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INTRODUCTION

- Lung cancer remains as the n° 1 cancer killer in Europe and United States
- Survival is directly related to stage at diagnosis
- Even patients with early-stage lung cancer have recurrence rates about 30%-40%, with a 5-year survival ranging dramatically from 50% to 90%, due to occult disease and inadequate nodal staging;
- Node-positive disease lowers 5-year survival to 27%.

Pathologic nodal stage is the strongest predictor
of long-term survival in surgical NSCLC

Imaging → CT scan and PET FDG
CT lymph node enlargement and/or
PET FDG pathological uptake



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graph TD
    A[CT and PET-CT] --> B[Mediastinal LN's negative]
    A --> C[Mediastinal LN's positive]
    B --> D["200 and peripheral tumour > 3 cm (outer third of the lung) and tumour < 3 cm"]
    B --> E["200 or central tumour > 3 cm (mainly adjacent with high FDG uptake)"]
    D --> F[Surgey]
    E --> F
    E --> G["Tissue confirmation: EBUS/EUS or VAM (6)"]
    G --> H[Mediastinal LN's negative]
    G --> I[Mediastinal LN's positive]
    H --> F
    I --> J["Tissue confirmation: EBUS/EUS (< 3)"]
    J --> K[Mediastinal LN's positive]
    J --> L[Mediastinal LN's negative on EBUS/EUS]
    K --> M[Multimodality treatment]
    L --> N[VAM (6)]
    N --> O[Mediastinal LN's positive]
    N --> P[Mediastinal LN's negative]
    O --> M
    P --> F
  
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Flowchart illustrating the management of mediastinal lymph node (LN) involvement in lung cancer, based on CT and PET-CT findings and ESTS guidelines (2014).

CT and PET-CT

- Mediastinal LN's negative**
 - 200 and peripheral tumour > 3 cm (outer third of the lung) and tumour < 3 cm
 - 200 or central tumour > 3 cm (mainly adjacent with high FDG uptake) (a)
- Mediastinal LN's positive**
 - Tissue confirmation: EBUS/EUS or VAM (6)
 - Mediastinal LN's negative
 - Surgey
 - Mediastinal LN's positive
 - Tissue confirmation: EBUS/EUS (< 3)
 - Mediastinal LN's positive
 - Multimodality treatment
 - Mediastinal LN's negative on EBUS/EUS
 - VAM (6)
 - Mediastinal LN's positive
 - Multimodality treatment
 - Mediastinal LN's negative
 - Surgey

ESTS guidelines, 2014

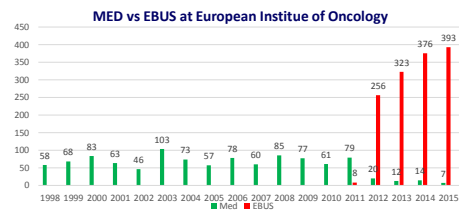
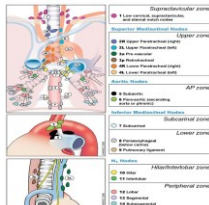
(a) In tumours > 3 cm (mainly in adenocarcinoma with high FDG uptake) invasive staging should be considered

(b) Depending on local expertise to adhere to minimal requirements for staging

(c) Endoscopic techniques are minimally invasive and are the first choice if local expertise with EBUS/EUS needle aspiration is available

(d) Due to its higher NPV, in case of PET positive or CT enlarged mediastinal LN, videoassisted mediastinoscopy (VAM) with nodal dissection or biopsy is more indicated when endobronchial staging is negative. Nodal dissection has an increased accuracy over biopsy

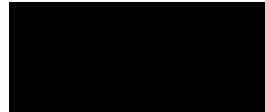
Staging modality	Lymph node access	%		
		Sensitivity*	Specificity*	NPV*
Noninvasive				
CT chest	All	55	81	83
PET	All	80	88	91
PET-CT	All	62	90	90
Invasive				
Mediastinoscopy [†]	2R, 2L, 4R, 4L, 7	78	100 [†]	91
EBUS [†]	2R, 2L, 4R, 4L, 7, 10 [†] 10L, 11R, 11L	89	100 [†]	91
EUS	4L, 7, 5, 8, 9	89	100 [†]	86
Combined	2R, 2L, 4R, 4L, 7, 10R, 10L, 11R, 11L, 5, 8, 9	91	100 [†]	96



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EBUS - TECHNIQUE

- Outpatient setting
- Moderate sedation
- Extended hilar stations
- «All in ONE» procedure
- No complications
- High diagnostic rate



**First choice for
invasive
mediastinal
staging!**

ENDOBROCHIAL ULTRASOUND

Table 1: Real-Time Endobronchial Ultrasound-guided Transbronchial Needle Aspiration for Systematic Mediastinal Staging of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

First Author	Year	N	cStage	Sedation	Site Selection	Sites Sampled	Technique	ROSE	Complications	Sensitivity (%)
Yasufuku (35)	2005	105	cN1-3	Moderate	>5 mm SA	1.6	Up to 5 passes	Yes	None	95 ^a 95.5
Schubowski (41)	2009	220	cN0-3	Moderate	>5 mm SA	1.4	3-5 Passes	No	None	88 ^a 88.2
Lee (84)	2012	73	cN0-3	GA	All accessible	2.6 ^b	Minimum 1 pass	No	Atrial fibrillation	100 ^a 100
Bauwens (42)	2008	106	cN1-3	Moderate	All accessible	1.8	NR	No	Pneumothorax	100 ^a 100
Mermel (37)	2011	100	cN1-3	Moderate	All visible	2.3	Up to 3 passes	Yes	None	81 ^a 81.3
Yasufuku (44)	2011	153	cN0-3	GA	>5 mm SA	2.8	Up to 5 passes	Yes	None	69 ^a 69.3
Wallace (69)	2008	138	cN2-3	Moderate	Visible LN's	1.4	Minimum 3 passes	No	None	69 ^a 69.3
Yasufuku (28)	2006	102	cN0-3	Moderate	>5 mm SA	2.0	Up to 5 passes	Yes	None	92 ^a 92.1
Herth (32)	2006	100	cN0	Moderate	>5 mm SA	1.2	4 Passes**	No	None	92 ^a 92.1
Nakajima (40)	2010	49	cN1-3	Moderate	>5 mm SA	2.6	Up to 5 passes**	Yes	None	92 ^a 92.1
Herth (27)	2008	97	cN0	GA	>5 mm SA	1.6	2 Passes	No	None	88 ^a 88.2

Clinical Review: Kinsey et al. AJRCCM 2014

IEO EXPERIENCE

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EBUS for mediastinal staging

OVERALL			
	HISTO neg	HISTO pos	Total
EBUS neg	314	36	350
EBUS pos	0	1017	1017
Total	314	1053	1367
Inadequate EBUS: N=40			
Sensitivity	= 1017/1053 < 96.6% 95% CI: 95.3% to 97.6%		
Specificity	= 314/ 314 = 100% 95% CI: 98.8% to 100 %		
PPV	= 1017/1017 = 100% 95% CI: 98.6% to 100 %		
NPV	= 314/ 350 < 89.7% 95% CI: 86.1% to 92.7%		
Accuracy	= 1331/1367 < 97.4% 95% CI: 96.4% to 98.4% (OR total correct classification)		

Early-Stage Lung Cancer: 40s Anniversary

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JTO 2014

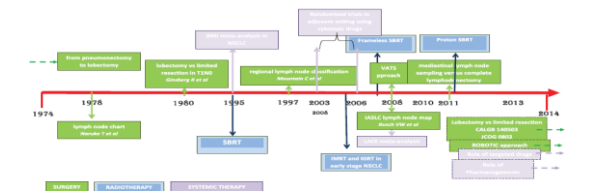


FIGURE 1. Early-stage non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC): overview of the scientific achievements characterizing this setting over the last 40 years.

DIAGNOSTIC REVOLUTION FOR LUNG CANCER

Imaging advancement and early detection programs → more than 70% stage I and II

➤ Modern medicine: from the "maximum tolerable treatment" to the "minimum effective treatment" → **limited resections**

➤ Less invasive treatment → **VATS/Robot**

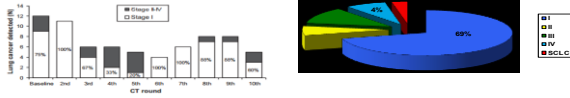


Fig. 3. Stage distribution of lung cancers detected by annual CT screening.

NSCLC stage I or II - Limited resection -

Lobectomy is considered to be the method of choice

Churchill ED, 1950; Ramsey HE, 1969

• **Limited resection procedure:**

- segmentectomy
- wedge resection

PAST

→ impaired pulmonary function
→ elderly patients

Randomized Trial of Lobectomy Versus Limited Resection for T1 N0 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Lung Cancer Study Group (Prepared by Robert J. Ginsberg, MD, and Lawrence V. Rubinstein, PhD)

Ann Thorac Surg 1995

cT1N0 peripheral NSCLC ≤ 3 cm

1982-1988

Wedge/Segmentectomy
n°122

Lobectomy
n°125

Locoregional recurrence rate → threefold increase with wedge
(17% vs 6%) → p=0.008

Overall death rate → 30% increase in limited resection group → p=0.088

statistically significant survival benefit to lobectomy (p = 0.088)

Pitfalls → No modern pre-operative staging, tumor size up to 3 cm, lymph node sampling

Literature

Lobectomy vs segmentectomy

Authors	Publication year	Study design	Stage	No. of seg.	No. of lob.	Survival difference	Reason for segmentectomy
Warren and Fisher [3]	1994	RS	I	66	103	NS	Prior cardiopulmonary function and smaller lesions
Chakka et al [10]	2001	PS	IA, A2 cm	68	104	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Kamamoto et al [17]	2004	RS	IA	21	106	NS	Prior cardiopulmonary function
Kerrison et al [35]	2004	RS	I	54	147	NS	Prior pulmonary function
Marino-Alcaraz et al [16]	2005	MPS	I	17	17	NS	Prior pulmonary function
Watanabe et al [18]	2005	PS	IA, A2 cm	20	57	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Chakka et al [10]	2005	RS	I	211	406	NS	NSD
Chikuma et al [20]	2007	RS	IA	84	418	NS	NSD
Leuchner et al [31]	2007	PS	I	182	286	NS	NSD
Iwasaki et al [22]	2007	RS	IA, A2 cm	31	55	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Shigemori et al [7]	2009	RS	I	31	115	NS	Small lesions of A2 cm, prior pulmonary function
Kim et al [19]	2009	PS	I	76	106	NS	Age >70 years
Sugi et al [23]	2010	PS	IA	43	95	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Watanabe et al [24]	2011	RS	I	501	13,852	NS	NSD
Hakamada et al [25]	2011	RS	I	38	289	NS	NSD
Zhang et al [26]	2012	PS	IA, A2 cm	39	81	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Yamashita et al [27]	2012	PS	IA	95	124	NS	NSD
Cheng et al [28]	2012	PS	I	32	32	NS	Age >70 years, prior pulmonary function
Stadelmann et al [29]	2012	RS	IA	56	176	NS	NSD
Vandecastee et al [30]	2012	RS	IA, A2 cm	311	5142	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A2 cm
Hakamada et al [36]	2012	RS	IA, A1 cm	52	97	NS	Intentional resection for small lesions of A1 cm
Carr et al [31]	2012	RS	IA	178	251	NS	NSD

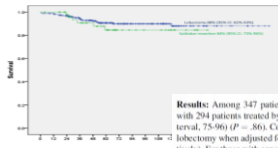
Seg: segmentectomy; Lob: lobectomy; RS: retrospective study; PS: prospective non-randomized study; NS: not significant; LB: lobectomy better; NSD: not detected; MPS: matched-pair study.

World J Surg Oncol. 2014

Sublobar resection is equivalent to lobectomy for clinical stage IA lung cancer in solid nodules

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J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2013

347 patients who underwent lobectomy (n=294) or sublobar resection (n=53) for non-small cell lung cancer manifesting as a solid nodule, from 1993 to 2011



Propensity scoring was performed using the same covariates

nodule diameter of ≤ 20 mm

Results: Among 347 patients, 10-year Kaplan-Meier for 53 patients treated by sublobar resection compared with 294 patients treated by lobectomy was 85% (95% confidence interval, 80-91) versus 86% (confidence interval, 75-96) ($P = .86$). Cox survival analysis showed no significant difference between sublobar resection and lobectomy when adjusted for propensity scores or when using propensity quantiles ($P = .62$ and $P = .79$, respectively). For those with cancers 20 mm or less in diameter, the 10-year rates were 88% (95% confidence interval, 82-93) versus 84% (95% confidence interval, 73-96) ($P = .45$), and Cox survival analysis showed no significant difference between sublobar resection and lobectomy using either approach ($P = .42$ and $P = .52$, respectively).

CALGB 140503: A Randomized Phase III Trial of Lobectomy versus Sublobar Resection for Small (< 2cm) Peripheral Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Fox N and Bauer T. Oncology Issue, 2008

1297 pts

AIM: to evaluate the "non inferiority" in overall survival of segmentectomy compared to lobectomy in peripheral Stage IA NSCLC ≤ 2 cm

INCLUSION CRITERIA	EXCLUSION CRITERIA
Single tumor ≤ 2 cm	Double cancers (< 5 yrs)
Suspected NSCLC cN0	Prior CT/RT
Peripheral	Locally advanced or metastatic disease
Performance status 0-2	Age < 18 yrs old

Frozen section \rightarrow pNSCLC
N1 and N2 sampling
 \downarrow
RANDOMIZATION
Lobectomy Wedge/segmentectomy

A Phase III Randomized Trial of Lobectomy Versus Limited Resection for Small-sized Peripheral Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (JCOG0802/WJOG4607L)

Nakamura et al. Jap J Clin Oncology 2010

1100 pts in 71 institutions within 3 yrs

AIM: to evaluate the "non inferiority" in overall survival of segmentectomy compared to lobectomy in peripheral Stage IA NSCLC ≤ 2 cm

INCLUSION CRITERIA	EXCLUSION CRITERIA
Single tumor ≤ 2 cm	Pulmonary infections
Suspected NSCLC cN0	Double cancers (< 5 yrs)
Peripheral	Pregnancy or breast feeding
Performance status 0-1	Fibrosis, severe emphysema
Age ≥ 20 yrs old	Pneumonia
No thoracotomy/CT/RT	Uncontrollable comorbidities
postFEV1 ≥ 800 ml	Severe heart disease
PaO2 ≥ 85 torr	Heart attack within 6 mos

RANDOMIZATION

Lobectomy + N1/N2 dissection Wedge/segmentectomy + N1/N2 dissection

Frozen section \rightarrow N1/N2 + or lung margin +

Lobectomy

Dissection margin > 2 cm or at least = tumor diameter; if T > 2 cm or N+ \rightarrow CT

CONCLUSION

- Limited resection -

INDICATIONS
Benign disease not amenable of wedge
Malignant disease
NSCLC Stage I \rightarrow less 2 cm
cN0
Limited respiratory function
elderly

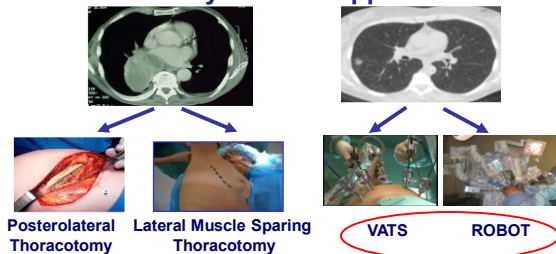


NO	Stage IA		Stage IB	Stage IIA
	T1a	T1b	T2a	T2b
	≤ 2 cm	> 2 cm but ≤ 3 cm	> 3 cm but ≤ 5 cm	> 5 cm but ≤ 7 cm
	No invasion proximal to lobar bronchus		Main bronchus (> 2 cm distal to the carina)	
	Surrounded by lung or visceral pleura		Visceral pleura	

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Locally advanced
Double tumors
Technical Difficulties
Preop CT and/or RT
No one-lung ventilation

NSCLC stage I or II - Minimally invasive approach-



VATS pulmonary resection

"We define VATS pulmonary resection as a video assisted, minimally access approach in which the surgeon operates primarily by watching the television monitor and uses no rib spreading throughout the entire procedure"

Yim AP, Pearson, 2008

- Full Endoscopic Procedure (Monitor-based)
- Individual Dissection & Stapling of Hilar Structures
- No Rib Spreading

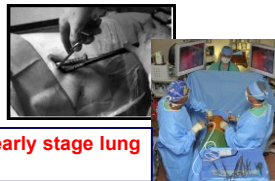


Surgery for Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: A Systematic Review of the Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery Versus Thoracotomy Approaches to Lobectomy

Bryan A. Whitson, MD, PhD, Shawn S. Groth, MD, Susan J. Duval, PhD, Scott J. Swanson, MD, and Michael A. Madhous, MD

Benefits of VATS:

- Reduce in postoperative pain
- Rate of postoperative complications
- Better preserved respiratory functions
- Reduction of length of in-hospital stay
- Fastern return to previous activity level



VATS = Standard approach for early stage lung cancer in USA

Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Lobectomy Is Less Costly and Morbid Than Open Lobectomy: A Retrospective Multiinstitutional Database Analysis

Scott J. Swanson, MD, Bryan F. Meyers, MD, Candace L. Gunnarsson, EdD, Matthew Moore, MHA, John A. Howington, MD, Michael A. Madhous, MD, Robert J. McKenna, MD, and Daniel L. Miller, MD

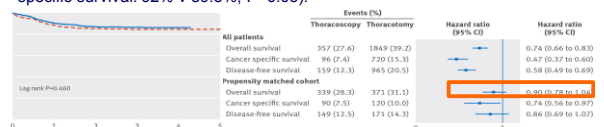
Ann Thorac Surg 2012;93:1027-32
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Long term survival with thoracoscopic versus open lobectomy: propensity matched comparative analysis using SEER-Medicare database

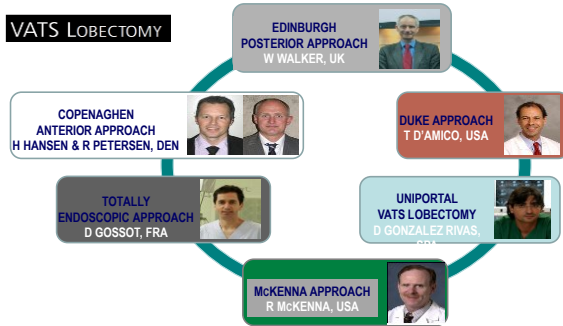
BMJ 2014

Subroto Paul associate professor¹, Abby J Isaacs senior analyst², Tom Treasure professor³, Nasser K Altorki professor⁴, Art Sedrakyan associate professor and director⁵

In a matched analysis of 1195 patients in each treatment category, no statistical differences in 3 year overall survival, DFS, or cancer specific survival (OS: 70.6% v 68.1%, P=0.55; DFS: 86.2% v 85.4%, P=0.46; cancer specific survival: 92% v 89.5%, P=0.05).



VATS LOBECTOMY



ROBOTIC SURGERY

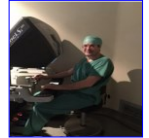
To overcome vats limitations, micromechanic and robotic technology was introduced in the mid-1990.

Natural movements of the surgeon's hands are translated into **precise instrument movements** inside the patient with tremor filtration.

Three dimensional view offers a visual magnification that compensates the absence of haptic feedback.



- Robotic system can make advanced thoracoscopic surgery accessible to surgeons who do not have advanced videoendoscopic training
- Expand indications
- Advantages for patients



ROBOTIC LOBECTOMY - Literature -

Lead Author	Year	Pts	OT (min)	LOS (Days)	Compl. (%)	Mortality (%)	Conversion (%)
RAL							
Melfi	2004	107	220	5	na	1	na
Park	2006	30	218	4.5	26	0	12
Gharagozloo	2009	100	216	4	21	3	13
IEO	2010	54	224	4.5	20	0	9.4
Park, IEO, Pisa	2011	325	210	5	25	na	8
IEO	2012	91	213	5	20	0	10
CPRL / CPRS							
Dylewski	2011	165 / 35	90	3	26	0	1.5
Cerfolio	2011	106 / 16	132	2	27	0	10

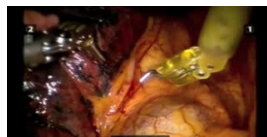
CPRL - Complete port robotic lobectomy
CPRS - Complete port robotic segmentectomy
RAL - Robotic assisted lobectomy

ROBOTIC LOBECTOMY - IEO technique -

- Lateral position
- Robot at the head posteriorly
- Four incisions including a small utility incision
- Camera arm: VII space mid axillary line
- No rib spreading
- Individual ligation of hilar elements



PATIENTS AND ROBOT POSITIONING

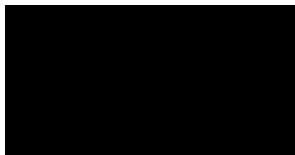


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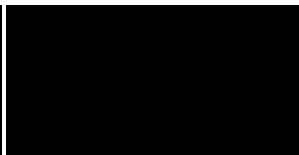


RUL BRONCHUS AND FISSURE

LYMPHADENECTOMY



right



left

Four-arm robotic lobectomy for the treatment of early-stage lung cancer

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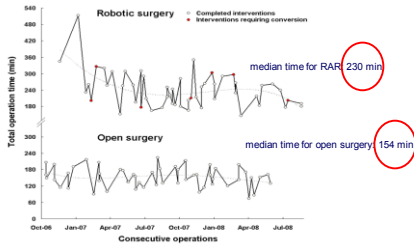
JTCVS 2010

LEARNING CURVE - SAFETY - RADICALITY

	ROBOT (54)			OPEN (54)	p value I vs II+III	p value II+III vs Open
	I	II	III			
Complications	33%	22%	6%	19%	0.04	0.77
Operative time	260	213	235	154	0.02	<0.0001
Postop. days	6 days	5 days	4 days	6 days	0.002	0.002
Median N° LN	15	17	17	18	0.24	0.72

- 1) Learning curve include 18 pts, complications, postoperative days and operative time declines with experience
- 2) Postoperative stay was SHORTEN after robotic than open procedures
- 3) Complications and N° lymph nodes removed were comparable in open and robotic lobectomies

Learning curve



The median time of robotic intervention for completed operations decreased by 43 minutes between the first and the last two series of interventions ($p=0.01$)

Initial consecutive experience of completely portal robotic pulmonary resection with 4 arms

Robert J. Cerfolio, MD, FACS, FCCP, Ayesha S. Bryant, MD, MSPH, Loli Skylizand, MD, and Douglas James Minnich, MD, FACS

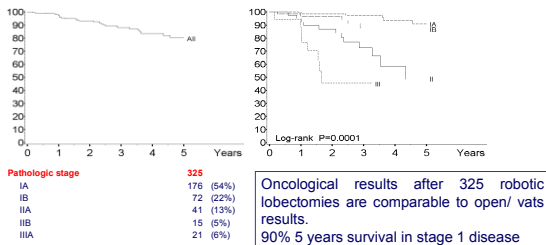
J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg, 2011

	Robotic operation (N = 106)	Rib- and nerve-sparing thoracotomy (N = 318)	P value
Estimated blood loss (ml, median \pm SD)	36 \pm 24	50 \pm 22	.03
Operative time (h, median \pm SD)	2.2 \pm 1.0	1.5 \pm 0.8	<.001
No. of mediastinal (N2) lymph node stations removed (median)	3	3	>.999
No. of mediastinal (N2) lymph nodes removed (median)	12	11	.886
No. of N1 lymph node stations removed (median)	3	3	>.999
No. of N1 lymph nodes removed (median)	8	8	.89
Esophageal dissection or splenic nerve resection	13 (12%)	10 (3.1%)	<.001
Hospital stay (d, median and range)	2.0 (1-7)	4.0 (1-67)	.01
Morbidity (no.)	28 (27%)	120 (38%)	.05
Operative mortality (no.)	0	11 (3%)	.11
Visual pain score 3 wk postoperatively (median and range)	2.5 (0-7)	4.4 (0-8)	.04

No difference in lymph node dissection

ROBOTIC LOBECTOMY FOR NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC): LONG-TERM ONCOLOGIC RESULTS

B.J. Park, F. Melfi, P. Maisonneuve, L. Spaggiari, R Da Silva, G. Veronesi
Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery 2011



ROBOT vs VATS

ADVANTAGES

1. Intuitive movements
2. Tremor filtration
3. Increased degrees of freedom
4. Motion scaling
5. Stereoscopic vision
6. Stable camera platform
7. Equivalence between the dominant and non-dominant hands
8. Motion analysis
9. Eye-hand-target alignment
10. Possibly shorter learning curve

DISADVANTAGES

1. Costs
2. Loss of tactile feedback
3. Limited instrumentation available
4. Significant system set-up time
5. Need of at least one experienced assistant
6. Possible delayed response by the surgeon in case of catastrophic event

ROBOT vs VATS

- IEO experience -

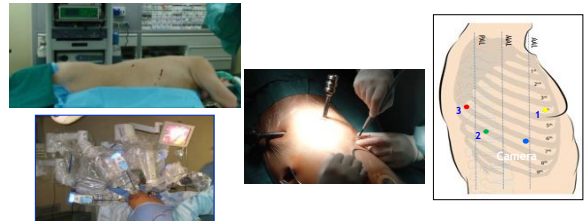
257 patients with
early stages
primary lung
malignancies

2007-2013	2010-2014
172 Robotics	85 Vats
26 cases/yy (single surgeon)	22 cases/yy (single surgeon)

Two surgeons :

- Same age
- Similar experience in standard-open thoracic surgery

4 ARMS ROBOTIC ASSISTED LOBECTOMY (PARK-MELFI MODIFIED TECHNIQUE)



3 PORTS VATS APPROACH (DANISH HANSEN MODIFIED TECHNIQUE)



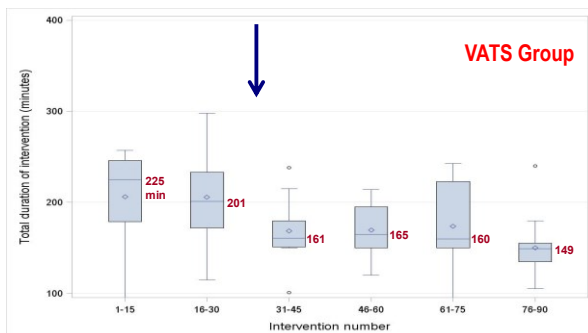
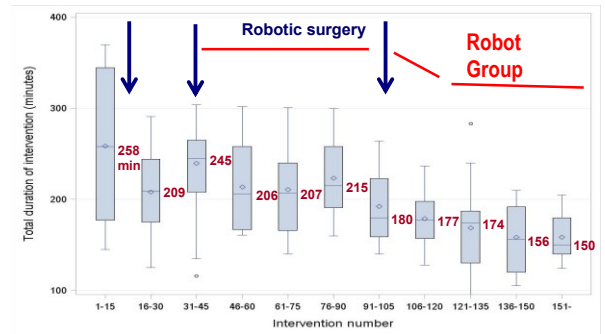
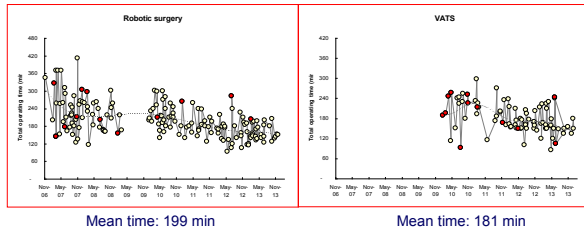
Camera same position
during procedure
N° 3 incisions
Easier to convert in emergency
Working channels on both side
Both surgeons on abdominal
site



PATIENTS CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristics	Robotic surgery	VATS	Pvalue
Total	112	85	
Age			
<60	58	17	
60-69	85	34	0.0002
70+	29	34	0.001
FEV (%)			
Median (range)	64 (49-79)	67 (41-82)	
Side			
Median (range)	93 (49-149)	98 (51-147)	0.53
Lobe			
Left	73	26	
Right	88	59	0.08
Diameter			
Superior	103	55	
Medial	12	9	
Inferior	55	22	0.48
<10mm	36	2	
10-19mm	76	29	
20-29mm	34	21	
≥30mm	25	31	<0.0001
Median (range)	15 (2-82)	25 (4-75)	<0.0001
pT			
pT0-1	112	31	
pT2	48	42	
pT3-4	8	6	0.0002
pN			
pN0	142	64	
pN1	13	13	
pN2	13	8	0.14

DURATION OF SURGERY: VATS VERSUS ROBOTICS AND CONVERSIONS (IN RED)



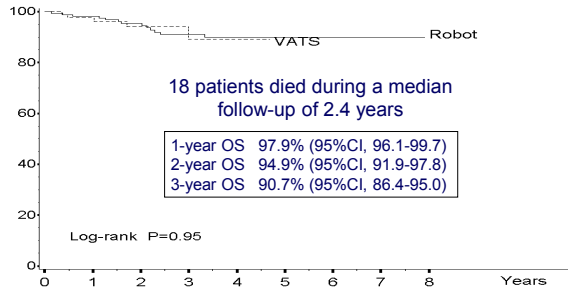
NODAL UPSTAGE IN ROBOTIC AND VATS RESECTION

COMPARISON BETWEEN VATS AND ROBOTIC RESECTION FOR CANCER

Procedure	Robotic surgery			VATS		
	<10 mm	10-19 mm	20-29 mm	<10 mm	10-19 mm	20-29 mm
Number of upstage* CN0>pn+	2/34 (5.9%)	3/68 (4.4%)	4/28 (14.3%)	0/2 (0.0%)	4/28 (14.3%)	4/18 (22.2%)
Number of upstage* CN0>pn1	1	0	2	0	3	1
Number of upstage* CN0>pn2	1	3	2	0	1	3

Lymph node upstage appears to be similar between the two techniques

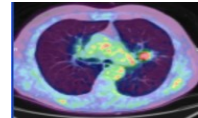
OVERALL SURVIVAL AFTER ROBOTIC SURGERY AND VATS



CONCLUSION

- Minimally invasive approach -

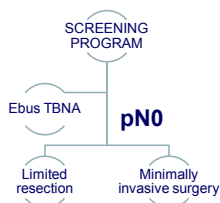
INDICATIONS
 Benign disease requiring lobectomy
 Malignant disease
 NSCLC Stage I
 Metastases (not amenable to sublobar resection)
 Carcinoid Tumors



NO	Stage IA	Stage IB	Stage IIA
	T1a	T1b	T2a
	T1a	T1b	T2b
	<2cm	>2cm but <3cm	>3cm but <5cm
	No invasion proximal to lobar bronchus	Main bronchus (>2cm distal to the carina)	
	Surrounded by lung or visceral pleura	Visceral pleura	

CONTRAINDICATIONS
 Chest wall invasion
 N+ tumors
 Technical Difficulties (big lesions, fused fissures, vascularity anomalies)
 Preop CT and/or RT
 No one-lung ventilation

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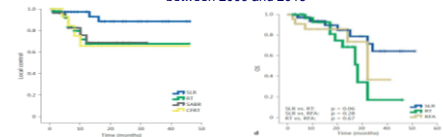


WHAT IS THE FUTURE?

Sublobar Resection, Radiofrequency Ablation or Radiotherapy in Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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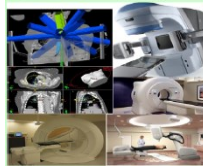
116 patients with histologically proven clinical stage I NSCLC who were treated with sublobar resection (SLR; n = 42), radiofrequency ablation (RFA; n = 25) or radiotherapy (RT; n = 49) between 2009 and 2013



EARLY STAGES: STEREOTACTIC RADIOTHERAPY

RADIOTHERAPY TECHNIQUE TO DELIVER HIGH
DOSE RADIATION TO THE TARGET

STEEP DOSE GRADIENT
HIGH PRECISION
HYPOFRACTIONATION
TRACKING OF MOVING LESIONS



CRITICAL REVIEW

STEREOTACTIC RADIOTHERAPY OF PRIMARY LUNG CANCER AND OTHER
TARGETS: RESULTS OF CONSULTANT MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY

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Nagata IJROBP 2011

Table 1. Local control rates of stereotactic radiotherapy for primary lung cancer

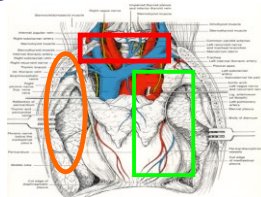
Study	Total dose (Gy)	Daily dose (Gy)	Reference point	Local control	Median follow-up time
Uematsu <i>et al.</i> , 2001 (21, 23)	50-60	10	80% margin	94% (47/50)	36 months
Arimoto <i>et al.</i> , 1998 (34)	60	7.5	Isocenter	92% (32/34)	24 months
Timmerman <i>et al.</i> , 2003 (19)	60	20	80% margin	87% (30/37)	15 months
Onimaru <i>et al.</i> , 2003 (25)	48-60	6-7.5	Isocenter	80% (20/25)	17 months
Wolf <i>et al.</i> , 2004 (26)	45-56.2	15-15.4	80% margin	95% (19/20)	10 months
Nagata <i>et al.</i> , 2005 (28)	48	12	80% margin	97% (44/45)	36 months
Lee <i>et al.</i> , 2003 (27)	30-40	10	90% margin	90% (8/9)	21 months
Fakih <i>et al.</i> , 2009 (29)	60-66	20-23	80% margin	80% (7/9)	50 months
Baumann <i>et al.</i> , 2000 (30)	45	15	67% margin	92% (5/7)	35 months
Timmerman <i>et al.</i> , 2010 (31)	60	20	80% margin	90% (54/55)	36 months

Local Control: 80-98% 2yOS: 50-80%

MEDIAN FUP: 10-50 m

NSCLC locally advanced

- T4 → tumor invading any of the following:
 - Trachea, Carina, Great vessels
 - Mediastinum, Heart, Esophagus
 - Vertebral body
- N2



«Extended resection and multimodality treatment »

Extended resection for T4

Table 1 Selected summary of extended resections of T4 NSCLC					
Reference	T4 Sites of Disease	Patients	Morbidity (%)	Mortality (%)	Overall Survival (%) at 5 yr
Burt <i>et al.</i> , 1987	Aorta, pulmonary artery, esophagus	225	NR	2-7	9
Tsuchiya <i>et al.</i> , 1994	Aorta, left atrium, pulmonary artery, SVC	101	NR	NR	13
Martini <i>et al.</i> , 1994	Aorta, left atrium, pulmonary artery, SVC	102	NR	6	19
Bernard <i>et al.</i> , 2003	SVC, esophagus, trachea, spine	77	NR	NR	21*
Pitz <i>et al.</i> , 2003	Aorta, left atrium, pulmonary artery, SVC, esophagus, trachea, carina, spine	89	NR	19	19
Ratto <i>et al.</i> , 2004	Left atrium	19	37	0	14
Ohya <i>et al.</i> , 2005	Aorta	31	12.5	48	
Yildizeli <i>et al.</i> , 2008	Aorta, left atrium, pulmonary artery, SVC, esophagus, carina, spine, subclavian artery/vein, carotid artery, chest wall	35	4	38	
Yu <i>et al.</i> , 2009	Left atrium	46	52	0	22
Yang <i>et al.</i> , 2009	Aorta, left atrium, pulmonary artery, SVC, esophagus, trachea, carina, spine	146	53	3.1	23
Seungwon <i>et al.</i> , 2013	Aorta, left atrium, SVC, carina	24	5	23	
Chapman <i>et al.</i> , 2014	Left atrium	53	53	11	44

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Extended resection for T4

→ consecutive serie with more than 150 patients in the last decade

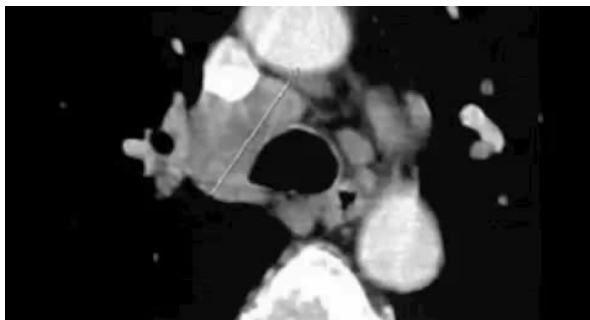


Author	Period	N*	n/year	Morbidity	Mortality	5 yrs OS
Spaggiari ₂₀₁₃	1998-2010	167*	13.5	34.1%	4.8%	23%
Dartevelle ₂₀₀₈	1986-2001	271**	18	35%	4%	38%

* No sulcus tumor
**126 superior sulcus tumor

Author	svc	carena	aorta	Left atrium
Spaggiari ₂₀₁₃	43(34%)	33 (26%)	14(11%)	35(28%)
Dartevelle ₂₀₀₈	39(27%)	92(63%)	2(1.3%)	6(4%)

Author	Neoadjuvant	Adjuvant
Spaggiari ₂₀₁₃	86(69%)	48(38%)
Dartevelle ₂₀₀₈	75(28%)	139(51%)



Survival After Extended Resection for Mediastinal Advanced Lung Cancer: Lessons Learned on 167 Consecutive Cases

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Ann Thorac Surg 2013

Between 1998 and 2010, 167 patients with involvement of one or more mediastinal organs underwent operations with the intent to perform ER

Access

Lateral thoracotomy	108 (86.4%)
Hemiclamshell	11 (8.8%)
Posterolateral thoracotomy	3 (2.4%)
Anterolateral	3 (2.4%)

Types of T4

Airio	35	28.0%
SVC	43	34.4%
SVC+carena	18	14.4%
Carena	15	12.0%
Aorta	14	11.2%

42 explorative thoracotomies

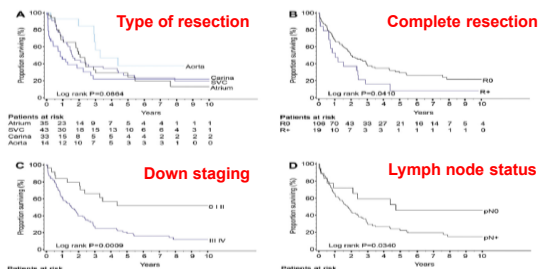


Fig 2. Overall survival of 128 patients who underwent extended resection according to (A) type of T4 disease, (B) type of resection, (C) tumor stage, and (D) pathologic nodal involvement (N1). superior vena cava.

But...

Many patients experience postoperative complications after extended resections
→ about 50%

Only few patients complete adjuvant chemotherapy protocols

REVIEW ARTICLE

Surgical Approach to Locally Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Jessica S. Domington, MD, MScE, and Harvey I. Pass, MD Cancer J 2013

TABLE 1. Role of Surgery in Treatment of Locally Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer, by TNM Subset

Stage	TNM Subset	Role for Surgery
IIIA	T4N0M0 T3N1M0 T4N1M0	Primary therapy, with adjuvant chemotherapy
T4N0-1 TUMORS		
heart, great vessels, mediastinum, esophagus, spine, or trachea		
		Once considered unresectable
		Resection generally limited to patients N0 \ N1
		Technically challenging with increased morbidity
		T4N2 tumors have poor 5-year survival rates and operative mortality exceeds 5-year survival, and surgery is generally discouraged.

Induction therapy WHY?

- Low compliance of adjuvant chemotherapy
- High rate of systemic recurrences after extended resection
- Small number of extended resection for a disease too much advanced
- High rate of positive margins after resection

Theoretical Advantages

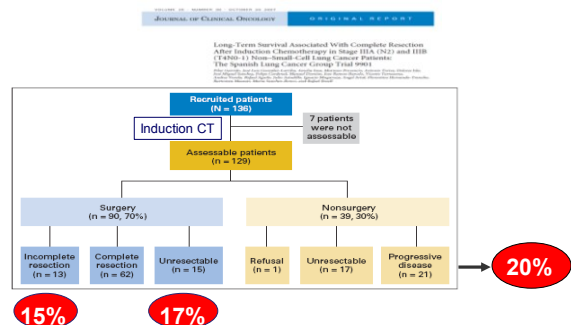
- early control of systemic micrometastasis
- downstaging of unresectable disease
- tumor shrinkage
 - increase resectability
 - increase the rate of complete resection
 - reduce the rate of extended resections
 - spare more parenchyma
- better compliance than adjuvant therapy
- drug delivered to locoregional disease through an intact vascular bed

Theoretical Disadvantages

- delay in local control
 - Local progression
 - Unresectable disease
- increase of surgical difficulties
- increase morbidity / mortality
 - Bronchial fistulae
 - Respiratory complications

Induction treatment for T4 extended resection IEO experience

Type of resection	Induction CT
Superior vena cava	69%
Aorta	72.2%
Left atrium	67%
Vertebrae	52.6%

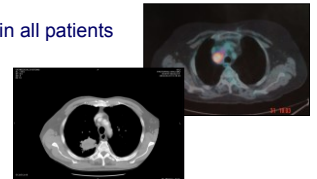


NSCLC stage IIIA-N2

- Patients with stage IIIA-N2 tumors represent a **heterogeneous** group with different clinical presentation, and both prognosis and treatment strategies based on the extension of the disease to the mediastinum
- Chemotherapy followed by surgery** in highly selected patients with or without postoperative radiotherapy suggested an improvement in resectability and in long term survival up to 54% at 5-year over single-modality therapy
- *Numerous non-randomized phase II and phase III trials using induction chemotherapy have been reported in the literature*

BIAS OF THE TRIALS

- Different stages from IB to IIIA
- Patients' heterogeneity (occult N2, minimal or bulky)
- No preoperative **N+** staging in all patients
- Single and multiple stations
- Downstaging or not?



Induction chemotherapy in stage IIIA/B NSCLC data from international literature

Author	n°	pCR	Resectability	Morbidity	Mortality	5-yr OS
Galetta,'03	39	42%	54%	22%	0	38%
Ichinose,'03	27	19%	81%	36%	4%	56% (3-yr)
Regnard,'05	65	NR	98%	51%	8%	26%
Dartevelle,'08	271	NR	NR	35%	4%	38%
Kappers,'11	19	37%	100%	47%	NR	33%
Daly,'11	110	43%	92%	NR	3%	21% (CSM 40%)
Kawaguchi,'12	407	NR	86%	NR	NR	50%
Laccon,'12	71	27%	78%	27%	3%	64%
Spaggiari,'13	167	NR	NR	34%	4.8%	23%

Morbidity	36% (18% - 51%)
Mortality	3,8% (0% - 4.8%)
5 yr Survival	38% (23% - 64%)

Only T4

IEO experience 1998-2013

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141 patients with "potentially resectable" pN2 NSCLC (122 mediastinoscopy or 19 EBUS-TBNA) underwent surgery after induction CT

All patients underwent cisplatin-based induction CT

Type of induction CT	Number of cycles
Platinum/gemcitabine (107/141) 76%	2-3 103/141(73%)
Platinum/other (34/141) 24%	More than 3 38/141(27%)

We excluded patients with distant metastases, pN2 bulky or with infiltration of surrounding mediastinal structures, and/or progression disease.

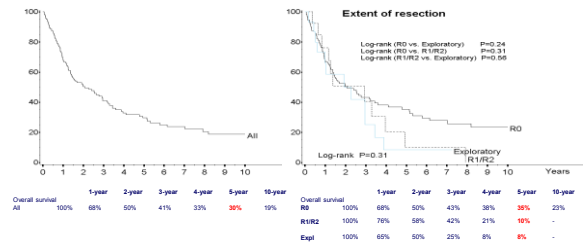
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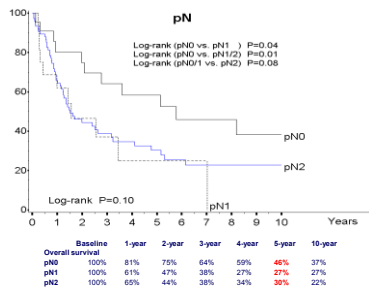
C stage	All 141	Resected 126	Explorative 15
IIa	127 (90.1%)	115 (91.3%)	12 (80.0%)
IIb	14 (9.9%)	11 (8.7%)	3 (20.0%)
P stage			
Complete response	8 (5.7%)	8 (6.3%)	-
Ia/Ib	9 (6.4%)	9 (7.1%)	-
IIa/IIb	16 (11.3%)	16 (12.7%)	-
IIIa	84 (59.6%)	84 (66.7%)	-
IIIb	24 (17.0%)	9 (7.1%)	15 (100.0%)

• pN0 down staging in 17%,
 • pN1 down staging in 13%,
 • persistent pN2 in 70%

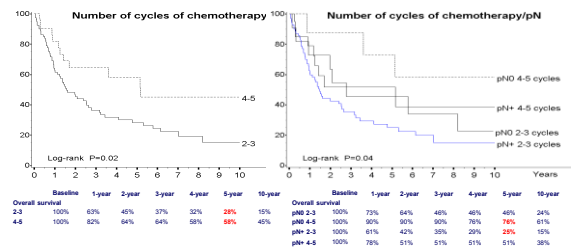
All patients underwent explorative thoracotomy, incomplete resection (R1 or R2) or persistent N2 underwent adjuvant radiotherapy with mean dose of 52 Gy (range 29-65) or adjuvant chemotherapy



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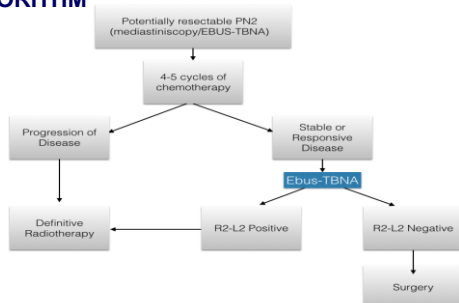


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RESTAGING!

- A restaging after 2-3 cycles becomes important to understand if they are good responders or not, and whether to continue chemotherapy or candidate them to surgery
- A restaging after chemotherapy should be better performed with **EBUS-TBNA** which is able to investigate also the N1 lymph node stations

→ pN1 patients (partial response to chemotherapy) have a bad survival rate, similar to persistent N2

CONCLUSION

- Locally advanced stage -

- T4 resections are feasible but selection of the candidate is paramount
- The factors that were found to possibly affect survival were the completeness of resection, the lymph node status
- Induction therapy may improve patient's selection avoiding unnecessary surgery in more than 20% of the cases

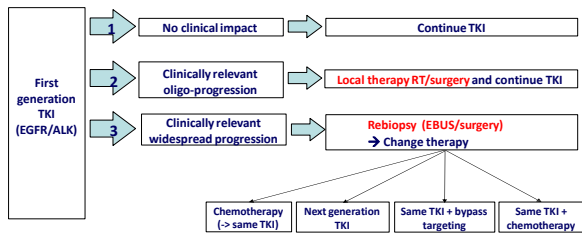
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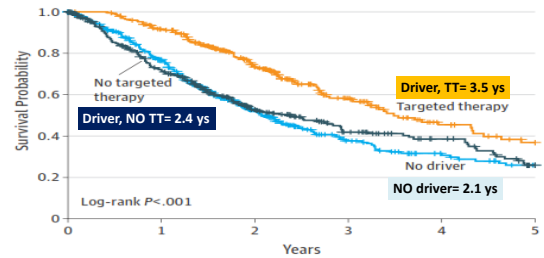
- In patients stage IIIA-N2 chemotherapy played an essential role in the sterilization of lymph node metastasis resulting in a significant increase in survival when compared with patients in whom the nodal down staging was not the case N+ (46% vs. 28% at 5 years)
- Number of cycles of chemotherapy were strictly related to a better survival. In patients with "potentially resectable" pN2 disease we reach up to 76% survival at 5 yrs by using 4-5 cycles of third-generation induction chemotherapy, with an acceptable morbidity and mortality
- it will be essential to investigate the group of best survivors in term of genetic and molecular target such as *MIRNA* identifying possible "pretreatment prognostic factor" as predictive signature of chemotherapy efficacy (ongoing study).

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Advanced NSCLC personalized treatment → the TKI progression dilemma



Using Multiplexed Assays of Oncogenic Drivers in Lung Cancers to Select Targeted Drugs



CONCLUSIONS

Surgery is:

- Gold standard for early stage lung cancer
- Part of a multimodality treatment for locally advanced NSCLC
- Diagnostic and palliative tools for not surgical or metastatic patients

