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## SURGERY FOR TUMORS WITH INVASION OF THE APEX



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...lung cancer of the apex of the chest  
involving any structure of the apical chest  
wall irrespective of symptoms...

.....fewer than 5% of all bronchogenic  
carcinomas

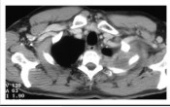
Excluding: 2<sup>nd</sup> rib involvement  
and visceral pleura

Detterbeck. Ann Thorac Surg 2003



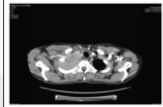
## DIFFERENT TYPES and DIFFERENT APPROACHES

Posterior tumor



Posterior  
(Paulson)  
approach

Mixed type



Combined  
anterior and  
paulson  
approach

Anterior tumor



Anterior  
approaches

- trans-clavicular
- trans-manubrial
- trans-sternal
- trans-scapular
- hemiclavshell



## HISTORY

1. Before 1950 (1<sup>st</sup> era), superior sulcus tumors were thought to be *incurable*
2. Shaw and Paulson's group (2<sup>nd</sup> era) → 30Gy in 10 fractions of *radiotherapy followed by surgical resection*, reporting a **30% 5-year survival**
3. Late 1980s and 90s (3<sup>th</sup> era) → development of *new surgical techniques* (Dartevelle et al) that enabled resection of tumors involving the spine and subclavian vessels
4. The most recent era (4<sup>th</sup> era) → *large prospective multicenter phase-II trials (USA and Japan) → induction chemo-radiotherapy followed by resection*, reporting around **50% 5-year survival**



## LITERATURE

the last 15 years

Author	n*	Treatment	5y OS	Morbidity	Mortality
Kwong <sup>2005</sup>	44	CT/RT + surg	59%	45%	5%
Rusch <sup>2007</sup>	110	CT/RT + surg + CT	44%	52.9%	4.5%
Fisher <sup>2008</sup>	44	CT/RT + surg	59%	n/a	4.5%
Kunito <sup>2008</sup>	76	CT/RT + surg	56%	15% major	5%
Yldizeli <sup>2008</sup>	80	Surg + adj therapy	36.6%	n/a	0.8%
Bolton <sup>2009</sup>	36	CT/RT + surg	50%	27%	2.7%
			<b>53.6%</b>	<b>41.6%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

\* Phase II trial



## Multimodality Treatment Strategies

### Induction CT/RT + Surgery

SWOG 9416 Rusch VW. J Clin Oncol 2007  
JCO 9806 Kunito H. J Clin Oncol 2008



### Surgery + Adjuvant therapy

Yldizeli-Dartevelle P. Ann Thorac Surg 2008



## Induction CT/RT + Surgery

	SWOG-9416	JCO-9806
Years of recruitment	1995-1999	1999-2002
N centers	5 (76 surgeons)	19
N pts (pts/surgeon)	110 (1.44)	76 (n/a)
Completed CT/RT	104 (95%)	71 (95%)
Surgery	88 (80%)	57 (75%)
Surgical mortality	3 (2.6%)	2 (3.5%)
5 years OS	44%	56%
Relapse rate	54.8%	52%

SWOG 9416 Rusch VW. J Clin Oncol 2007  
JCO 9806 Kunito H. J Clin Oncol 2008



## INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

According to the results of SWOG 9416 and JCO 9806 trials induction chemo-radiotherapy followed by resection is adopted as the standard of care for Pancoast tumors in the clinical guidelines published by the ACCP [2007] and the NCCN [2012]

...but

N pts/surgeon	110/76 → 1.44	SWOG-9416
N pts/center	76/19 → 4	JCO-9806

American College of Chest. Physician. Chest 2007  
NCCN clinical practice guidelines in oncology. Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer 2012



**Results of Primary Surgery With T4 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer During a 25-Year Period in a Single Center: The Benefit is Worth the Risk**

Bedrettin Yıldızeli, MD, Philippe G. Dartevelle, MD, Elie Fadel, MD, Sacha Mussot, MD, and Alain Chapelier, MD

Ann Thorac Surg 2008

**Surgery + Adjuvant therapy (80/126 pts)**

Long-Term survival affected by:

- Complete resection (p=0.01)
- Subclavian artery invasion (p=0.01)

**Surgical mortality: 0.8%**

**50 patients died of distant metastasis, mainly brain**

**CR 92% OS 5- and 10-years 36.6% and 25.9%**

**Induction therapy should be considered for the patients with mediastinal lymph node involvement**

**Our Phylosophy**

*"The European Institute of Oncology Experience"*

**INDUCTION CHEMOTHERAPY + SURGERY**

- Less toxicity compare to CT/RT → more pts to surgery
- Better local and distant control compare to surgery



**IEO EXPERIENCE: oncological indications**

**Surgery first**

T3/4 N0  
T3/4 N1 (minimal)

**Induction chemotherapy**

T3/4 N1 clavicular  
T3/4 N2 minimal

**Definitive CT/RT**

T3/4 N2 (Bulky) or N3



*"In patients with Superior Sulcus Tumor, involving the subclavian artery or vertebral column, resection should be undertaken only in specialized center to achive a complete resection"*

American College of Chest Physician. Chest 2007



## Surgical indications

Resectable and Operable Disease:  
Patients (PS 0/1) with T3/4 N0/1

### Absolute contro-indications to Surgery

- Distant metastases
- N2/N3
- >50% vertebral body involvement
- Brachial plexus involvement above T1 nerve
- Invasion of esophagus/trachea

Peedell, Clinical Oncology 2010



## Our Background

"The European Institute of Oncology Experience"



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Je soussigné Docteur PHILIPPE LEVASSOUR, Chef de Service de Chirurgie Thoracique et Oncologie au CHU de MARE-LANNOISQUE, certifie que le Docteur DANIELA MANZONI a effectué un stage post doctoral de six mois au Centre Chirurgico Oncologico de Paris du 15/01/2014 au 15/01/2015.

Le Docteur DANIELA MANZONI a participé à toutes les activités de service à son poste de stagiaire, et notamment au bilan opératoire, la partie des mémoires dans les domaines de la chirurgie thoracique ainsi que notamment de l'innovation en chirurgie de la respiration et oncologie.

En conséquence, j'ai autorisé le Docteur DANIELA MANZONI à effectuer son stage post doctoral de six mois au Centre Chirurgico Oncologico de Paris du 15/01/2014 au 15/01/2015.

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Exérèse par voie combinée cervico-thoracique des tumeurs responsables de syndrome de Pancoast-Tobias

Istituto Europeo di Oncologia

### Anterior transcervical-thoracic approach for radical resection of lung tumors invading the thoracic inlet

We describe an original anterior transcervical-thoracic approach required for a safe exposure and radical resection of non-small-cell lung cancer that has invaded the cervical structures of the thoracic inlet. Through a large I-shaped anterior cervical incision, after the removal of the internal half of the clavicle, the following steps may be performed: (1) dissection and resection of the subclavian vein; (2) isolation of the anterior scalene muscle and resection of the cervical portion of the phrenic nerve; (3) transect (3) exposure of the subclavian and vertebral arteries; (4) dissection of the brachial plexus up to the apical foramen; (5) section of innervated ribs; and (6) en bloc removal of chest wall and lung tumor, either directly or through an extension of the cervical incision into the subscapular groove. An additional posterior thoracotomy may be required for resection of the chest wall below the second rib. Between 1998 and 1991, 29 patients underwent radical in bloc resection of the lung tumor, chest wall ( ribs 1 and 2), and underlying lung, either through the anterior transcervical approach alone (n = 9) or with an additional posterior thoracotomy (n = 20). The inferior most of the brachial plexus, either alone (n = 13) or with the phrenic nerve (n = 4), was isolated and resected in 15 patients (52%). Twelve patients (41%) had a vascular involvement that included the subclavian artery alone (n = 3), subclavian artery and subclavian vein (n = 3), subclavian artery, subclavian vein, and vertebral artery (n = 2), subclavian artery and vertebral artery (n = 1), subclavian vein alone (n = 1), vertebral artery alone (n = 1), or subclavian artery and vertebral artery (n = 1). The subclavian artery was revascularized either with a prosthetic replacement (n = 7) or an end-to-end anastomosis (n = 2), and the median graft patency was 83.5 months (range, 6 to more than 73 months); only 1 patient had postoperative graft occlusion in the revascularized artery 6 months after operation. We performed 14 wedge resections, 14 lobectomies, and 1 pneumonectomy. There were no operative or hospital deaths. Postoperative radiotherapy median, 56 Gy) was given to 25 (86%) patients, either alone (n = 14) or in combination with adjuvant systemic chemotherapy (n = 11). With a median follow-up time of 2.5 years, overall 2- and 5-year survival were 89% and 63%, respectively. This transcervical-thoracic approach allows a safe exposure and radical resection of non-small-cell lung cancer involving the thoracic inlet and results in encouraging long-term survival. *J Thorac Cancer* 2010; 15(10):1025-30

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“...ANTERIOR LESIONS ARE BEST TREATED USING AN ANTERIOR APPROACH RATHER THAN THE CLASSIC SHAW-PAULSON POSTEROLATERAL APPROACH...”

“...FOR ANTERIOR SITUATED APICAL TUMORS, WHERE ADHERENCE TO THE SUBCLAVIAN VESSELS IS SUSPECTED, AN ANTERIOR APPROACH IS OFTEN PREFERRED...”



R.J.Ginsberg ,  
Chest Surg Clin North Am 1995



“...ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TRANSCERVICAL APPROACH IS THE CLAVICULAR RESECTION...”

“...NOT SURPRISINGLY, POSTOPERATIVE ALTERATIONS IN SHOULDER MOBILITY AND CERVICAL POSTURE ARE TYPICAL...”



R.J. Ginsberg  
Year Book of Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 1998

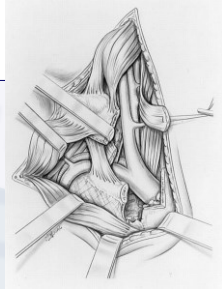


### Transmanubrial Osteomuscular Sparing Approach for Apical Chest Tumors

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Ann Thorac Surg; 1997

Document header for the French journal 'Ann Thorac Surg'. It includes the logo of 'L'INSTITUT MUTUALISTE MONTSOURIS' and the text 'REPUBLICA ITALIANA DI PARISI'. Below the logo, there is a list of names and titles: 'Dr. Dominique Grenenwald, Directeur, Institut Mutualiste Montsouris, 125 Avenue de St. Mandé, 75013 Paris', 'Dr. Lorenzo Spaggiari, Professeur, Université de Milan, 20133 Milan', and 'Dr. Dominique Grenenwald, Professeur, Université de Paris, 75013 Paris'. There is also a small diagram of a human torso showing the location of the transmanubrial approach.



### Transmanubrial Approach With Antero-Lateral Thoracotomy for Apical Chest Tumor

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Transmanubrial osteomuscular sparing approach (TMA) has been recently proposed for the treatment of apical chest tumor to allow a safer subclavian artery control with a less invasive procedure for the patient. The present technique combines the antero-lateral muscle-sparing thoracotomy with TMA for lung cancer patients

in whom extended resection of cervico-thoracic structures as well as anatomic lung resection and radical lymph nodes dissection are required.

(Ann Thorac Surg 1999;68:590-3)  
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Fig. 1. Double approach for apical chest tumor with subclavian artery involvement: transmanubrial osteomuscular sparing approach and muscle-sparing antero-lateral thoracotomy. Skin incisions.



### Characteristics of the various anterior approaches

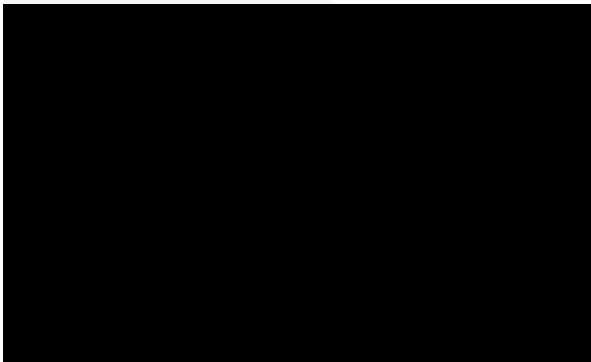
Approach	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Trans-cervical</b>	-Excellent exposure -All type of lung resection feasible without accessory thoracotomy	-Resection of the clavicle -Risk of scapula alata
<b>Trans-manubrial</b>	-Excellent exposure -Leaves in situ the clavicle without muscular sacrifice	- Needs an accessory thoracotomy or resection of the first two ribs to perform the lung resection
<b>Hemiclamshell</b>	-Excellent exposure	-Difficult posterior dissection -Risk of fall chest
<b>Trans-scapular</b>	- Adequate exposure	-Very long ischemic incision -Increased shoulder girdle dysfunction or impairment of pulmonary function

### IEO EXPERIENCE: type of approach

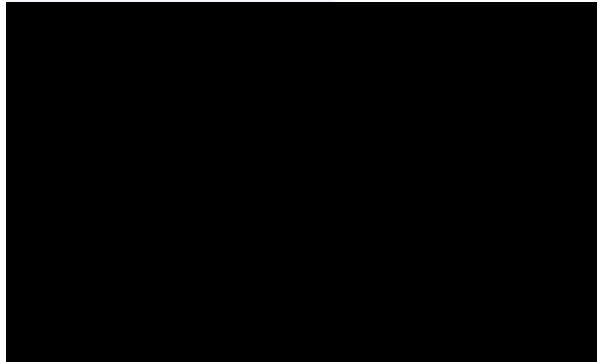
- Transmanubrial + posterolateral thoracotomy (Paulson's incision)
- Transmanubrial + anterolateral thoracotomy
- Transmanubrial alone
- Hemiclamshell



### Anterior Approach (TMA alone)



### Anterior + Midline Posterior Approach for Hemivertebrectomy



### IEO experience from 1998 to 2013

Patients	94 (6pts/yr); 3 surgeons	pTx	3	3,19 %
Male	79 (84%)	pT0	5	5,32 %
Median age	62 yrs (44-80)	pT1	0	0,00 %
	LS → 57 PGS → 9 UP → 28	pT2	7	7,44 %
	94/3=31	pT3	65	69,15 %
		pT4	14	14,89 %

Adenocarcinoma	40 (42,5%)
Squamous	29 (31%)
Adeno-squamous	7 (7,4%)
Pleomorphic	5 (5,3%)
Large cell neuroendocrin	5 (5,3%)
Other	8 (8,5%)

pT3:		
pN0	40	61,5%
pN1	12	18,4%
pN2	7	10,8%
pN3	3	4,6%
pNx	3	4,6%

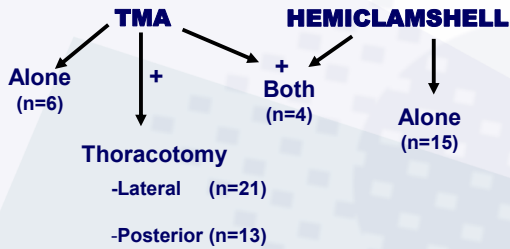


### European Insitute of Oncology Experience : Type of apical chest tumor

anterior		N=45 (47.9%)
posterior		N=39 (41,5%)
mixed type		N=10 (10,6%)



### ANTERIOR SURGICAL APPROACH (Including Combined Approach)



### Induction treatments

• Yes	n=48 (51%)
– Chemotherapy	<b>n=38 (79,2%)</b>
– CT/RT	n=9 (18,8%)
– RT	n=1 (2,1%)



## Adjuvant treatments

• Yes	n=33(38.8%)
– Chemotherapy	n=1 (1,3%)
– CT/RT	n=3 (4%)
– <b>RT</b>	<b>n=29 (37.2%)</b>
– Not specified	n=5 (6.4%)

## RESECTIONS

Right (n=48, 51.3%) vs Left (n=46, 48.7%)

	lung	extended
<b>Lobectomy</b>	<b>78 (83%)</b>	<b>Vascular 21 (22,5%)</b>
Pneumonectomy	3 (3%)	(anterior approaches 37%)
Sleeve lobectomy	6 (6.5%)	
Wedge	7 (7.5%)	

**Complete resection 90.4%**

## POSTOPERATIVE OUTCOME

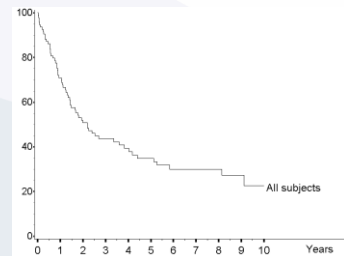
**30 and 90-day MORTALITY → 5.3% (5/94) and 9.6% (9/94)**

- Anterior	6,4% (6/94)
- Posterior	1,1% (1/94)
- Combined anteriore and Posterior	2,1% (2/94)

**POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS 16% (15/94) (MAJOR)**

ICU stay (median)	1 days (0-160)
Hospital Stay (median)	9 days (5-116)

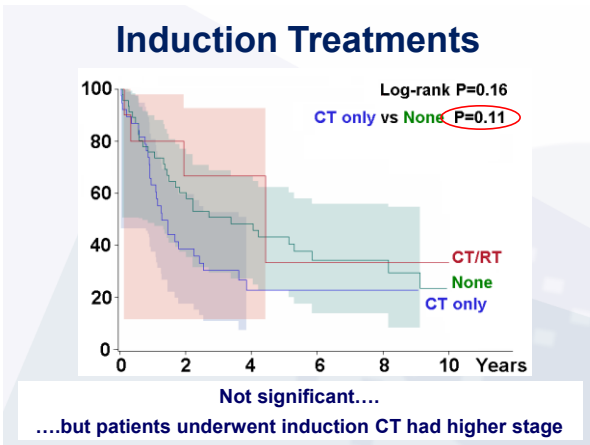
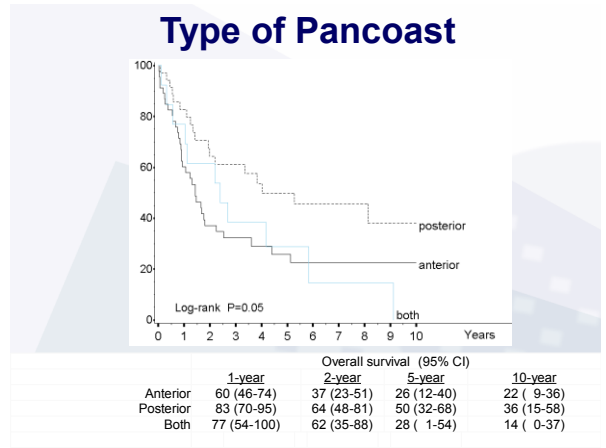
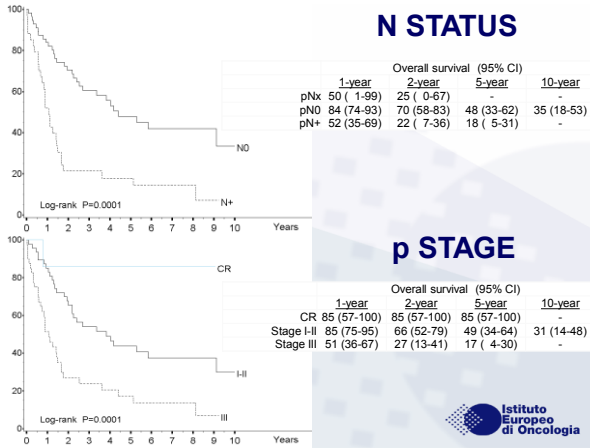
## OVERALL SURVIVAL



Overall survival (95% CI)				
	1-year	2-year	5-year	10-year
ALL	71 (32-80)	51 (40-61)	35 (25-45)	23 (11-35)

Follow-up 36 months (median)(range 6-146)





- ### Conclusions
- N status significantly influence survival results
  - Best candidate T3N0 (5-yr 50%, 10-yr 35%)
  - Induction treatment should be indicated on case-by-case basis according to the T extension and N status
  - High percentage of radical resection (97%) and the prevalence of systemic recurrence may hypothesizes a role to the adjuvant chemotherapy
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