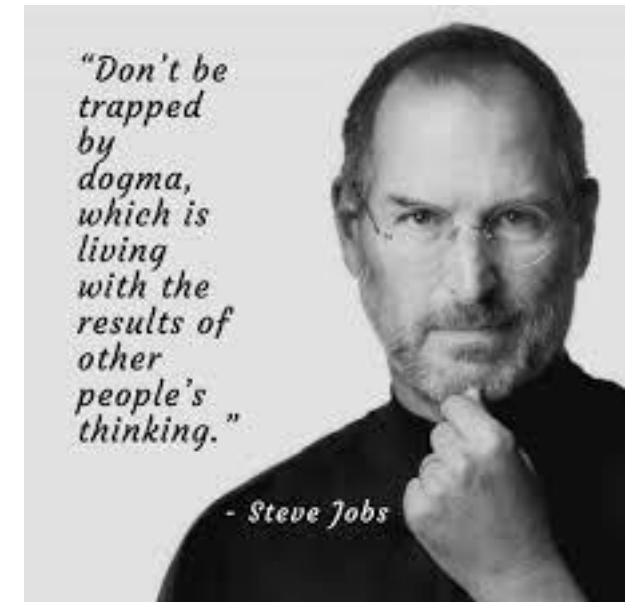
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Surgical Dogma

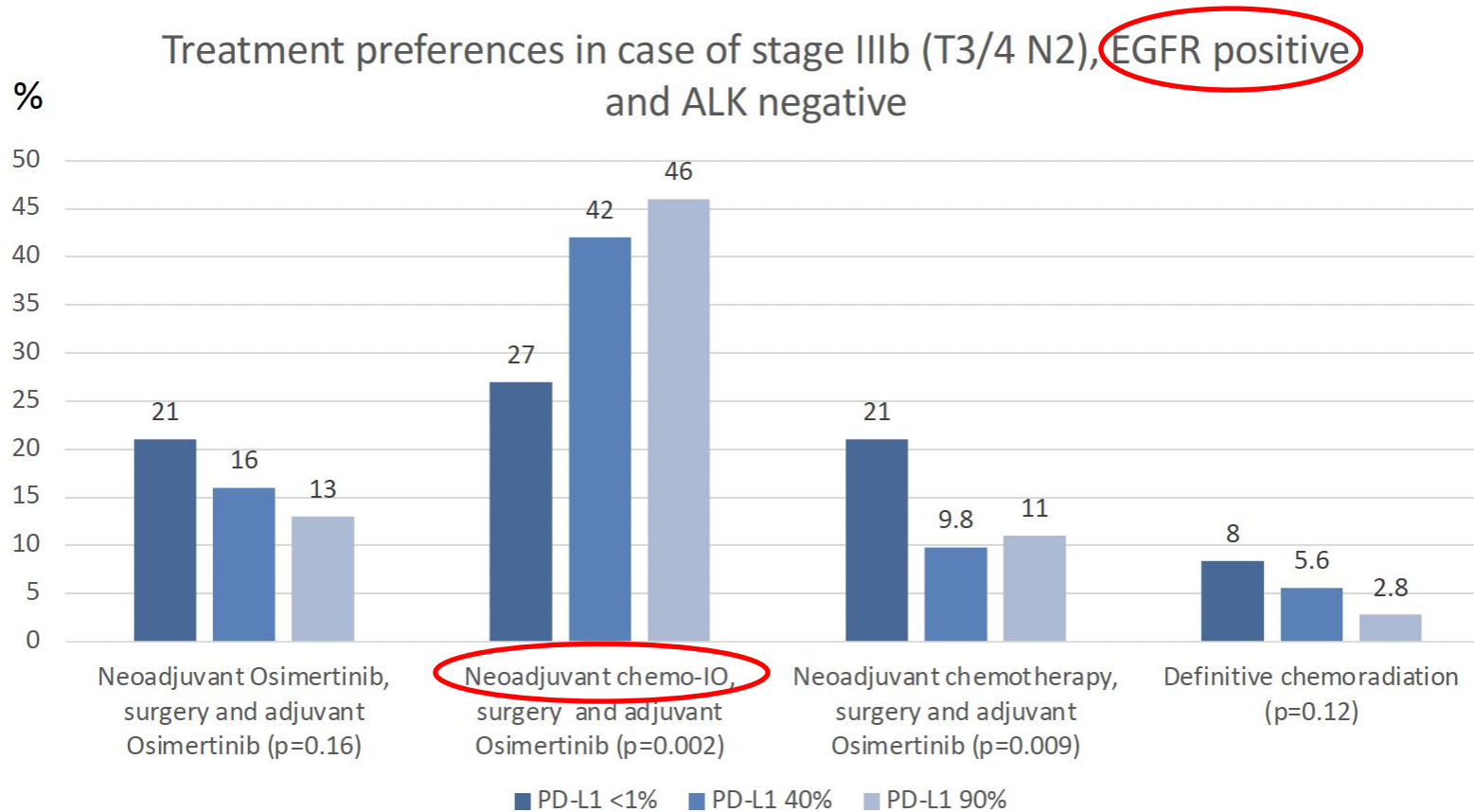
“A principle or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true”

1. The surgeon knows best and only surgeons can define resectability
2. A chance to cut is a chance to cure
3. Stage III NSCLC is a surgical disease
4. Preoperative therapy makes surgery really tough
5. We have to “get it all”



Dogma #1: The surgeon knows best...

Surgeon choices for OVN treatment in locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer: A European Society of Thoracic Surgeons and General Thoracic Surgical Club survey (Alessandro Brunelli et al.)



Only surgeons can define resectability... But...like beauty, it is in the eye of the beholder

“The establishment of criteria for treatment of carcinoma of the lung, especially operability and resectability, is particularly difficult....

...Criteria also vary from group to group, among individual surgeons, and, indeed for the same surgeon from time to time depending on his (her) recent experience.”



The Criteria for Operability and Resectability in Lung Cancer

Eugene E. Clifton, MD

Clifton EE, et al. JAMA 1966 Mar 21;195:1031–2

Overcoming bias: Can AI help us make better decisions?

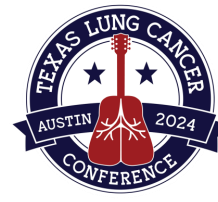


Figure 2. Optimal and Suboptimal Approaches to Surgical Decision-making



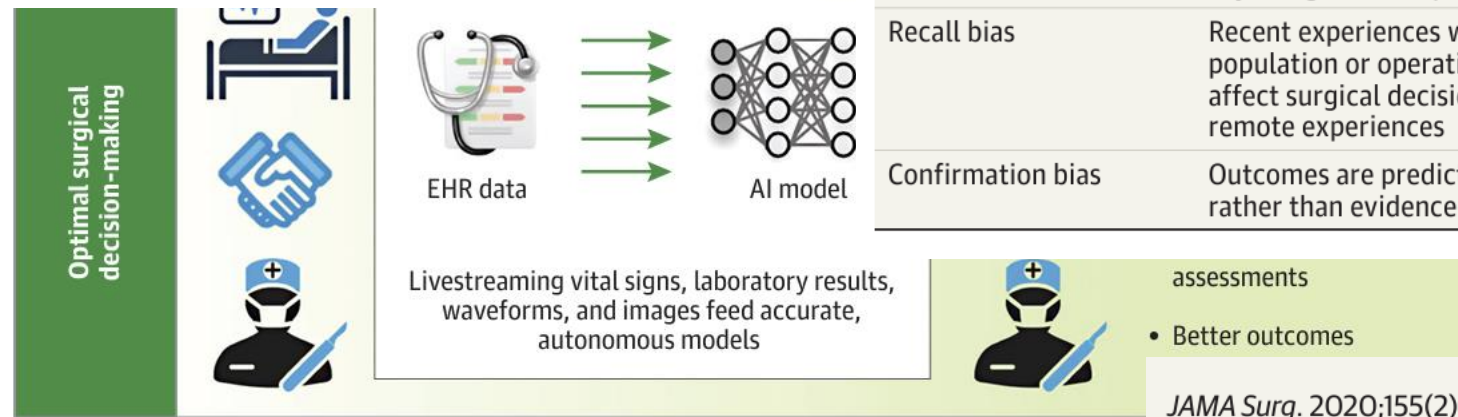
Table 2. Sources of Bias in Surgical Decision-making

Source of Bias	Examples
Framing effect	A clinician presents a clinical scenario to a surgeon in different context than the surgeon would have perceived during an independent assessment
Overconfidence bias	A surgeon falsely perceives that weaknesses and failures disproportionately affect their peers
Commission bias	A surgeon tends toward action when inaction may be preferable, especially in the context of overconfidence bias
Anchoring bias	Patients are informed of expected outcomes using data from aggregate patient populations without adjusting for their personalized risk profile
Recall bias	Recent experiences with a certain patient population or operation disproportionately affect surgical decision-making relative to remote experiences
Confirmation bias	Outcomes are predicted using personal beliefs rather than evidence-based guidelines

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Artificial Intelligence and Surgical Decision-making

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Multidisciplinary teams can establish criteria for resectability; surgeons should better codify resectability



 **Biniam Kidane**
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Reposting my thoughts about developing an explicit and objective taxonomy of resectability as I've been getting a lot of questions about it recently. See thread below.

Bottom line: we need to get on the same page & remove linguistic/semantic imprecision about this [#tssmn](#) [#lcsm](#)

 **Biniam Kidane** @biniamkid... · 8/19/23
1/problem = resectability has always been shrouded in the realm of nebulous subjectivism
Remedy = transparent taxonomy that allows us to clarify our thinking, commun...

	N0	N1	N2 SINGLE (non-bulky, non-invasive)	N2 MULTI (non-bulky, non-invasive)	N2 BULKY [¶]	N2 INVASIVE	N3
T1-2	NOT STAGE III DISEASE	NOT STAGE III DISEASE	RESECTABLE	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE*	UNCLEAR	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE
T3 size / satellite / invasion	NOT STAGE III DISEASE	RESECTABLE	RESECTABLE	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE*	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE
T4 size / satellite	RESECTABLE	RESECTABLE	RESECTABLE	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE*	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE
T4 invasion	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE [§]	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE [§]	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE [§]	POTENTIALLY RESECTABLE* [§]	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE	UNRESECTABLE

*Multiple station N2: case-by-case discussion; the exact number of nodes/stations cannot be defined

[¶]Bulky N2: lymph nodes with a short-axis diameter >2.5-3 cm; in specific situations of *highly selected patients*, including those patients in multidisciplinary trials with surgery as local therapy can be discussed

[§]Some T4 tumours by infiltration of major structures are potentially resectable – see Table 1



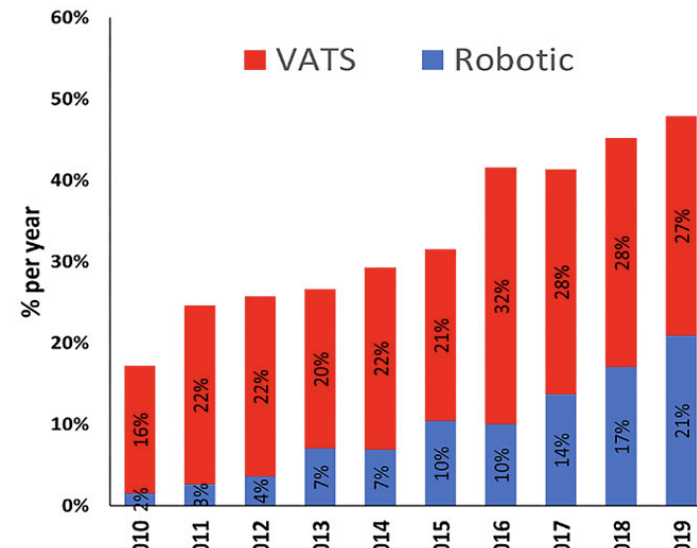
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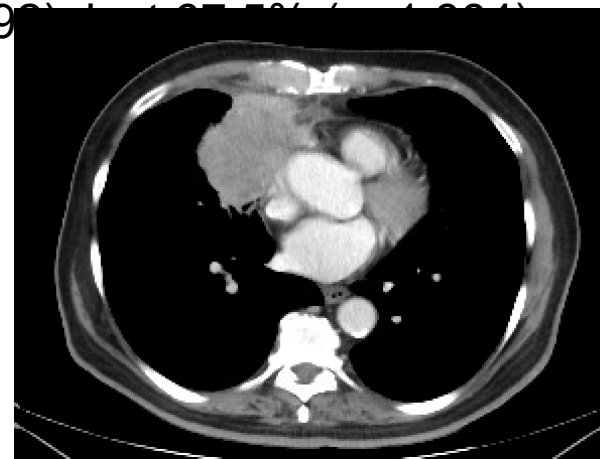
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Clinical staging is imperfect for cT4:
 Figure 2: Increased use of minimally invasive surgery over time.
 Of patients undergoing upfront surgery
 (n=2,790) 1,076 (38.6%) were pT4



Minimally Invasive Surgery for Clinical T4 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer National Trends and Outcomes

Key Question	Survival Analysis																		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P: Patients with clinical T4 non-small cell lung cancer in the National Cancer Database. I: Minimally invasive surgery vs. open surgery C: Pathologic upstaging, trends over time and overall survival. O: Minimally invasive surgery has increased over time without compromising oncologic outcomes. 	<p>Open (black line), Minimally Invasive (red line)</p> <p>Months: 0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84</p>																		
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Figure : Survival analysis of minimally invasive vs. open surgery

Dogma #2: A chance to cut is a chance to cure...



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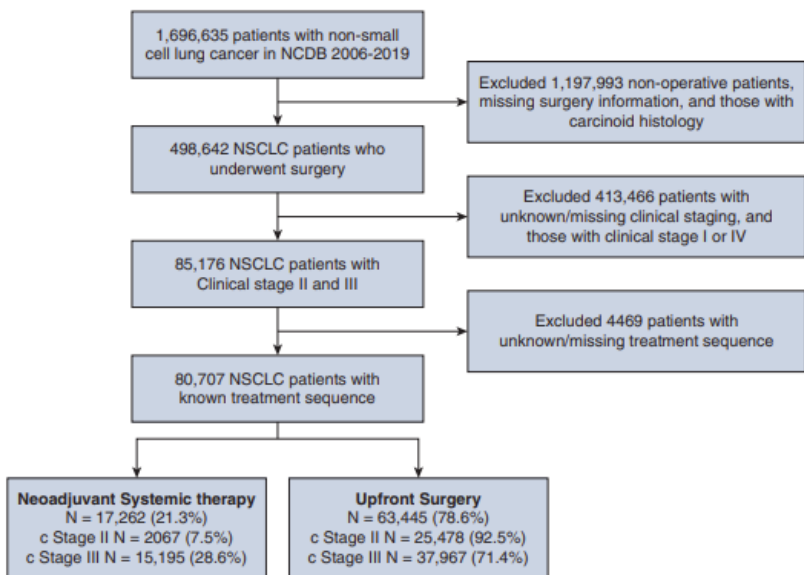
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Association of socioeconomic factors with the receipt of neoadjuvant therapy for patients with non-small cell lung cancer

Check for updates

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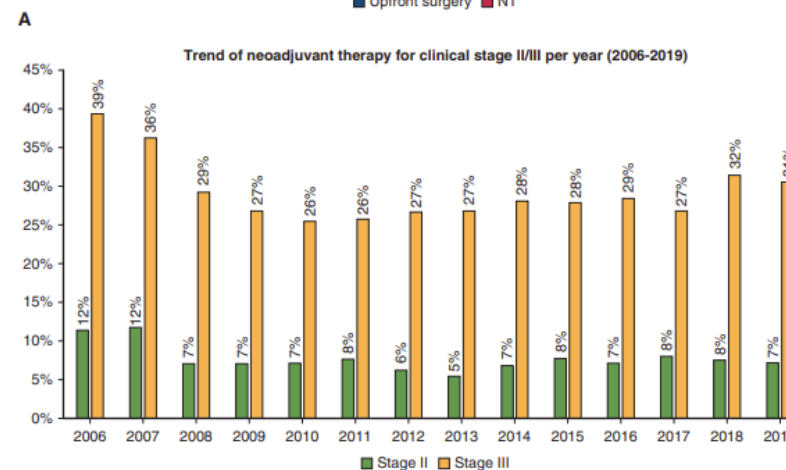
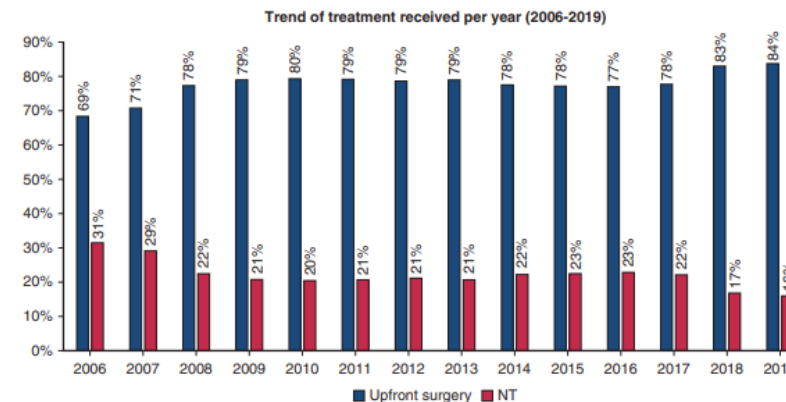


FIGURE 2. Trends in the use of neoadjuvant therapy overtime (2006-2019). A. Proportion of patients receiving upfront surgery of NT stratified by year of diagnosis. B. Proportion of patients who received NT by stage stratified by year of diagnosis. NT, Neoadjuvant therapy.

Dogma #2: A chance to cut is a chance to cure...



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Upfront surgery for stage IIIA/B non-small cell lung cancer: retrospective cohort study

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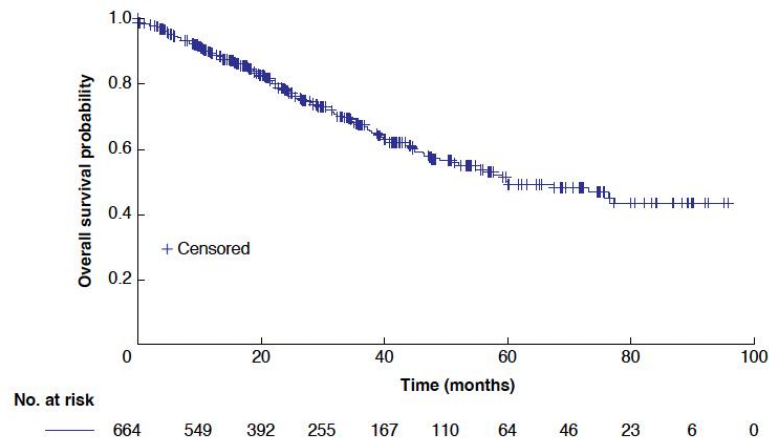


Fig. 1 Kaplan-Meier curve of overall survival for the included patients

Table 3 Postoperative outcomes of all included patients (n = 664)

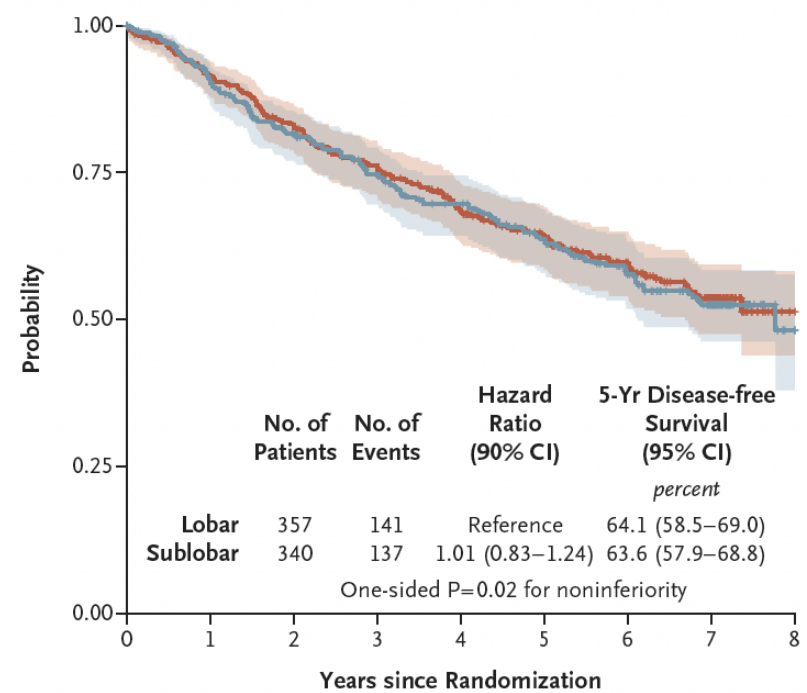
Variable	Value
Adjuvant therapy	473 (71.23)
Chemotherapy	330 (49.70)
Targeted therapy	65 (9.79)
Chemotherapy + anti-angiogenic therapy	24 (3.61)
Chemotherapy + radiotherapy	23 (3.46)
Chemotherapy + targeted therapy	8 (1.20)
Other	23 (3.46)
Recurrence rate at the last follow-up time	247 (37.20)
Recurrence site (for all patients with recurrence)	
Lung	111 (50.45)
Brain	55 (25.00)
Skeleton	43 (19.54)
Liver	19 (8.64)
Lymph node	15 (6.82)
Other	41 (18.64)
Recurrence-free survival probability, %	
1.0 year	74.1
2.0 years	57.4
3.0 years	43.5
5.0 years	26.4
Overall survival (months), median (95% c.i.)	60.0 (51.5,67.6)
Overall survival probability, %	
1.0 year	89.6
2.0 years	77.8
3.0 years	67.2
5.0 years	49.0
Survival status	
Death	202 (30.42)
Live	372 (56.02)
Missing	90 (13.55)

Values are n (%) unless otherwise indicated.



Maybe we don't cure as many patients as we like to think...CALGB 140503

A Disease-free Survival



No. at Risk		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Lobar	357	310	276	246	209	175	132	80	5	
Sublobar	340	291	254	222	201	172	123	78	6	



Lobar or Sublobar Resection for Peripheral Stage IA Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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Table 2. Patterns of Recurrence.

Type of Recurrence	Sublobar Resection (N=336)	Lobar Resection (N=351)	Difference (95% CI)*
	number (percent)	number (percent)	
Overall	102 (30.4)	103 (29.3)	1.0 (-5.8 to 7.9)
Locoregional recurrence	45 (13.4)	35 (10.0)	3.4 (1.0 to 8.3)
Regional recurrence only	6 (1.8)	9 (2.6)	-0.8 (-3.2 to 1.6)
Any distant recurrence	51 (15.2)	59 (16.8)	-1.6 (-7.1 to 3.9)
New primary lung cancer	60 (17.9)	52 (14.8)	3.0 (-2.5 to 8.6)



Dogma #3: Stage III NSCLC is a surgical disease

Management of Stage III Non–Small-Cell Lung Cancer: ASCO Guideline

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Surgery.

Recommendation 2.1. For patients with stage IIIA (N2) NSCLC, induction therapy followed by surgery (with or without adjuvant therapy) may be offered if all of the following conditions are met: (1) A complete resection (R0) of the primary tumor and involved lymph nodes is deemed possible; (2) N3 lymph nodes are deemed to be not involved by multidisciplinary consensus; (3) Perioperative (90-day) mortality is expected to be low ($\leq 5\%$) (Type: Evidence based; balance of benefit and harm; Evidence quality: moderate; Strength of recommendation: weak).

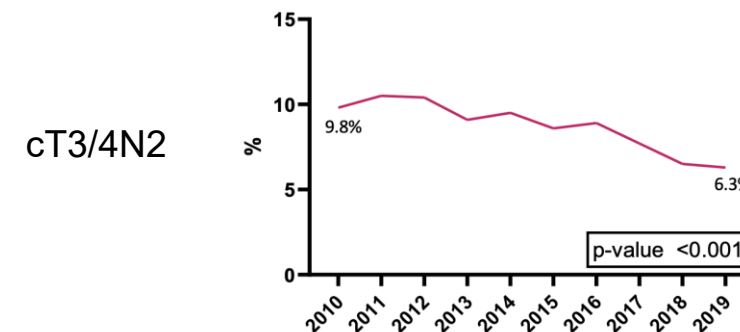
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Although avoiding surgery if not proven to be beneficial is a reasonable recommendation, there are factors that justify consideration of surgery in a multimodality approach.

As a first step, evaluate for factors that argue against surgery.

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Proportion of patients undergoing surgery by year of diagnosis



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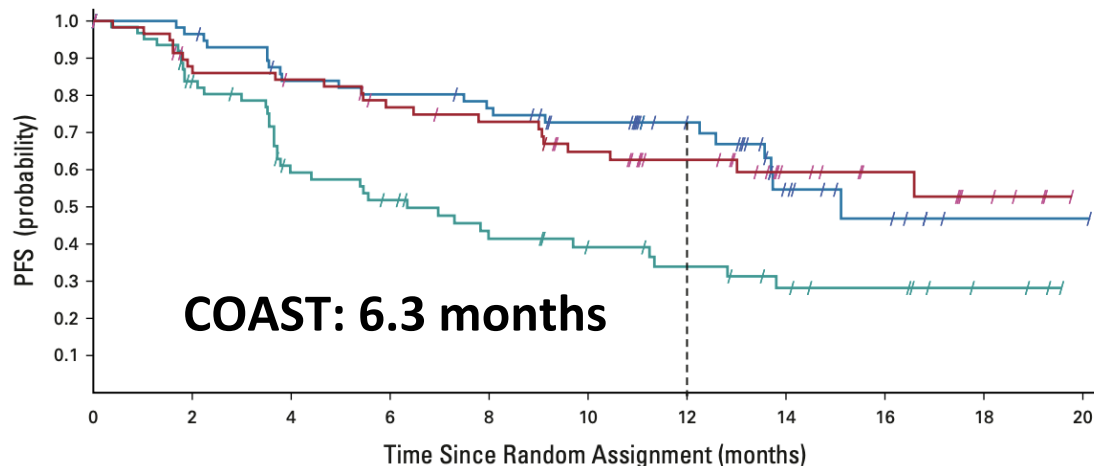
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PACIFIC was a groundbreaking trial with incredible results, but...maybe it is time to rethink the paradigm...

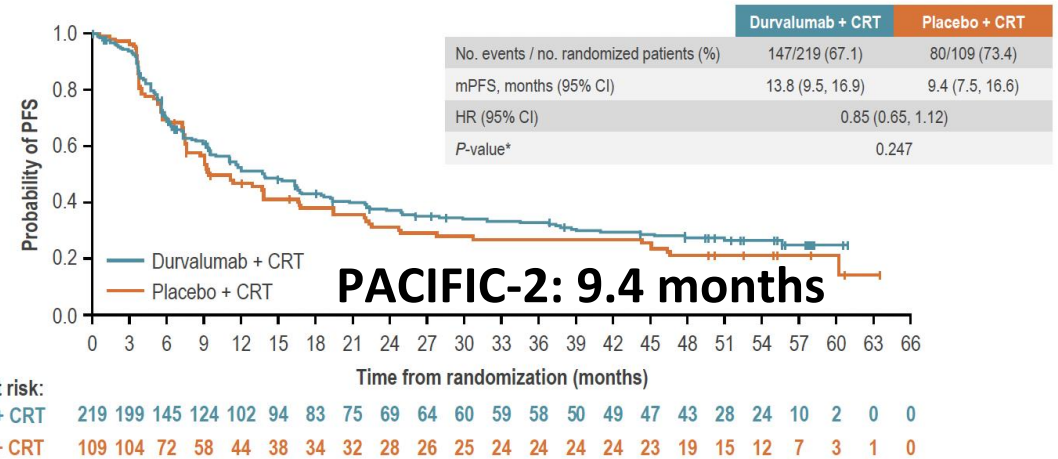
Durvalumab Plus Novel Agents for Unresectable, Stage III NSCLC

Treatment Arm	No. of Events/ Total No. of Patients (%)	Median PFS, Months (95% CI) ^a	12-Month PFS Rate, % (95% CI)	HR, % (95% CI) ^{b,c}
Durvalumab + monalizumab	21/62 (33.9)	15.1 (13.6 to NE)	72.7 (58.8 to 82.6)	0.42 (0.24 to 0.72)
Durvalumab + oleclumab	22/60 (36.7)	NR (10.4 to NE)	62.6 (48.1 to 74.2)	0.44 (0.26 to 0.75)
Durvalumab	38/67 (56.7)	6.3 (3.7 to 11.2)	33.9 (21.2 to 47.1)	—



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PFS by BICR (ITT population)



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BICR, blinded independent central review; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intention-to-treat; mPFS, median PFS; PFS, progression-free survival; RECIST, Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors.

Per RECIST v1.1. Tick marks on the curves indicate censored observations. *Based on the Lan and DeMets approach that approximates the O'Brien Fleming spending functions, the 2-sided p-value boundary for declaring statistical significance is 0.0416 for an overall 5% alpha.

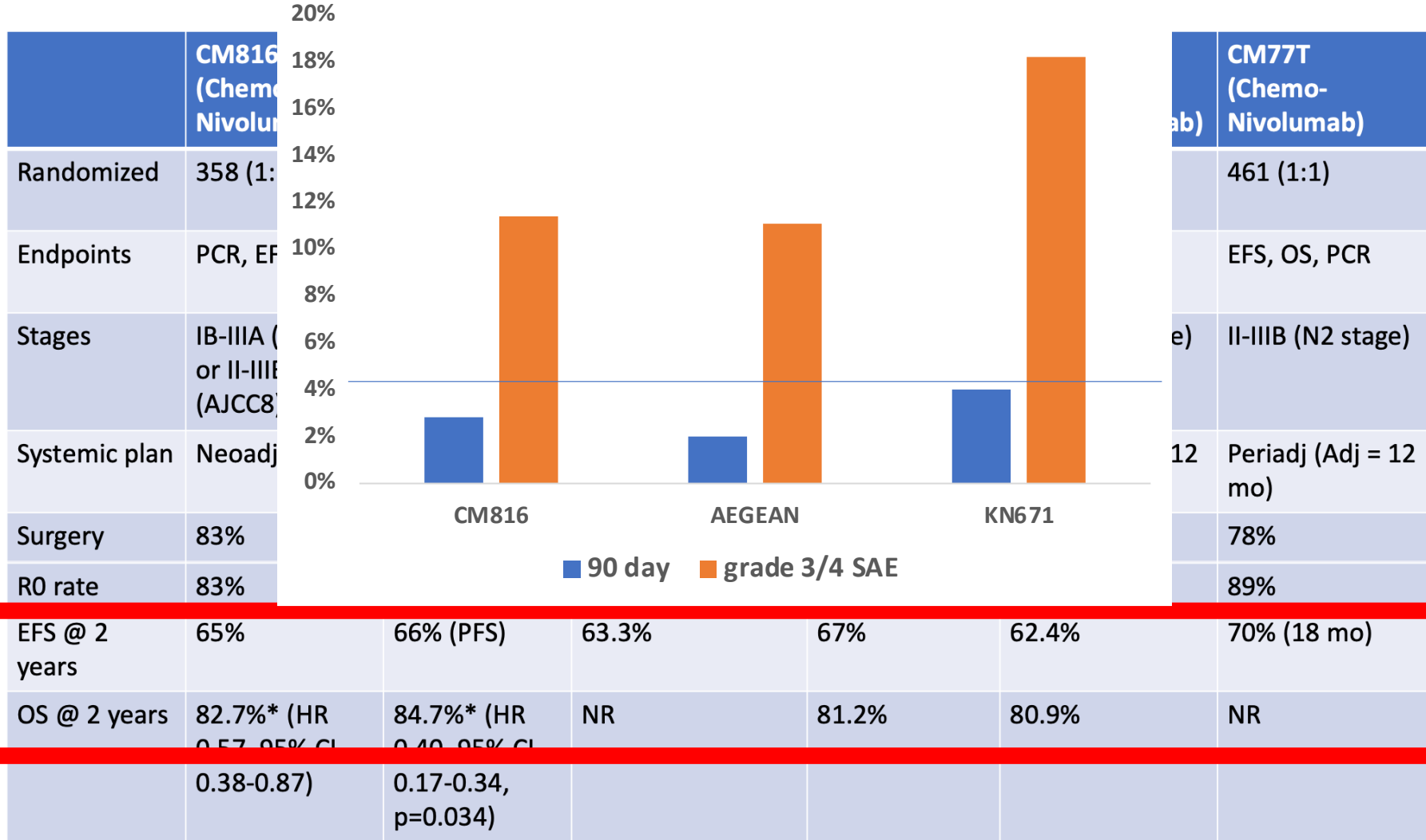
LBA1 – Durvalumab in Combination with Chemoradiotherapy for Patients with Unresectable, Stage III NSCLC: Final Results from PACIFIC-2

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We have a new paradigm

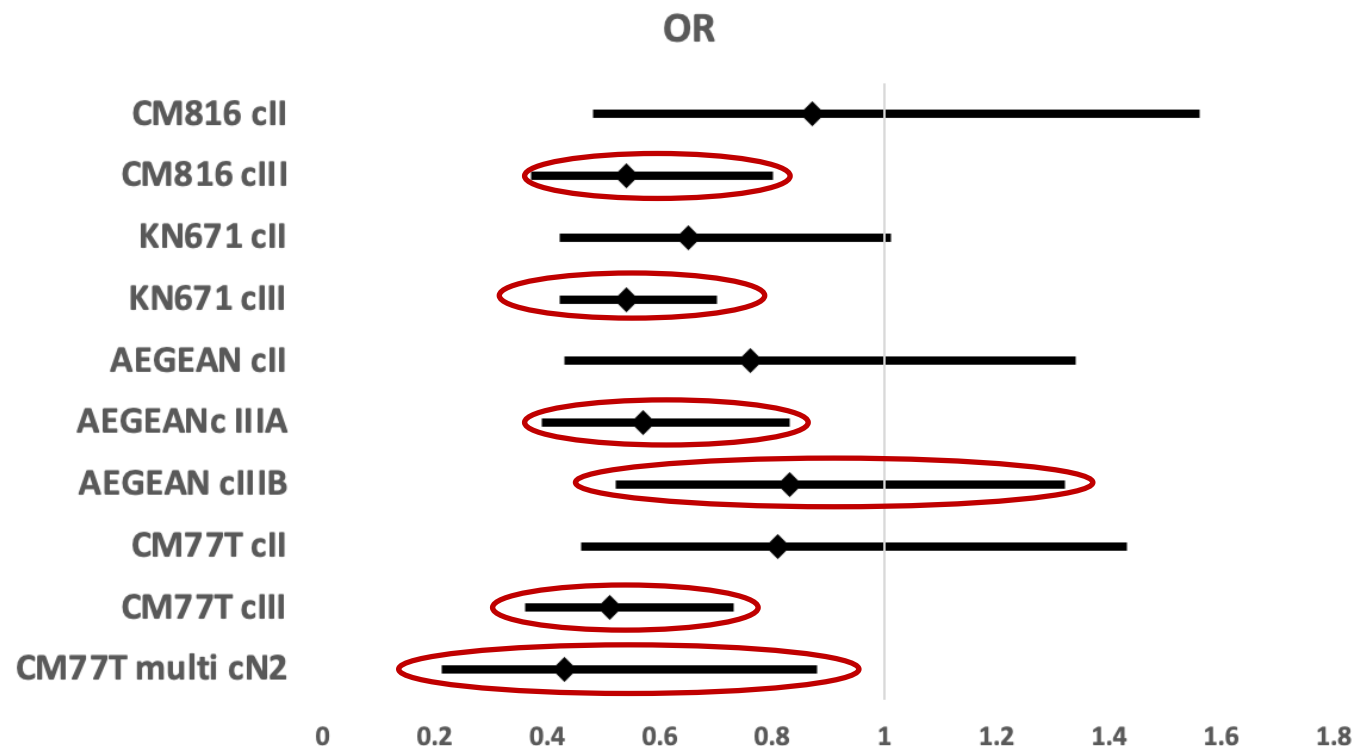
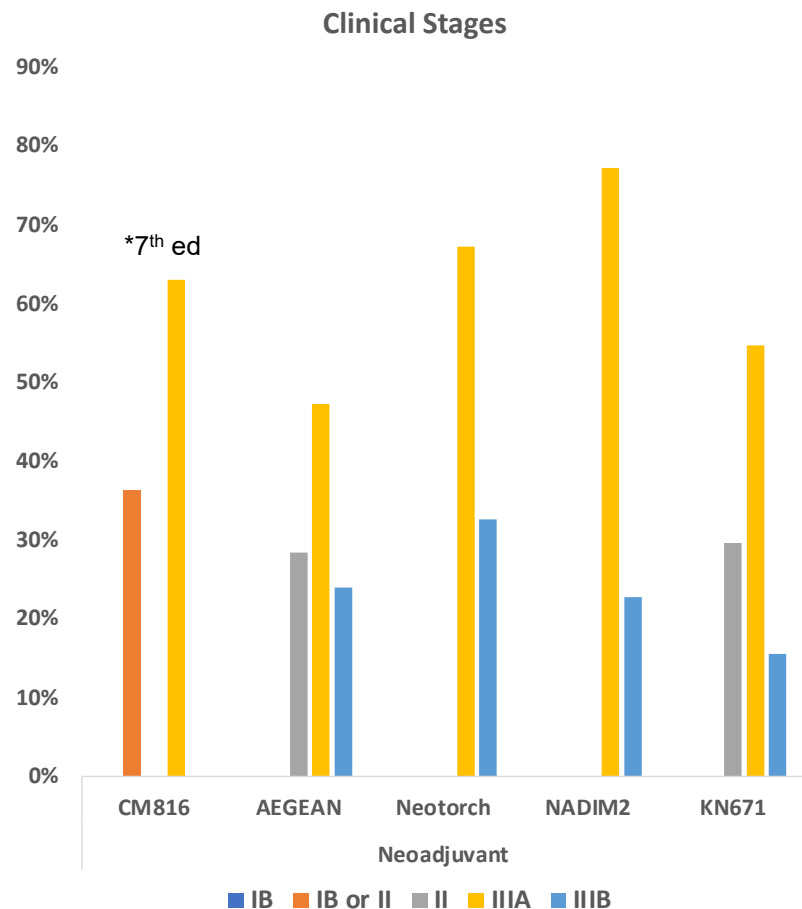


90 day mortality and SAE



Adapted from Jonathan Spicer

Stage III NSCLC is a surgical disease (when neoadjuvant chemo/ICI is utilized)




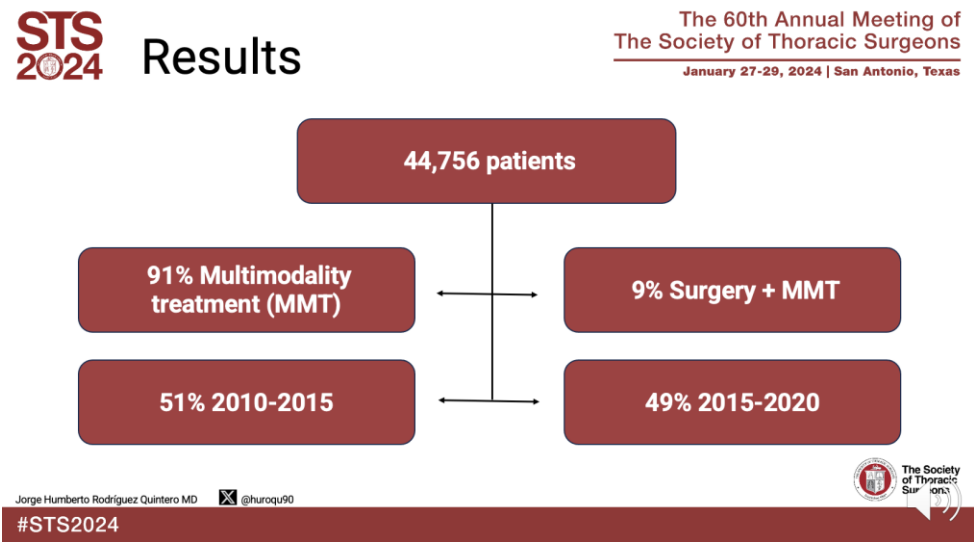
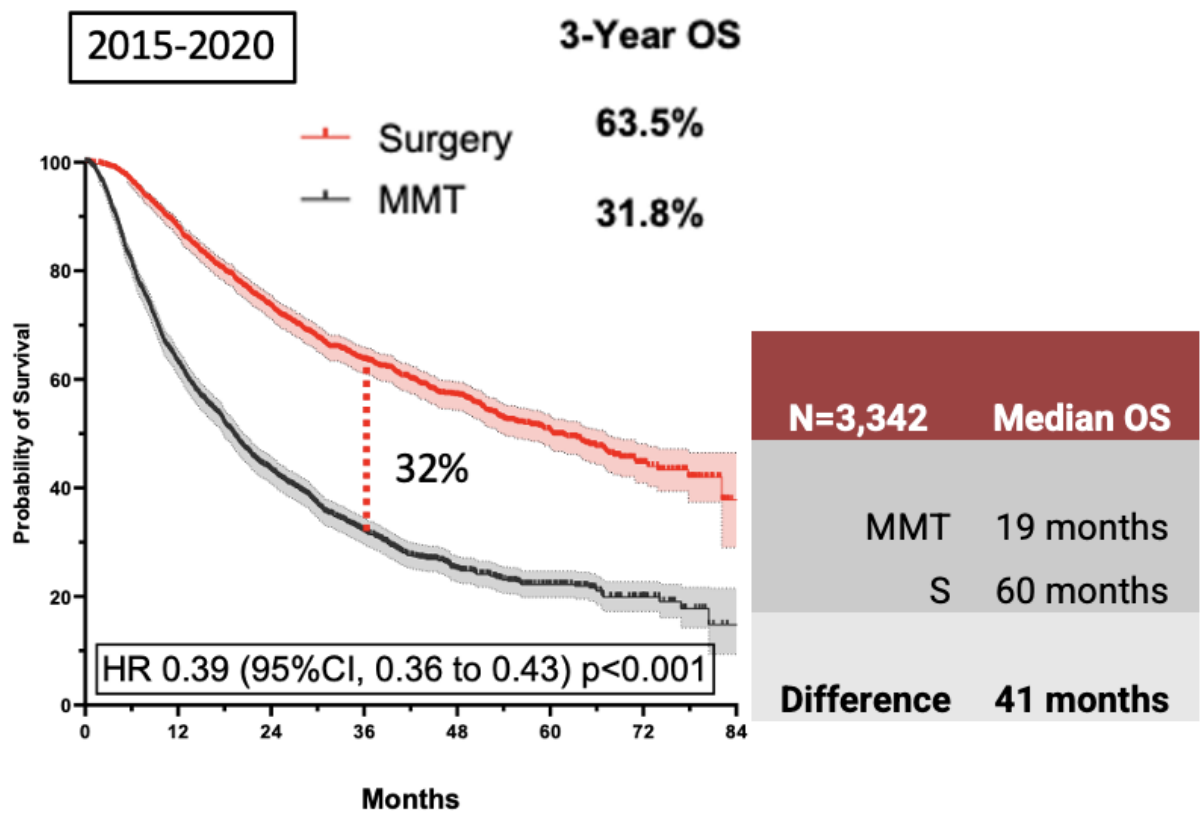
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Outcomes of patients with cT3-4N2 NSCLC in the era of modern systemic therapy. Is it time to redefine resectability?

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Dogma #4: Preoperative therapy makes surgery really toughearly series generated bias

Extent of resection (n = 20), n (%)	
Lobectomy	15 (75)
Pneumonectomy	2 (10)
Wedge	1 (5)
Sleeve lobectomy	1 (5)
Bilobectomy	1 (5)
Approach (n = 20), n (%)	
Thoracotomy	14 (70)
Thoracoscopy	3 (14)
Robotic	3 (14)

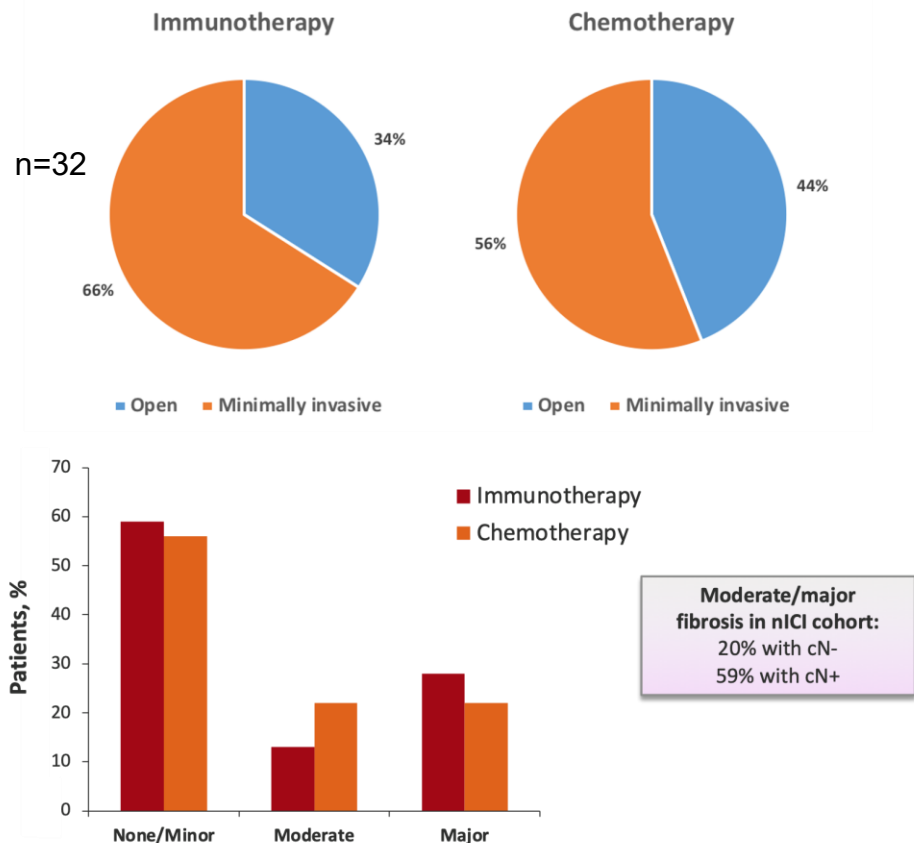
50% conversion rate

Extent of resection (n = 20)	Value, n (%)
Median surgical time, min (range)	228 (132-312)
Median estimated blood loss, mL (range)	100 (25-1,000)
Median length of stay, d (range)	4 (2-17)
Operative mortality	0 ^a
Any morbidity	10 (50)
Atrial arrhythmia	6 (30)
Pneumonia	1 (5)
Pulmonary embolism	1 (5)
Myocardial infarction	1 (5)
Prolonged air leak	1 (5)
Urinary retention	1 (5)
Empyema	1 (5)

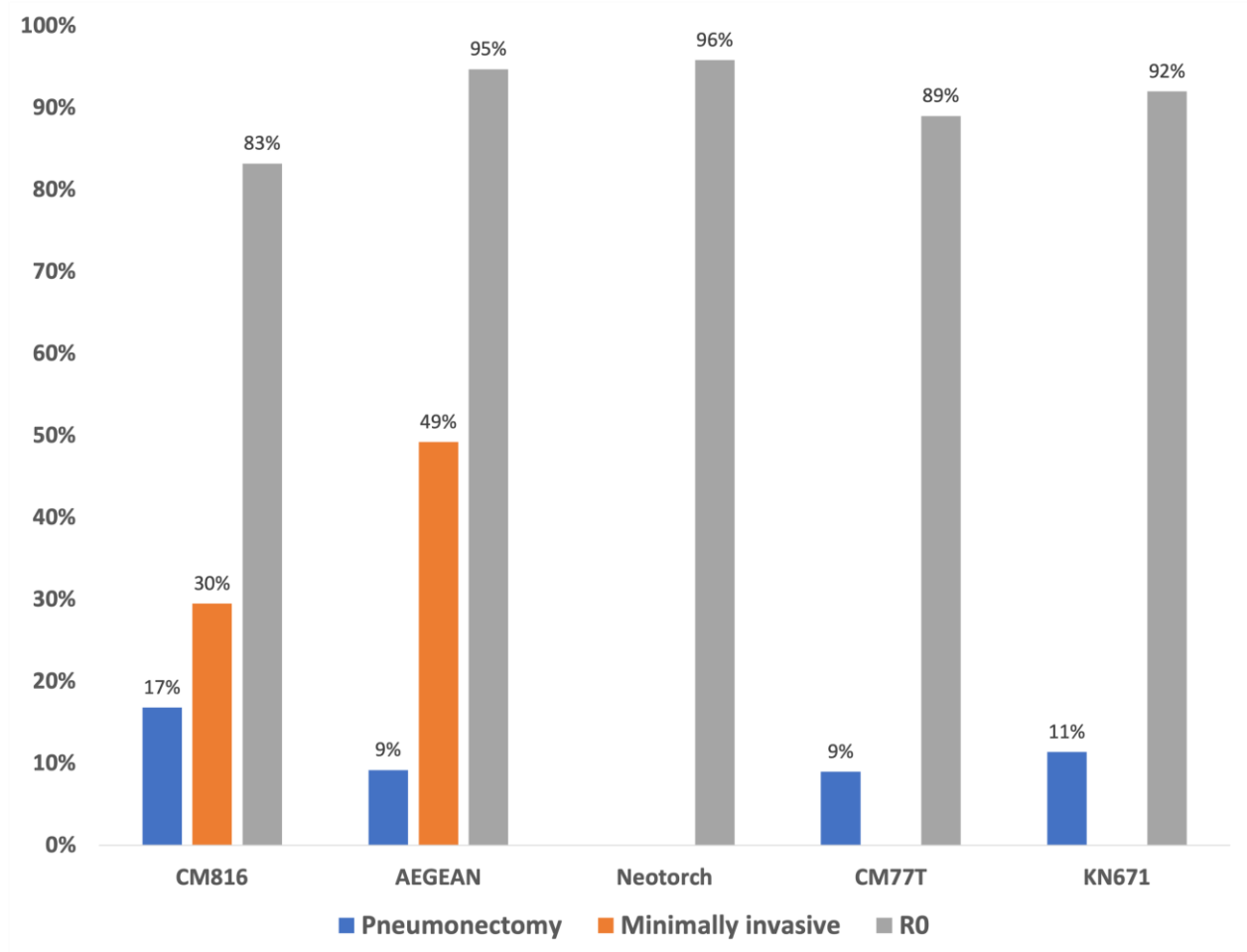
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NEJM: Neoadjuvant nivolumab (MSKCC, JHU)

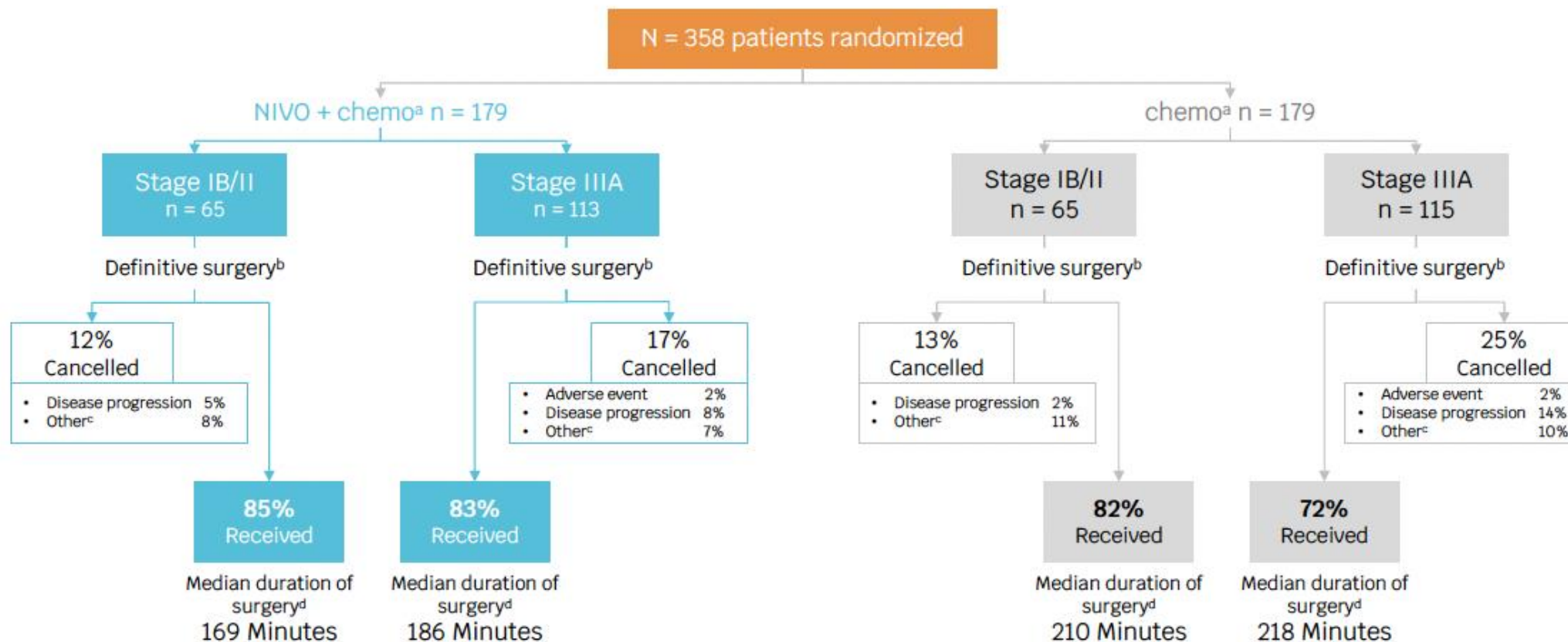
It's not THAT tough....



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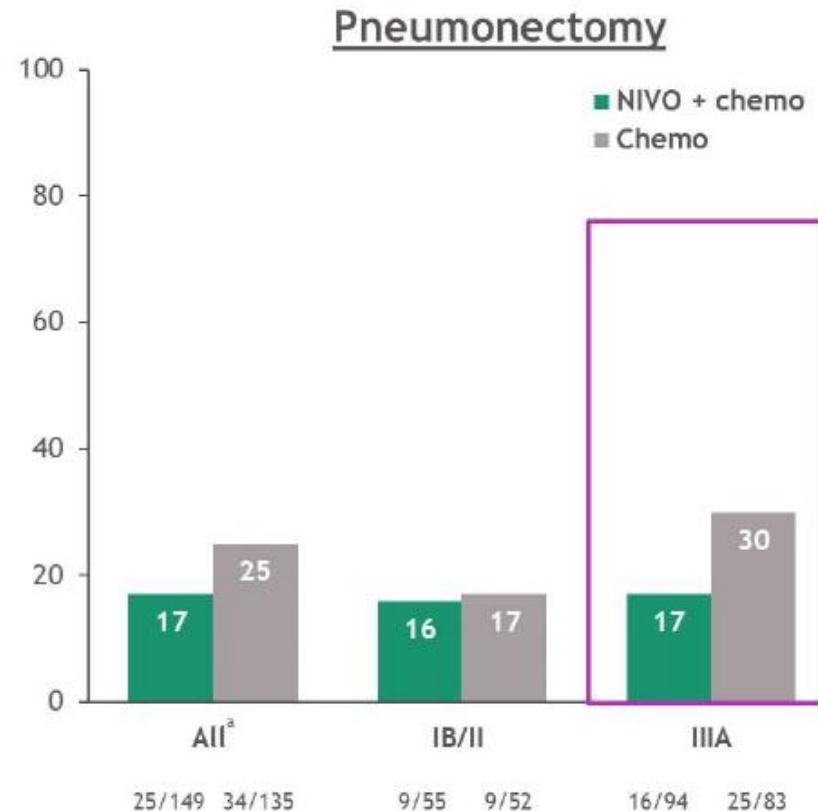
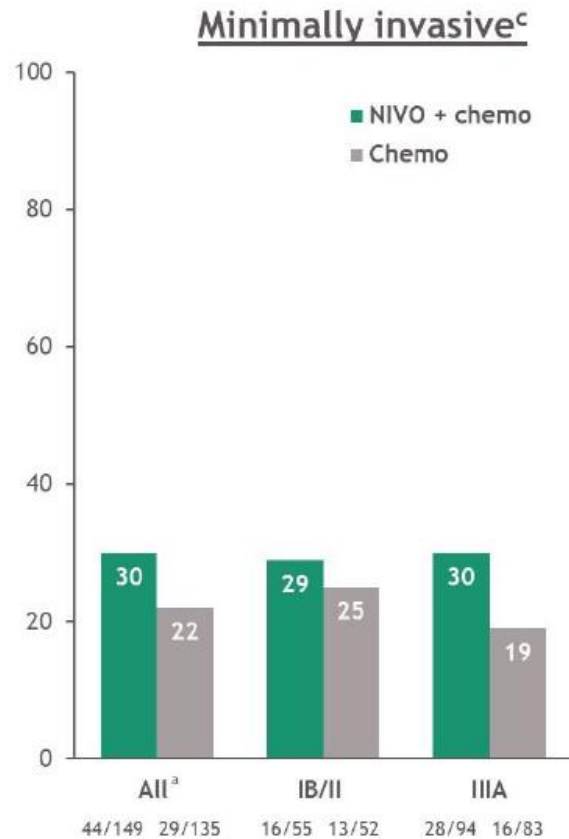
The surgical tipping point: CheckMate 816



^a1 patients with stage IV in each arm; ^bpatients with definitive surgery not reported : NIVO + chemo, 3% (stage IB/II), 0 (stage IIIA); chemo, 5% (stage IB/II), 3% (stage IIIA); ^cOther reasons included patient refusal, unresectability, and poor lung function; ^dPatients (n) with reported duration of surgery : NIVO + chemo, 46 (stage IB/II), 76 (stage IIIA); chemo, 47 (stage IB/II), 74 (stage IIIA); IQR for median duration of surgery : NIVO + Chemo, 126.0-275.0 (stage IB/II) and 134.5-245.5 (stage IIIA); chemo, 150.0-267.0 (stage IB/II) and 147.0-290.0 (stage IIIA)

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Could nICI/chemo make surgery easier for patients with stage III NSCLC???



- **More patients made it to surgery**
(83% vs. 72%, Stage IIIA)
- **Duration of surgery shorter**
(32 minutes, Stage IIIA)
- **More minimally invasive**
(30% vs. 19%, Stage IIIA)
- **Less pneumonectomies**
(17% vs. 30%, Stage IIIA)

Chemo, chemotherapy; NIVO, nivolumab
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Surgical Outcomes with Neoadjuvant Durvalumab + Chemotherapy Followed by Adjuvant Durvalumab in Resectable NSCLC (AEGEAN)

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AEs possibly related to surgery and surgical complications summary (underwent surgery; modified safety analysis set)

Post-surgery period*	D arm (N=296)	PBO arm (N=301)
Any-grade AEs possibly related to surgery, n (%)[†]	119 (40.2)	118 (39.2)
Max. grade 3 or 4	25 (8.4)	28 (9.3)
SAE	33 (11.1)	33 (11.0)
Outcome of death ^{‡¶}	6 (2.0)	4 (1.3)

	D arm (N=296)	PBO arm (N=301)
Patients with any surgical complication, n (%)	175 (59.1)	181 (60.1)
Max. reported by Clavien-Dindo classification grade ¹		
1	125 (42.2)	131 (43.5)
2	32 (10.8)	25 (8.3)
≥3	18 (6.1)	25 (8.3)

DCO = Nov 10, 2022. *This includes AEs between the date of surgery (including day of surgery) and the earliest of the date of surgery + 90 days or first dose of subsequent anti-cancer therapy; this also includes AEs with an onset date during this period and AEs with an onset date prior to dosing which worsen during this period. The summary of AEs possibly related to surgery and surgical complications summary reflect data collected for all patients in the modified safety analysis set who underwent surgery (including one patient assigned to the PBO arm who erroneously received a single cycle of D and was therefore included in the D arm for safety assessment), with AEs graded using the National Cancer Institute Common Toxicity Criteria for AEs, version 5.0.[¶]Included infectious pleural effusion (PBO arm, n=1), pneumonia (D arm, n=2; PBO arm, n=1), septic shock (D arm, n=1), acute respiratory failure (PBO arm, n=1), bronchopleural fistula (D arm, n=1), interstitial lung disease (D arm, n=1; also possibly related to D), pneumonitis (D arm, n=1; also possibly related to D), pulmonary hemorrhage (PBO arm, n=1), and post-procedural pulmonary embolism (D arm, n=1). [†]There were no AEs with outcome of death, possibly related to surgery, within 1 day of surgery in either arm. Note: All deaths regardless of any causality within 30 days of surgery = 12 (D arm, n=4; PBO arm, n=8). SAE, serious AE.

¹Dindo D, et al. *Ann Surg* 2004;240:205-13.

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A word regarding “aspirational” surgery



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Agree this is a critical Q & applauded board for stating that uncertain or “**aspirational**” resectability = unresectability. ~20% of pts on perioperative IO trials, which included IIIB NSCLC, were diverted from surgery after being screened as resectable.

This is a bad outcome.

Miriam-Webster:

“having or showing a desire to achieve a high level of success or social status”

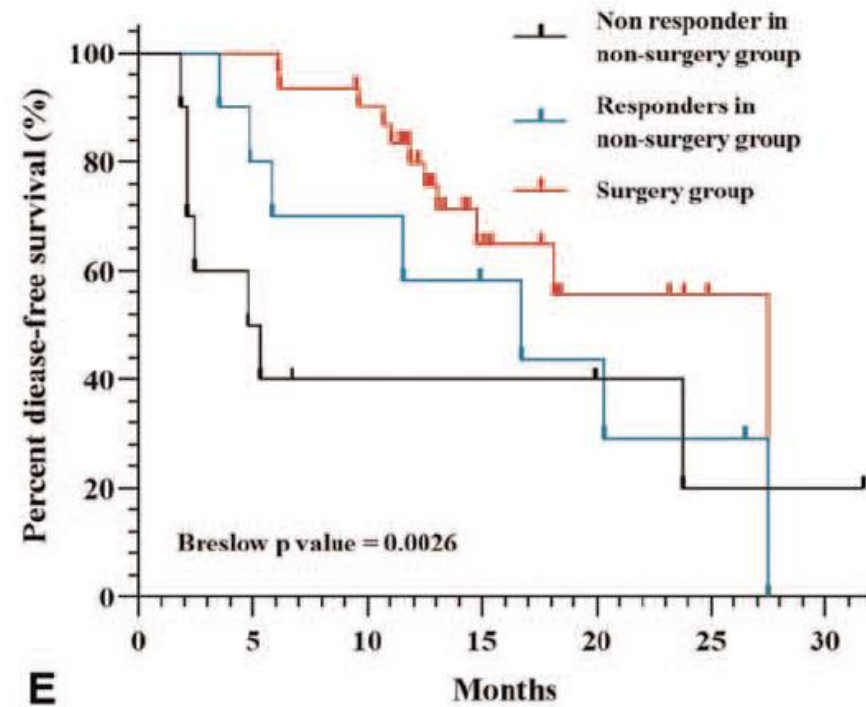
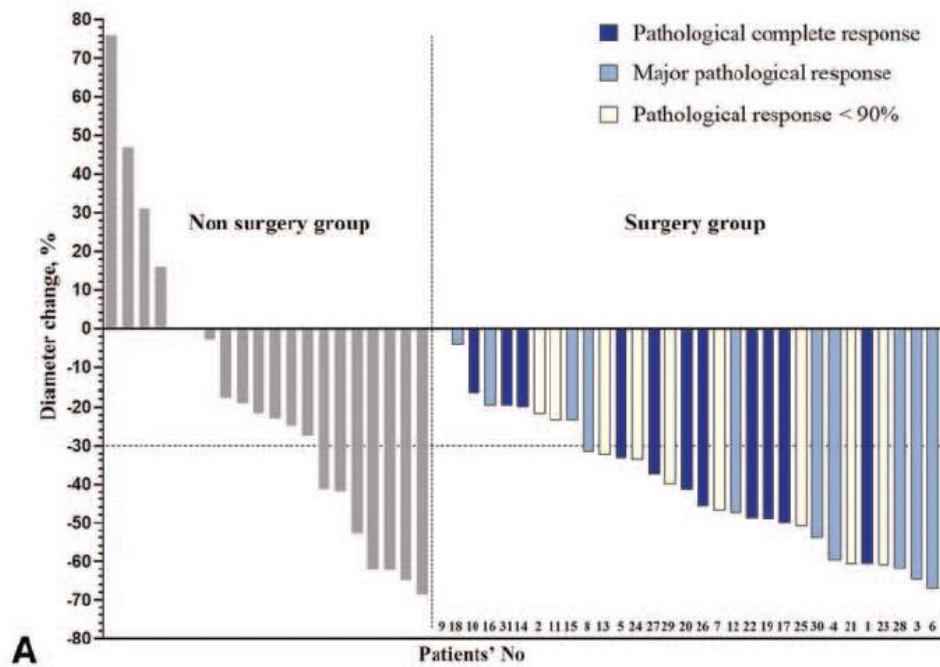
Is this “bad”?



<https://blog.weekdone.com/the-difference-between-committed-and-aspirational-okrs/>

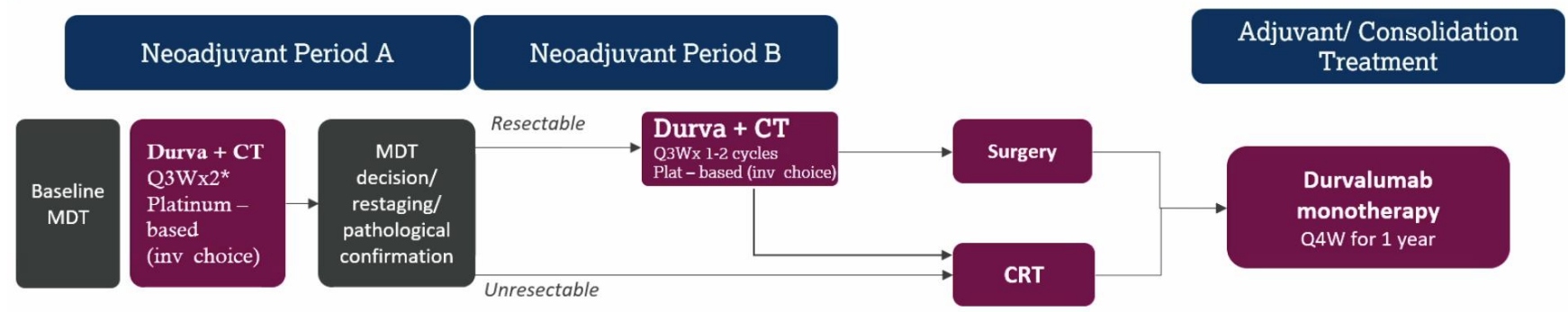
Radical Minimally Invasive Surgery After Immuno-chemotherapy in Initially-unresectable Stage IIIB Non-small cell Lung Cancer

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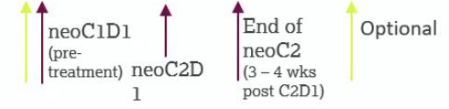


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Phase 2 Study to Assess Neoadjuvant Durvalumab (D) and Platinum-Based Chemotherapy (CT), Followed by Either Surgery and Adjuvant D or CRT and Consolidation D, in Resectable or Borderline Resectable Stage IIB-IIIB NSCLC (MDT-BRIDGE)



Pathologic & Blood-based Assessments



Key inclusion criteria

- Resectable & borderline resectable Stage IIB – IIIB NSCLC
- ECOG PS 0-1
- At least 1 target lesion
- EGFRwt / ALKwt (local test)
- Pre-op RT not allowed

N= 140 patients

Primary endpoint

- Resection rate, defined as proportion of all participants who underwent definitive surgery.

- ↑ Blood samples for ctDNA assessment; whole blood and plasma at C1D1, only plasma at subsequent timepoints
- ↑ Tissue sample (ie, biopsy); Not required post CRT timepoint
- ↑ Collect PD (where available) and EoT sample. Analyse PD if available, if not analyse EoT



Dogma #5: We have to “get it all” Well...what happens if we don't?

Improved Outcomes with Systemic Therapy Following R+ Resection for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer in a Contemporary Multicentric Cohort

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Methods			
	OS (Months)	95%CI	5-Yr (%)
2009-2015	26.1	25.2 27.1	32
2015-2020	38.5	36.5 40.5	40

- 1,340 propensity-matched (1:1) Systemic Therapy vs. Surgery only)

	OS (Months)	95%CI	5-Yr (%)
Systemic therapy	45.2	36.4 54.0	44
Surgery only	26.1	20.5 31.7	34

OS defined from surgery to last follow-up or death.

24,234 patients

Fig 1) Survival comparison between A) 2009-2015 vs. 2015-2020 and B) Systemic therapy (ST) vs. Surgery only (S)

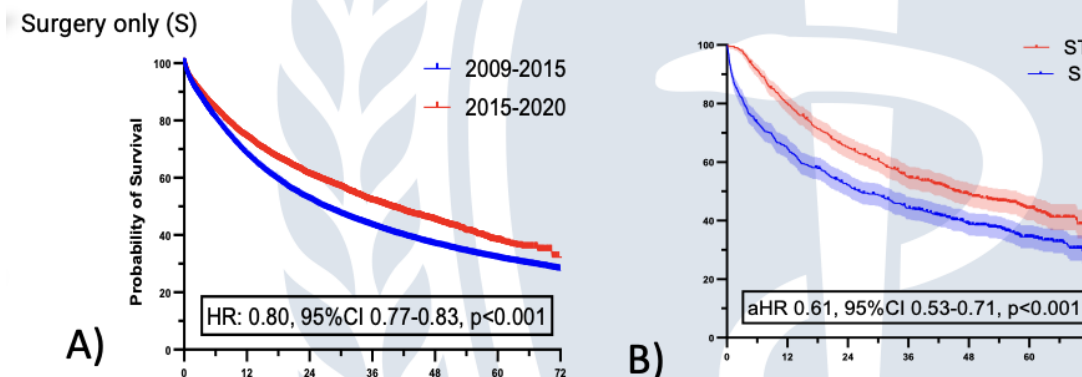
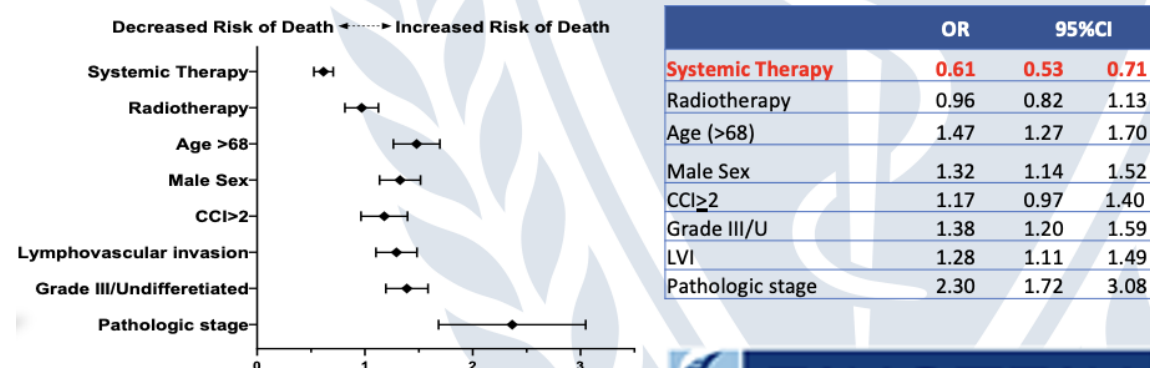


Fig 2) Multivariable Cox regression for factors associated with survival in the 2015-2020 cohort



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Surgical debulking as an immune primer?

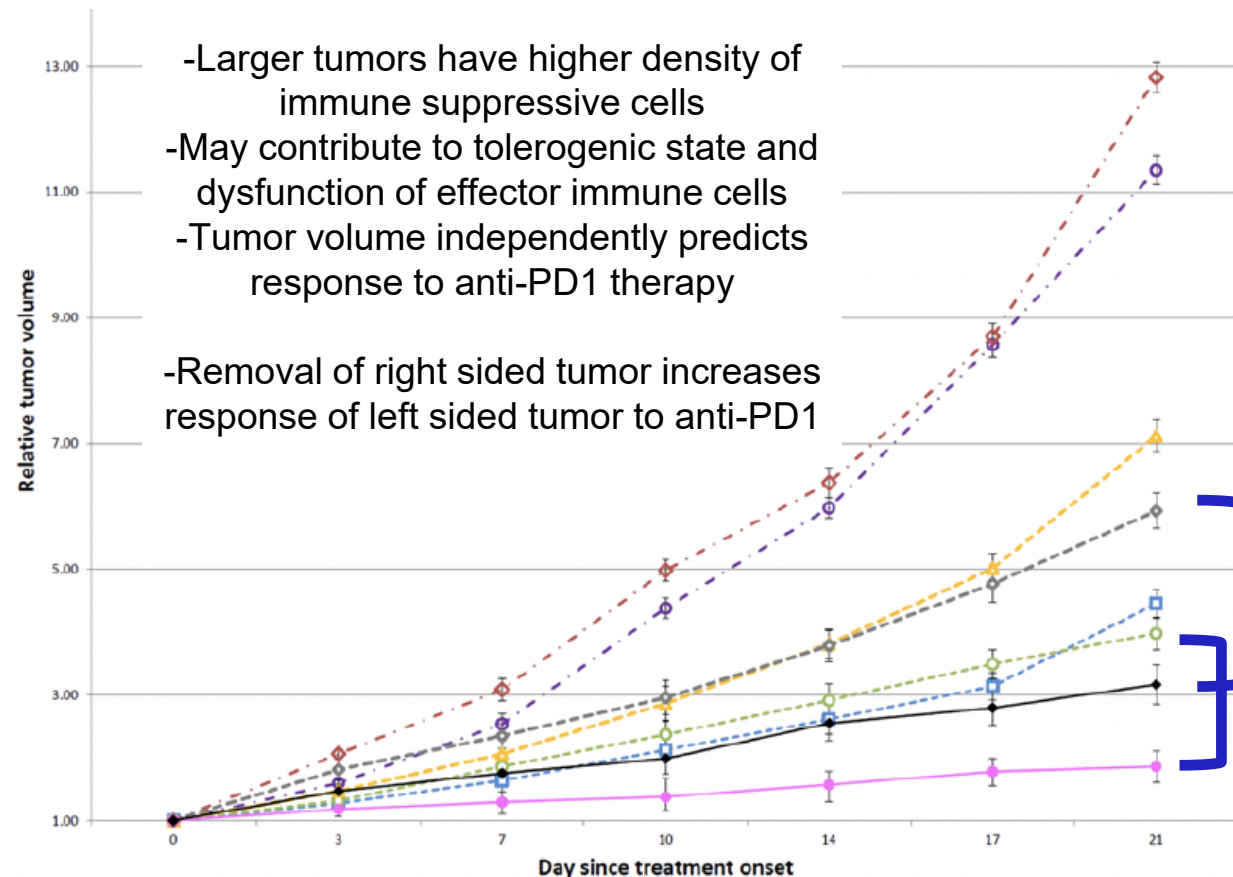
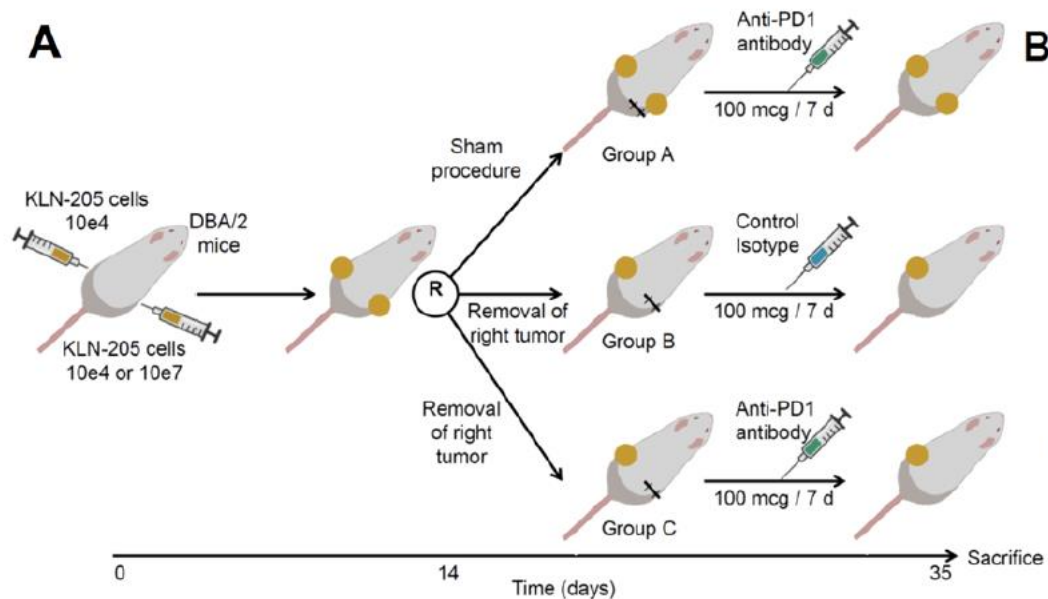
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A rationale for surgical debulking to improve anti-PD1 therapy outcome in non small cell lung cancer

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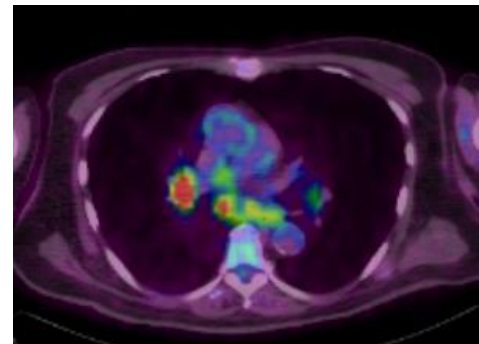
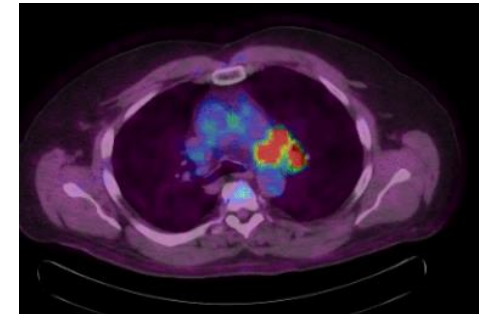
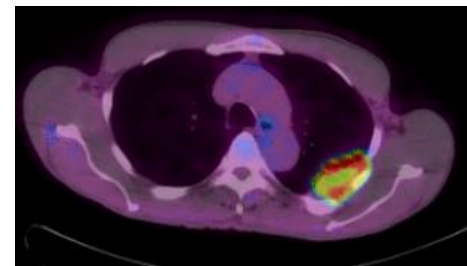
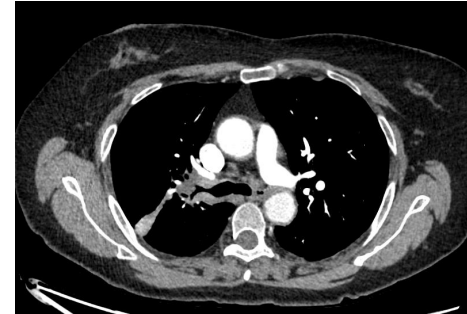


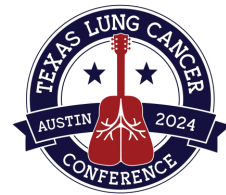
- Larger tumors have higher density of immune suppressive cells
- May contribute to tolerogenic state and dysfunction of effector immune cells
- Tumor volume independently predicts response to anti-PD1 therapy
- Removal of right sided tumor increases response of left sided tumor to anti-PD1

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Conclusions

- Surgical dogma provides good discussion points, but few absolute guidelines
- We must challenge dogma and be aspirational for our patients with locally advanced lung cancer
- Multidisciplinary teams can work together to develop criteria for resectability, which can potentially be determined *after* nICI/chemo
- Surgery after neoadjuvant chemotherapy and immunotherapy is safe and provides the best opportunity to cure patients with stage IIIA and IIIB lung cancer





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