

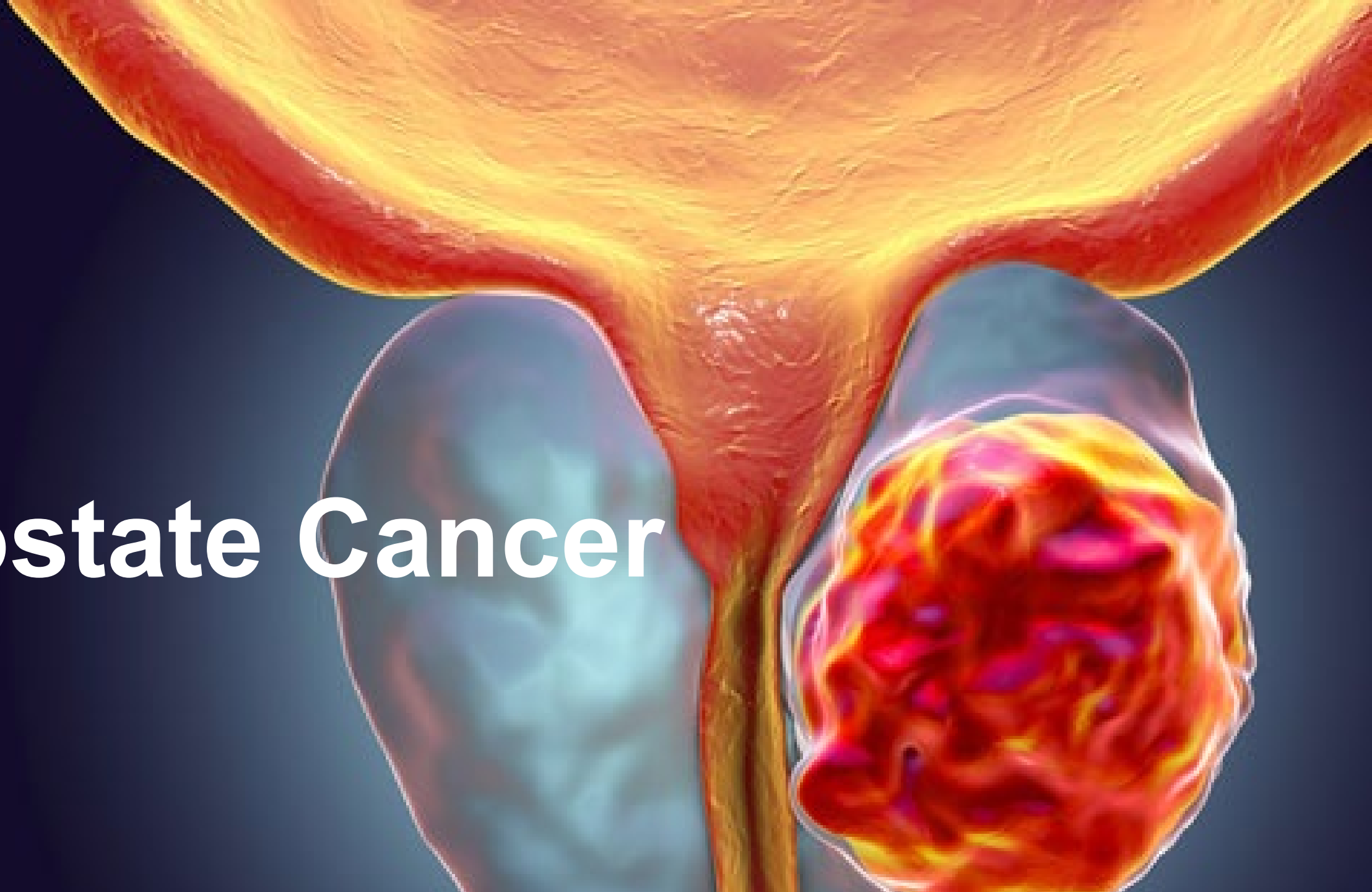
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# Contemporary management of localized prostate cancer

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# Prostate Cancer



# Prostate cancer in the press

The Washington Post

To Your Health

## Almost all men with early prostate cancer survive 10 years, regardless of treatment

By Laurie McGinley September 14



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## Prostate Cancer Study Details Value of Treatments

By DENISE GRADY SEPT. 14, 2016



A new study offers important information to men who are facing difficult decisions about how to treat prostate cancer in its early stages, or whether to treat it at all.

Researchers followed patients for 10 years and found no difference in death rates between men who were picked at random to have surgery or radiation, or to rely on "active monitoring" of the cancer, with treatment only if it progressed.

Death rates from the cancer were low overall: only about 1 percent of patients 10 years after diagnosis.

But the disease was more likely to progress and spread in the men who opted for monitoring rather than for early treatment. And about half the patients in the study who had started out being monitored wound up having surgery or radiation.

Robert Boulton, a prostate cancer patient, was initially assigned to receive active monitoring but switched to radiation treatment after four years, when his P.S.A. went up.  
Alexander Azack for The New York Times

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## Prostate Cancer Treatment Doesn't Save More Lives Than Active Surveillance

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With Early Prostate Cancer, Forgoing Treatment Makes No Difference

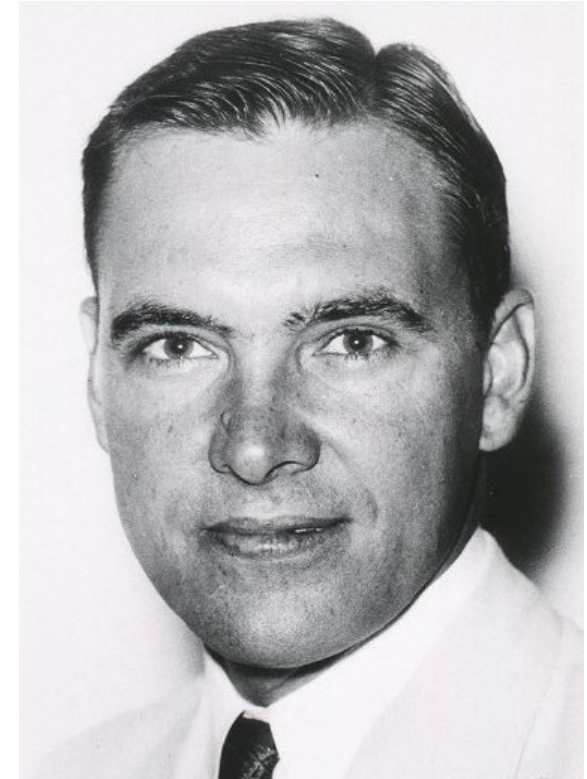
## Skepticism even within Urologic Oncologists

### WHITMOREISMS: MEMORABLE QUOTES FROM WILLET F. WHITMORE, JR, M.D.

JAMES E. MONTIE AND JOSEPH A. SMITH, JR

The current state of prostate cancer may not be good medicine but it sure is good business.

There are more people making a living from prostate cancer than there are dying from it.







# Prostate Cancer: Epidemiology



## In the United States

- #1 cause of cancer in men
- ~250,000 new cases per year
- 26% of all cancer diagnoses!
- 12% lifetime risk of prostate cancer
  
- #2 cause of cancer death in men
- ~34,130 deaths / year

## Estimated New Cases

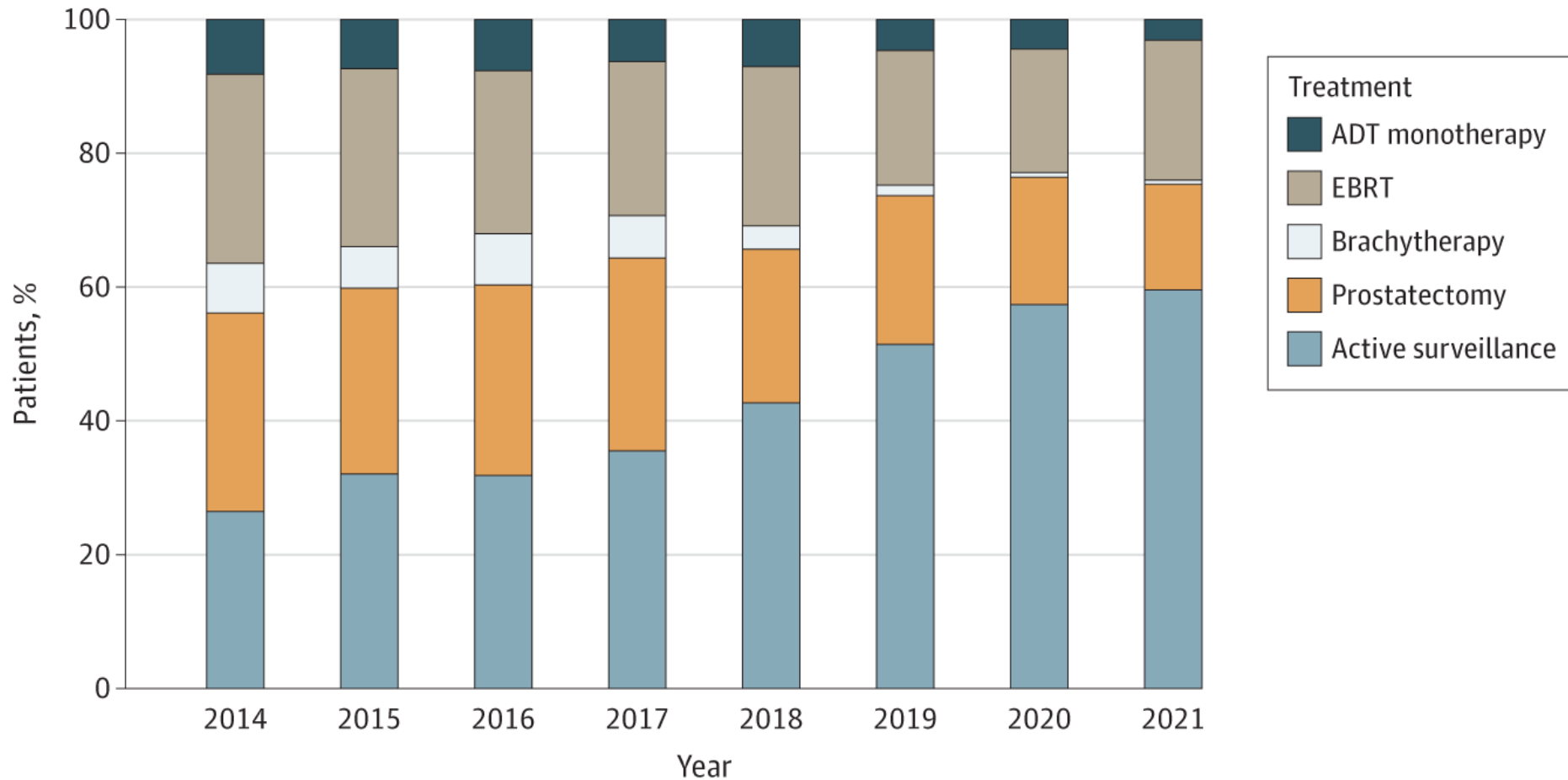
			Males	Females		
Prostate	248,530	26%			Breast	281,550 30%
Lung & bronchus	119,100	12%			Lung & bronchus	116,660 13%
Colon & rectum	79,520	8%			Colon & rectum	69,980 8%
Urinary bladder	64,280	7%			Uterine corpus	66,570 7%
Melanoma of the skin	62,260	6%			Melanoma of the skin	43,850 5%
Kidney & renal pelvis	48,780	5%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	35,930 4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	45,630	5%			Thyroid	32,130 3%
Oral cavity & pharynx	38,800	4%			Pancreas	28,480 3%
Leukemia	35,530	4%			Kidney & renal pelvis	27,300 3%
Pancreas	31,950	3%			Leukemia	25,560 3%
<b>All Sites</b>	<b>970,250</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>All Sites</b>	<b>927,910</b>

## Estimated Deaths

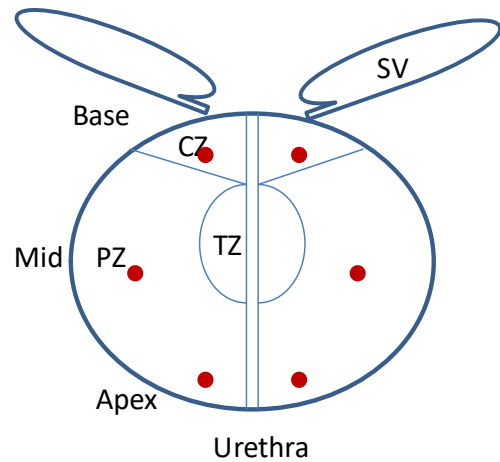
			Males	Females		
Lung & bronchus	69,410	22%			Lung & bronchus	62,470 22%
Prostate	34,130	11%			Breast	43,600 15%
Colon & rectum	28,520	9%			Colon & rectum	24,460 8%
Pancreas	25,270	8%			Pancreas	22,950 8%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	20,300	6%			Ovary	22,950 5%
Leukemia	13,900	4%			Uterine corpus	12,940 4%
Esophagus	12,410	4%			Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	9,930 3%
Urinary bladder	12,260	4%			Leukemia	9,760 3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	12,170	4%			Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,550 3%
Brain & other nervous system	10,500	3%			Brain & other nervous system	8,100 3%
<b>All Sites</b>	<b>319,420</b>	<b>100%</b>			<b>All Sites</b>	<b>289,150</b>

From: **Time Trends and Variation in the Use of Active Surveillance for Management of Low-risk Prostate Cancer in the US**

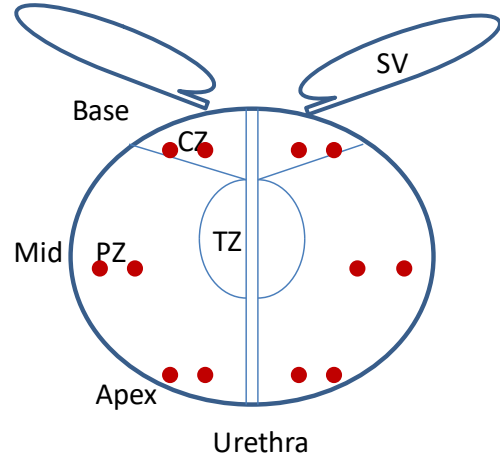
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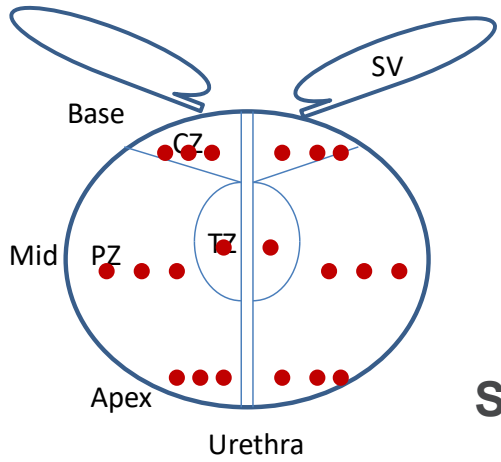
# PSA/Diagnosis of prostate cancer



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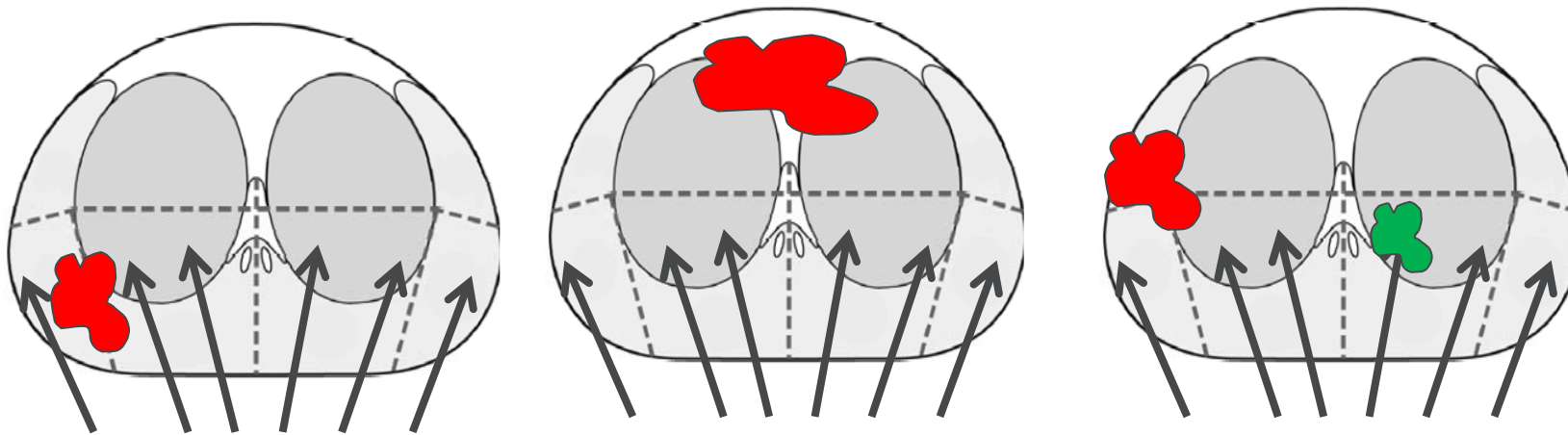
12-core



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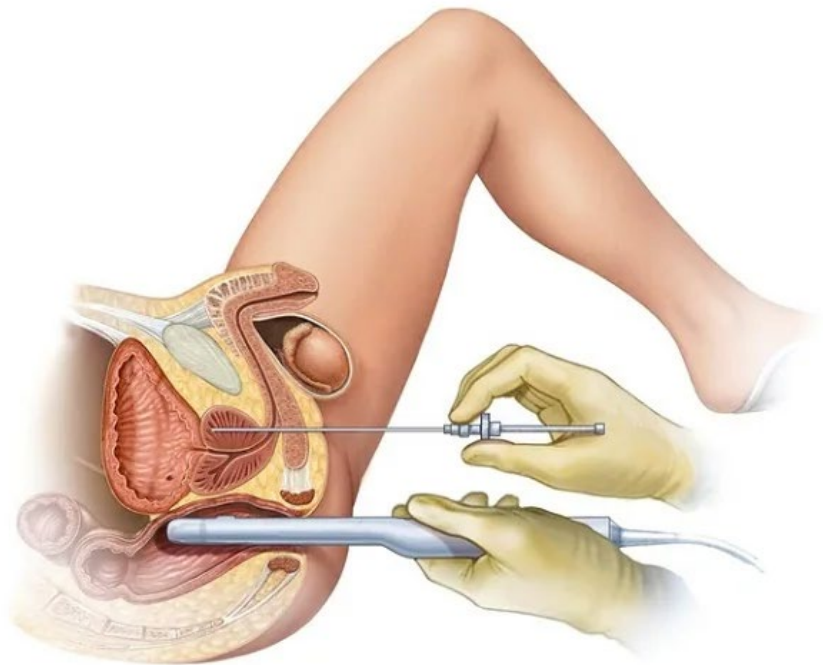
Biopsy techniques have relied on *random* sampling of the prostate gland

**Some clinically significant cancers are missed because of sampling error of the biopsy, and many men are diagnosed with clinically insignificant disease.**

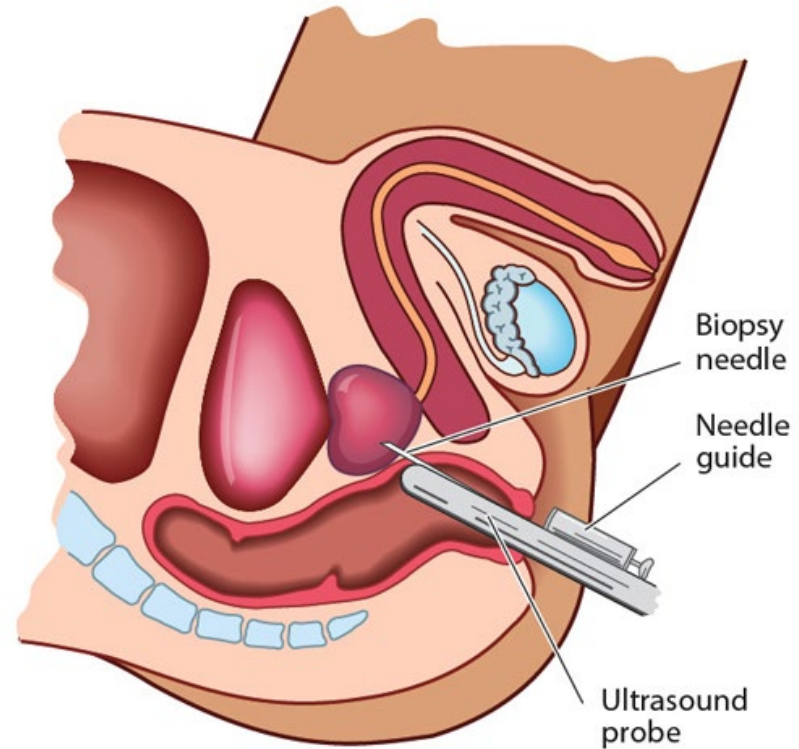


# PSA Screening: Accuracy

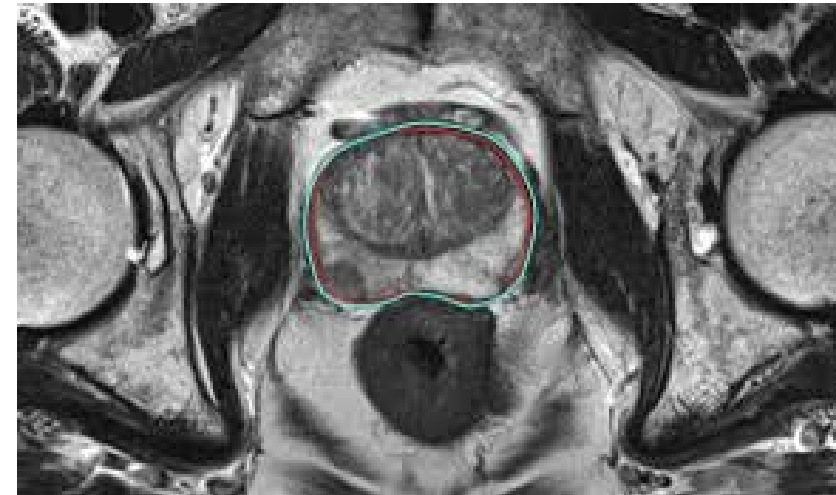
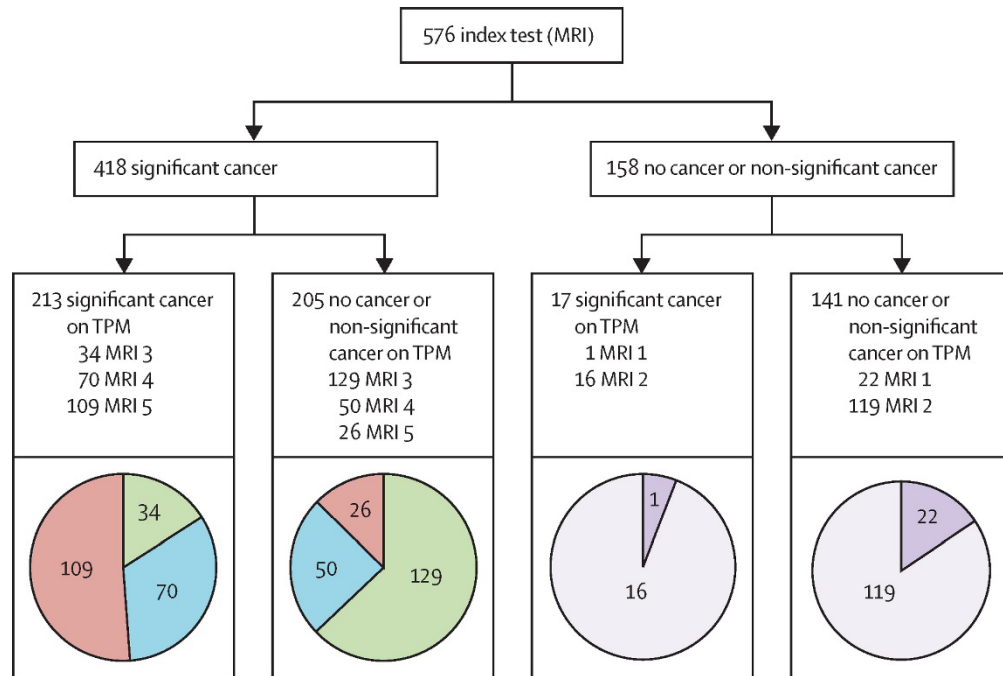
- **Old-Paradigm**
  - **Annual PSA check**
  - **If PSA greater than 3-4 -> repeat -> if persistent -> TRUS Biopsy**



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# MRI for prostate cancer screening

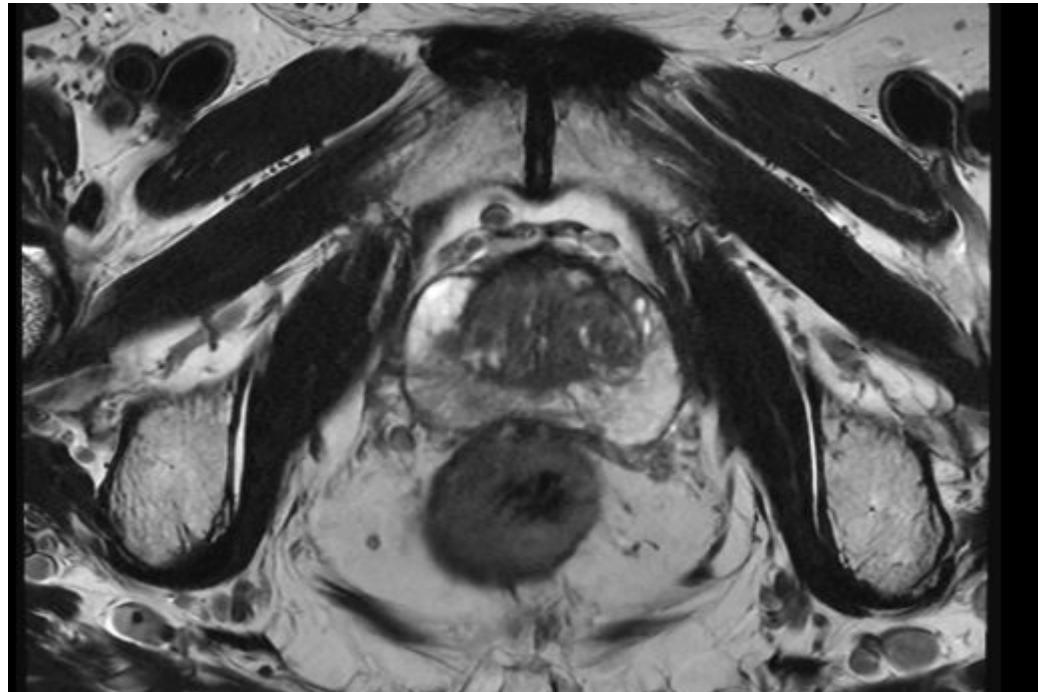


Sensitivity 93% (95% CI 88–96), positive predictive value 51% (46–56), specificity 41% (36–46), negative predictive value 89% (83–94).



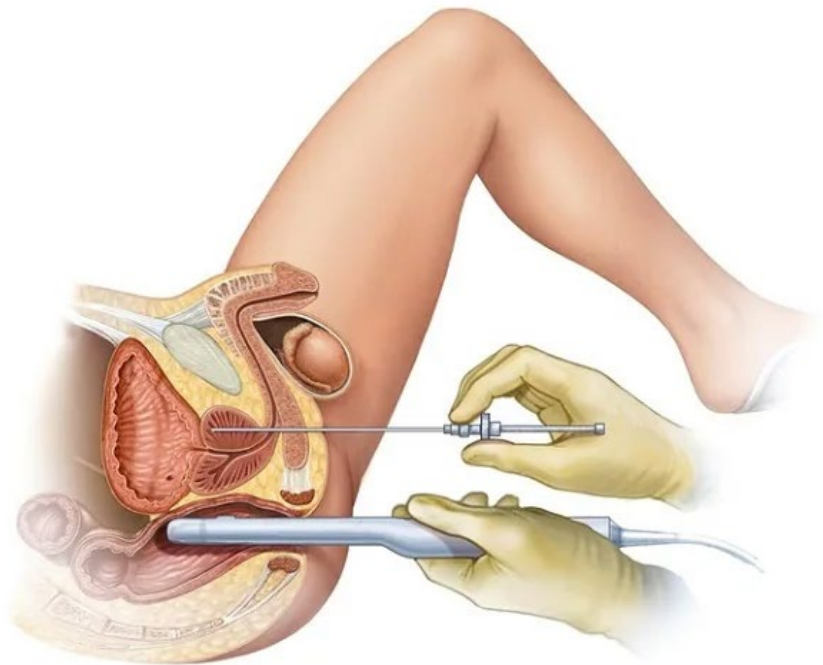
# Sample Case 1

- 69 man with a PSA of 6.21, repeat PSA 6.26 January 2023. Prostate MRI read as no suspicious lesions.
  - ExoDX Urine Test (PSA Adjunct) shows increased lifetime risk of developing prostate cancer, Prostate volume 37.8, PSA Density 0.16
  - TRUS prostate biopsy shows inflammation and no evidence of prostate cancer
  - Planned for repeat PSA in 12 months

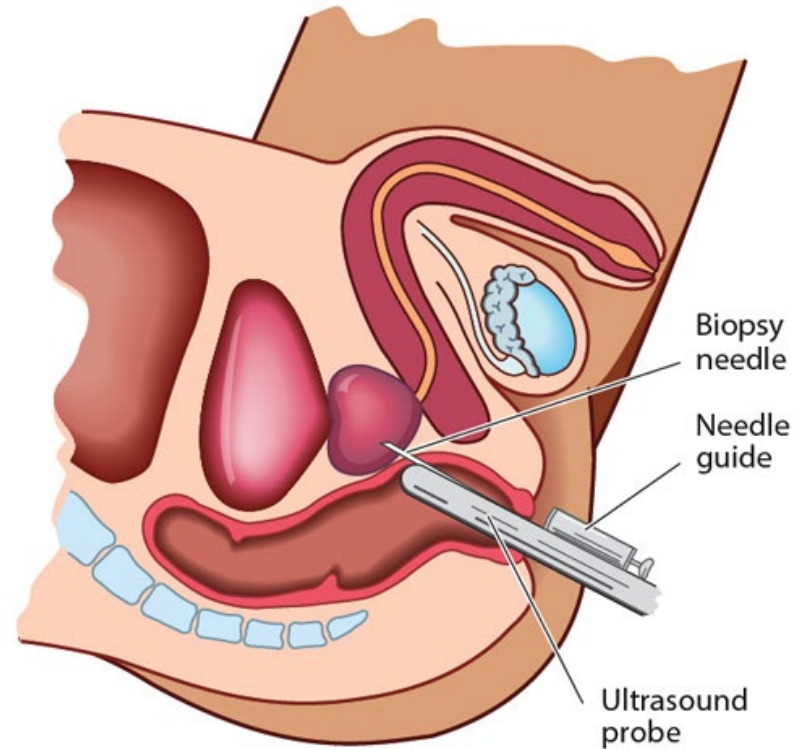


# Contemporary evaluation of PSA

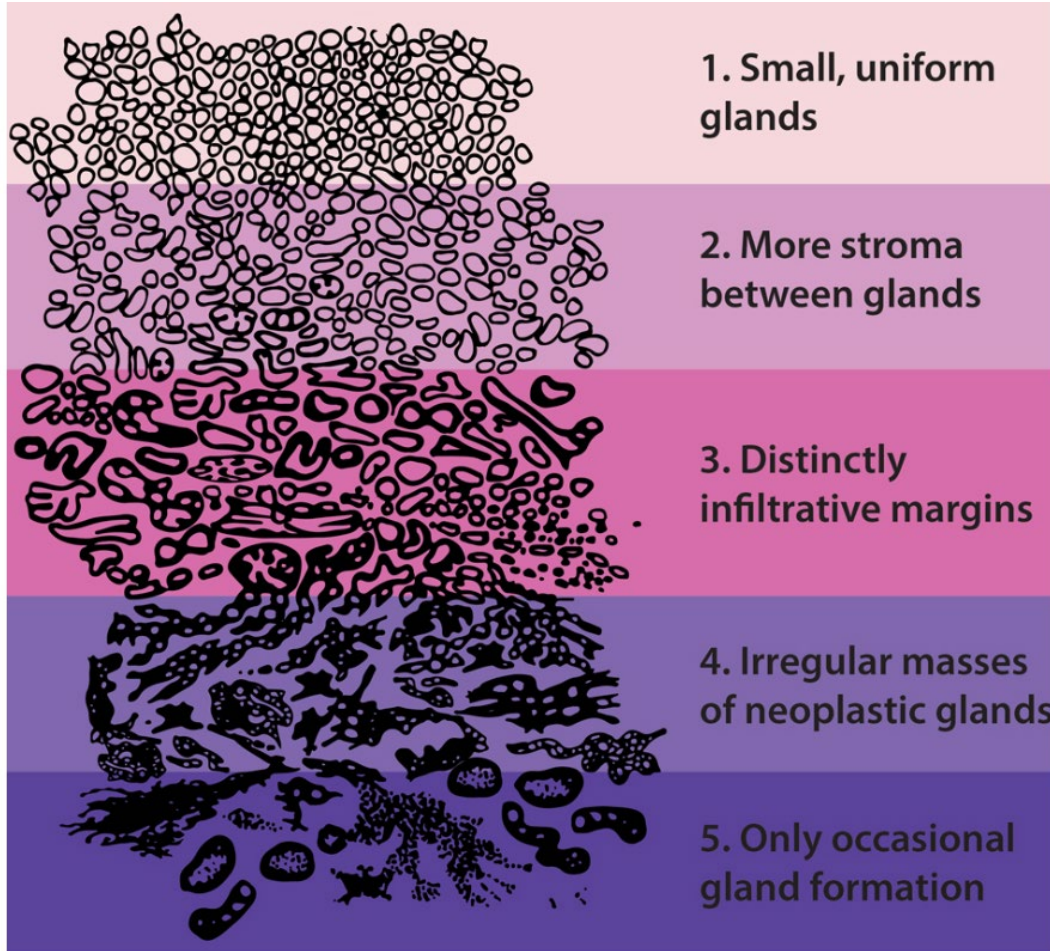
- Screening smarter (imaging, biomarkers) →
  - Avoidance of biopsies
  - Decreased diagnosis of clinically insignificant prostate cancer
  - Enrichment for higher risk/significant prostate cancer



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# GLEASON PATTERN



Grade 1: Well-differentiated (*not contribute to score*)

Grade 2: Moderately differentiated (*not contribute to score*)

Grade 3: moderate-poorly differentiated

Grade 4: Poorly differentiated, marked anaplasia

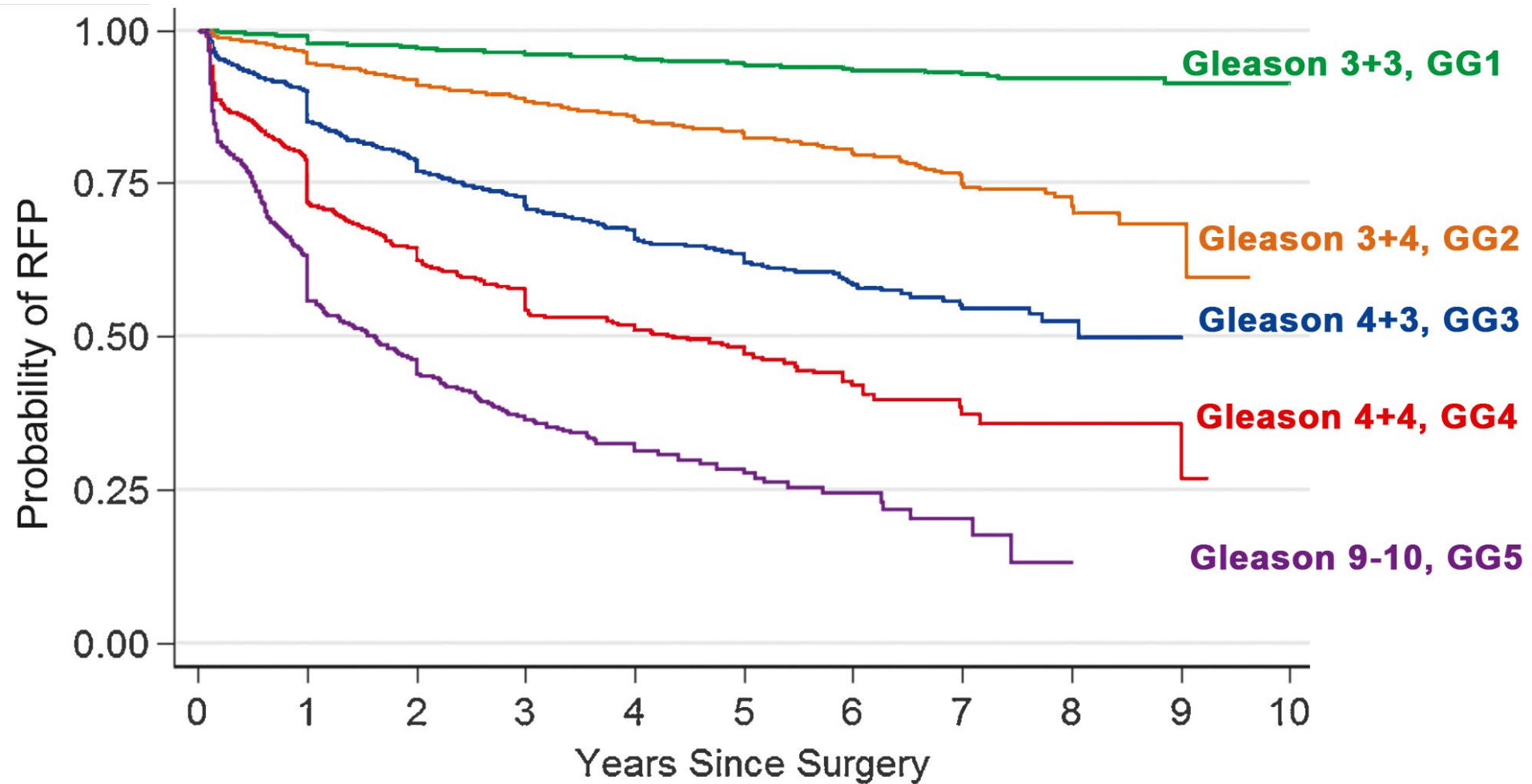
Grade 5: minimal resemblance of normal cells

**Primary Grade:** dominant tumor pattern

**Secondary Grade:** next most frequent pattern

**GLEASON SCORE** = Primary Grade + Secondary Grade (6-10)

# GRADE GROUPS

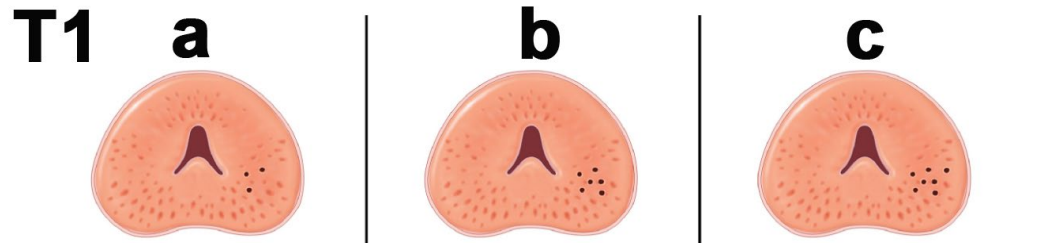


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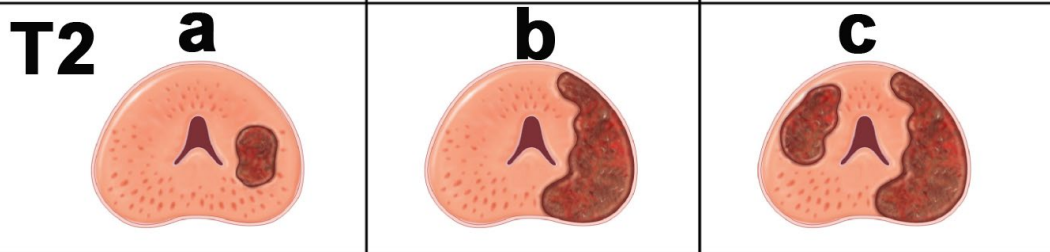
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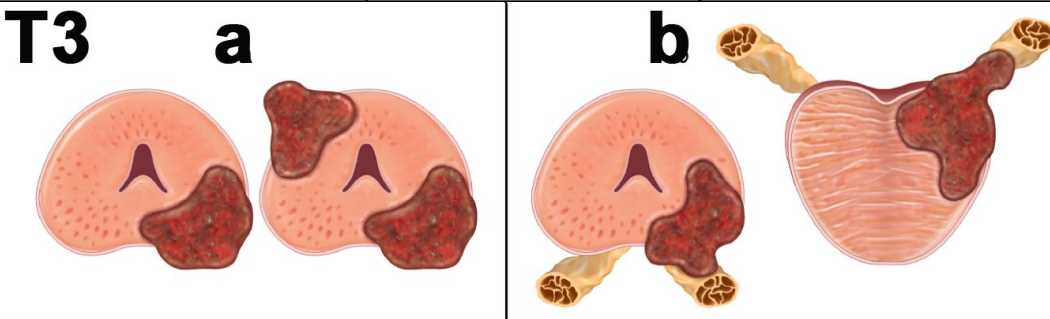
# Tumor Staging



T1: <5% histological involvement

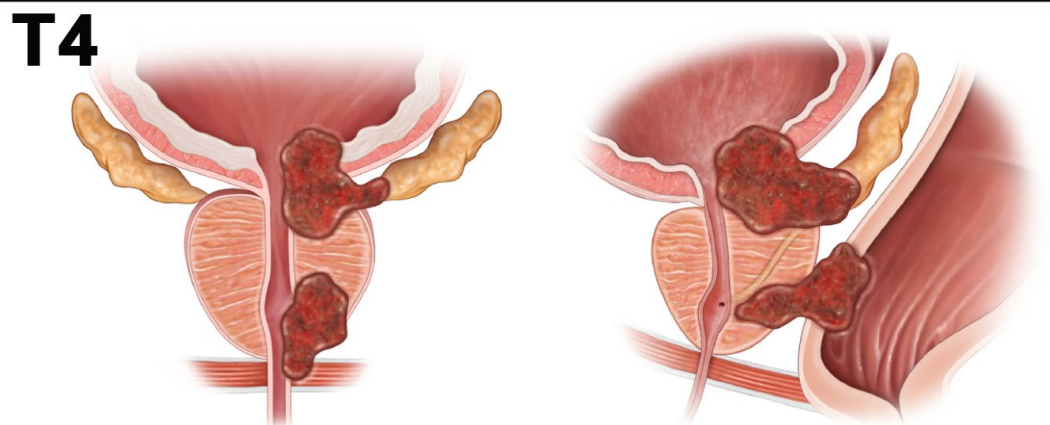


T2: confined palpable tumor



T3: extra-prostatic extension

T3b: seminal vesicle involvement



T4: invasion adjacent structures

# RISK STRATIFICATION for Localized Disease

Risk Group	Clinical/Pathologic Features		
Very low <sup>f</sup>	Has all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cT1c</li> <li>• Grade Group 1</li> <li>• PSA &lt;10 ng/mL</li> <li>• Fewer than 3 prostate biopsy fragments/cores positive, ≤50% cancer in each fragment/core<sup>g</sup></li> <li>• PSA density &lt;0.15 ng/mL/g</li> </ul>		
	Low <sup>f</sup>		
Intermediate <sup>f</sup>	Has all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No high-risk group features</li> <li>• No very-high-risk group features</li> <li>• Has one or more intermediate risk factors (IRFs):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ cT2b–cT2c</li> <li>▶ Grade Group 2 or 3</li> <li>▶ PSA 10–20 ng/mL</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Favorable intermediate	Has all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 IRF</li> <li>• Grade Group 1 or 2</li> <li>• &lt;50% biopsy cores positive (eg, &lt;6 of 12 cores)<sup>g</sup></li> </ul>
		Unfavorable intermediate	Has one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or 3 IRFs</li> <li>• Grade Group 3</li> <li>• ≥ 50% biopsy cores positive (eg, ≥ 6 of 12 cores)<sup>g</sup></li> </ul>
High	Has no very-high-risk features and has exactly one high-risk feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cT3a OR</li> <li>• Grade Group 4 or Grade Group 5 OR</li> <li>• PSA &gt;20 ng/mL</li> </ul>		
Very high	Has at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cT3b–cT4</li> <li>• Primary Gleason pattern 5</li> <li>• 2 or 3 high-risk features</li> <li>• &gt;4 cores with Grade Group 4 or 5</li> </ul>		

## 3 Main Factors:

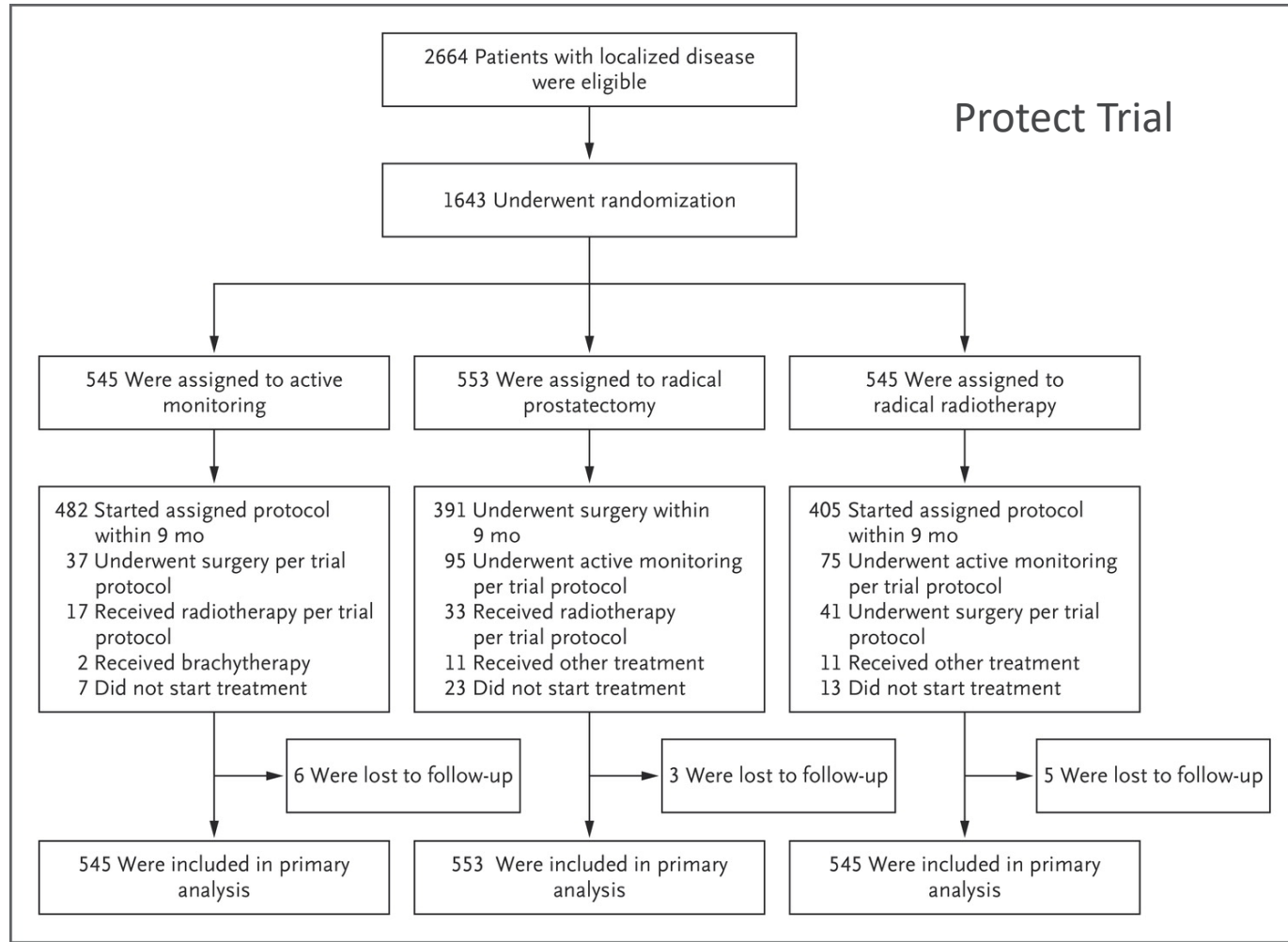
- Clinical tumor stage
- PSA
- Grade Group/Gleason pattern



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Fifteen-Year Outcomes after Monitoring, Surgery, or Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer

1999-2009

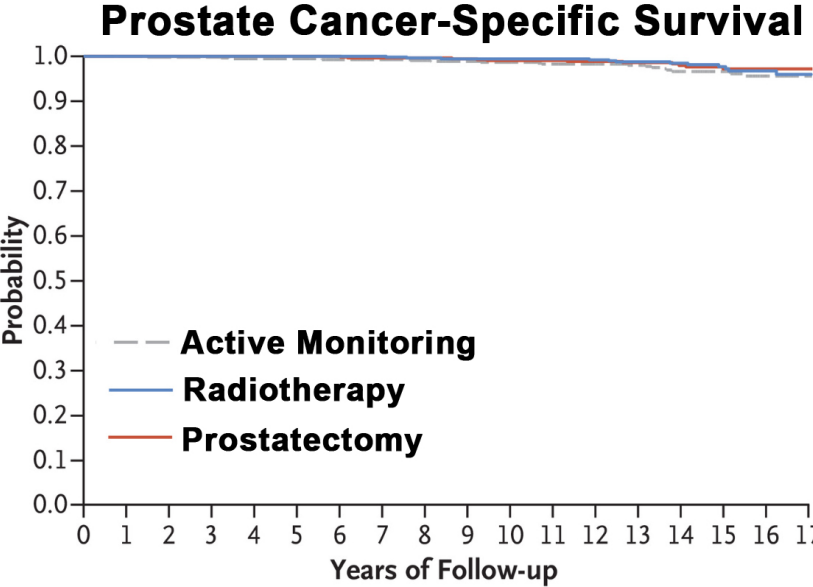


## Baseline characteristics stratified by study arm of PROTECT participants

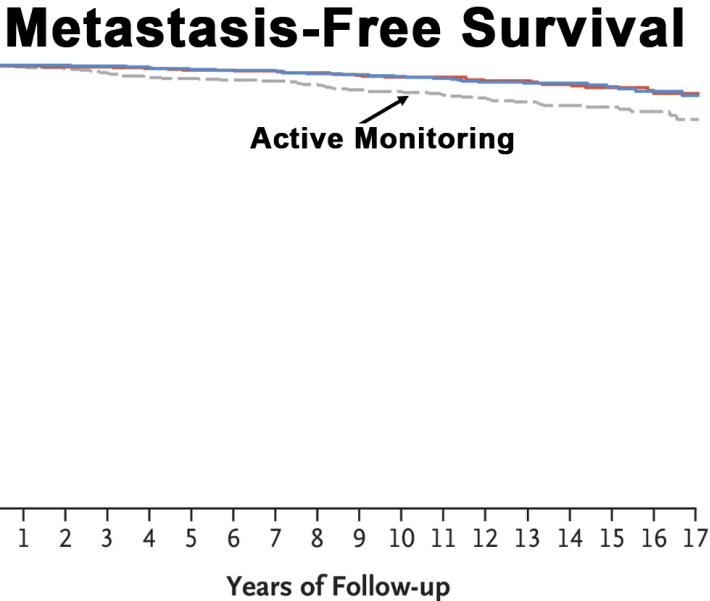
	Active monitoring protocol (n=545)	Surgery (n=553)	Radiotherapy protocol (n=545)
Mean age in years at randomisation (SD <sup>1</sup> )	62 (5)	62 (5)	62 (5)
White ethnic origin (%)	535 (99)	542 (99)	529 (98)
African-Caribbean origin (%)	2 (0.4)	3 (0.5)	5 (0.9)
Married or living with partner (%)	457 (84)	458 (84)	460 (85)
Managerial / professional occupation (%)	229 (43)	229 (42)	226 (42)
Known family history prostate cancer (%)	43 (8)	32 (6)	44 (8)
Median PSA <sup>2</sup> in ng/ml (IQR <sup>3</sup> )	4.7 (3.7, 6.7)	4.9 (3.7, 6.7)	4.8 (3.7, 6.7)
PSA <sup>4</sup> 10+ ng/ml (%)	57 (10)	57 (10)	58 (11)
Gleason score			
6	421 (77)	422 (76)	423 (78)
7	111 (20)	120 (22)	108 (20)
8-10	13 (2)	10 (2)	14 (3)
Missing	0	1	0
Clinical stage			
T1c	410 (75)	410 (74)	429 (79)
T2	135 (25)	143 (26)	116 (21)

# Protect

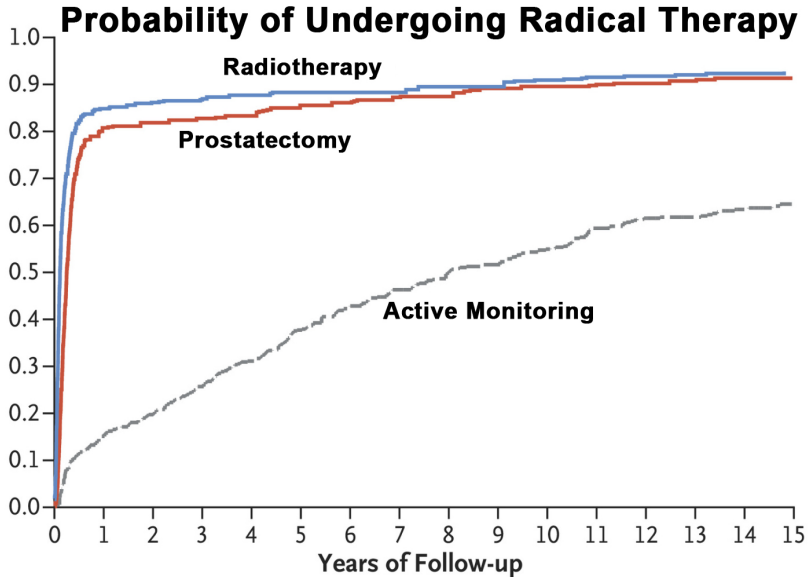
- 1643 men (median age 62) followed for 15 years
- Majority (66%) low risk, 24% intermediate risk, 10% high risk localized PCa
- Equally Randomized to active surveillance vs prostatectomy vs radiation



**CSS = 97% for all 3 groups**

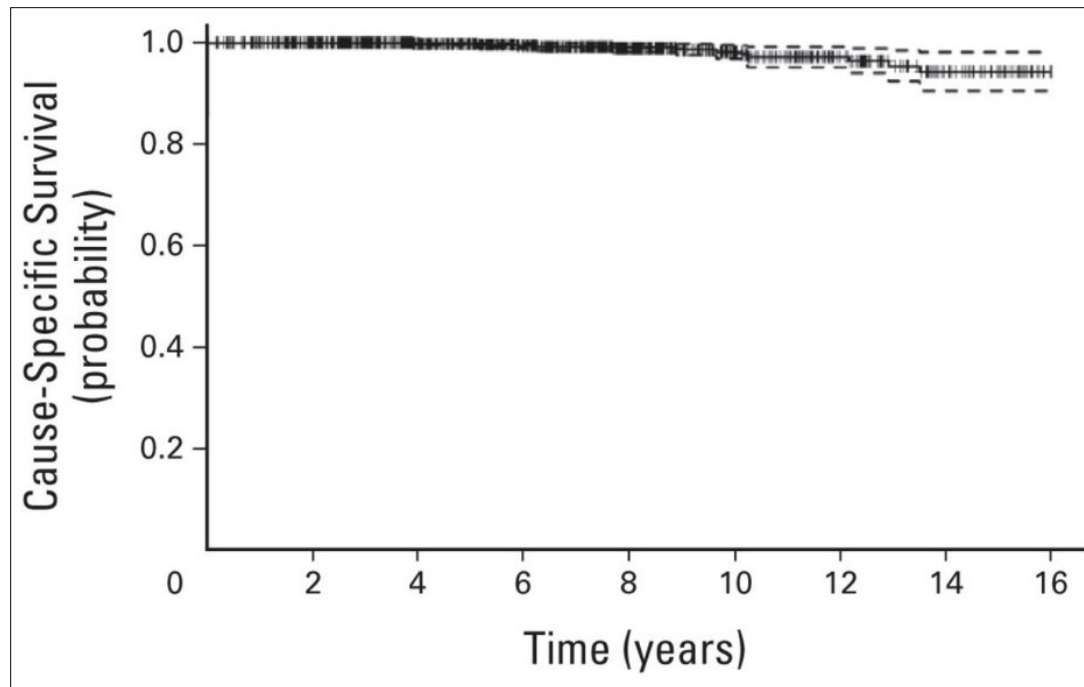


**AS arm had ~2X relative risk of distant metastasis**



**61% of AS patients eventually received radical Tx**

# CARE OPTIONS– VERY LOW-/LOW RISK



7. Clinicians should recommend **active surveillance as the best available care option** for **very low-risk localized prostate cancer** patients. (Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)
8. Clinicians should recommend **active surveillance** as the preferable care option for most **low-risk localized prostate cancer** patients. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B)

# UroNav MRI TRUS Fusion



# RISK STRATIFICATION

The Panel incorporated contemporary Grade Group categorizations to subcategorize intermediate-risk group into “*favorable*” (Gleason 3+4, Grade Group 2) and “*unfavorable*” (Gleason 4+3, Grade Group 3) categories to facilitate decision-making

Gleason Score	Grade Group*
3+3	1
3+4	2
4+3	3
4+4	4
4+5, 5+4, or 5+5	5

\*Grade Group = Contemporary Pathology Consensus Based on Gleason Score and Adopted by WHO, 2016



## FAVORABLE VS UNFAVORABLE INTERMEDIATE RISK SUB-GROUPS

PCa Intermediate Risk Sub-Group	Pathology Grade Group	PSA (ng/ml)	Clin Stage (DRE)
Favorable	1	10-20	T1-T2a
	2 (3+4=7)	<10	
Unfavorable	2 (3+4=7)	<10	T2b
	2 (3+4=7)	10-20	Any T1-2
	2 (4+3=7)	<20	Any T1-2

*(Amount of Pca on biopsy not included in sub-categorization due to lack of such strata in RCT evidence)*

# CARE OPTIONS- INTERMEDIATE RISK

## **Intermediate Risk**

**PSA 10-<20 ng/ml OR Grade Group 2-3 OR clinical stage T2b-c**

- Favorable: Grade Group 1 (with PSA 10-<20) OR Grade Group 2 (with PSA<10)
- Unfavorable: Grade Group 2 (with either PSA 10-<20 or clinical stage T2b-c) OR Grade Group 3 (with PSA < 20)

# Considerable variability in the clinical behavior of intermediate risk prostate cancer

Tumor volume  
Percentage Pattern 4  
Adverse histology  
Genomic Risk Classifier  
MRI findings  
Patient comorbidity  
Patient compliance



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- • Surgery
- • Focal therapy
- • Radiation
- • +/- ADT

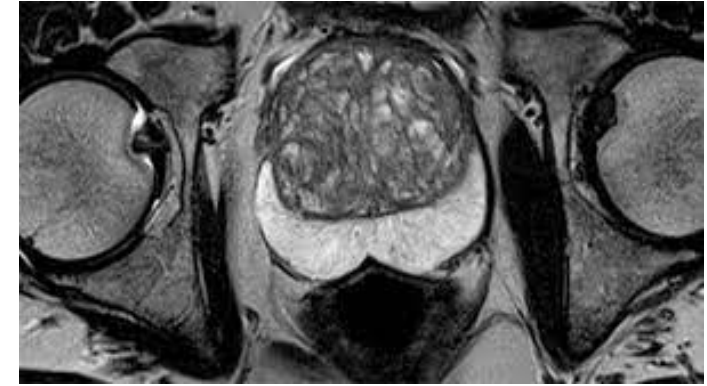
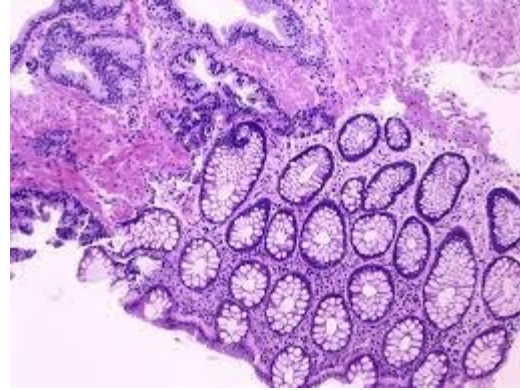
# CARE OPTIONS– INTERMEDIATE RISK

16. Clinicians should **discuss active surveillance, radical prostatectomy or radiotherapy** as **standard treatment options** for patients with favorable intermediate-risk localized prostate cancer. (Strong Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade A)
17. Clinicians should inform patients with **unfavorable intermediate-risk prostate cancer AND > 10 YEAR LIFE EXPECTANCY** that **prostatectomy and XRT + 4-6 months of ADT** are standard options

PSMA pet staging for uIR and high risk patients

# Surveillance: Selection is key!

- Tumor volume
- Percentage Pattern 4
- Adverse histology
- Genomic Risk Classifier
- MRI findings
- Patient comorbidity
- Patient compliance



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PROSTATE GENOMIC CLASSIFIER

# Adverse Disease Features in Gleason Score 3 + 4 “Favorable Intermediate-Risk” Prostate Cancer: Implications for Active Surveillance



	Gleason upgrade				Gleason downgrade				Non-organ confined			Unfavorable disease				
	OR	95% CI		p	OR	95% CI		p	OR	95% CI	p	OR	95% CI	p		
Age	1.06	1.02	1.09	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.97	0.94	1.00	0.05	1.03	1.00	1.06	<b>0.04</b>	1.05	1.02	1.08	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Log <sub>2</sub> PSA density	1.83	1.17	2.85	<b>0.007</b>	0.67	0.51	0.89	<b>0.006</b>	1.04	0.79	1.35	0.79	1.14	0.90	1.44	0.29
Clinical stage																
cT1	Ref.				Ref.				Ref.				Ref.			
cT2a	1.13	0.84	1.52	0.43	0.52	0.32	0.84	<b>0.007</b>	1.95	1.32	2.88	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.74	1.23	2.46	<b>0.002</b>
Positive cores, % (cont)	0.99	0.99	1.01	0.55	0.98	0.97	0.99	<b>0.007</b>	1.02	1.01	1.03	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.02	1.01	1.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Positive cores, %																
<50	ref				Ref.				Ref.				Ref.			
≥50	0.96	0.57	1.62	0.88	0.76	0.45	1.28	0.3	1.87	1.22	2.85	<b>0.004</b>	1.57	1.06	2.31	<b>0.02</b>
Surface area, % (cont)	1.01	1.00	1.02	<b>0.03</b>	0.98	0.97	0.99	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.02	1.01	1.03	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.02	1.01	1.02	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Surface area, %																
<50	Ref.				Ref.				Ref.				Ref.			
≥50	0.87	0.29	2.63	0.8	2.62	0.69	9.94	0.16	1.60	0.58	4.44	0.36	1.09	0.47	2.55	0.84
Tumor bilaterality																
No	Ref.				Ref.				Ref.				Ref.			
Yes	0.70	0.43	1.13	0.15	0.86	0.55	1.36	0.52	1.32	0.87	1.99	0.19	1.00	0.69	1.45	0.99
Perineural invasion																
No	Ref.				Ref.				Ref.				Ref.			
Yes	1.37	0.91	2.07	0.13	0.59	0.36	0.96	<b>0.03</b>	2.50	1.75	3.56	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.89	1.36	2.62	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

CI = confidence interval; OR = odds ratio; PSA = prostate-specific antigen; Ref = reference. Boldface shows  $p < 0.05$ .

- Age
- PSA Density
- Percentage Pattern 4
- Core involvement



# Adverse Pathology and germline characteristics

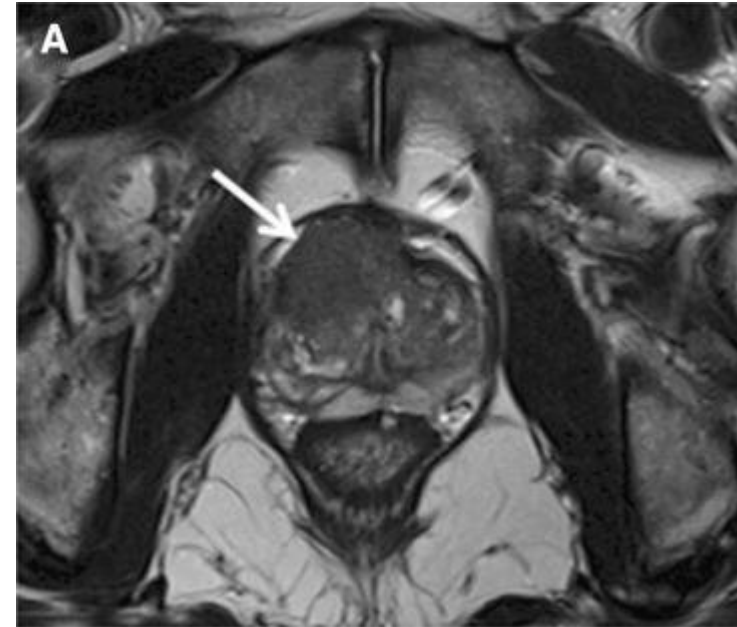
- **Standardized Reporting of cribriform and intraductal histology in Pathology Consensus Statements**

**The 2019 Genitourinary Pathology Society (GUPS) White Paper on Contemporary Grading of Prostate Cancer**

- **Hereditary GERMLINE considerations**
  - **BRCA1/BRCA2**
  - **Ashkenazi Jewish Ancestry**
  - **DNA Damage Repair Mutations**

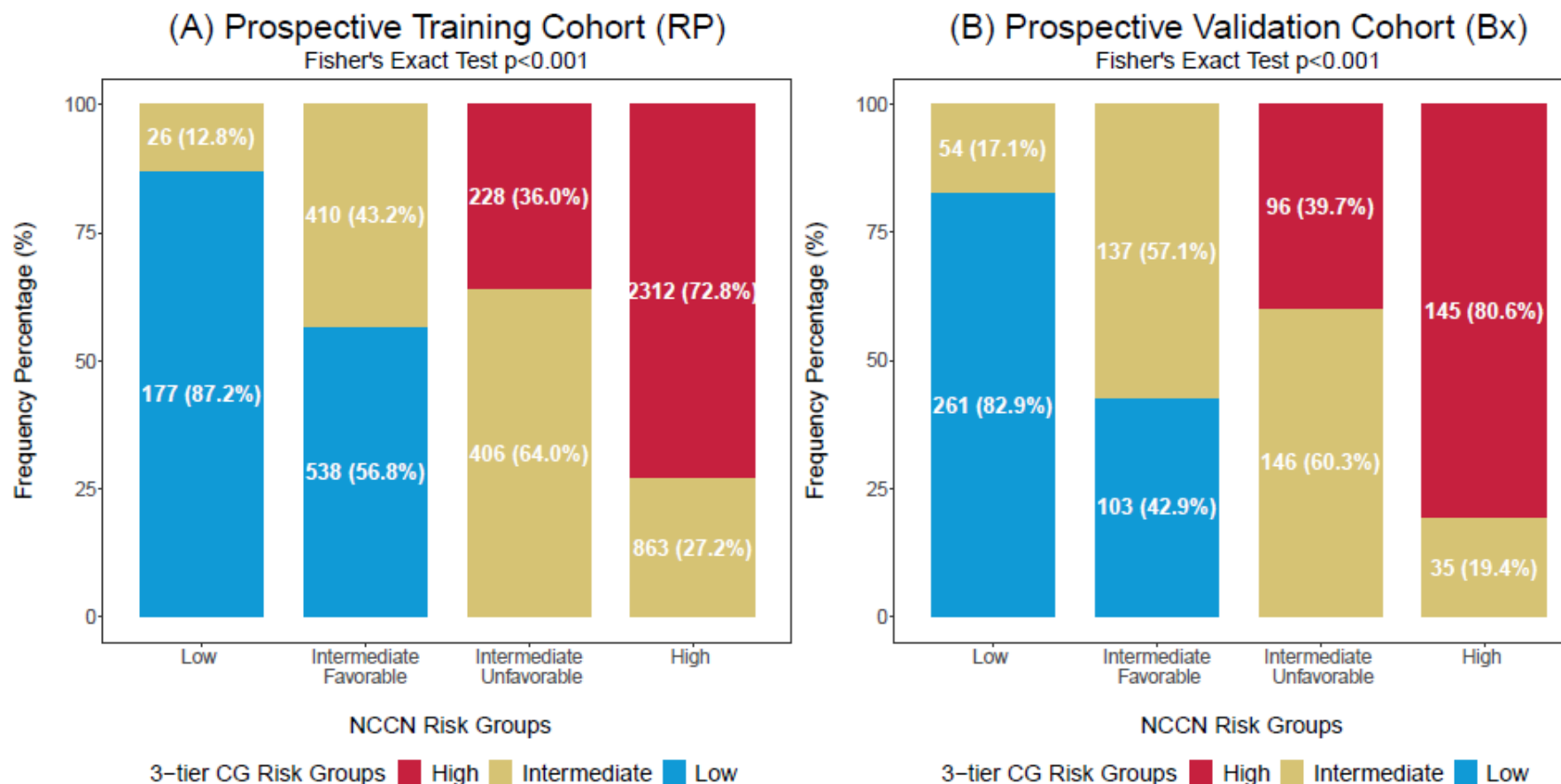
# MRI features

- **Guide confirmatory biopsies**
- **Assess Adverse features**
  - **Extraprostatic Extension**
  - **Large Tumor Volume**
  - **Multifocal Disease**
- **Good Negative Predictive Value**
- **Low rates of undergrading/staging**



# Genomic Risk Classifiers

- Use molecular Characteristics to augment NCCN risk groups



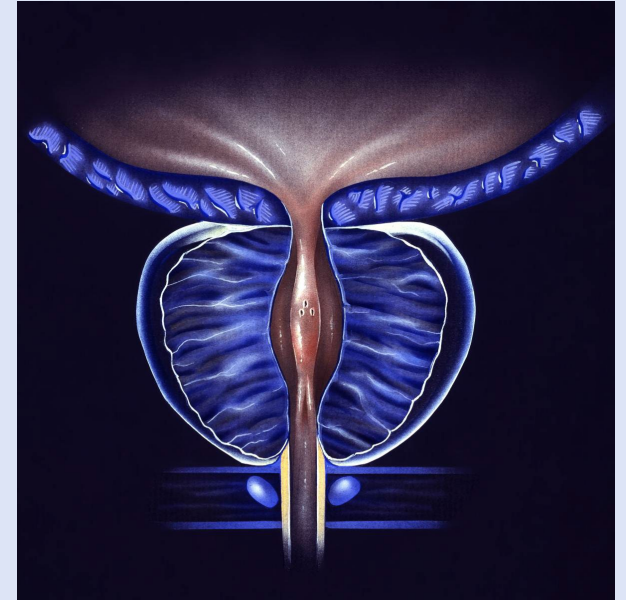
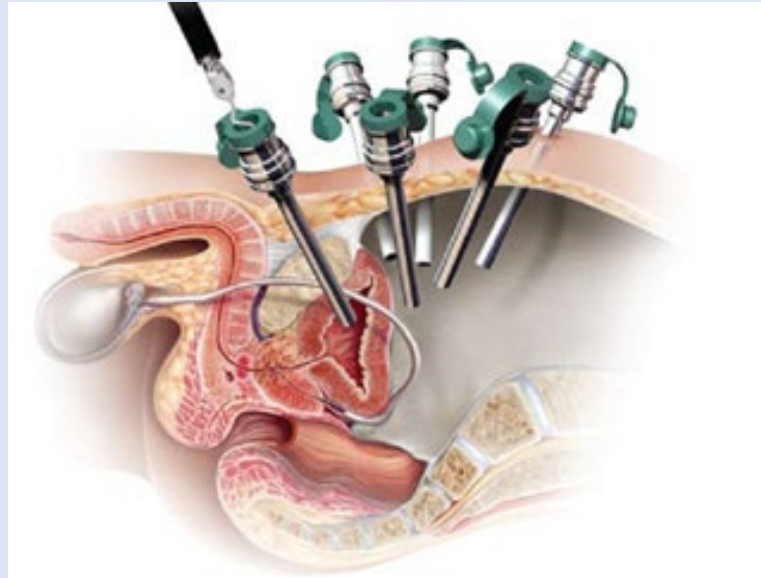
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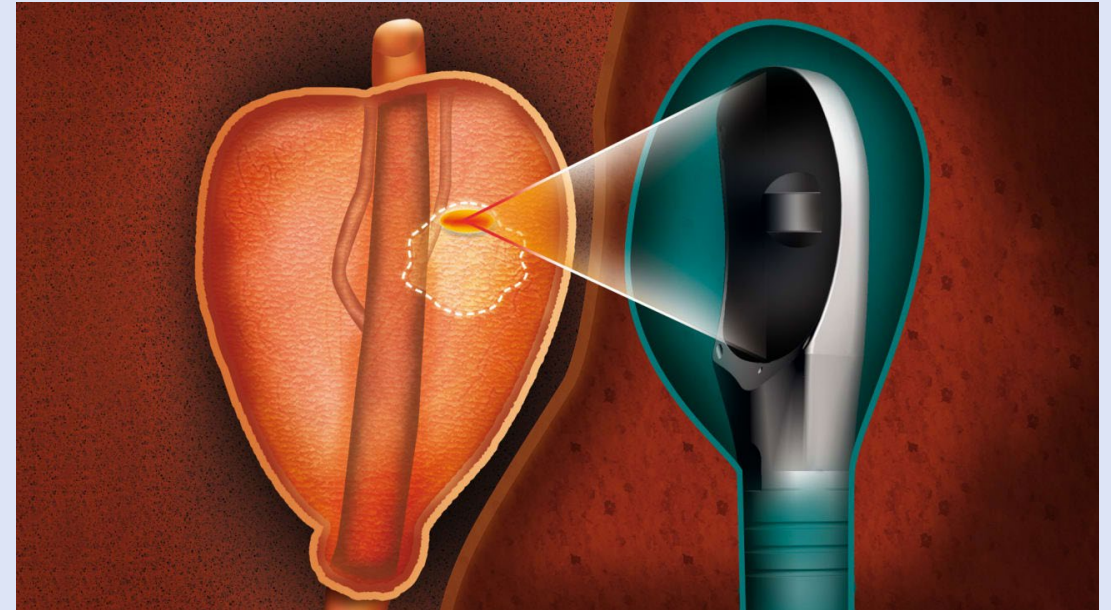
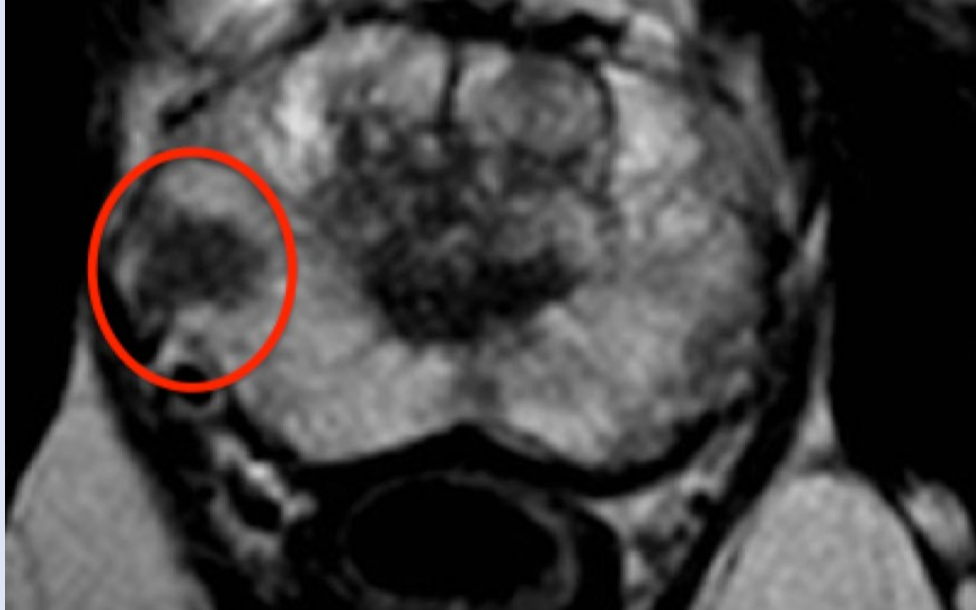
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- • +/- ADT

# Robotic Prostatectomy



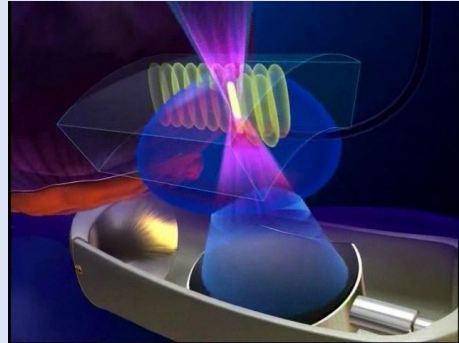


# Focal Treatment for Focal Disease – Do We Really Need to do Radical Prostatectomies or Whole Gland Radiation ?

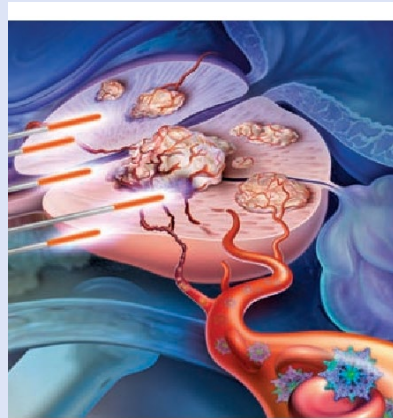


# Focal therapy modalities

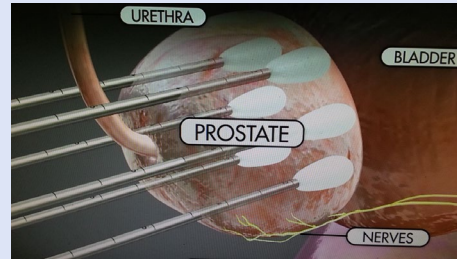
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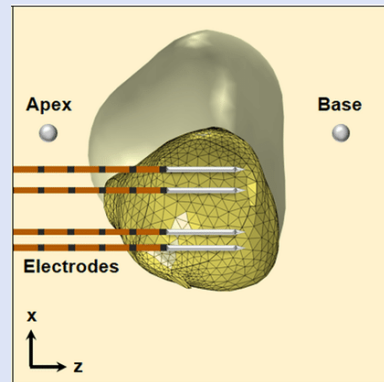
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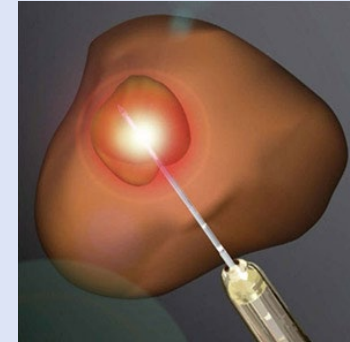
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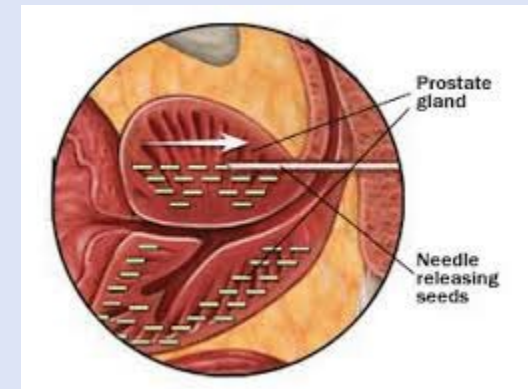
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Laser



Radiation

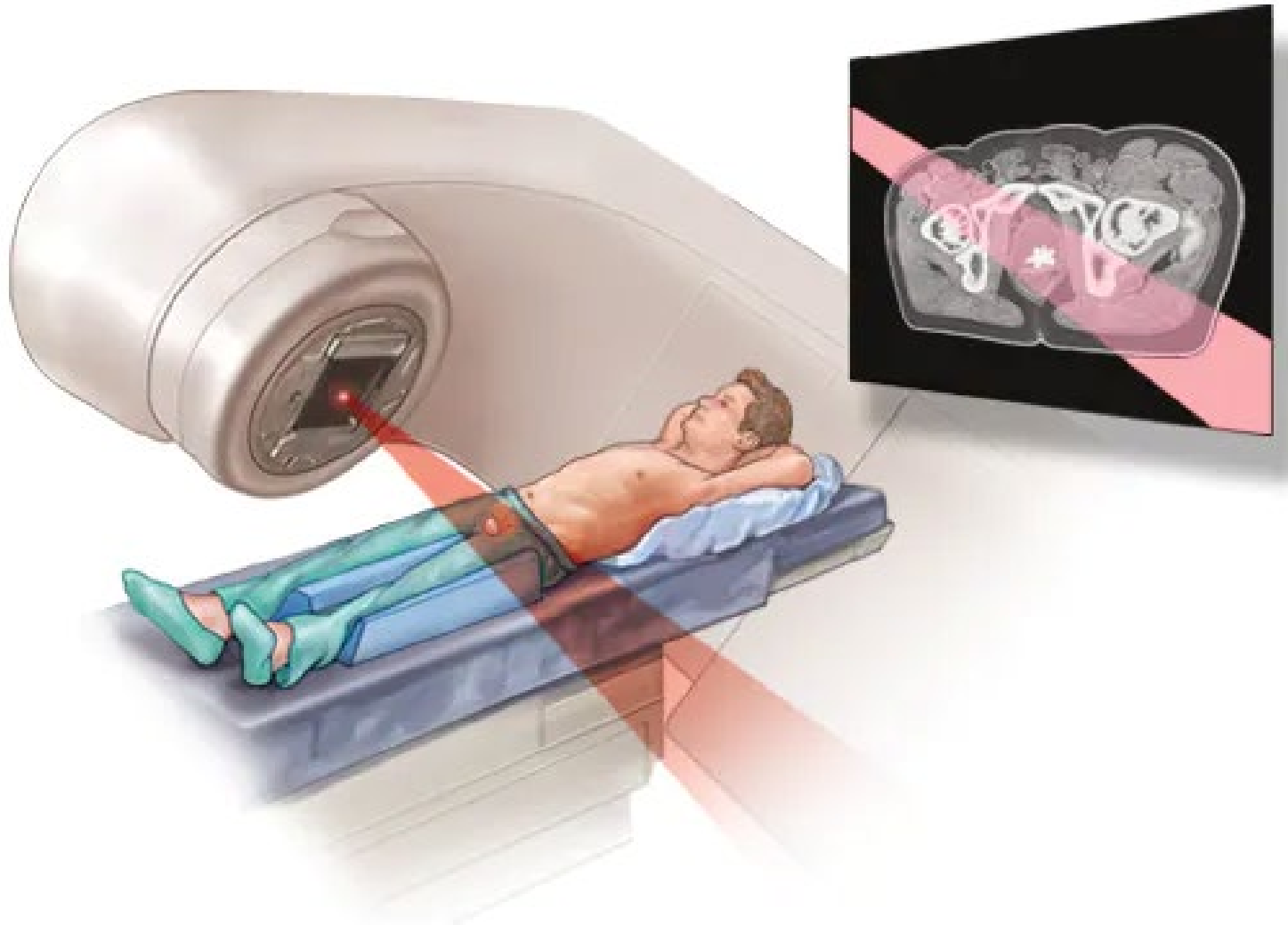




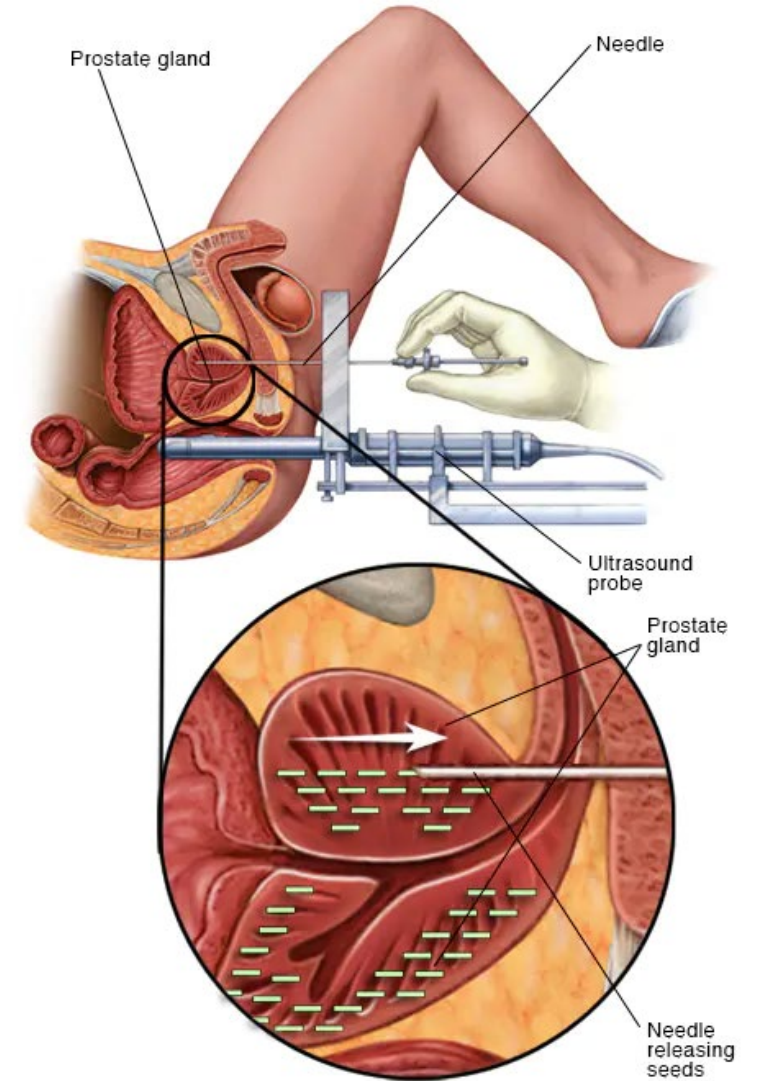
# Focal therapy Conclusions

- Focal therapy is a promising option for patients with localized low and intermediate risk prostate cancer.
- Potential for recurrence is likely inherent to most treatments and should be part of counseling
- Complication rate is low and acceptable.
- Long-term oncologic outcomes need to be investigated
- Salvage option also

# External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT)

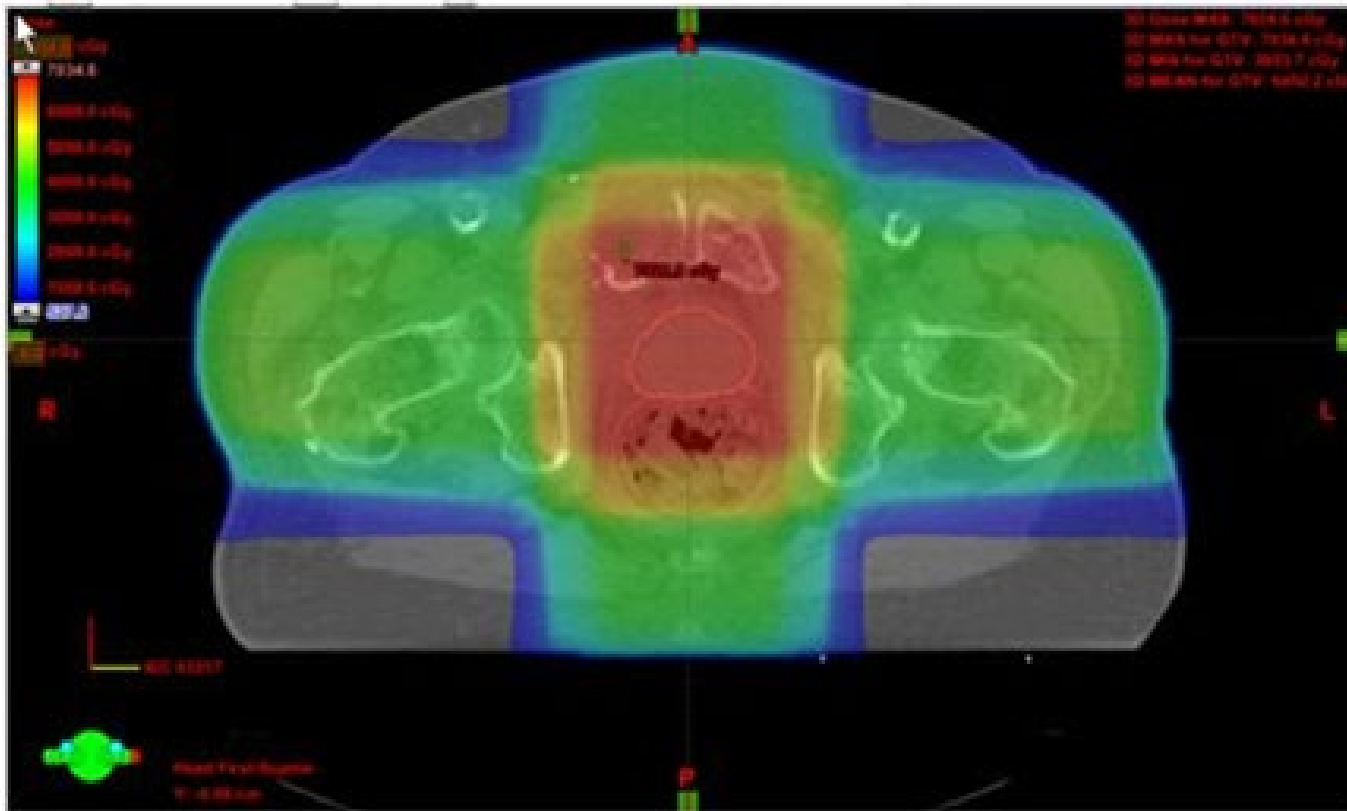


# Brachytherapy



# Older Radiotherapy Technique

## “4-field Box”

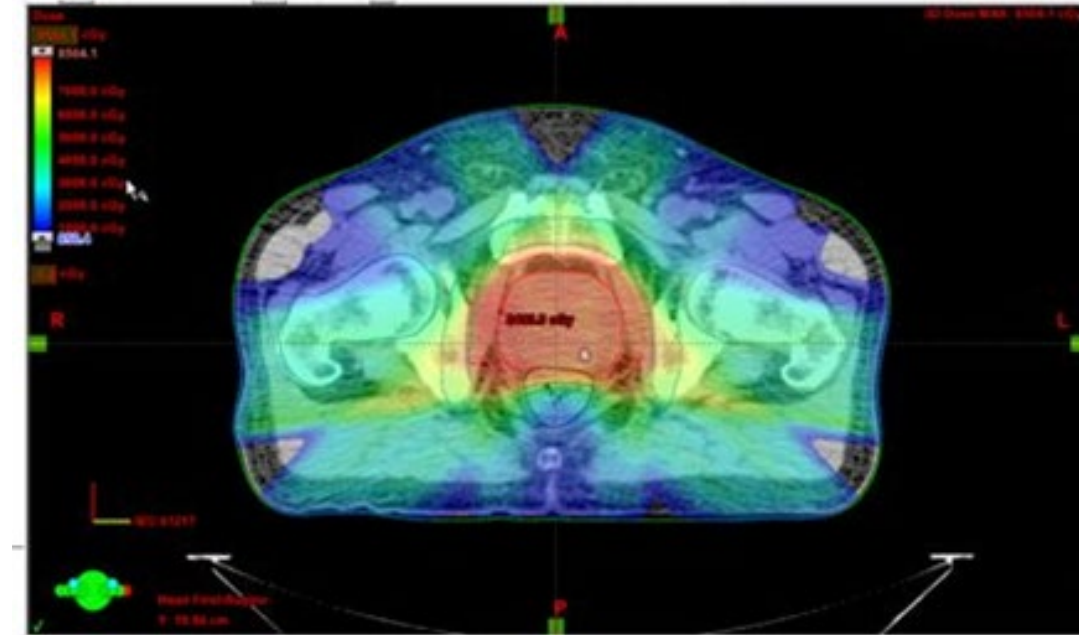
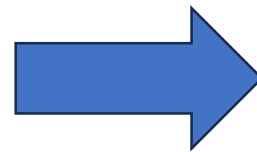
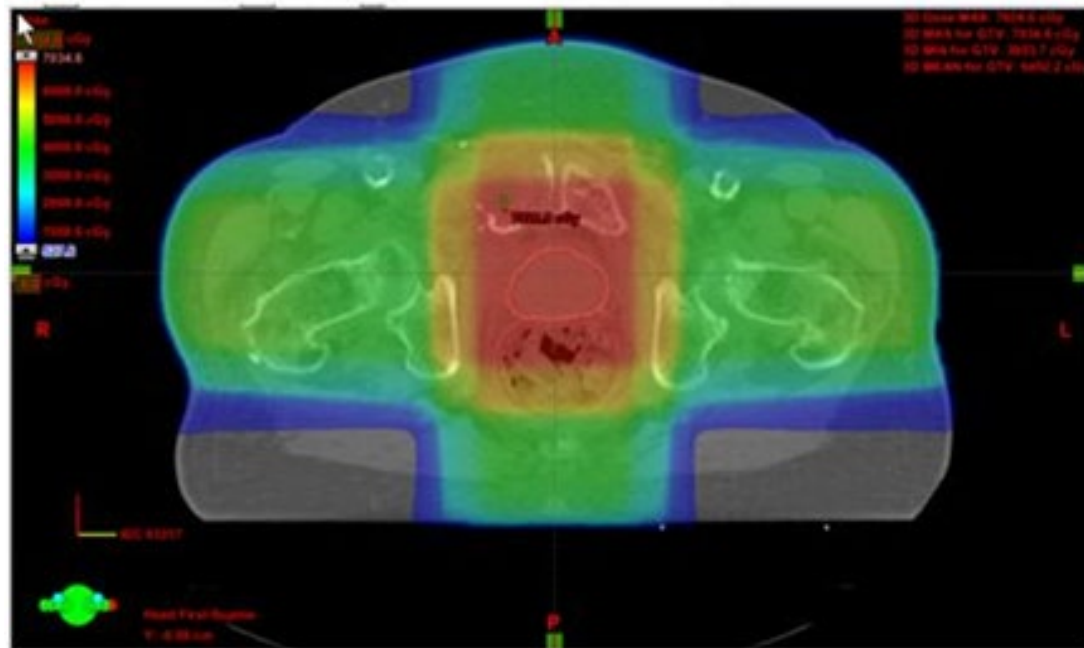


- Older imaging techniques limited the precision of the treatment
- Relied on “fractionation” and lower total radiation dose to limit side effects

# Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)

“4-field Box”

IMRT



# IMRT Era

IMRT reduces radiation dose to normal tissues



Dose escalation – 78 Gy in 39 fractions

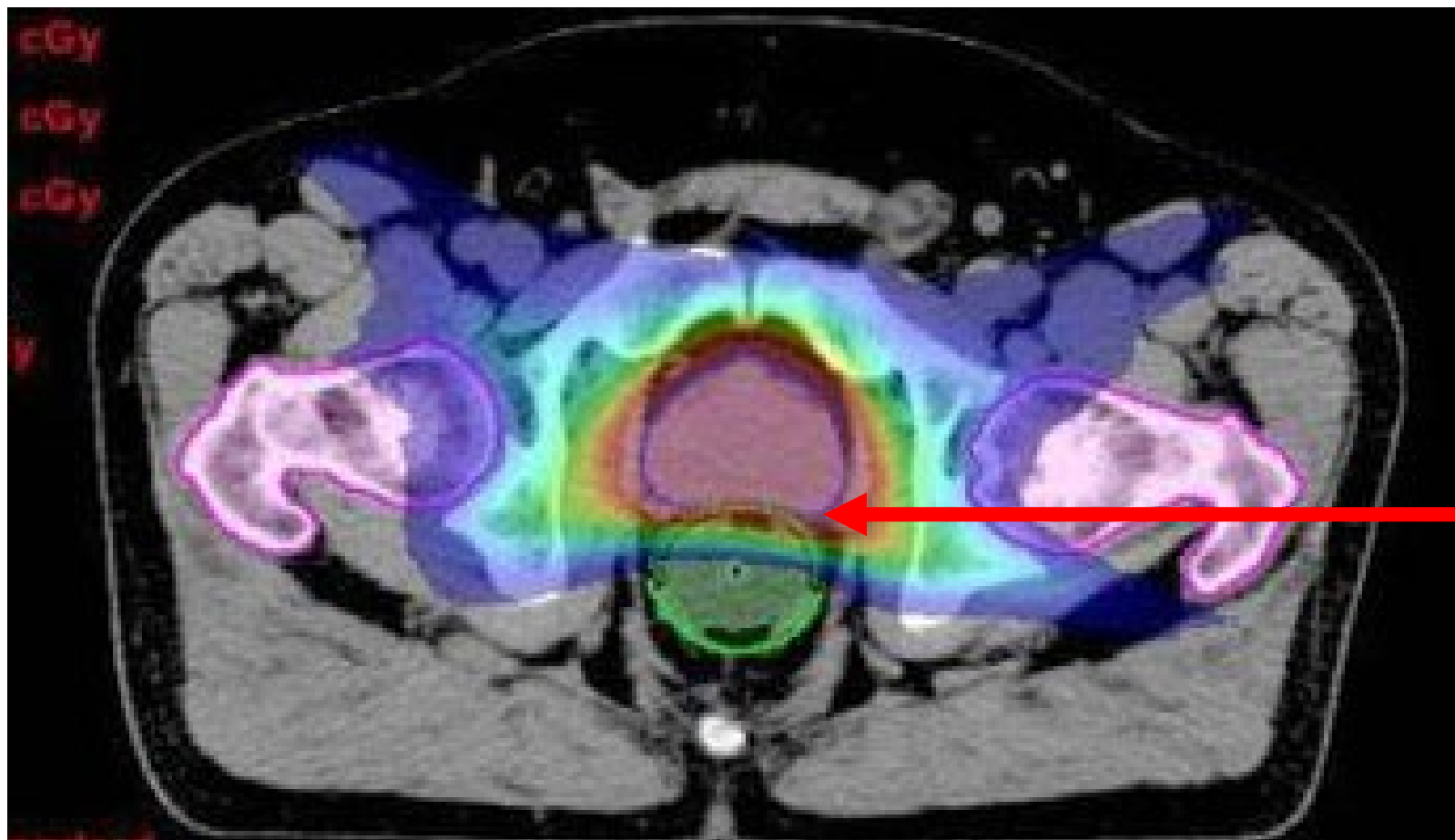


Hypofractionation – Fewer total treatments

a) 70 Gy in 28 fractions    b) 60 GY in 20 fractions



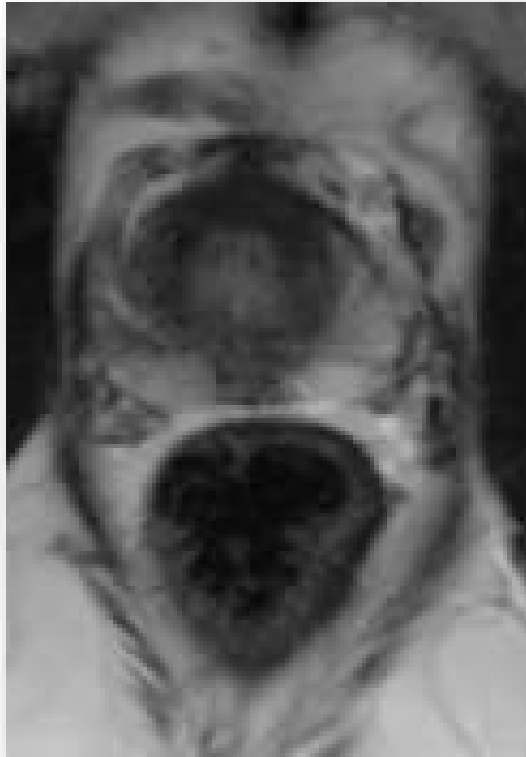
SBRT 35-40 Gy in 5 fractions



Rectum and  
Prostate are in  
close proximity

# Hydrogel Spacer

Pre implant space



3 month persistence

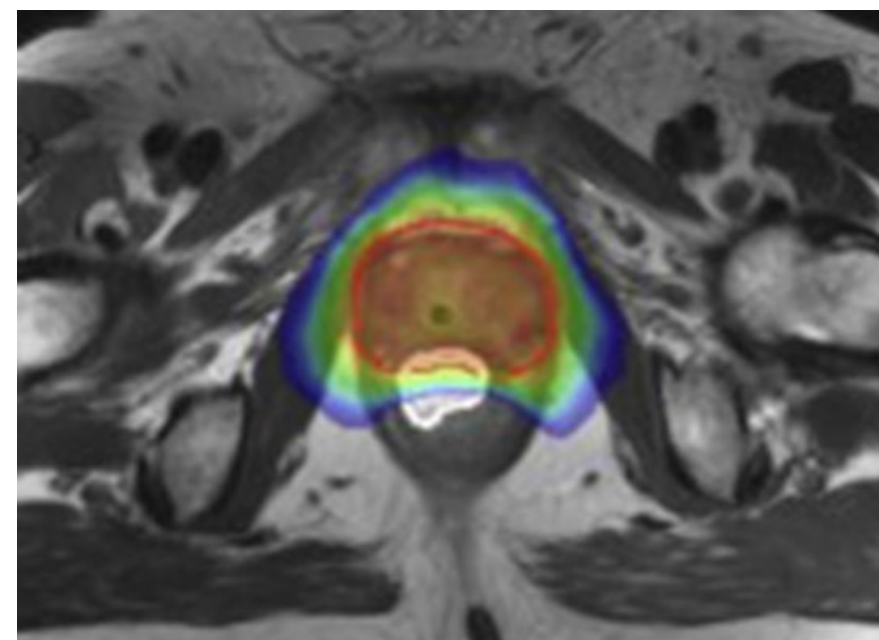
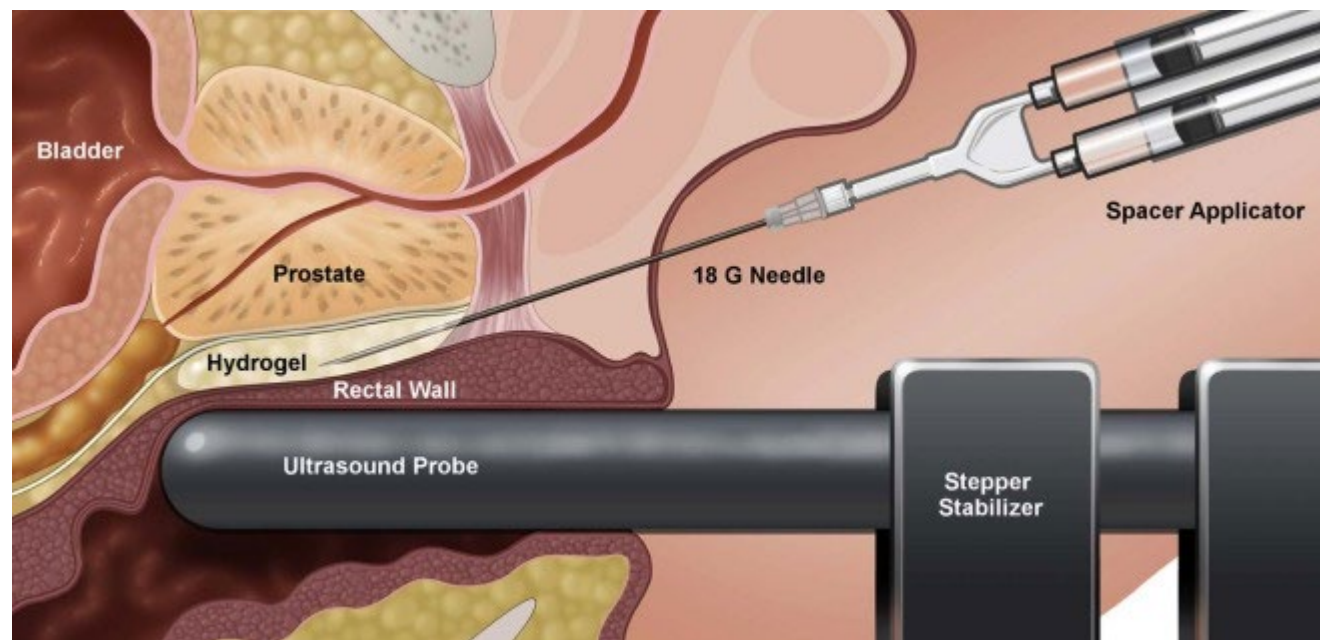


6 month absorption





# Hydrogel Spacer

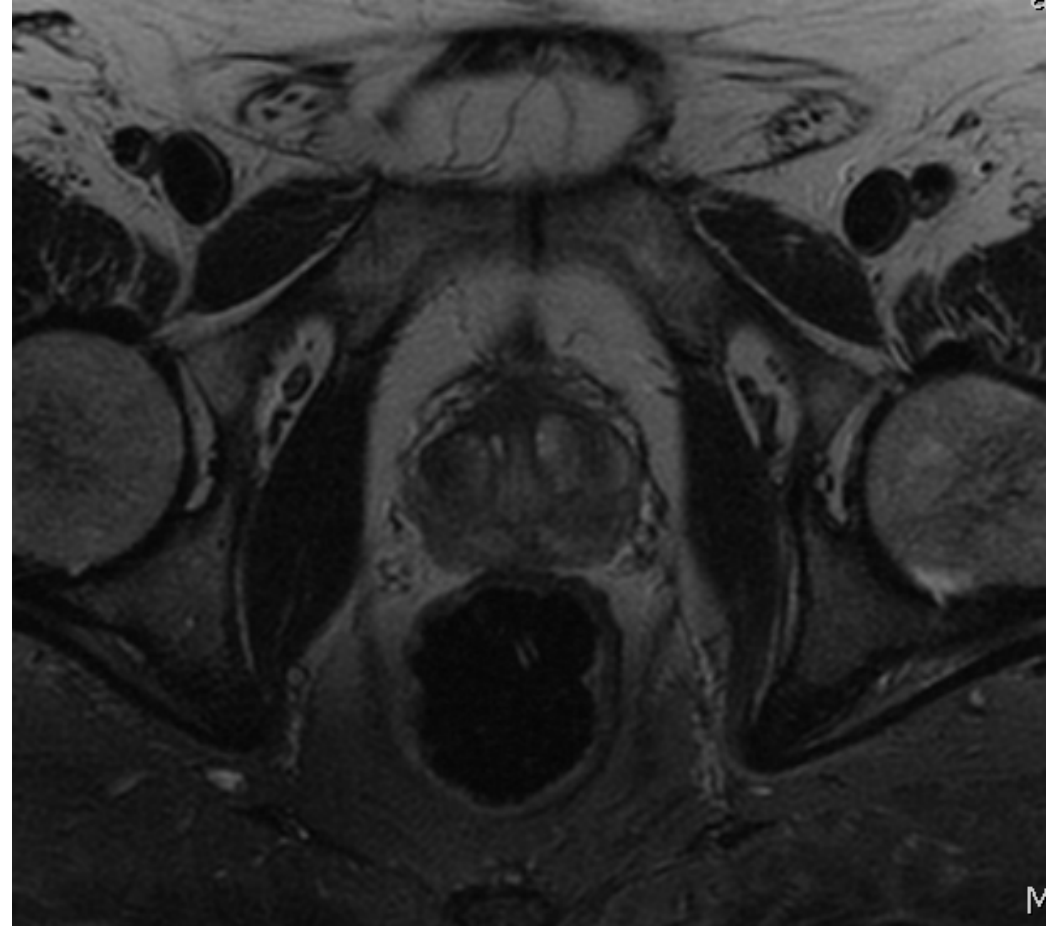
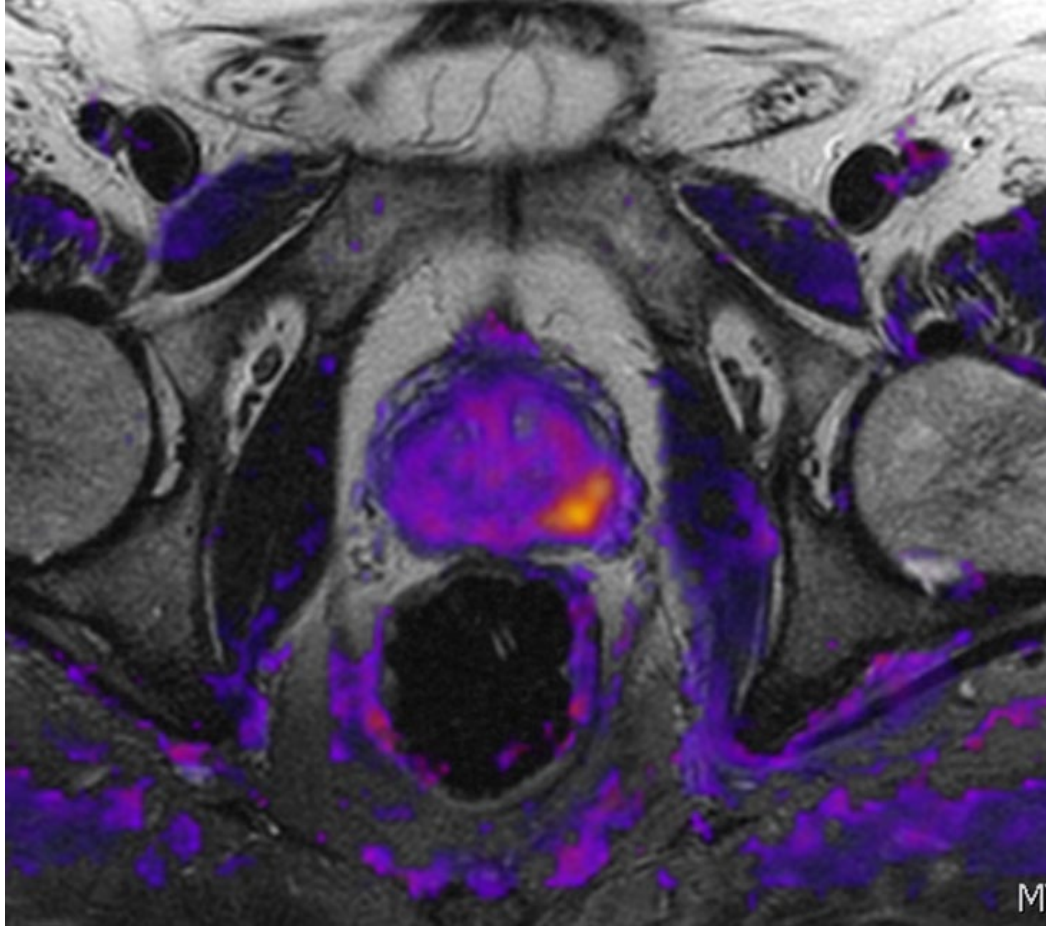


# Radiation with a Hydrogel Spacer – For Everyone?

Table 3. Gastrointestinal and Genitourinary Toxic Effects by CTCAE, Version 5.0

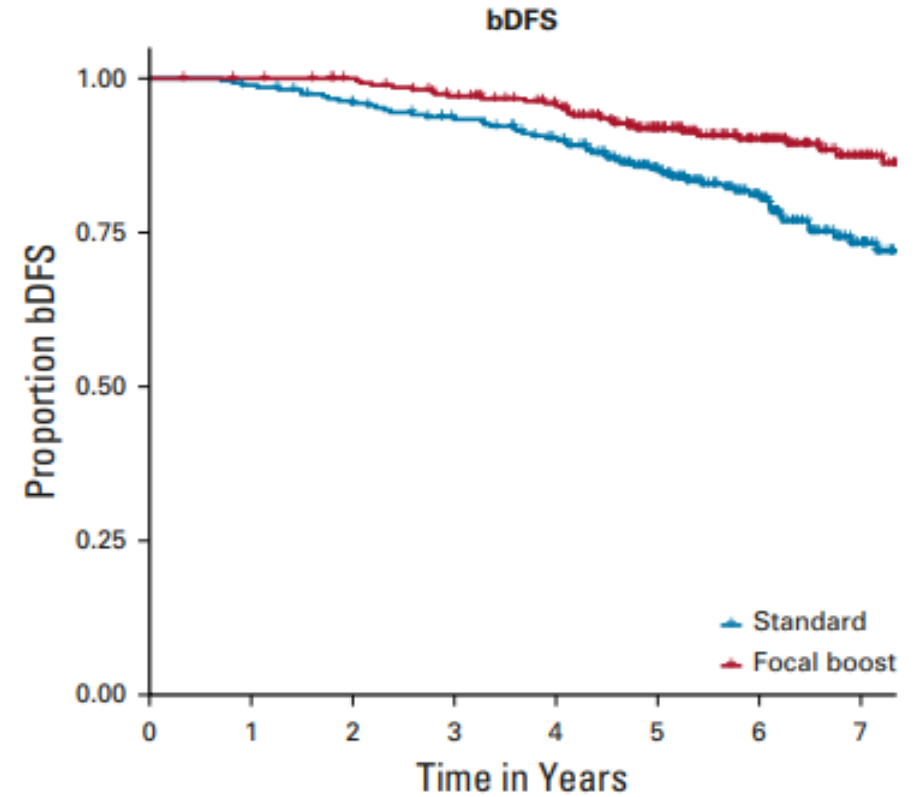
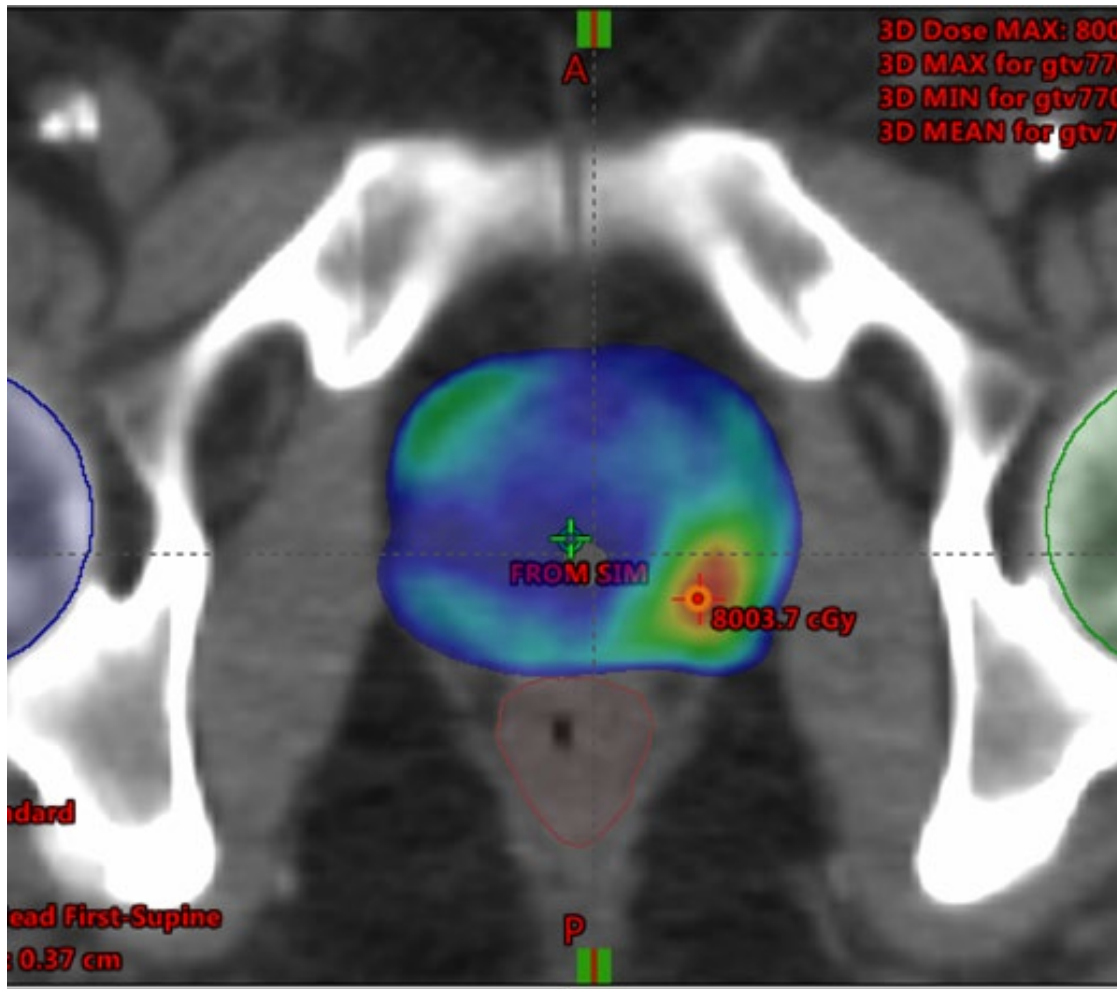
CTCAE	Acute toxic effect (within 3 mo)		6-mo Toxic effect	
	Spacer	Control	Spacer	Control
No.	136	65	136	65
<b>Gastrointestinal</b>				
0	114 (84.4)	36 (55.4)	129 (99.2)	57 (91.9)
1	17 (12.6)	20 (30.8)	1 (0.8)	5 (8.1)
2	3 (2.2)	9 (13.8)	0	0
3	1 (0.7)	0	0	0

# MRI for Prostate Cancer Treatment



Axial T2 image with and without RSI cellularity index

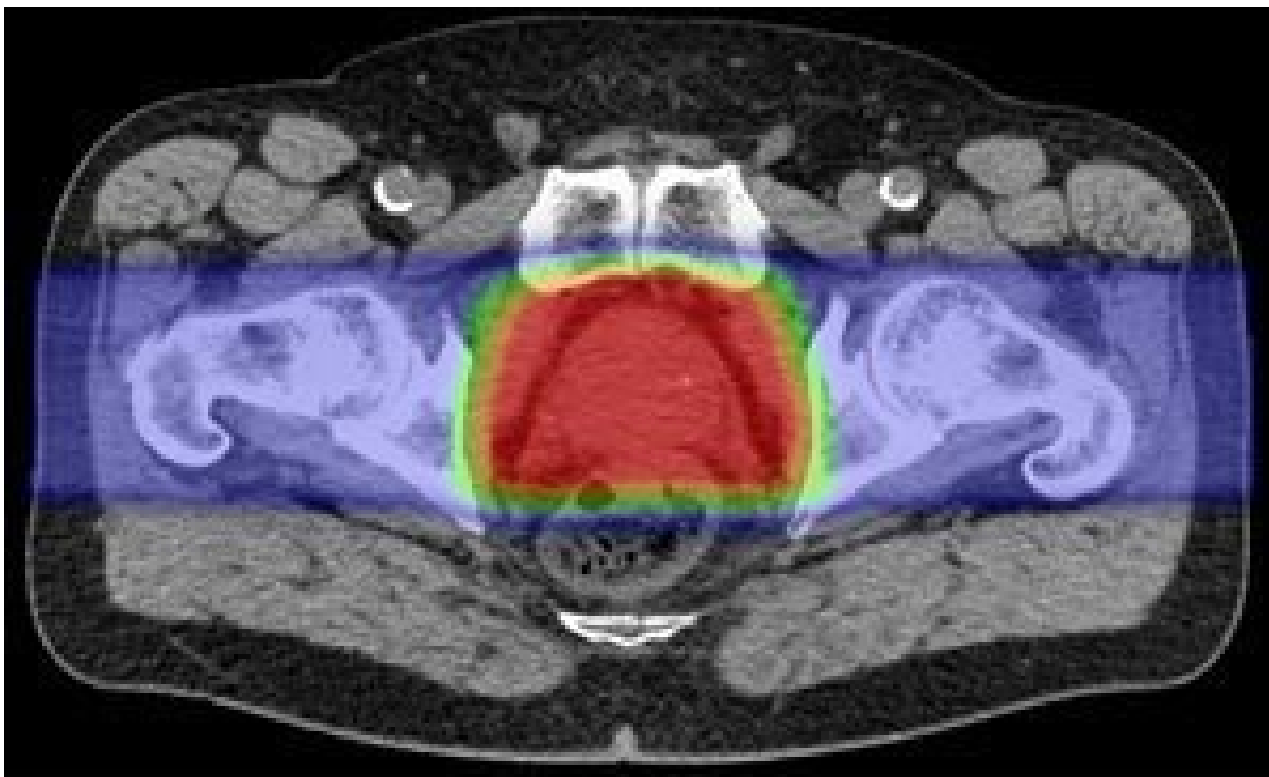
# Focal Radiotherapy Boost



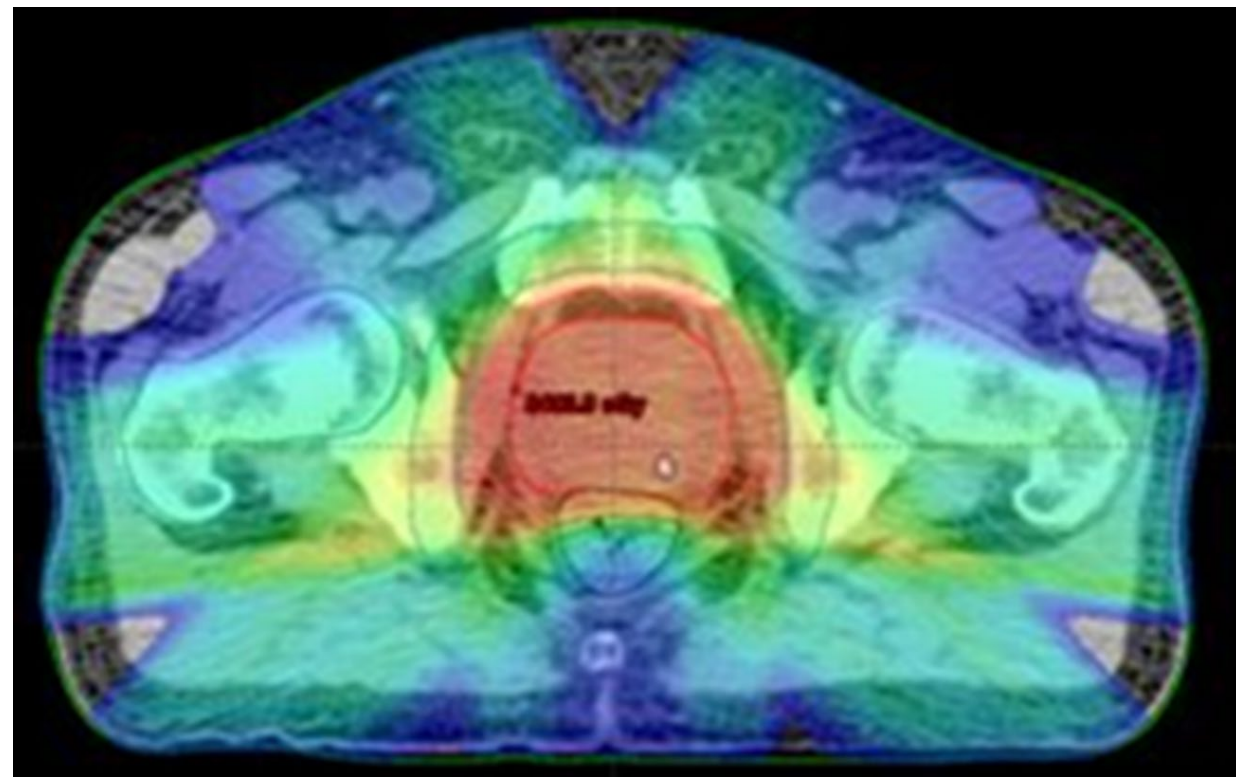
N at risk (cumulative events)								
Standard	276 (0)	272 (3)	260 (11)	247 (17)	229 (26)	182 (38)	127 (46)	67 (56)
Focal boost	281 (0)	279 (0)	274 (0)	261 (8)	244 (11)	188 (21)	135 (24)	80 (27)
Cumulative censoring								
Standard	0	1	5	12	21	56	103	153
Focal boost	0	2	7	12	26	72	122	174



# Proton Therapy

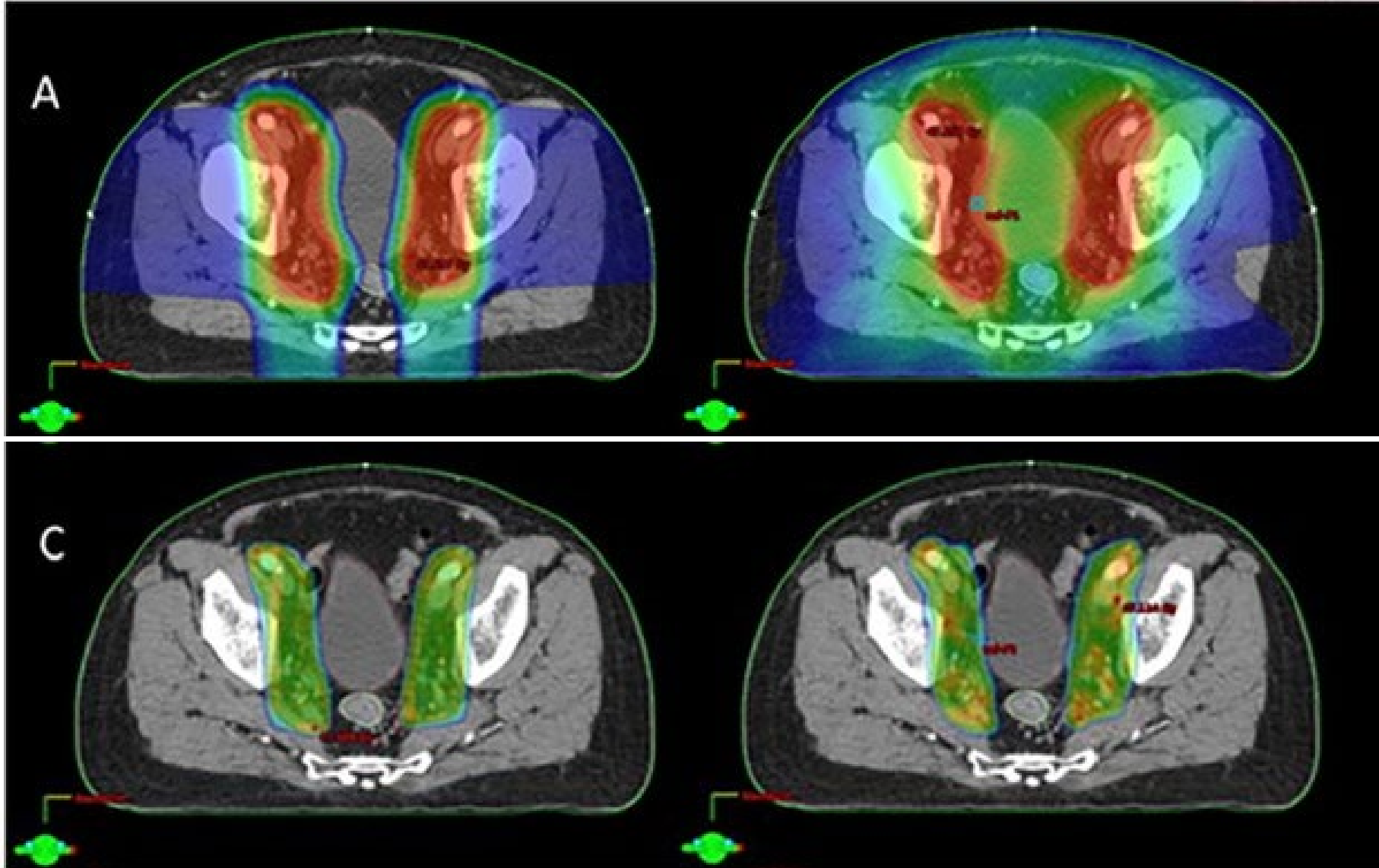


# IMRT



# Proton Therapy

# IMRT



- Total dose

- Filtered to show high dose only



# Proton Therapy Conclusion

- Proton therapy often has superior dosimetry
- Limited data comparing outcomes
- Likely advantages in certain situations but not others

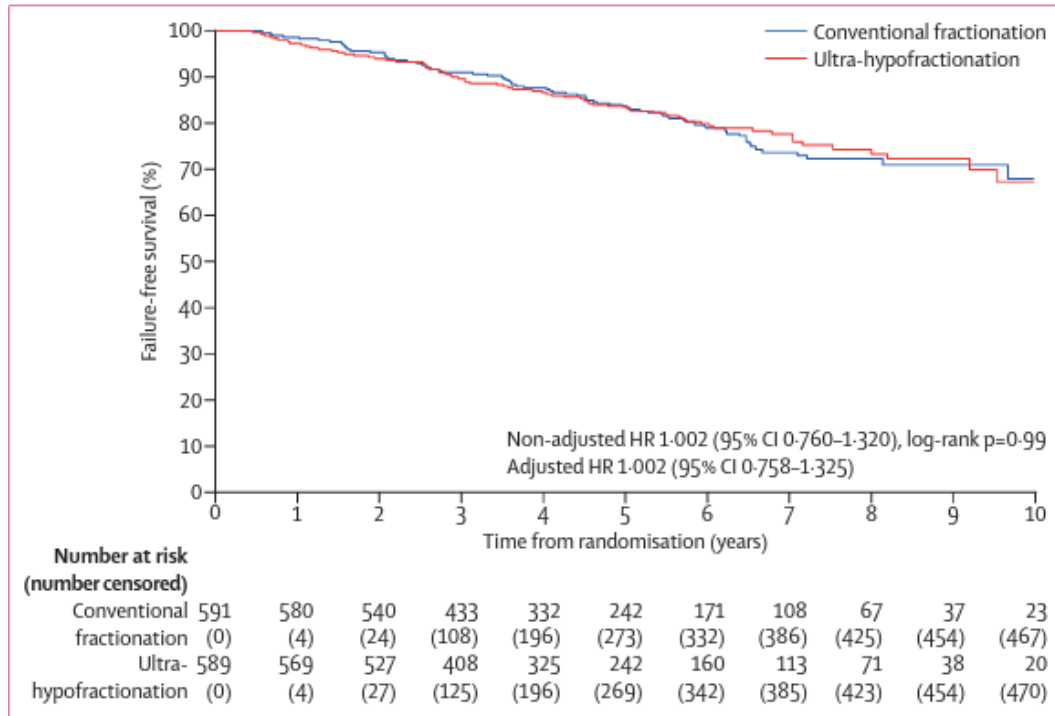
# Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)

- SBRT = Definitive radiotherapy with high-dose external radiation given in a total of 5 treatments
- Sometimes also known as stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR)

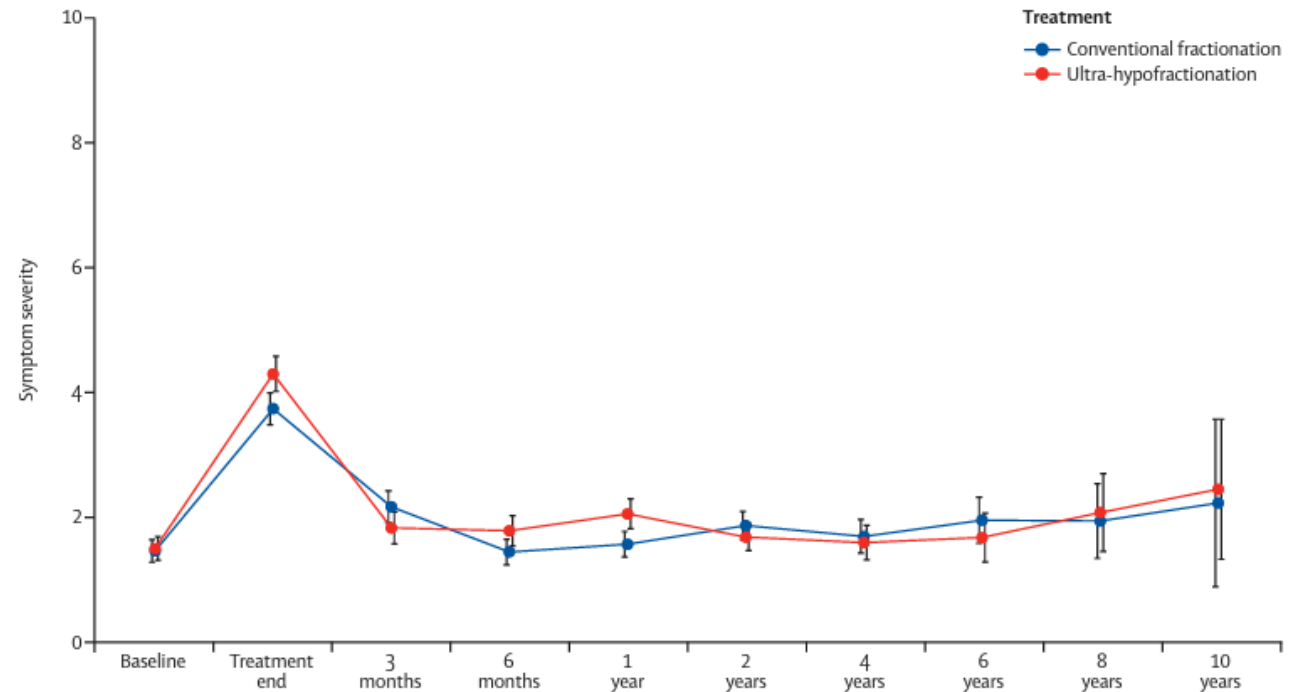
# Ultra-hypofractionated versus conventionally fractionated radiotherapy for prostate cancer: 5-year outcomes of the HYPO-RT-PC randomised, non-inferiority, phase 3 trial



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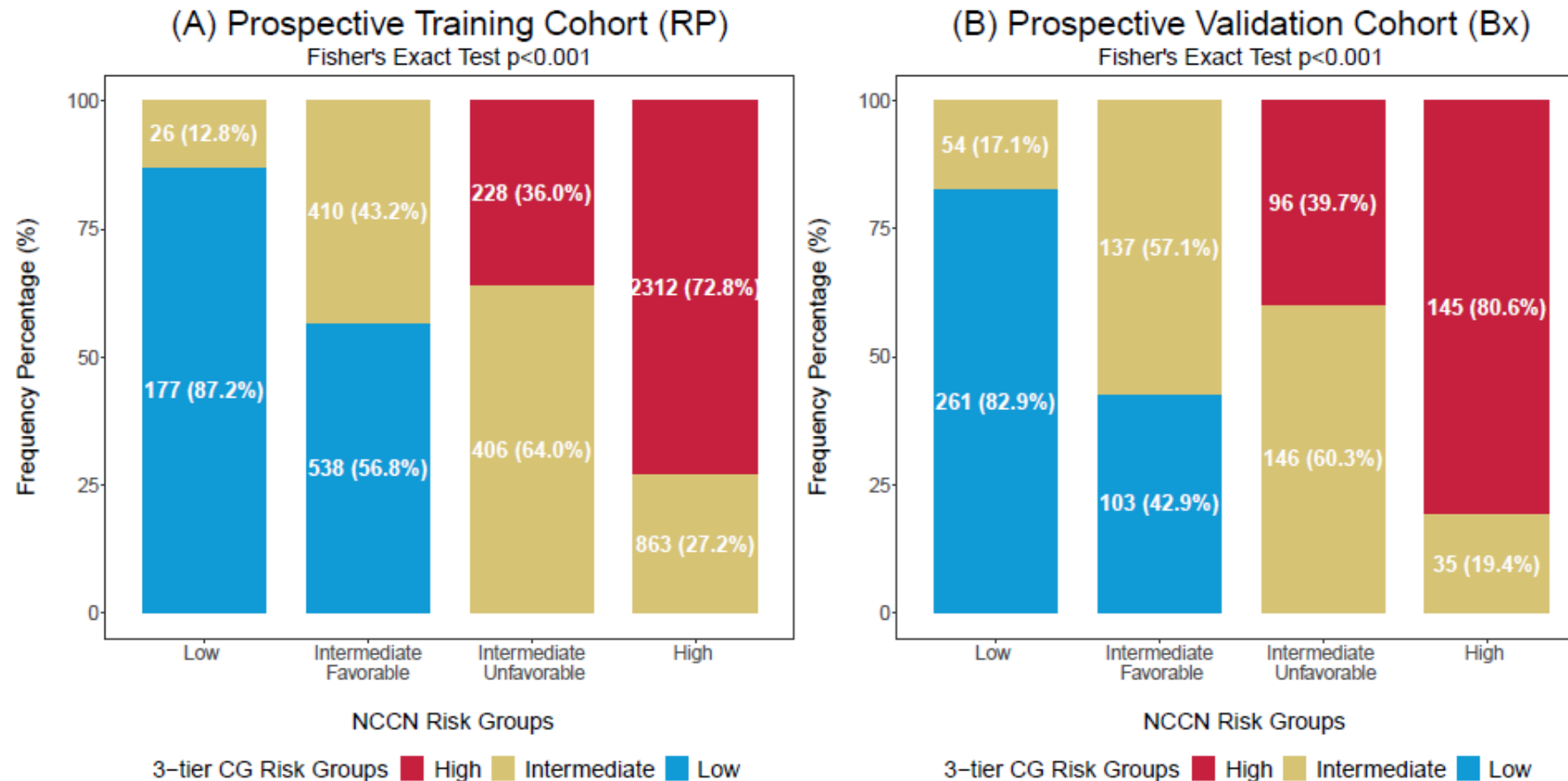


## Patient Reported GU Problems



# Genomic Risk Classifiers

- Use molecular Characteristics to augment NCCN risk groups



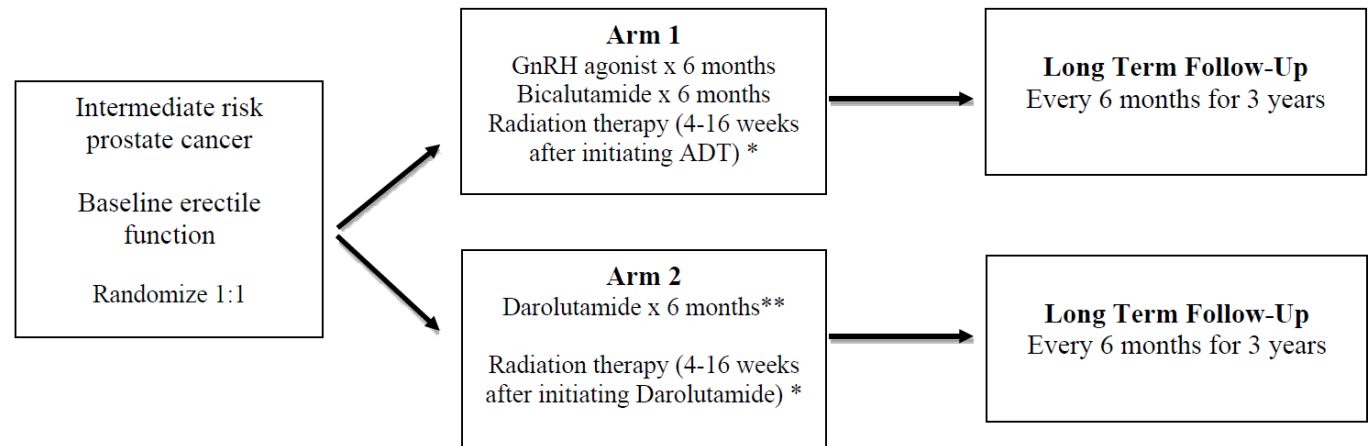
# ADT modulation: INTREPID

## INTREPID (INTErmediate Risk Erection Preservation Trial): A Randomized Phase

### II Trial of Radiation Therapy and Darolutamide for Prostate Cancer

- Phase 2 randomized trial
- Stratification
  - Decipher low/intermediate vs high risk
  - RT modality (EBRT vs SBRT/combination RT)
  - Age  $\geq 65$  vs  $< 65$

\*\*One cycle/month is 28 days



# ADT modulation: INTREPID

## **INCLUSION CRITERIA:**

- NCCN intermediate risk prostate cancer defined as clinical T2b-T2c, Gleason 7, or PSA 10-20 ng/mL.
- Successful acquisition of a genomic classifier Decipher score (Decipher Biosciences, Vancouver, BC) from archived tissue.
- Good erectile function as assessed by EPIC-26 questionnaire





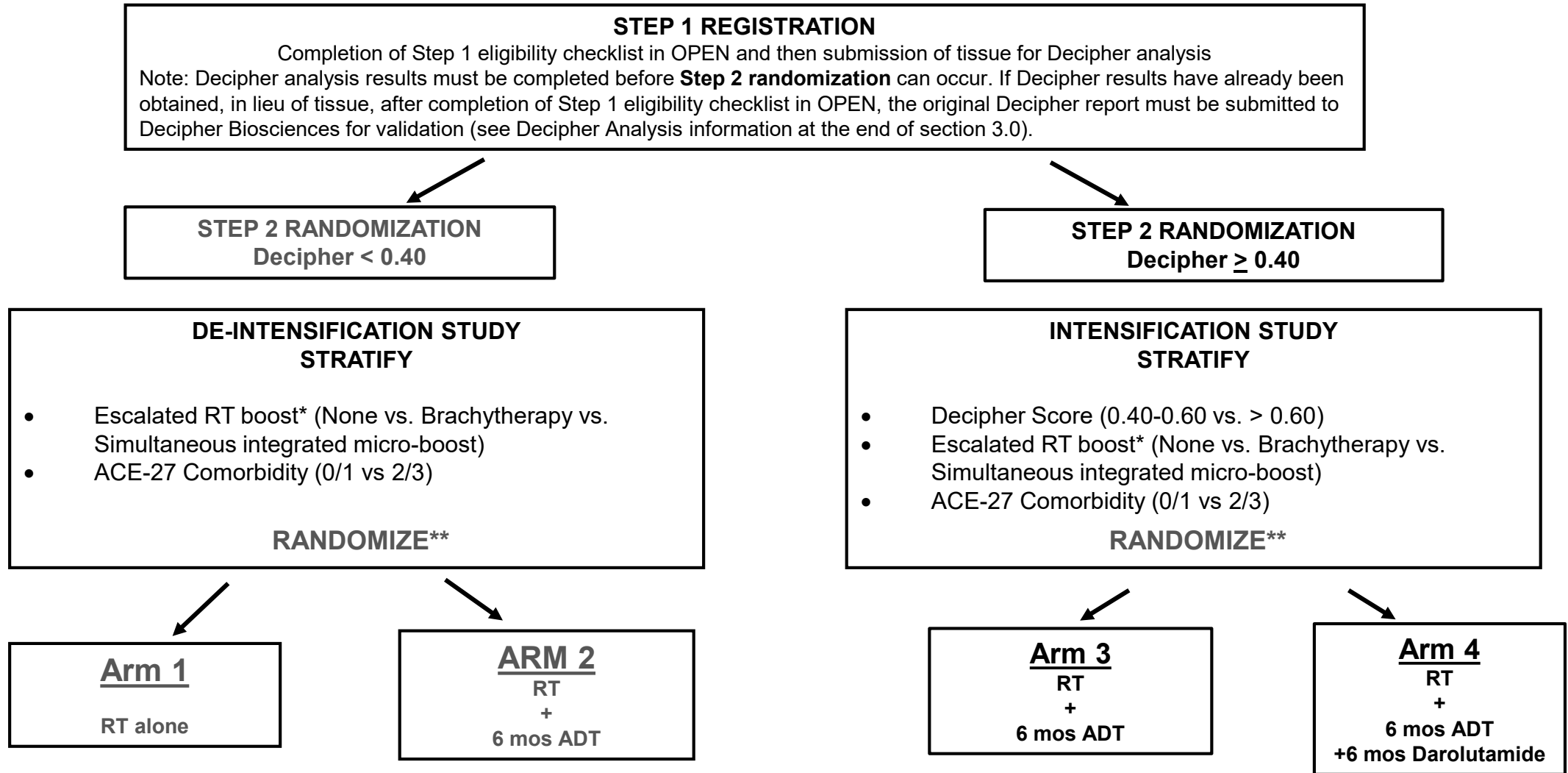
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PARALLEL PHASE III RANDOMIZED TRIALS OF GENOMIC-RISK  
STRATIFIED UNFAVORABLE INTERMEDIATE RISK PROSTATE CANCER:  
DE-INTENSIFICATION AND INTENSIFICATION CLINICAL TRIAL  
EVALUATION (GUIDANCE)

# Study Schema



\* For Escalated RT boost definition see Section 5.2 Establishing Treatment Approaches

\*\*Randomization is 1:1

RT = radiation therapy; SBRT=stereotactic body radiotherapy; ADT =androgen deprivation therapy

# Key Eligibility Criteria

- Biopsy(+) prostate adenocarcinoma within 270 days prior to registration
- No prior hormonal therapy or pelvic radiotherapy
- Unfavorable intermediate risk prostate cancer, defined as having ALL the following criteria:
  - Has at least one intermediate risk factor (IRF):
    - PSA 10-20 ng/mL
    - Clinical stage T2b-c by American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) 8th edition\*
    - Gleason Score 7 (Gleason 3+4 or 4+3 [ISUP Grade Group 2-3])
  - Has ONE or more of the following 'unfavorable' intermediate-risk designators:
    - >1 IRF
    - Gleason 4+3=7 (ISUP Grade Group 3)
    - ≥50% of biopsy cores positive\*
  - Absence of high-risk features (Gleason 8-10 [ISUP Grade Group 4-5], PSA>20, cT3-4 by digital exam or gross extra-prostatic extension on imaging)

# CARE OPTIONS-HIGH RISK

17. Clinicians should inform patients with **high-risk prostate cancer AND > 10 YEAR LIFE EXPECTANCY** that **prostatectomy and XRT + 18-24 months ADT** are standard options

General Information	
Age	59 years
Pretreatment PSA	14 ng/mL
Gleason Pattern	
Primary Gleason at biopsy	Pattern 4
Secondary Gleason at biopsy	Pattern 5
Biopsy Gleason score	9
Clinical Tumor Stages	
Clinical Tumor Stage (AJCC Version 7, 2010)	T2a
Biopsy Cores	
Number of positive biopsy cores	6 cores
Number of negative biopsy cores	6 cores
Percentage of positive biopsy cores	50.00%



15-YEAR PROSTATE CANCER-SPECIFIC SURVIVAL

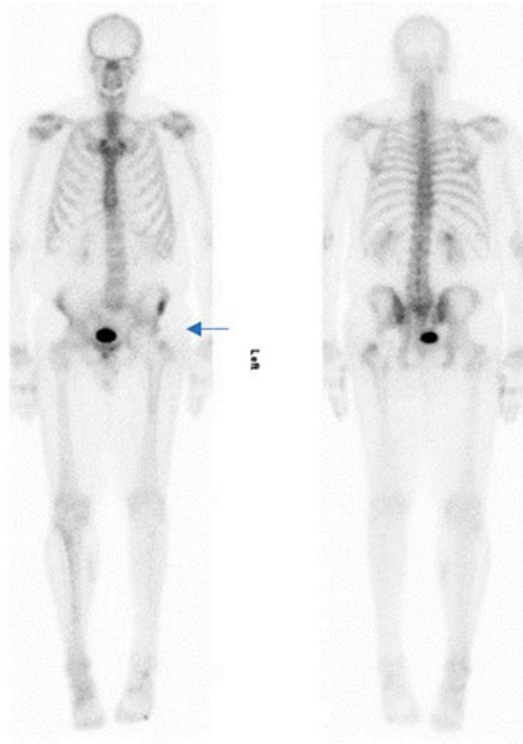
15 YR 66%



PROGRESSION-FREE PROBABILITY AFTER RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY

5 YR 25% 10 YR 15%

# Conventional imaging vs PSMA



Anterior

Posterior

**Bone Scintigraphy**



Anterior  
 $^{18}\text{F}$ -DCFPyL-PET/CT



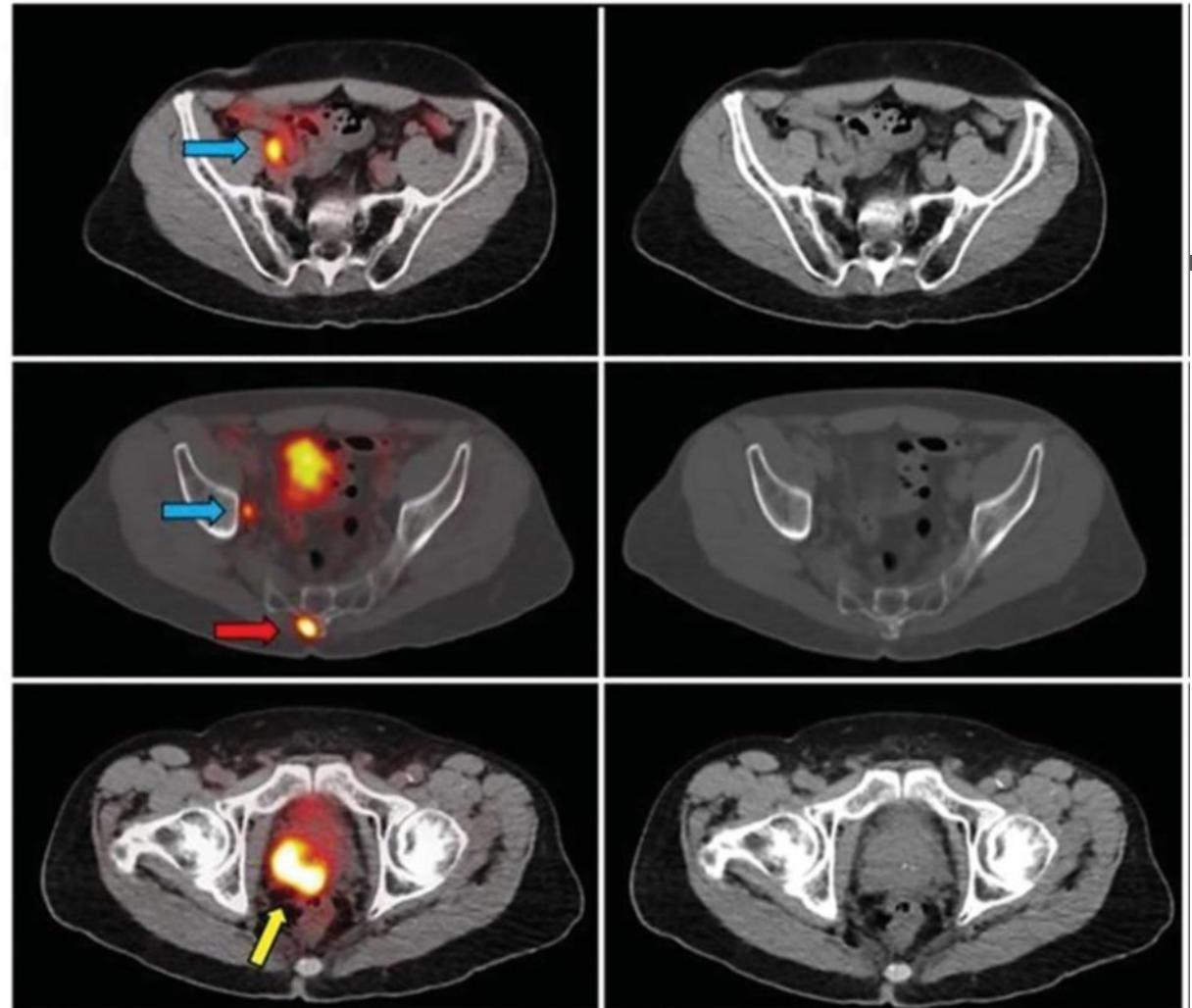
Posterior  
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**Maximum Intensity Projection Images**

# PSMA PET for Pretreatment Staging

77 yo, PSA 7.1, GG 4+5  
Conventional imaging negative

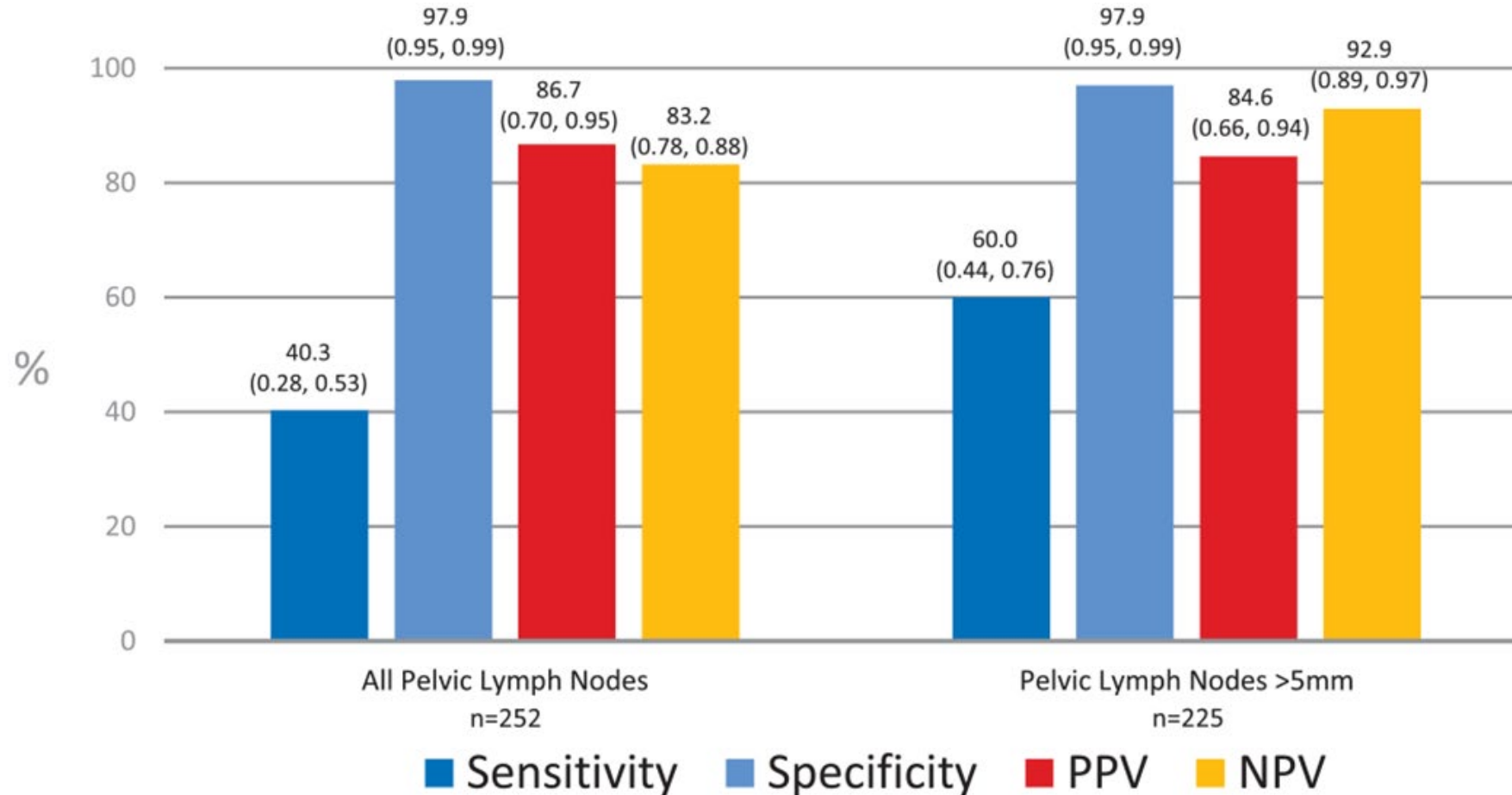
PSMA PET:  
2 positive pelvic LNs  
1 bone met in sacrum  
Lesion in prostate



→ Primary lesion in prostate    → Lymph node    → Bone

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# PSMA performance

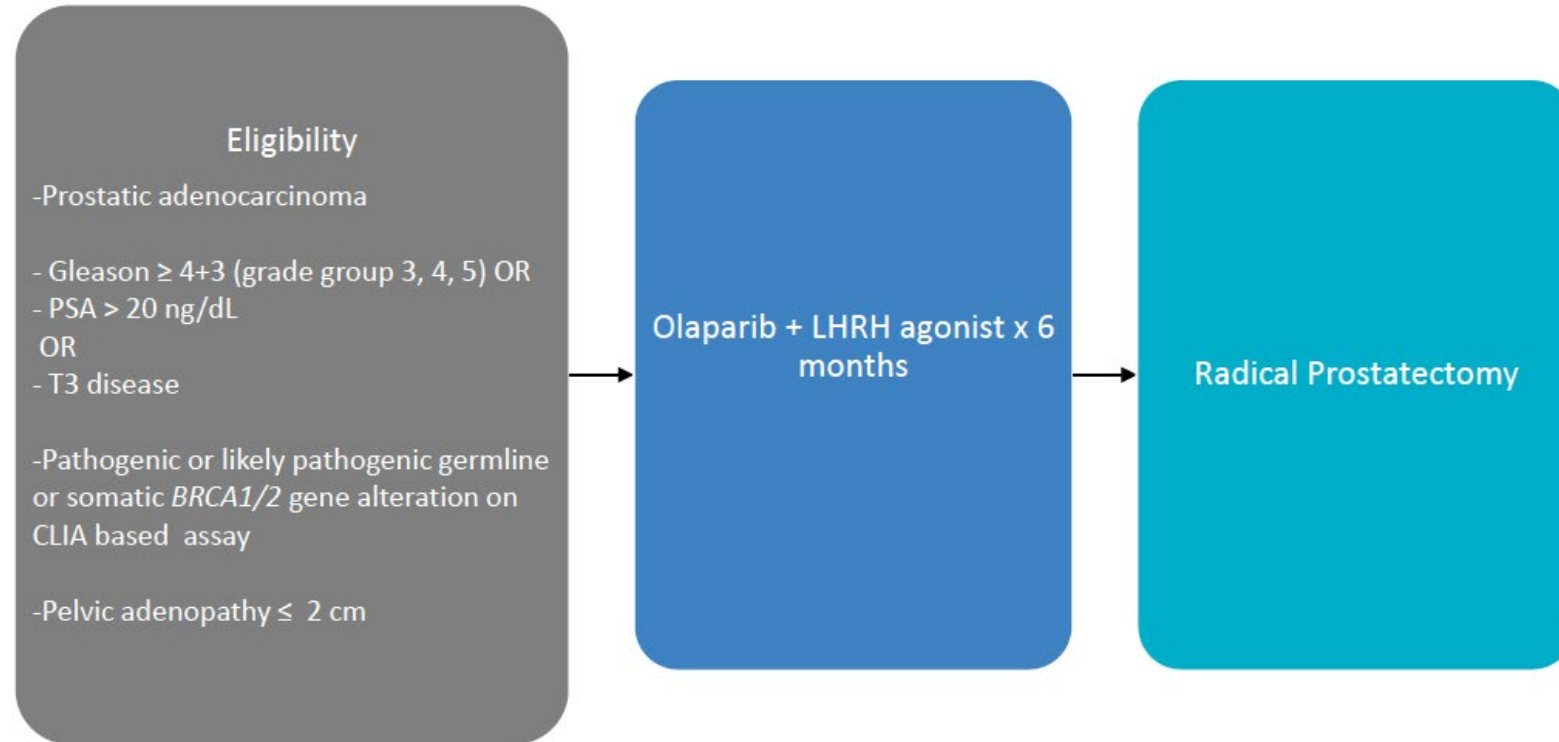




# Neoadjuvant therapy prior to prostatectomy: NEPTUNE

## Study Schema

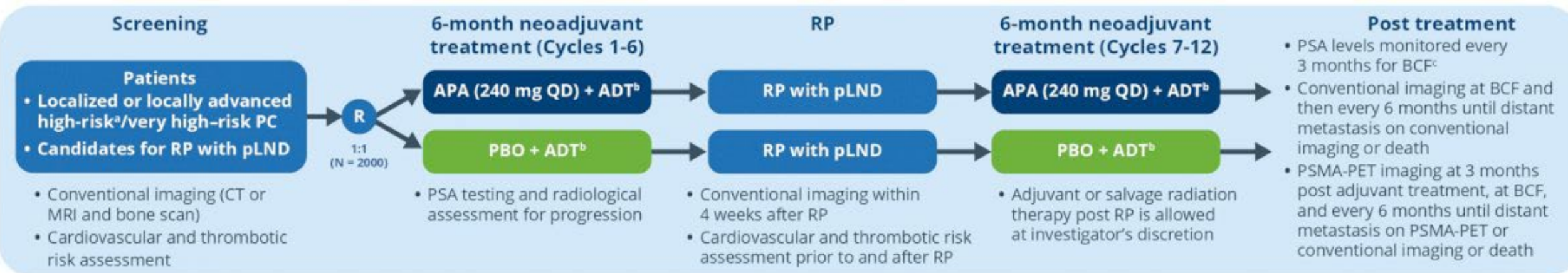
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# Neoadjuvant therapy prior to prostatectomy: Proteus

## INCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Gleason Sum Score  $\geq 4+3$  or =Grade Groups [GG] 3-5) AND  $\geq 1$  of the following 4 criteria:
  - a) Any combination of Gleason Score 4+3 (= 3) and Gleason Score 8 (4+4 or 5+3) in  $\geq 6$  systematic cores (with  $\geq 1$  core Gleason Score 8 [4+4 or 5+3] included)
  - b) Any combination of Gleason Score 4+3 (=GG 3) and Gleason Score 8 (4+4 or 5+3) in  $\geq 3$  systematic cores and Prostate-specific antigen (PSA)  $\geq 20$  ng/mL (with  $\geq 1$  core Gleason Score 8 [4+4 or 5+3] included);
  - c) Gleason Score  $\geq 9$  (=GG 5) in at least 1 systematic or targeted core; d) At least 2 systematic or targeted cores with continuous Gleason Score  $\geq 8$  (=GG 4), each with  $> 80$  percent (%) involvement





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**(PREDICT-RT\*)**

*\*Prostate RNA Expression/Decipher To Individualize Concurrent Therapy with Radiation*

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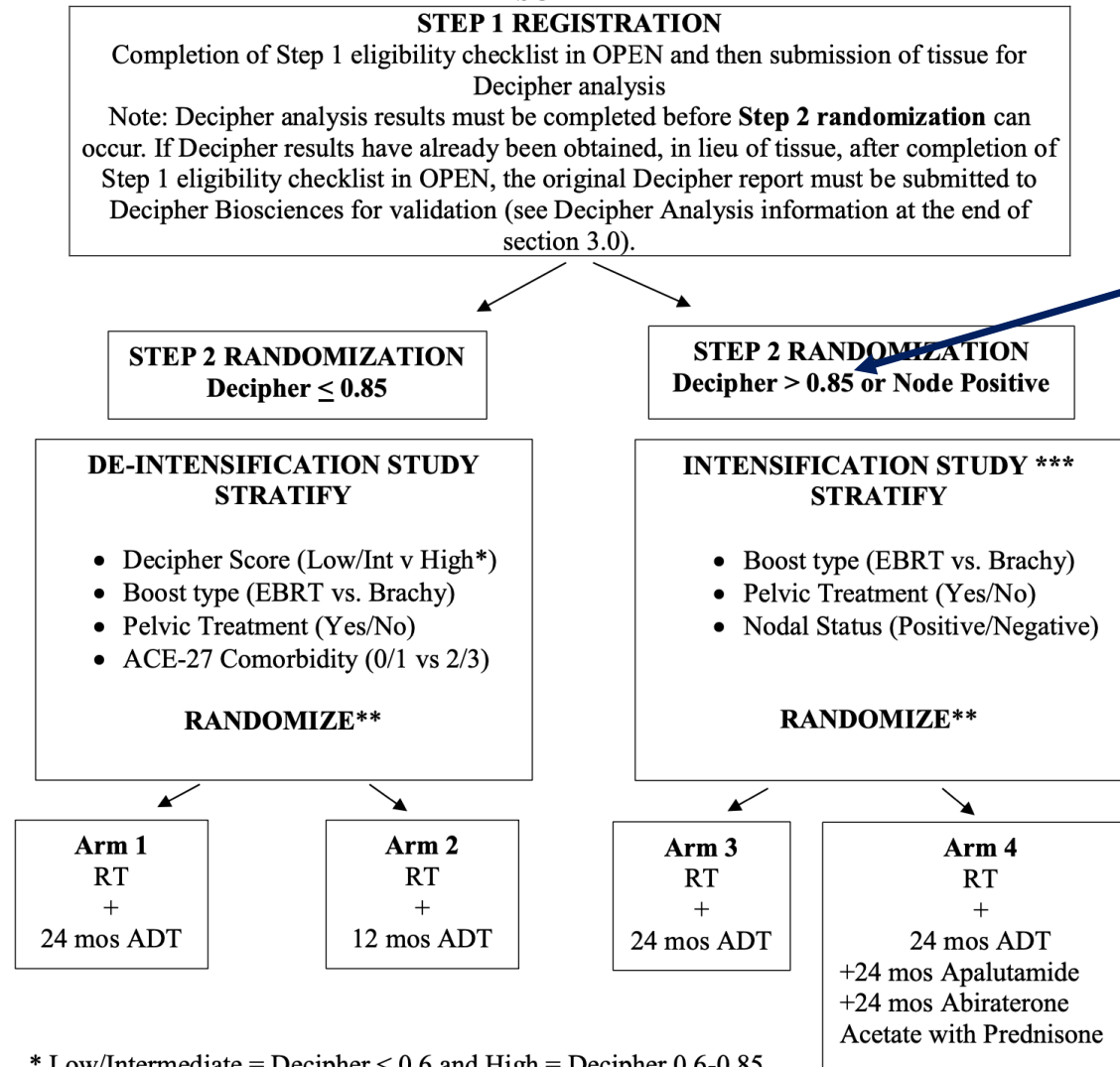
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Upper 1/3 of Decipher

\* Low/Intermediate = Decipher < 0.6 and High = Decipher 0.6-0.85

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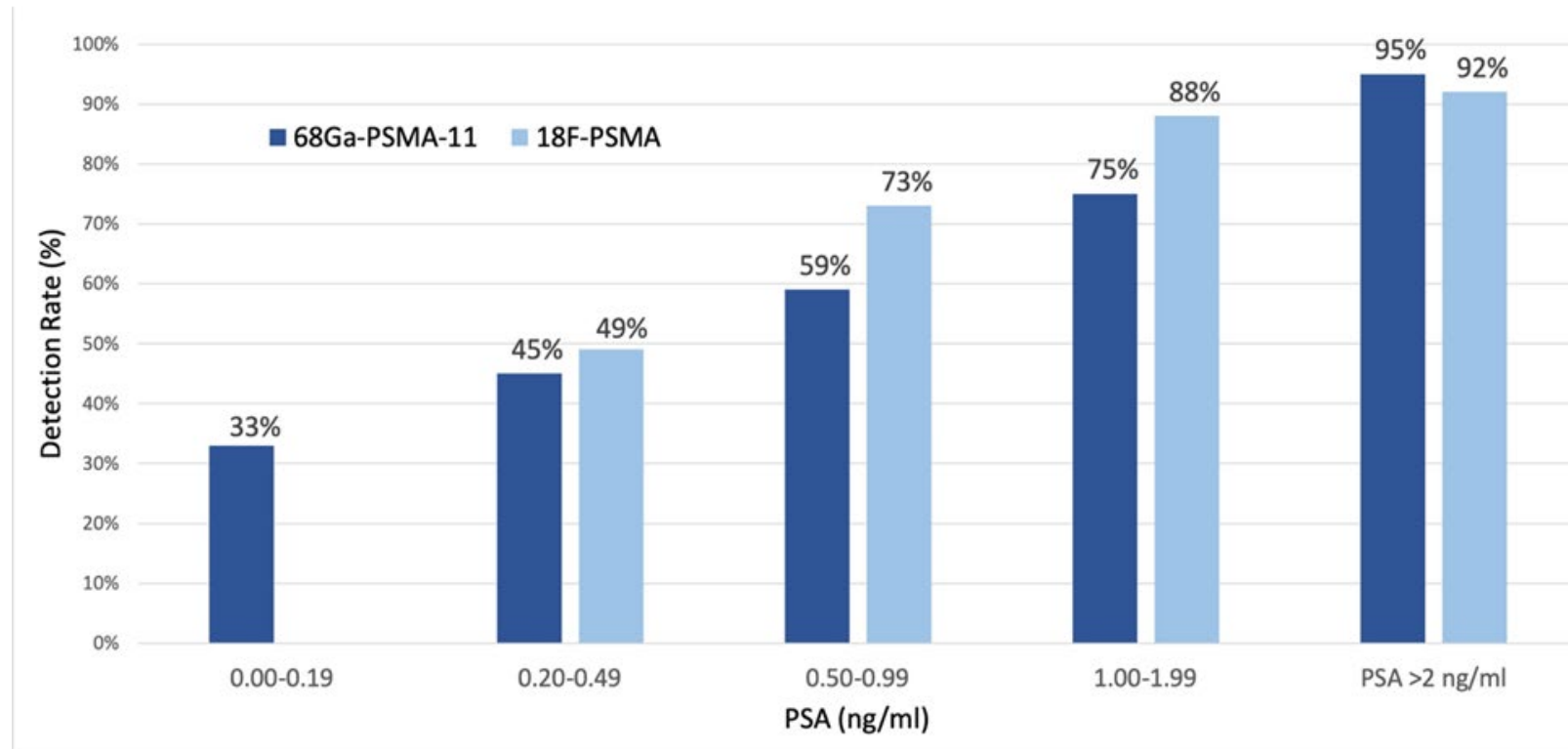
\*\*\* Up to 200 patients who consent to imaging sub study will receive F-18 PET. See Section 4.0 and 11.3 for more details and time points.

Note:

*A radiation treatment approach change post registration involving the pelvic lymph node treatment or prostate boost type stratification factors will result in a protocol deviation.*

*RT = radiation therapy; ADT = androgen deprivation therapy*

# CARE OPTIONS–Biochemical recurrence





# Phase III Study of Local of Systemic Therapy **IN**tensification **DI**rected by PET in Prostate **CA**ncer Patients with Post-Prosta**TE**ctomy Biochemical Recurrence (**INDICATE**) (EA8191)

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# Hypothesis and Objectives

*Hypothesis:* PET scan-based treatment intensification with either enhanced systemic therapy or with metastasis-directed radiation for cytoreduction will improve progression-free survival (PFS) relative to standard of care (SOC) therapy for post-prostatectomy BCR.

## *Primary Objectives*

1. For patients without PET-evidence of extrapelvic metastases, *to evaluate whether the addition of enhanced systemic therapy to SOC salvage therapy could prolong PFS.*
2. For patients with PET-evidence of extrapelvic metastases, *to evaluate whether the addition of metastasis-directed RT to enhanced systemic therapy and SOC salvage therapy could prolong PFS.*

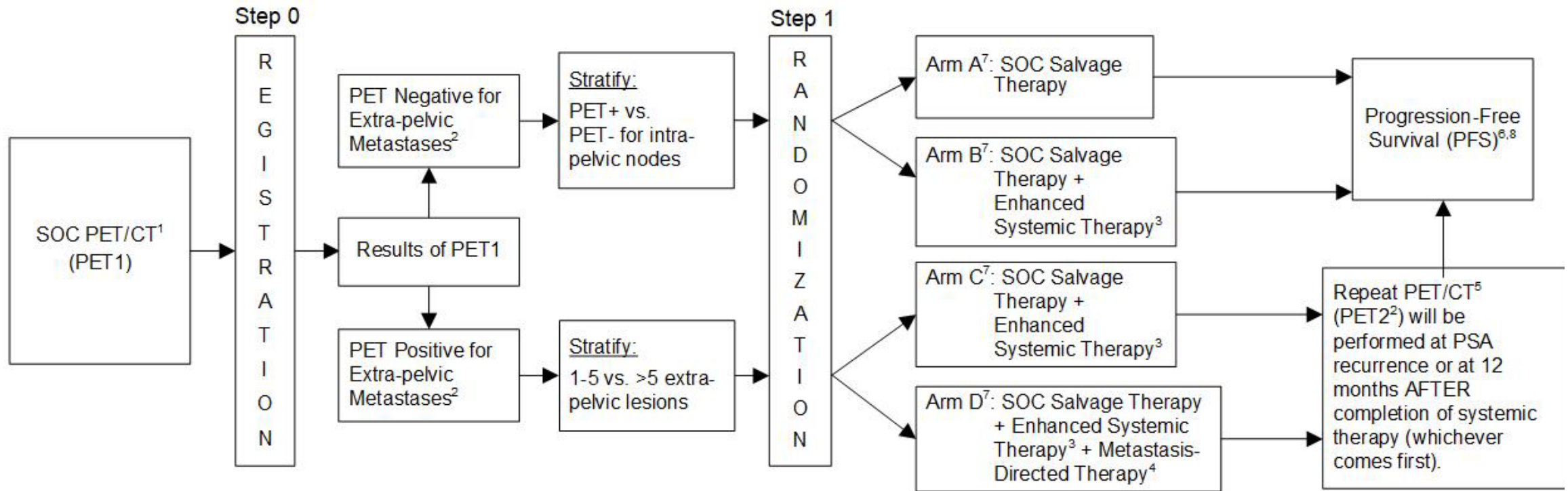
*NB:* SOC salvage therapy = pelvic RT + 6 months of GnRH agonist

Enhanced systemic therapy = 6 months of Apalutamide + GnRH agonist

# Key Eligibility

1. Biochemical recurrence (BCR) after RP, rising PSA defined as follows:
  - If time to BCR (defined as time to first detectable PSA after RP) is <12 months, a minimum PSA level of 0.2ng/mL and a confirmatory reading of  $\geq 0.2$  ng/mL is required, per the AUA definition (includes patients with persistent PSA reading of  $\geq 0.2$  ng/mL).
  - If time to BCR is  $\geq 12$  months, a minimum absolute PSA of 0.5 ng/mL is required.
    - NOTE: Qualifying PSA values per above must be collected at least 4 weeks after RP, with confirmatory persistent or elevated PSA collected at any subsequent time point.
2. Negative or equivocal for extrapelvic metastases by conventional imaging modalities (CIM) (i.e., bone scan, pelvic CT/MRI) within 12 weeks prior to registration. Extra-pelvic metastases = any osseous and/or any extrapelvic soft tissue, lymph nodes and organ (superior to common iliac bifurcation, outside standard prostate bed + pelvic nodal RT fields).
3. Baseline PET/CT scan (AXUMIN scan or FDA approved PSMA PET/CT scan) completed after Step 0 registration and prior to Step 1 randomization OR  $\leq 12$  wks prior to Step 0

# Schema



\*Note: <sup>18</sup>F-fluciclovine (Axumin) will be used as current clinically available SOC PET/CT

# Conclusions

- Novel technologies, enhanced biomarkers, effective systemic therapies changing the face of localized prostate cancer
- Clinical trials ushering in precision medicine across disease states



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