

# Optimizing Outcomes for Patients With Soft-Tissue Sarcoma Through the Multidisciplinary Medical Oncology/Radiation/Surgical Team Approach

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# Learning Objectives

- Determine a personalized multidisciplinary approach to soft-tissue sarcoma (STS) patients
- Discuss the role of surgery and how it is being used in conjunction with other therapies
- Determine ideal candidates for various forms of adjuvant radiation delivery
- Identify both the utility of commonly used systemic agents in STS and opportunities for treatment resistant STS
- Recognition and management of various acute and chronic sequela from STS treatment

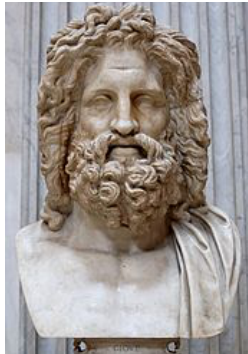


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# Sarcoma

sarx (σάρξ) ⇒ flesh  
**sarcoma**  
tumor ⇐ -oma (ωμα)



## SARCOMA Types

### Angiosarcoma

Malignant neoplasm  
in the vessel walls

### Osteosarcoma

Tumor in a bone

### Ewing's sarcoma

Bone

### Chondrosarcoma

Cartilage

### Gastrointestinal stromal tumor

Mesenchymal neoplasms  
of the gastrointestinal tract

### Liposarcoma

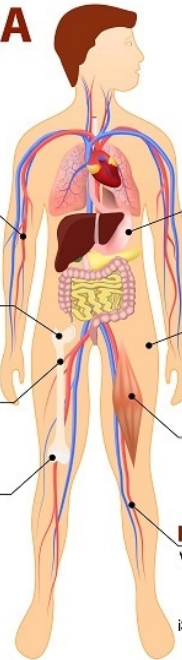
Fat cells

### Fibrosarcoma

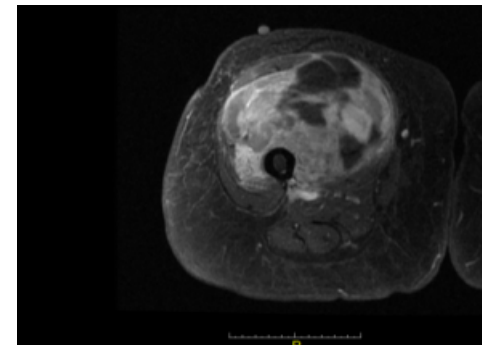
Fibrous connective tissue

### Hemangioendothelioma

Vascular neoplasms



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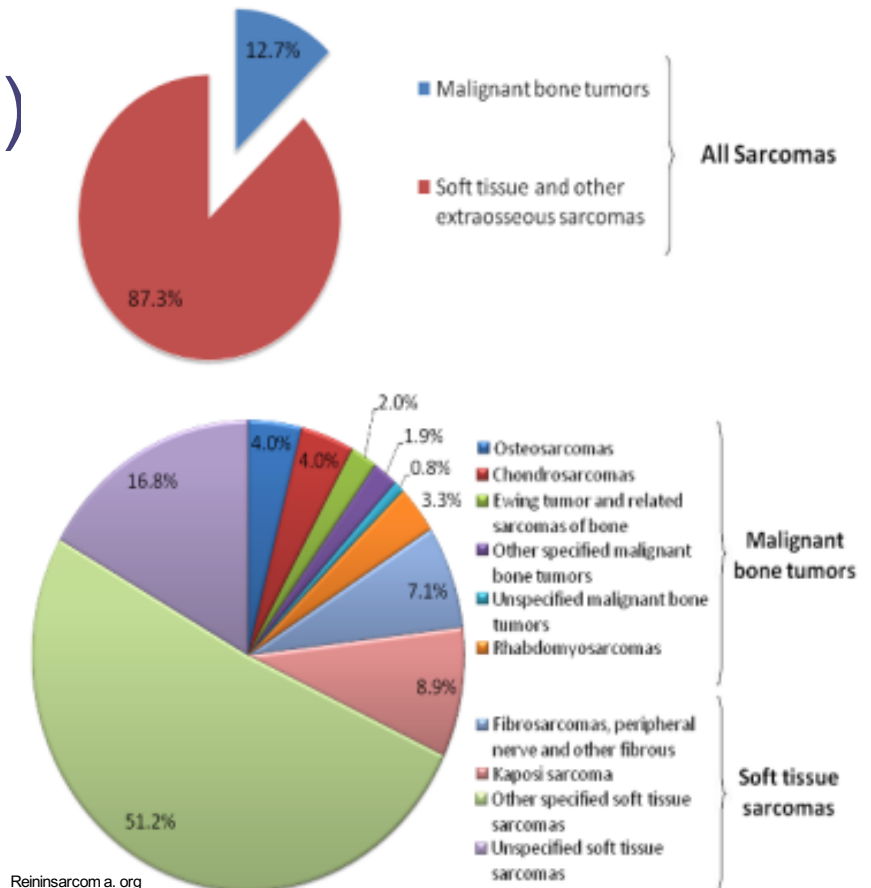


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Transformed cells of mesenchymal origin  
• i.e., bone, cartilage, fat, muscle, vascular

# Soft-Tissue Sarcoma (STS)

- Neoplasms of connective tissue (mesoderm)
- Benign mesenchymal neoplasms 100x more common than soft-tissue sarcoma
- Named primarily based on apparent similarity to a normal cell of origin on H&E
  - Often misnomer
  - Many times cell of origin unknown



# Epidemiology



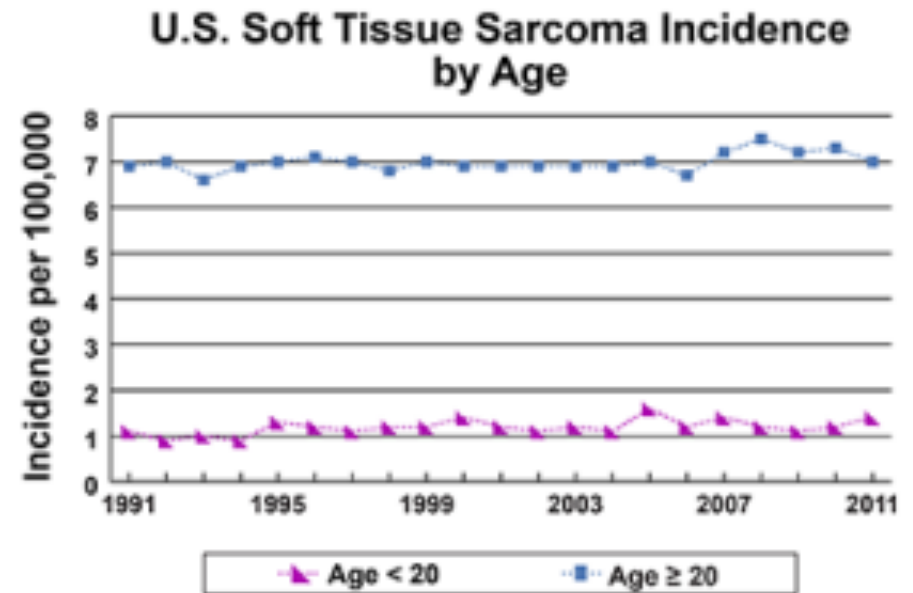
## Soft-tissue sarcoma (2015)

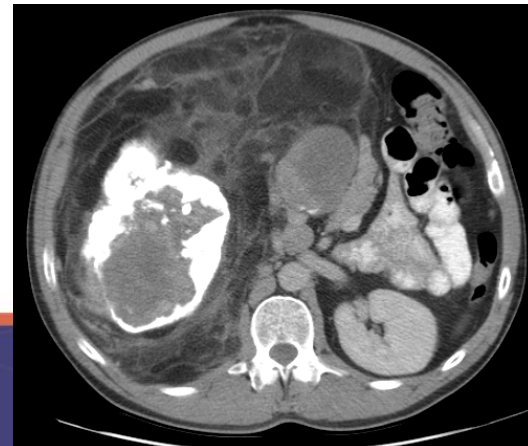
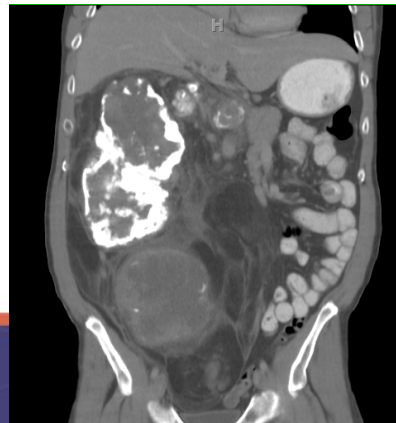
- Incidence: ~11,930
  - 0.7% of all cancers
- Cancer deaths: ~4,870
  - 0.8% of all cancer deaths
- Sex: Males > females (1.2:1)



# Soft-Tissue Sarcomas

- 1% of all cancers
  - 1.8 to 5 per 100,000 per year
- 12,310 new cases estimated in 2016
  - 4,990 expected to die of disease

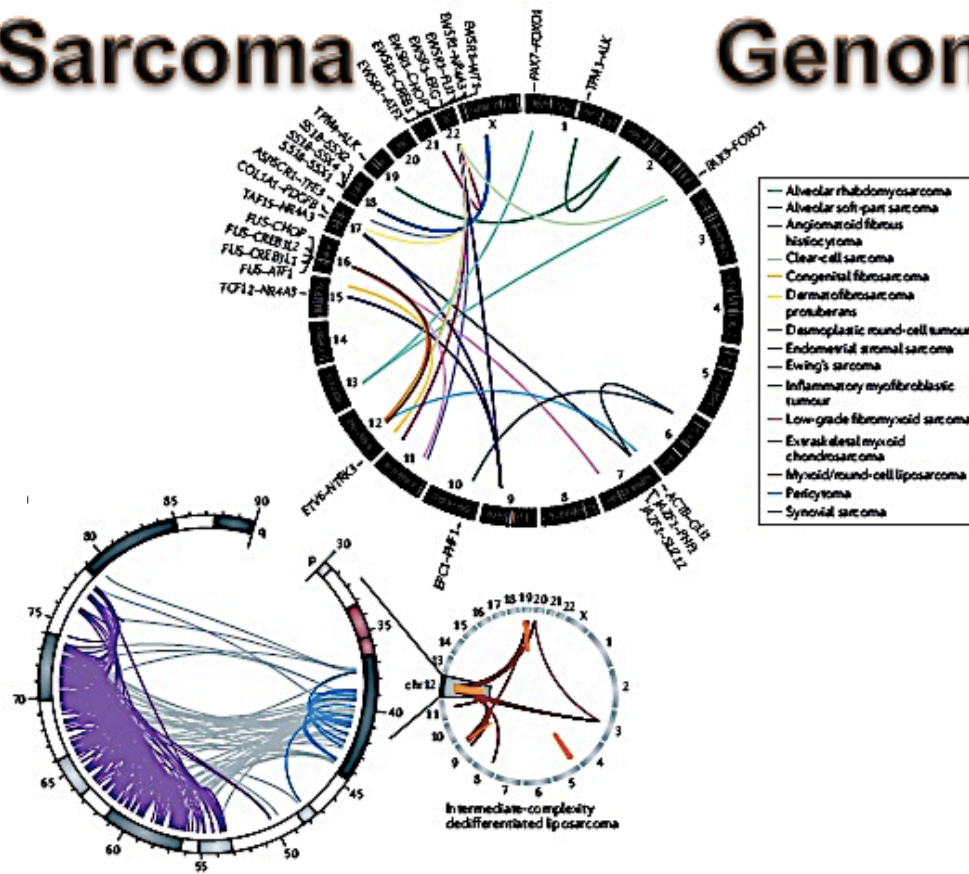




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**Sarcoma**



# Workup

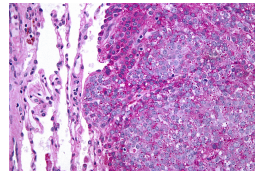
## History and physical

- Limb function, performance Status, age, recurrent disease, wound issues



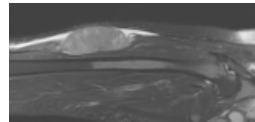
## Biopsy

- Histology, grade



## Imaging

- Staging (localized, depth, size)



**TABLE 63-4** TNM Classification of Soft Tissue Sarcomas

Primary Tumor (T)				
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T1	Tumor 5 cm or less in greatest dimension			
T1a	Superficial tumor			
T1b	Deep tumor			
T2	Tumor more than 5 cm in greatest dimension			
T2a	Superficial tumor			
T2b	Deep tumor			
Regional Lymph Nodes (N)				
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed			
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis			
N1	Regional lymph node metastasis			
Distant Metastasis (M)				
MX	Distant metastasis cannot be assessed			
M0	No distant metastasis			
M1	Distant metastasis			
Stage Grouping				
Stage IA	Grade 1	T1a, T1b	N0	M0
Stage IB	Grade 1	T2a, T2b	N0	M0
Stage IIA	Grade 2-3	T1a, T1b	N0	M0
Stage IIB	Grade 2	T2a, T2b	N0	M0
Stage III	Grade 3	T2a, T2b	N0	M0
Stage III	Any grade	Any T	N1	M0
Stage IV	Any grade	Any T	Any N	M1

Halperin EC, et al. *Perez and Brady's Principles and Practice of Radiation Oncology*, 6th ed. Wolters Kluwer, 2013.



# Systematic Approach

- Clinical presentation
  - Age
  - Symptoms
  - Location
- Radiologic information
  - X-ray
  - MRI: T1, STIR, contrast
  - CT: for fatty tumors

STIR = short tau inversion recovery.



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# Soft-Tissue Sarcoma

- Larger than 4 cm
- Increased signal on STIR and contrast, dark on T1
- Heterogeneous
- Necrosis
- Well circumscribed (pseudocapsule)
- Peritumoral edema

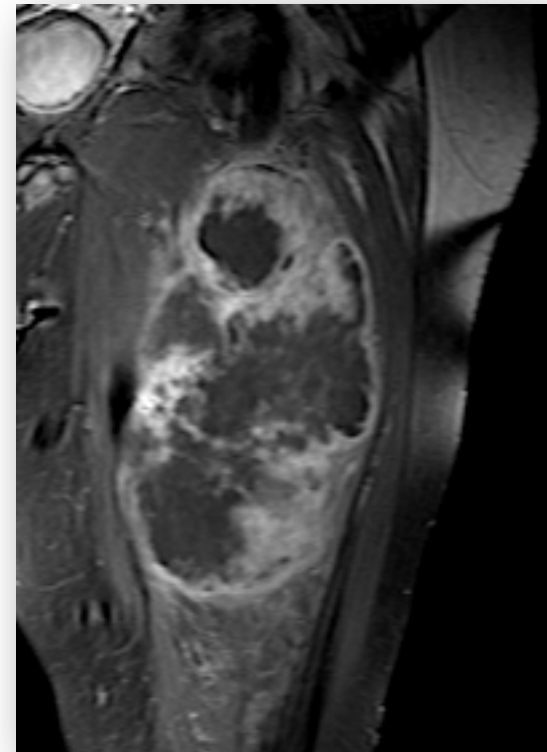
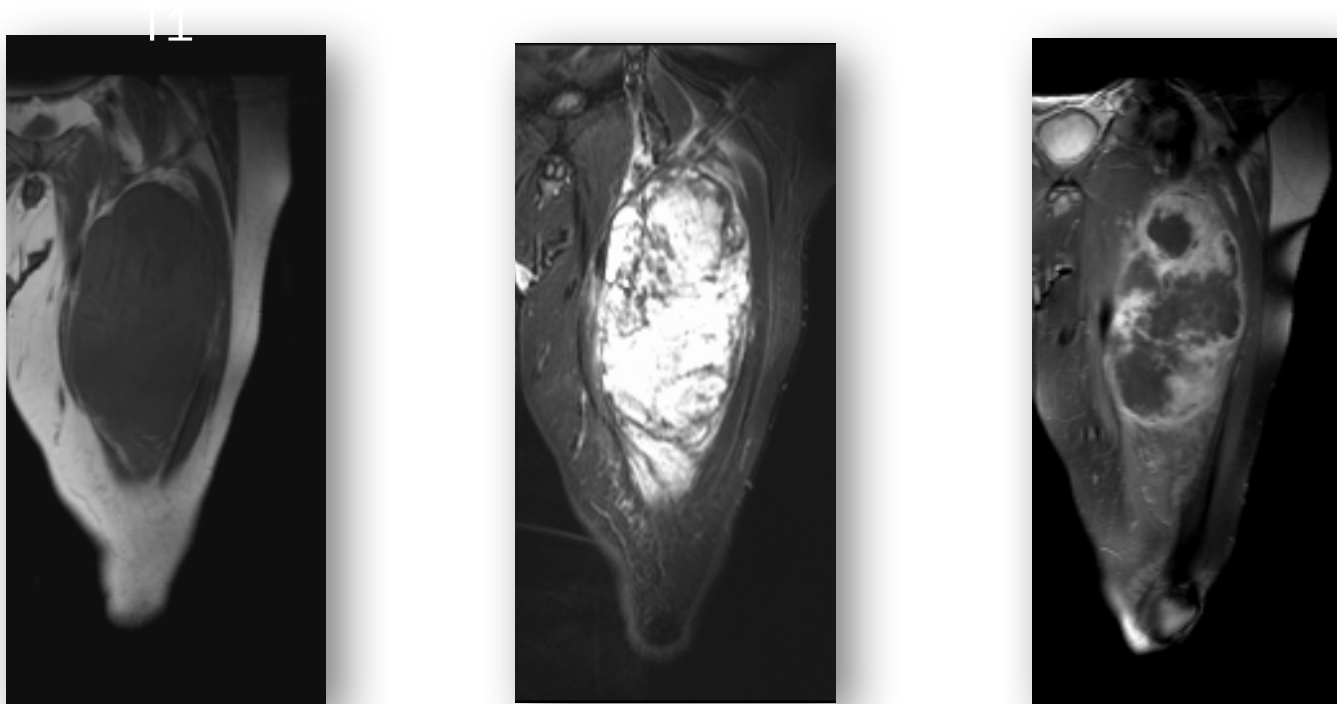


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# High-Grade Undifferentiated Sarcoma

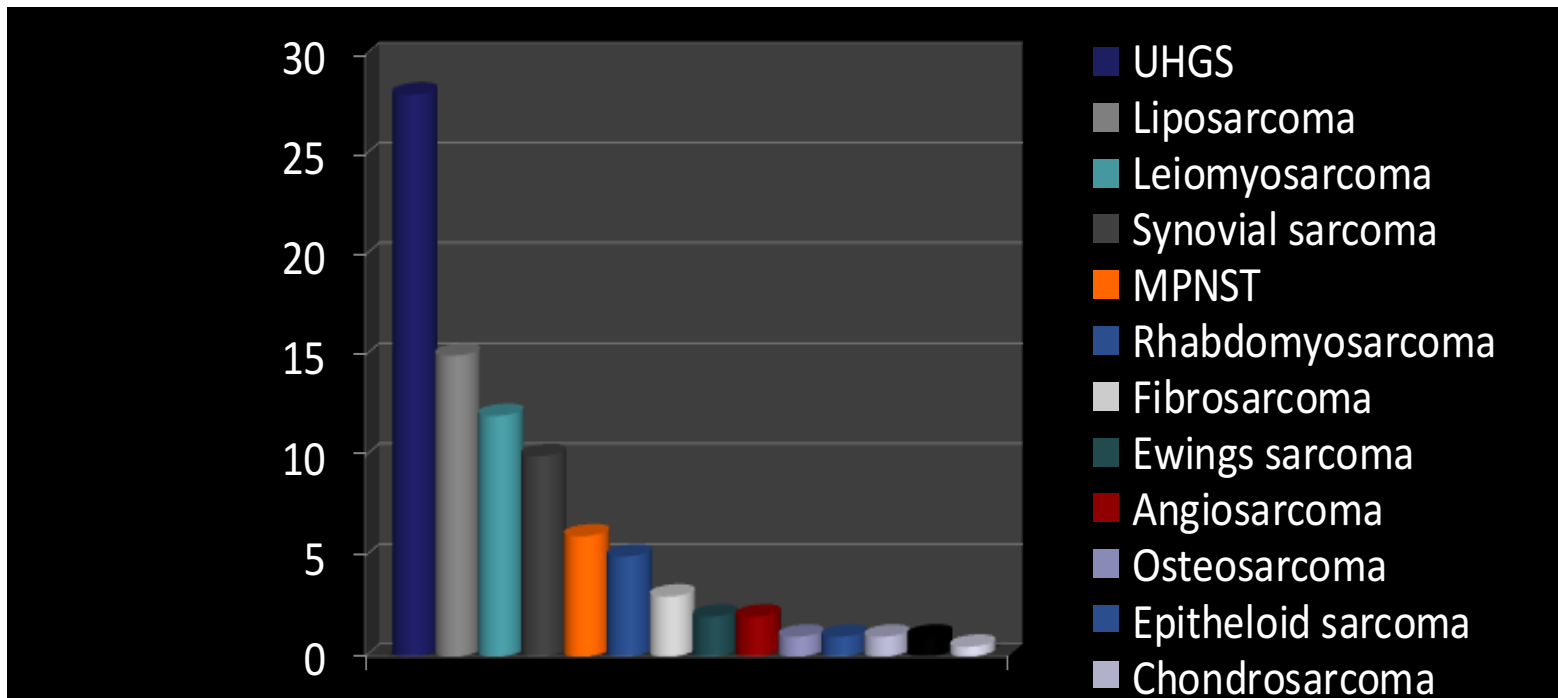


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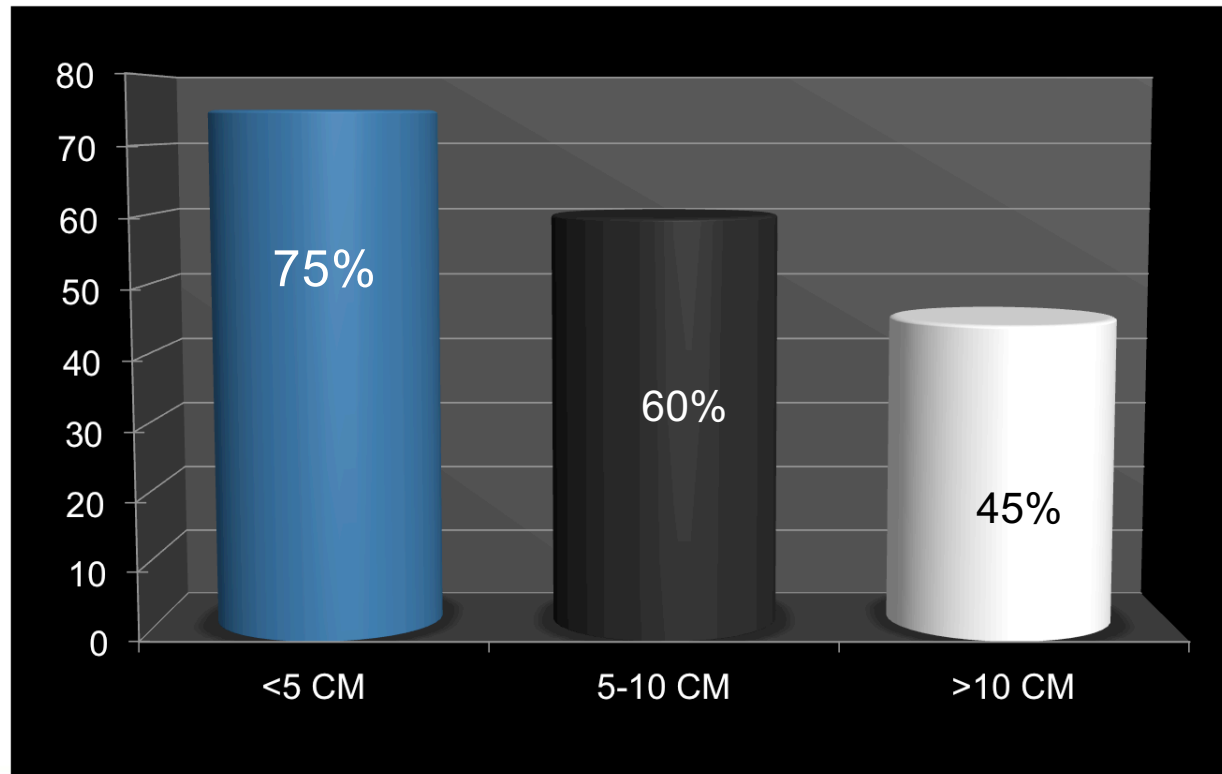
# STS Outlook

- Prognosis depends on
  - Age/comorbidities
  - Subtype
  - Size
  - Histologic grade
  - Stage
- Poorer prognosis: >60 years old, high grade, >5 cm, positive margins

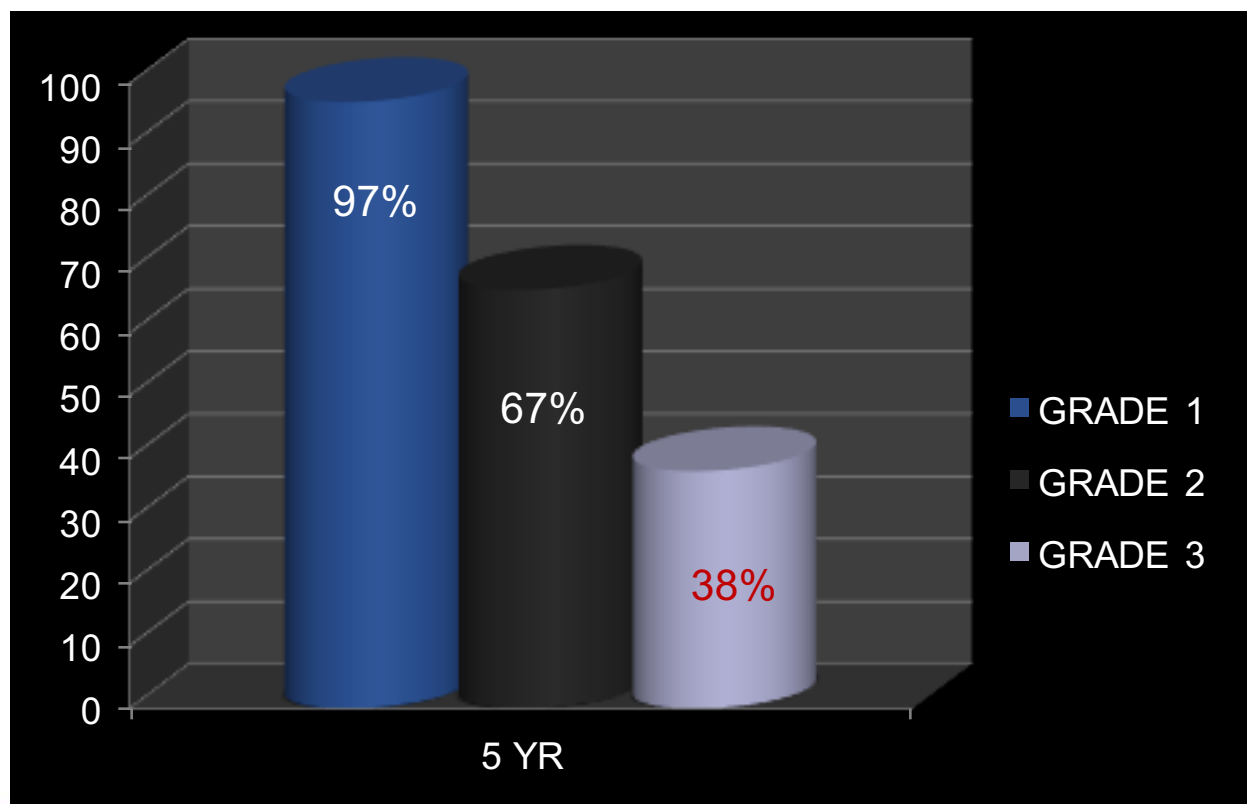
# Subtypes



## Size and 5-Year Survival



## Grade and 5-Year Survival



# Staging

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## NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2016 Staging Soft Tissue Sarcoma

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**Table 1**

**American Joint Committee On Cancer (AJCC) Staging System For  
Soft Tissue Sarcoma  
(7th ed, 2010)**

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    **T2b** Deep tumor

\*Superficial tumor is located exclusively above the superficial fascia without invasion of the fascia; deep tumor is located either exclusively beneath the superficial fascia, superficial to the fascia with invasion of or through the fascia, or both superficial yet beneath the fascia.

### Regional Lymph Nodes (N)

**NX** Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed  
**N0** No regional lymph node metastasis  
**N1<sup>†</sup>** Regional lymph node metastasis

<sup>†</sup>Presence of positive nodes (N1) in M0 tumors is considered Stage III.

### Distant Metastases (M)

**M0** No distant metastasis  
**M1** Distant metastasis

### Histologic Grade

**GX** Grade cannot be assessed  
**G1** Grade 1  
**G2** Grade 2  
**G3** Grade 3

### Anatomic Stage/Prognostic Groups

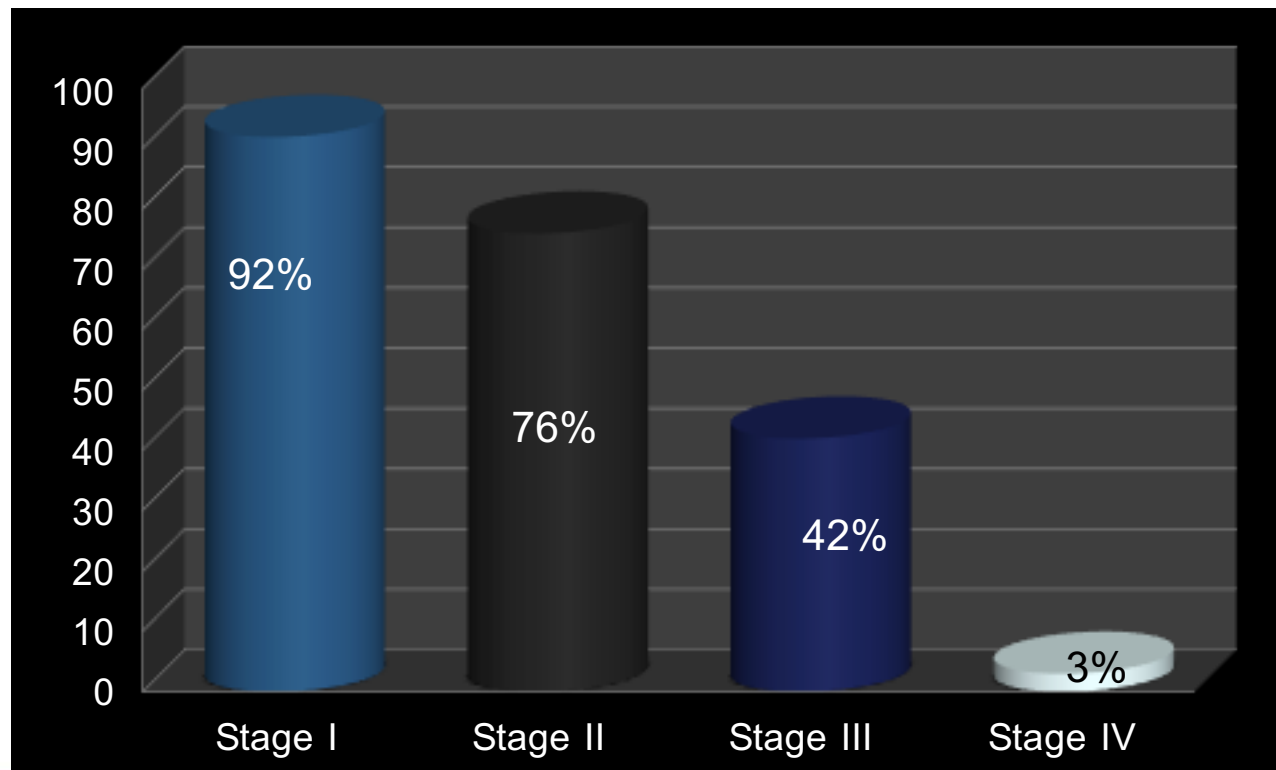
<b>Stage IA</b>	T1a	N0	M0	G1, GX
	T1b	N0	M0	G1, GX
<b>Stage IB</b>	T2a	N0	M0	G1, GX
	T2b	N0	M0	G1, GX
<b>Stage IIA</b>	T1a	N0	M0	G2, G3
	T1b	N0	M0	G2, G3
<b>Stage IIB</b>	T2a	N0	M0	G2
	T2b	N0	M0	G2
<b>Stage III</b>	T2a, T2b	N0	M0	G3
	Any T	N1	M0	Any G
<b>Stage IV</b>	Any T	Any N	M1	Any G

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# Survival and Stage



# Metastatic Sarcoma

- Lung most common site
- Staging: CT chest
  - Add abdomen and pelvis
    - Myxoid liposarcoma
    - Synovial sarcoma
    - Rhabdomyosarcoma
    - Angiosarcoma
- Lymph node metastasis
- “RACES”: Rhabdomyosarcoma, alveolar/angiosarcoma, clear cell, epithelioid, synovial

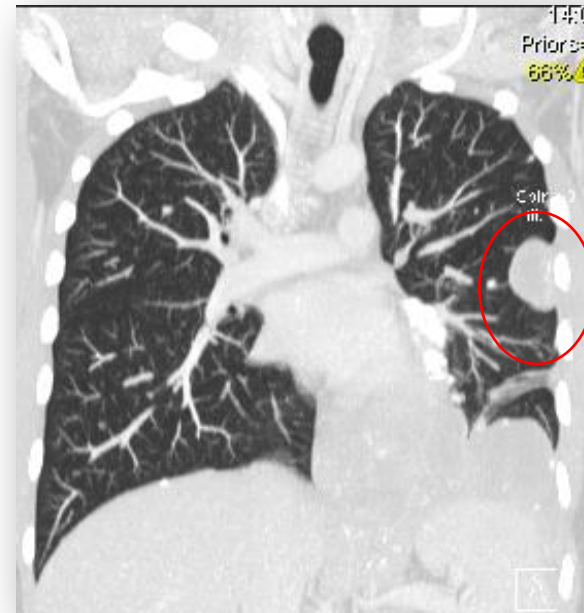


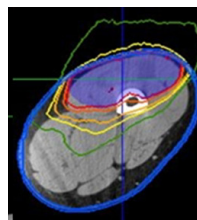
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# Multimodal Treatment

- Mainstay is surgical resection
- Radiation therapy
- Chemotherapy

# Local Therapy Options

- Surgery alone
  - Increased extent = Increase local control
    - Increased toxicity
    - Decreased limb function
- Adjuvant radiation
  - Benefit: local control, limb preservation
  - Detriment: toxicity
- Definitive radiation
  - Benefit: limb preservation
  - Detriment: toxicity, local control



# Low-Grade Sarcomas

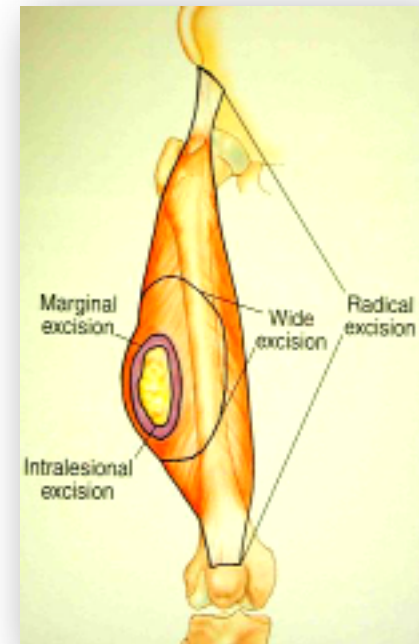
## Treatment

- Surgical resection only
- Consider adjuvant radiation
  - Large tumors (>10 cm)
  - Recurrence
  - Re-resection lead to loss of limb function
  - Positive margins

# High-Grade STS

## Limb-sparing surgery

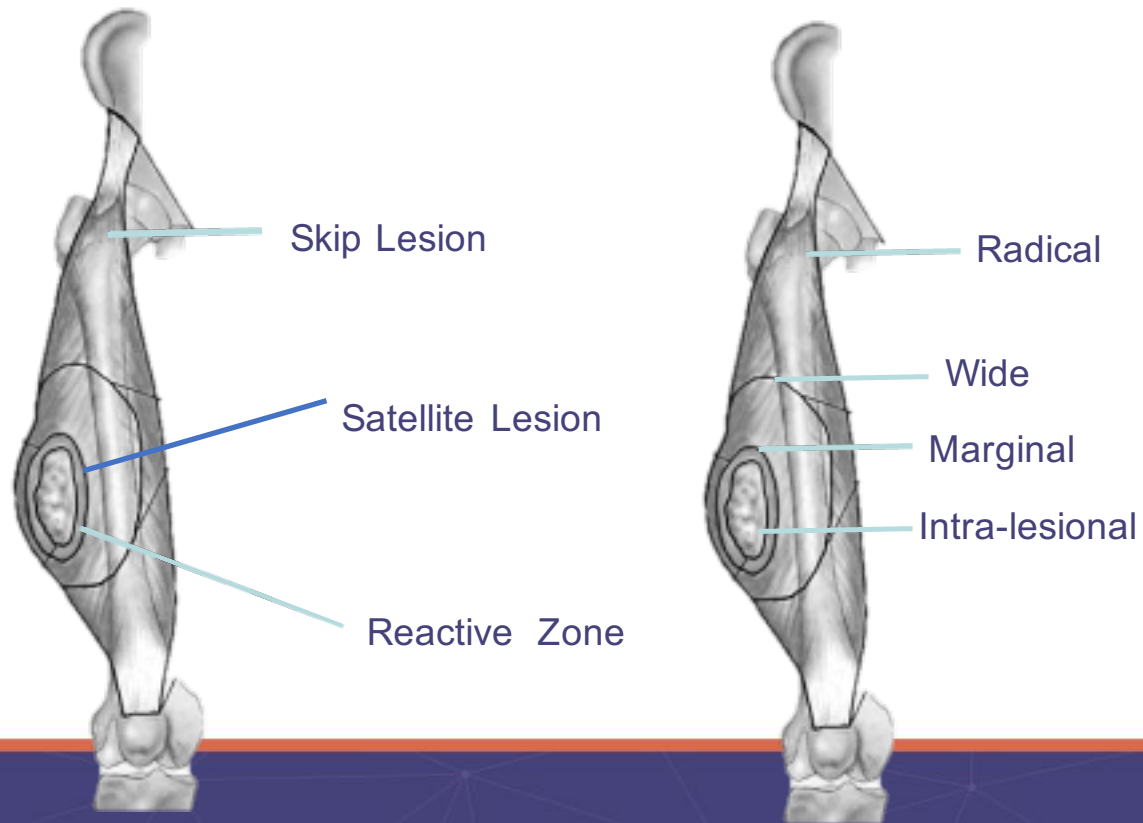
Resection + XRT no difference in overall survival compared to amputation (slight increase in LR)



LR = local recurrence.

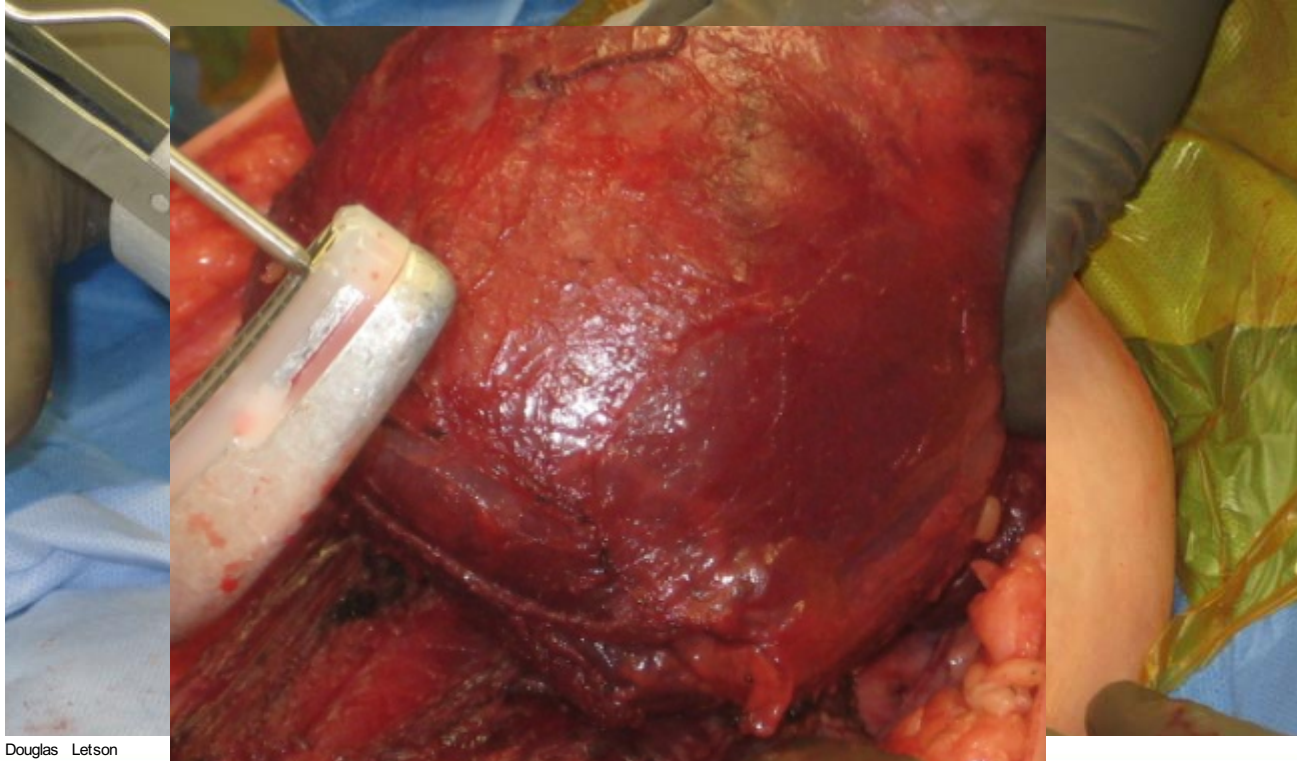
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# Surgical Margins



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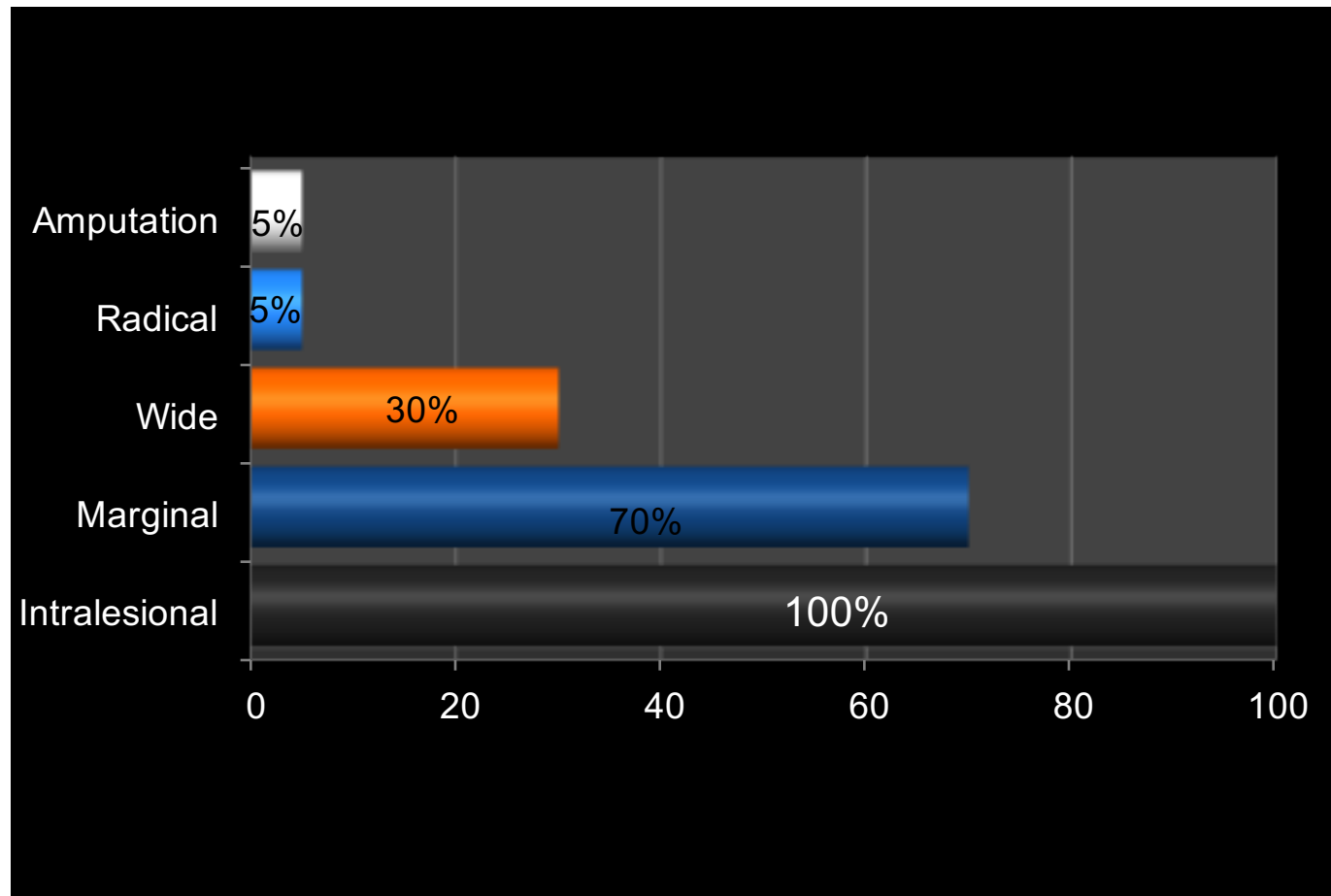
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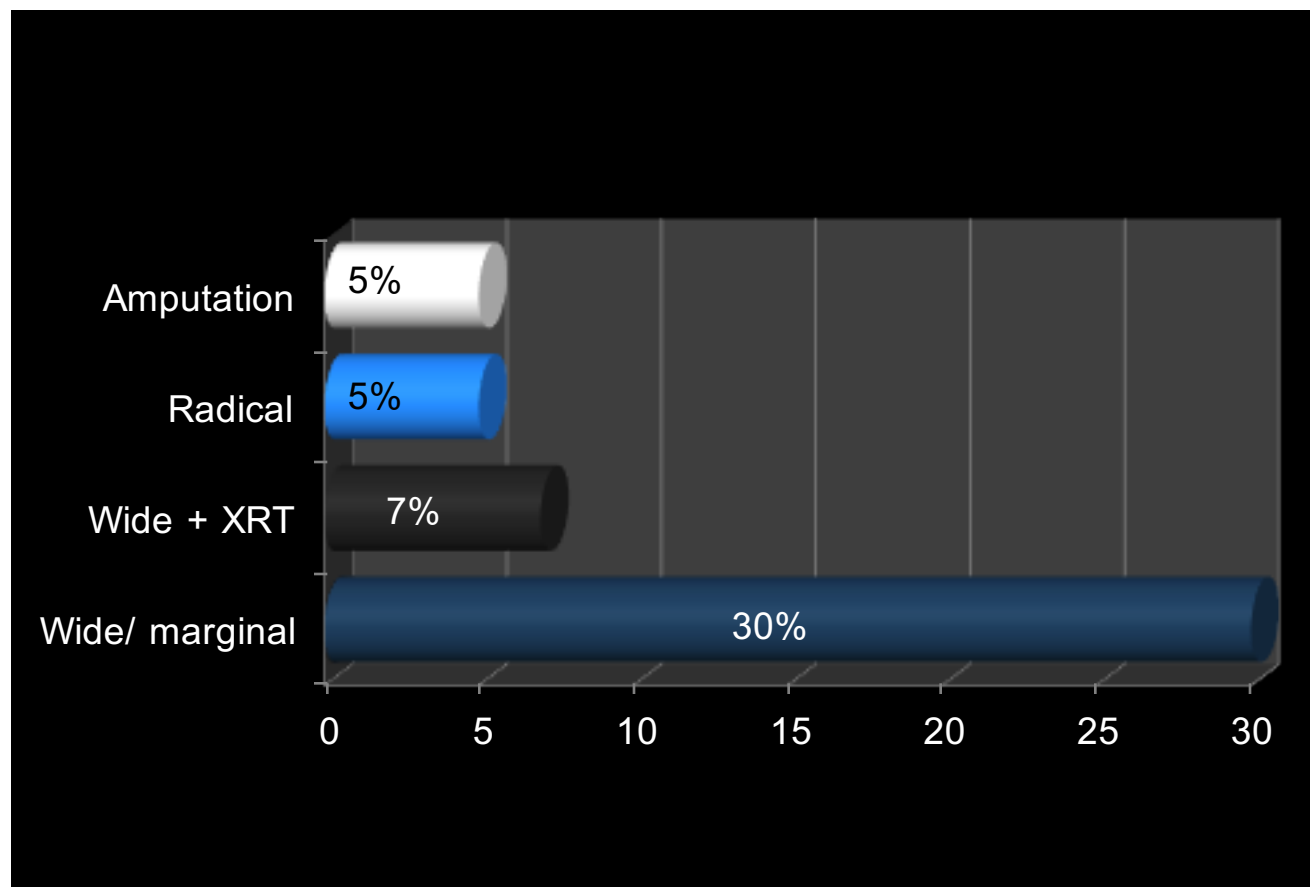


# Local Therapy Options

Historical perspective of local recurrence with surgery alone

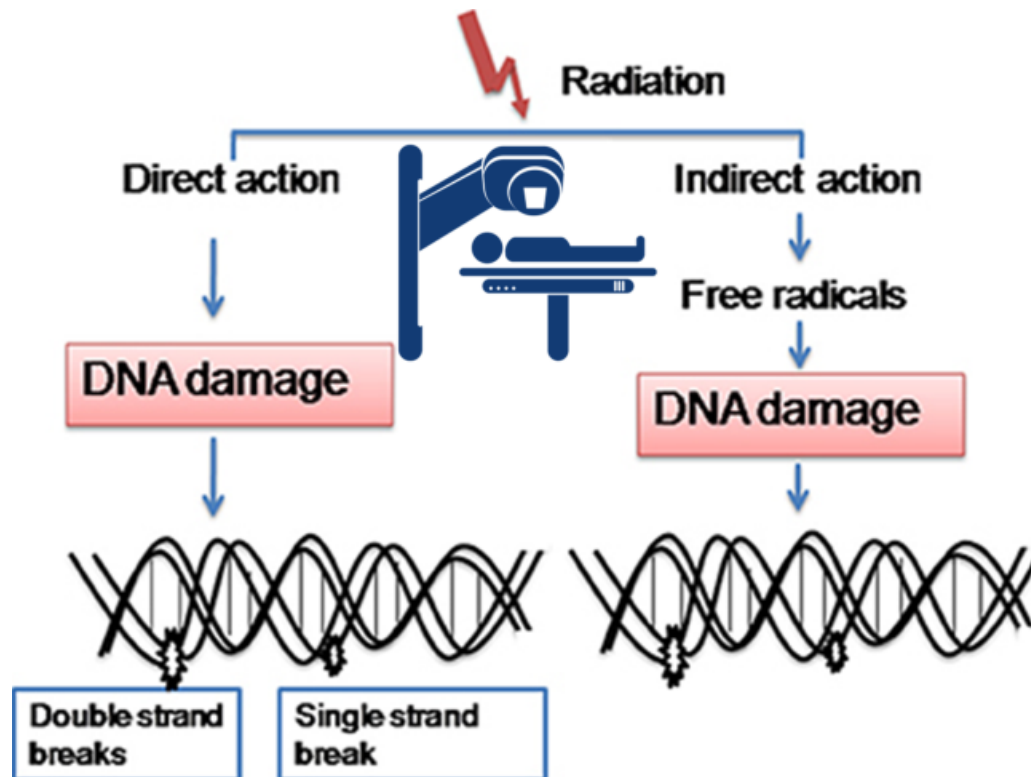
Report	Radical amputation or radical resection	Wide local excision	Marginal resection
Cantin, 1968	18%	30%	42%
Gerner, 1975	8%	60%	93%
Abbass, 1981	8%	36%	65%
Leibel, 1982	13%	28%	70%
Enneking, 1981	4%	25%	50%
Markhede, 1982	0%		76%
Rydholm, 1987		27%	
Shiu, 1975	18%		
Potter, 1986	0%		
Wiliard, 1992	6%		

# Local Recurrence



# The Role of Radiation

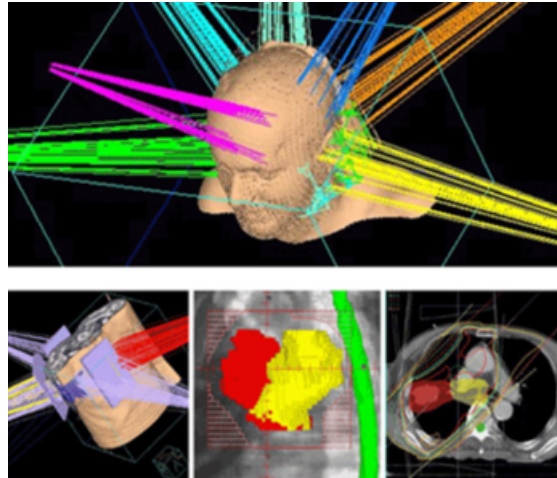
# How Does Radiation Work?



# Adjuvant Radiation

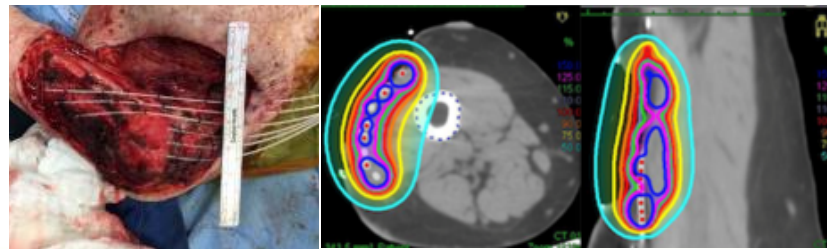
## I. External beam radiation

- I. Preoperative
- II. Postoperative



## II. Brachytherapy

- I. Immediate reconstruction
- II. Staged reconstruction

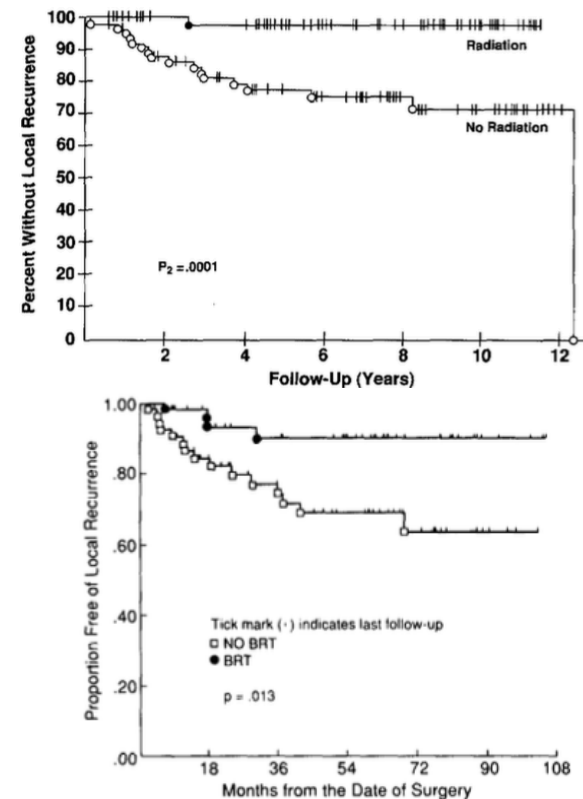


# Adjuvant Radiation

## LSS alone vs. LSS + adjuvant RT

- External beam radiation (EBRT)<sup>1</sup>
  - Improved local control
  - EBRT vs. no EBRT (98% vs. 72%,  $p=.001$ )
- Adjuvant brachytherapy (BRT)<sup>2</sup>
  - Improved 5-year LC (BRT vs. No BRT)
  - Overall (82% vs. 67%,  $p=.049$ )
  - High grade (90% vs. 65%,  $p=.013$ )
  - Low grade (NSS)

LC = local control.



1. Yang JC, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 1998;16:197-203. 2. Harrison LB, et al. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys*. 1993;27:259-65.

# Preop RT vs. Postop RT: Preop RT Benefit

## Preop RT benefits (vs. postop)

1. Require lower dose: 50Gy vs. 66Gy
  - Well oxygenated tumor = improved RT efficacy
  - Potential long-term toxicity benefit<sup>1</sup>
2. Fewer fractions
  - Decreased cost and improved patient convenience
3. Smaller RT volumes
  - Not include surgically manipulated tissues, drains, incision
  - Known long-term toxicity benefit
4. Tumor response/Shrink
  - Improve R0 resection<sup>2</sup>
5. Disease control benefit
  - LC benefit on meta-analysis<sup>3</sup>
  - LC, DM, OS<sup>4</sup>
  - OS benefit on trial<sup>5</sup>
  - Explanation:
    - Easier to define lesion
    - Prevent tumor seeding during surgery
    - Possible immuno-response
    - LC benefit → decrease tumor seeding

LC benefit (76 vs. 67%)<sup>3</sup>

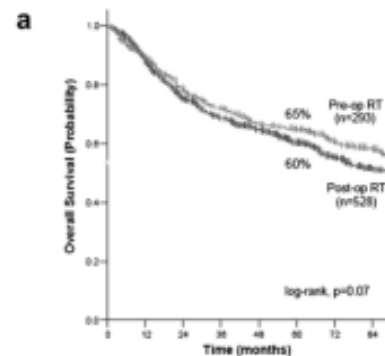
DM = distant metastasis; OS = overall survival.

Citation	Effect Name	Pre-Op	Post-Op	P Value	Pre-Op	Post-Op	Effect	Lower	Upper
Chang	Local recurrence	7/48	6/63	0.384			1.660	0.517	5.272
Kuklo	Local recurrence	3/59	7/58	0.177			0.390	0.096	1.590
SUT	Local recurrence	6/60	13/110	0.719			0.829	0.298	2.306
Zagers	Local recurrence	36/271	56/246	0.006			0.520	0.328	0.824
Random combined (4)		52/438	82/478	0.146			0.671	0.392	1.148

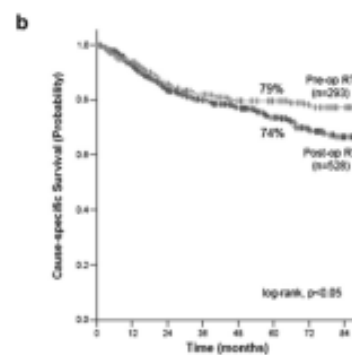
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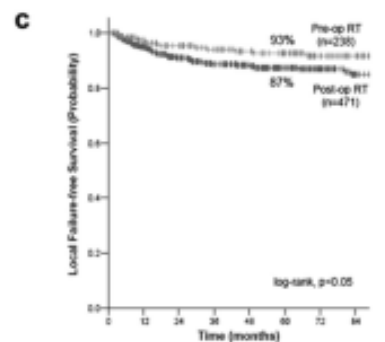
# Preop RT vs. Postop RT: Preop RT Detriment



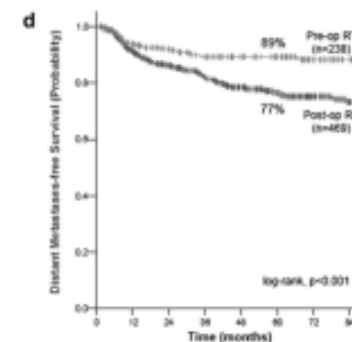
Patients at risk								
Pre-op RT	293	244	205	178	154	139	106	88
Post-op RT	528	438	342	292	240	191	133	87



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Post-op RT	528	435	340	291	238	189	132	85



Patients at risk								
Pre-op RT	264	227	202	176	152	135	104	88
Post-op RT	475	385	297	250	205	167	116	74



Patients at risk								
Pre-op RT	262	195	170	151	132	119	92	74
Post-op RT	469	368	298	253	201	159	112	68

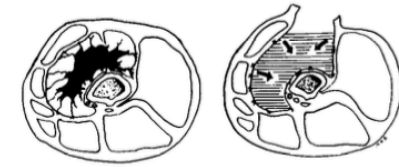
## Preop RT detriment (vs. postop)

1. Doubles acute major wound complications (35% vs. 17%)
2. Possible tumor progression

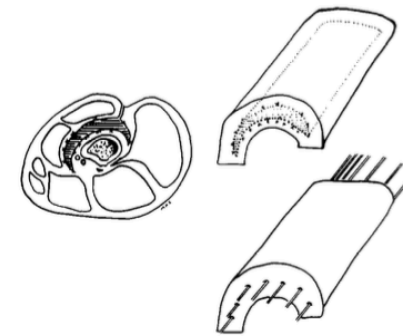
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# Brachytherapy

- en bloc WLE
- Single-plane of catheters
  - 1-cm intervals
  - parallel to the wound bed
  - LDR: 40–200 cGy/hr
  - HDR: >1200 cGy/hr
- Localized radiation dose
  - Decreased normal tissue re-irradiation

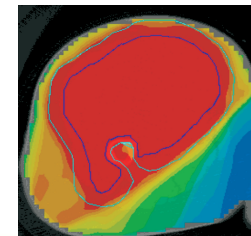


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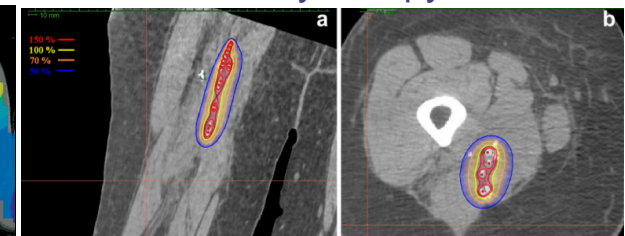


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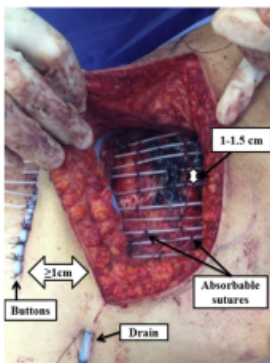


Brachytherapy



HDR = high dose rate; LDR = low dose rate; WLE = wide local excision.

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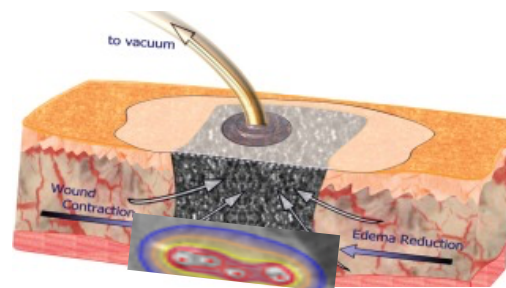
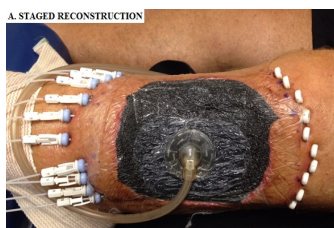
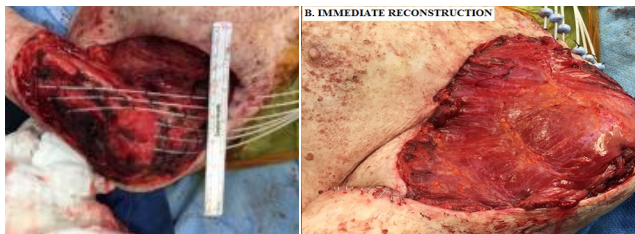


## Catheter Placement

- Surgeon and radiation oncologist identify areas of highest risk of microscopic disease
- Direct visualization of treatment field with surgical clips aid in treatment planning
- Catheters positioned in tumor bed and sewn with absorbable sutures
- Buttons anchor catheters to skin surface

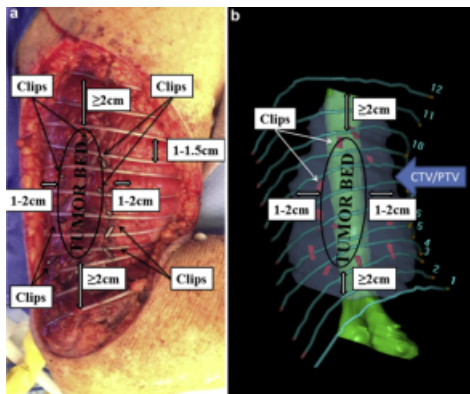
## Closure

- **Immediate reconstruction (IR)**
  - “Traditional technique”
  - Immediate closure
  - Postoperative RT >5 days
- **Staged reconstruction (SR)**
  - Temporary closure
  - Wound VAC
  - RT day 1-4 postop
  - “Staged” closure



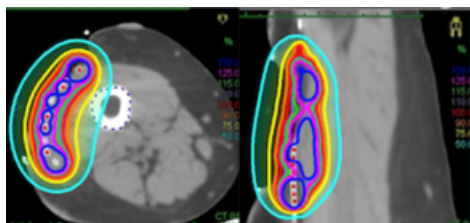
VAC = vacuum assisted closure.

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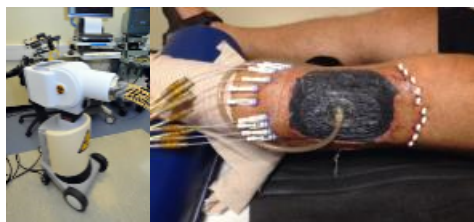
### Computed tomography (CT) simulation:

- CT scan used to digitize catheters
- Clips outline tumor bed and aids in planning



### Radiation planning

- HDR brachytherapy: customizable radiation dose delivery
- High dose to area at risk
- Rapid drop off in dose to normal structures (e.g. bone, muscle, nerve, joints, etc.)



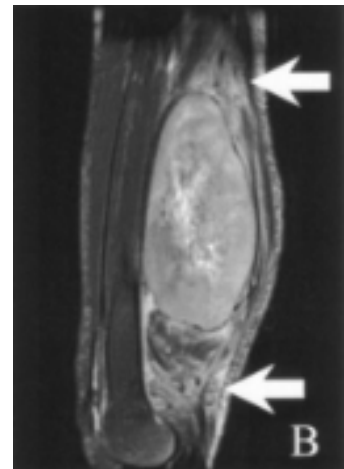
### Treatment delivery (outpatient)

- Radioactive isotope in the afterloader (left)
- Wires feed isotope into each catheter
- Treatment delivered in <30 min, treated bid (>6 hours between treatments)
- After treatment completion catheters removed as outpatient

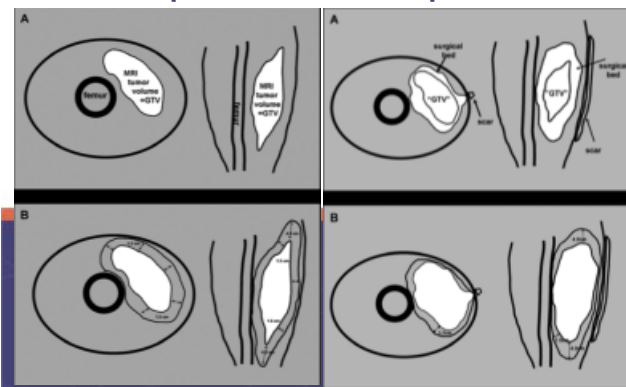
# Toxicities

# Background

- History of RT volumes used
- 1970s–1980s: 10-cm margins (5 cm for low grade)
- 1990s: NCIC study used 5 cm margins
  - Histologic data showed MRI signal 0-7.1 cm, mean 2.5
  - Tumor cells seen in 10/15 cases most within 1 cm but up to 4 cm from mass
    - Presence of tumor cells not correlate with edema/tumor size
    - 9/10 cases were within edema
- O'Sullivan phase II preop IG-IMRT 4 cm longitudinal



Preoperative vs. Postoperative



Tepper J, et al. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys.* 1982;8:263-73; White LM, et al. *Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys.* 2005;61:1439-45; O'Sullivan B, et al. *Cancer.* 2013;119:1878-84.

# Radiation Sequelae

- Impaired wound healing 15–40%
- Edema ~20%
- Fibrosis, decreased ROM ~20%
- Bone fracture 2–10%
- Peripheral nerve injury 1–10%
- Secondary malignancy <1%/year

ROM = range of motion.



# Mitigating Toxicity

- Appropriate patient selection
  - e.g., wound complication risk (PVD, DM, etc.)
- Acute toxicity
  - Flap sparing<sup>1</sup>
  - RT to surgery  $\leq 6$  weeks<sup>2</sup>
  - Wound VAC
- Long-term sequelae
  - Larger field size correlates with:<sup>3</sup>
    - Fibrosis ( $p=.002$ )
    - Joint stiffness ( $p=.006$ )
    - Edema ( $p=.06$ )
  - Improve targeting
    - Image guidance (RTOG 0630)
    - Conformal treatment (IMRT)<sup>4</sup>
    - Concise treatment volumes (RTOG 0630)
  - Reduced dose
    - $>63$  Gy: pain, edema, decreased ROM<sup>5</sup>
    - $>60$  Gy: fracture<sup>6</sup>

DM = diabetes mellitus; PVD = peripheral vascular disease.

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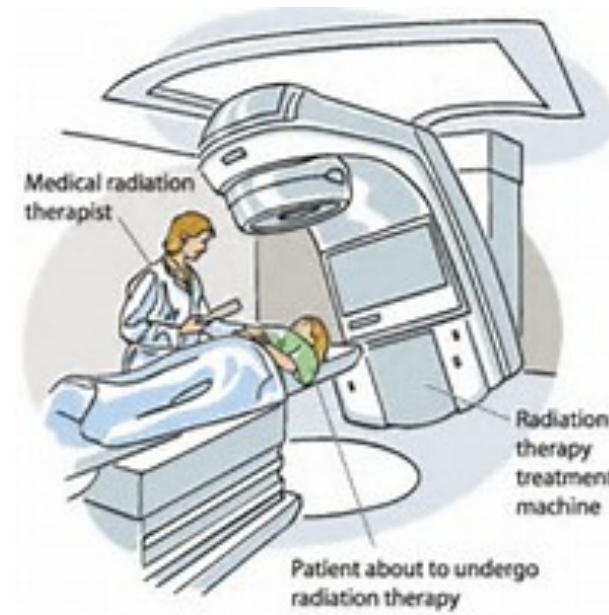
# Systemic Therapy Options



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# Systemic Therapy Options for Soft-Tissue Sarcoma

- Classic agents: Doxorubicin, ifosfamide
- Combos
  - Doxorubicin, olaratumab
  - Doxorubicin, ifosfamide
  - Doxorubicin, dacarbazine
  - Gemcitabine, docetaxel
- Additional agents: Liposomal doxorubicin, topotecan, irinotecan, etoposide, vinorelbine, temozolomide, epirubicin, trabectedin, eribulin, pazopanib

# Doxorubicin Use in Sarcomas

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## PHASE II EVALUATION OF ADRIAMYCIN IN HUMAN NEOPLASIA

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Four hundred and seventy-two patients with disseminated neoplasia were treated with two or more doses of adriamycin. The initial dose for "good risk" patients was 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks, and for "poor risk" patients was 60 mg/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 weeks. Objective remissions were seen in 118/472 patients, with best results noted in lymphomas (21/48), sarcomas (21/64), and carcinoma of the breast (16/50). Eighty-nine per cent of remissions occurred within three courses. Hematopoietic toxic effects were seen in 73% of patients; nausea, vomiting, and/or stomatitis were observed in 43%. Changes in electrocardiograms were seen in 42/472 patients after cumulative doses of adriamycin ranging from 45 mg/m<sup>2</sup> to 600+mg/m<sup>2</sup>. Irreversible congestive heart failure occurred in two patients after cumulative doses of 555 mg/m<sup>2</sup> and 825 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. It is concluded that adriamycin is an active agent, most remissions occur promptly, and significant cardio-toxic reactions appear to be cumulative.

# History of Drug Development for Treatment of STS

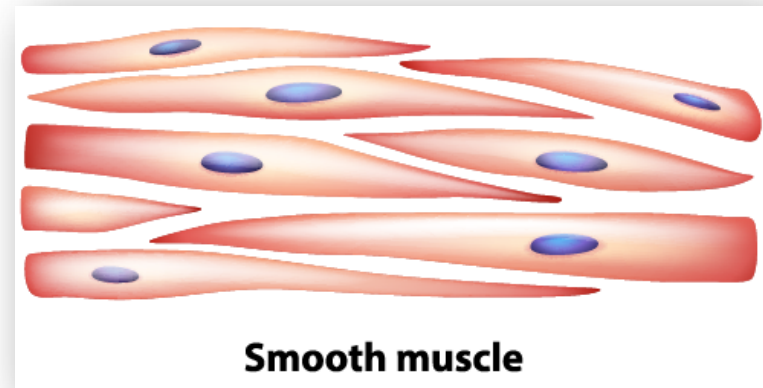
- 1970s: Doxorubicin – STS
- 1980s: Ifosfamide – STS



- 2002: Imatinib – GIST (Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor)

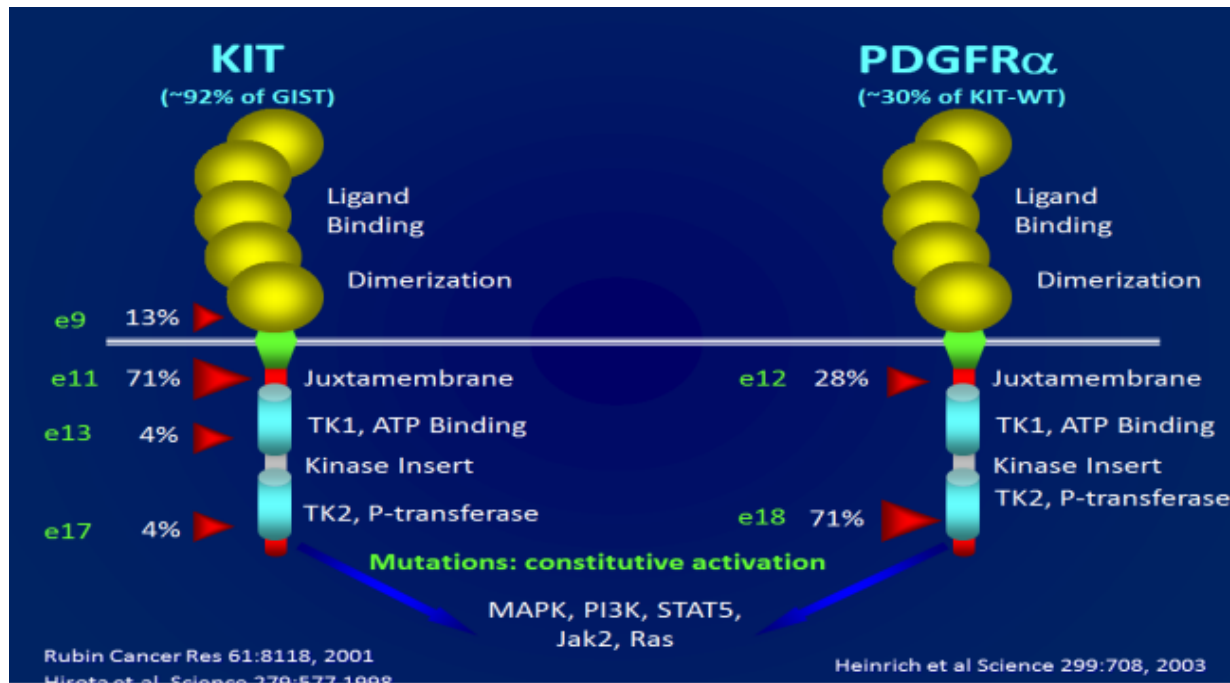
# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

- GISTs originally thought to derive from smooth muscle
- Some had ultrastructural evidence of autonomic neural differentiation (gastrointestinal autonomic nerve tumors [GANTs])



# Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors

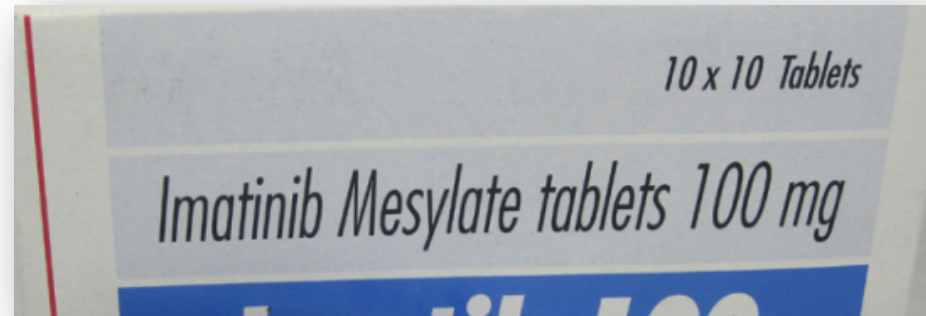
KIT tyrosine kinase is constitutively phosphorylated and mutated in GIST





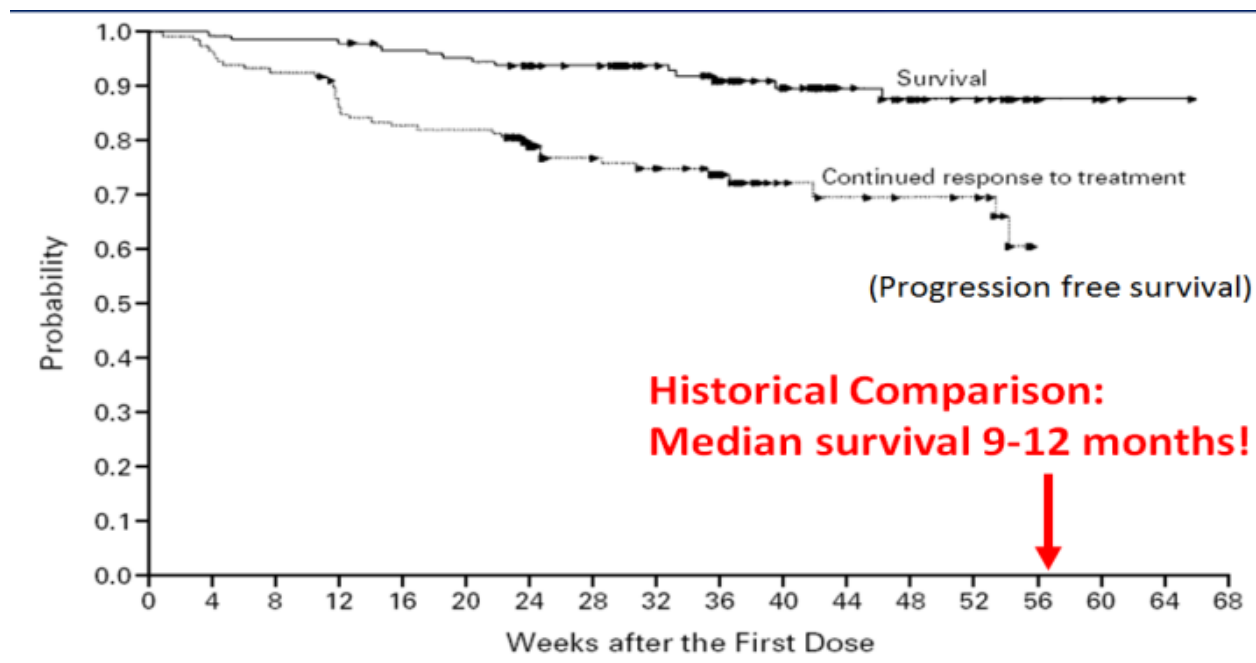
# Imatinib

- FDA approved for adjuvant therapy
- FDA approved for locally advanced, unresectable, and metastatic GIST





# Efficacy and Safety of Imatinib Mesylate in Advanced GIST



Demetri GD, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2002;347:472-80.

# Imatinib: Toxicities

- Edema 11–86%
  - Peripheral edema 41%
  - Facial edema 17%
- Skin rash 9–50%
- Gastrointestinal
  - Nausea 41–73%
  - Diarrhea 25–59%
  - Vomiting 11–58%
  - Anorexia 36%
- Ophthalmic
  - Periorbital edema 15–74%
- Hepatic
  - Increased AST/ALT 34–38%
  - Increased bili 13%
- Renal
  - Increased serum creatinine 44%

ALT = alanine transaminase; AST = aspartate transaminase.

# History of Drug Development for Treatment of STS



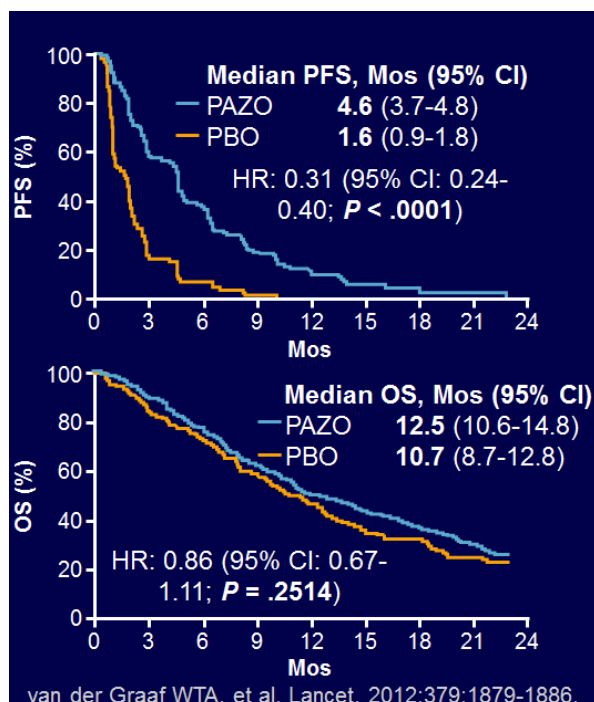
- Novel therapeutics
  - Pazopanib (PALETTE): 2012
    - STS (except LPS)
  - Trabectedin: 2015
  - Eribulin: 2016
  - Olaratumab (+ doxorubicin): 2016

LPS = liposarcoma.

# Novel Therapy: Pazopanib

- Multi-tyrosine kinase inhibitor with antiangiogenic properties
  - Targets VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, VEGFR-3, PDGFR $\alpha$ , PDGFR $\beta$ , FGFR-1, FGFR-3, Kit, Itk, Lck, c-Fms
- FDA indications
  - Patients with advanced STS having previously received chemotherapy
    - Efficacy for adipocytic STS/GIST has not been demonstrated
  - Patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma

# PALETTE: Efficacy



Toxicity	Pazopanib (n = 239)	Placebo (n = 123)
<b>Any-grade AE,* %</b>		
Fatigue	65	49
Diarrhea	58	16
Nausea	54	28
Weight loss	48	20
Hypertension	41	7
Anorexia	40	20
Hair hypopig	38	2
Vomiting	33	11
<b>Increased liver enzymes, %</b>		
ALT	10	3
AST	8	2
Total bilirubin	2	2
*Incidence > 30% in any group.		

# Pazopanib: Toxicities

- Cardiovascular
  - HTN 40–42%
  - Cardiac Insufficiency 11–13%
- Endocrine
  - Weight loss 48%
  - hypothyroidism
- Gastrointestinal
  - Diarrhea 59%
  - Nausea 56%
  - Anorexia 22%
- Dermatologic
  - Hair discoloration 39%
  - Hand-foot syndrome 11%
- Hematologic
  - Leukopenia 44%
  - Thrombocytopenia 36%
- Hepatic
  - Increased AST/ALT 53%
  - Increased bili 36%

HTN = hypertension.

Information from Lexicomp.com

# Novel Therapy: Trabectedin



- Alkylating agent that bends the DNA helix via minor groove guanine binding; affects DNA-binding proteins, perturbs cell cycle, induces cell death
- FDA Indications: Unresectable/mets liposarcoma or leiomyosarcoma, previously treated with anthracycline-containing regimen

# Trabectedin vs Dacarbazine: Efficacy

Endpoint	Trabectedin (n = 345)	Dacarbazine (n = 173)	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Median OS, mos*	12.4	12.9	0.87	.37
<b>Median PFS, mos</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.55 (0.44-0.70)</b>	<b>&lt; .001</b>
TTP, mos	4.2	1.5	0.52 (0.41-0.66)	< .001
ORR, n (%)	34 (10)	12 (7)	1.47 (0.72-3.2)	.33
DoR, mos	6.5	4.2	0.47 (0.17-1.32)	.14
*Interim analysis, 64% censored.				



# Trabectedin: Toxicities

- Cardiovascular
  - Peripheral edema 28%
  - Cardiomyopathy 6%
- Gastrointestinal
  - Nausea 75%
  - Vomiting 46%
  - Constipation 37%
  - Diarrhea 35%
- Neuromuscular
  - Increased CK 33%
  - Arthralgia/Myalgia 15/12%
- Hematologic
  - Anemia 96%
  - Neutropenia 66% with 43% grade 3 or 4
  - Thrombocytopenia 59%, 21% gr 3 or 4
- Hepatic
  - Increased ALT/AST 90%
  - Increased bili 13%
- Renal
  - Increased creatinine 46%

CK = creatine kinase.

# Novel Therapy: Eribulin

- Synthetic analogue of halichondrin B; natural product from marine sponge

*Halichondria okadai*

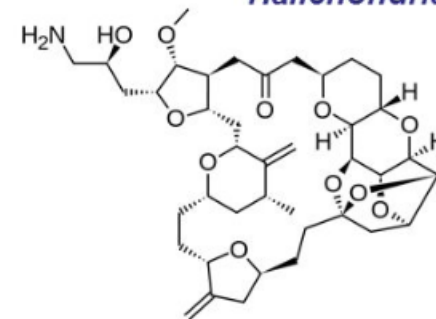
**Microtubule dynamics inhibitor** that sequesters tubulin, disrupts mitotic spindles, and leads to apoptosis

**FDA indication:**

**Unresectable or metastatic liposarcoma previously treated with anthracycline-based regimen; metastatic breast cancer previously treated with  $\geq 2$  chemotherapy regimens**



*Halichondria okadae*



# Eribulin versus dacarbazine in previously treated patients with advanced liposarcoma or leiomyosarcoma: A randomised, open-label, multicentre, phase 3 trial

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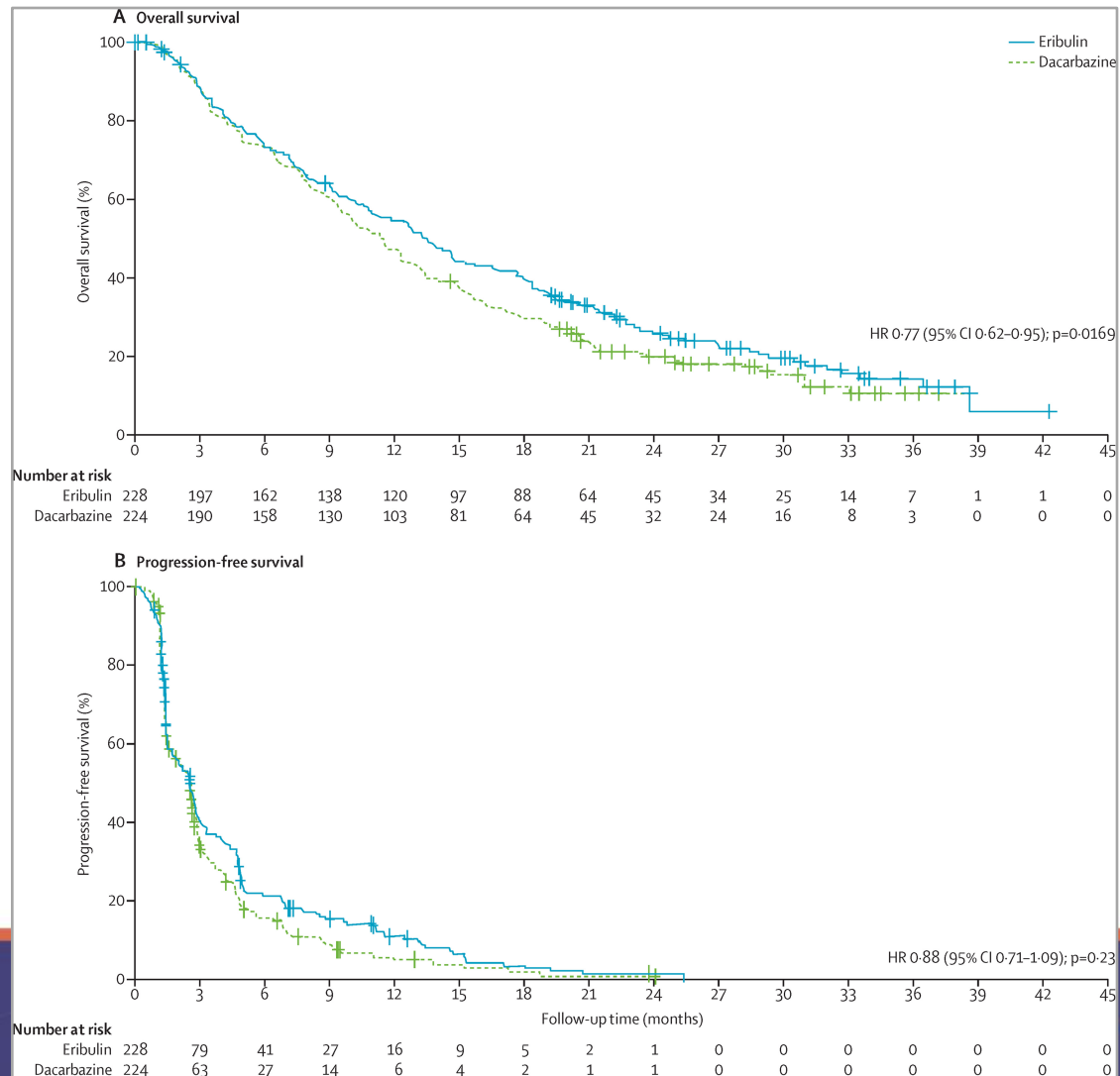
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The first randomized, phase 3 trial of a single-agent systemic therapy with an active control to show a significant improvement in overall survival as the primary endpoint in patients with previously treated advanced leiomyosarcoma and liposarcoma.

# OS and PFS



Schoffski P, et al. *Lancet*. 2016;387:1629-37.

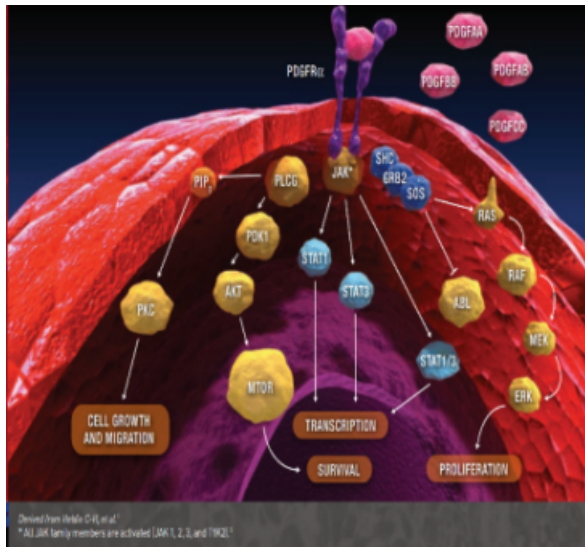
# Eribulin vs Dacarbazine

- Liposarcoma
  - Median OS in the eribulin group was 15.6 months vs 8.4 months in the dacarbazine group
- Leiomyosarcoma
  - Median overall survival was 12.7 months eribulin group vs 13 months in the dacarbazine group

# Eribulin: Toxicities

- Cardiovascular
  - Peripheral edema 12%
- Gastrointestinal
  - Nausea 35–41%
  - Constipation 32%
  - Anorexia 20%
- Endocrine
  - Weight loss 21%
- Hematologic
  - Neutropenia 63–82%
  - Anemia 58–70%
- Miscellaneous
  - Fever 21–28%

# Novel Therapy: Olaratumab

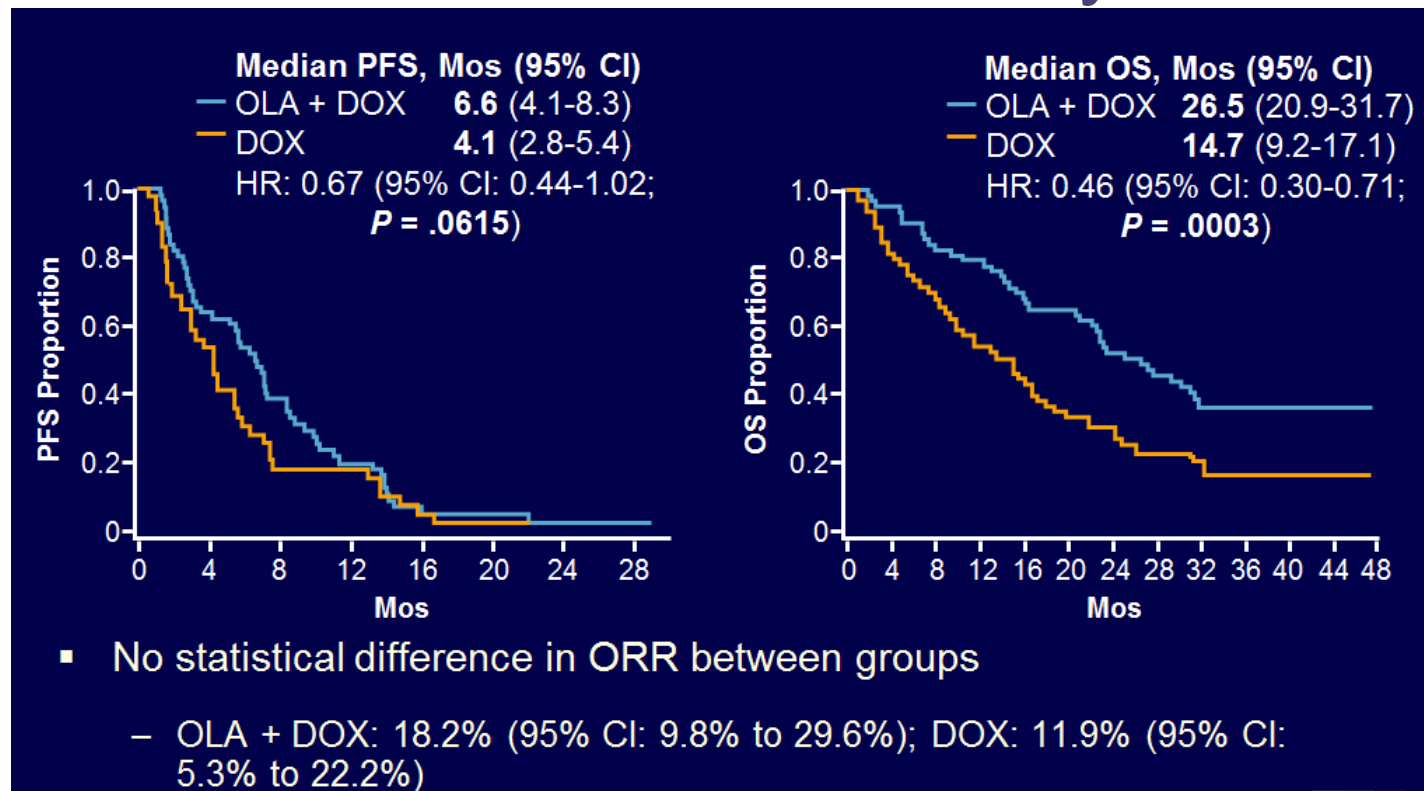


**PDGFR $\alpha$  Antibody**  
Olaratumab, LY3012207, IMC-3G3

**Monoclonal antibody that binds to PDGFR $\alpha$**   
Inhibits PDGF ligand binding and cellular signaling that may lead to cell proliferation, angiogenesis, and recruitment of stromal-derived fibroblasts

**FDA breakthrough therapy designation for soft-tissue sarcoma**

# Doxorubicin ± Olaratumab: Efficacy





# Toxicities: Olaratumab

- Central nervous system
  - Fatigue 69%
  - Headache 20%
- Dermatologic
  - Alopecia 52%
- Endocrine
  - Hyperglycemia 52%
- Hematologic
  - Neutropenia 65%
  - Thrombocytoepnia 63%
- Neuromuscular
  - Musculoskeletal pain 64%



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# Surveillance: NCCN

- Low-grade tumors
  - Local imaging 3–6 mo for 2–3 yr, then annually
    - Consider postop baseline and periodic imaging of the primary site based on estimated risk of LR
  - Consider chest imaging every 6–12 mo
- High-grade tumors
  - Local imaging 3–4 mo for 2 years, 6 mo for 2 yr, then annually
    - Consider postop baseline and periodic imaging of the primary site based on estimated risk of LR
  - Chest imaging 3–6 mo for 2–3 yr, then 6 mo for 2 yr, then annually.

# Multidisciplinary Care

## Working With Surgery

- Toxicity/QOL
  - Concise treatment volumes
    - Tumor localization (e.g. discussion, surgical clips)
  - Closure
    - Flap, wound VAC
    - Determine proper wound healing before starting adjuvant treatment
  - Timing
    - Coordinate to ensure <6-8 weeks between preop-RT and surgery
- Improving disease control
  - Concise treatment volumes
    - Areas concerning for close/positive margins
    - Areas difficult to obtain R0 (retroperitoneal, abutting NVB)
    - Brachytherapy: direct interaction and visualized field

NVB = neurovascular bundle.

# Multidisciplinary Care (cont.)

## Working With Medical Oncology

- Toxicity/quality of life
  - Evaluating appropriate overlap in care
  - Managing hematologic issues

# Multidisciplinary Care (cont.)

## Patient-Centric Care

- Multidisciplinary tumor board
- Evaluate patient's personal goals
- Coordinate toxicity care and follow-up between specialties

# Summary

- Varied group of tumors
- Large, deep, fixed, heterogenous with necrosis on MRI = high grade
- Treatment: Resection/chemotherapy/XRT for high grade sarcomas (multimodule approach)
- Surveillance



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