

Finnish Testicular Cancer Meeting 2015  
in collaboration with Finnish Oncology and Urology Associations

# Treatment Strategies for Testicular Cancer in Canada

A photograph of the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre building, a modern multi-story structure with a glass facade, viewed from a low angle looking up.

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A photograph of the University of Toronto's clock tower, a historic stone building with Gothic architectural features, viewed from a low angle looking up.

# Toronto Multidisciplinary Testicular Cancer Clinic new patient volumes

YEAR	TOTAL	SEMINOMA				NON-SEMINOMA			
		Stage at Presentation				Stage at Presentation			
		I	II	III	Subtotal	I	II	III	Subtotal
2010	123	50	10	2	62	33	13	15	61
2011	121	37	5	2	44	24	25	28	77
2012	138	36	13	3	52	36	26	24	86
2013	135	53	13	5	71	38	15	11	64
2014	137	47	6	3	56	40	23	18	81
Subtotal		223 (78%)	47 (17%)	15 (5%)	285 (44%)	171 (46%)	102 (28%)	96 (26%)	369 (56%)
Total 2010-2014	654 (100%)								

# Some of our milestones

- First and maybe only full multidisciplinary clinic in the world
- Description of nerve sparing RPLND technique
- Surveillance for CS I Seminoma in North America
- Prognostic grouping CSI Seminoma
- Surveillance for CS I Non-seminoma in North America
- Leader in reduction of risk – low dose CT scan, anticoagulation
- 88 publications; 1982-2015

Type of plan: At end of treatment

Care plan date: 21-Aug-2014

### Patient Information

Patient Name: Test Test	Date of Birth: 11-Jul-1991
Marital status: Single	Employment status: Student
Current Co-morbidities: Diabetes mellitus type 1 Sleep apnea	

### Disease Background

Cancer type: Testis cancer	Date of diagnosis: 21-Jan-2014								
Cancer location: Left testicle	Histology subtype: Non-Seminoma								
<b>Tumour markers</b>									
Initial:					Most recent:				
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Units</b>			<b>Date</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Units</b>	
BHCG:	20-Jan-2014	37	IU/L		BHCG:	27-May-2014	<1	IU/L	
AFP:	20-Jan-2014	1043.0	ug/L		AFP:	27-May-2014	2.0	ug/L	
LDH:	20-Jan-2014	421	U/L		LDH:	27-May-2014	252	U/L	

### Surgical Details

	Procedure Date	Procedure	Details	Prosthesis
1	21-Jan-2014	Orchiectomy	Tolerated procedure well.	Yes

### Chemotherapy Details

	Regimen name	Start date	End date	Cycles	Completed	Reason for change
1	GERM-BEP 5 DAYS	18-Feb-2014	15-Apr-2014	3	Yes	



## Getting Back on Track - Online Curriculum

Website	Details
<a href="http://www.theprincessmargaret.ca/gbot">http://www.theprincessmargaret.ca/gbot</a>	

## Persistent Treatment Effects Monitoring and Management Plan

### Physical/Symptom Effects

Symptom	Provider/Management Plan	Attachments
Hearing loss, ringing in the ears	Pamphlet Referral to audiologist	<a href="#">Managing Concerns About Hearing Loss After Cancer Treatment</a>
Fatigue	Pamphlet Referral to Fatigue Clinic Counselling on exercise - Survivorship exercise program	<a href="#">Managing cancer related fatigue</a>
Neuropathy	Pamphlet Referral to pain clinic	<a href="#">Managing Neuropathy after Cancer Treatment</a>
Sexual Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreased sex drive</li> <li>• Erectile dysfunction</li> <li>• Ejaculation problems</li> <li>• Infertility</li> <li>• Lack of testosterone</li> </ul>	Pamphlet Referral to GU sexual health program - <a href="http://www.prostatecentre.ca/wellness-and-survivorship/psychosocial-support/psych-support">http://www.prostatecentre.ca/wellness-and-survivorship/psychosocial-support/psych-support</a> Referral to endocrinologist	<a href="#">Sexual Health After Testicular Cancer</a> <a href="#">Sexuality and Cancer</a>

## Pesistent Treatment Effects Monitoring and Management Plan

### Psychosocial Effects

Symptom	Provider/Management Plan	Attachments
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## Seminoma and Non-Seminoma Post Chemotherapy with CR (no RPLND) Surveillance

Time Post Treatment	Approximate Date	Tests
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SURVIVORSHIP CARE PLAN

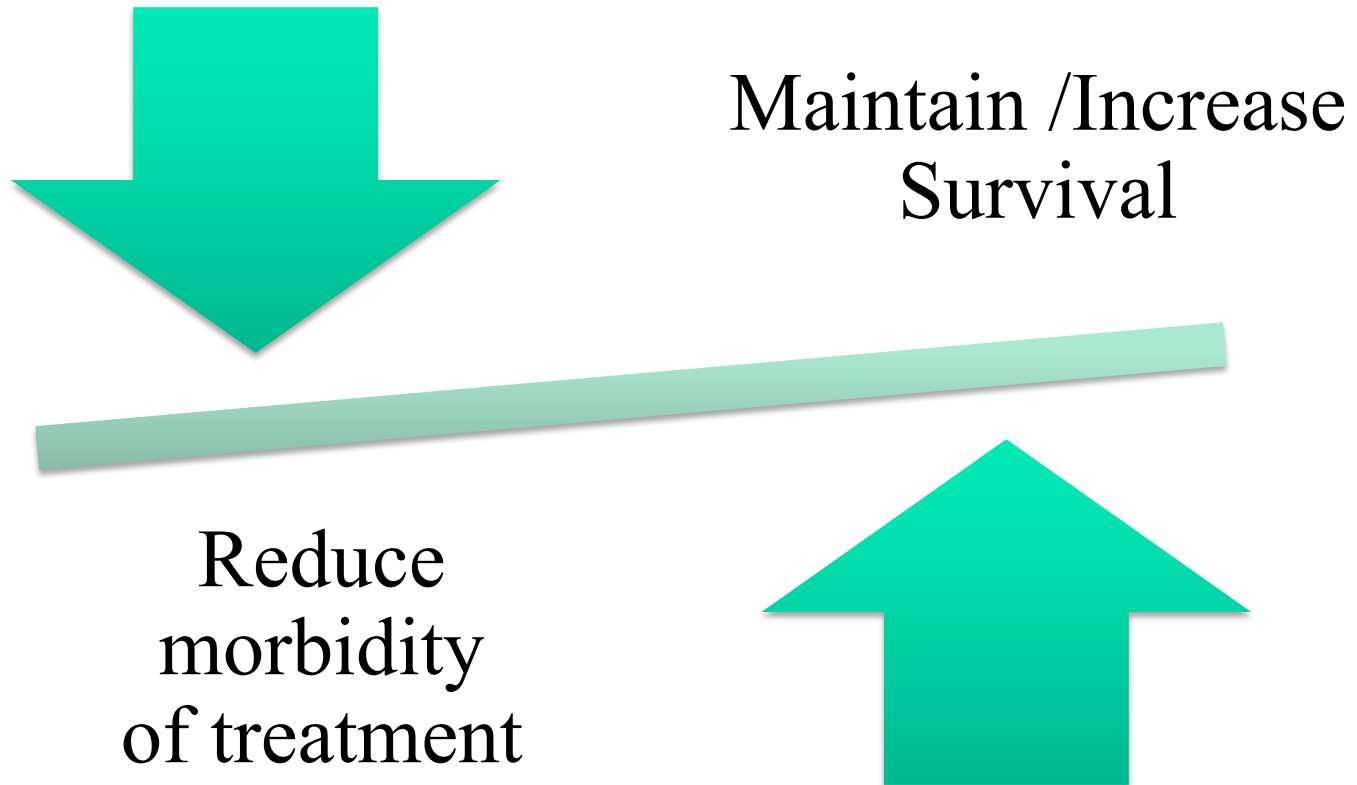
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Test Test

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3 months	Jun-2014	Blood Test (Tumor markers: HCG, AFP, LDH)
6 months	Sep-2014	Blood Test (Tumor markers: HCG, AFP, LDH) CT Scan of Thorax CT Scan of Abdomen and Pelvis
9 months	Dec-2014	Blood Test (Tumor markers: HCG, AFP, LDH)
1 year	Mar-2015	Blood Test (Tumor markers: HCG, AFP, LDH) Blood Test (Serum LH, FSH, Free & Total Testosterone) CT Scan of Thorax

# Guiding Principles of Treatment Testicular Cancer



# Guiding Principles of Treatment

## **Reduce morbidity** of treatment

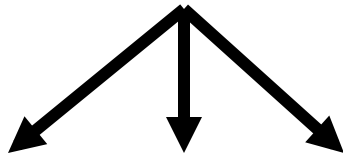
- Acute - treatment pain and disability, lost time, cost
- Late toxicities – infertility, radiation induced second malignancy/CVD

## **Maintain high survival** rates

# Next 10 Testis Tumors

Non-Seminoma

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Stage

I

II

III

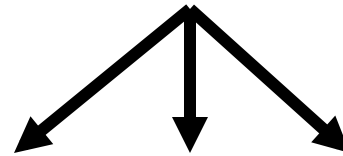
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1-2

Seminoma

6



I

II

III

5

1

Residual Mass

1

# CLINICAL STAGE I (pT1-4N0M0) GCT

## NEGATIVE STAGING AFTER ORCHIECTOMY

- Normal history and physical examination
- Markers nadir to normal range-Recall  $T^{1/2}$ :
  - AFP 5 days (5 half-lives  $\approx$  3-4 weeks)
  - HCG 36 hrs (5 half-lives  $\approx$  1 week)
- Normal Chest X-ray or CT
- Normal CT Abdomen and Pelvis – timing?

# Active Surveillance Is the Preferred Approach to Clinical Stage I Testicular Cancer

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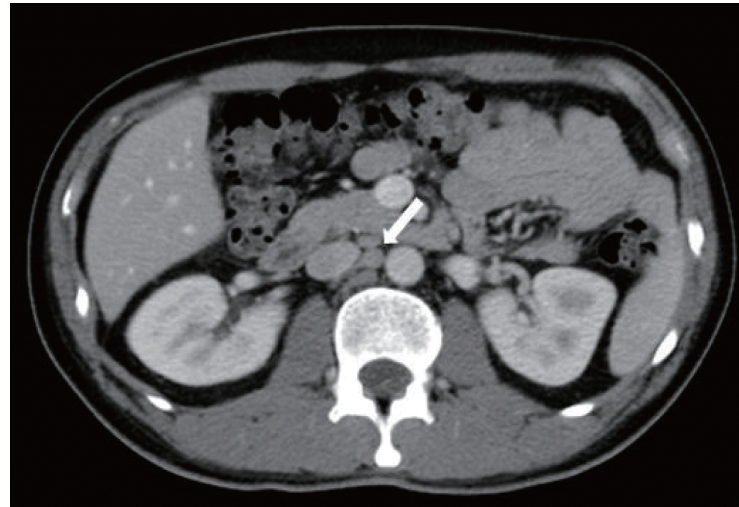
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### Diagnosis and Staging

- Any nodes in landing zone(s) should be regarded with suspicion





# Guiding Principles of Treatment

## **Reduce morbidity** of treatment

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## **Maintain high survival** rates

## *Non-Risk Adapted*

# Active Surveillance (AS) for all CSI

- Equivalent outcomes to adjuvant treatment
- Lower overall morbidity
- Avoids overtreatment - only treat those that need treatment
- “Easy” and generalizable
- Requires compliance – patient AND MD

## Canadian consensus guidelines for the management of testicular germ cell cancer

*Can Urol Assoc J* 2010;4(2):E19-E38

- Seminoma (Stage I)

In a patient willing and able to adhere to a surveillance program, this approach should be considered as the management option of choice (Fig 1).

- Nonseminoma (Stage I)

In a patient willing and able to adhere to a surveillance program, for all risk groups, surveillance should be considered as the management option of choice (Fig 2).

## *Non-Risk Adapted*

# Active Surveillance (AS) for all CSI

- Critics state:
  - Compliance an issue (loss to follow-up)
  - Diagnostic radiation exposure from surveillance imaging
  - Relapses require more aggressive treatment, in particular more chemotherapy
  - Increased risk of cancer death

# Stage I Seminoma

- Stage I Seminoma represents 60% of GCTs
- Management Options
  - Surveillance
  - Adjuvant Radiation Therapy
  - Adjuvant Chemotherapy
- ~100% cure with all strategies

# Adjuvant RT

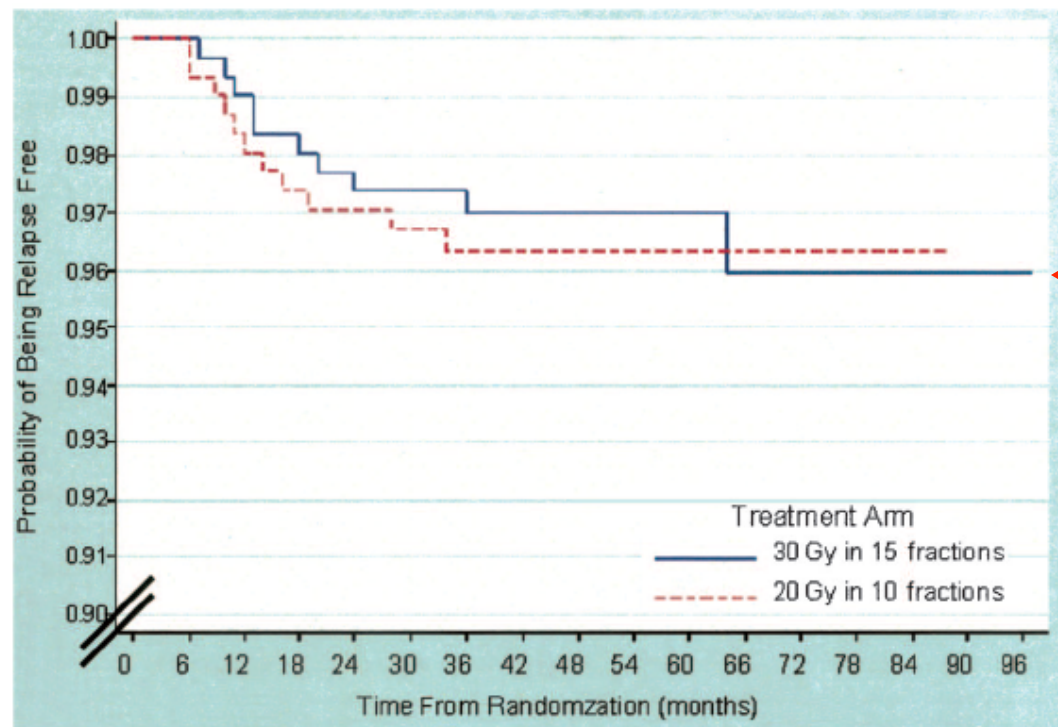
- Standard management for past 65 years
- Overall 10 yr survival in large series 95% - few deaths from Seminoma
- Relapse Rate 0.5% - 5%
  - Mediastinum, Lungs, supraclav fossa
    - Chemotherapy ~100% cure

Author	Yrs	# pts	% Relapse	CSS
Bayens	1975-85	132	4.5	99%
Coleman	1980-95	144	4.2	100%
Fossa	1989-93	478	3.8	100%
Jones	1995-98	625	3.5	99.6%
Santoni	1970-99	487	4.3	99.4%
Warde	1982-02	283	5	100%

# Randomized Trial of 30 Versus 20 Gy in the Adjuvant Treatment of Stage I Testicular Seminoma: A Report on Medical Research Council Trial TE18, European Organisation for the Research and Treatment of Cancer Trial 30942 (ISRCTN18525328)

*J Clin Oncol 23:1200-1208. © 2005*

*William G. Jones, Sophie D. Fossa, Graham M. Mead, J. Trevor Roberts, Michael Sokal, Alan Horwich, and Sally P. Stenning*



**4% relapse**

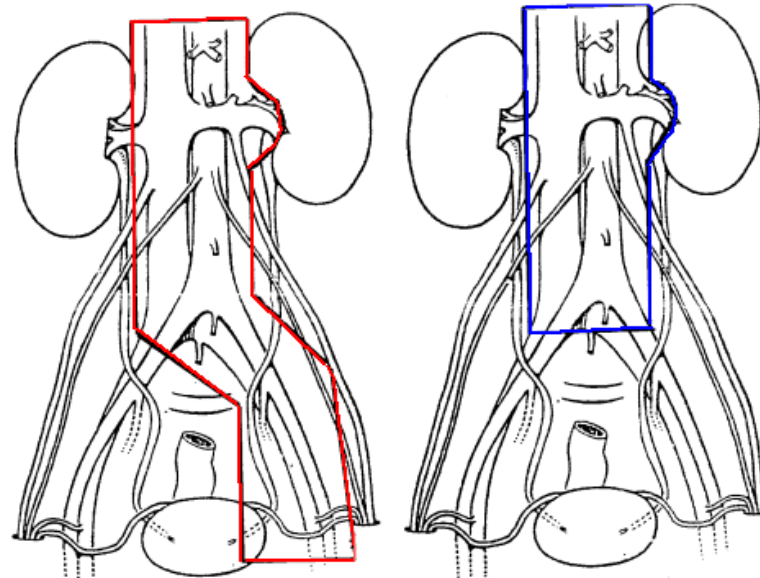
# Radiation for CSI Seminoma

**But...**

**2x Increased CV risk**

**2x Increased 2<sup>nd</sup> cancer**

- Overall: 4% relapse rate
- Only 2 questions:
  - A) Dose 20, 25, 30Gy? (20 Gy is ok)
  - B) “D



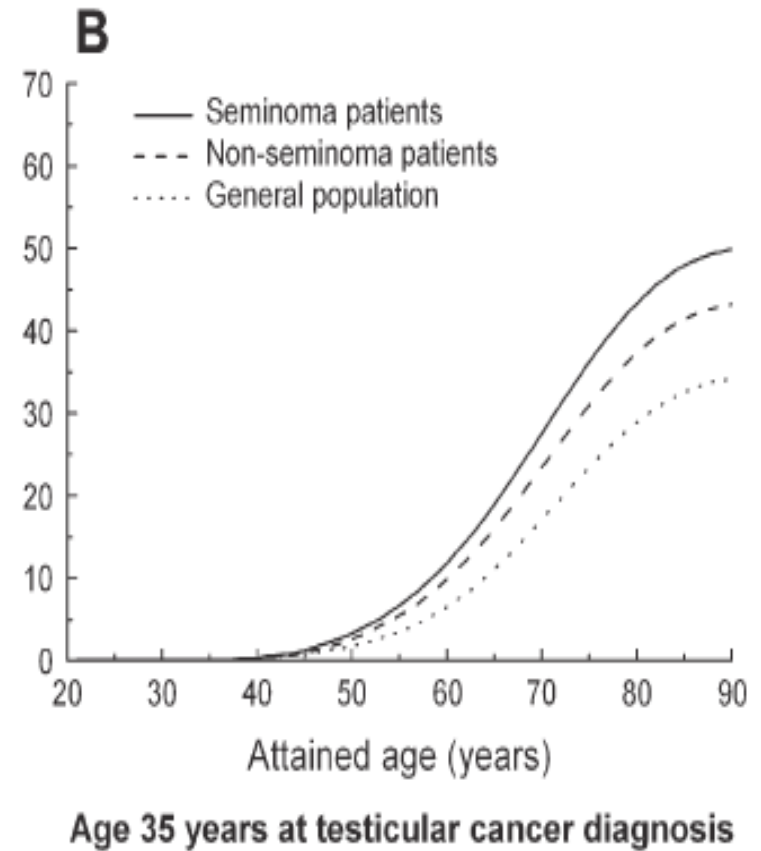


# Why Abandon Adjuvant RT

- Virtually no surgical data on incidence of occult nodal disease
- Improved Imaging
- Encouraging data from NSGCT surveillance
- Late Toxicity from Adjuvant RT
  - Second non-testicular malignancy
  - Cardiovascular disease
  - Fertility

# Second Malignancy after RT for Seminoma

- NIH Study
  - 14 population based registries
  - 22,424 patients with Seminoma
  - For 35 yr patient with seminoma cumulative risk of 2<sup>nd</sup> Solid Tumour at age 75  
36% vs 23% in general population

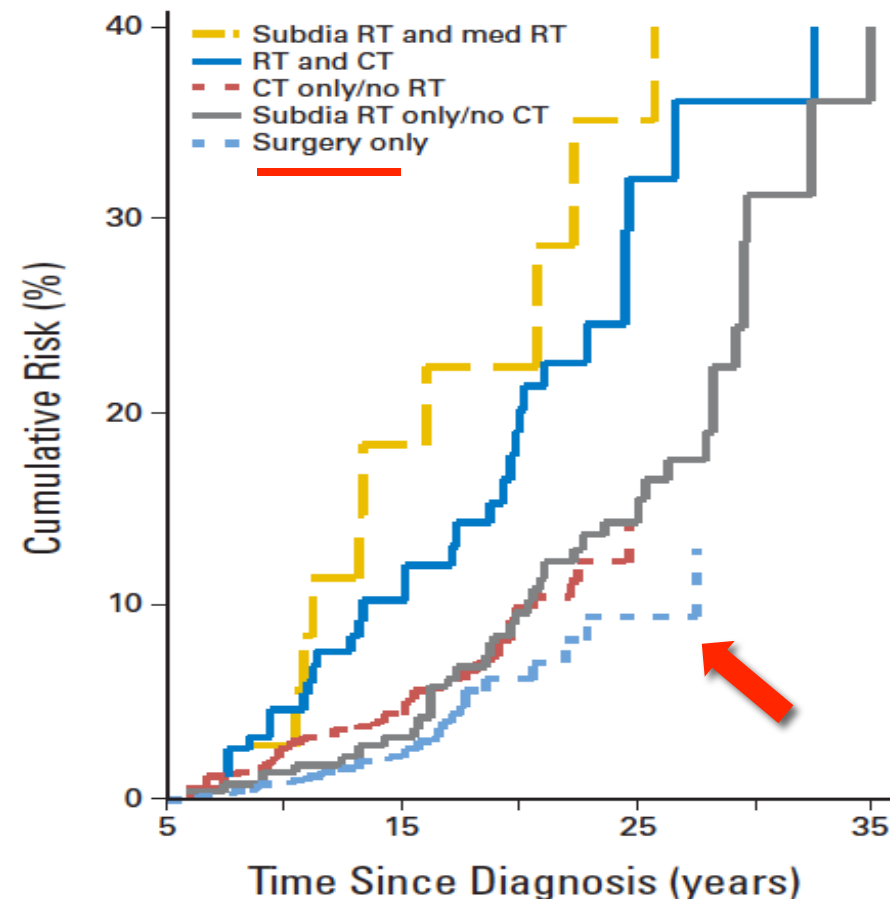


# Treatment-Specific Risks of Second Malignancies and Cardiovascular Disease in 5-Year Survivors of Testicular Cancer

*J Clin Oncol 25:4370-4378. © 2007*

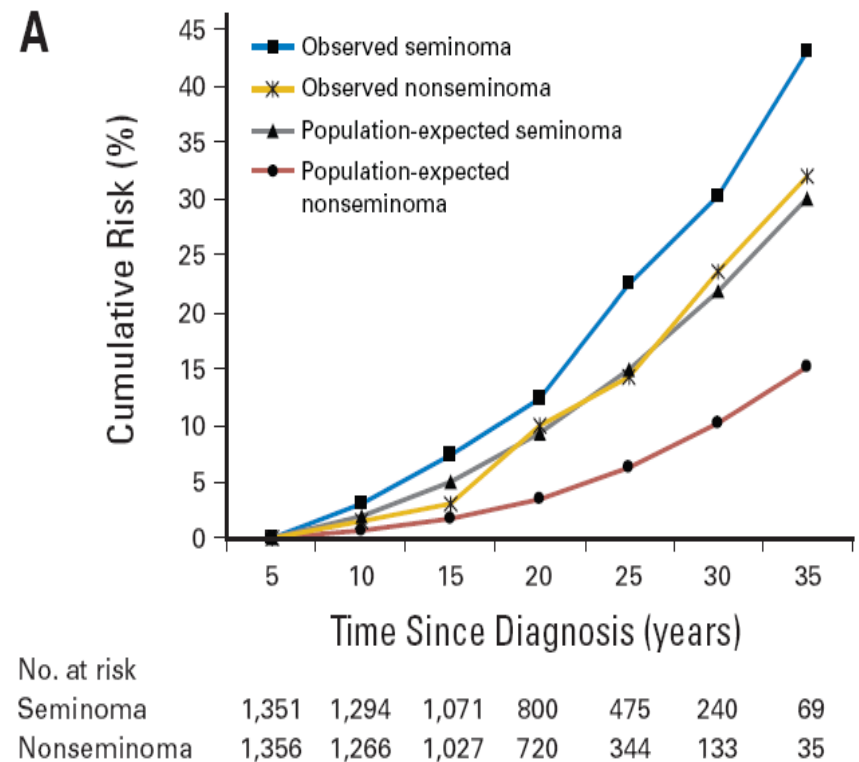
Alexandra W. van den Belt-Dusebout, Ronald de Wit, Jourik A. Gietema, Simon Horenblas, Marieke W.J. Louwman, Jacques G. Ribot, Harald J. Hoekstra, Gabey M. Ouwens, Berthe M.P. Aleman, and Flora E. van Leeuwen

- n=2700 survivors
- F/U: 17.6 yrs
- Outcomes:
  - Second neoplasm
  - Cardiovasc. disease



# Second Malignancy after RT for Seminoma

- Dutch population based study
  - 2707 Testicular Cancer survivors
  - Median Follow-up 17.6 years
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> malignancy risk with subdiaphragmatic RT was 2.6 fold increased as compared to surgery alone
    - Mainly in-field or adjacent to RT field
    - Risk increase similar to that of smoking



# Long term RT morbidity

## Cardiovascular

- Royal Marsden Hospital Study
  - Relative risk of cardiac event 2.40 (95% CI 1.04-5.45)
    - Death from Myocardial Infarction
    - Documented Myocardial Infarction or history of Angina
    - Surgery for CAD
  - Increased Risk starts 5-8yrs after treatment
    - Actuarial risk of cardiac event at 10 years
      - Surveillance 1.4%
      - Radiotherapy 7.2%
      - Chemotherapy 3.43%

# Cardiovascular morbidity

## – MD Anderson

- 477 pts treated RT 1951-1999
  - 453 never relapsed,
    - » 373 Stage I (93% subdiaphragmatic RT alone)
- Median follow-up 13.3 years
- Standardised Mortality Ratio
  - Cardiac death - 1.61
  - Retroperitoneal RT only (> 15 years F/U) 1.80

# Surveillance

- 15% Relapse Rate
  - Para-aortic nodes
  - most patients treated successfully with RT
  - Actuarial risk of requiring chemotherapy at any time in management same as with Adjuvant RT

Author	# Patients	5-year Relapse	CSS
Horwich	103	17.3%	100%
Daugaard	394	17%	100%
Warde	638	17.7%	99.3%

**Horwich et al Br J Cancer 65: 775-778, 1992**

**Daugaard et al APMIS 111:76-85, 2003**

**Warde et al. J Clin Oncol; 20:4448-4452 2002**

# **Treatment burden in stage I seminoma: a comparison of surveillance and adjuvant radiation therapy**

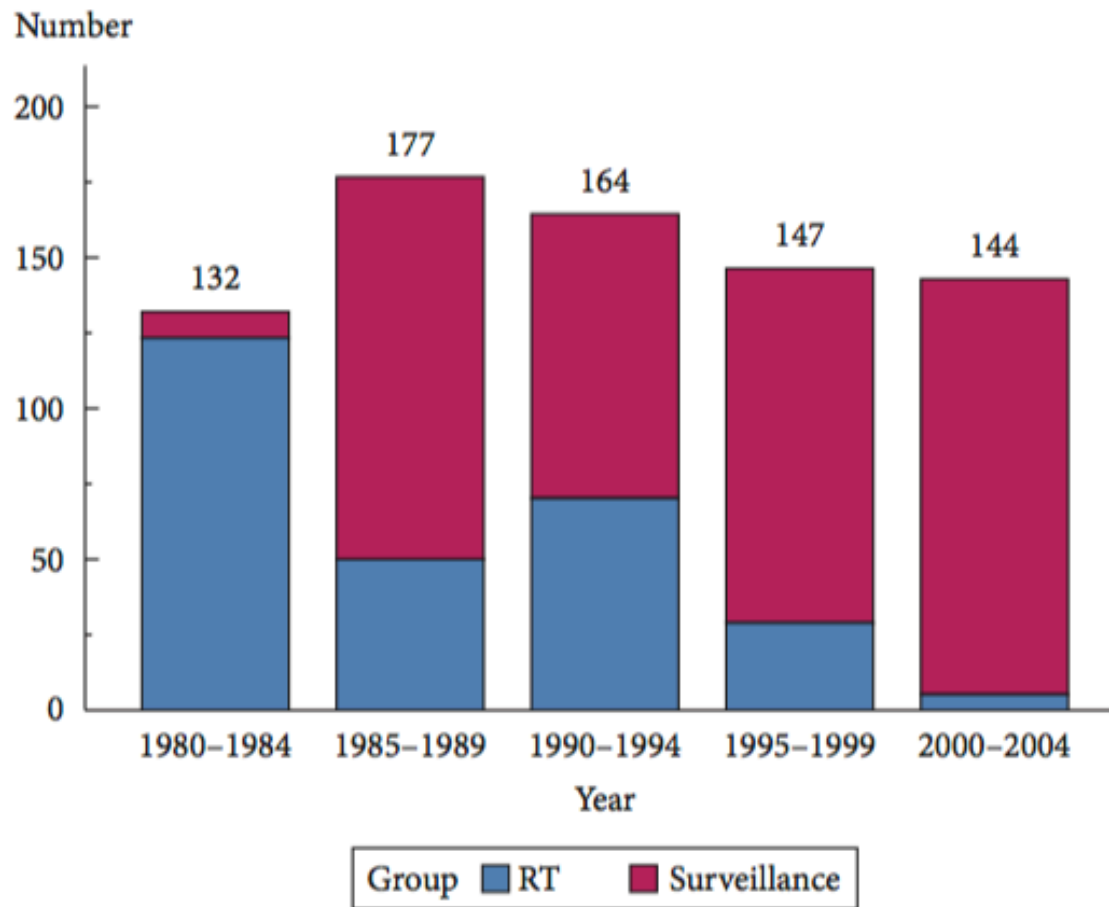
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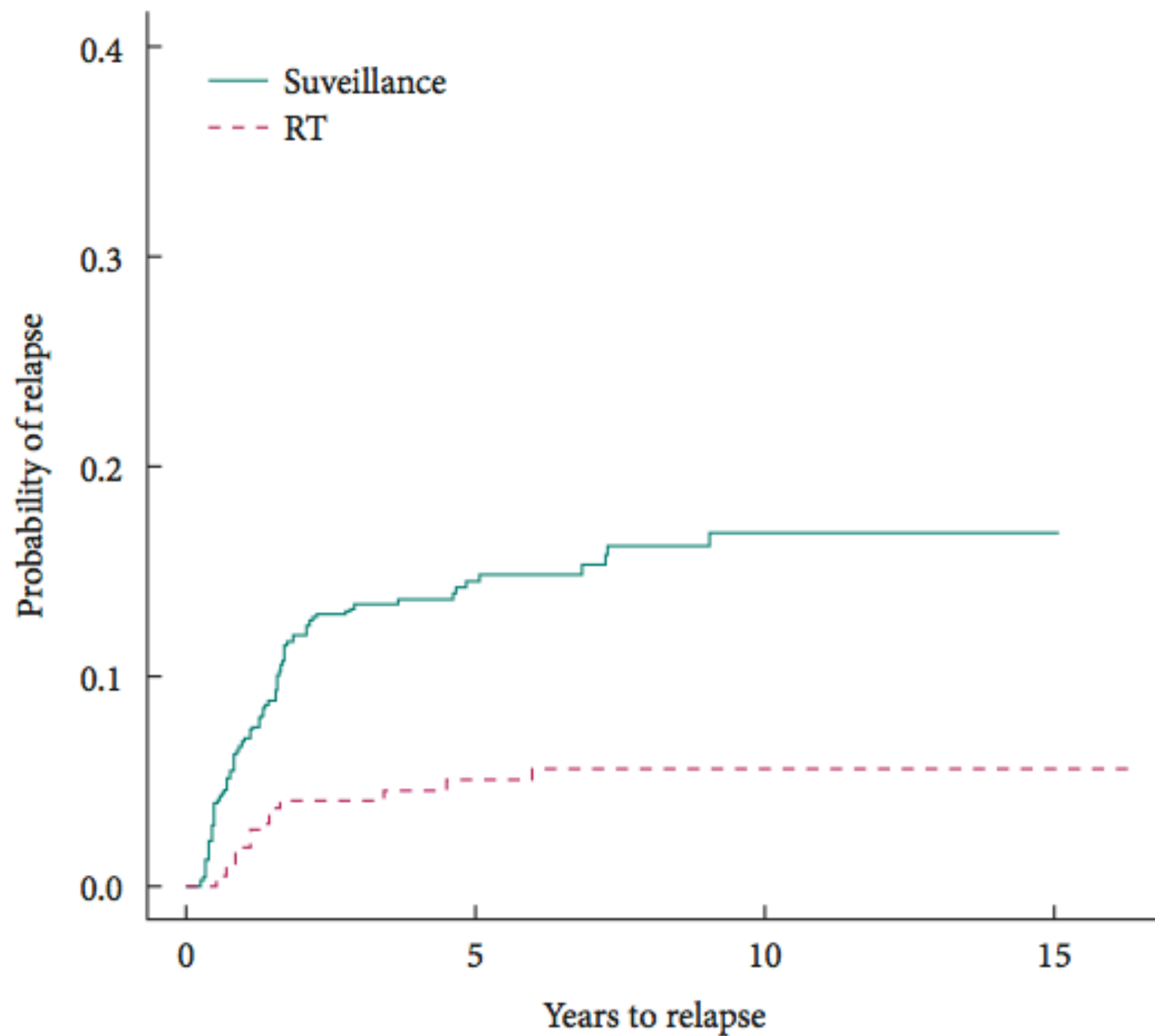
Presented at Annual Meeting of ASCO 2010.

***BJU Int* 2013; **112**: 1088–1095**





- n=764, AS = 484, RT = 280
- 72 AS relapses: 56 RT, 15 chemo, 1 RPLND
- 14 RT relapses



# Stage I Seminoma

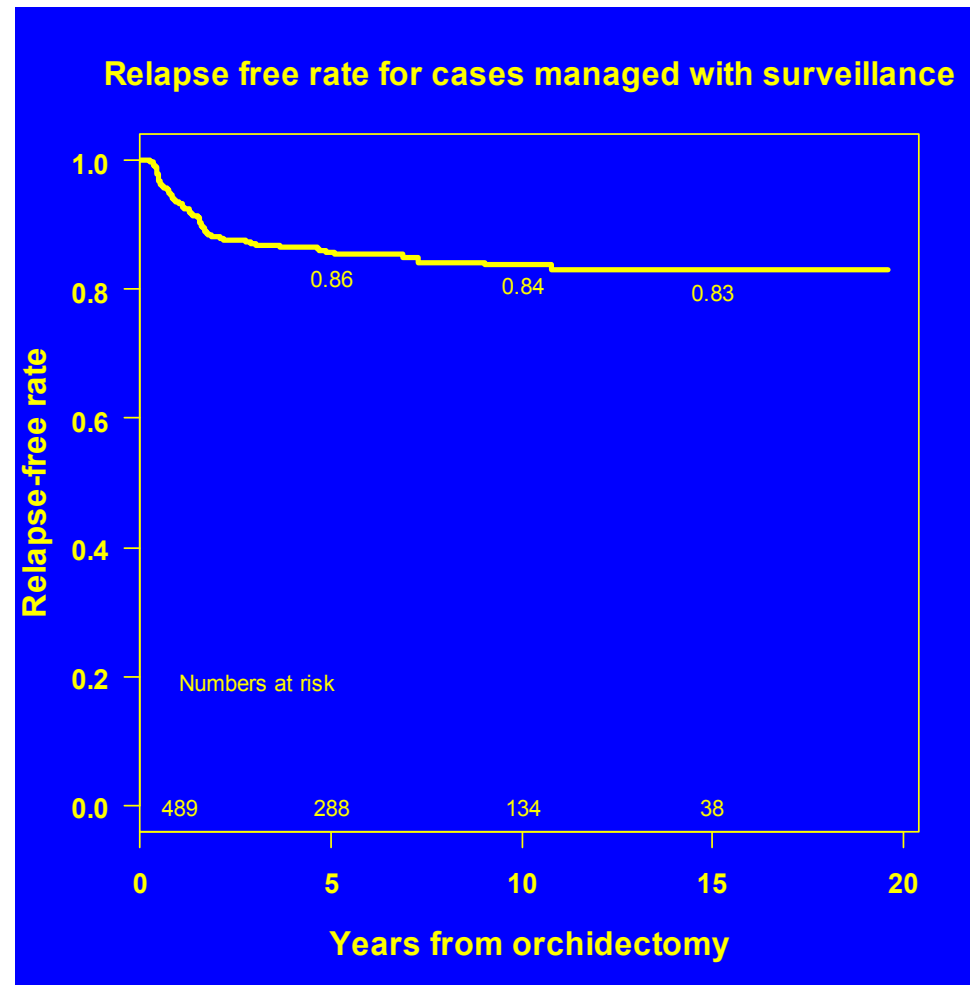
## PMH 1981-2004

- 776 Cases
  - Prospective data collection,
    - Phase II study of surveillance 1985 - 1994, patient choice since 1994
  - Follow-up - median 9.1 years (range 0.1-20.4)
    - 489 Surveillance - median f/u 8 years (0.1-19.8)
    - 287 Adjuvant RT - median f/u 10.1 years ( 0.2-20.4)
      - 4 monthly X 3 years, 6 monthly to yr 7, then annual to year 10
      - CT Abdomen/Pelvis if surveillance

# Stage I Seminoma

## PMH 1981-2004

- Surveillance
  - 72 Relapses - 86% Relapse-Free Rate at 5 Years
  - Sites of Relapse
    - 64 (89%) Para-aortic nodes alone
    - 3 (4.2%) Para-aortic + Pelvic nodes
    - 4 (5.5%) Pelvic nodes alone
    - 1 (1.6%) Other

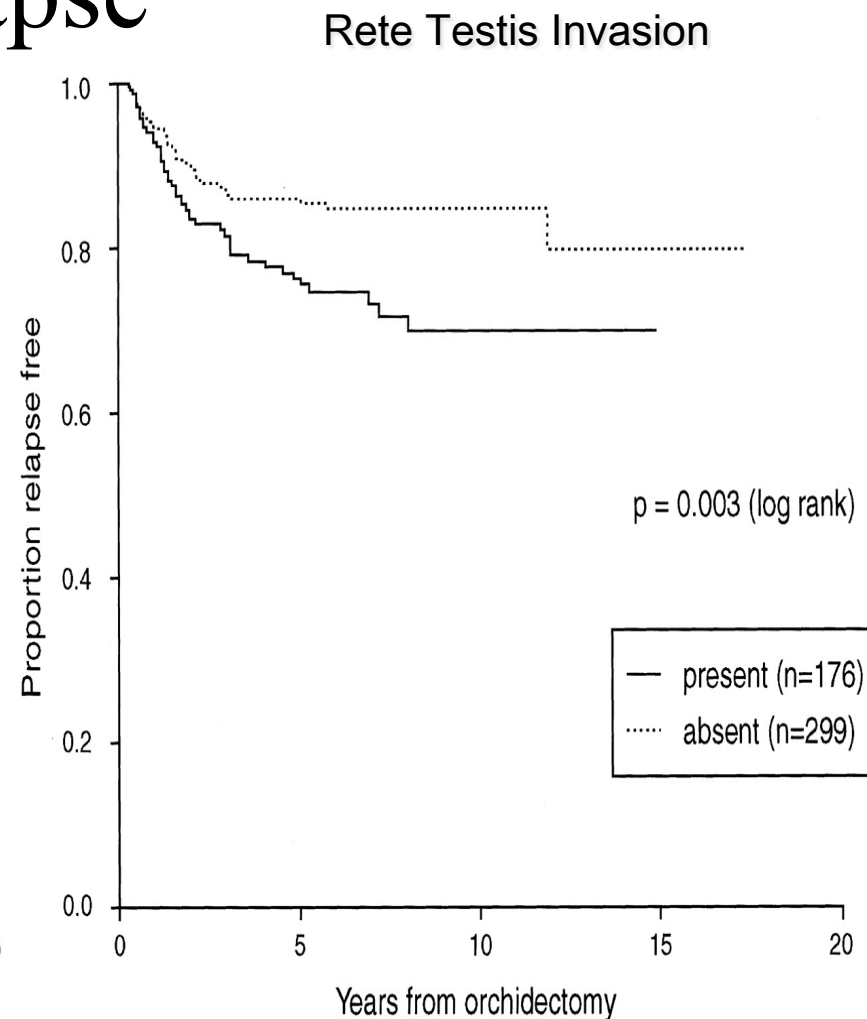
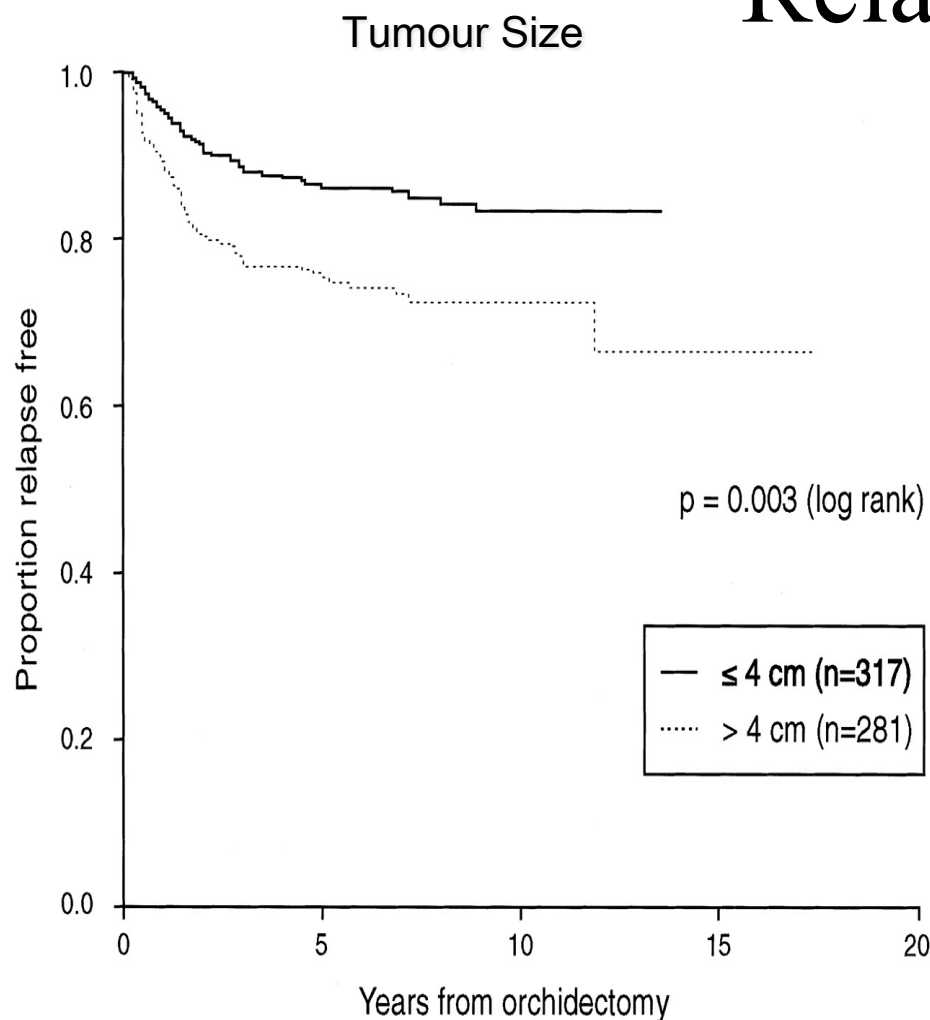


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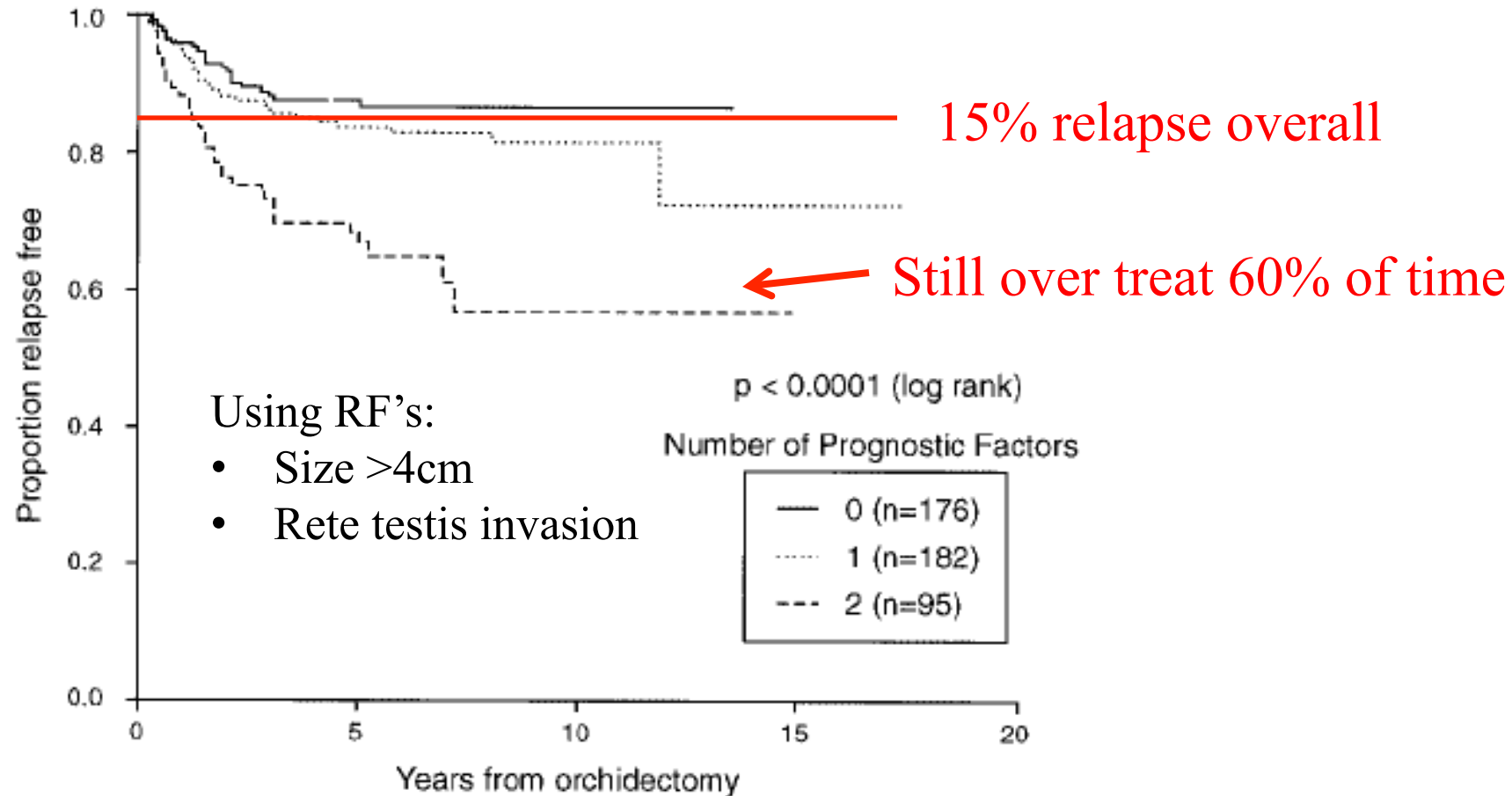
- Surveillance – treatment of relapse
  - 72 Relapses
    - 54 treated with RT
      - 5 second relapse all salvaged with chemotherapy
    - 16 Chemotherapy
    - 2 Surgery
  - 1 patient died from Seminoma

# Surveillance Prognostic Factors for Relapse



# Surveillance: Stage I Seminoma

- Risk adapted approach?



# Should we risk stratify CS I Seminoma for adjuvant treatment? NO!

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### ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## **Evaluation of a prognostic model for risk of relapse in stage I seminoma surveillance**

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# Pooled analysis of 685 CS I Sem

1000 2005

**Table 1.** Patient characteristics.

Variable	Category	All (685)
Tumor size	≤4 cm	408
	>4 cm	161
	Missing	116 (16.9%)
Rete testis invasion	Absent	312
	Present	166
	Missing	207 (30.2%)
Age at surgery	≤36	361
	>36	323
	Missing	1 (0.15%)
Small vessels invasion	Absent	462
	Present	50
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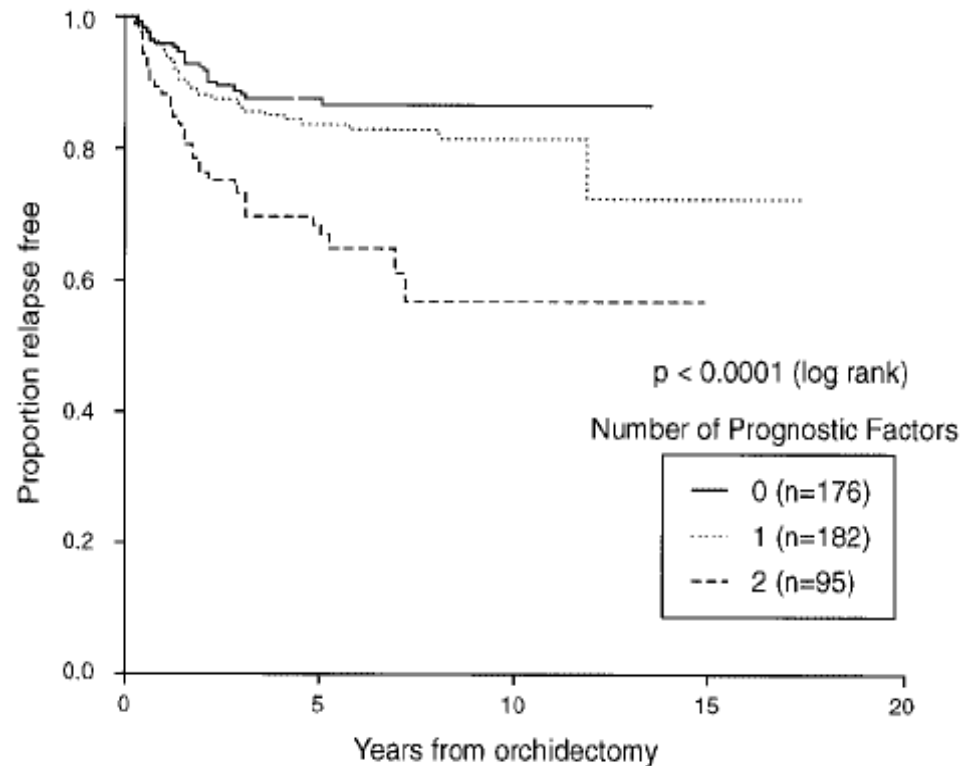
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- n = 685 CSI Seminomas
- 3 cancer centres
- 1998 – 2005
- Results:
  - Rete testis NOT validated
  - Tumour size did validate
- Conclusions:
  - “A clinically useful, highly discriminating prognostic model remains elusive in stage I seminoma”

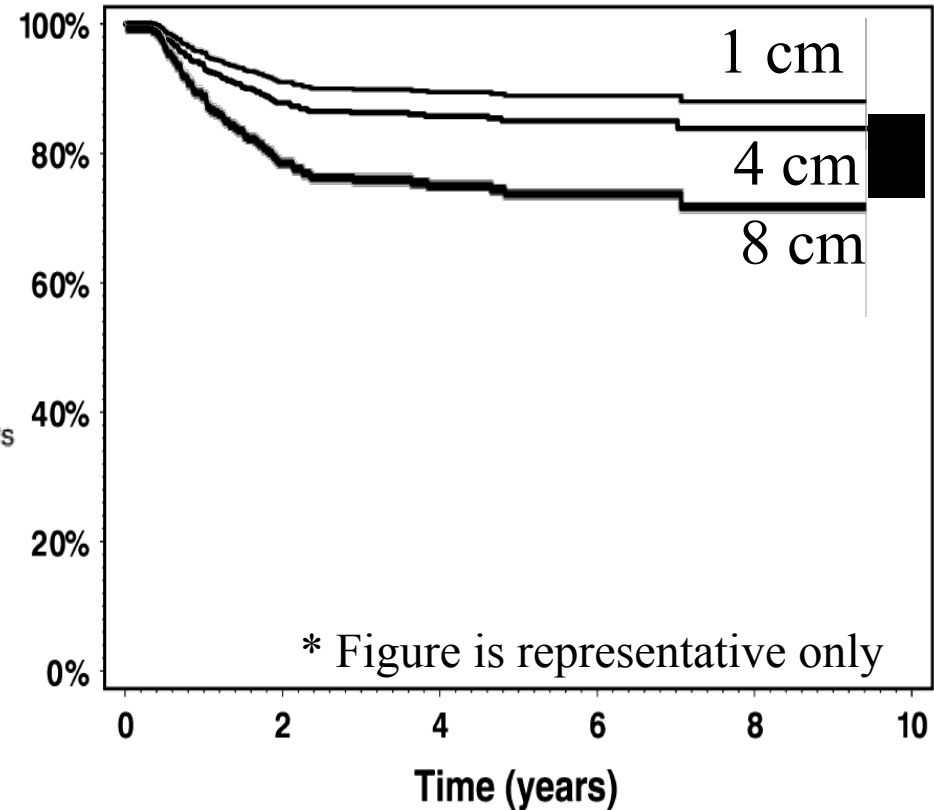
Primary tumor size*	Rate of relapse (%)
1 cm	9
2 cm	11
3 cm	13
4 cm	15
5 cm	17
6 cm	20
7 cm	23
8 cm	26

# Seminoma: no good way to discriminate

**Old**



**New\***



**Over treat 60%**

**Over treat 75%**

**For “high-risk” patients**

# Chemotherapy for CS I Seminoma

Randomized Trial of Carboplatin Versus Radiotherapy for Stage I Seminoma: Mature Results on Relapse and Contralateral Testis Cancer Rates in MRC TE19/EORTC 30982 Study (ISRCTN27163214)

*R. Timothy D. Oliver, Graham M. Mead, Gordon J.S. Rustin, Johnathan K. Joffe, Nina Aass, Robert Coleman, Rhian Gabe, Philip Pollock, and Sally P. Stenning*

- 1447 patients
- XRT(para-aortic) vs. 1 cycle Carbo
- 5 yr relapse rate: 4% vs. 5.3% (vs. 15% surveillance)
- Carbo: Proved “non-inferior” to XRT
- “Carboplatin can be regarded as a standard management option for stage I seminoma”

# Carboplatin for Stage I Seminoma

- Advantages:
  - Reduces relapse from 15% to 5%
- Disadvantages:
  - Only reduces relapse from 15% to 5%
  - Short and long-term toxicity of chemo
    - Short: thrombocytopenia (GI-II: 12%, GIII-IV: 4%)
    - Long-term: not well known
      - One study: 199 pts with 9yrs follow-up
      - No increase in risk of overall mortality or second malignancy
      - But, non-significant increase in CV deaths (SMR 1.44)

# SWENOTECA VII

GU ASCO 2014: Tandstad

- Carbo x 1 vs. Surveillance.
- Rete (HR 1.8) and Size >4cm (HR 2.7) as RFs.
  - No RFs: 97.1% RFR on surveillance
  - 1-2 RFs: 77.2% RFR on surveillance
  - No RFs: 97.7% RFR with carbo
  - 1-2 RFs: 90.6% RFR with carbo

# Carboplatin for Stage I Seminoma

- Disadvantages:
  - Still need to image the retroperitoneum
    - Ideal follow-up schedule not known after carbo
    - But probably should be as frequent as surveillance of seminoma
    - THUS – Radiation exposure is the same
  - 85% are overtreated

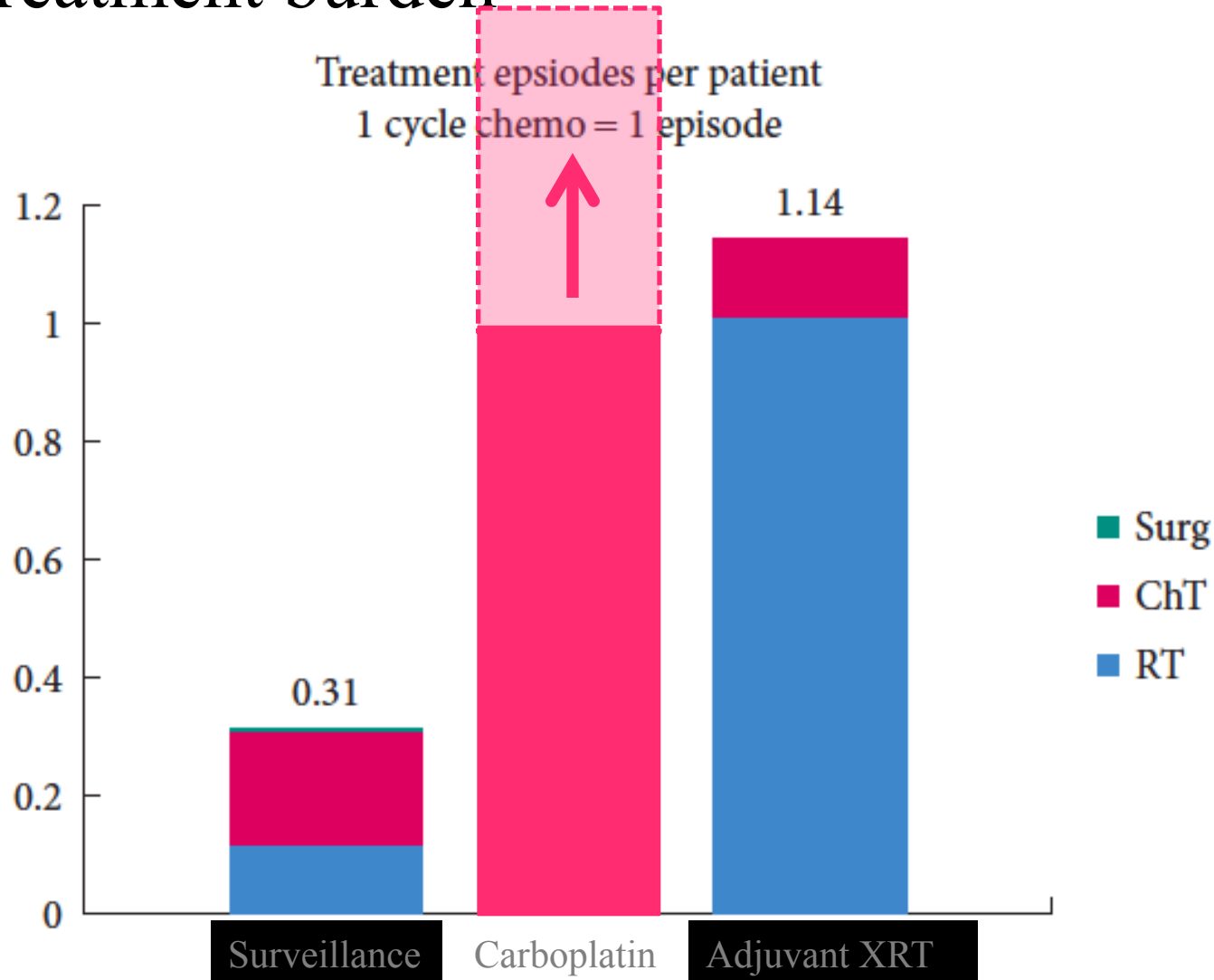


# Seminoma Stage 1: Surveillance, RT, and Carboplatin

	Surveillance	Radiation	Carbo x 1 or 2
Relapse	15%	4%	5%
Imaging Burden	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Treatment Burden	Lowest	Highest	Intermed?
Cancer specific Survival	99%	99%	99%

# Surveillance: Stage I Seminoma

- Treatment burden



# Adjuvant Chemotherapy

- 1 Course Carboplatin
  - At best reduces relapse rate from 15% to 5%
  - Unnecessary treatment in 85% cases
  - Late Relapse in seminoma is well recognised
    - Short Median Follow-up in MRC trial

Must continue to do Cross Sectional Imaging because of risk of Retroperitoneal Relapse if adjuvant chemotherapy chosen as management strategy

## STAGE I SEMINOMA SURVEILLANCE PROTOCOL

Time Post Orchiectomy	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
Year 1						CT A&P*						CT A&P CXR** serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 2						CT A&P						CT A&P CXR serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 3						CT A&P						CT A&P CXR serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 4												CT Abdo*** ONLY serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 5												CT Abdo ONLY serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 7												CT Abdo ONLY serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone
Year 9												CT Abdo ONLY CXR serum LH, FSH, free & total testosterone

- 10 abdo CTs, 6 pelvis CTs, 4 CXR in 9 years
- low-dose CT (<1/2 dose of regular CT)

# Seminoma Surveillance Summary:

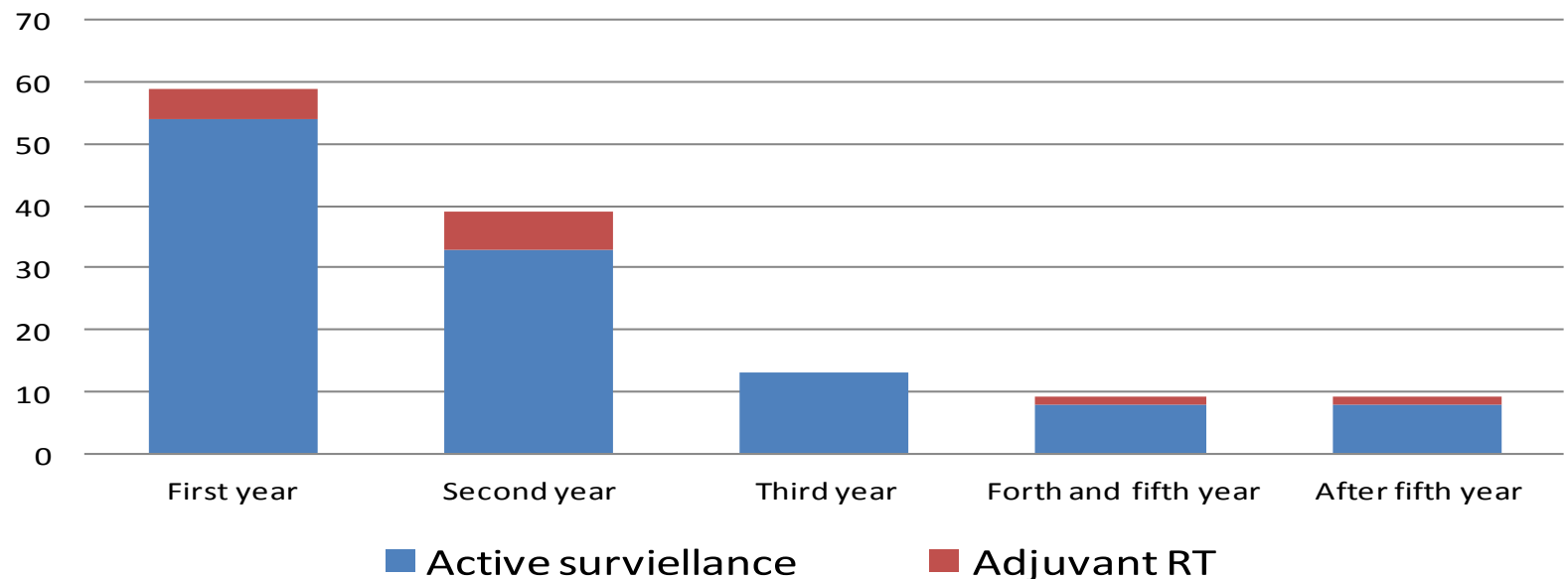
## What to tell your patients

- 15% relapse rate
  - Yes...you can chose to have treatment to lower your relapse rate, but at what cost?
  - Survival is 99% no matter what you choose
- There is no good way to discriminate “low risk” from “high risk” seminoma
- Radiation – ↓relapse, but CV and 2<sup>nd</sup> cancer  
Carbo – ...easy....sexy...but
  - Still need surveillance style imaging for relapse
  - Long-term toxicity not known

# Clinical Outcomes of Late Relapse CSI Seminoma

(1981-2011, n=129/1047, AS=753)

**Figure 1. Distribution of relapse over time in AS and aRT patients**



Para-aortic node(s) was the most common relapse site in AS patients either in LR (n=28, 97%; median size: 2.1 cm) or in ER (n=79, 92%; median size: 2 cm)

# Recommendations

## Stage I Seminoma 2010

### Best way to minimise treatment and late effects

- Surveillance
  - allows > 80% of patients to avoid *any* postorchidectomy treatment
  - with no increase in % patients requiring chemotherapy
  - with no increase in cause specific mortality
  - should be *offered* to all patients

# Outline

- Relapse after Initial Management Strategy
  - Surveillance 15%
    - Low bulk Para-aortic nodes -90% – **Main Focus**
    - Bulky Para-aortic nodes/Distant Metastases
      - BEP X 3 or EPX4
  - Adjuvant Carboplatin 5%
    - Low bulk Para-aortic nodes -66%– **Main Focus**
    - Bulky Para-aortic nodes/Distant Metastases
      - BEP X 3 or EPX4
  - Adjuvant RT
    - Pelvic/Inguinal nodes
      - RT or BEP X 3 or EPX4
    - Distant Relapse
      - BEP X 3 or EPX4



# Treatment Options for Stage I Non-Seminoma

- Active Surveillance
  - Universal or Non-Risk Adapted for all with delayed Rx for relapse
  - Risk-adapted with adjuvant chemotherapy for high risk
- pRPLND for high risk or all



# Active Surveillance Non-Seminoma

- **Strategy based on early detection of relapse by intense follow-up after orchidectomy**
- **Over 3000 patients in surveillance protocols**
- **Identification of prognostic factors of relapse**
  - Lymphovascular Invasion (LVI)
  - Embryonal Carcinoma (EC)
- **Risk-adapted policy?**

*Read G et al. J Clin Oncol 1992; Albers P et al. J Clin Oncol 2003*



<b>Author</b>	<b>No. of Patients</b>	<b>Median Follow-up (years)</b>	<b>Relapses (Number/ %)</b>	<b>Median time to relapse (months-range)</b>	<b>Deaths (Number/%)</b>	<b>Overall Survival Rate</b>
<b>Read <sup>2</sup></b>	373	5	100 (27%)	NR	5 (2%)	98%
<b>Daugaard <sup>20</sup></b>	301	5	86 (29%)	5 (1-171)	0 (0%)	98.6%
<b>Colls <sup>19</sup></b>	248	4.5	70 (28%)	NR	3 (2%)	97%
<b>Francis <sup>22</sup></b>	183	5.1	52 (28%)	6 (1-122)	2 (1%)	99%
<b>Sharir <sup>29</sup></b>	170	6.3	48 (28%)	6.9	1 (1%)	99%
<b>Gels <sup>14</sup></b>	154	7	42(27%)	4 (2-24)	2 (1%)	99%
<b>Sogani <sup>17</sup></b>	105	11.3	27 (26%)	5 (2-24)	3 (3%)	97%
<b>Roeleveld <sup>23</sup></b>	90	8	23 (26%)	7 (3-44)	1 (1%)	98.9%
<b>Nicolai <sup>15</sup></b>	85	11	25 (29%)	7 (2-68)	3 (3.5%)	96%

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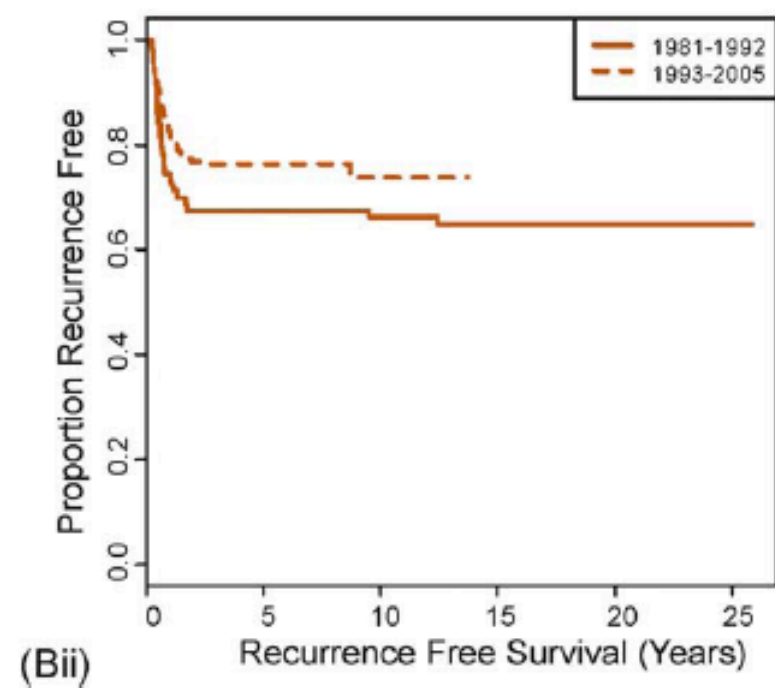
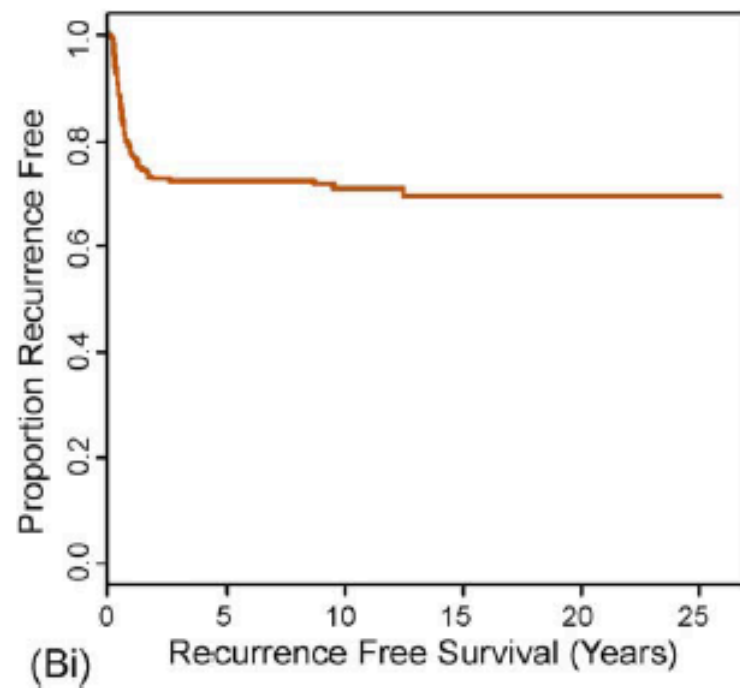
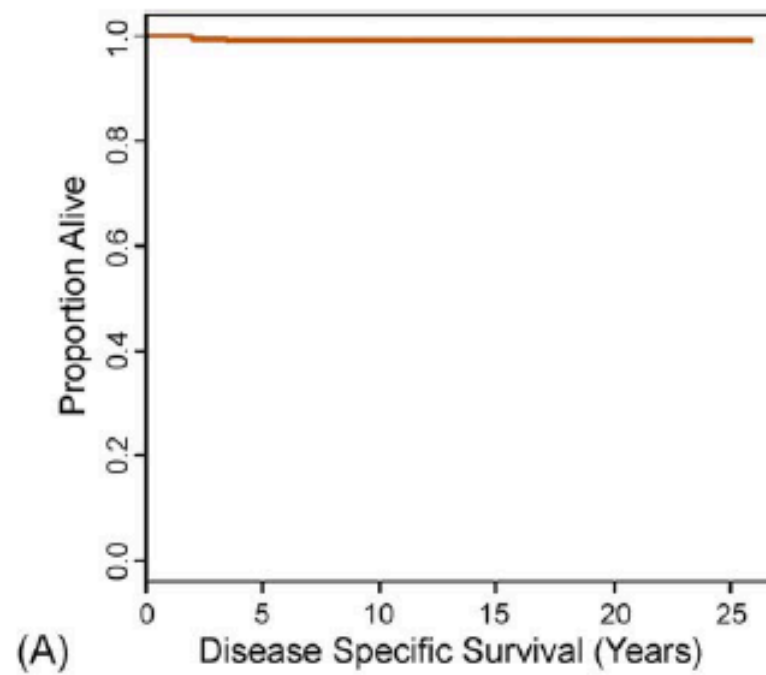
## Platinum Priority – Testis Cancer

*Editorial by Arthur I. Sagalowsky on pp. 563–565 of this issue*

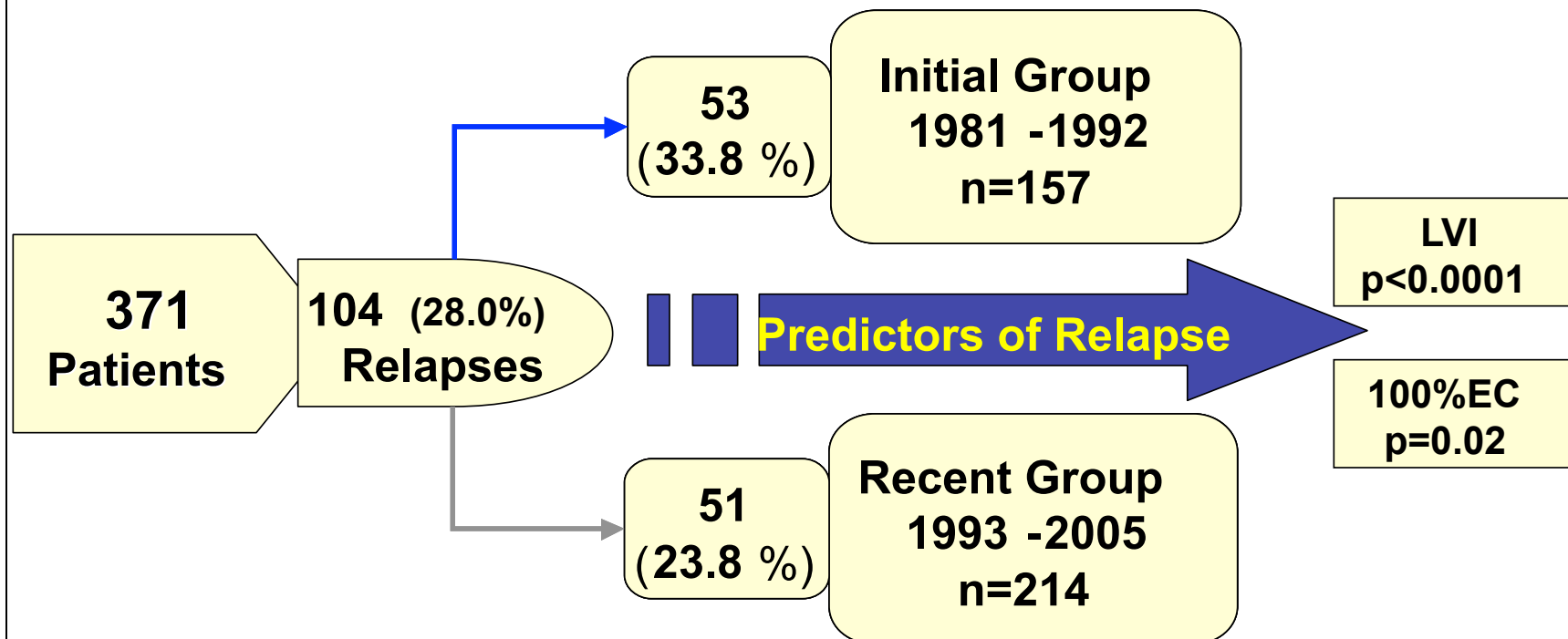
# Non–Risk-Adapted Surveillance in Clinical Stage I Nonseminomatous Germ Cell Tumors: The Princess Margaret Hospital’s Experience

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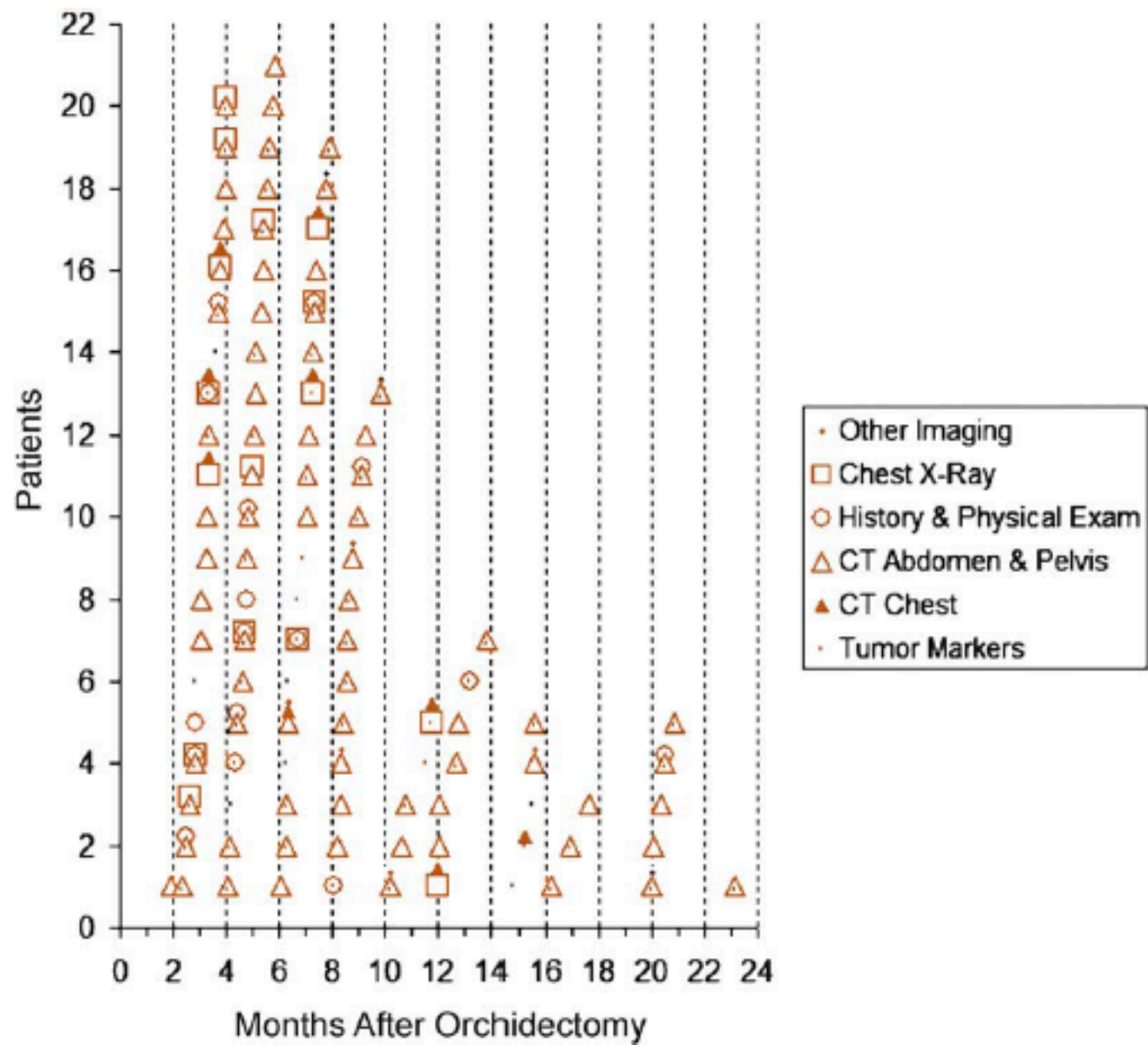


# RELAPSE & PREDICTORS



## RELAPSE RATE BY RISK

	High Risk	Relapses	Low Risk	Relapses
Initial Group n=157	66	36/66 (54.5%)	91	17/91 (18.7%)
Recent Group n=214	59	29/59 (49.2%)	155	22/155 (14.2%)
	125	65	246	39



**Fig. 1 – Diagnostic tools at detection of relapse.**



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## **Non-risk-adapted surveillance for patients with stage I nonseminomatous testicular germ-cell tumors: diminishing treatment-related morbidity while maintaining efficacy**

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n=223

59 (26%) relapse, 7 >2yrs

100% DSS

# **Clinical Stage I Non-seminoma**

## **Canadian Consensus :**

### **Clinical stage I Recommendations**

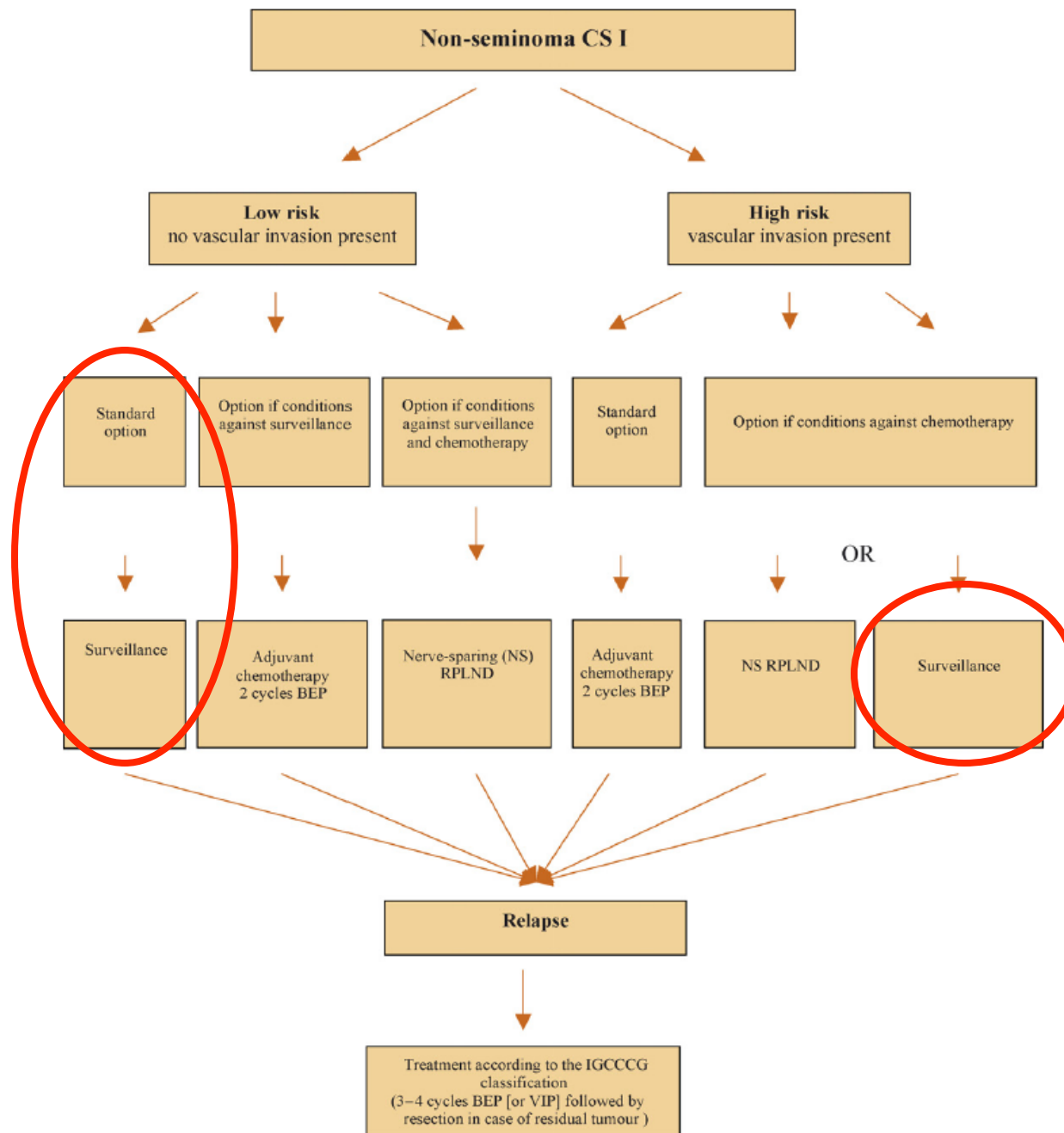
- **For appropriately selected patients, primary surveillance regardless of risk is recommended.**
- **For patients unsuitable for surveillance, or who prefer immediate treatment, adjuvant chemotherapy with BEP X 2 is recommended.**
- **RPLND is not recommended in the routine management of patients with clinical stage I nonseminoma.**



## Review – Testis Cancer

# European Consensus Conference on Diagnosis and Treatment of Germ Cell Cancer: A Report of the Second Meeting of the European Germ Cell Cancer Consensus group (EGCCCG): Part I

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# Nonseminoma: Stage I

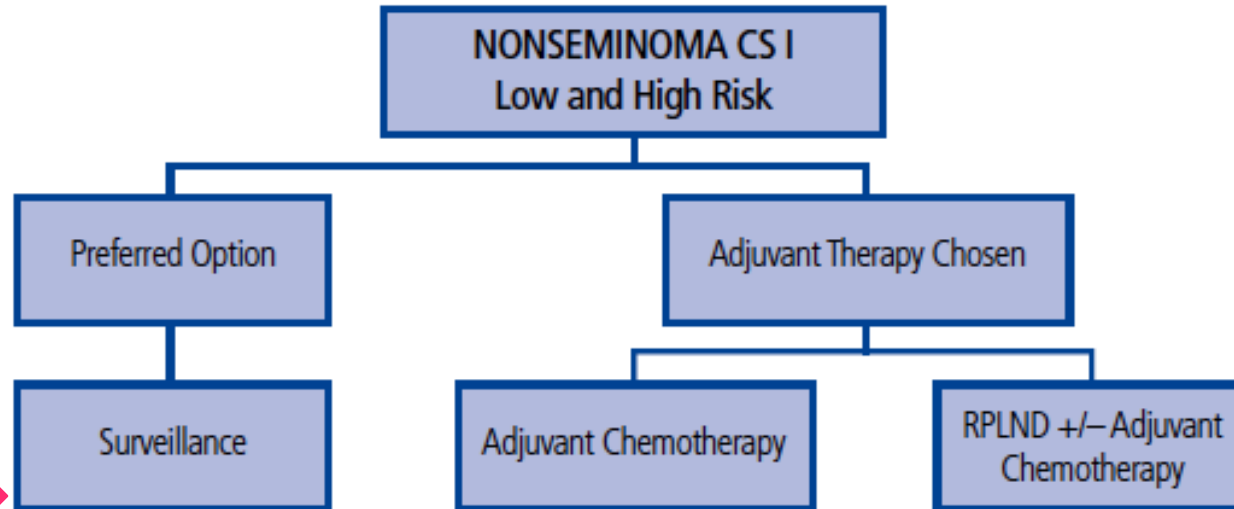
- Slightly more controversial than seminoma
- More discriminative risk factors available
  - All comers: 30% relapse
    - LVI -: 15% relapse (Stage IA)
    - LVI+: 50% relapse (Stage IB)
  - Only other risk factor advocated by some:
    - Pure Embryonal or Embryonal “predominant”
      - Confers about 1.7x risk of recurrence (vs. 3.2 for LVI)

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  - universal surveillance
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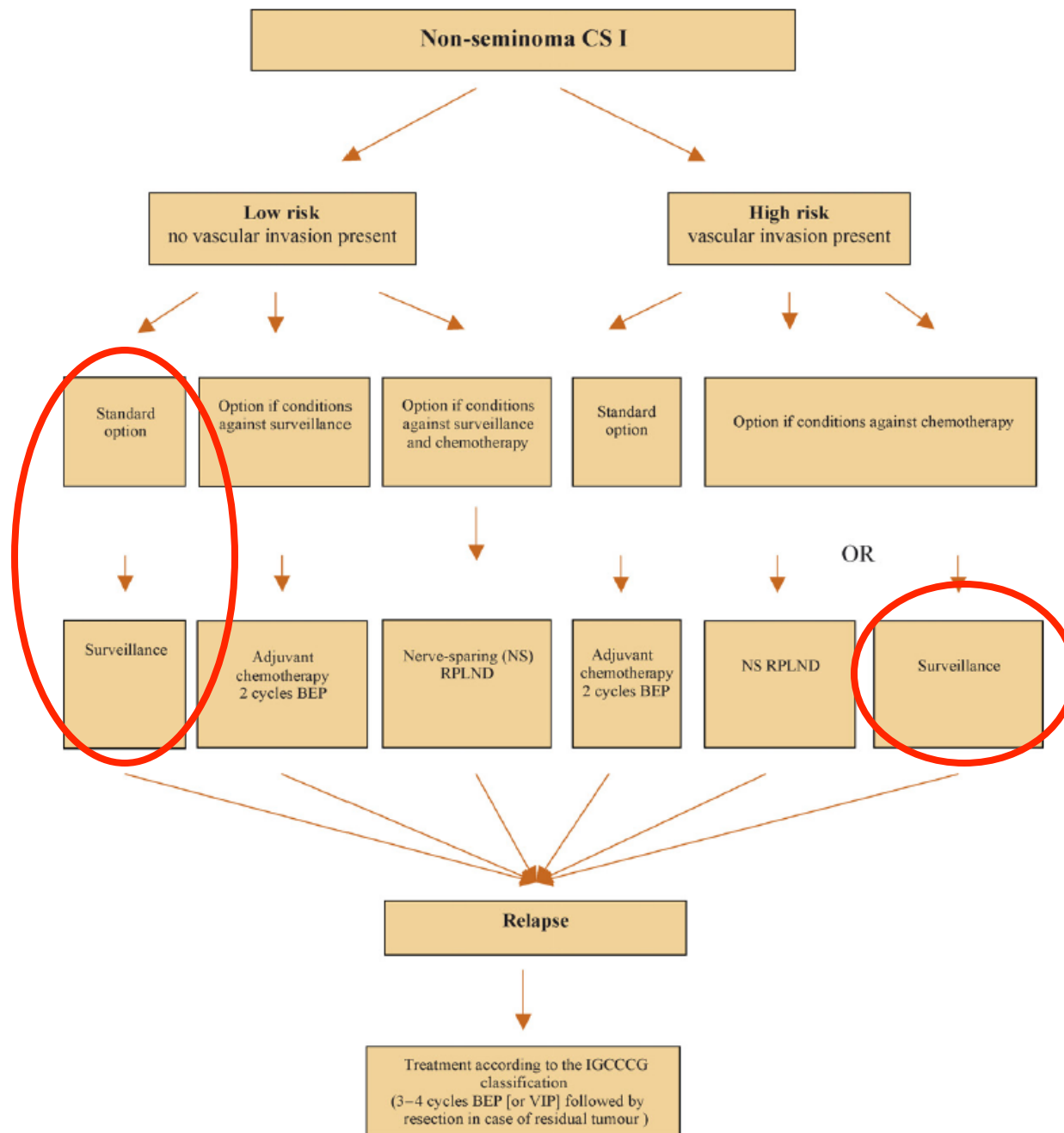
- CUA Consensus Guidelines (2010)



Princess Margaret:  
“Non-risk-adapted”  
surveillance

Not all guidelines agree.....  
NCCN – more emphasis on RPLND  
ESMO – more emphasis on BEP x 1-2





# Variable Recommendations for CS1 NSGCT

NCCN

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**NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2014**  
**Testicular Cancer - Nonseminoma**

**CLINICAL  
STAGE**

**PRIMARY TREATMENT**

**Stage  
IA**

Surveillance (preferred)

or

Nerve-sparing RPLND<sup>0,1</sup>

**Stage  
IB**

Nerve-sparing RPLND<sup>0,1</sup>

or

Primary chemotherapy:  
BEP for 2 cycles or  
BEP for 1 cycle

or

Surveillance for T2 only  
(category 2B)

**ESMO-Clinical Practice Guideline**

	<b>Stage I</b>
<b>First line</b>	<p>Vascular invasion absent</p> <p>Preferred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surveillance</li> </ul> <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1-2xBEP</li> <li>▪ RPLND (rarely)</li> </ul>
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# Nonseminoma: Stage I

- Relapse and CSS by therapy

Option	Relapse	CSS
Primary RPLND	13% (0% @ PM*)	98-100% (99% @ PM)

- Sheinfeld and Hedenreich (Feldman editorial):
  - RPLND 5-7% recurrence for CS1B
  - Only 1-3% recurrence in the RP

High relapse rate in RP, but high CSS rate in RP



## STAGE I NON-SEMINOMA SURVEILLANCE GUIDELINE

Time Post Orchiectomy	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12
<b>Year 1</b>	Markers*	Markers		Markers CT A&P*** CT Thorax		Markers		Markers CT A&P CT Thorax		Markers		Markers CT A&P CT Thorax Serum LH,FSH, free & total testosterone
<b>Year 2</b>		Markers		Markers		Markers		Markers		Markers		Markers CT A&P CT Thorax Serum LH,FSH, free & total testosterone
<b>Year 3</b>				Markers				Markers				Markers Serum LH,FSH, free & total testosterone
<b>Year 4</b>						Markers						Markers Serum LH,FSH, free & total testosterone
<b>Year 5</b>												Markers CT A&P CT Thorax Serum LH,FSH, free & total testosterone
<b>Transition to primary care after 5 years. No ongoing imaging/labs required. Physical surveillance of remaining testis.</b>												

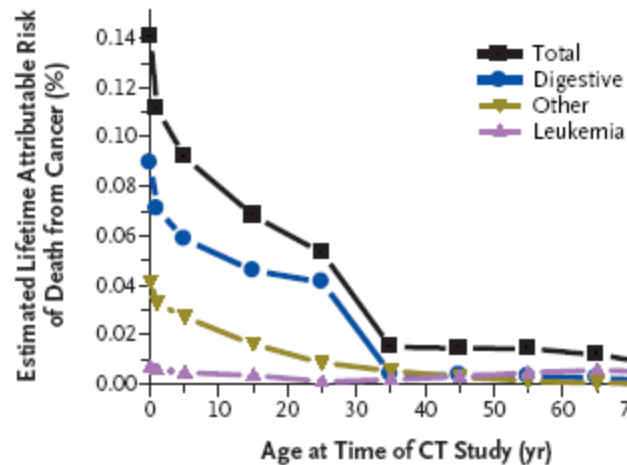
- 5 abdo-pelvis CTs, 5 Chest CTs, in 5 years
- low-dose CT (<1/2 dose of regular CT)

# Risks of Diagnostic Radiation

## Serial CT scanning

- cancer risk      Lifetime risk Death from Ca with 1 CT Scan (Brenner & Hall, NEJM 2007;357:2277)

D Abdominal CT, 240 mAs



# Rationale for RPLND for Clinical Stage I (pT1-4N0M0) NSGCT

- Accurate staging of retroperitoneum
- “Control the retroperitoneum” if pS II
- Reduce follow-up imaging of abdomen
- Reduce chemotherapy and its toxicity

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## 1 course BEP vs RPLND

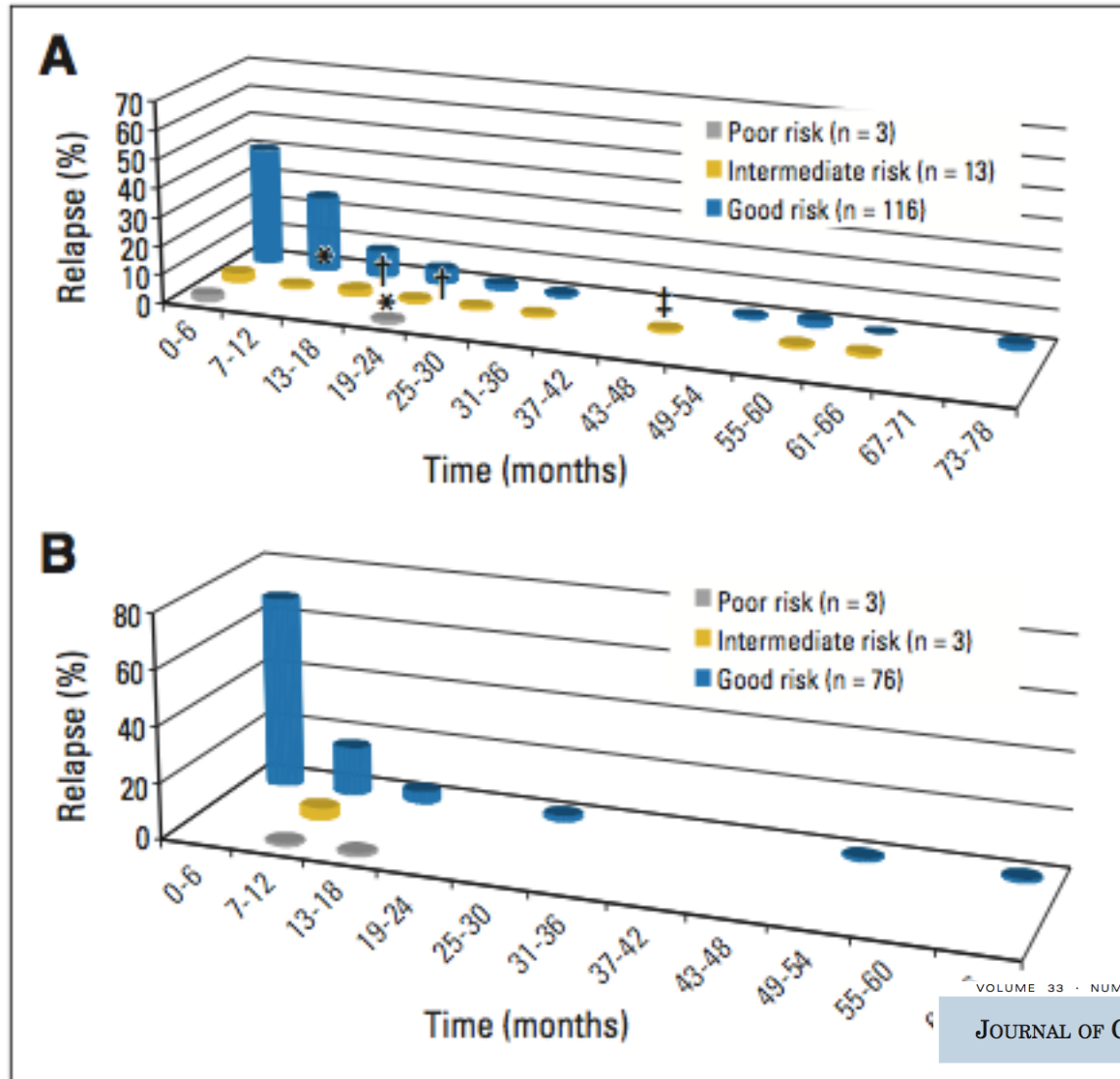
- 61 centres performed 173 RPLND's
- 18% N+ (32/172) - adjuvant BEPx2 in 24
- 10% relapse (13/140 those no adjuvant chemo) – BEPx3, salvage surgery in some
- Approx **25% double therapy**
- **7 retroperitoneal recurrences** (mainly outside template)



# Alternatives for Rx of Clinical Stage I NSGCT / 100 patients

	Toronto PMH	German Testicular Cancer Study Group AUO Trial AH 01/94	
	Surveillance	RPLND	Chemotherapy
High risk	28	42	42
Mortality (@2yrs)	0.5	3	0
Relapses (@ 2 yrs)	23	5	.5
No Therapy	77	0	0
Single Therapy	13	93	99
Multimodal Therapy	9	19	.5
Surveillance	100	0	0
RPLND	13	100	1
Chemotherapy	17	41	100
Chemotherapy cycles	69	59	122
1 &/or 2 cycles	1	38	122
3 or more	68	21	0

# Pattern of & Risk Status @ Relapse of Clinical Stage I NSGCT



## Patterns of Relapse in Patients With Clinical Stage I Testicular Cancer Managed With Active Surveillance

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# Trend to Chemotherapy in Clinical Stage II NSGCT

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ORIGINAL REPORT

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Andrew I. Stephenson, George I. Bosl, Robert I. Motzer, Dean F. Baizer, Jason P. Stasi, and Joel Sheinfeld

**Table 1.** Primary Treatment Modality (overall and by clinical stage) for Patients Over Time

Modality	Period						<i>P</i>
	1989-1993		1994-1998		1999-2002		
	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	
Overall							< .001
RPLND	57	78	56	52	23	32	
Chemotherapy	16	22	52	48	48	68	
Clinical stage IIA							< .001
RPLND	44	98	52	84	23	55	
Chemotherapy	1	2	10	16	19	45	
Clinical stage IIB							< .001
RPLND	13	46	4	9	0	0	
Chemotherapy	15	54	42	91	29	100	

Abbreviation: RPLND, retroperitoneal lymph node dissection.

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**Table 4.** Outcome Comparison for Patients Treated From 1989 to 1998 versus 1999 to 2002

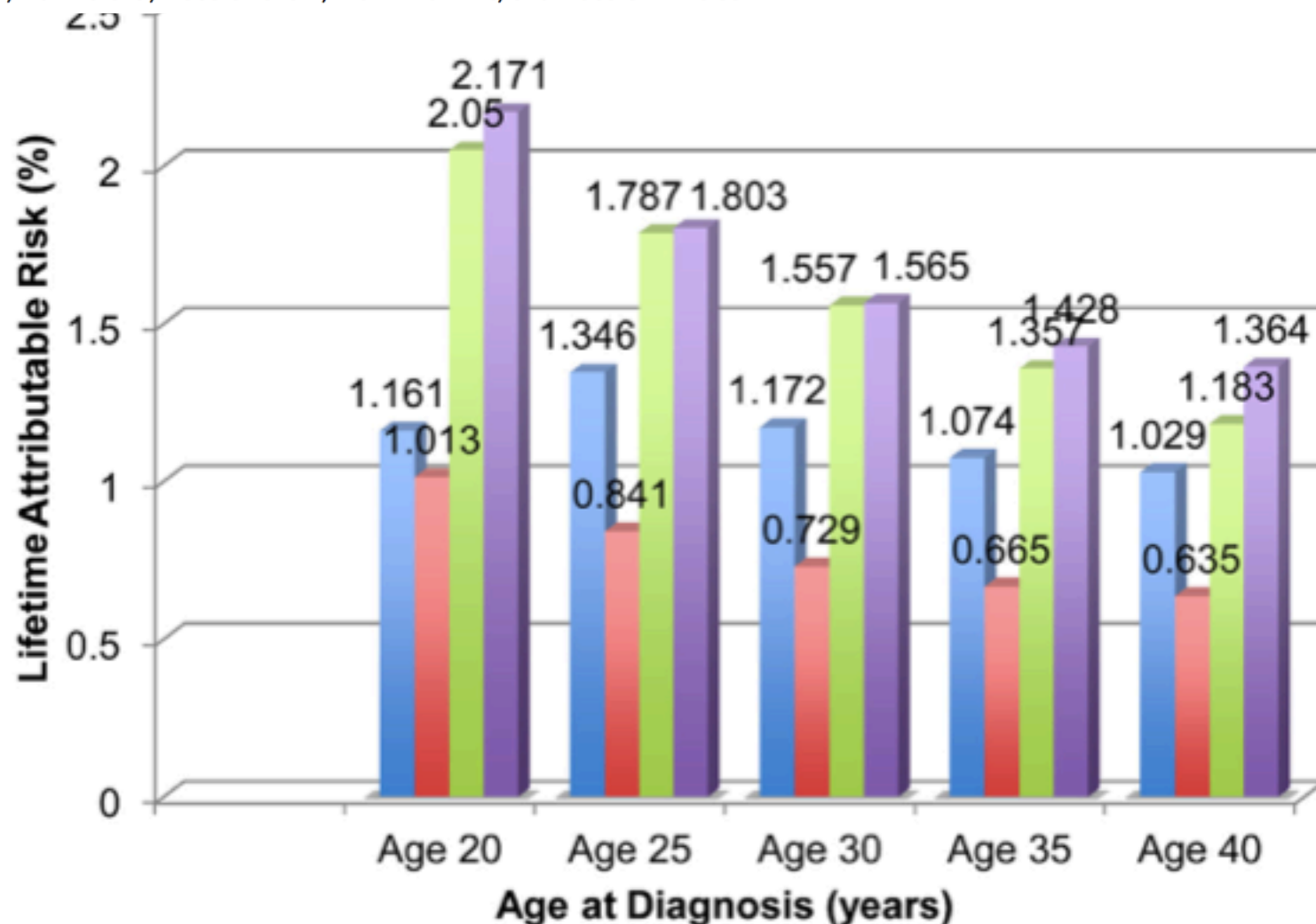
Outcome	Period				P
	1989-1998		1999-2002		
	No. of Patients	%	No. of Patients	%	
Patients	181		71		
Treatment					< .001
Primary RPLND	113	62	23	32	
Induction chemotherapy	68	38	48	68	
Progression events	26		1		
5-year relapse-free survival, %		84		98	.004
Patients receiving chemotherapy	127	70	56	79	.16
Mean chemotherapy cycles		2.5		3.1	.040
5-year disease-specific survival, %		99		100	.4

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**Table 1.** 2012 and 2014 NCCN active surveillance protocol for clinical stage I NSGCT

Year	NCCN 2012				NCCN 2014			
	Months Between CXR	Months Between CTAP	CXR (Per Year) Min/Max	CTAP (Per Year) Min/Max	Month Between CXR	Month Between CTAP	CXR (Per Year) Min/Max	CTAP (Per Year) Min/Max
1	1-2	2-3	6/12	4/6	1-2	3-4	6/12	3/4
2	2	3-4	6	3/4	2	4-6	6	2/3
3	3	4	4	3	3	6-12	4	1/2
4	4	6	3	2	4	6-12	3	1/2
5	5	12	2	1	5	12	2	1
6+	6	12	2	1	6	12-24	2	0/1
Total	—	—	23/29	14/17	—	—	23/29	8/13

**Table 2.** CT abdomen and pelvis NCCN 2012 and 2014 risk comparison

Protocol	Number of CTAP	Total Effective Dose (mSv)	Risk at Age 20 y (%)	Risk at Age 25 y (%)	Risk at Age 30 y (%)	Risk at Age 35 y (%)	Risk at Age 40 y (%)	CT Cost (\$369.30/ Study)	MRI Cost (\$772.18/ Study)
NCCN 2014 (max)	13	182	1.16	1.35	1.17	1.07	1.03	4801	10,038.34
NCCN 2014 (min)	8	112	1.01	0.84	0.73	0.67	0.64	2954	6177.44
Auto EC	17	177.7	2.05	1.79	1.56	1.36	1.18	—	—
NCCN 2012	17	240.9	2.17	1.80	1.57	1.43	1.36	6278	13,127.06
Change (%) NCCN (max)	13	−24	−47	−25	−25	−25	−25	−24	−24
NCCN (min)	8	−54	−53	−53	−53	−53	−53	−53	−53
Auto EC	—	−26	−6	−1	−1	−5	−13	—	—

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## Contemporary trends in postchemotherapy retroperitoneal lymph node dissection: Additional procedures and perioperative complications

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### RPLND has low complication rate, even pcRPLND

**Conclusion:** The incidence of perioperative complications is low with no significant trend over the last decade. A substantial number of patients require additional intraoperative procedures during PC-RPLND, which has remained stable at our institution over time. © 2014



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## Testicular Cancer — Discoveries and Updates

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### STAGE II NONSEMINOMATOUS GERM-CELL TUMOR

Patients with a low-volume stage II nonseminomatous germ-cell tumor (disease confined to the retroperitoneal lymph nodes, with the lymph nodes <3 cm in diameter) and normal  $\beta$ -hCG and AFP levels after orchiectomy are generally treated with retroperitoneal lymph-node dissection, although care must be individualized. Patients with high-volume stage II disease or increasing levels of markers should receive chemotherapy (BEP for three cycles or etoposide and cisplatin for four cycles).<sup>31</sup> Cures are achieved in 95 to 99% of patients.

Retroperitoneal lymph-node dissection is the standard treatment after chemotherapy in patients with stage II or III disease who have had a sero-

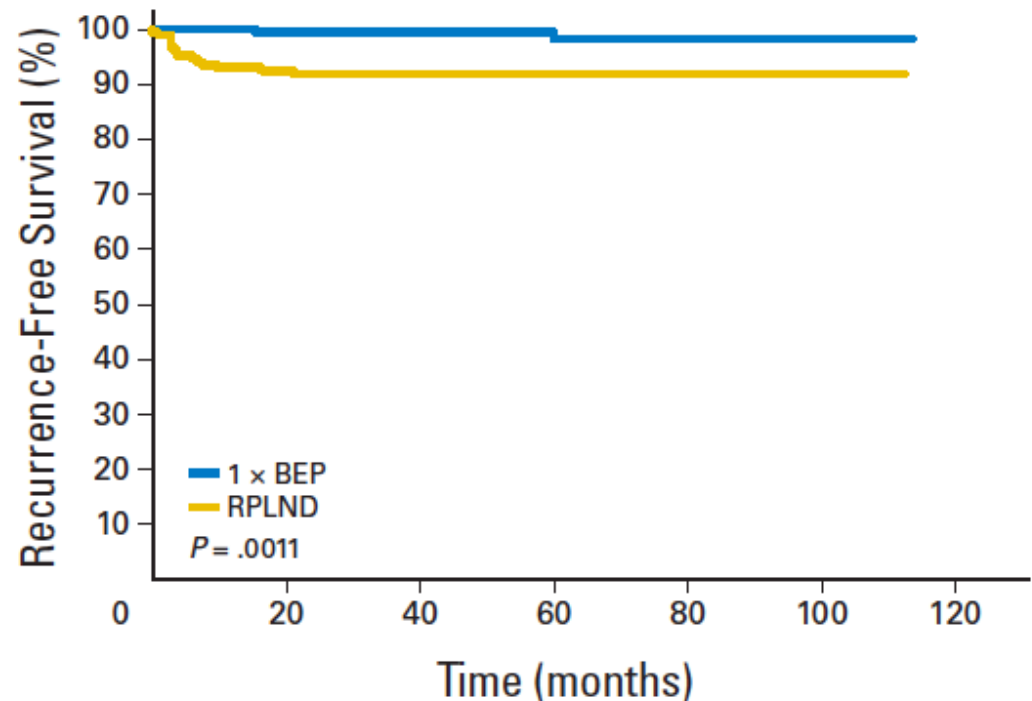
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- BEP x 1 vs. RPLND
- 382 patients
- 5 year follow-up
- Recurrence:
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## Primum Non Nocere: What Hurts in Clinical Stage I Testicular Cancer?

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### **Chronic fatigue in 812 testicular cancer survivors during long-term follow up: increasing prevalence and risk factors.**

Sprauten M<sup>1</sup>, Haugnes HS<sup>2</sup>, Brydøy M<sup>3</sup>, Kiserud C<sup>1</sup>, Tandstad T<sup>4</sup>, Bjørø T<sup>5</sup>, Bjerner J<sup>6</sup>, Cvancarova M<sup>1</sup>, Fosså SD<sup>1</sup>, Oldenburg J<sup>7</sup>.

# Cardiovascular disease after RT and Cht for Germ Cell Tumours

## Radiation Therapy

- RMH – 982 survivors
  - Actuarial risk of cardiac event at 10 years
    - Surveillance 1.4%
    - Radiotherapy 7.2%
    - Chemotherapy 3.43%
- Dutch study – population based – 2707 survivors
  - No Increased rate of CVD with RT

## Chemotherapy

- Norwegian Study – 990 survivors
  - BEP was associated with 5.7 fold increase for CAD vs age matched controls
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- Raynauds 15-45% long term survivors treated with ChT

# Pulmonary Disease after Cht for Germ Cell Tumours

- Pulmonary Toxicity
  - Fatal Bleomycin Toxicity in 1-3% of pts treated with Bleomycin
    - Predictive factors
      - Age >40, Decreased renal function, cumulative dose, advanced disease
- GCT patients cured with Chemotherapy after 1975
  - 2.5 fold risk of dying from a Resp infection as compared to normal population

Sullivan et al Annals Oncol 14:91-96, 2003  
Fossa et al JNCI 99:533-44, 2007

# Nonseminoma Surveillance Summary:

## What to tell your patients

- 30% relapse rate
  - Yes...you can chose to have treatment to lower your relapse rate, but at what cost?
  - Survival is 99% no matter what you choose
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- Even if restrict adjuvant treatment to high-risk: 50% never needed it
- Total treatment burden is less with surveillance

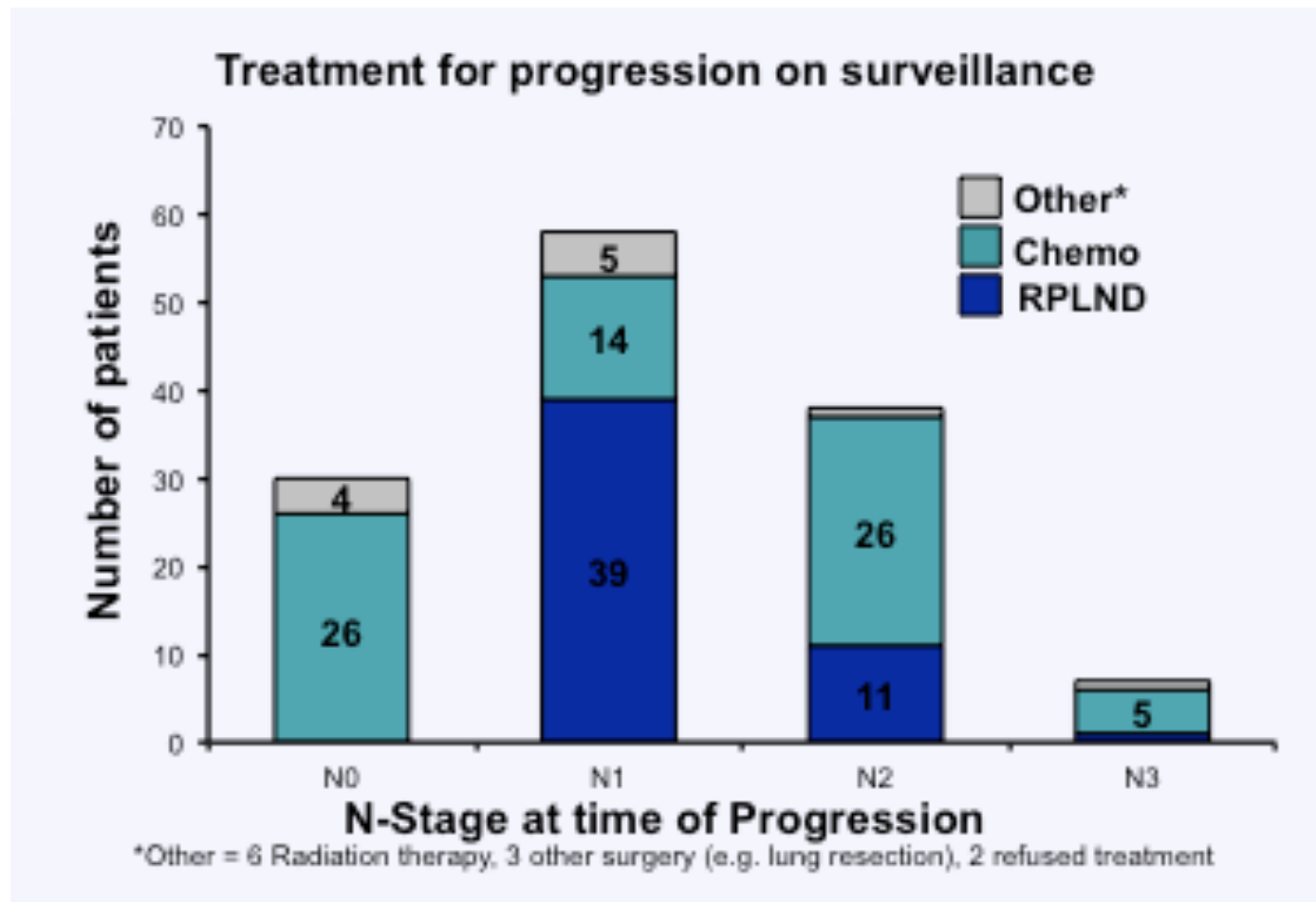
# Addressing the “Loss to follow-up” criticism

- “21% lost to follow-up within 5 years”
  - That’s the Ottawa experience (*Alomary et al., 2006*)
  - 5.4% at PMH (for NSGCT) (*Sturgeon et al., 2011*)
  - 3% at Sunnybrook (*Choo et al., 2005*)
  - 3% in Danish series just published (*Daaguard JCO 2014 – can find in feldman*)
- Points about the 5.4%
  - Not all of them relapse (only 15%)
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  - Adjuvant treatment (chemo, rads, RPLND) doesn’t reduce the relapse rate to zero; just lowers it.



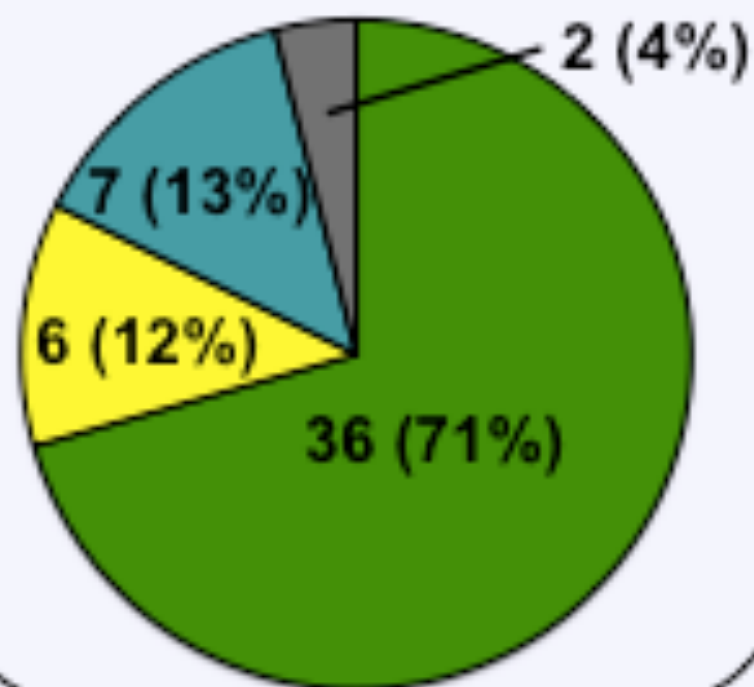
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n=466, 1981-2011



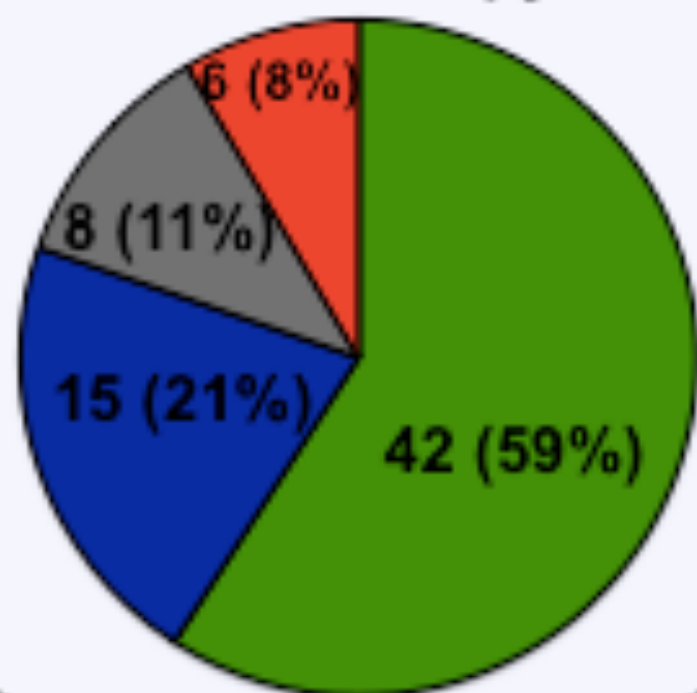
## Outcome after first treatment for progression

RPLND



- No further treatment
- Chemo for relapse
- Adjuvant chemo

Chemotherapy



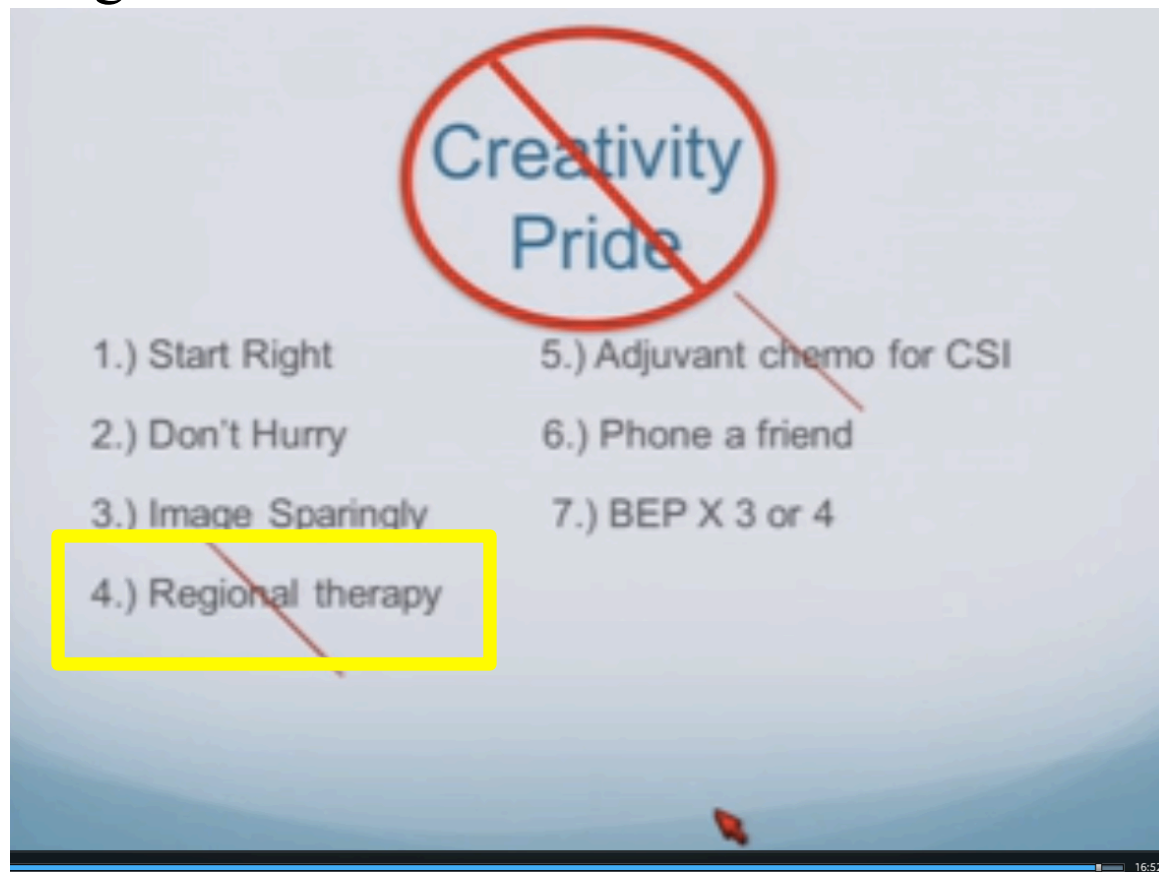
- PC RPLND
- Other surgery
- Chemo/surgery for relapse

# Pitfalls in Surveillance

- 1) Beware the “Normal” report
- 2) Caution the suspicious node:
  - 7-9mm node in the primary landing zone is called “normal”
  - Recommend early (6 week) re-scan to ensure not a budding Stage II prior to starting surveillance
- 3) Treating relapse

# Treatment of Surveillance Relapses

- GU ASCO 2013: Craig Nichols
  - Medical Oncologist at Virginia Mason
- “Can we optimize testis cancer outcomes by simply following the rules”



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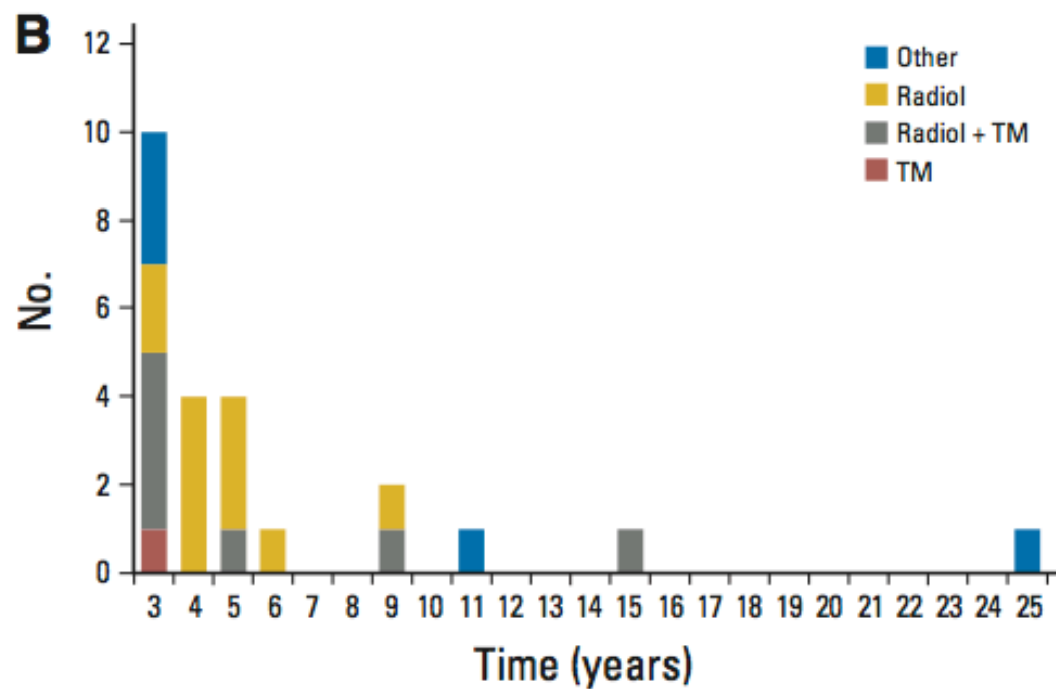
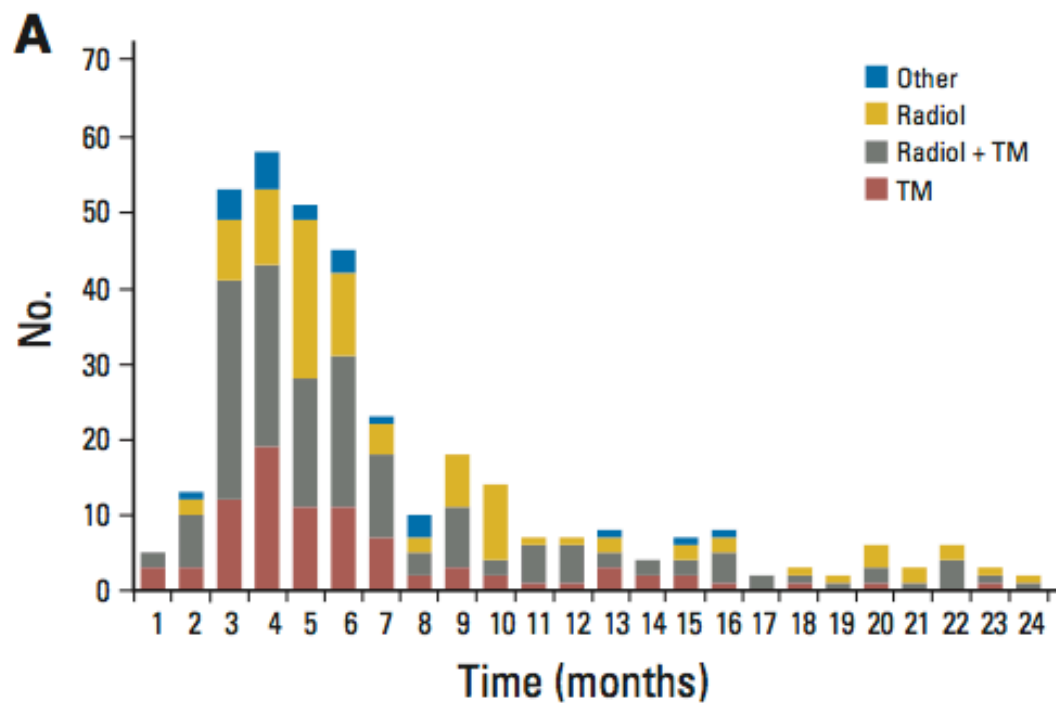
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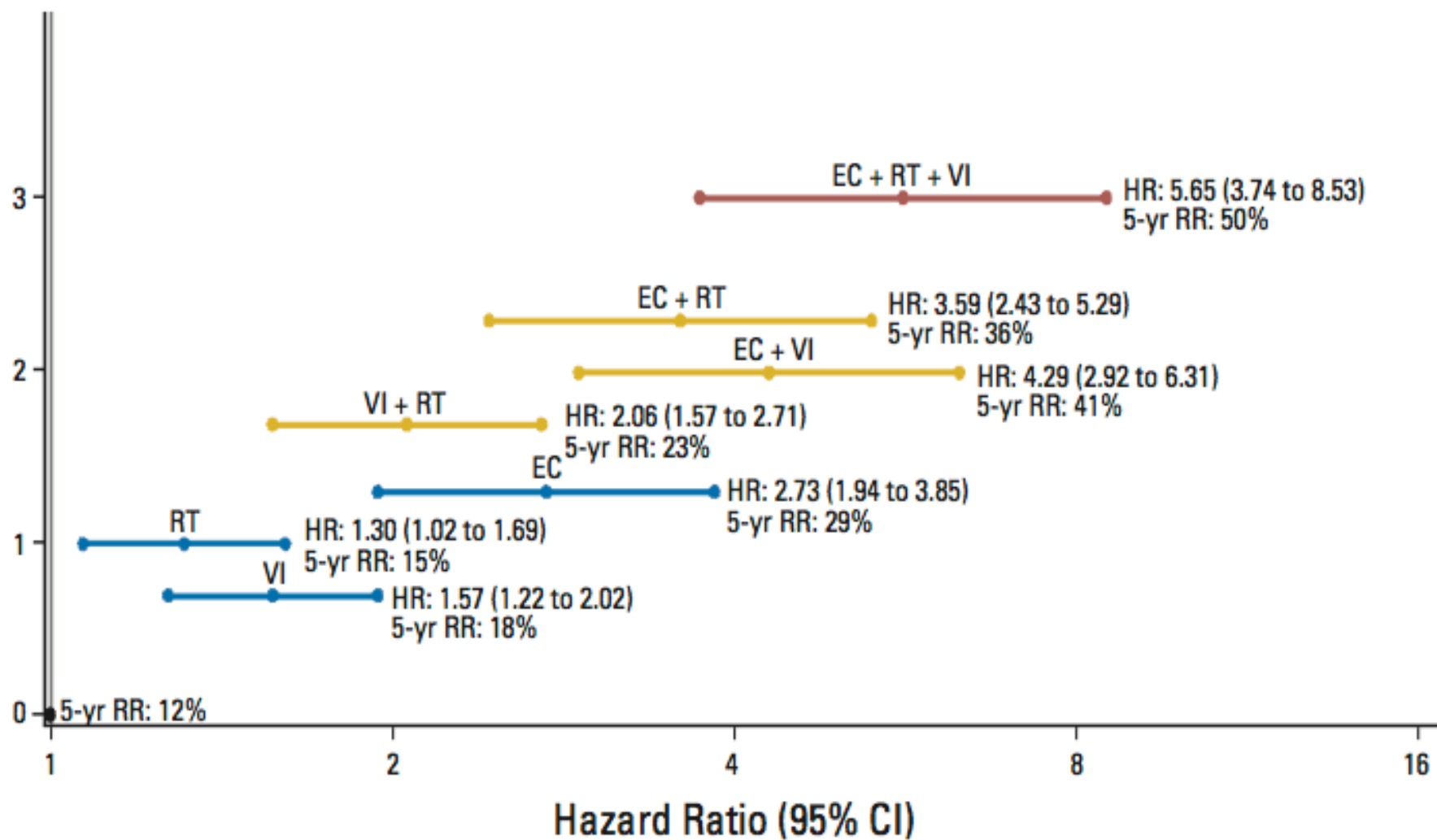
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# Treatment of Surveillance Relapses

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- Non-seminoma (*PMH: Sturgeon et al., 2011*)



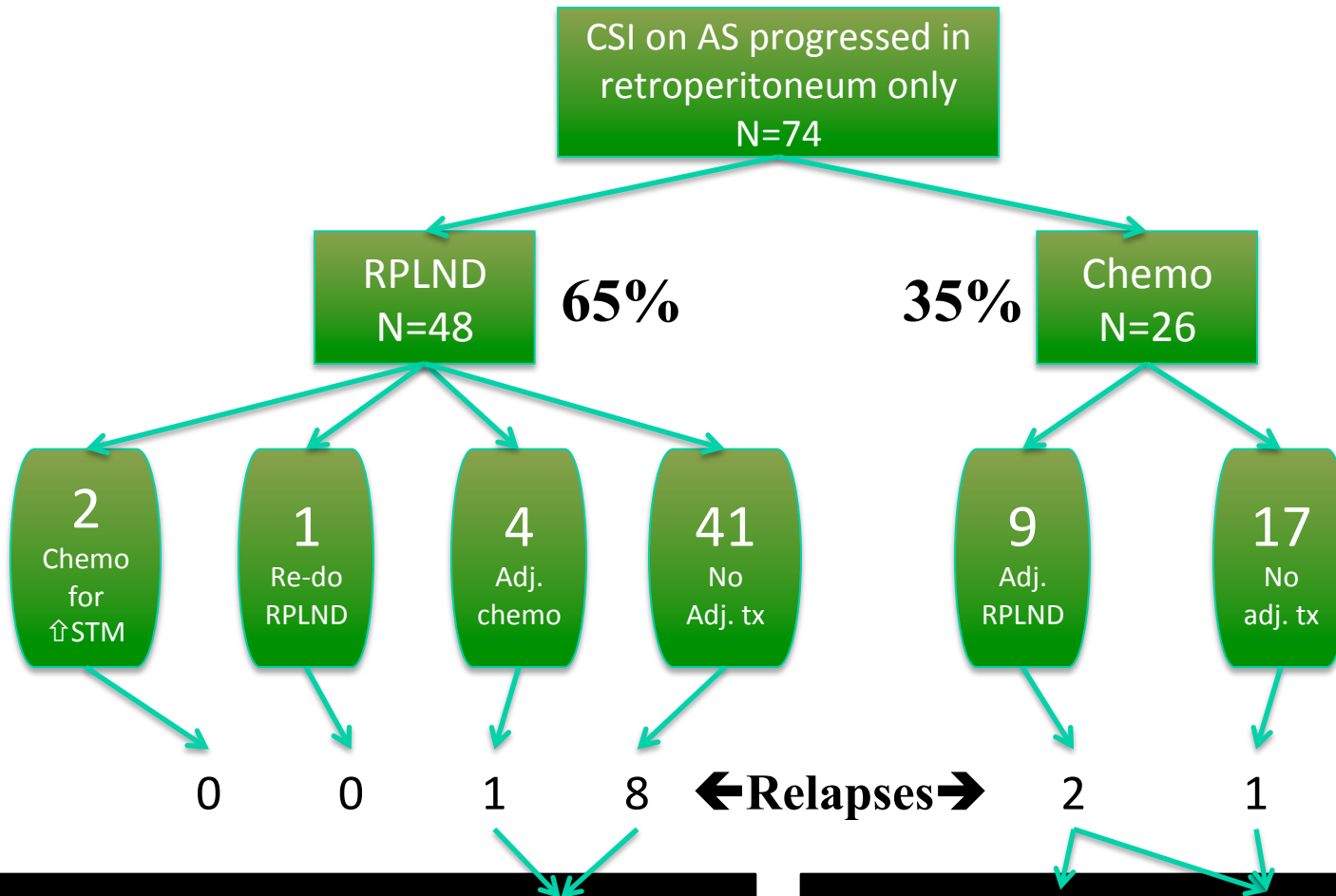
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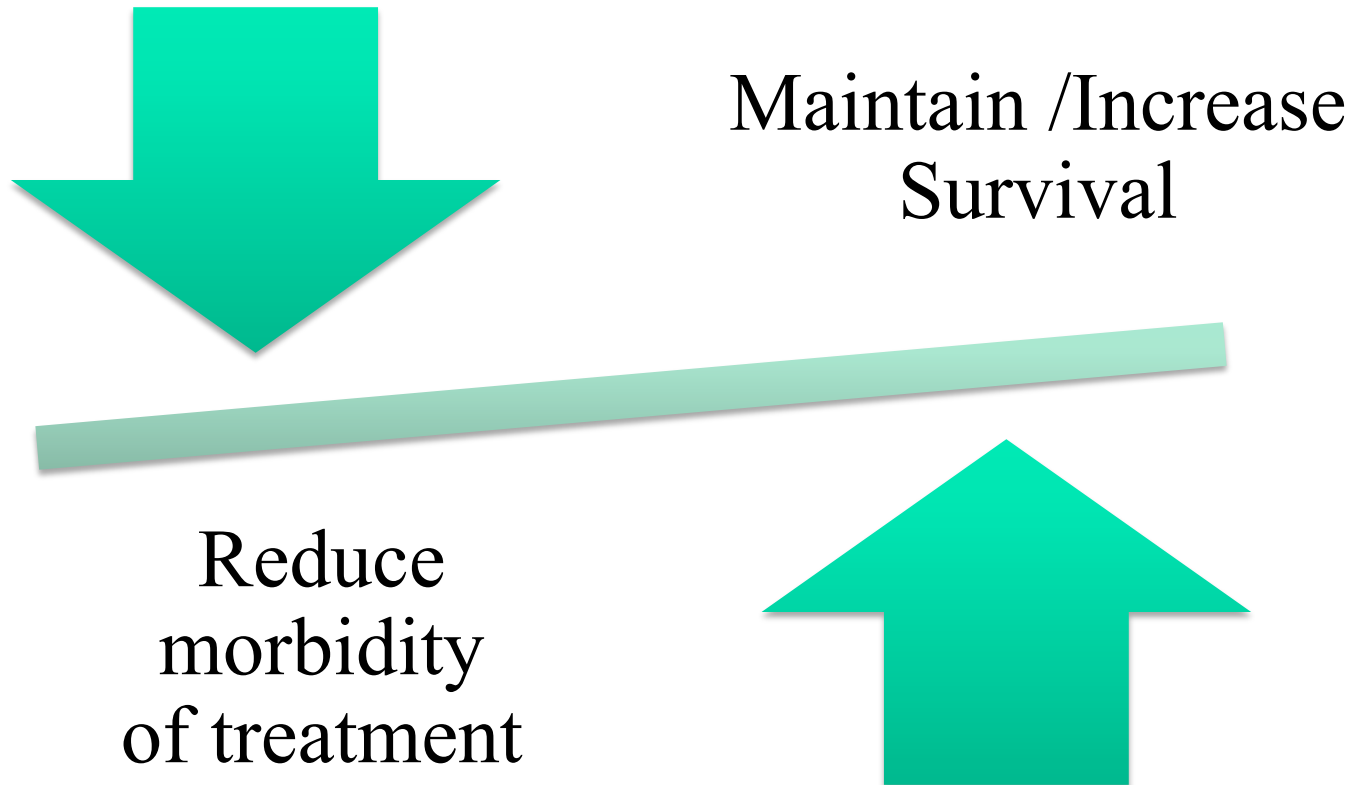
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# Summary

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# Guiding Principles of Treatment Testicular Cancer





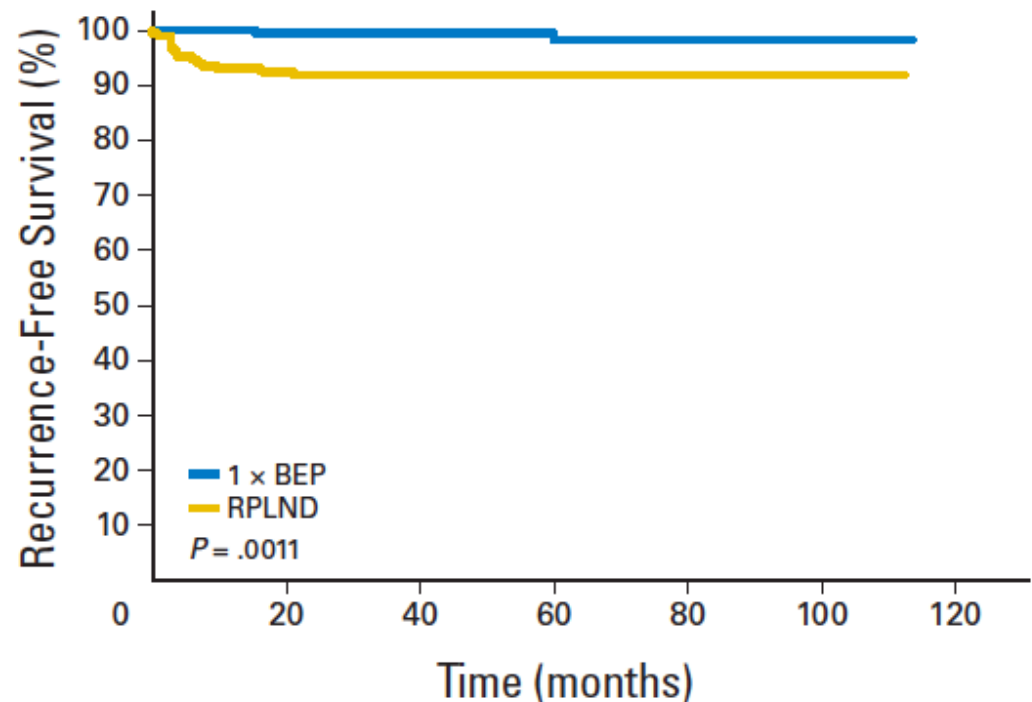
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## **(pRPLND, pc RPLND)**

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- Nerve sparing critical
- May have increased role in Stage I progression confined to the RP

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### Residual Mass

- Can not accurately predict histology
- Timing of surgery after chemotherapy
- Indication -  $>1$  cm
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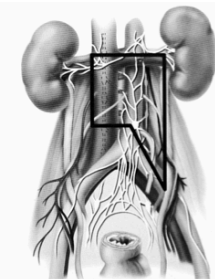


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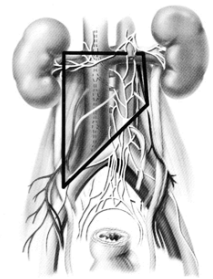


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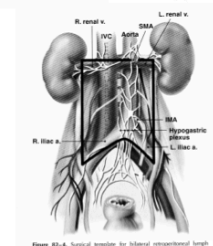


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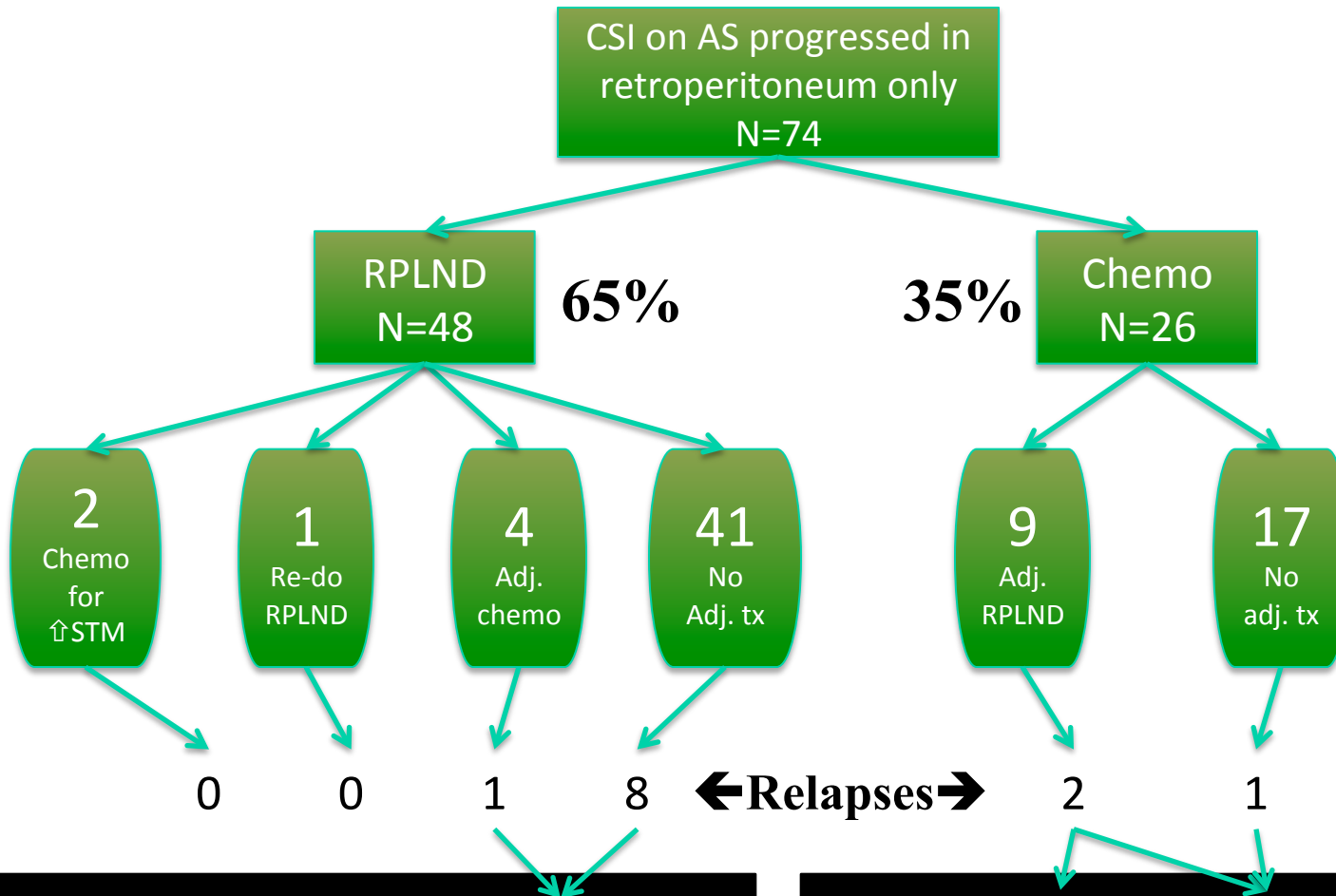
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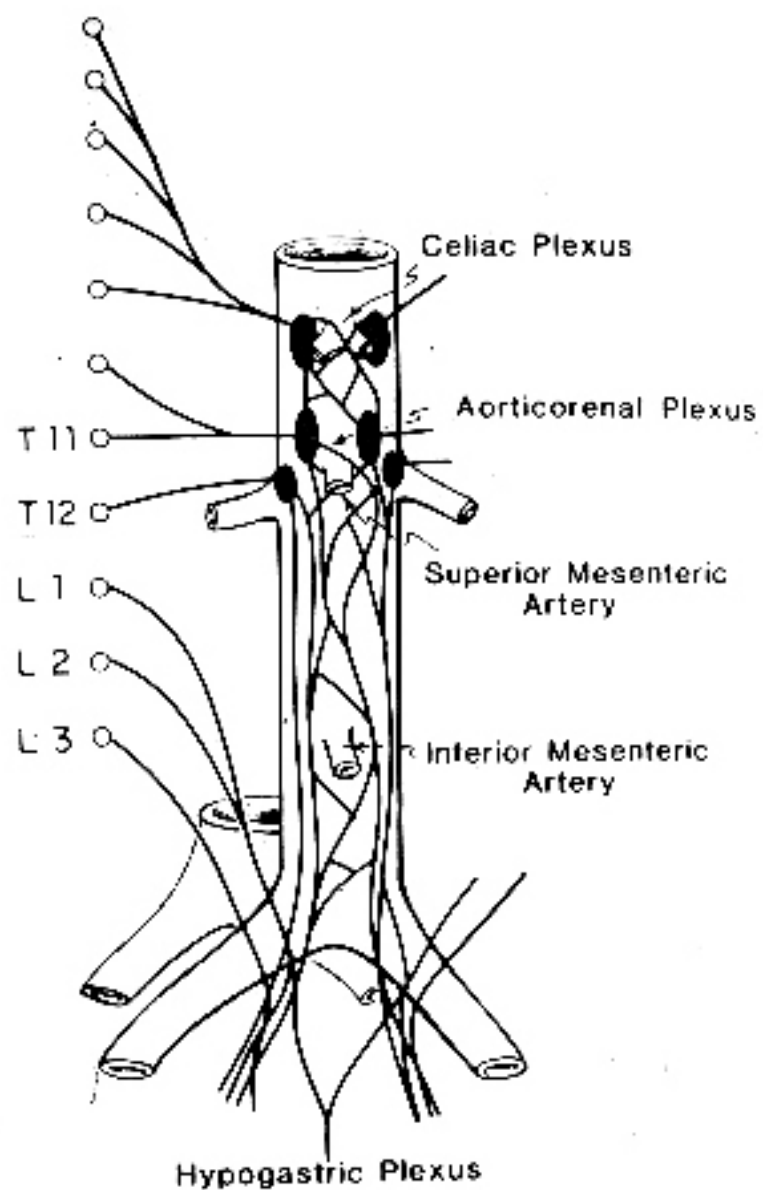
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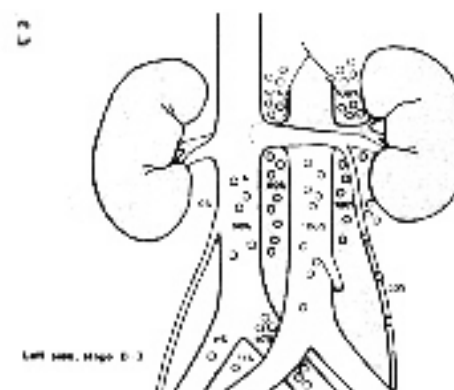
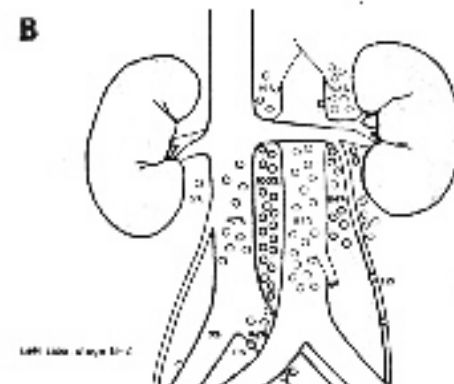
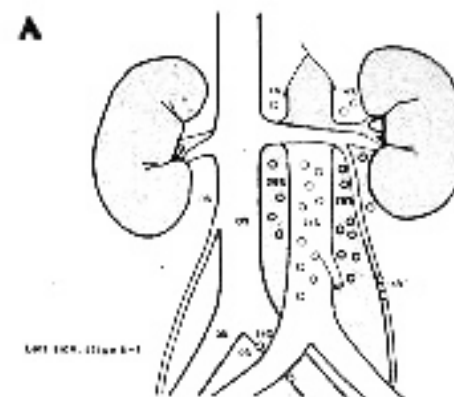
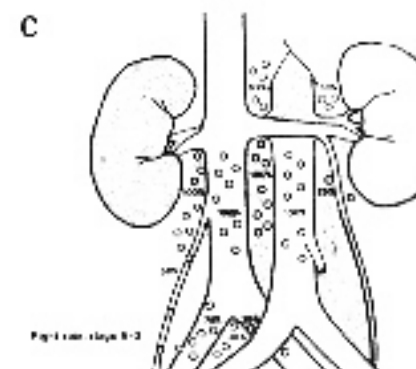
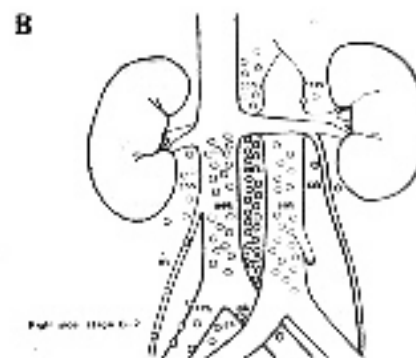
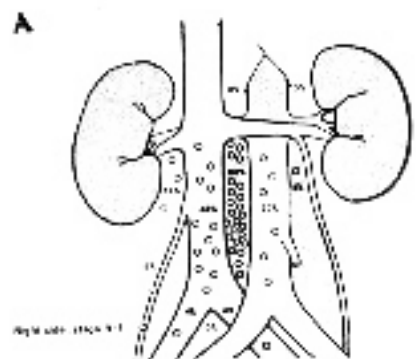
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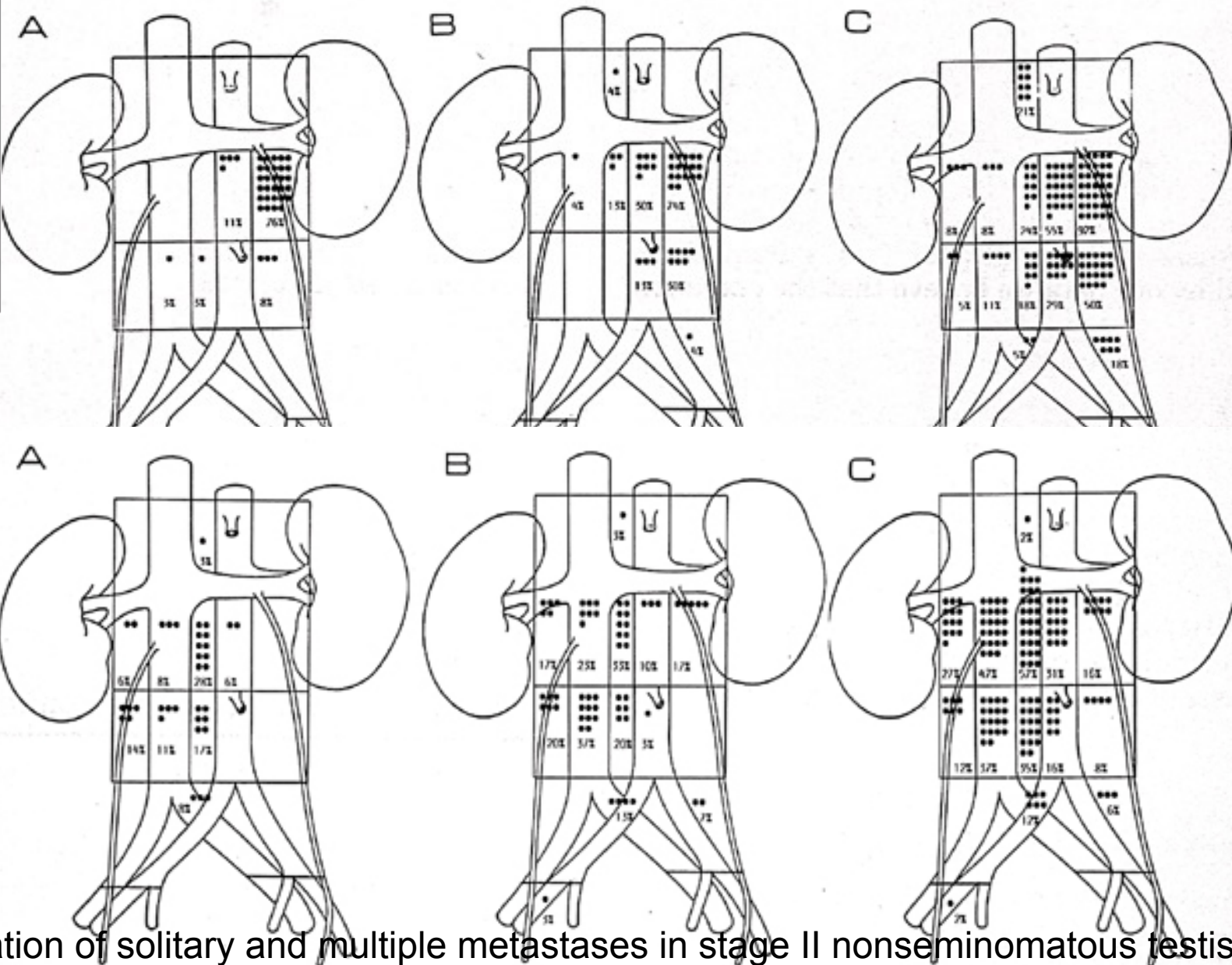
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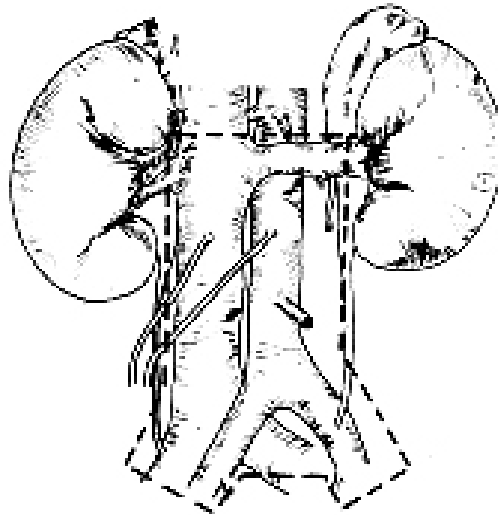


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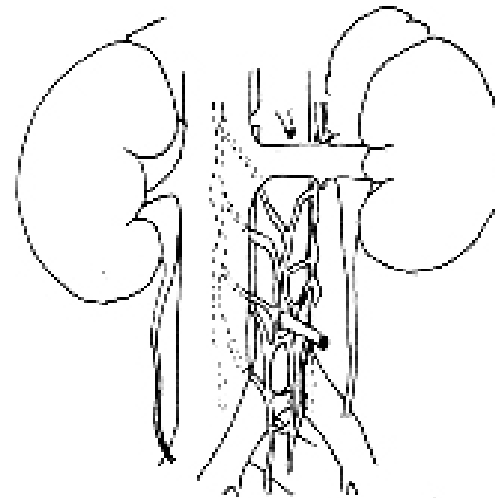
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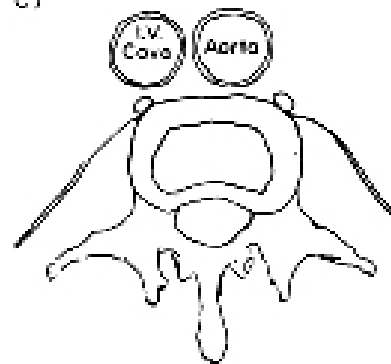
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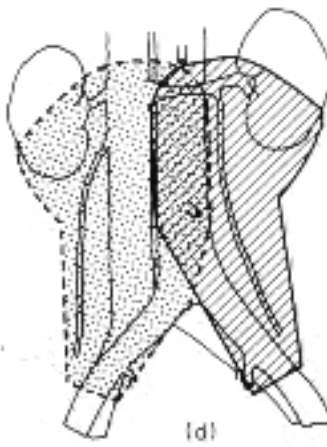
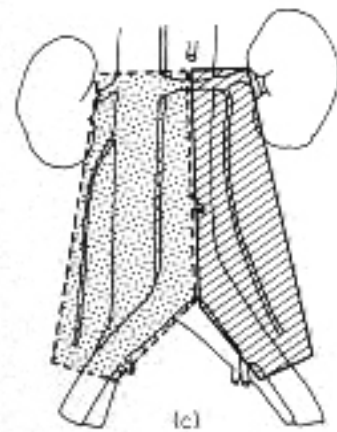
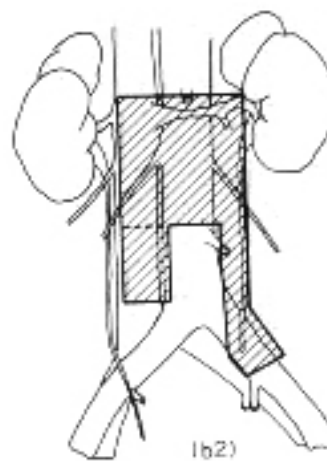
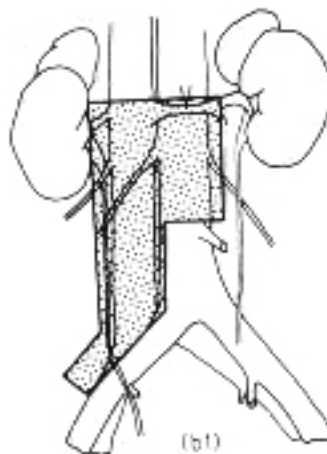
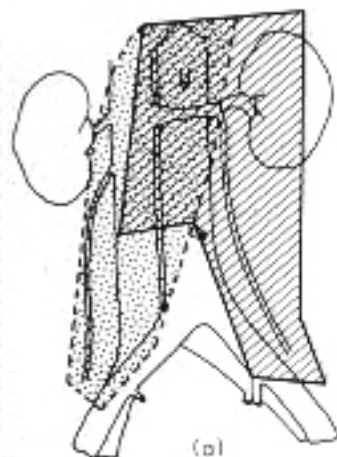


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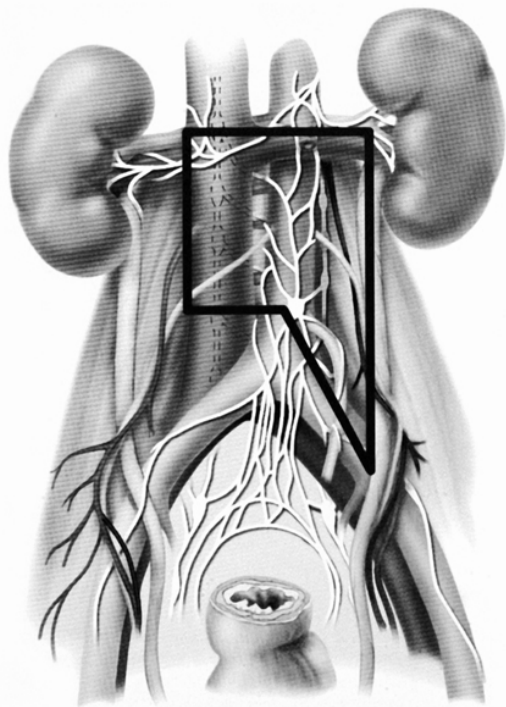


Figure 82-5. Surgical template for modified, left-sided retroperitoneal lymph node dissection.

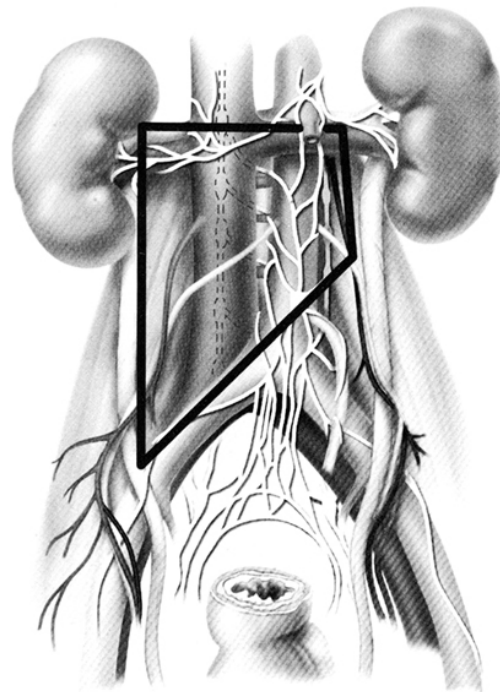


Figure 82-6. Surgical template for modified, right-sided retroperitoneal lymph node dissection.

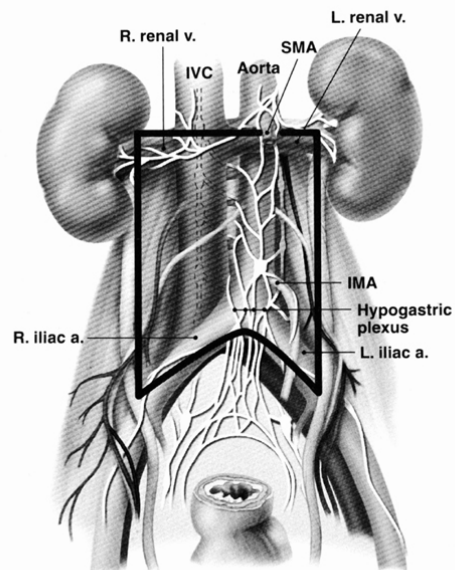


Figure 82-4. Surgical template for bilateral retroperitoneal lymph node dissection.

# Loss of Antegrade Ejaculation after RPLND

## Outcomes of the management of post-chemotherapy retroperitoneal lymph node dissection-associated anejaculation

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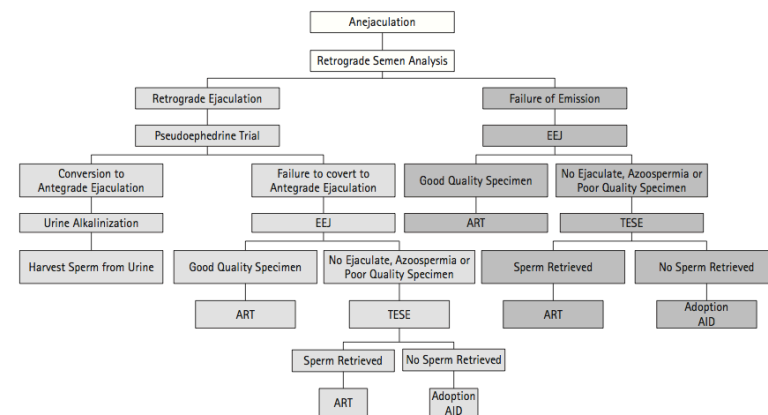
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### Clinical Care Pathway

- Retrograde ejaculation (RE)
- Failure of emission (FOE)



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**Laparoscopic retroperitoneal  
lymph node dissection for  
testicular cancer**

Understanding NICE guidance –  
information for people considering  
the procedure, and for the public

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Procedure Guidance 158

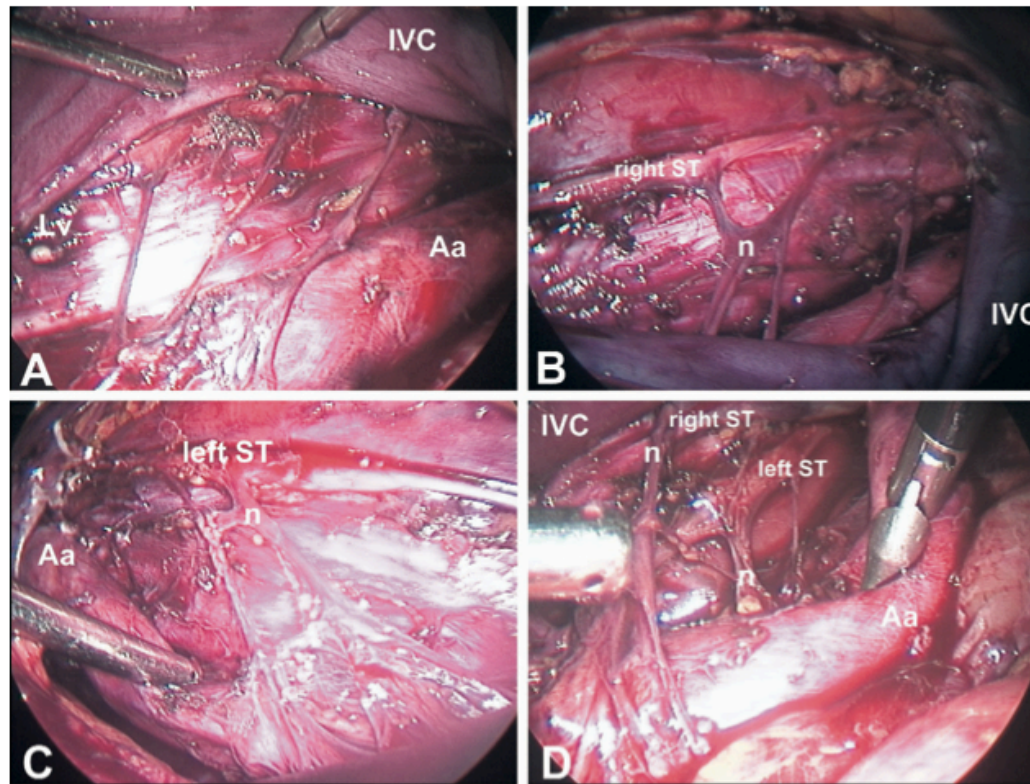
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“Current evidence on the **efficacy** of laparoscopic retroperitoneal lymph node dissection is limited and there are **safety** concerns about the procedure. It should therefore not be used without special arrangements for consent and for audit or research”

“This procedure is **technically demanding** and should only be performed in units with **experience in open and laparoscopic techniques**, and in the context of a **multidisciplinary team**”

# MIS Lap or RAL RPLND and Nerve Sparing



Innsbruck 42 cases – short followup

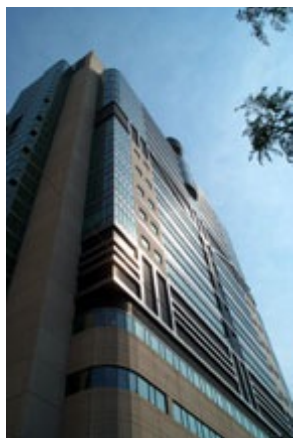
- 23 bilateral pRPLND, 19 pcRPLND
- 86% antegrade ejaculation

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J Urol 2008;180:1348

# Management of Residual Disease in NSGCT Testicular Cancer: Retroperitoneal Lymphadenectomy Can Be Performed Selectively

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# Management of Residual Disease in NSGCT Testicular Cancer

- Assessment of response to chemotherapy
- Timing of surgery
- Indications for surgery
- Extent of surgery
- Prediction of residual mass pathology
- Complications of surgery

# Residual Disease in NSGCT Testicular Cancer

No accurate predictor of residual pathology

- embryonal in primary (Fossa JCO 1992)
- teratoma in primary (Donohue J Urol 1987)
- normal pretreatment markers (Fossa JCO 1992)
- >90% reduction in residual mass (Donohue J Urol 1987) rate of cancer and teratoma decreases as mass shrinks  
(Oldenburg Fossa JCO 2003)
- image characteristics of residual mass
- rate of cancer and teratoma decreases as mass decreases
- nomogram

# Post – Chemotherapy(pc) RPLND RATIONALE

- Resection of carcinoma is therapeutic as drug resistant and allows adjuvant planning
- Resection of teratoma is therapeutic to prevent growing teratoma, malignant transformation and late relapse ,ie, “control the RP”
- Resection of necrosis is not therapeutic but provides staging information and follow - up regimen
- Advantages of above outweigh morbidity



# Residual Disease in NSGCT Testicular Cancer

## Complications of RPLND

- important to have experience assessing  
implications of location, size, adjacent organs,  
# renal vessels
- increase with extent of surgery, bilat>modified  
template (Beck Einhorn Cancer 2007;110:1235-40, )

# Management of Residual Disease in NSGCT Testicular Cancer Recommendations

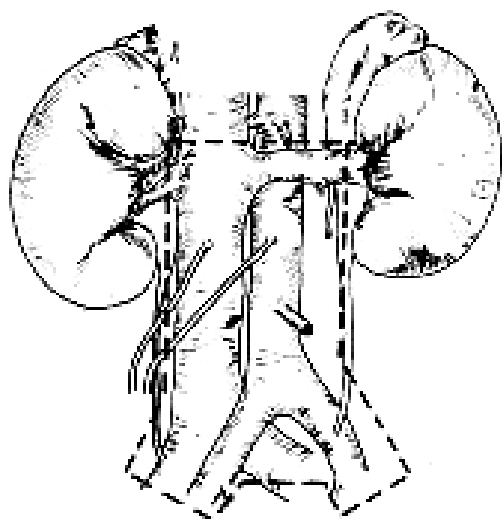
- Observe RP if imaging “normal”
- Observe RP if residual disease is  $< 1$  cm as the RP rarely becomes “normal”
- May consider observing some  $>1$  cm

# Personal Experience with pcRPLND for Residual Disease Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto

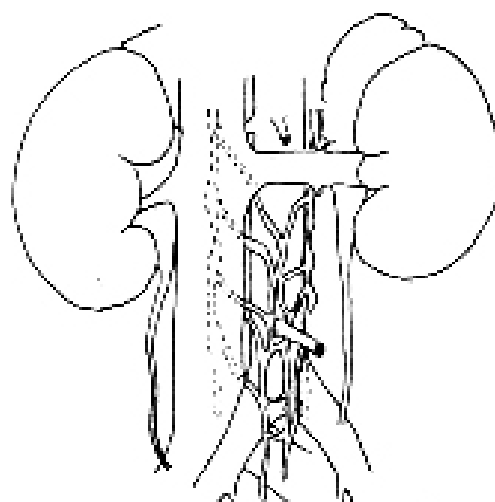
- n = 226
- Residual mass 6.5 cm (0.5-21)
- Nerve-sparing in 52.8%
- Histology of the residual mass
  - Ca  $\pm$  teratoma 16.6 % (last 134=13.4%)
  - teratoma 55.2%
  - necrosis/fibrosis 28.2%)
- Tumor outside lumpectomy or template  
21.4 and 4.7% of cases

\* 1982- 2004

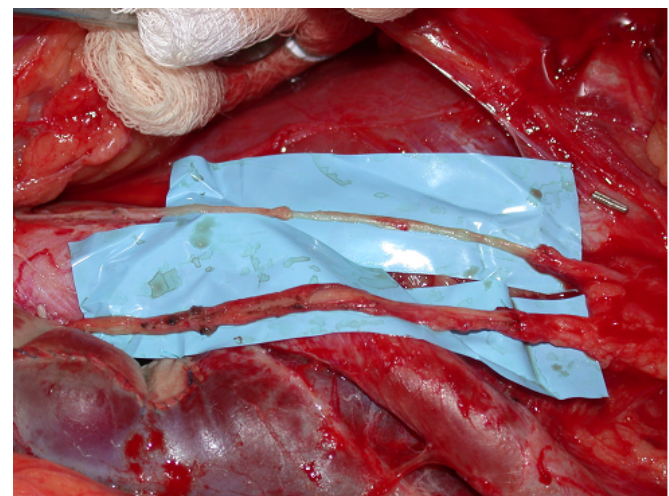
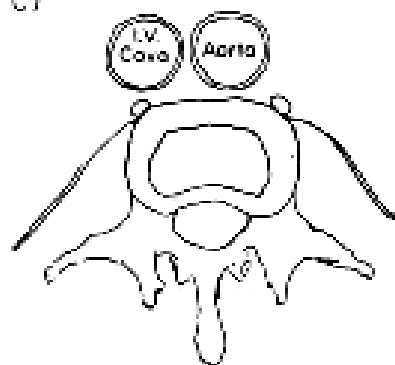
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Post – Chemotherapy(pc) RPLND – is it always necessary

- The management of retroperitoneal nodal disease that achieves a complete response (CR), has been controversial – **Observe vs pcRPLND**
- We have retrospectively evaluated our experience with the management of patients who presented with retroperitoneal(RP) metastases and who underwent initial chemotherapy to determine if pcRPLND was indicated in those who achieved a complete response(CR) in the RP

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- CR = 161
- 100% DSS
- 10 relapses (6.2%), 2 late

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- CR = 141, median F/U 15.5 years
- 97% est. DSS
- 12 relapses (9%), 6 in RP, 5 late and all NED



Post – Chemotherapy(pc) RPLND – is it always necessary

- n = 296, presented with RP adenopathy and received initial chemotherapy (1997-2007)
  - 40(14%) were stage I on surveillance who progressed
- 147(50%) residual disease & pcRPLND
- 129(43%) achieved a CR in the RP
  - 10(7.7%) later relapsed and 9 were salvaged  
(7 RPLND only, 3 salvage chemotherapy+RPLND)
- 20 NR initially or unknown and 50% DOD

Post – Chemotherapy(pc) RPLND – is it always necessary **NO!**

- Unique experience - outcomes of all men who present with RP adenopathy managed by initial chemotherapy and not just those who either undergo RPLND or are managed expectantly
- 43% (129) achieved a CR in the RP and were observed
- 7.7%(10) of these patients relapsed and all but 1 were salvaged
- Our experience strongly supports continuing surveillance as opposed to surgery in this population.

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# **Residual Seminoma Mass after RT or Chemotherapy**

Management is controversial

- Location, size, kinetics – observe vs surgery
- Value PET uncertain

# SEMINOMA- RESIDUAL MASS

- Common post chemo for advanced seminoma
- Controversial topic
- Very uncommon to have teratoma (not impossible)
- CT/PET
- Surgery associated with desmoplasia
  - Surgical planes less well defined
  - Vascular catastrophe
  - Some cases virtually impossible

# Residual Mass: Seminoma

## PET Scans

- N=51; post-chemotherapy; SEMPET Trial

Largest Residual Mass	# Patients	TP	TN	FN	FP
> 3 cm	19	7	12	0	0
$\leq$ 3 cm	37	1	34	2	0

- PPV = 100%; NPV = 96%
- Specificity = 100%; Sensitivity = 80%
- These results are more predictive than those previously published by Indiana University

**de Santis et al. J Clin Oncol 2004; p1034-1039.**

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# Residual Mass: Seminoma

## PET Scans: Canadian Survey

- If a residual mass is PET positive after chemo, the appropriate management is
  - observe with CT scan (n=1)
  - biopsy or dissection and directed further therapy based on pathology (n=14)
  - irradiation (n=4)
  - further chemotherapy (n=1)

# PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

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- Well defined  $> 3\text{ cm}$ —observe and operate if grows or operate up-front
  - We prefer later—6 cases at 15 years at PMH



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- Gallium/PET– not successful
- Surgery associated with desmoplasia
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# Centralization of Care

## Evolving Story

- Advanced disease, >5 pts/year and better outcomes
- Referrals for salvage therapy and RPLND outcomes also vary
- Multidisciplinary team, centralization, population based outcomes improved

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