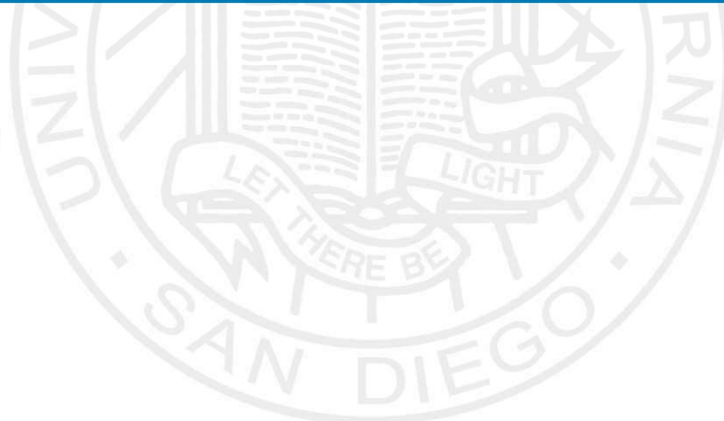


Advances in Breast Radiation: Customizing Radiation Delivery

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Breast Cancer: Current State

- 310,720 estimated new invasive breast cases in 2024
- 56,500 new cases of DCIS
- Incidence has increased by 1% per year over the past decade
 - < 50 yo 1.4% increase per yr vs. >50 yo 0.7% per yr
- Breast cancer death rate has dropped by 44% since 1989

Current age	Diagnosed with invasive breast cancer	Dying from breast cancer
20	0.1% (1 in 1,344)	<0.1% (1 in 19,247)
30	0.5% (1 in 198)	<0.1% (1 in 2,192)
40	1.6% (1 in 62)	0.1% (1 in 723)
50	2.5% (1 in 41)	0.3% (1 in 348)
60	3.6% (1 in 28)	0.5% (1 in 217)
70	4.2% (1 in 24)	0.7% (1 in 141)
80	3.1% (1 in 32)	1.0% (1 in 103)
Lifetime risk	13.1% (1 in 8)	2.3% (1 in 43)

Probability is among those who have not been previously diagnosed with cancer and reflects the likelihood of diagnosis/death within 10 years of current age. Percentages and "1 in" numbers may not be numerically equivalent due to rounding.
Source: DevCan, Version 6.7.5.
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ACS Breast Cancer Facts and Figures 2024-2025

Radiation therapy: where are we going

- Working to decrease duration of radiation treatment courses
- Incorporating response to neoadjuvant chemotherapy into radiation decision making
- Integrating molecular profiling into radiation decision making

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Decreasing Radiation treatment Duration

- Moderate hypofractionated radiation
Current standard of care for early stage breast cancer patients
 - 42.5 Gy in 16 fractions
 - 40 Gy in 15 fractions followed by a lumpectomy cavity boost 10 Gy in 5 fractions
- Good to excellent cosmesis in 70% of patients Whelan et al. 2010
- 40% moderate to severe late effects at 10 years Haviland et al. 2013

➤ The UK Standardisation of Breast Radiotherapy (START) Trial B of radiotherapy hypofractionation for treatment of early breast cancer: a randomised trial

The START Trialists' Group*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Long-Term Results of Hypofractionated Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer

Timothy J. Whelan, B.M., B.Ch., Jean-Philippe Pignol, M.D., Mark N. Levine, M.D., Jim A. Julian, Ph.D., Robert MacKenzie, M.D., Sameer Parpia, M.Sc., Wendy Shelley, M.D., Laval Grimard, M.D., Julie Bowen, M.D., Himu Lukka, M.D., M.D., Anthony Fyles, M.D., Ken Schneider, M.D., Javita, M.D., and Carolyn Freeman, M.D.



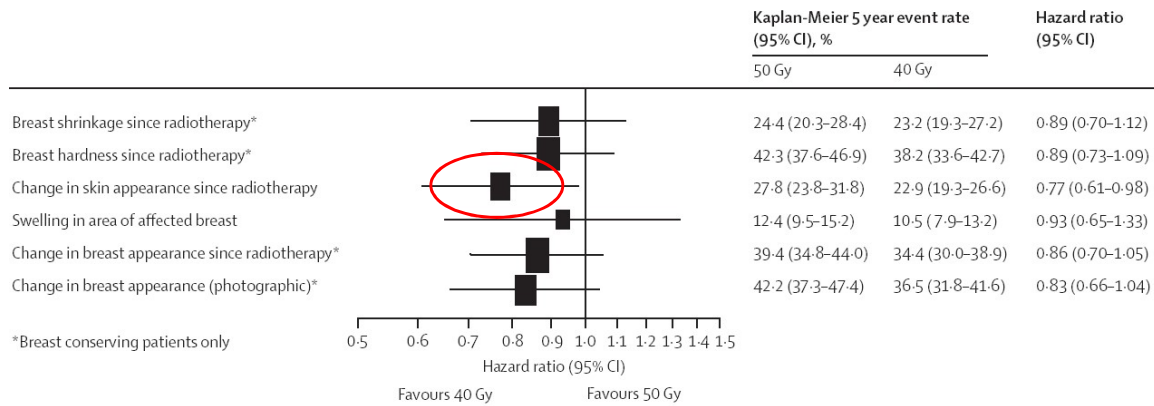
Special Article

Radiation therapy for the whole breast: Executive summary of an American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) evidence-based guideline

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Interventional reactionation

- FAST 28.5 Gy in 5 weekly fractions vs. 50 Gy in 25 fractions
- Pts at risk 50, tumor size < 3 cm, L node negative
- Primary endpoint breast appearance mild increase in breast induration and edema

Change in photographic breast appearance at 5 yrs

Gy/fx	No Change (%)	Mild Change (%)	Marked Change (%)
50 Gy/25	25	5	2
28.5 Gy/5	0		24

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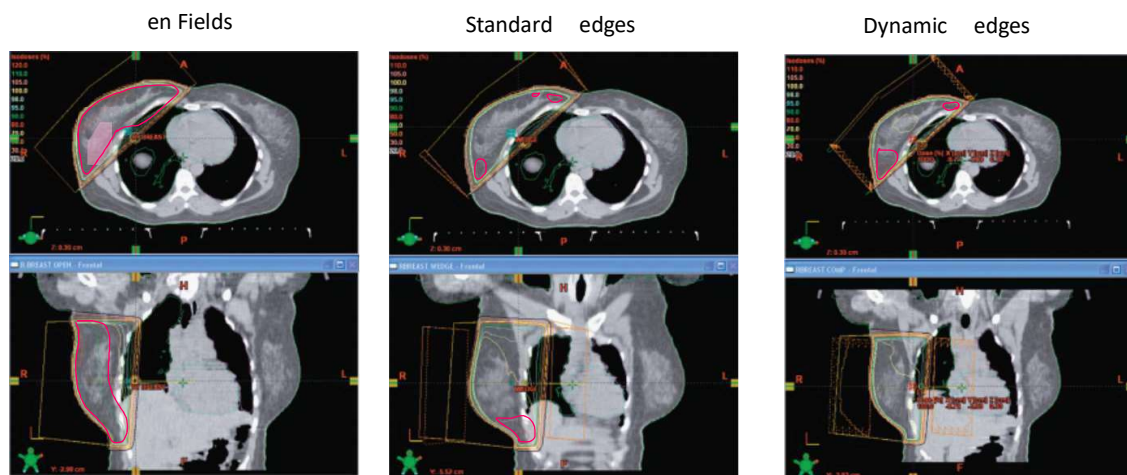
Ultra hypofractionation

- FAST Forward 26 Gy in 5 daily fractions vs. 40 Gy in 15 fractions
- Pts Age 18, pT1-3, N0-1
- Primary endpoint ipsilateral breast recurrence
- At 5 yrs no statistically significant difference in IBRT between treatment arms 1.5% vs. 2.3%
- Marked or moderate breast induration and edema higher in 1 week treatment course
 - PRO breast firmness also higher 25% but no difference in QOL metrics

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Improving Radiation techniques



Images from Halperin, Edward C., Carlos A. Perez, and Luther W. Brady. *Perez & Brady's Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology*. 2008.

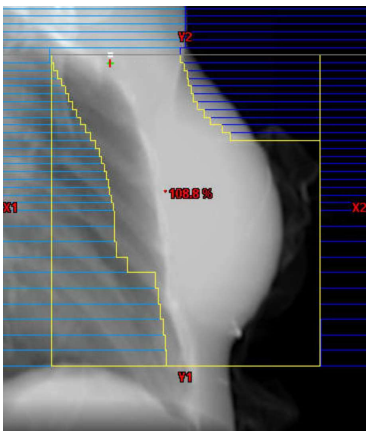
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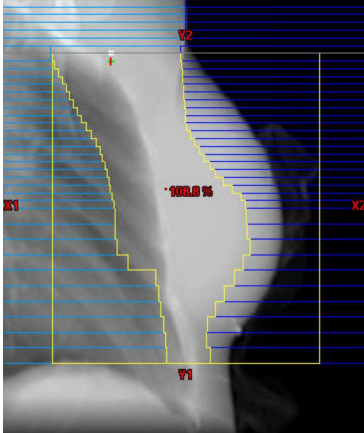
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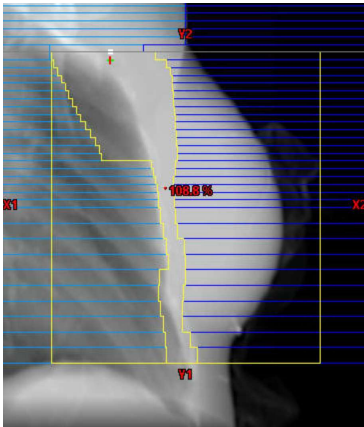
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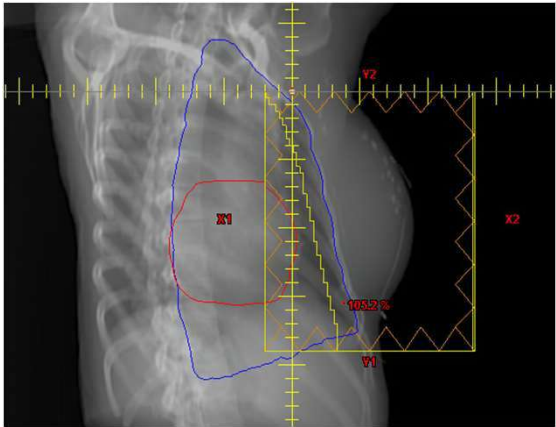
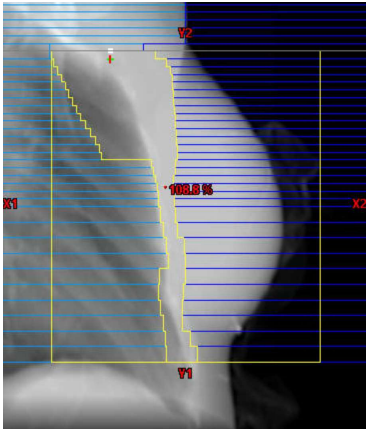
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Comparison of MR

- Limited phase III randomized clinical trials

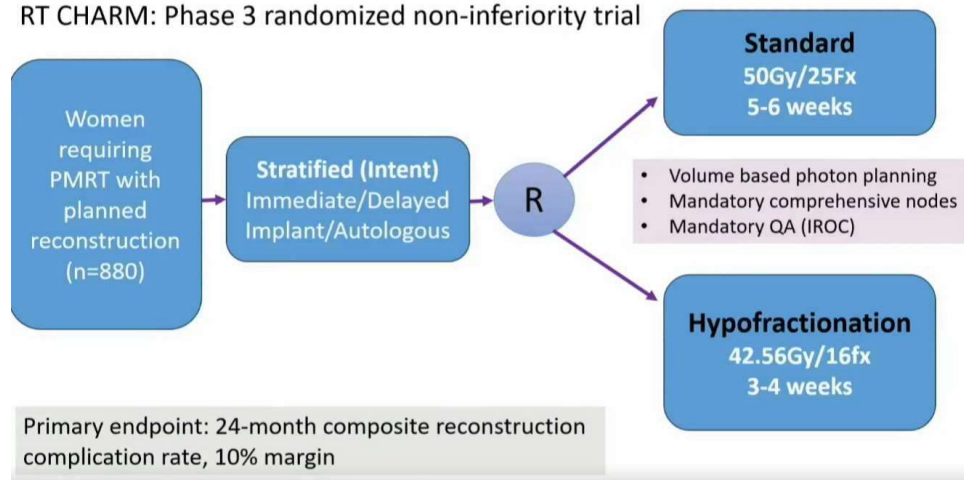
Trial	Population	Follow-up	Arm	Primary Outcome	Secondary Outcome
Clinical	20 no recon	4.5 y	C, SC	Radiation-induced toxicity at 5 yrs	Essential grade acute skin toxicity
FABR-C	400 immediate implant-based reconstruction	42.5 y	C, SC, A, M	Physical well-being scores	Overall effects no difference at 5 yrs
RCT ARM	25 reconstruction	42.5 y	C, SC, A, M	Reconstruction complication rate at 2 yrs	Mortality in acute or late toxicity at 5 yrs

Ang et al. *Lancet*. 2020
Song et al.
O'Neill et al. 2024

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RT CHARM: Phase 3 randomized non-inferiority trial



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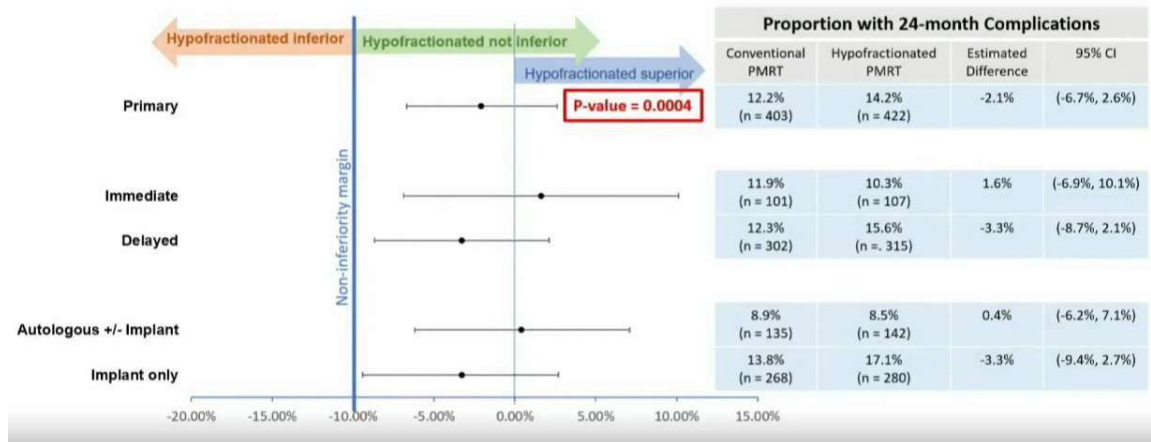
- 825 pts in US and Canada, 2 years median follow up

Per Treatment	Conventional	Hypofractionated
Time RT to final Recon (months)	9.3 (0.9-43.8)	9.3 (1.2-58.5)
Temporary TE	225 (65.8%)	243 (66.4%)
<i>Acellular dermal matrix/TE</i>	144 (67.8%)	142 (60.9%)
Implant used	235 (69.1%)	251 (68.8%)
<i>Pre-pec implant</i>	116 (50%)	128 (52.5%)
<i>Sub-pec implant</i>	116 (50%)	117 (48.9%)
Autologous (+/- implant)	138 (40.6%)	153 (41.9%)

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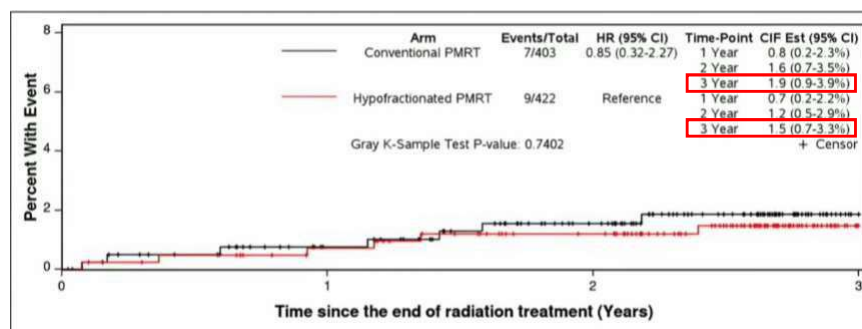
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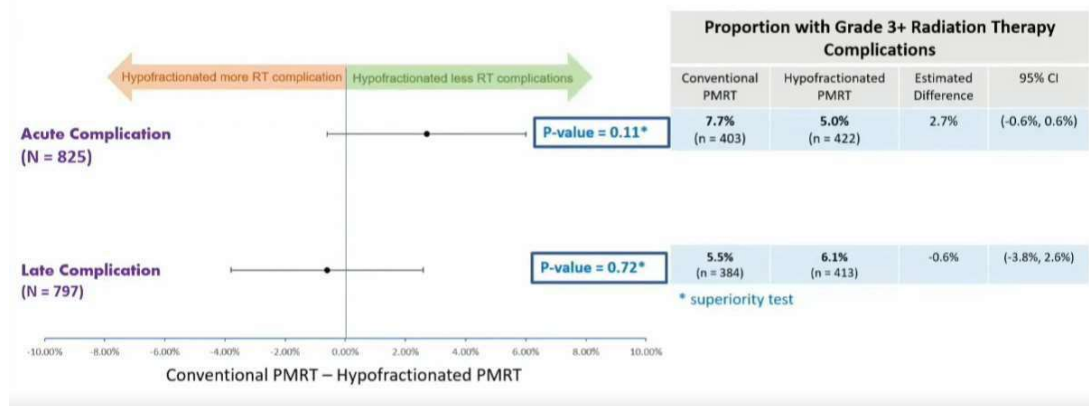
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- mastectomy only reconstruction trended to have higher complication rate than autologous reconstruction 20-25% vs 15-20% for immediate and delayed mastectomy

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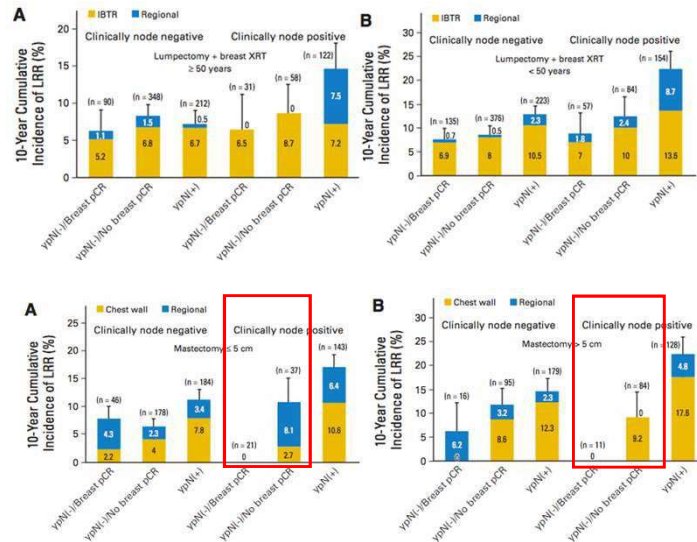
Future trials

- FAS -For and of adjuvant study
 - Radiation to breast chest wall level - axilla - SC lymph nodes
 - Randomized to 40 Gy/5 vs 20 Gy/5 fractions
 - 4 trials interim results:
 - R at 2 yrs: similar rates of arm and swelling most symptoms graded as mild to moderate
 - difference in moderate-severe arm and swelling 0
 - lymph edema at 5 yrs: similar between treatment arms 0
 - primary results to be reported at 5 years
- R -Adjuvant
 - Radiation to breast chest wall level - axilla SC nodes - M nodes
 - 40 Gy/5 vs 20 Gy/5 with SB as needed
 - primary outcome: local recurrence
- Comparison of Regional Radiotherapy in Breast Cancer R -A
 - Radiation to breast chest wall level - axilla SC nodes and M nodes
 - 40 Gy/5 vs 20 Gy/5
 - primary outcome: lymph edema

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Comparing AC Response in Radiation

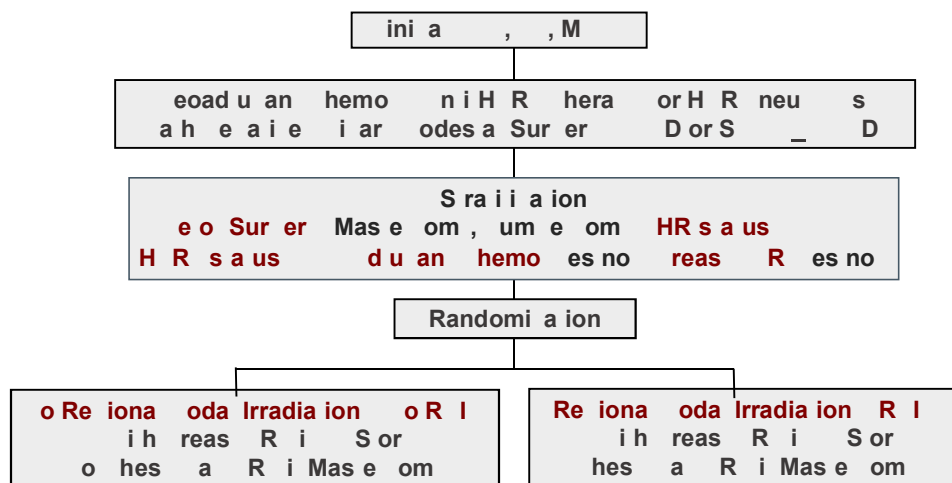
- adjuvant chemotherapy trials SABP B18 & B27
- Pts with node positive disease may have low recurrence rates depending on response to AC



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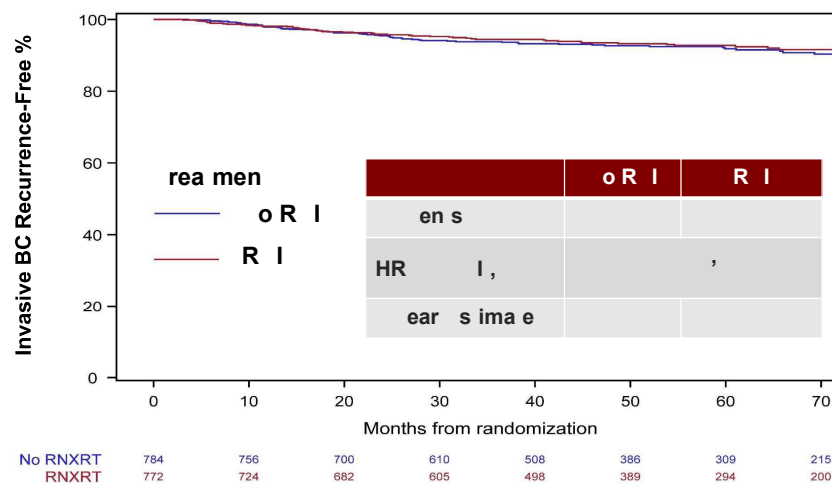
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- 1556 pts, median follow up 59.5 mos
 - 40% of pts < 49 yo
 - 20% of pts triple negative
- Primary endpoint 5 yr invasive breast cancer recurrence free interval (BCRFI)
- Final analysis was to occur after 172 events or 10 yrs after study initiation
- *Time driven* analysis performed and presented in abstract form

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Invasive breast cancer Recurrence free Interval (BCRFI)



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Treatment

- No RNXRT
- RNXRT

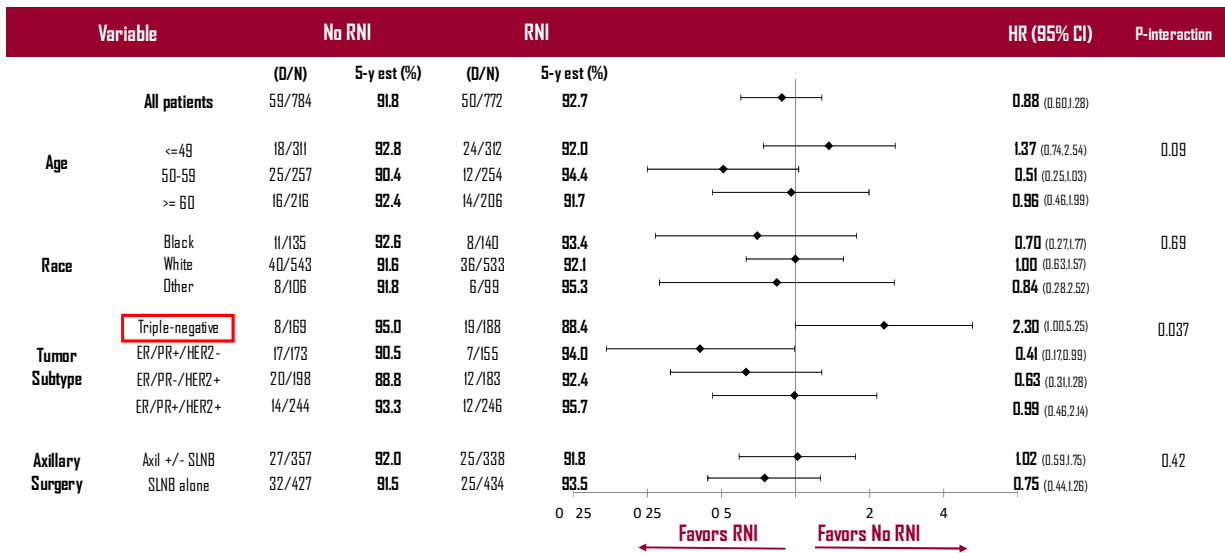
% Alive

Months from randomization

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
No RNXRT	802	779	761	698	591	462	371	263
RNXRT	800	752	730	676	568	459	360	247

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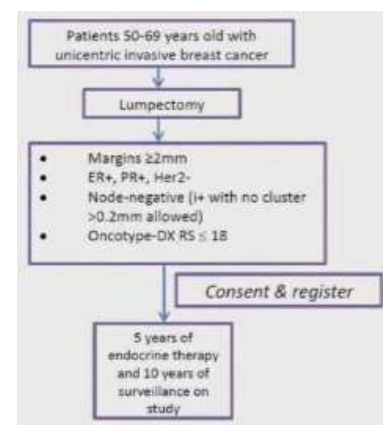
Genomic Profiling and Radiation

- OncoType D 21 gene panel, invasive breast cancer
 - Predicts for distant recurrence
 - Role well established for decision making for systemic therapy
 - Has not been used to determine role of radiation therapy, but increasing data suggest low score may also predict for locoregional recurrence

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Genomic Profiling and Radiation

- ID A Individualized Decisions for Endocrine therapy Alone
- Prospective phase II, multicenter cohort trial
- Primary endpoint locoregional recurrence



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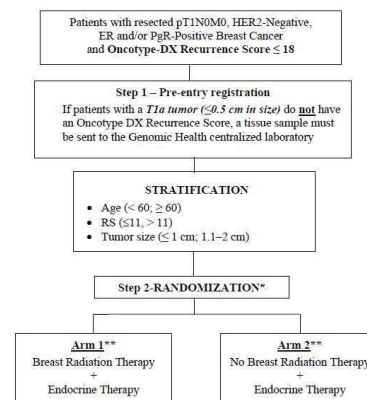
D A trial

- Women 50-69 years, median age 62 yo
- 200 pts, median follow up 5.21 yrs
- 5 year LRR 50-59yo 3.3%, 60-69yo 3.6%
- 6 pts recurred after 5 years, 50% noncompliant with endocrine therapy
- 178 pts did not recur 86.5% compliant with endocrine therapy

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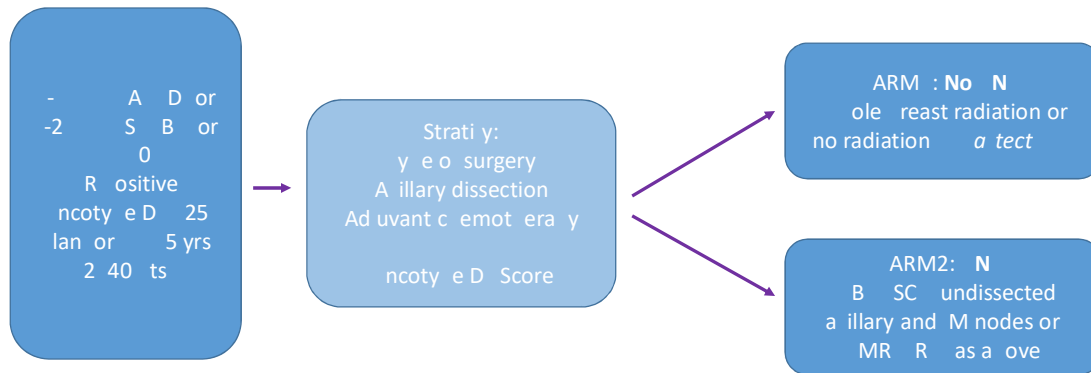
Ongoing randomized trials

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- P R T _ a m i n i n P e r s o n a l i s e d R a d i a t i o n f L o w r i s e a r l y B r e a s t C a n c e r
 - PAM 50, Lomina A, ROR 60



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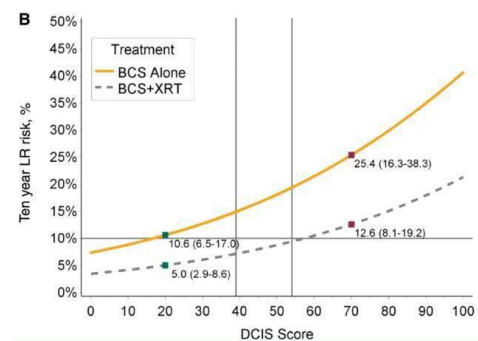


Primary end point: breast cancer recurrence free interval

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Randomized C trial

- Cohort 5: 4 low risk: DCIS grade 1-2, size ≤ 2.5 cm, margins ≥ 2 mm, R 4-4
- Cohort 2: DCIS
 - 2 gene profile: low intermediate
 - 54% high 55%
 - Prognostic for 10 year risk of recurrence
 - Low risk: 0-10% 10 yrs
 - High risk: 25-30% 10 yrs

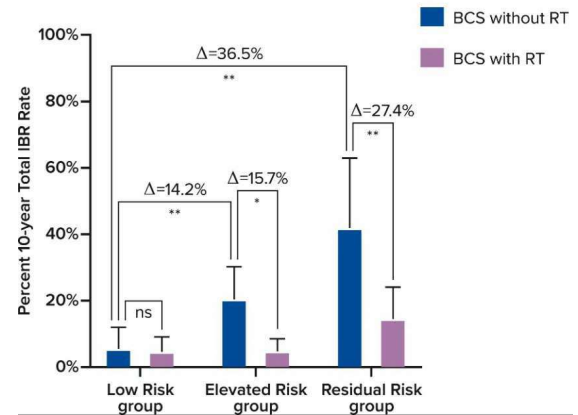


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Summary

- We are contin in to e plore how to red ce treatment times for patients with both early sta e and locally advanced breast cancer
 - 5 fraction treatment co rses reasonable to consider for early sta e patients
 - 3 wee treatment sched les for patients nder oin re iona nodal irradiation can be offered
- For patients with c 1 disease that convert to ypT0 0 disease followin neoad vant chemotherapy, we can consider omittin re iona nodal irradiation
- enomic profilin of breast cancer and DCIS may finally start to infl ence radiation decision ma in in the near f t re

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