

# Surgical management of female genital tract cancers

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# Topics covered

- Common terms encountered for hysterectomy
- Surgery for Endometrial cancer
- Surgery for Cervical cancer
- Surgery for vulval cancer
- Surgery for ovarian cancer
- Role of laparoscopy

# Some common hysterectomy terms used

- Simple hysterectomy
- Extra facial hysterectomy
- Radical hysterectomy

Subtotal hysterectomy: Hysterectomy  
without removal of cervix

None mandates salpingo-oophrectomy

Pan hysterectomy: Simple hysterectomy with removal of BL tubes and ovaries

# Endometrial cancer

## Staging surgery

- Replaced clinical staging in 1988
- Ideally: Total hysterectomy with BL Salpingo-oophorectomy, BL Pelvic nod, Retroperitoneal LN dissection dissection with or without LN dissection

# Role of Lymph-node dissection

Three potential roles for lymphadenectomy:

- To assign a surgical stage, and provide prognostic information
- To treat patients with positive nodes
- To direct adjuvant treatment

We don't need to be extensive in all women: need to stratify risk

- Surgical time involved
- Surgical risk involved
- Post op morbidity
- In west: Surgical cost

# Risk of nodal involvement

- Need to stratify the risk of LN involvement and extra nodal spread
- Determine the extent of staging as per pre-operative features
  - Endometrial biopsy report: Type and Grade of tumor
  - MRI pelvis: Depth of myometrial invasion, gross cervical disease, significantly enlarged pelvic nodes
  - Incompletely operated post operative specimen

# Endometrial cancer patients who need surgical staging

- Grade 3 lesions
- Clear cell or serous carcinomas
- Greater than 50% of myometrial invasion
- Cervical extension
- Grade 2 tumors >2 cm in diameter

## Grade, depth of invasion and pelvic nodal metastasis of endometrial carcinoma

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Frequency of nodal metastasis amongst risk factors

Risk Factor	No. of Patients	Pelvic No. (%)	Aortic No. (%)
Histology			
Endometrioid adenocarcinoma	599	56 (9)	30 (5)
Others	22	2 (9)	4 (18)
Grade			
1 Well	180	5 (3)	3 (2)
2 Moderate	288	25 (9)	14 (5)
3 Poor	153	28 (18)	17 (11)
Myometrial invasion			
Endometrial	87	1 (1)	1 (1)
Superficial	279	15 (5)	8 (3)
Middle	116	7 (6)	1 (1)
Deep	139	35 (25)	24 (17)
Site of tumor location			
Fundus	524	42 (8)	20 (4)
Isthmus-cervix	97	16 (16)	14 (14)
CLS involvement			
Negative	528	37 (7)	19 (9)
Positive	93	21 (27)	15 (19)

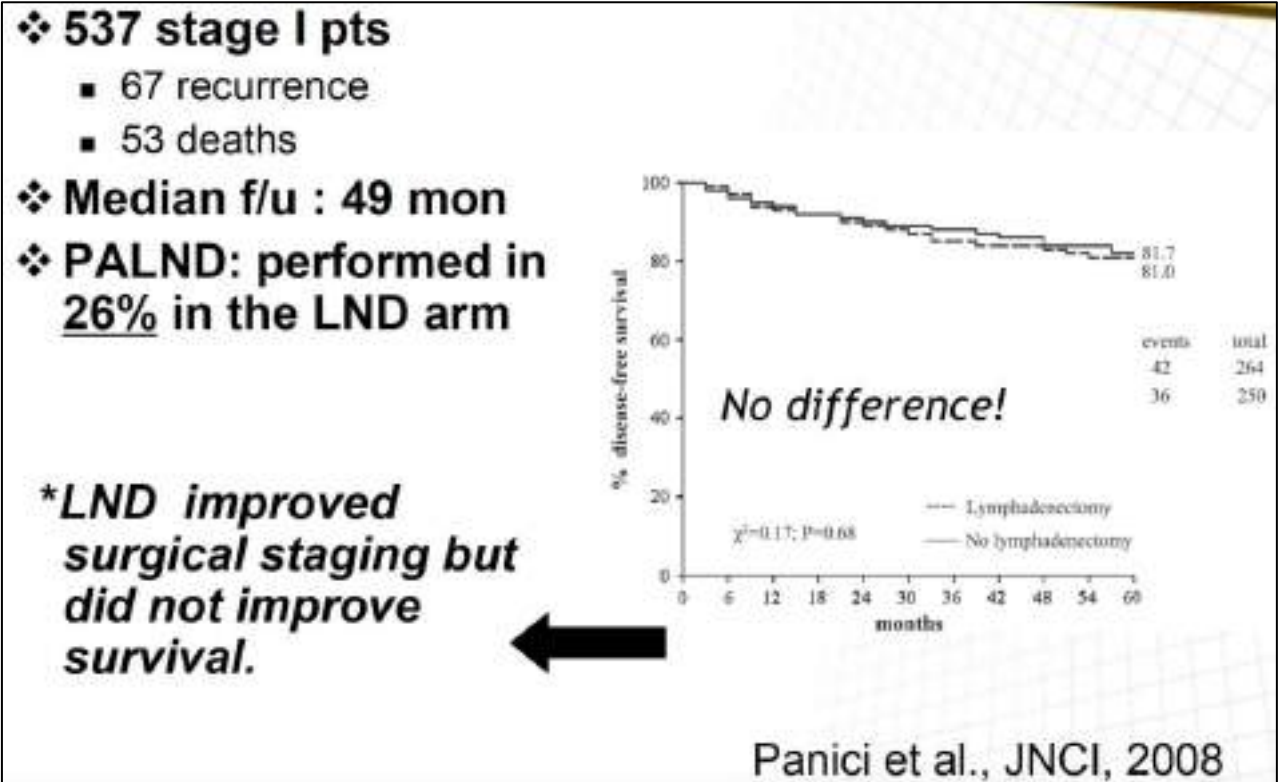
Incidence of para aortic Ln positivity in the absence of pelvic LN positivity is less than 5%

### Results of Systematic Pelvic and Para-aortic Lymphadenectomy from three Large Studies

<i>Studies</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Positive Pelvic Nodes</i>	<i>Positive Pelvic and PA Nodes</i>	<i>Pos PA Nodes if Pos Pelvic Nodes</i>	<i>Isolated PA Metastases</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Nomura et al., 2006 (143)	155	50	24	48%	4	2.6%
Mariani et al., 2008 (144)	281	48	29	60%	9	3.2%
Abu-Rustum et al., 2009 (145)	847	113	61	54%	12	1.4%
Total	1283	211	114	54.3%	25	1.9%

# Controversies related to therapeutic role of LN dissection

Italian Study: CONSORT



**^Largest RCT that has ever been done in early EMca!**

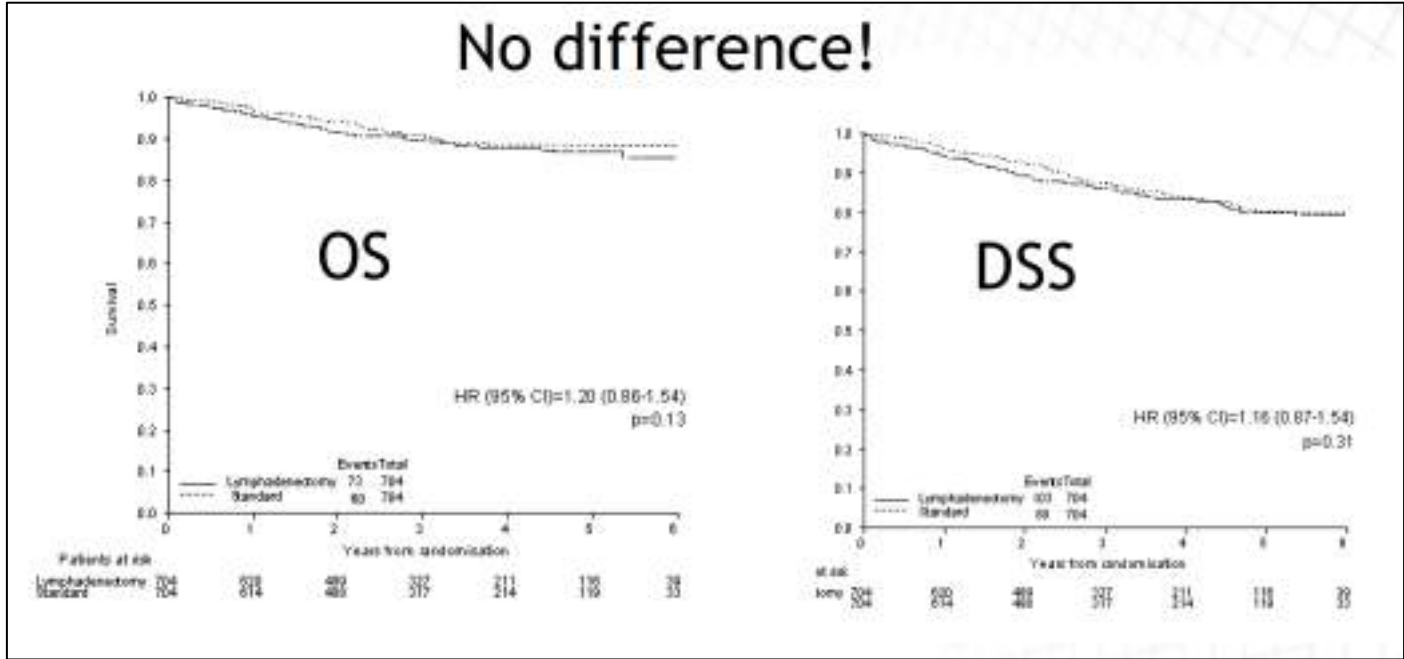
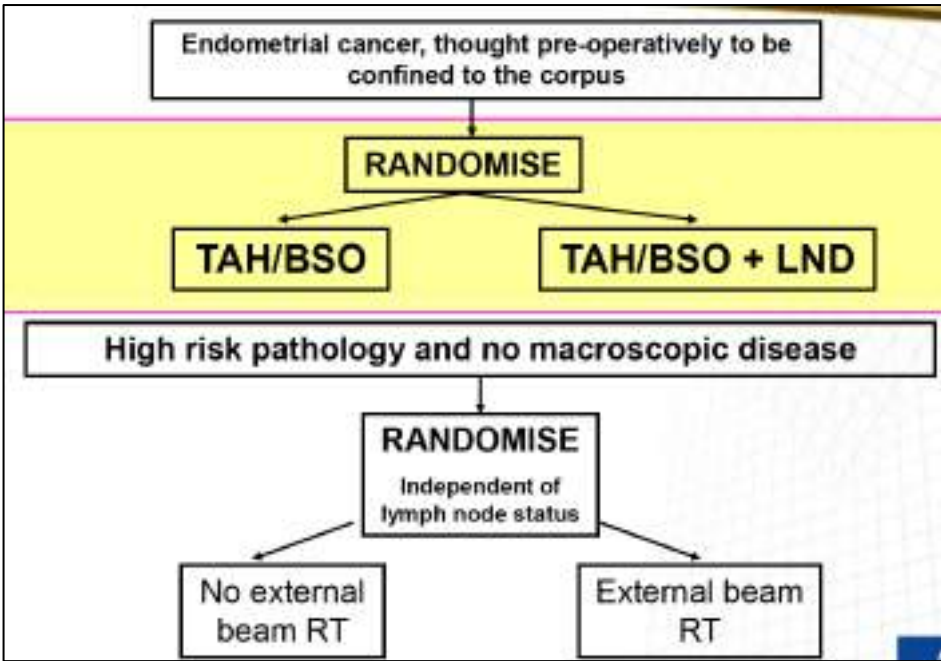
- 4 countries
  - UK
  - South Africa
  - Poland
  - New Zealand.

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A Study in the Treatment of Endometrial Cancer

A randomised trial of lymphadenectomy and of adjuvant external beam radiotherapy in the treatment of endometrial cancer (ISRCTN 16571884)



# Conclusion

No evidence of benefit for PFS/OS for pelvic lymphadenectomy and that it “could not be recommended as a routine procedure for **therapeutic purpose**”

# Other site metastases

Omental involvement in 18.5% of cases overall, including 22% of serous cancers

In serous carcinoma, carcinosarcoma and undifferentiated carcinoma: Even if the omentum appears normal, a generous biopsy (e.g., 5 × 5 cm) should be taken

# Extent of surgery: Mostly its an institutional protocol

Stage and grade		Extent of surgery (In addition to Hysterectomy and adnexectomy)
I	Stage IA, Grade I and Grade 2	No Lymphnode dissection, <b>In young women ovaries can be preserved</b>
	Stage IB, Grade I and 2	Pelvic lymph-node dissection
	All grade 3 tumors, Non endometroid histologies	Pelvis and Retroperitoneal LNs+/-Omentum
II	Stage 2 (Clinically or in post operative specimen)	Pelvic and paraaortic LNs  <b><i>Radical hysterectomy only if cervix grossly involved</i></b>
III	Pre operative stage III, Any grade	<b><i>Pelvic and RP nodal debulking, Omentectomy</i></b>
IV	Pre operative Stage IV, Any grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Cytoreductive surgery if operable</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Chemotherapy if inoperable/ extra abdominal disease, poor PS</i></b></li> </ul>

# Sentinel LN dissection: Status

## FIRES study

- Resulted in a sensitivity of SLN of 97.2%, a negative predictive value of 99.7% and a false-negative rate of 2.8%
- Majority were IA-B, Grade 1-2 tumors 70-80%)

## SHREC Study: In high risk endometrial cancers

- SLN-ICG algorithm had a sensitivity of 98% (95% CI] 89-100)
- Negative predictive value of 99.5%
- Bilateral detection rate 95%



# Sentinel LN dissection

- An approach to surgical staging in patients with endometrial cancer
- Three routes for dye instillation:
  - injection into the cervix
  - injection around the tumor via a hysteroscope
  - injection into the subserosal myometrium at the fundus.

# Carcinoma cervix

## Indications for surgery in upfront carcinoma cervix

- 1A1-2
  - 1B1-2
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- Minority only
  - Early disease identified through proper evaluation: clinical and radiological

# Stage-wise treatment

Stage	Standard Treatment	Fertility preserving option	Preservation of ovaries
1A1	Extracapsular hysterectomy	LEEP/ Conisation	Option to be given in young women
IA2	Type II radical hysterectomy	Trachelectomy	
IB1-B2	Type III radical hysterectomy	Radical trachelectomy	

Photo correlates

# Classification of hysterectomies

## Piver–Rutledge–Smith classification (1974)

Type I	Simple hysterectomy
Type II	Modified radical hysterectomy Ureters dissected to the point of their entry to the bladder Proximal uterosacral ligaments resected Medial half of the cardinal ligaments removed 1–2 cm of upper vagina removed
Type III	Radical hysterectomy Removal of as much of the uterosacral ligaments as possible Entire width of the parametria is resected Upper third of the vagina is removed
Type IV	Extended radical hysterectomy As type III but three-quarters of the vagina and paravaginal tissue is removed
Type V	Partial exenteration The terminal ureter or a segment of the bladder or rectum is removed along with the uterus and parametria (supralevatorial)

## Querleu–Morrow classification of radical hysterectomy

4 types of radical hysterectomy (A–D, below) based on lateral extent of resection. Applies to fertility preserving surgery and laparoscopic/robotic surgery.

Type	Description	Surgical considerations	Indication
A	Minimal resection of paracervix	Paracervix transected medial to ureter but lateral to cervix. Uterosacral & cardinal ligaments transected close to uterus. Vaginal resection (<10 mm).	Early invasive cervical cancer (<2 cm), advanced cervical cancer after chemoradiation
B	Transection of paracervix at level of ureter	Partial resection of uterosacral & cardinal ligaments. Ureter unroofed & mobilized laterally. Vaginal resection (10 mm).	Early cervical cancer (stage 1A)
C1	Transection of paracervix at junction w/ internal iliac artery (w/ nerve preservation)	Uterosacral ligament transected at rectum, cardinal ligament transected at bladder. Ureter mobilized. 15–20 mm of vagina resected. Hypogastric nerves identified, preserved.	Stages IB–IIA cervical cancer
C2	Transection of paracervix at junction w/ internal iliac artery (w/o nerve preservation)	Paracervix completely transected. Hypogastric nerves not isolated or preserved.	Stages IB–IIA cervical cancer
D1	Laterally extended endopelvic resection	Resection of entire paracervix (at pelvic sidewall) & hypogastric vessels	Pelvic exenteration
D2	Laterally extended endopelvic resection	D1 + resection of entire paracervix, hypogastric vessels, & adjacent fascial or muscle structures	Pelvic exenteration

From Querleu D, Morrow CP. Classification of radical hysterectomy. *Lancet Oncol.* 2008;9(3):297–303. doi:10.1016/S1470-2045(08)70074-3.

# Classification of radical hysterectomy and surgical treatment modalities corresponding

Classification Piver et al 1974	Classification Querler/Morrow (2008)	Surgical treatment modalities for cervical cancer
		Conization
Type 1	Type A	Extra-fascial simple total hysterectomy
Type II-III	Type B	Extended simple total hysterectomy or Semi-Radical hysterectomy
		Radical Trachelectomy
	Type C1	Radical hysterectomy with Nerve-sparing
Type III?	Type C2	Radical hysterectomy (Latzko's or Meigs' surgery) Okabayashi's radical hysterectomy (not equal)
	Type D1	Laterally extended parametrectomy(LEP) (Mibayashi: su per-rasical hysterectomy (TEIIBS))
	D2	D1 + adjacent fascial or muscular structure: laterally extended endopelvic resection(LEEP)
		Pelvic Exenteration

# Sentinel LN dissection

SENTICOL study (2011): High sensitivity of 92%, NPV of 98%

Sentinel LN biopsy has been included in the NCCN guidelines for stage IB1 disease (<2 cm tumour)

**Still more Validation studies needed: SENTICOL III**

# Surgery for carcinoma vulva

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- Management of primary lesion
- Management of Lymph nodes

Stage	Description
I	<b>Tumor confined to the vulva</b>
IA	Tumor size $\leq 2$ cm and stromal invasion $\leq 1$ mm <sup>a</sup>
IB	Tumor size $> 2$ cm or stromal invasion $> 1$ mm <sup>a</sup>
II	<b>Tumor of any size with extension to lower one-third of the urethra, lower one-third of the vagina, lower one-third of the anus with negative nodes</b>
III	<b>Tumor of any size with extension to upper part of adjacent perineal structures, or with any number of nonfixed, nonulcerated lymph node</b>
IIIA	Tumor of any size with disease extension to upper two-thirds of the urethra, upper two-thirds of the vagina, bladder mucosa, rectal mucosa, or regional lymph node metastases $\leq 5$ mm
IIIB	Regional <sup>b</sup> lymph node metastases $> 5$ mm
IIIC	Regional <sup>b</sup> lymph node metastases with extracapsular spread
IV	<b>Tumor of any size fixed to bone, or fixed, ulcerated lymph node metastases, or distant metastases</b>
IVA	Disease fixed to pelvic bone, or fixed or ulcerated regional <sup>b</sup> lymph node metastases
IVB	Distant metastases



# Surgical management of vulvar cancer

## **Early vulva cancer:**

- Wide radical local excision
  - As effective as a radical vulvectomy in preventing local recurrence, but substantially decreases the psychosexual morbidity of the treatment
- Preferred margin in unfixed specimen 2cms, pathological margin 8mm

# Groin LN dissection

## **Indication**

Any tumor more than microinvasive disease (>2cms, > 1mm stromal invasion)

## **Current standard**

- Resection of the primary tumor and lymphnodes through separate incisions.
  - Allows better healing compared with en bloc resection of the vulva and groins.
- Both inguinal and femoral nodes should be removed

# Groin LN dissection

Tumors <4cms, and > 2cnms from midline: Ipsilateral Groin node dissection only

## Indications of BL lymphnode dissection

- Tumors closer to (<2 cm) or crossing the midline, especially those involving the anterior labia minora,
- Very large lateral tumors (>4 cm)
- Positive ipsilateral nodes, should have a bilateral groin node dissection

# Role of sentinel LN dissection in early vulvar cancer: GROINSS V study

## Indications

- Unifocal tumors confined to the vulva
- Tumors less than 4 cm in diameter
- Stromal invasion more than 1 mm
- Clinically and radiologically negative groin nodes

- If Ipsilateral sentinel lymph node is not detected: a complete ipsilateral inguinofemoral lymphadenectomy must be done.
- If an ipsilateral sentinel lymph node is positive: a complete bilateral inguinofemoral lymphadenectomy is recommended

# GROINS VII study

- Investigating the efficacy of groin radiation without inguino-femoral lymphadenectomy for patients with a single positive sentinel lymph node 2 mm or less in diameter

**Conclusion:** Groin radiotherapy is a safe alternative to inguino-femoral lymphadenectomy in cases of vulvar cancer  $\leq 4$  cm with sentinel lymph node metastasis  $\leq 2$  mm.

# Ovary

- Carcinoma ovary
  - Staging surgery
  - Primary cytoreduction/ Debulking surgery
  - Interval cytoreduction
  - Secondary cytoreduction
  - Intraperitoneal chemotherapy and HIPEC

# Components of Ovarian cancer staging surgery

# Staging surgery Vs debulking/ cytoreductive surgery

- Earlier it was used synonymously
- Advances in imaging techniques helping in pre operative staging
- At times overlapping



Lymphadenectomy in Ovarian cancer

# Early ovarian cancer

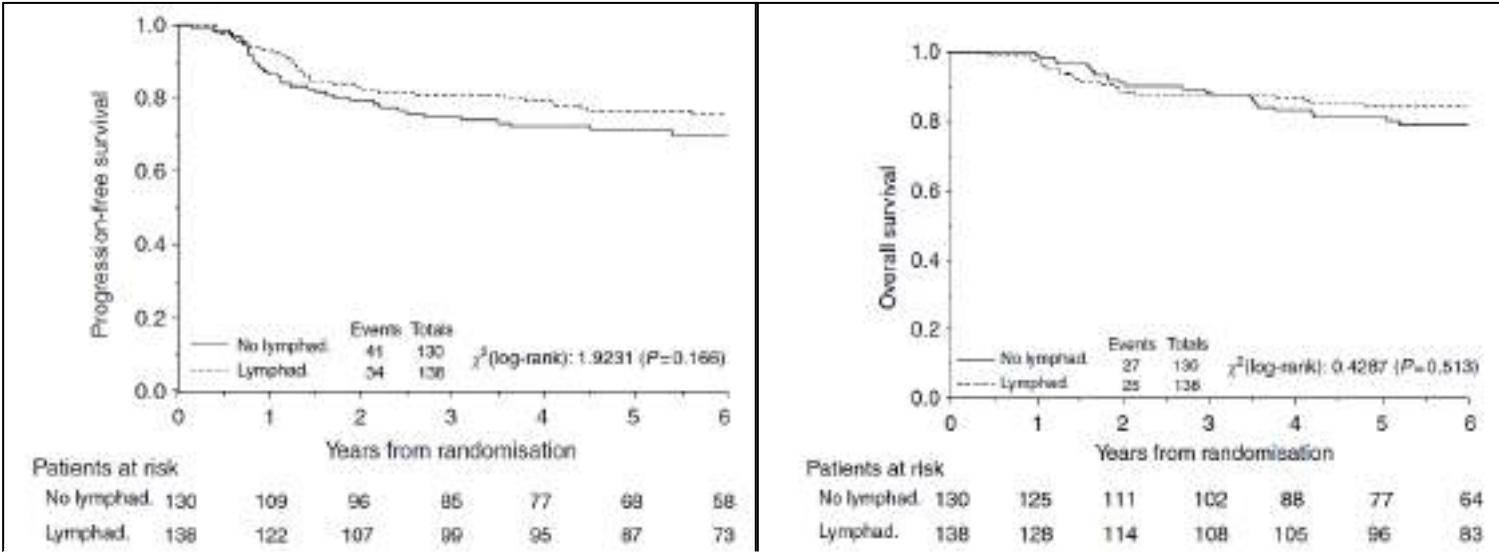


- Macroscopically intrapelvic ovarian carcinoma
- Systemic lymphadenectomy vs pelvic para-aortic nodal sampling
- **Primary objective : Proportion of patient with RP nodal involvement**

# Effect on survival

Maggioni et al. BJC 2006

- 9% vs 22% lymph node involvement rates in two arms
- Longer operative time, blood loss, need for blood transfusions



## Multivariable cox propotional hazards analysis for PFS and OS

Rx arm	PFS		OS	
	HR(95% CI)	P	HR(95% CI)	P
No Lymphadenectomy Vs Lymphadenectomy	0.72(0.46-1.14)	0.16	0.85(0.49-1.47)	0.56

### Drawback :

- Underpowered for survival
- Increased use of chemo: Patients (90%) with positive nodes and 56% of patients with negative nodes received postoperative chemotherapy

Review

## Lymph node metastasis in stages I and II ovarian cancer: A review

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### Incidence of lymph node metastases according to histological subtype.

Reference	Total population n	FIGO Stage	Serous			Mucinous			Endometrioid			Clear Cell			Undifferentiated/ Others		
			LN+		LN+		LN+		LN+		LN+		LN+				
			Total n	% <sup>a</sup>	Total n	% <sup>a</sup>	Total n	% <sup>a</sup>	Total n	% <sup>a</sup>	Total n	% <sup>a</sup>	Total n	% <sup>a</sup>			
Desteli et al. [23]	33	I	7	1	14.2	8	0	0.0	5	0	0.0	4	0	0.0	9	1	11.1
Harter et al. [15]	48	I	13	2	15.4	8	0	0.0	14	1	7.1	7	0	0.0	6	0	0.0
Morice et al. [11]	85	I	26	8	30.8	20	0	0.0	25	0	0.0	-	-	-	14	9	64.3
Negeishi et al. [12]	150	I-II	35	5	14.3	49	2	4.1	15	3	20.0	46	8	17.4	5	1	20.0
Nomura et al. [16]	79	I-II	12	6	50.0	4	0	0.0	27	2	7.4	36	2	5.6	-	-	-
Onda et al. [7]	59	I-II	21	7	33.3	15	1	6.7	3	0	0.0	16	5	31.3	4	0	0.0
Suzuki et al. [10]	47	I	13	4	30.8	22	0	0.0	3	0	0.0	9	1	11.1	0	0	0.0
Tsumura et al. [8]	73	I-II	23	2	8.7	29	1	3.4	-	-	-	21	4	19.0	-	-	-
Total	574		150	35	23.3	155	4	2.6	92	6	6.5	139	20	14.4	38	11	28.9

Contralateral lymph node metastases of a unilateral tumour was found in 16% of positive pelvic nodes and 11% of positive para-aortic nodes

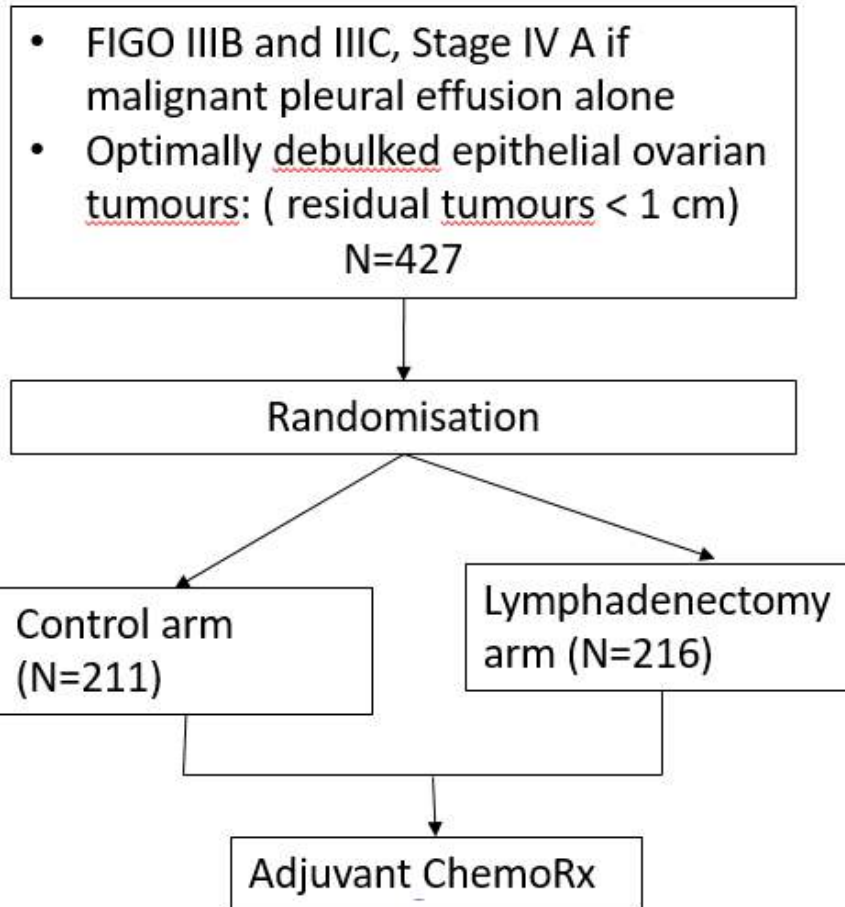
# ADVANCED OVARIAN CANCER

## Systematic Aortic and Pelvic Lymphadenectomy Versus Resection of Bulky Nodes Only in Optimally Debulked Advanced Ovarian Cancer: A Randomized Clinical Trial

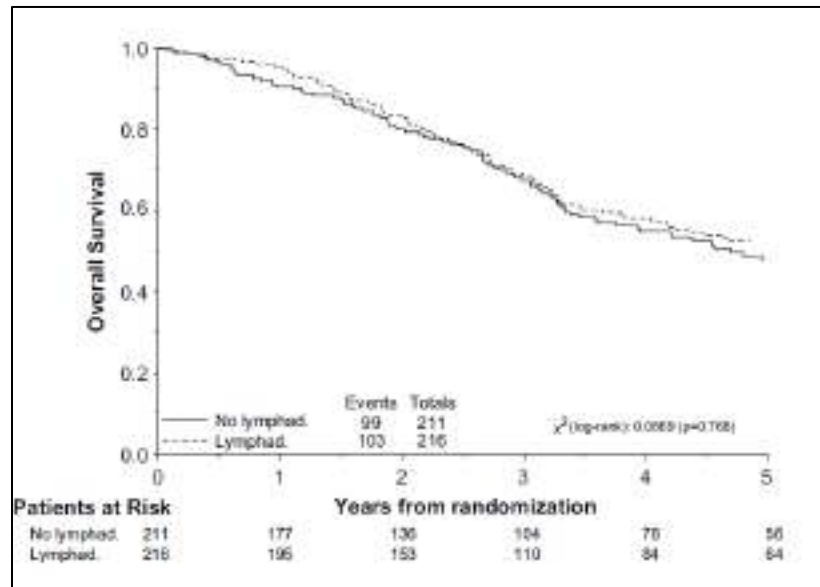
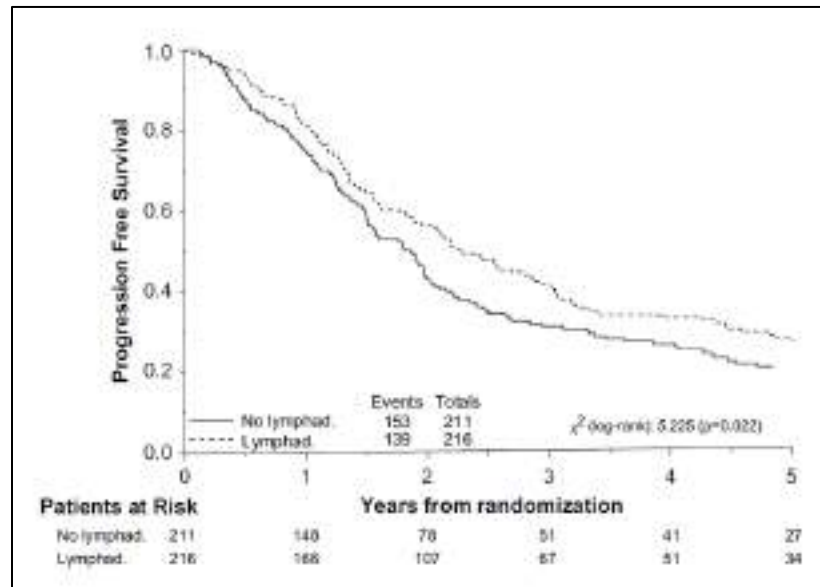
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# Survival Outcomes



# Surgical Outcomes

Surgical outcome	No lymphadenectomy (n = 211)	Lymphadenectomy (n = 216)	P
Median operating time (min) (25th–75th percentiles)	210 (170–280)	300 (250–360)	<.001
Missing data	5	5	
Median blood loss (mL) (25th–75th percentiles)	650 (400–1200)	1000 (600–1500)	<.001
Missing data	14	10	
Patients transfused (%)	59.2	71.7	.006
Median hospital stay (days) (25th–75th percentiles)	9 (7–12)	9 (7–13)	.21
Missing data	9	10	

## Potential Role of Lymphadenectomy in Advanced Ovarian Cancer: A Combined Exploratory Analysis of Three Prospectively Randomized Phase III Multicenter Trials

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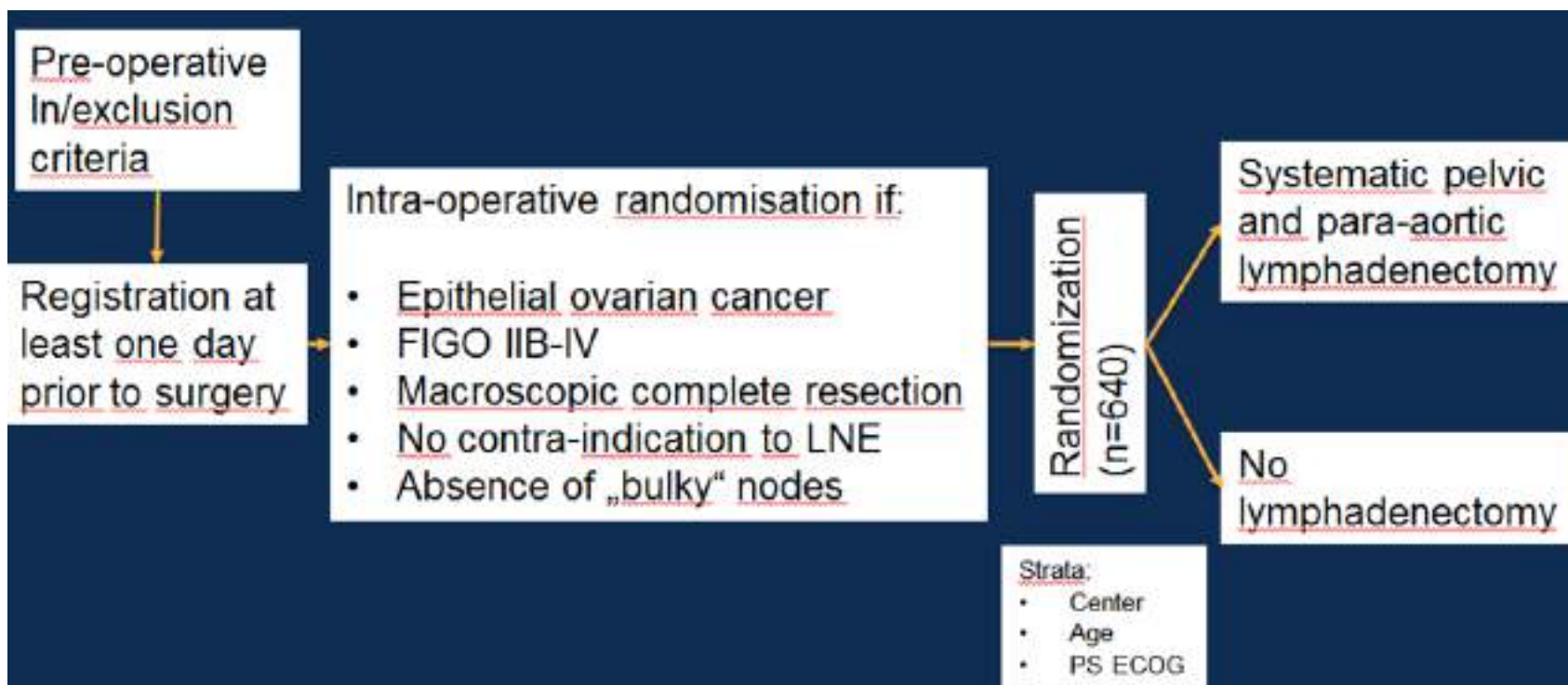
### Results

- Multivariate analysis confirmed a significant impact of lymphadenectomy on overall survival
  - (OS; hazard ratio [HR] 0.74; 95% CI, 0.59 to 0.94; *P* .0123).
- Definite benefit in patients with no gross residual disease
- Improved survival irrespective of clinical suspicion

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# A Randomized Trial of Lymphadenectomy in Patients with Advanced Ovarian Neoplasms

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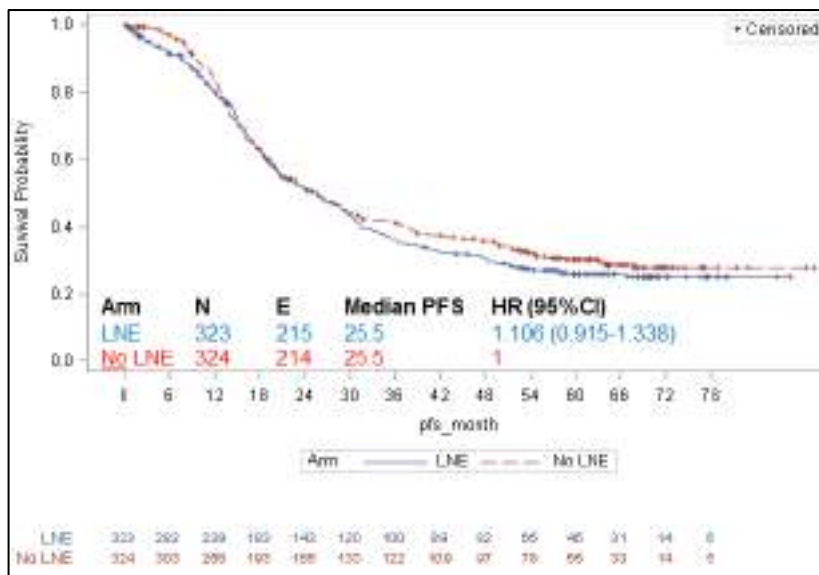
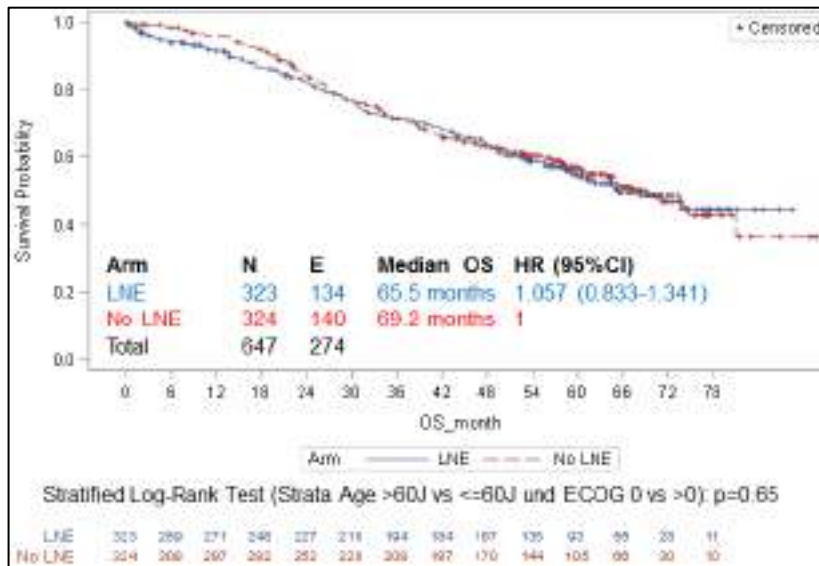




# LION: Patient characteristics

	LNE (%), n= 323	No LNE (%), n=324	P-value
Age (median, <u>range</u> ) [ <u>years</u> ]	60 (21-83)	60 (23-78)	0.66
<u>Performance status</u>			0.43
ECOG 0	272 (84.2)	280 (86.4)	
ECOG 1	51 (15.8)	44 (13.6)	
<u>Histologic diagnosis before registration</u>	106 (32.8)	106 (32.7)	0.98
CA 125 <u>pre-OP</u> (median, IQR) [U/ml]	416 (138-1276)	347 (122-1025)	0.42
<u>Final histological diagnosis</u>			0.75
Ovarian / Fallopian Tube / Peritoneal Ca	304 (94.1)	303 (93.5)	
Others	19 (5.9)	21 (6.5)	
<u>Final FIGO stage*</u>			0.32
I-IIA	15 (4.6)	17 (5.2)	
IIB-III A	41 (12.7)	52 (16.0)	
III-IV	261 (80.8)**	244 (75.3)***	
<u>missing</u>	6 (1.9)	11 (3.4)	
<u>Histology:</u>			0.54
G2/3 <u>serous</u>	234 (72.4)	227 (70.1)	
<u>others</u>	89 (27.6)	97 (29.9)	

# Survival Outcomes



# Postoperative complications

	LNE (%)	No LNE (%)	p-value
Infections requiring antibiotics	83 (25.8)	60 (18.6)	0.03
Fever > 38.0° Celsius	41 (12.7)	32 (9.9)	0.21
Sepsis	6 (1.9)	3 (0.9)	0.31
Thrombosis	7 (2.2)	5 (1.6)	0.56
Pulmonary embolism	12 (3.7)	15 (4.6)	0.56
Secondary wound healing	31 (9.6)	19 (5.9)	0.12
Prolonged ileus (conservative management)	15 (4.6)	17 (5.3)	0.72
Peripheral sensoric neurologic event	7 (2.2)	7 (2.2)	0.99
Peripheral motoric neurologic event	10 (3.1)	8 (2.5)	0.63
Asymptomatic lymph cysts	14 (4.4)	1 (0.3)	<0.001
Symptomatic lymph cysts	10 (3.1)	0	0.001
Fistula	5 (1.6)	7 (2.2)	0.56
Readmission rate	40 (12.4)	27 (8.3)	0.09
Rate of re-laparotomy for complications	40 (12.4)	21 (6.5)	0.01
60 day postoperative mortality	10 (3.1)	3 (0.9)	0.049
Platinum + Taxan i.v.	257 (79.6)	274 (84.6)	0.09

# Primary cytoreduction Vs Interval cytoreduction: Controversies

- Meig's: 1934: PDS associated with improved outcomes
- Griffiths reported in 1975 the association between low residual tumour load and improved survival after debulking surgery
  - Efforts at maximum possible cytoreduction
  - Many retrospective series: Supporting the concept (Bristow et al, Chi et al)
- Chi et al (2006) – HR for gross residual  $\leq 1\text{cm}$  was 2.09 and for gross residual  $> 1\text{cm}$  was 3.98

**These are talk of era when the role of chemotherapy was emerging!!**

# Randomized EORTC-GCG/NCIC-93.52 Trial on NACT + IDS vs PD

Ovarian, tubal, or peritoneal  
FIGO stage IIIc-IV (N=670)

Randomized trial included from  
→ N = 670

Primary debulking surgery vs Interval debulking surgery + adjuvant chemotherapy

3 x platinum-based CT

3 x platinum-based CT

Interval debulking surgery

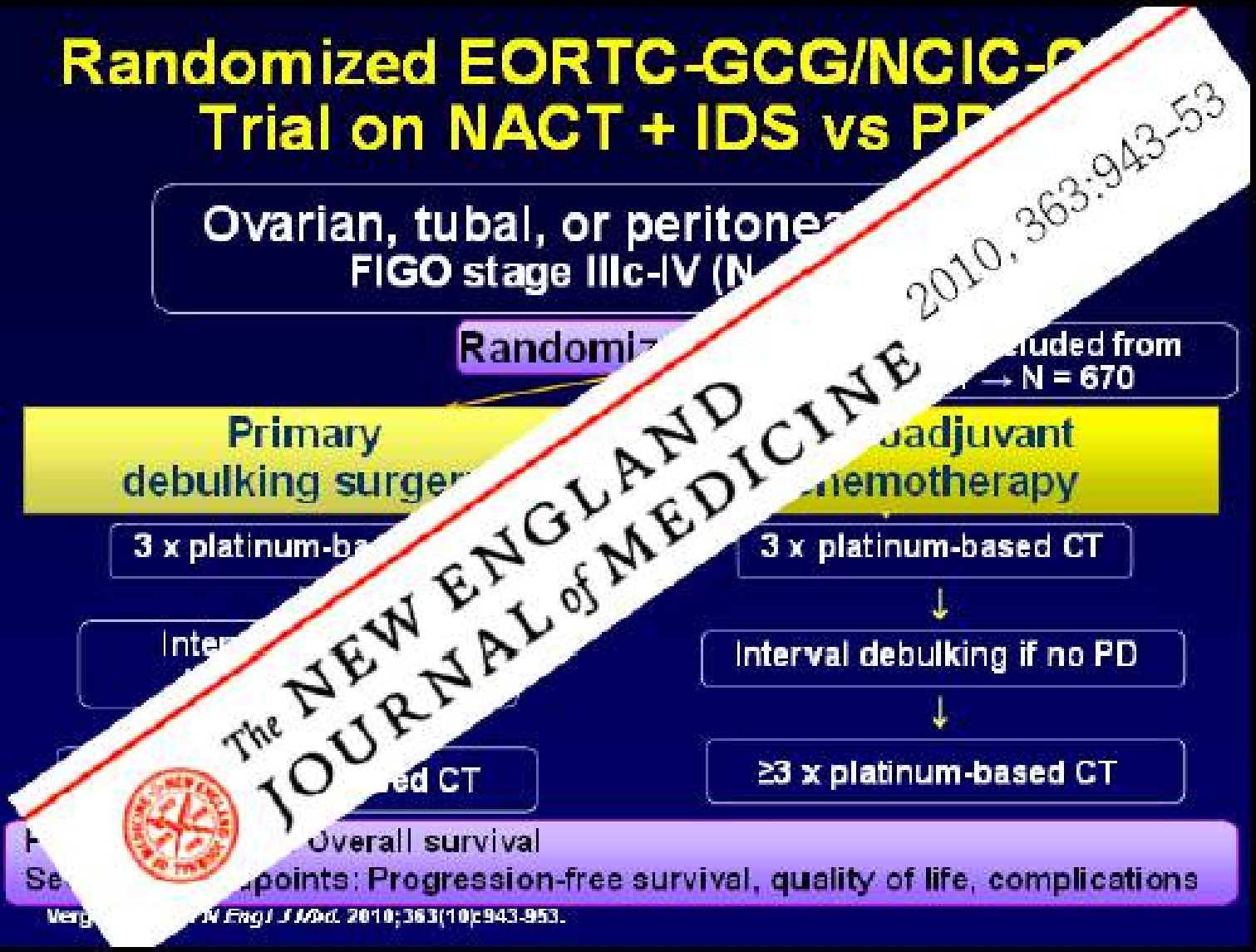
Interval debulking if no PD

≥3 x platinum-based CT

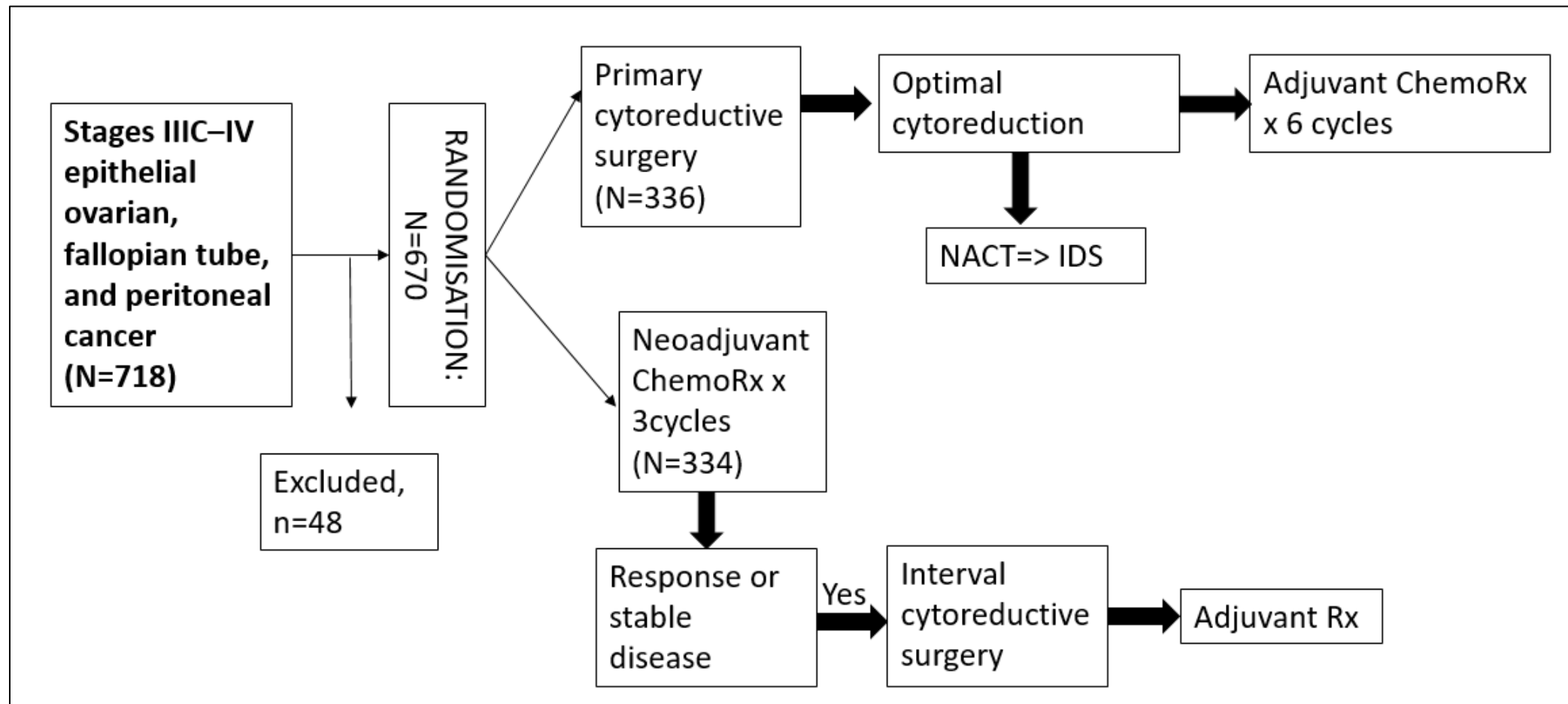
≥3 x platinum-based CT

Primary endpoint: Overall survival  
Secondary endpoints: Progression-free survival, quality of life, complications

Vergote et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2010;363(10):943-953.



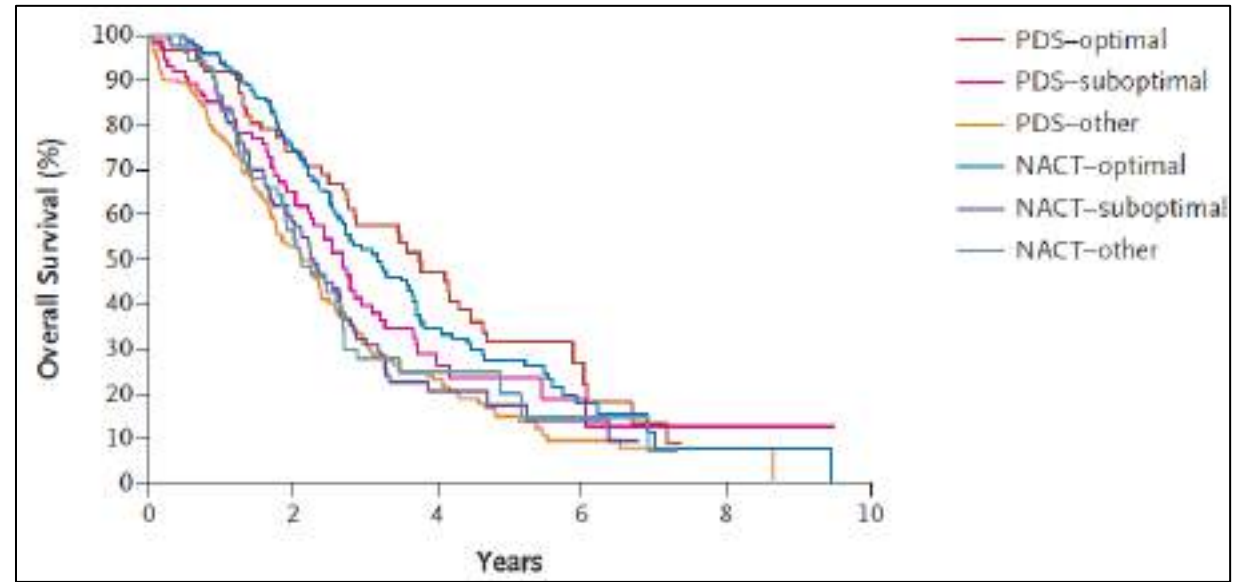
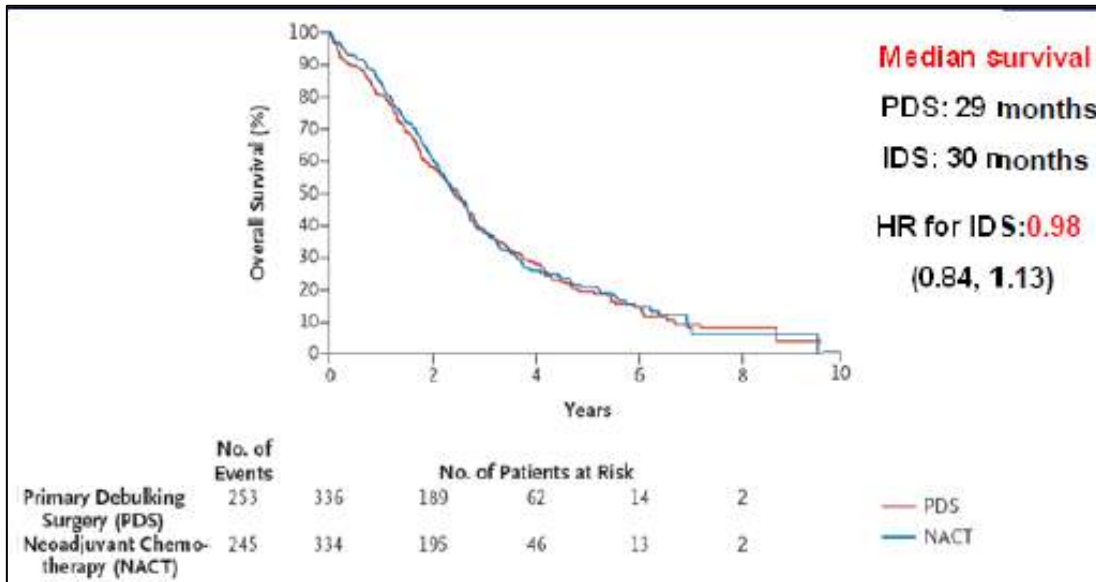
# Trial Design



Primary outcome : OS

Secondary outcomes :

PFS, surgical morbidity and mortality, QoL and adverse effects



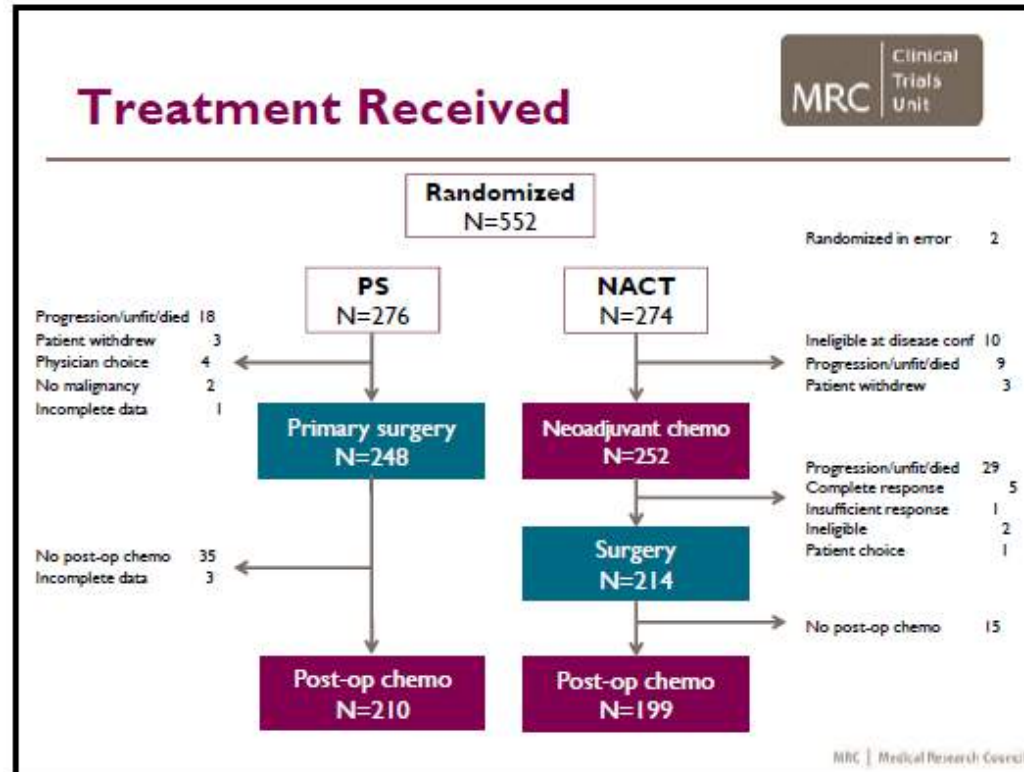
**Overall Survival in the Intention-to-Treat Population**

**Per protocol analysis: Overall Survival According to Treatment Received & Status with Respect to Residual Tumor**

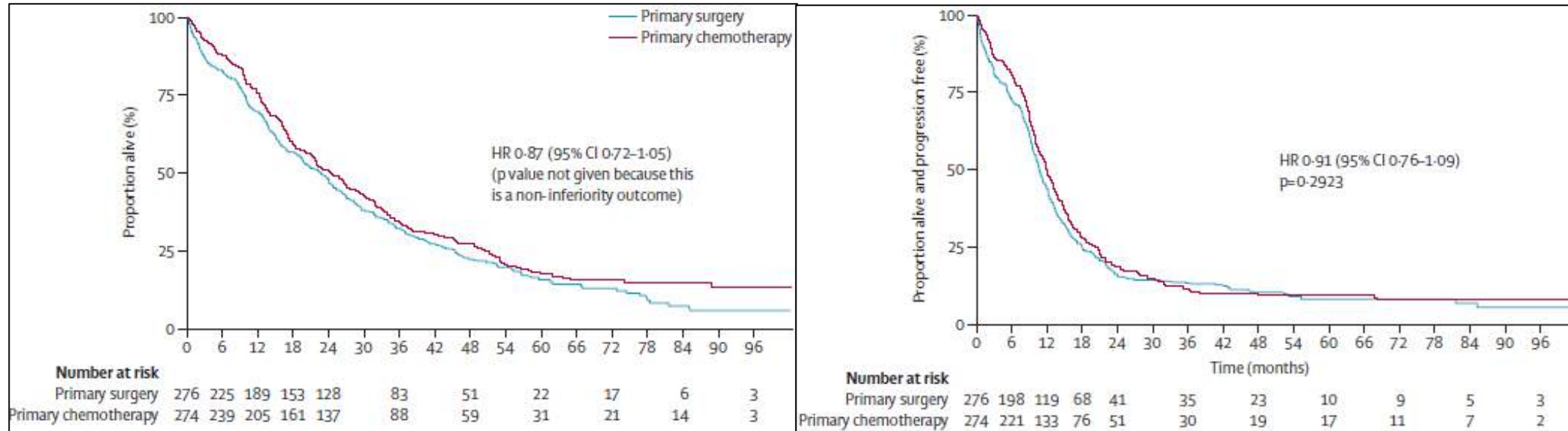
- Optimal debulking (80.6% vs 41.6%) achieved more often in NACT group (RR 2.56)
- In subgroup with pre-op extra-pelvic tumor < 5cm (n=189), PDS significantly improved OS (HR 0.64, 95% CI 0.44-0.93)

# Primary chemotherapy versus primary surgery for newly diagnosed advanced ovarian cancer (CHORUS): an open-label, randomised, controlled, non-inferiority trial

Sean Kehoe, Jane Hook, Matthew Nankivell, Gordon C Jayson, Henry Kitchener, Tito Lopes, David Luesley, Timothy Perren, Selina Bannoo, Monica Mascarenhas, Stephen Dobbs, Sharadah Essapen, Jeremy Twigg, Jonathan Herod, Glenn McCluggage, Mahesh Parmar, Ann-Marie Swart



- Complete debulking rate was only 16% in the PDS group, compared to 40% following neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- Debulking to less than 1 cm residual disease 41% in the primary-surgery group versus 73% in the primary-chemotherapy group,  $p=0.0001$
- Median duration of surgery: 120 minutes in both groups



**Kaplan-Meier curves for overall survival (A) and progression-free survival (B)**



# Neoadjuvant chemotherapy versus debulking surgery in advanced tubo-ovarian cancers: pooled analysis of individual patient data from the EORTC 55971 and CHORUS trials

*Ignace Vergote, Corneel Coens, Matthew Nankivell, Gunnar B Kristensen, Mahesh K B Parmar, Tom Ehlen, Gordon C Jayson, Nick Johnson, Ann Marie Swart, René Verheijen, W Glenn McCluggage, Tim Perren, Pierluigi Benedetti Panici, Gemma Kenter, Antonio Casado, Cesar Mendiola, Gavin Stuart, Nick S Reed, Sean Kehoe, and the EORTC and MRC CHORUS study investigators*

- **No difference in median overall survival was noted between patients who underwent neoadjuvant chemotherapy and upfront debulking surgery (27.6 months [IQR 14.1–51.3] and 26.9 months [12.7–50.1], respectively; hazard ratio [HR] 0.97, 95% CI 0.86–1.09; p=0.586).**

# Survival analyses from a randomized trial of primary debulking surgery versus neoadjuvant chemotherapy for advanced epithelial ovarian cancer with high tumor load (SCORPION trial) (NCT01461850)

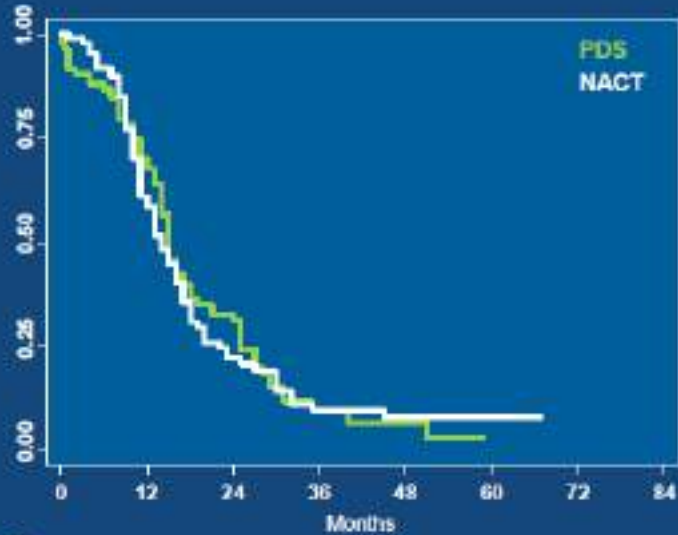
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*Fondazione Policlinico Universitario A. Gemelli, IRCCS  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Rome, Italy*

	NACT	PCS	
Residual tumor <math>< 0\text{ cm}</math>	45.5%	57.7%	P=0.206
grade III–IV complications	5.7%	52.7%	P=0.0001

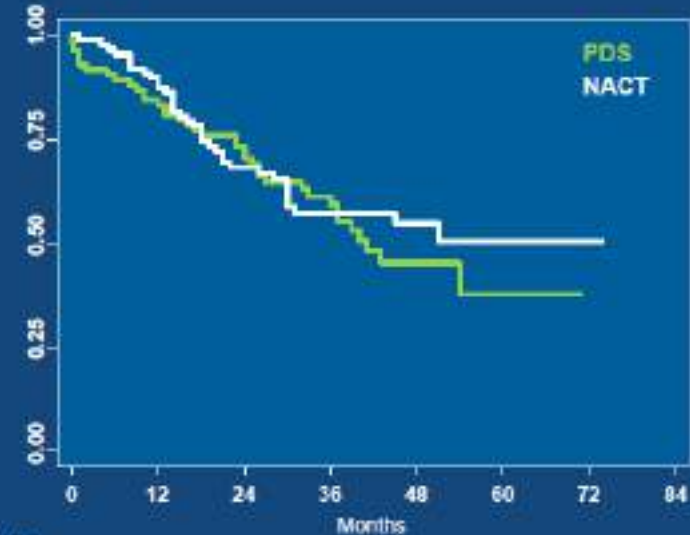
**Perioperative moderate/severe morbidity as well as QoL scores were shown to be more favourable in NACT/IDS arm**

## Survival analysis on ITT population



Number at risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
PDS	84	58	24	4	2	0	0	0	0
NACT	87	53	16	6	4	1	0	0	0

	PDS	NACT	HR (95% CI)
Recurrences	65 (77.4)	72 (82.4)	0.378
Median PFS (mths)	14	15	1.06 (0.77-1.46) 0.729



Number at risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84
PDS	84	70	53	31	11	2	0	0	0
NACT	87	78	49	31	18	5	1	0	0

	PDS	NACT	HR (95% CI)
Deaths	38 (45.2)	36 (41.4)	0.611
Median OS (mths)	41	NR	0.88 (0.56-1.39) 0.593

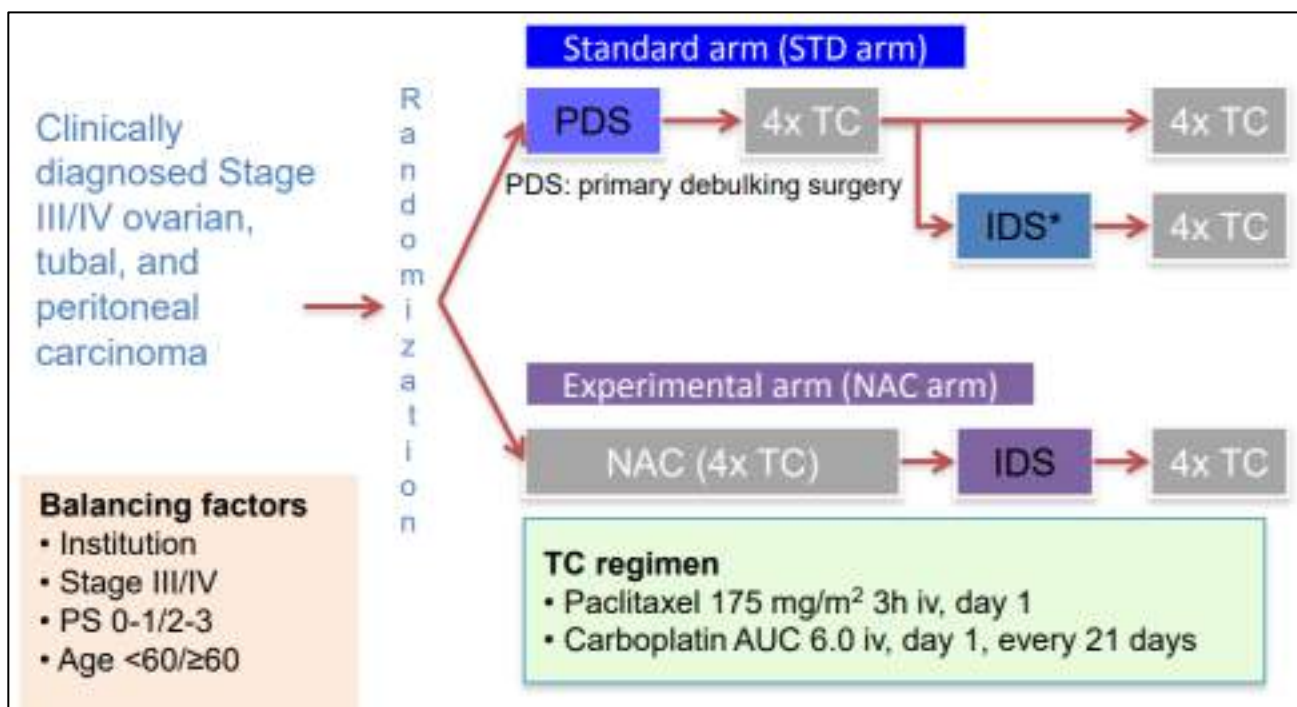
Fagotti et al. ASCO 2018

Optimal residual tumor ( $\leq 1$  cm) was obtained in 92.8% versus 100% ( $P = .02$ )

GYNECOLOGIC CANCER

# Comparison of survival between upfront primary debulking surgery versus neoadjuvant chemotherapy for stage III/IV ovarian, tubal and peritoneal cancers in phase III randomized trial: JCOG0602.

[Takashi ONDA](#), [Toyomi Satoh](#), [Toshiaki Saito](#), [Takahiro Kasamatsu](#), [Toru Nakanishi](#), [Kazuhiro Takehara](#), ...



## Outcomes

- Complete resection was achieved in 12% (17/147) of PDS and in 64% (83/130) of IDS in NAC arm.
- Optimal surgery was achieved in 37% of PDS and in 82% (107/130) of IDS in NAC arm.

	<b>PDS</b>	<b>NAC</b>	<b>95% CI</b>
OS (mths)	49	44.3	1.05 (0.84-1.32)
PFS (mths)	15.1	16.4	0.99 (0.77-1.26)



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## Chemotherapy versus surgery for initial treatment in advanced ovarian epithelial cancer (Review)

### **AUTHOR'S CONCLUSION**

- Moderate-certainty evidence suggests there is little or no difference in primary survival outcomes between PDS and NACT.
- NACT may reduce the risk of serious adverse events, especially those around the time of surgery, and the need for bowel resection and stoma formation.

# Secondary cytoreduction

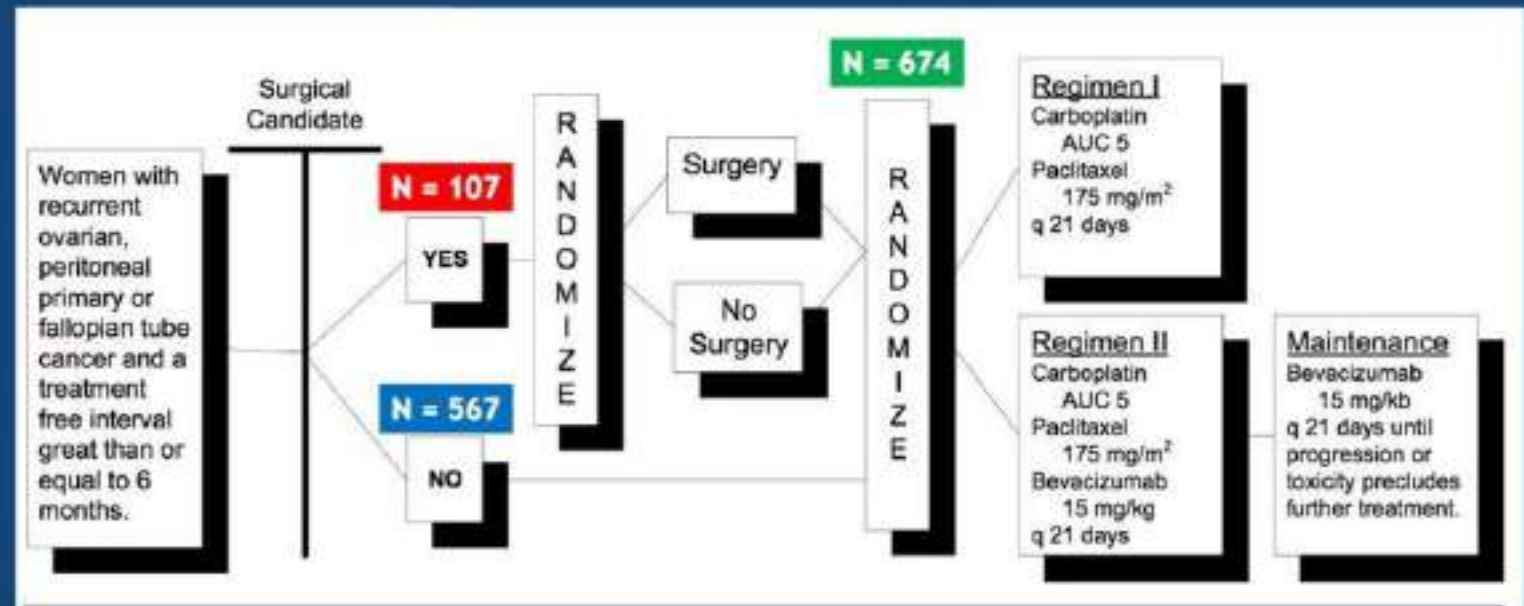
Role of secondary cytoreductive surgery for recurrent ovarian cancer not fully defined till recently

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Secondary Surgical Cytoreduction for Recurrent Ovarian Cancer

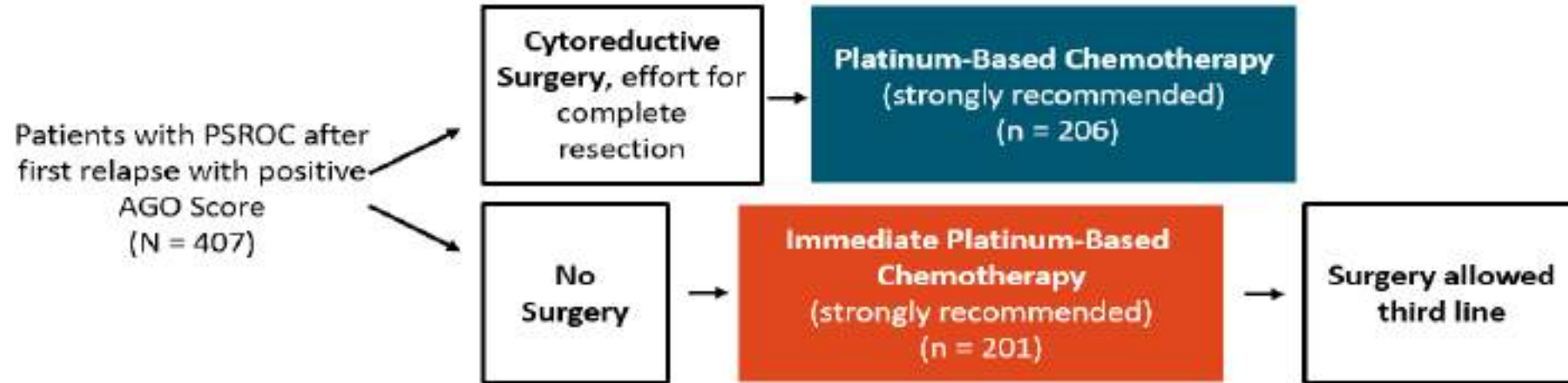
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## GOG 213: Schema Objective #1





## DESKTOP III: Study Design



- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary end points: PFS, Resection rate, treatment burden
- Platinum-free interval exceeded 12 months in 75% of patients
- Almost 90% of patients received platinum-containing second-line chemotherapy in both arms of the trial
- 74.2% of women able to undergo a complete gross resection

# SOC1: Trial design



# Comparison of three published RCTs

<b>GOG-213, DESKTOP III and SOC-1 Comparison</b>			
	<b>GOG-213</b>	<b>AGO Desktop III</b>	<b>SGOG SOC-1</b>
<b>Age</b>	57 years	60.5 years	54 years
<b>Initial Stage III-IV</b>	86%	74.6%	82%
<b>Selection criteria</b>	<b>Individualized</b> for CGR	AGO model	iMODEL+ PET-CT
<b>Histology: Serous</b>	86%	85%	81%
<b>Median Platinum-Free Interval</b>	19.7 mos	19.9 mos	16.1 mos
<b>Cross-over to surgery (Control Violation)</b>	2%	4%	6.3%
<b>Complete Gross Resection</b>	<b>67%</b>	74.2	76.7%
<b>Mortality</b>	30-day: 0.4%	90-day: 0.5%	60-day: 0%
<b>Subsequent Surgery in Control Arm after Relapse</b>	NA	11.0%	36.9%
<b>Platinum-based Combination Therapy</b>	100%	89%	? (100%)
<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> line bevacizumab</b>	<b>84%</b>	23%	1%
<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> line PARPi maintenance</b>	NA	<5%	10%

# Survival Comparisons in Three Trials of Platinum-Sensitive Recurrent Ovarian Cancer

	GOG-213	AGO Desktop III	SGOG SOC-1
OS – Surgery (median)	53.6 mos	53.7 mos	58.1 mos
OS - No Surgery (median)	<b>65.7 mos</b>	46.0 mos	53.9 mos
HR, 95% CI	1.28 (0.92-1.78) <b>P = NS</b>	0.75 (0.58-0.96) <b>P = 0.04</b>	0.82 (0.57-1.19) <b>P = NS</b>



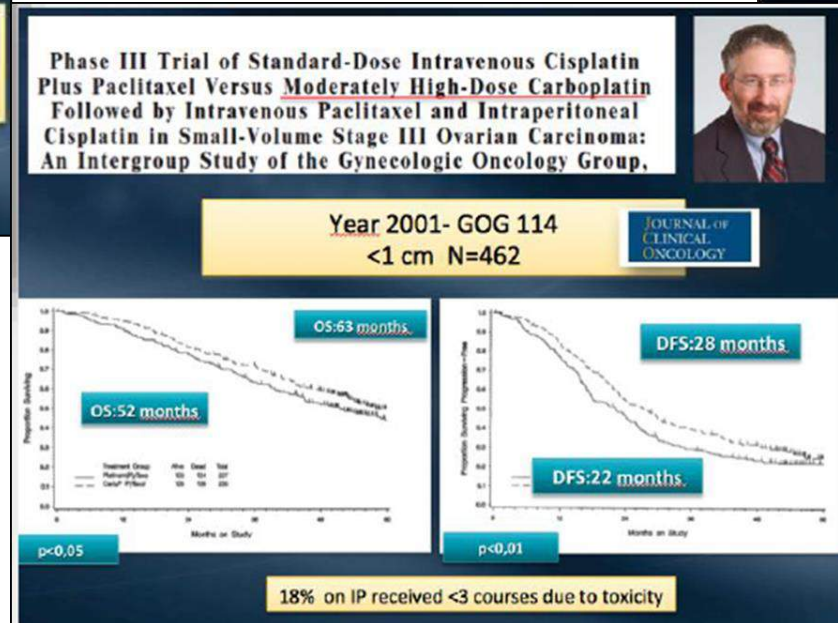
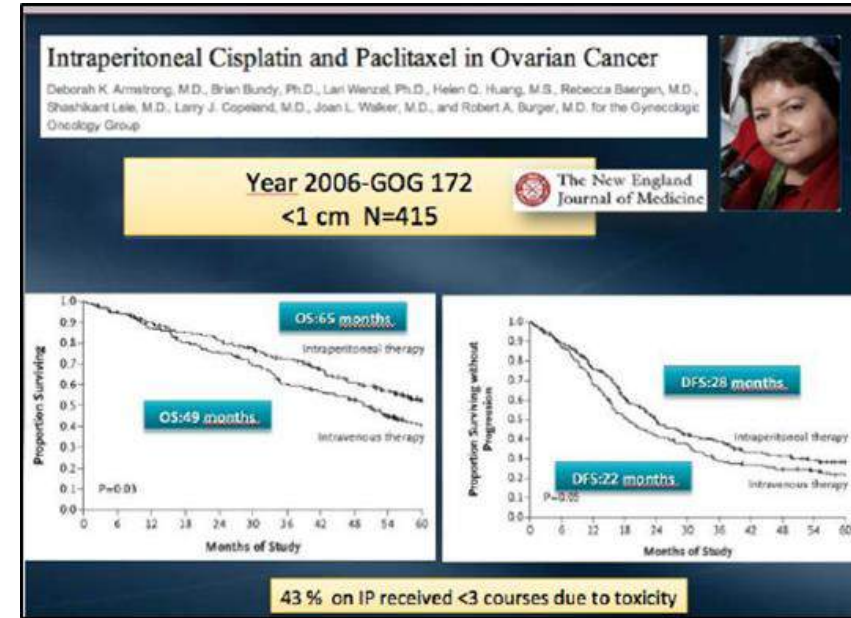
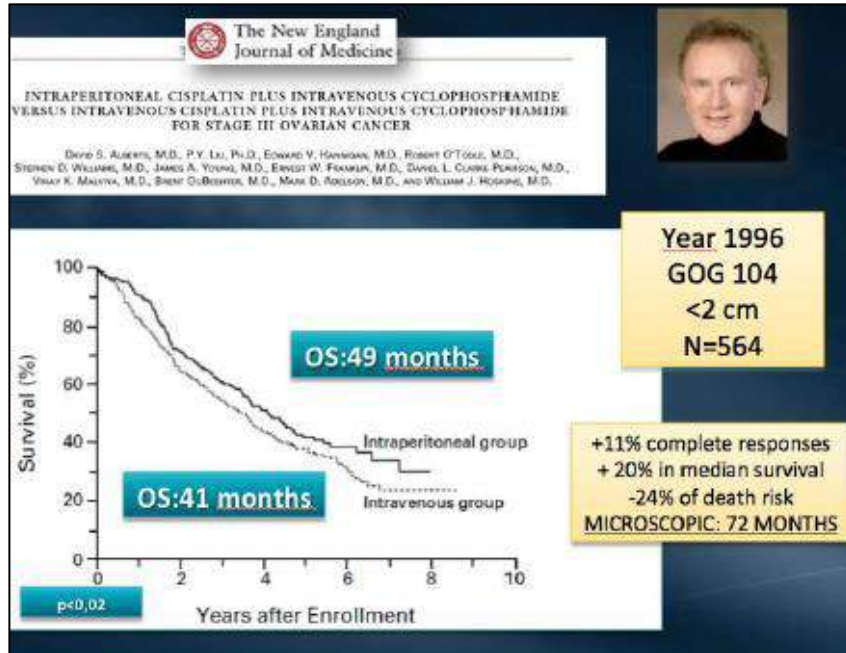
# Conclusion

- Choose the patients wisely: Objective predictive scores seems to have an impact on complete resection rates
- Bevacizumab and recently incorporated PARP inhibitors may have significant impact in overall decision making

# Intraperitoneal chemotherapy

- Ovarian cancer is a peritoneal disease
- Concentration of Cisplatin/ Carboplatin is 15-20 times higher intraperitoneally
- Drug clearance from the peritoneal cavity is significantly slower than from the vascular compartment

# RCTs for IP chemoRx



Long-Term Survival Advantage and Prognostic Factors  
Associated With Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy Treatment  
in Advanced Ovarian Cancer: A Gynecologic Oncology  
Group Study

*Devansu Tewari, James J. Java, Ritu Salani, Deborah K. Armstrong, Maurie Markman, Thomas Herzog,  
Bradley J. Monk, and John K. Chan*

Data from GOG protocols 114 and 172 were retrospectively analyzed

The advantage of Intraperitoneal over intravenous chemotherapy extends beyond 10 years.



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[Intervention Review]

# Intraperitoneal chemotherapy for the initial management of primary epithelial ovarian cancer

## PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

**Intraperitoneal chemotherapy (administered into the peritoneal cavity) for advanced ovarian cancer improves both overall and disease-free survival**

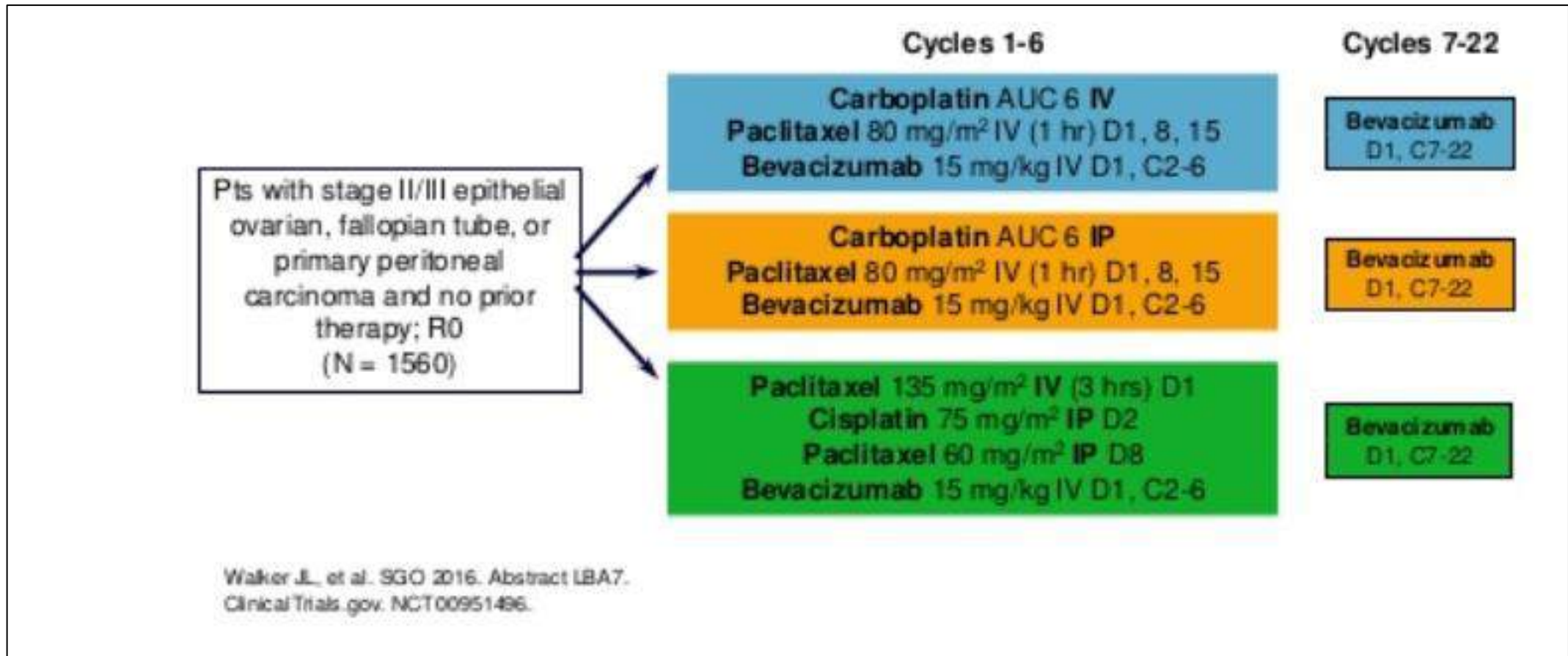
Ovarian cancer commonly spreads through the peritoneal cavity and usually responds to intravenous (IV) chemotherapy. This review compared the effectiveness of IV chemotherapy to chemotherapy administered directly into the peritoneal cavity (intraperitoneal, or IP). The evidence suggests an improvement in survival if some of the chemotherapy is administered via the intraperitoneal route. The disadvantage is an increase in adverse effects principally relating to the presence of a peritoneal catheter, including pain, catheter blockage, gastrointestinal effects and infection.

# Intra-peritoneal chemotherapy

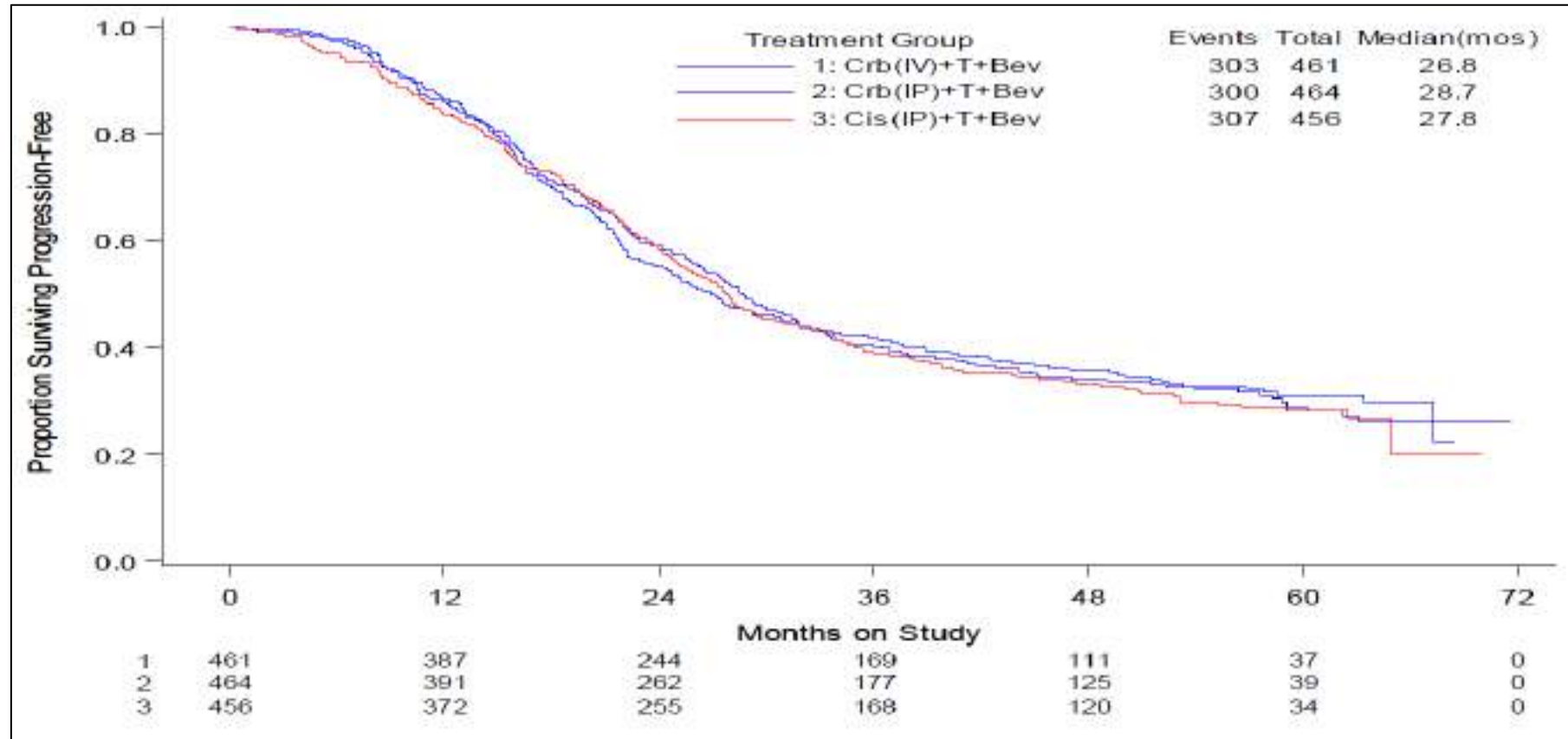
All the RCTs done had some Caveats:

- Either comparison with too old control arm
- Unbalanced control arms
- Too Toxic regimen
- Effect of more intense (dose dense schedule: GOG 172)

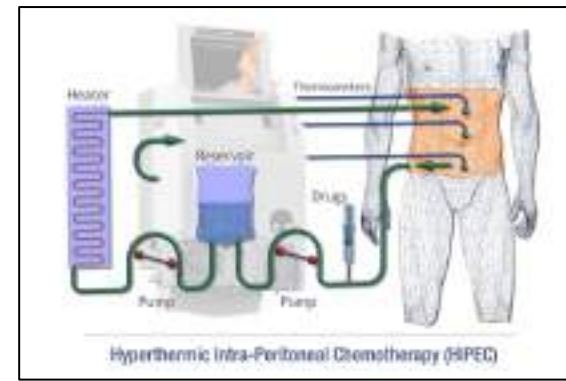
# GOG 252: IV vs IP chemotherapy + Bevacizumab in stage II/ III ovarian cancer



# GOG 252: Results



# Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal chemotherapy: HIPEC



- OS benefit of IP chemotherapy
- Logistic issues and increased toxicities: Catheter-related problems, increased demands on the patient, and gastrointestinal and renal side effects

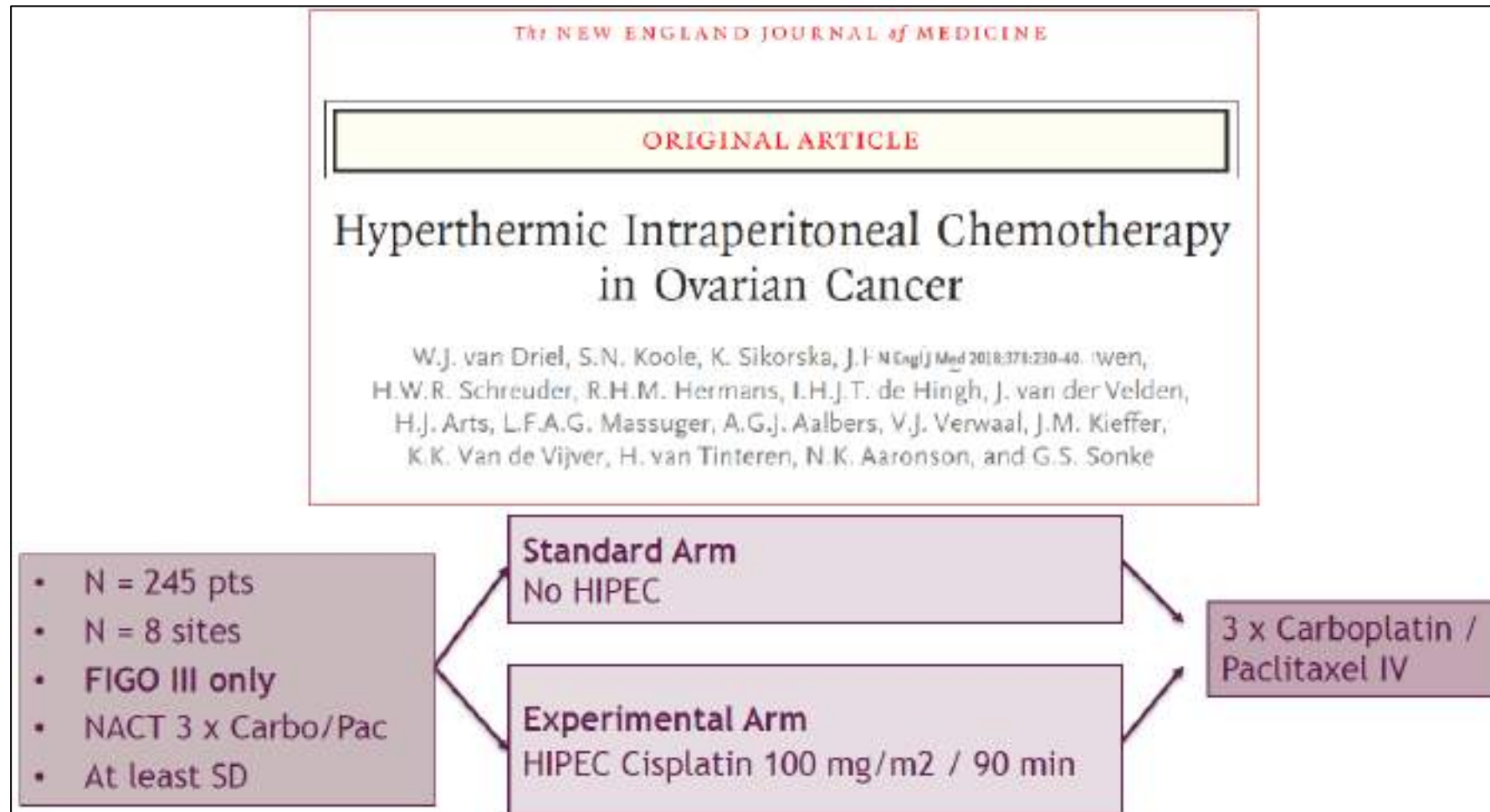
Delivery of the intraperitoneal chemotherapy at the end of surgery can circumvent most of these drawbacks while maintaining its advantages

## Benefits of hyperthermia

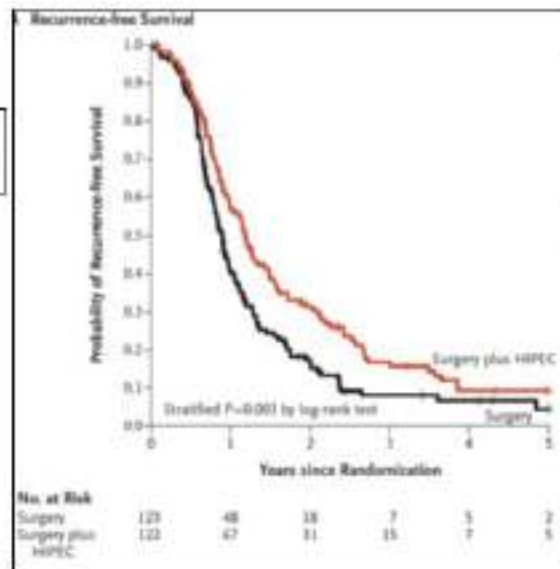
- Increased penetration of chemotherapy at the peritoneal surface
- Increased sensitivity of the cancer to chemotherapy by impairing DNA repair.

- Induction of apoptosis ,activation of heat-shock proteins that serve as receptors for
- natural killer cells,inhibition of angiogenesis, and a direct cytotoxic effect by promoting the denaturation
- of proteins

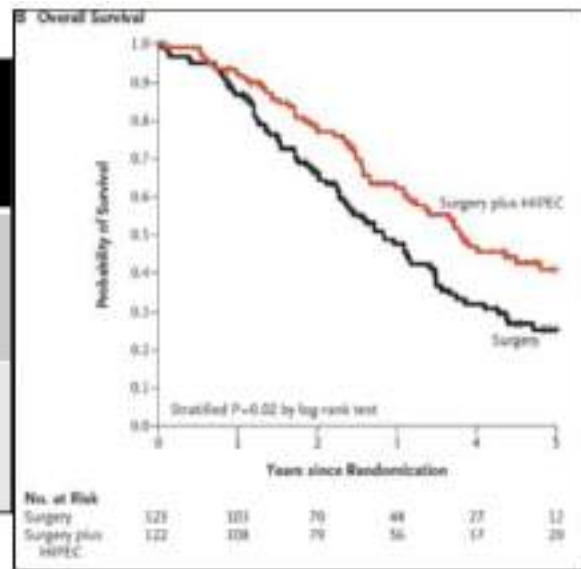
# Role of HIPEC in IDS setting



## Survival Outcomes



	<b>Sx (mths)</b>	<b>Sx+ HIPEC mths)</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
<b>RFS</b>	33.9	45.7	0.66; (0.50 to 0.87)
<b>OS</b>	33.9	45.7	0.67 (0.48 to 0.94)



## Postop Outcomes

Variable	Surgery (N=123)	Surgery plus HIPEC (N=122)
Median duration of surgery (IQR) — min	192 (153–251)	338 (299–426)
Median duration of hospitalization (IQR) — days	8 (7–10)	10 (8–12)
Median time between surgery and start of first cycle of adjuvant chemotherapy (IQR) — days	30 (25–41)	33 (28–41)
Number of completed cycles of adjuvant chemotherapy after surgery — no. (%)		
0	7 (6)	5 (4)
1	2 (2)	0
2	3 (2)	2 (2)
3	111 (90)	115 (94)

# Role of Minimally invasive surgery: Carcinoma Endometrium

Role of laparoscopy: (LAP 2 trial, LACE trial)

- Feasible, safe
- Morbidity less
- Equivalent survival outcomes



# Role of Minimally invasive surgery: Carcinoma Cervix

LACC trial (2018)

- Phase III randomized control trial: Minimally invasive (laparoscopic or robotic) radical hysterectomy Vs open radical hysterectomy in women with early-stage cervical cancer
- Significantly lower DFS and OS in MIS group

**Level I evidence against use of MIS in cervical cancer**

# Exenteration surgery: Anterior exenteration

- Morbid surgery
- Careful patient selection mandatory

## **Indications:**

- Recurrent cervical or endometrial disease
  - Central disease
  - Not amenable for radiation treatment
  - Upfront IV disease with VVF, Not reaching the lateral walls
- Occasionally in case of residual disease after radiation treatment: Not reaching the lateral walls

**Thank you**