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# Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer : An Update

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# Agenda

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- ⑦ Indications for Radiotherapy
  - How much radiotherapy
  - What to treat
- ⑦ Use of ADT
- ⑦ Advances in Radiotherapy Technology



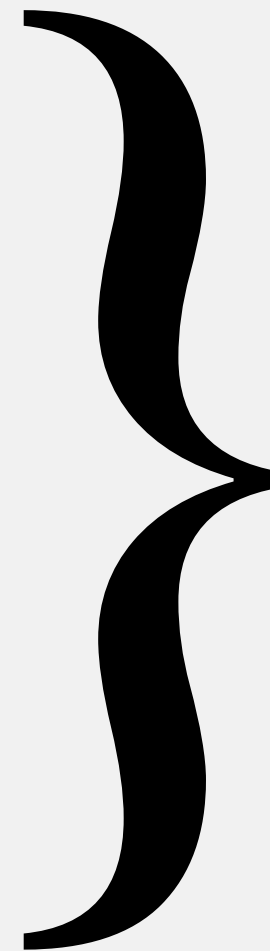
# Indications for Radiotherapy

# Management dependent on stage

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# Radiotherapy in the Curative Setting

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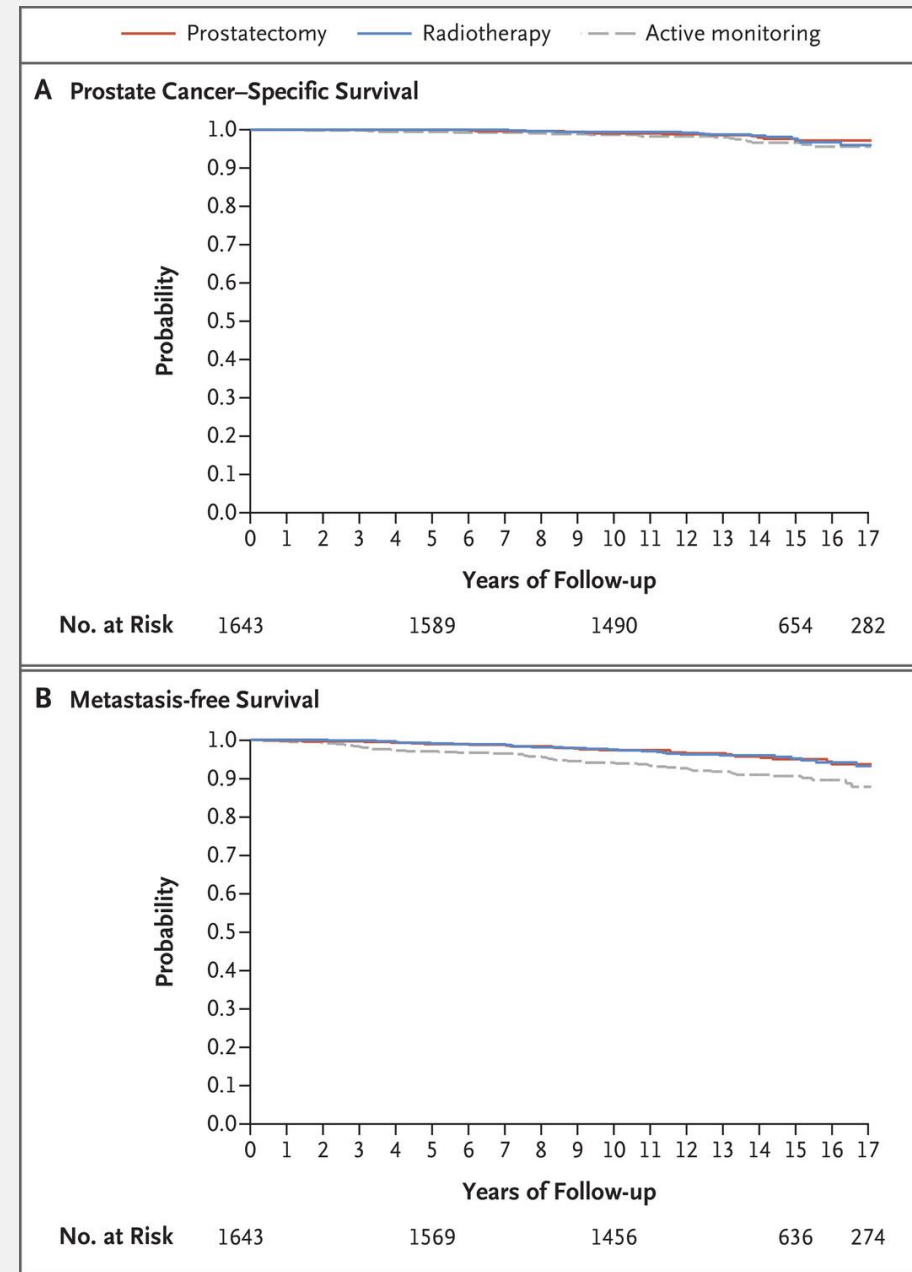


⑦ Primary treatment (*Definitive*)

⑦ Following Surgery (*Salvage/Adjuvant*)

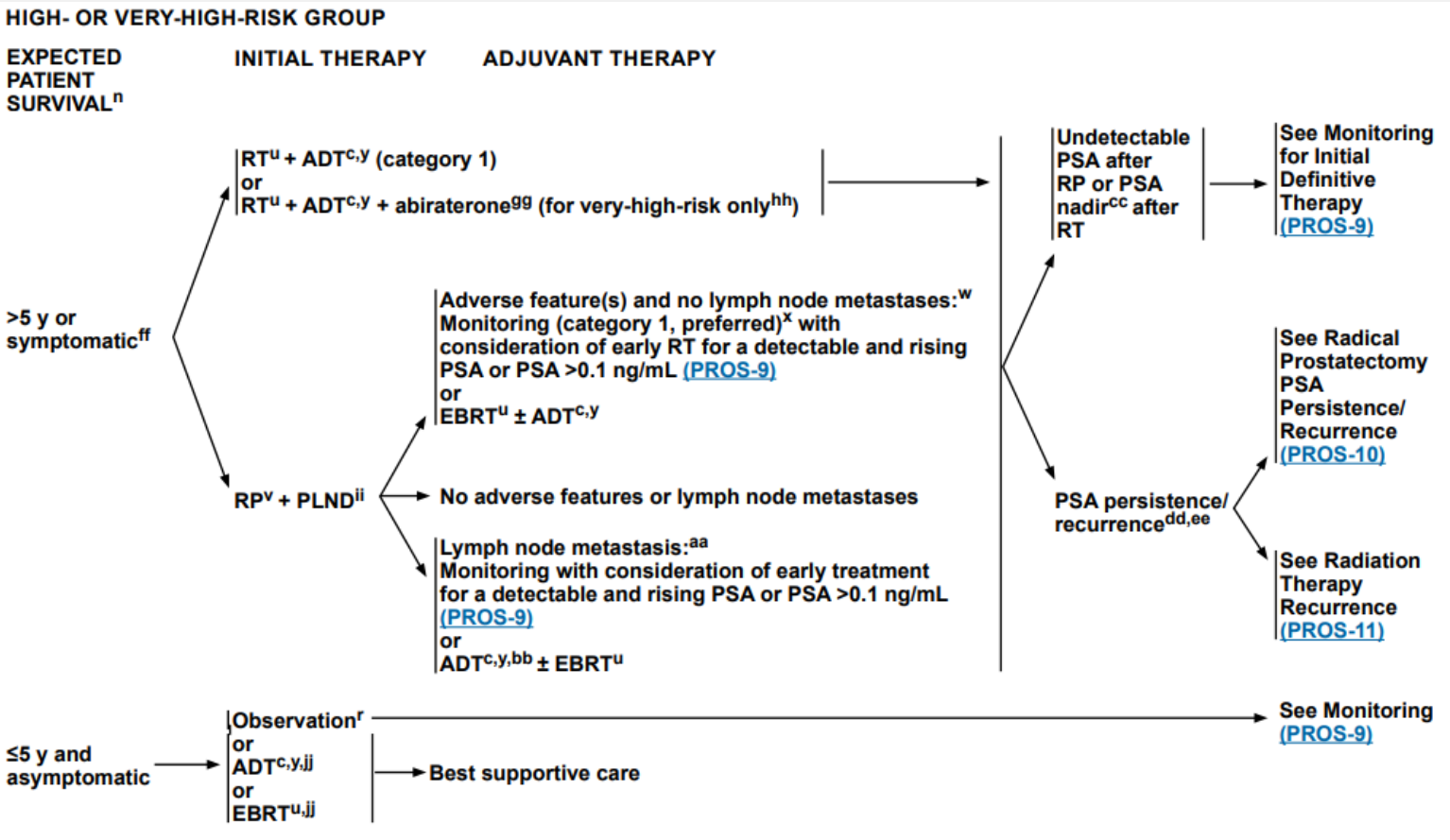
# Primary Treatment

- ⑦ Radiotherapy compared to Surgery
- ⑦ Good evidence in the intermediate / low risk group
- ⑦ Active monitoring
  - 54.8% required treatment by 10 years
  - 61% required treatment by 15 years



# Primary Treatment

- ⑦ High Risk
  - No high quality RCT



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Original Article

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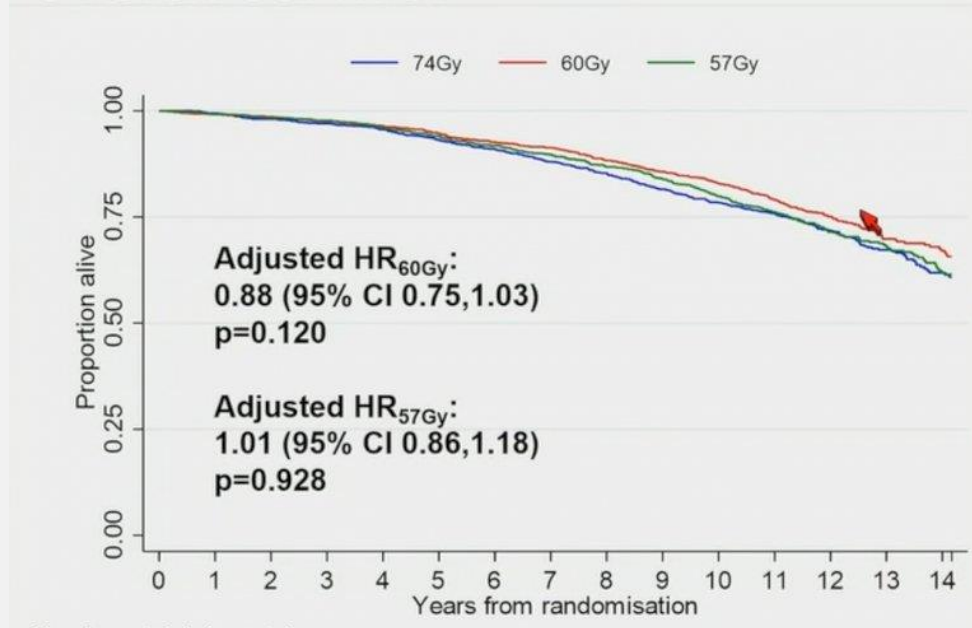
**Q4: In the majority of patients with very high-risk localised prostate cancer (NCCN definition) and NOT high-risk localised/locally advanced prostate cancer (STAMPEDE definition) N0 M0 on next-generation imaging, what is your recommended treatment?**

**No consensus.**

# Number of fractions (treatment visits)

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  - 20 visits standard in localised disease

## Overall survival



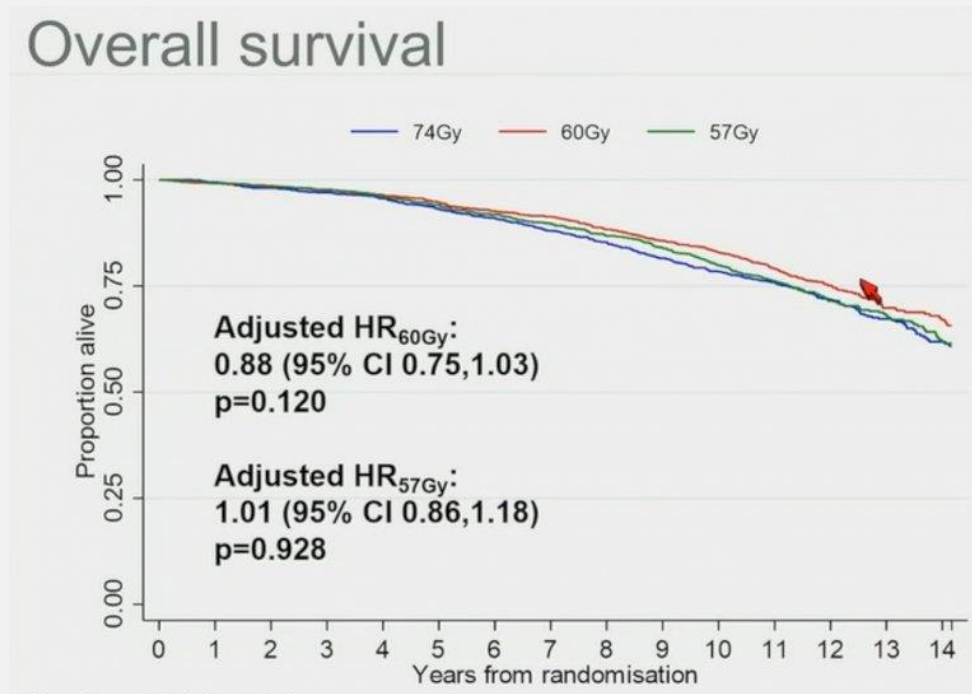
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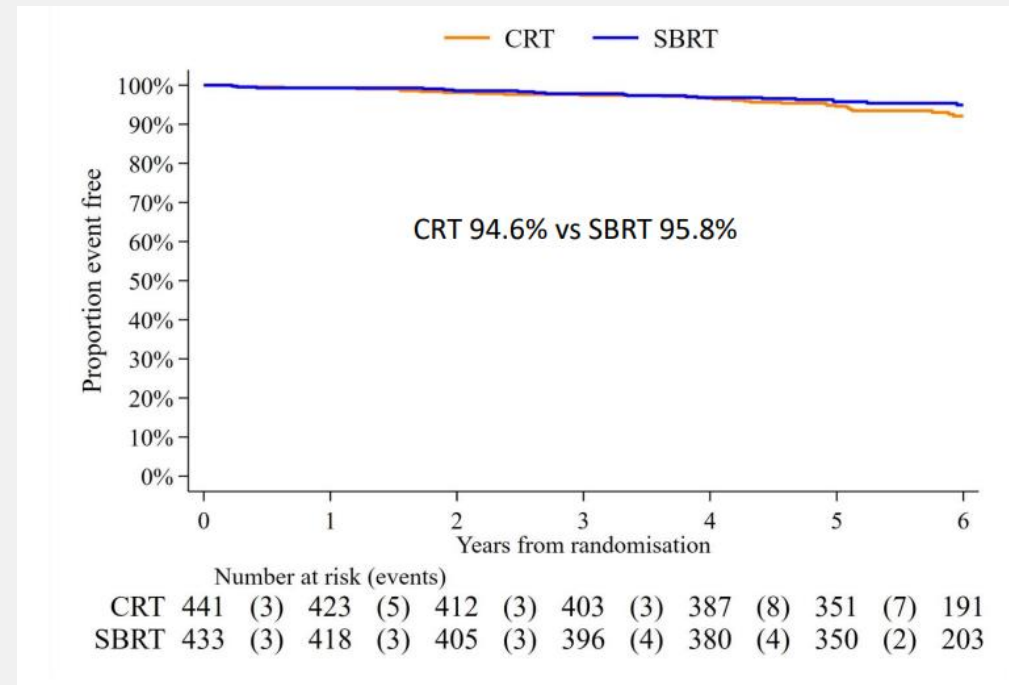
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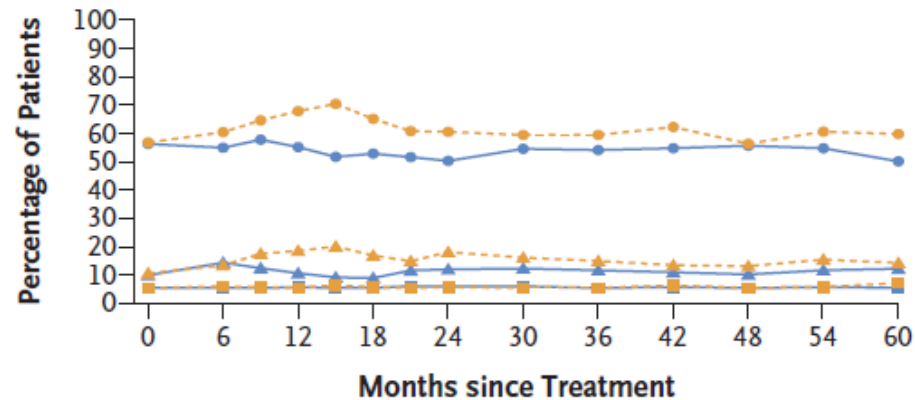


PACE B Trial  
(5 year)

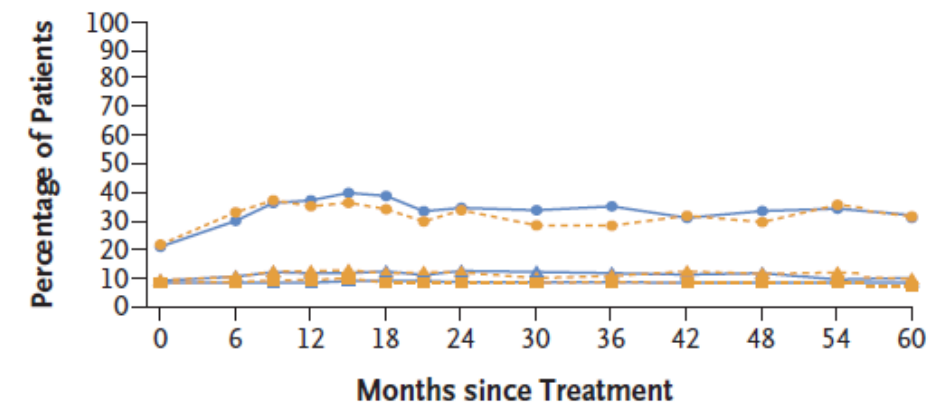
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CTCAE-Graded Genitourinary Toxic Effects



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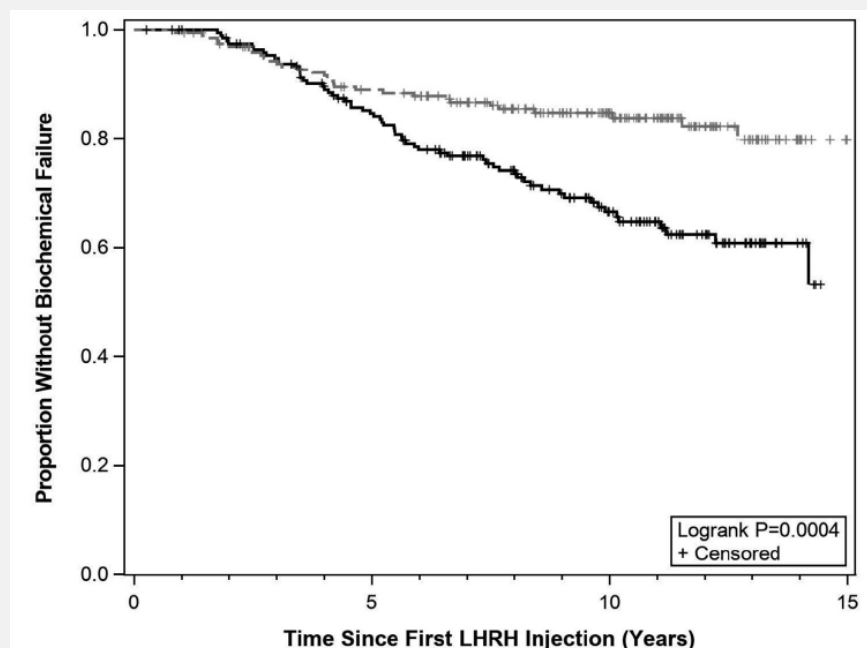
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PACE B Trial (2024)

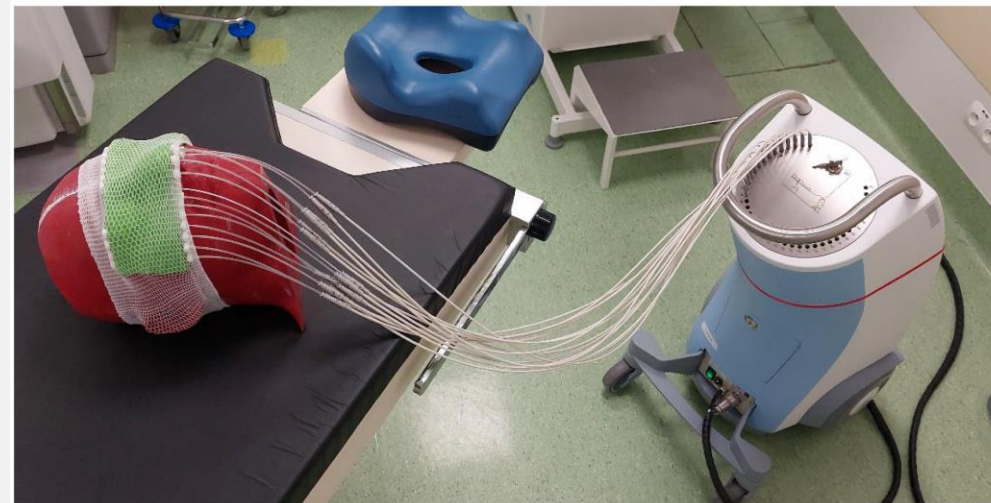
# Escalate dose

⑦ More radiation = Higher chance of cell death

⑦ Higher risk disease



ASCENDE RT (10 year data)



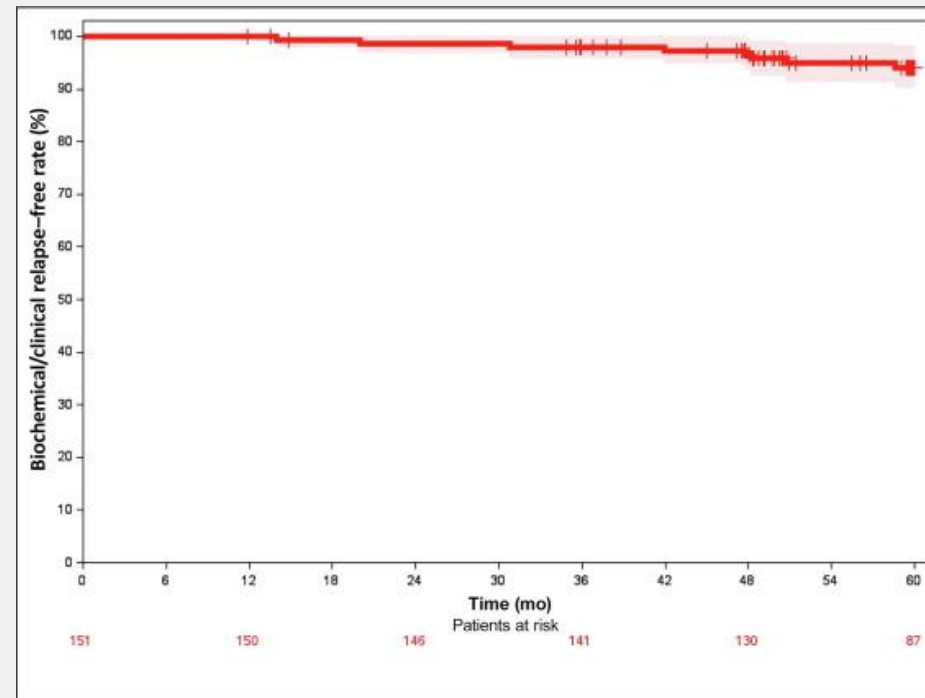
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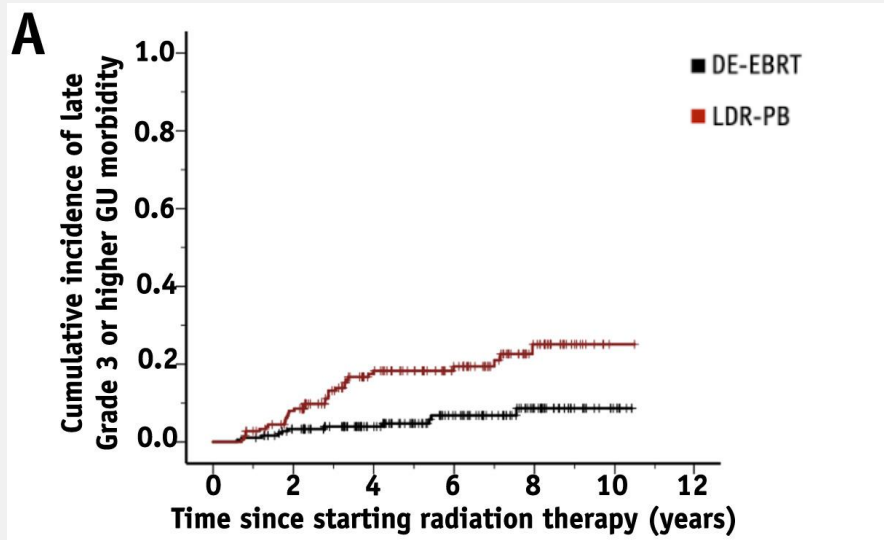
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- ⑦ Non invasive option
  - Mimic brachytherapy doses

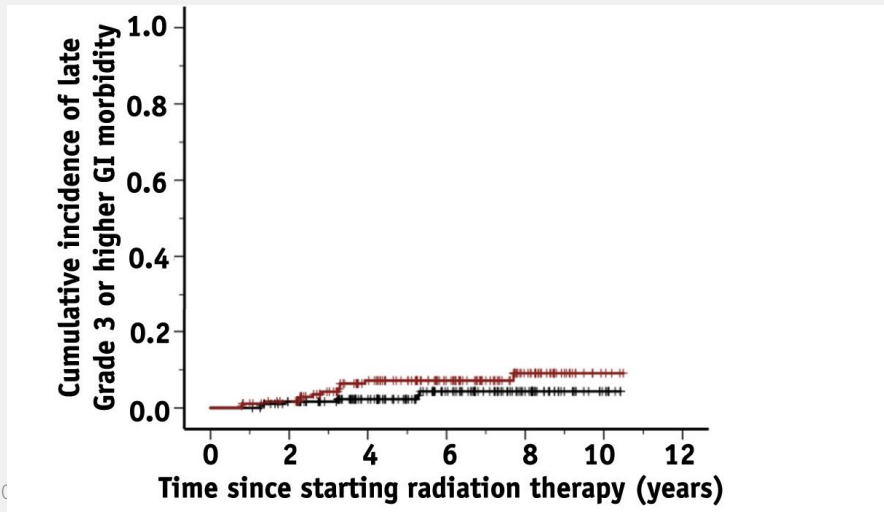
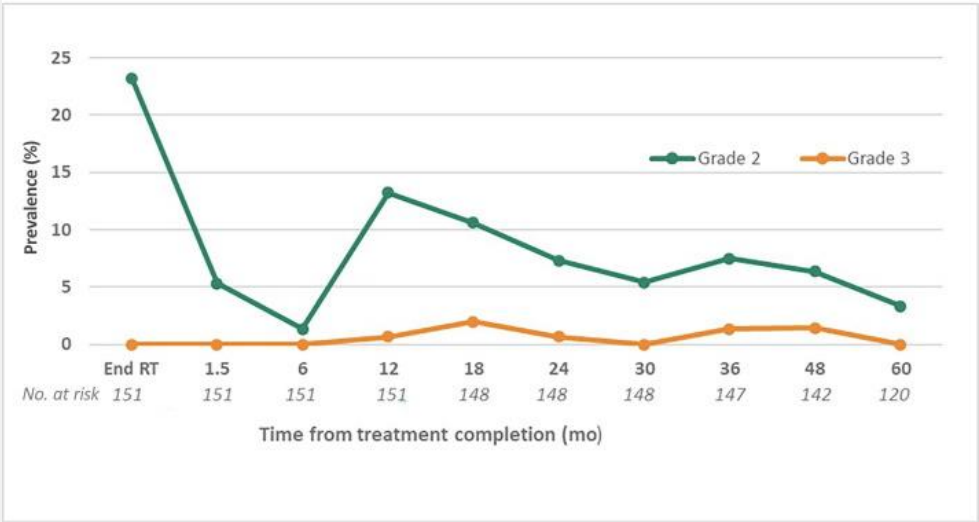


PROMETHEUS (5 year)

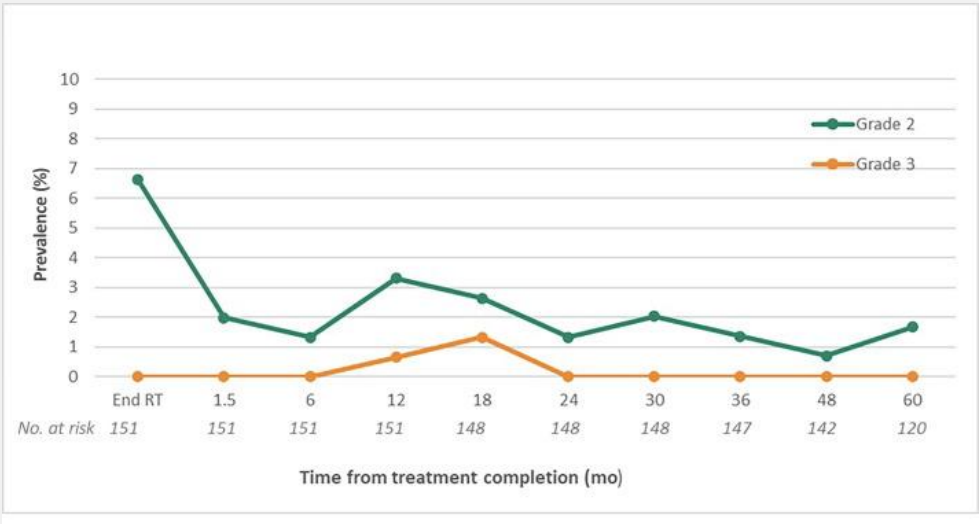
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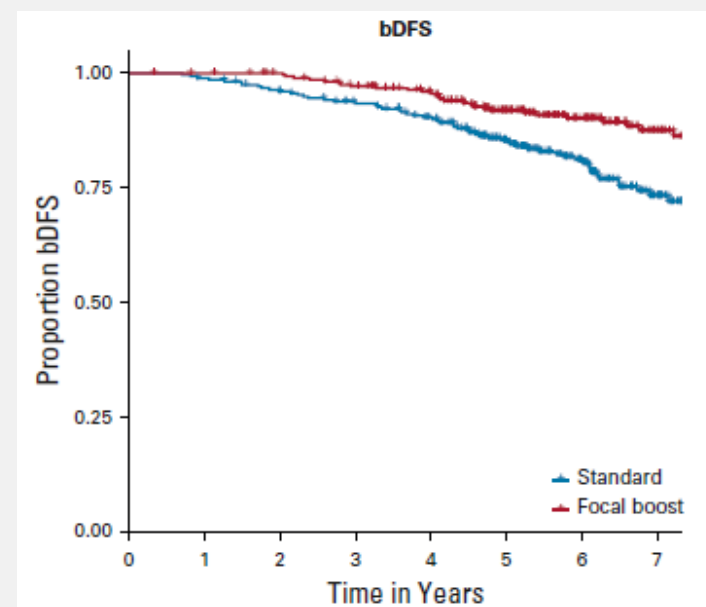
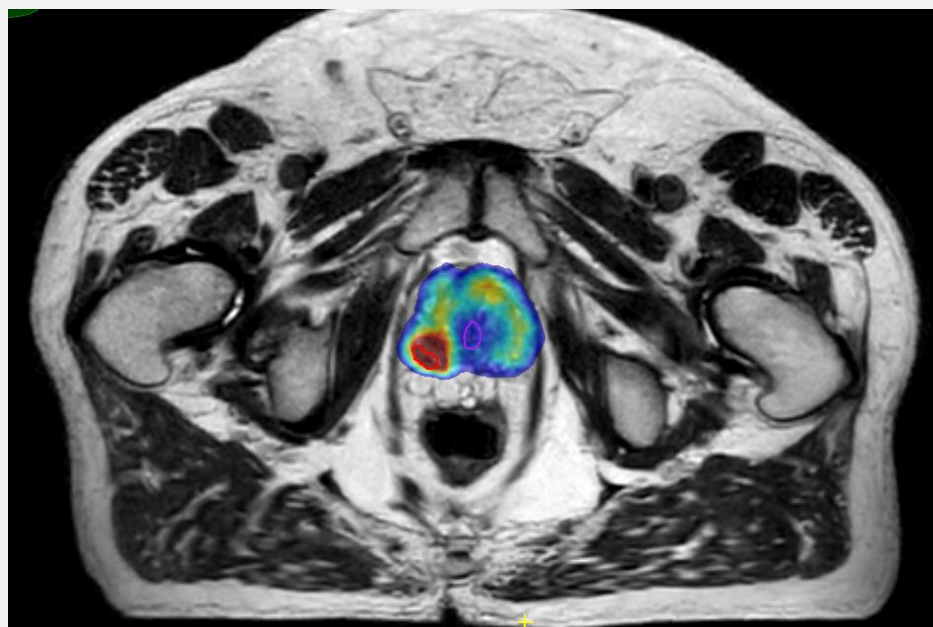


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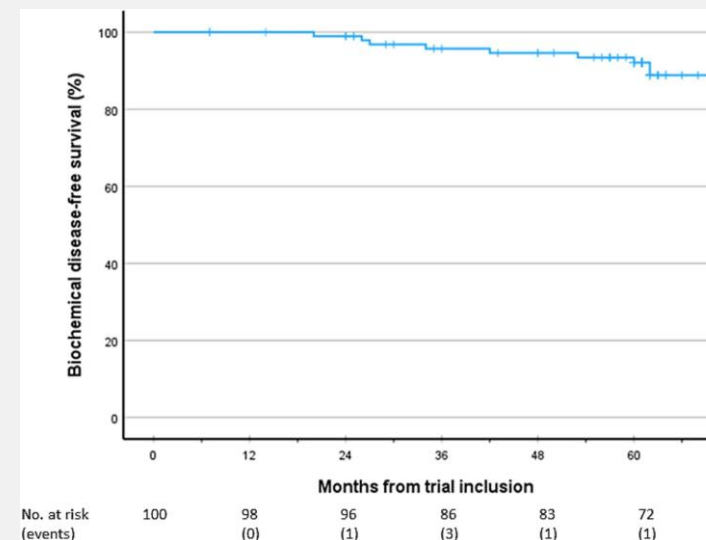


# DiL : Escalate dose only to tumour

- ⑦ Focused dose escalation
- ⑦ Improved imaging
- ⑦ Comprehensive and targeting biopsy



FLAME



HypoFLAME

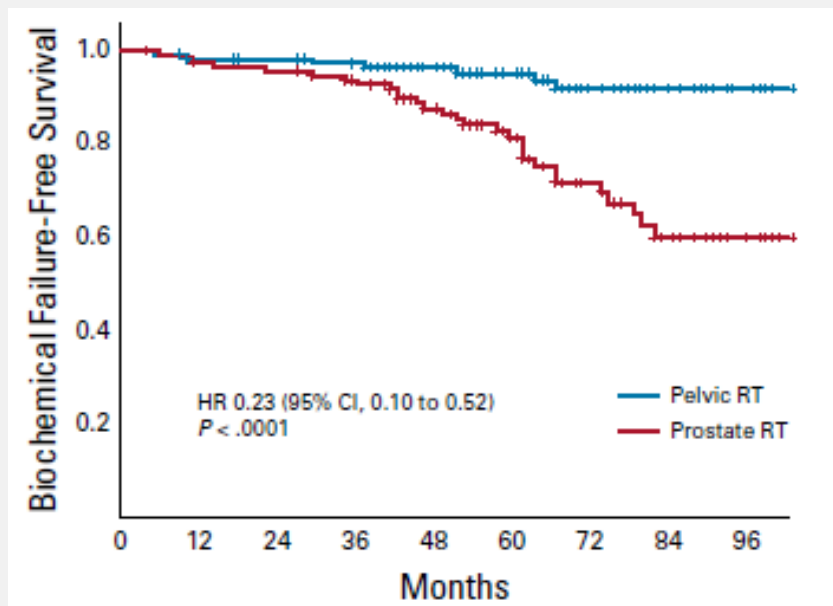


# Areas to Treat

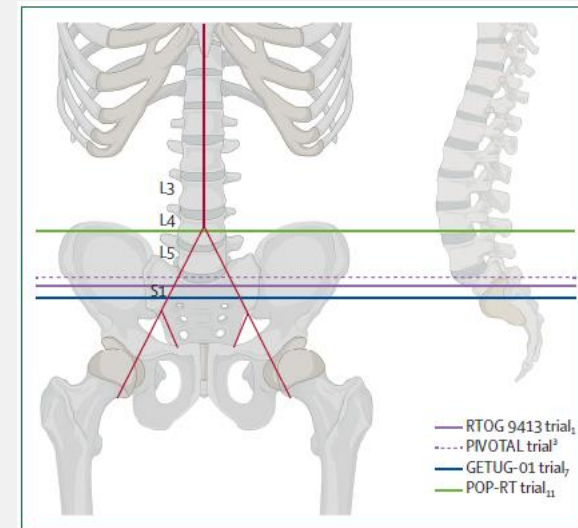
⑦ Considerations if need to treat more than just the prostate

- High risk prostate cancer
- Positive lymph nodes detected on imaging

⑦ Selecting the appropriate patient

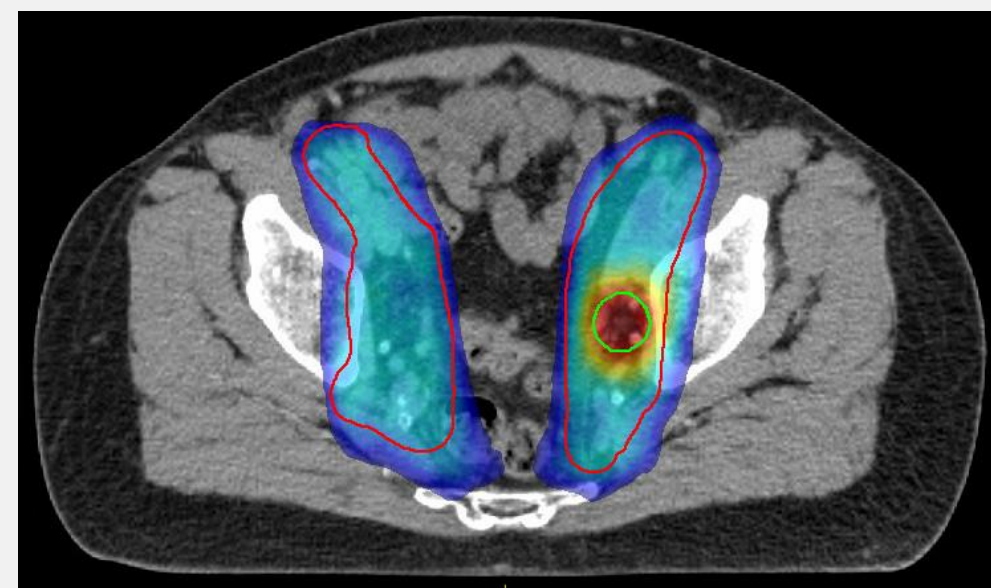
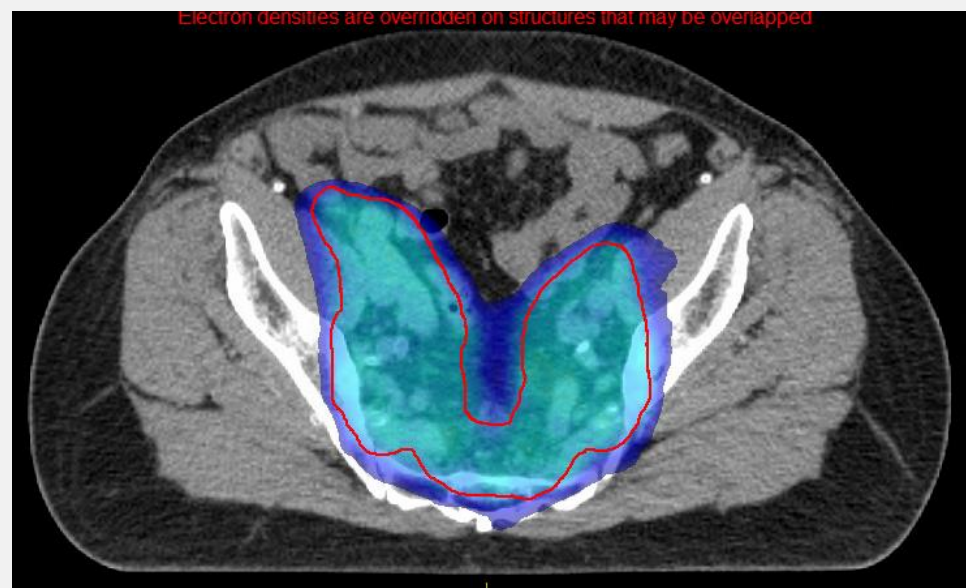
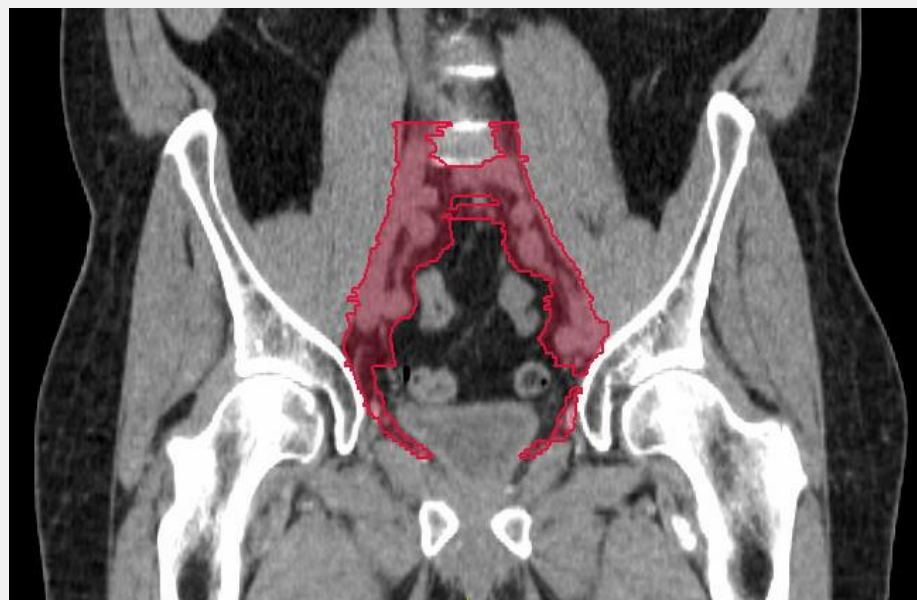


POPRT



**Figure 1: Comparison of radiation treatment upper borders in different randomised trials**  
Figure created with BioRender. Upper borders of the pelvic treatment fields used in different trials. The arterial vasculature of the abdomen and pelvis depicted in relation to the bony anatomy (red). Exact description of the respective upper borders is shown in table 2.



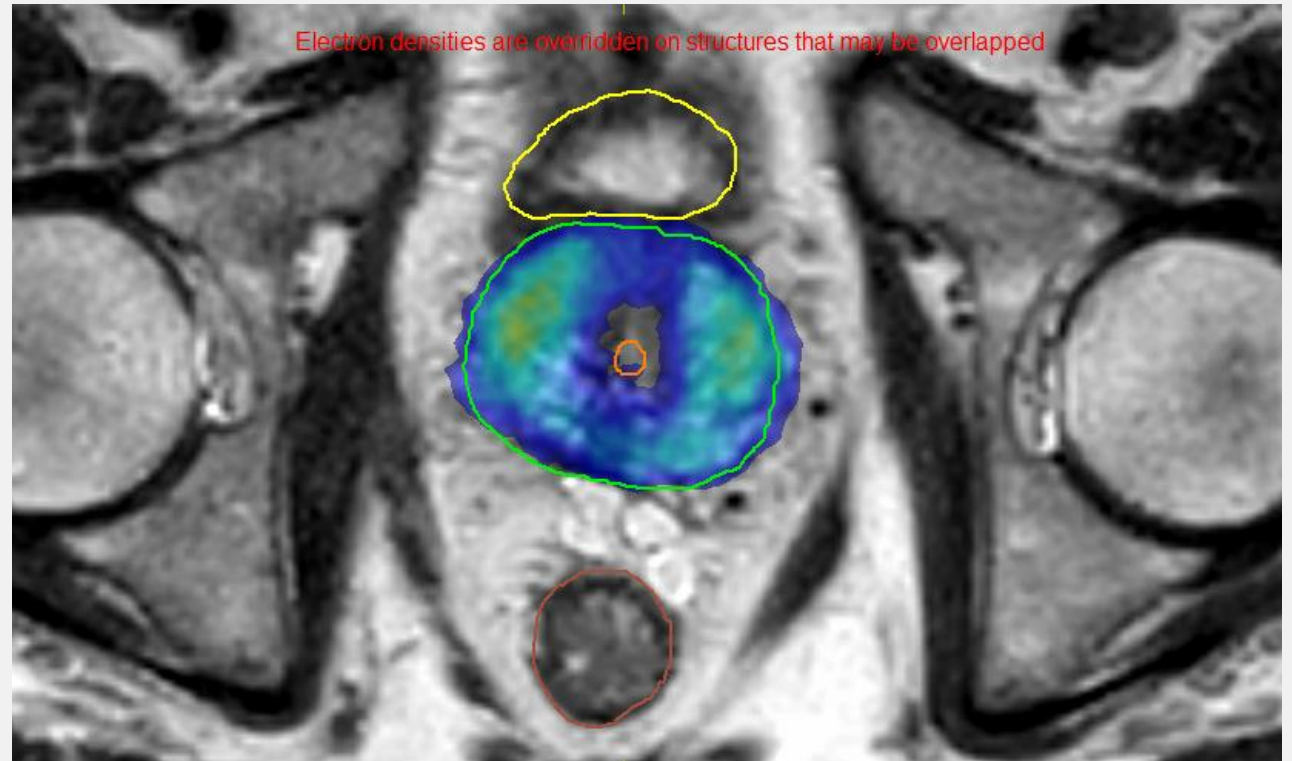




# Side Effects

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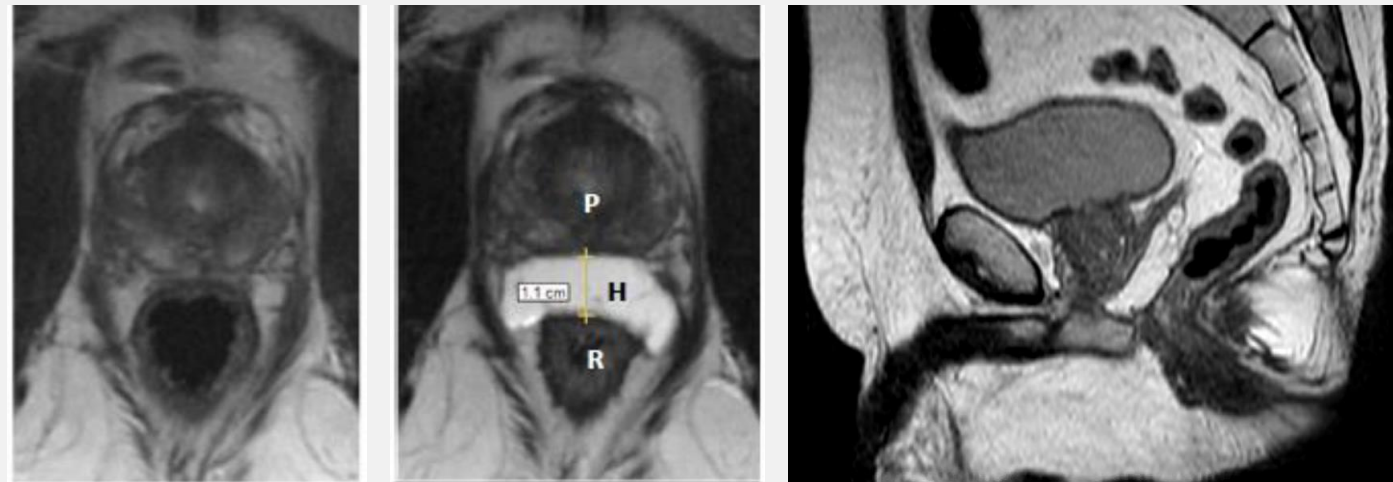
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## Reducing rectal toxicity

- ⑦ Rectal Spacing
- ⑦ 77% reduction in significant toxicity



Harvey M; Comprehensive review of the use of hydrogel spacers prior to radiation therapy for prostate cancer. BJU Int. 2023 Mar;131(3):280-287

# Androgen Deprivation Therapy

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## ⑦ Selected patient

- High risk patients
- Select intermediate risk patients

## ⑦ High risk (MARCAP analysis)

- Improves overall survival : 7.7% at 10 years
- 18 – 21 months
- Adjuvant ADT most important

# Androgen Deprivation Therapy :

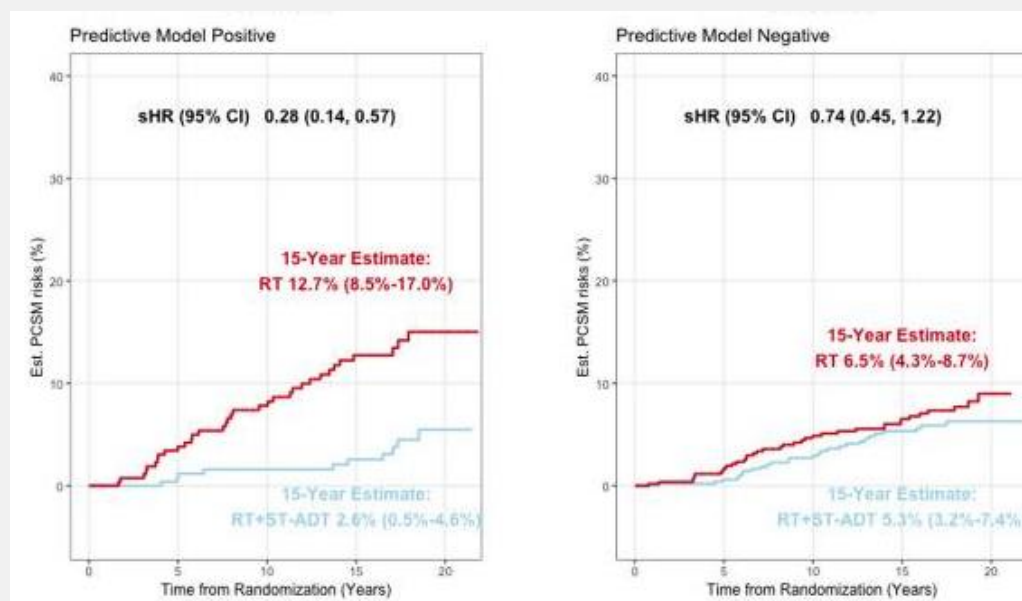


## Intermediate Risk

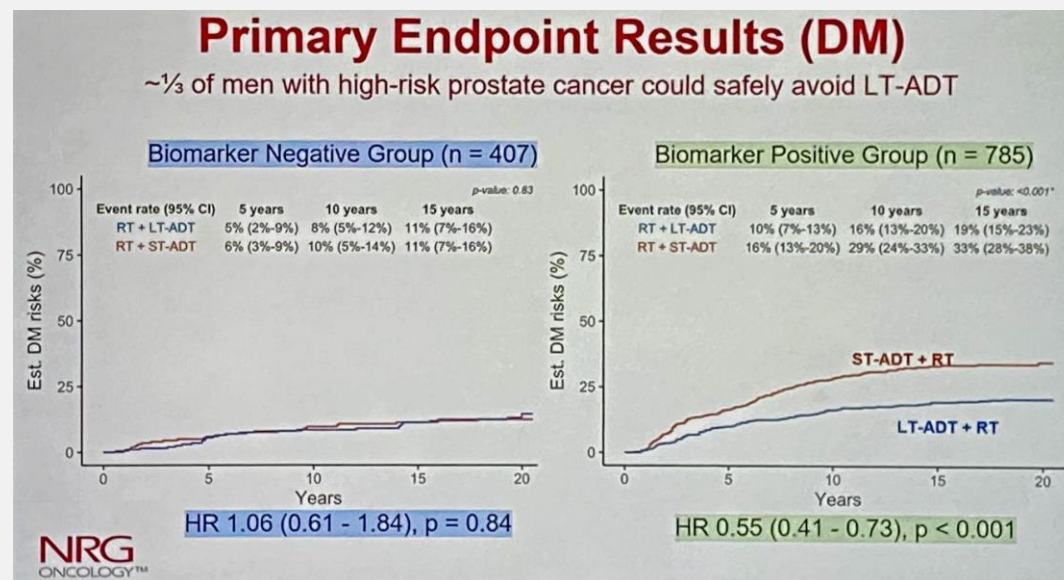
- ⑦ Benefit of ADT
  - Part of treatment guidelines
  - Available\*

## High Risk

- ⑦ Short term versus Long term



Spratt DE et al; Artificial Intelligence Predictive Model for Hormone Therapy Use in Prostate Cancer.



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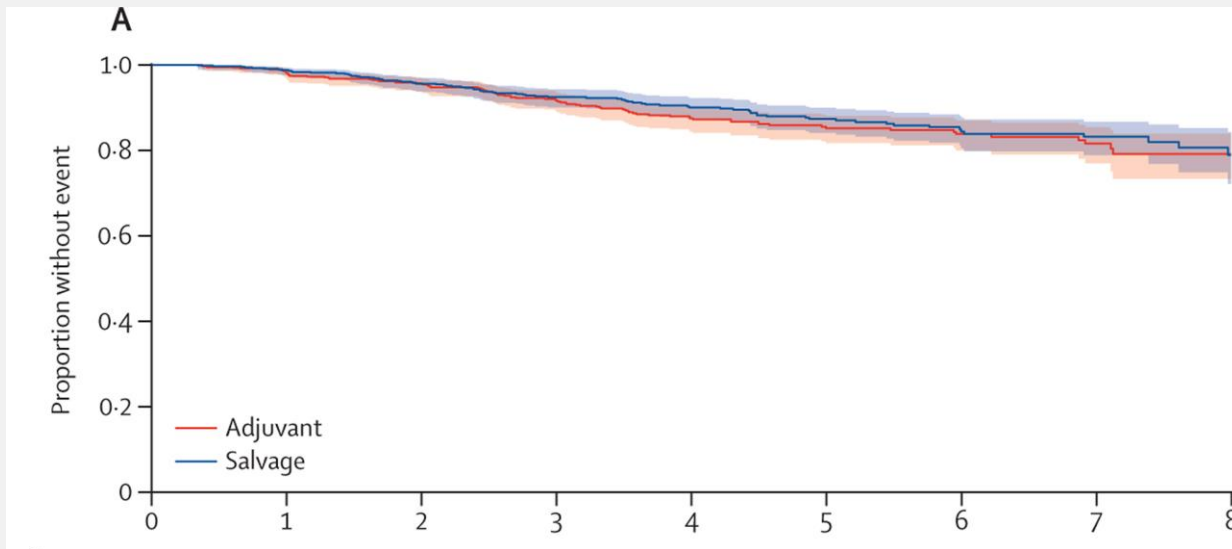
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- ⑦ PSA doesn't have to be zero
  - Low Intermediate Risk PSA  $\geq 0.2$
  - High Risk PSA  $\geq 0.1$
- ⑦ Not all people need further treatment

	EAU Low Risk BCR	EAU High Risk BCR
After RP	PSA-DT > 1 yr AND pathological ISUP grade group < 4	PSA-DT $\leq 1$ yr OR pathological ISUP grade group 4–5

# Salvage/ Adjuvant Radiotherapy : Lower risk



📈 Approx 60% avoid radiotherapy

RADICALS



# Salvage/ Adjuvant Radiotherapy : Higher risk

⑦ Lower PSA = Improved outcome

**TABLE 3.** AHR for ACM When sRT(t) is Delivered Above the Prespecified PSA Cutpoint After RP Compared With PSA Levels at or Below the PSA Cutpoint

PSA Cutpoint in ng/mL	No. of Men	No. of Deaths	No. of PC Deaths	AHR (95% CI)	P
>0.10	2,897	179	55	0.88 (0.56 to 1.36)	.55
≤0.10	336	23	8		
>0.15	2,579	164	53	1.11 (0.77 to 1.58)	.58
≤0.15	654	38	10		
>0.20	2,190	150	50	1.28 (0.93 to 1.76)	.14
≤0.20	1,043	52	13		
>0.25	1,677	134	45	1.49 (1.11 to 2.00)	.008
≤0.25	1,556	68	18		
>0.30	1,362	117	39	1.45 (1.09 to 1.92)	.01
≤0.30	1,871	85	24		
>0.35	1,167	105	36	1.46 (1.10 to 1.94)	.008
≤0.35	2,066	97	27		
>0.40	985	97	32	1.58 (1.19 to 2.09)	.001
≤0.40	2,248	105	31		
>0.45	864	89	29	1.53 (1.16 to 2.04)	.003
≤0.45	2,369	113	34		
>0.50	737	79	27	1.61 (1.21 to 2.14)	.001
≤0.50	2,496	123	36		

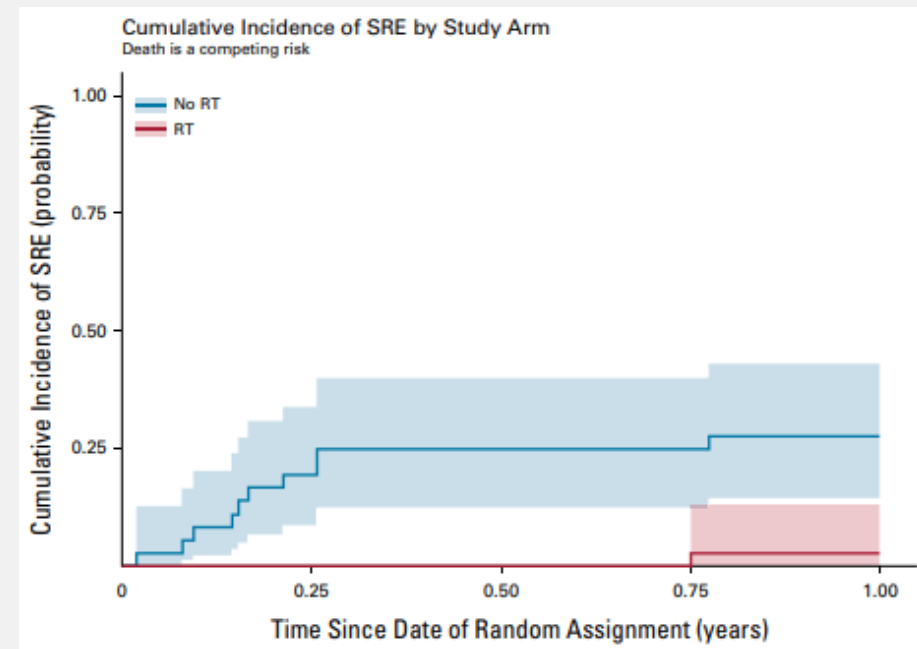
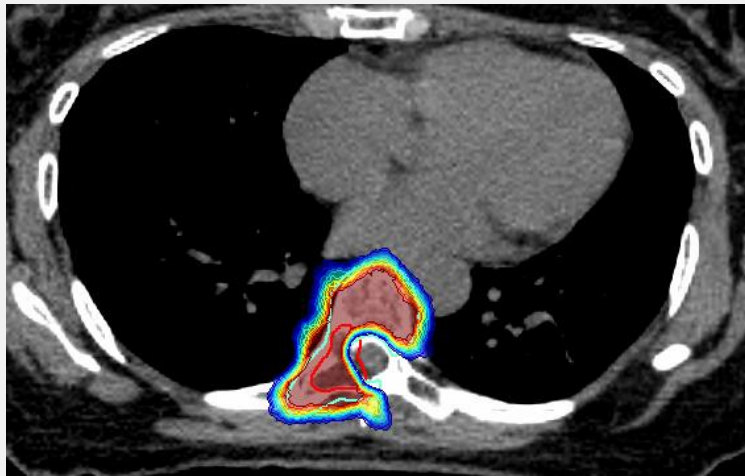
Abbreviations: (t), time dependent; ACM, all-cause mortality; AHR, adjusted hazard ratio; ng/mL, nanograms/milliliter; PC, prostate cancer; PSA, prostate-specific antigen; RP, radical prostatectomy.

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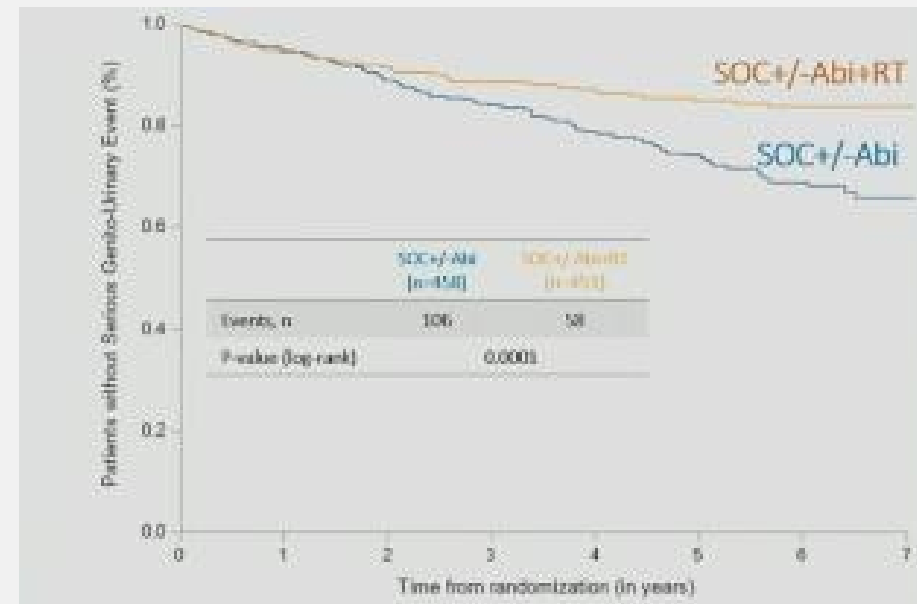
# Metastatic Setting

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- ⑦ Symptomatic
  - Pain
  - Bleeding
- ⑦ Prophylactically
  - Significant reduction in
    - Major skeletal events
    - Urinary toxicity



Prophylactic Radiation Therapy Versus Standard of Care for Patients With High-Risk Asymptomatic Bone Metastases:

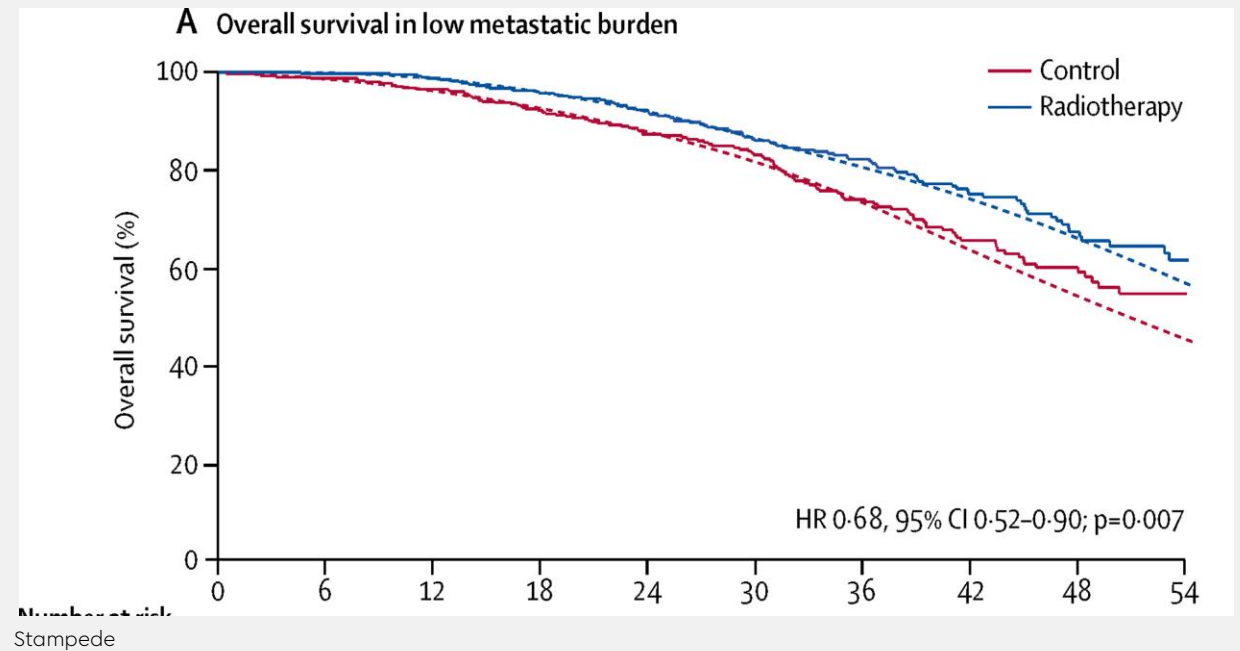


# Metastatic Setting

⑦ Treating the prostate alone in metastatic disease

⑦ "Conventional" staging

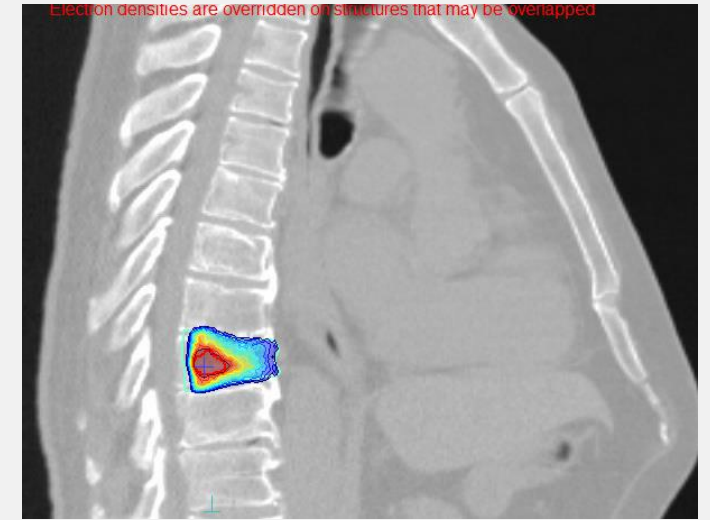
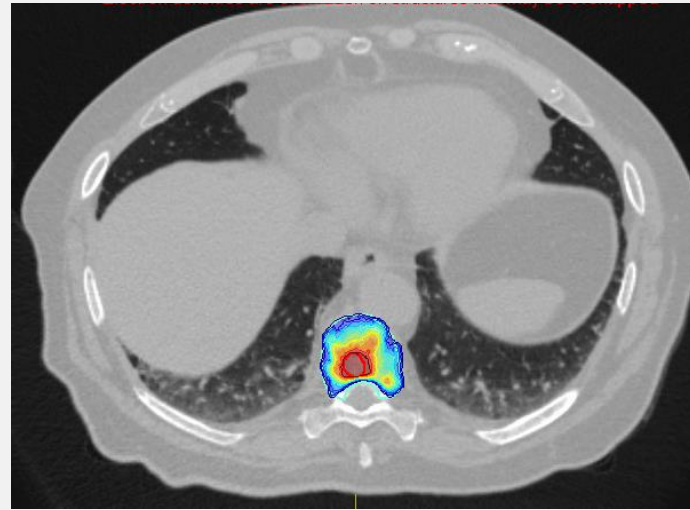
⑦ Select patients



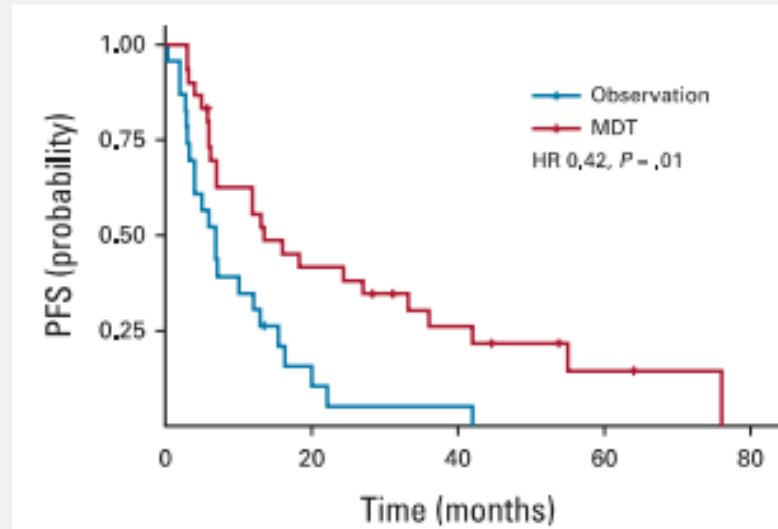
# Metastatic Setting

## ⑦ Oligometastatic

- Low number of metastatic sites
- Stereotactic/ Ablative radiotherapy to sites



## ⑦ Delay ADT

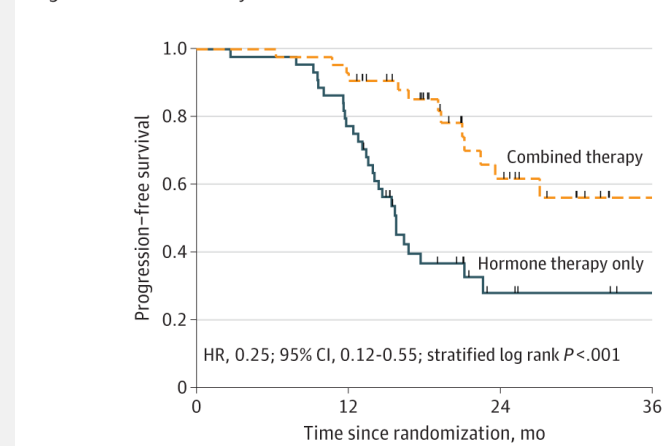


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## ⑦ Prolong time off ADT

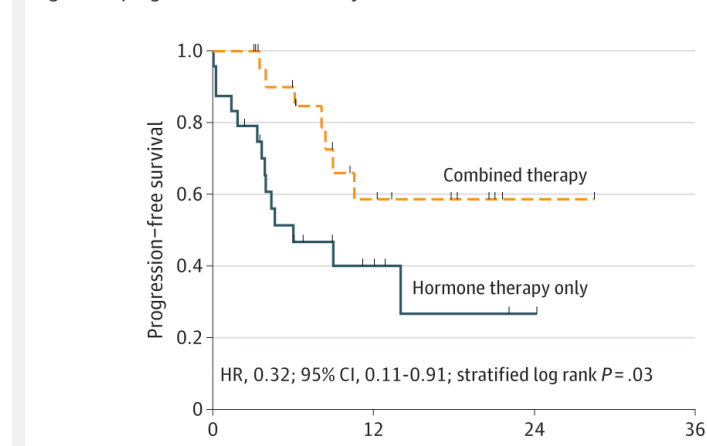
- Maintain testosterone level longer

Progression-free survival by randomization arm



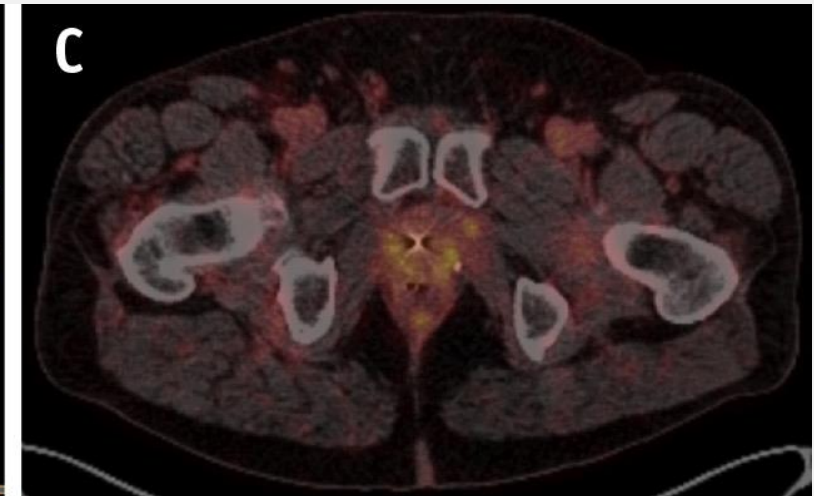
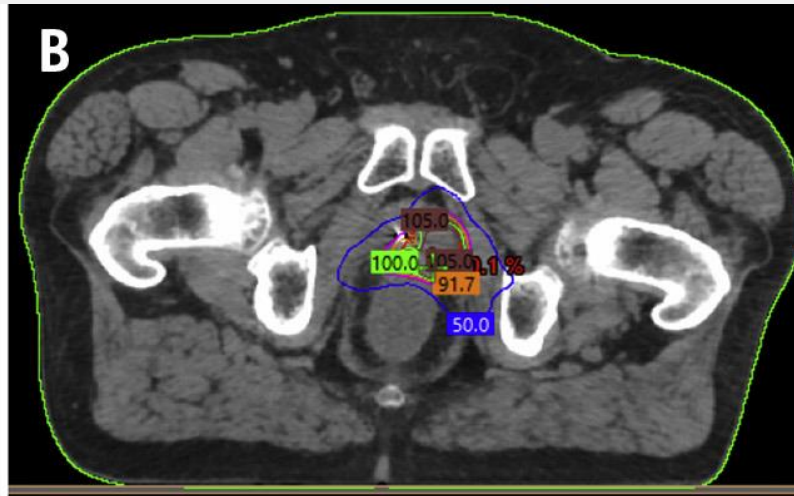
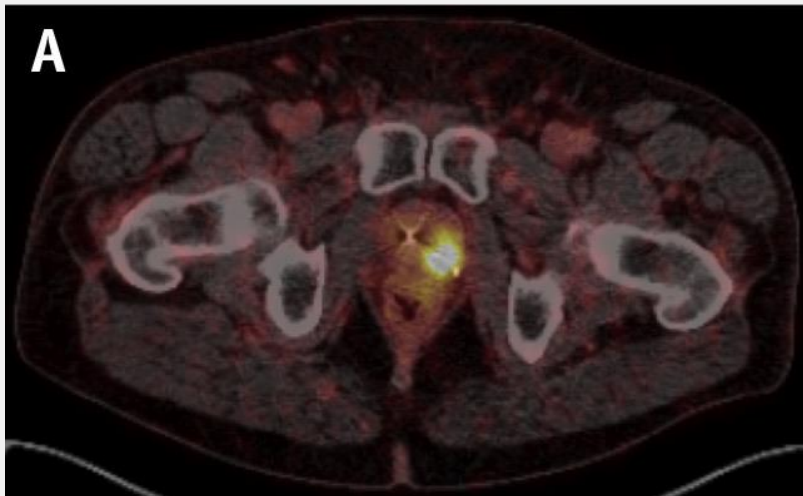
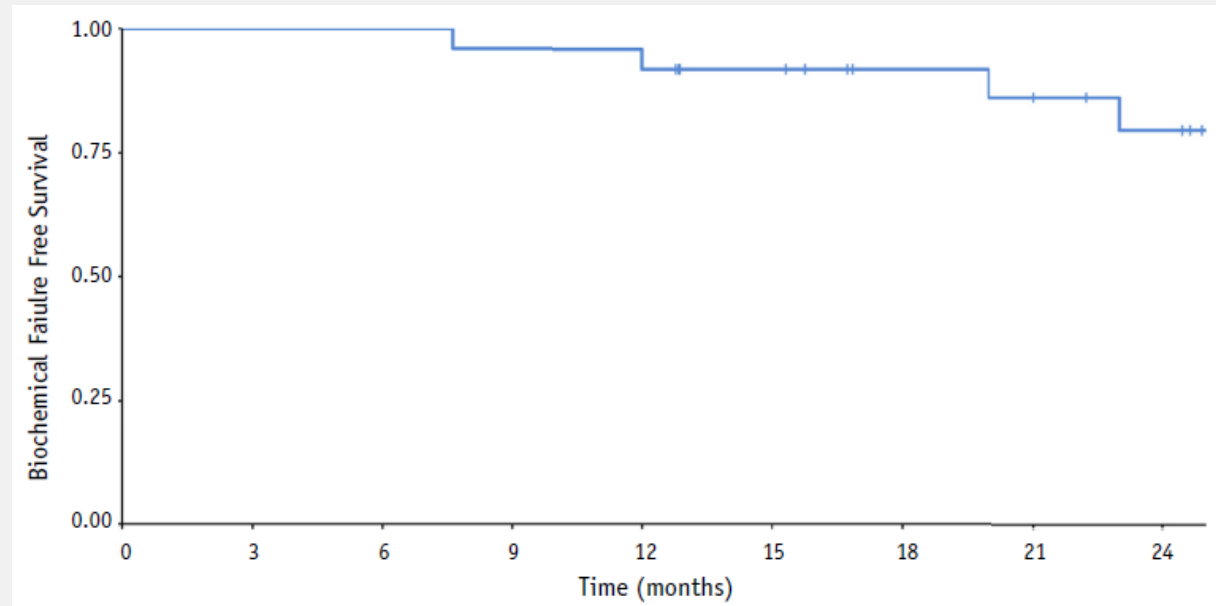
EXTEND trial

Eugonadal progression-free survival by randomization arm



# Local Failure

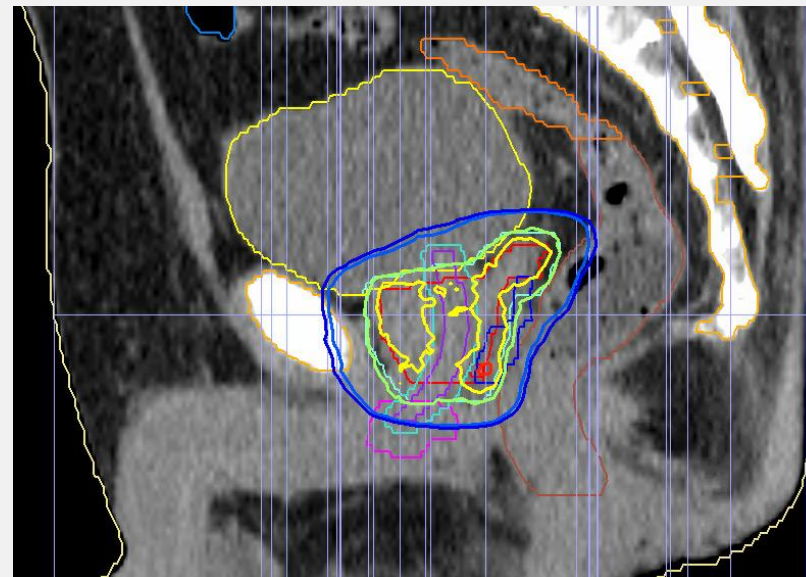
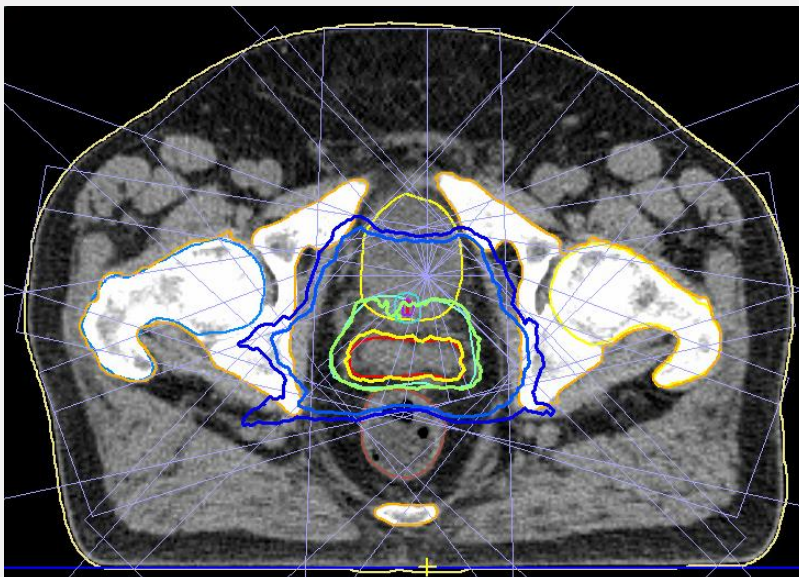
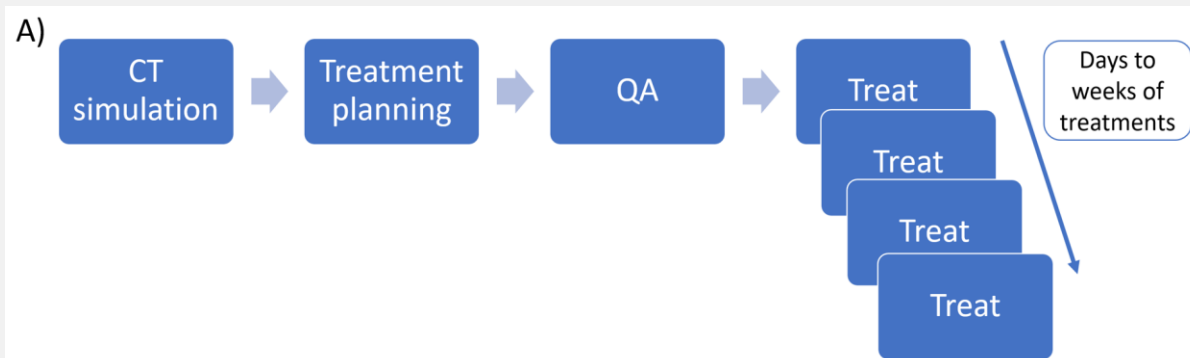
➤ Radiotherapy as an options for local failure



# Advanced Technology

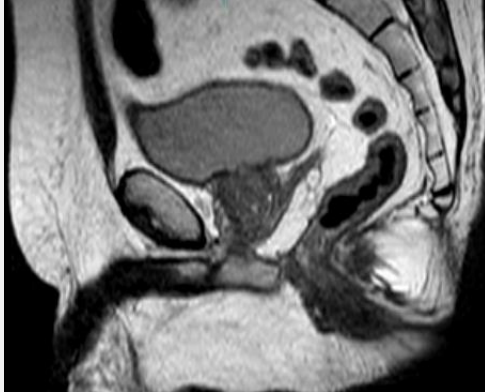
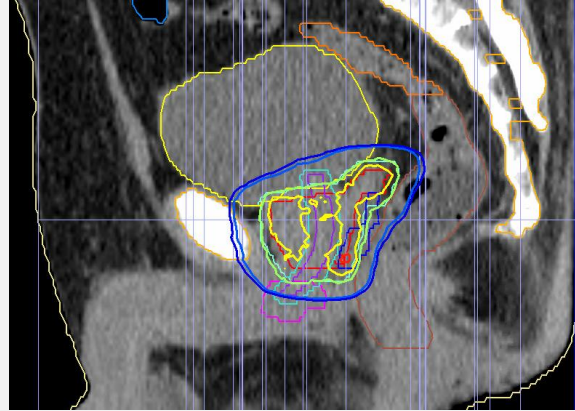


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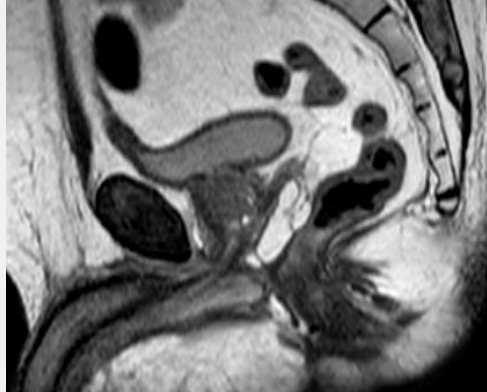




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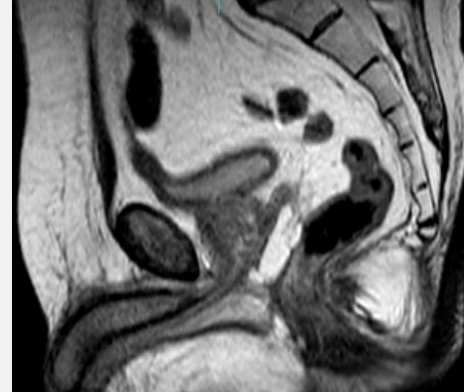
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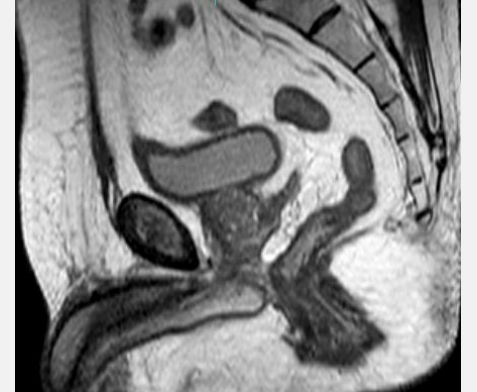
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Treatment 3



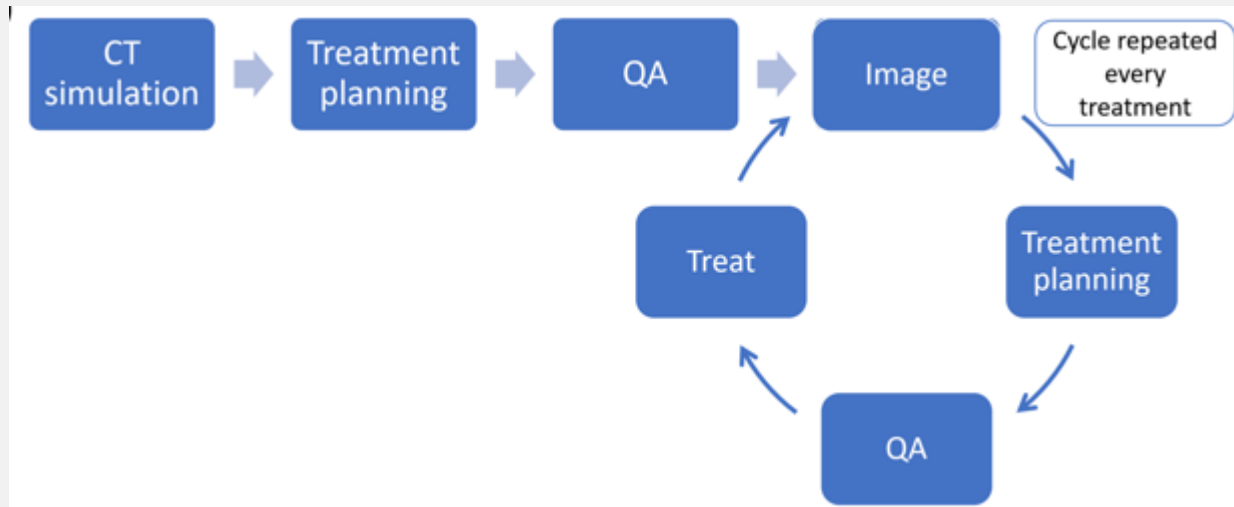
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Treatment 5

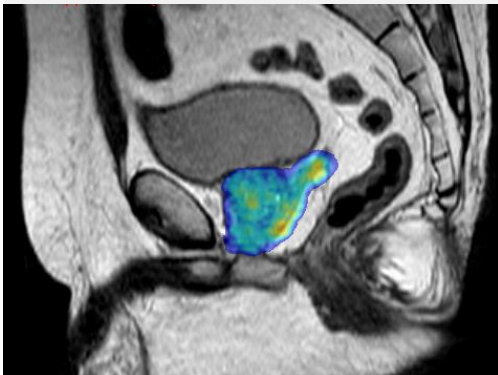
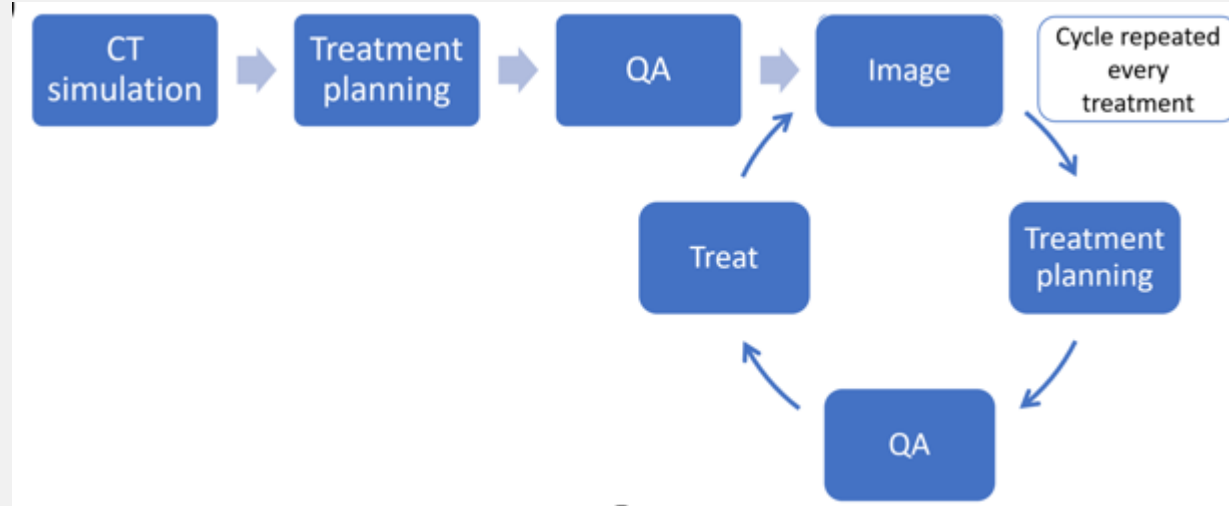
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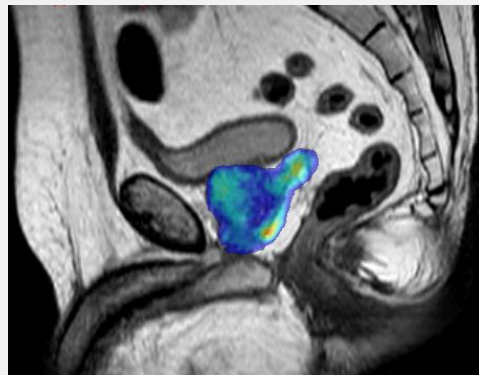


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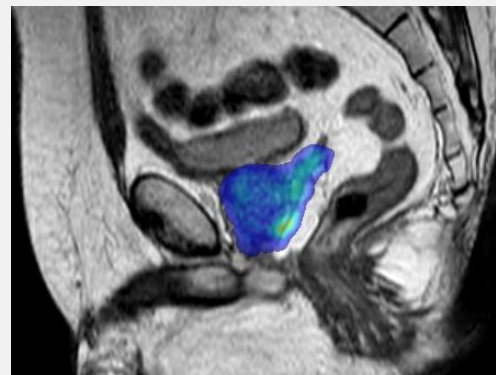
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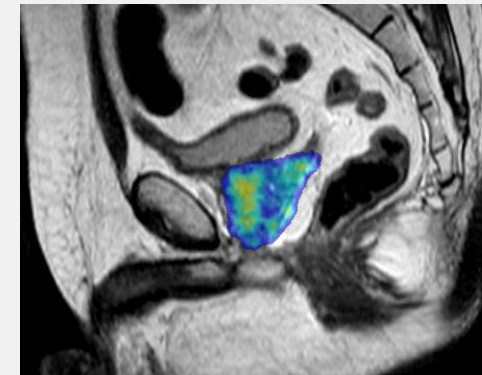
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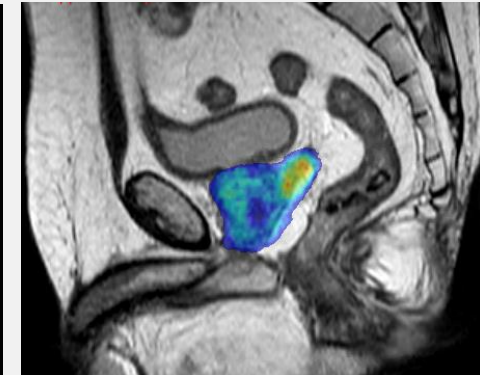
Treatment 2



Treatment 3



Treatment 4



Treatment 5

# MRI Linac



## Benefits in Prostate Cancer Treatment

- Real time monitoring



# Improved Toxicity with MRI Guided

⑦ Approximately halves short term toxicity

⑦ Acute grade 2+ GU toxicity

- MR guided : 16%
- Non MR Guided : 28%

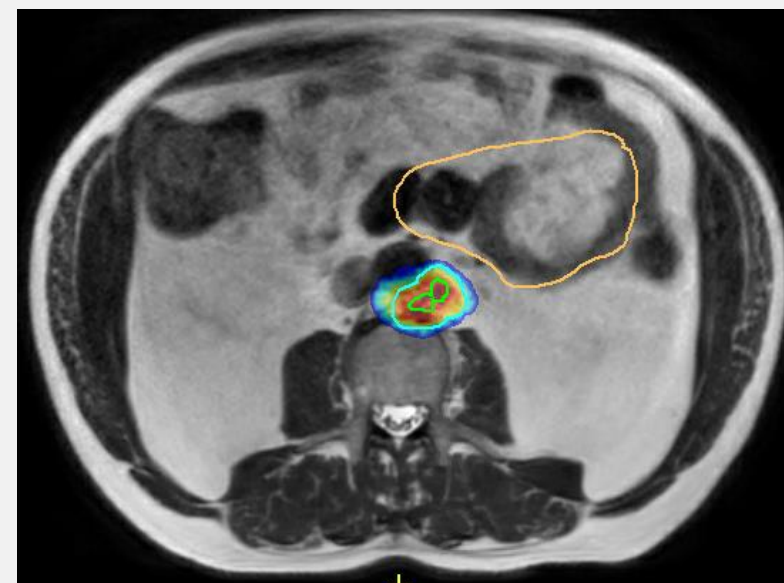
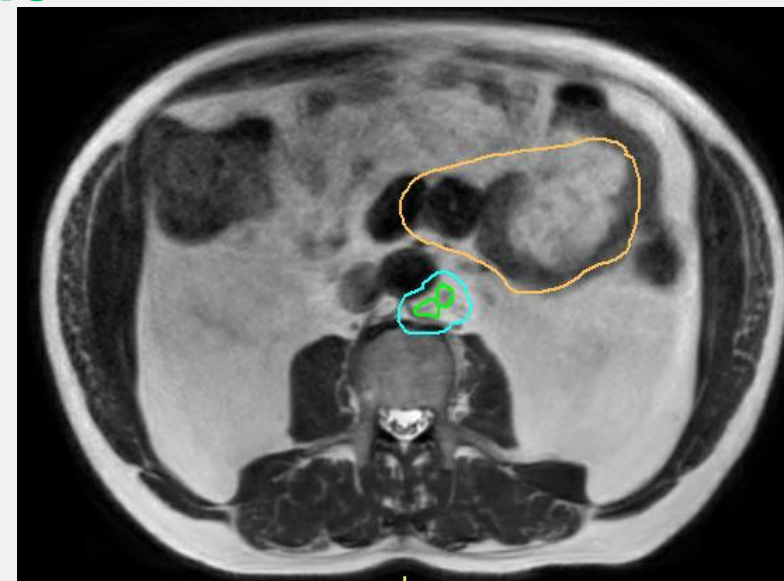
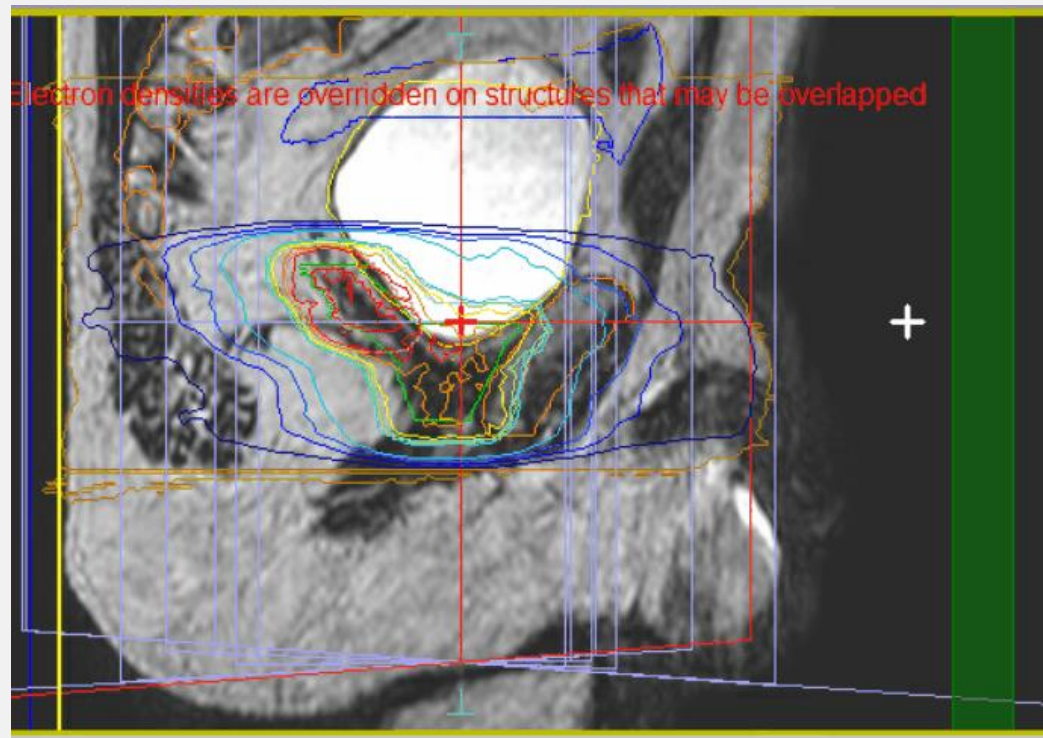
⑦ Acute grade 2+ GI toxicity

- MR guided : 4%
- Non MR Guided : 9%

Leeman JE. Acute toxicity comparison of magnetic resonance-guided adaptive versus fiducial or computed tomography-guided non-adaptive prostate stereotactic body radiotherapy: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Cancer. 2023 Oct 1;129(19):3044-3052



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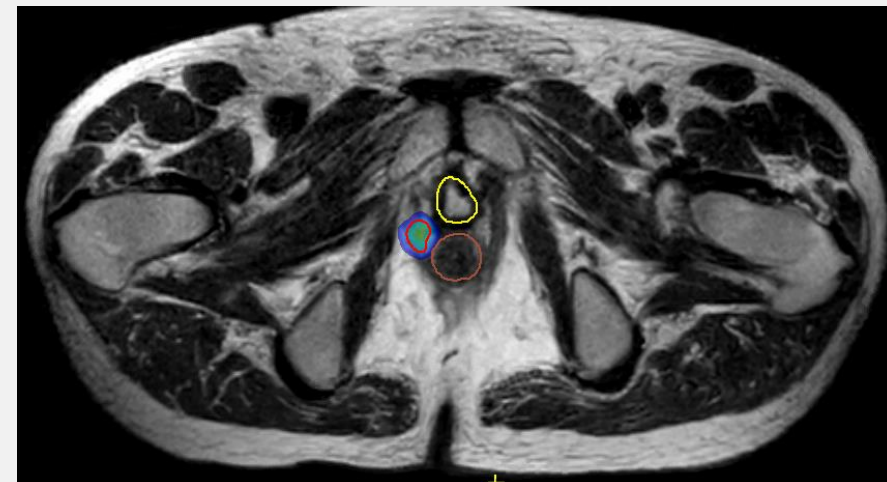
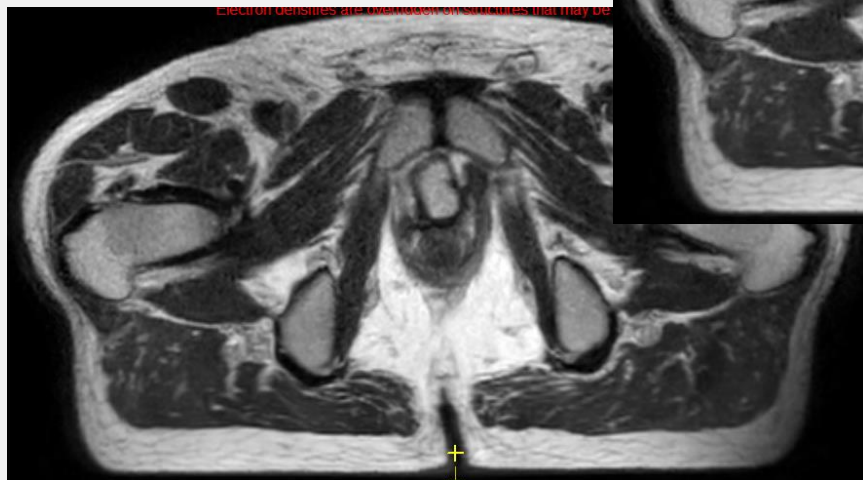




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# Summary

- ⑦ Radiotherapy is a curative option
- ⑦ Reducing number of treatments becoming the norm
- ⑦ Higher doses to the tumour (DiL) improves outcome
- ⑦ Treat the whole pelvis in select patients
- ⑦ ADT improves outcome
  - Improved ability to determine who benefits most
- ⑦ Increasing role of Radiotherapy in metastatic disease
- ⑦ Advanced techniques such as MRI Guided