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Ovarian Cancer

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Learning Objectives

- 1) Review primary systemic treatment options for epithelial ovarian cancer
- 2) Review current indications for targeted therapy of ovarian cancer



Ovarian Cancer

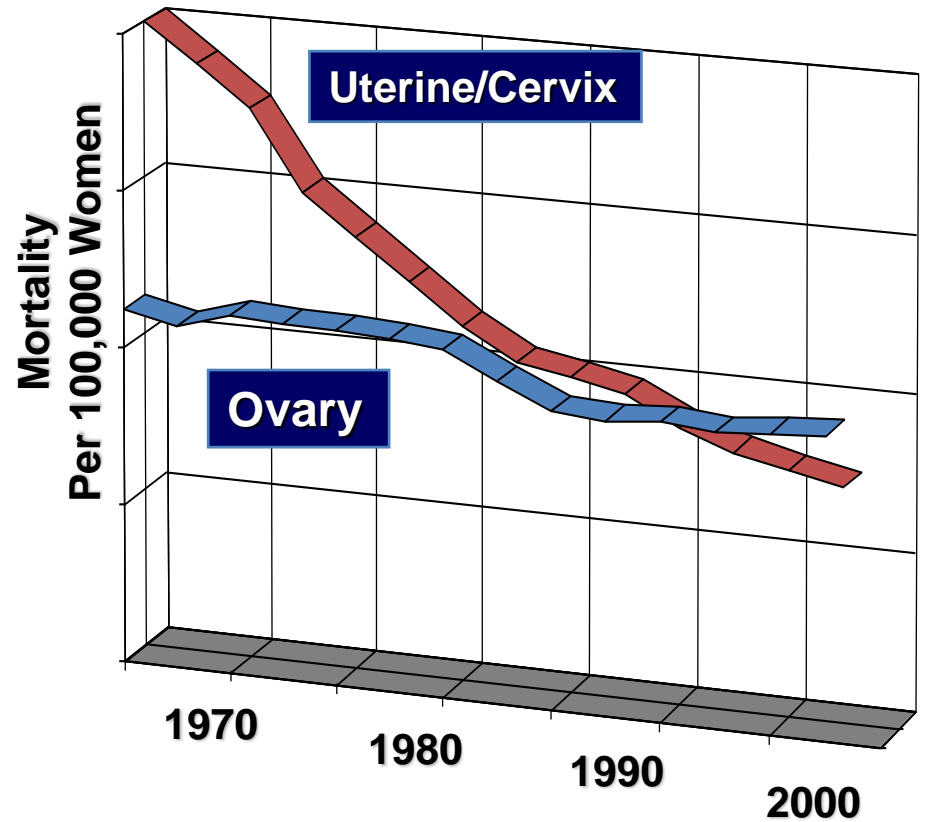
- Germ Cell
- Stromal cell
- Epithelial



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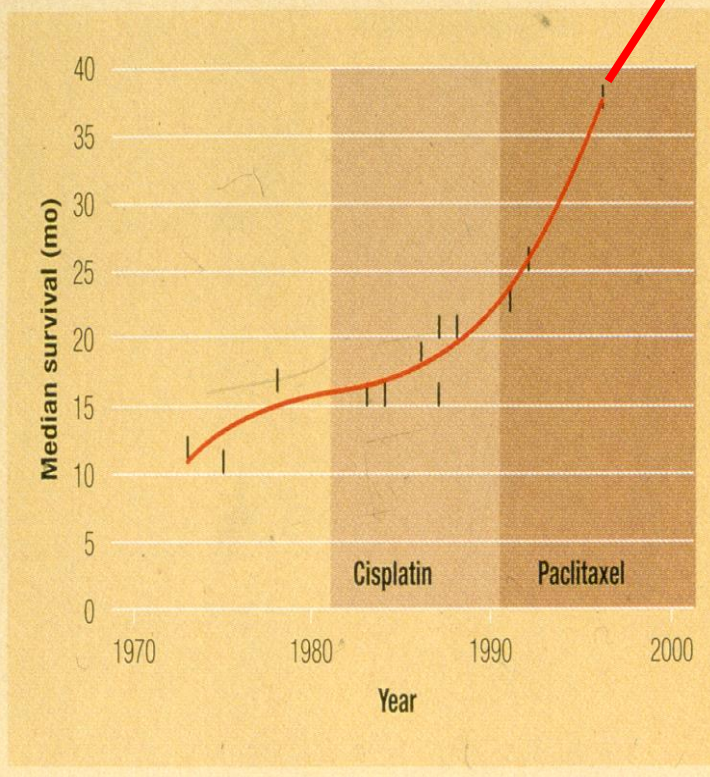
The Impact of Ovarian Cancer

- Estimated incidence and mortality in the United States (2006)¹
 - 20,810 new cases
 - 15,310 deaths
- Approximately 6% of all cancer deaths in women
- 10-year survival: 8%–20%²



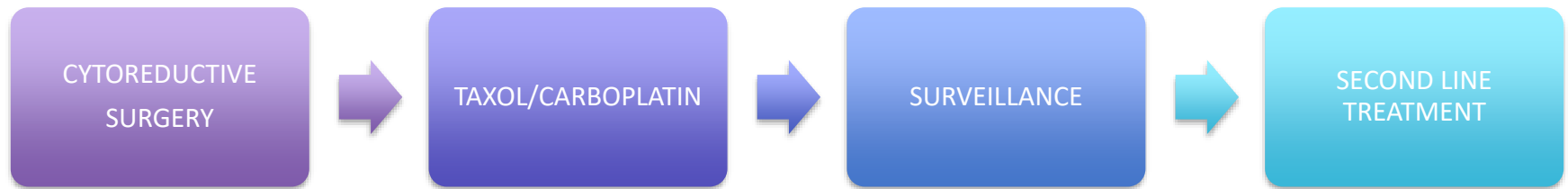
Advanced Ovarian Cancer

Median survival in ovarian cancer: 1973 to present



| Study | Agent | Median Survival (Best Arm) |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GOG 22 1983 | Ctxn, Doxo | 14.2 mo. |
| GOG 47 1986 | Ctxn, Doxo, CDDP (CAP) | 19.7 mo. |
| GOG 111 1996 | Paclitaxel, CDDP | 38 mo. |
| GOG 104 1996 | IP CDDP | 49 mo. |
| GOG 114 2001 | IP CDDP, IP Paclitaxel | 63 mo. |
| GOG 172 2006 | IP CDDP, IP Paclitaxel | 67 mo. |

Natural History

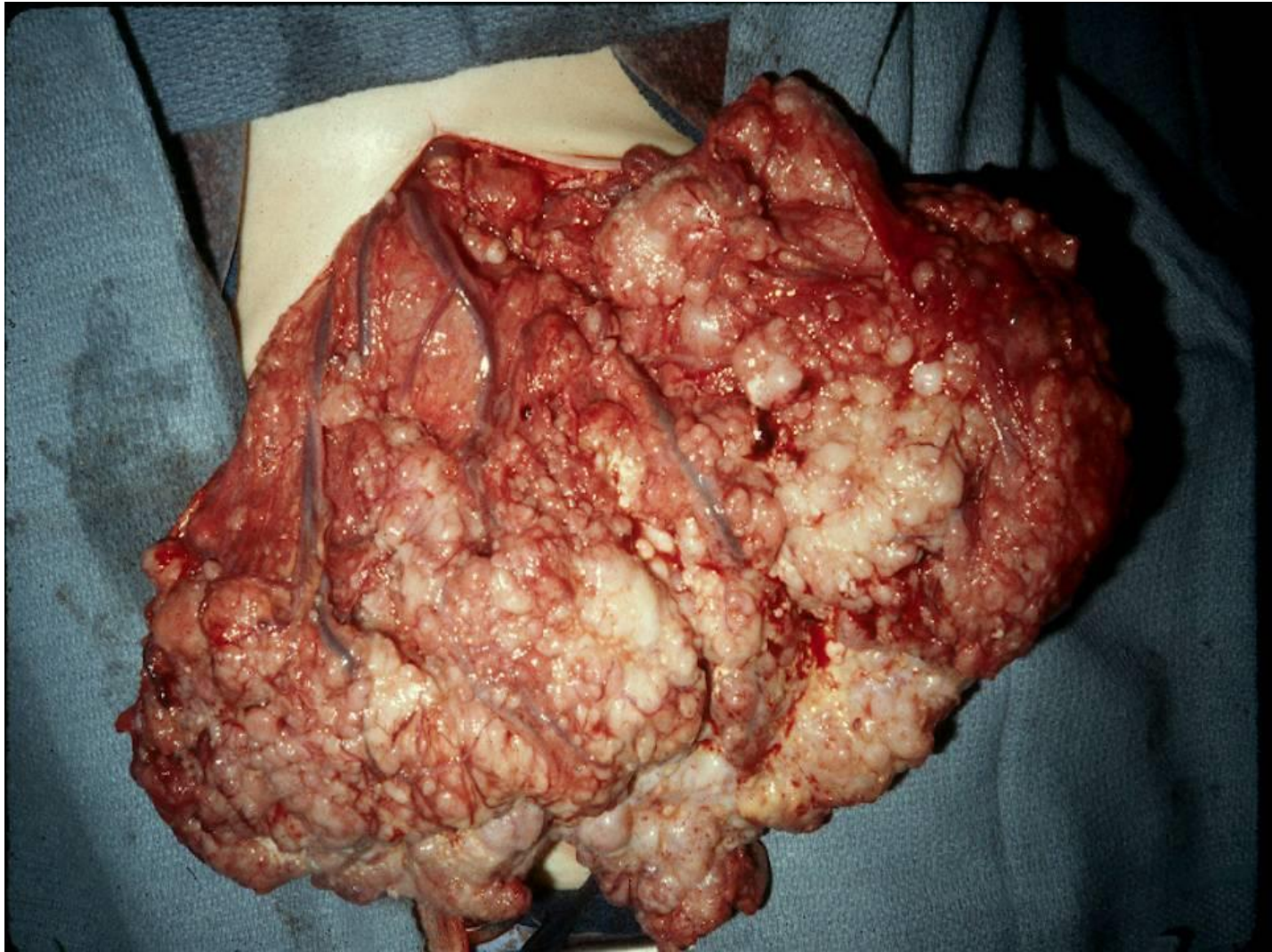


Tumor Reductive Surgery

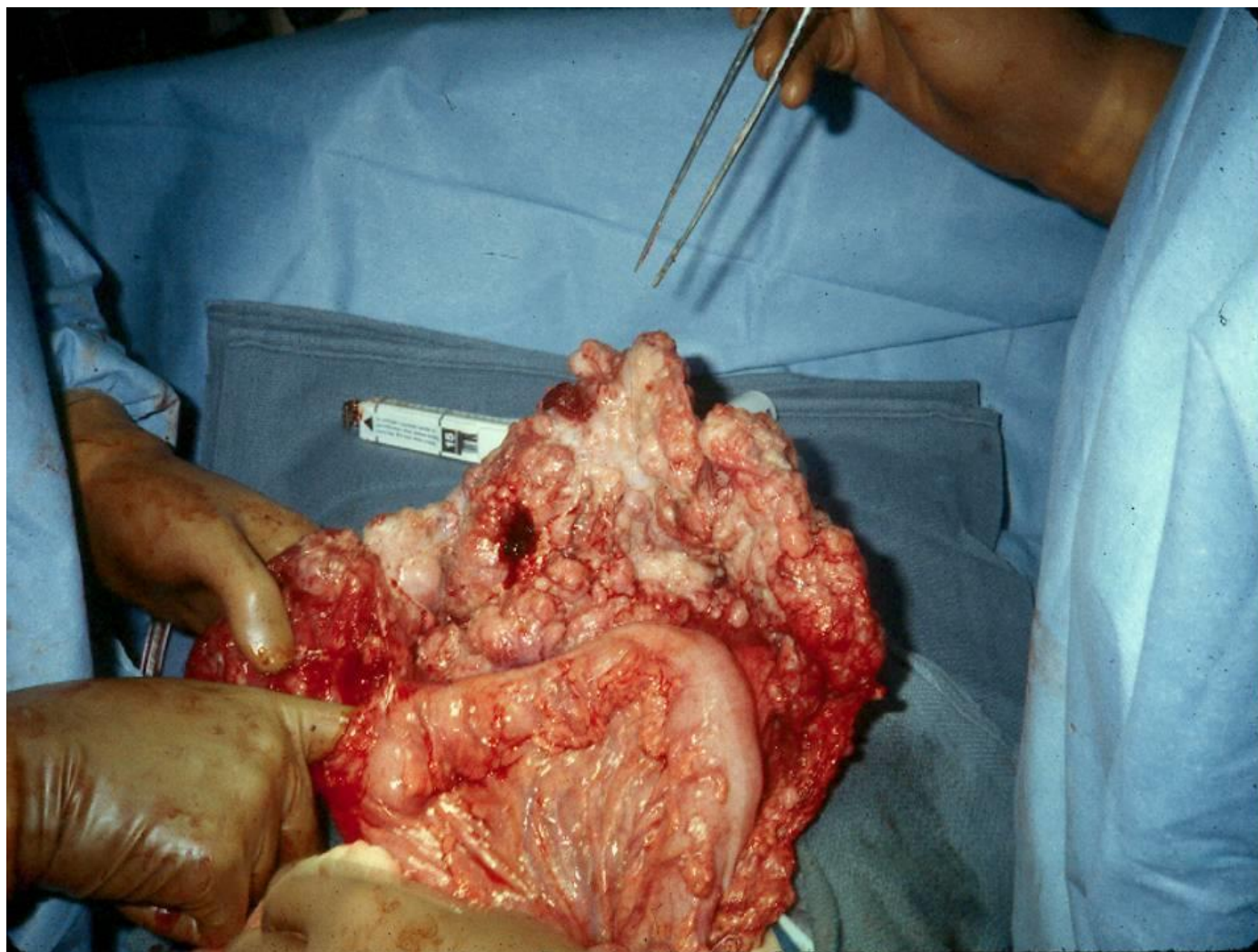
Defined not by the surgery performed or the amount of tumor removed but by how large the residual disease is.



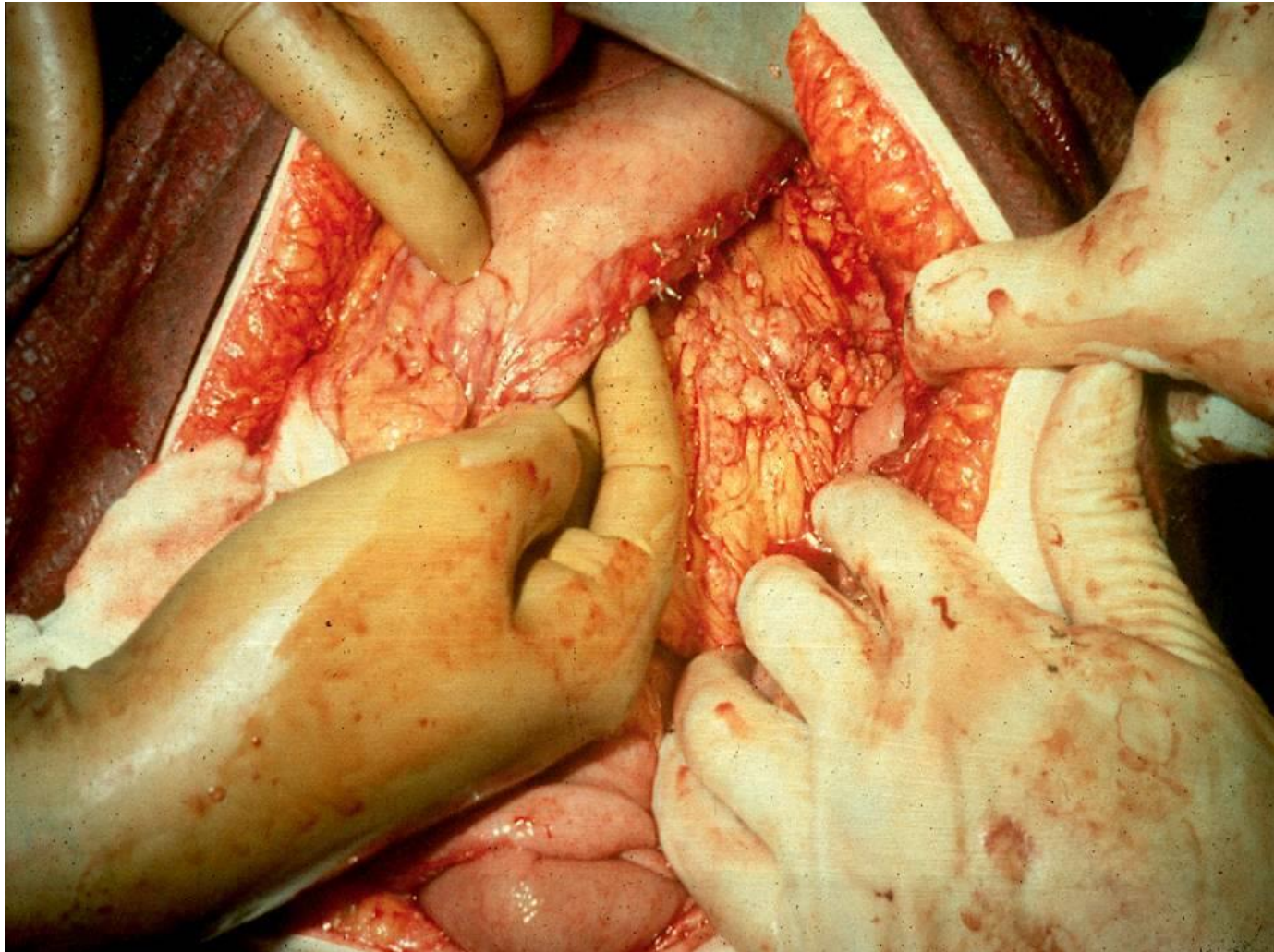
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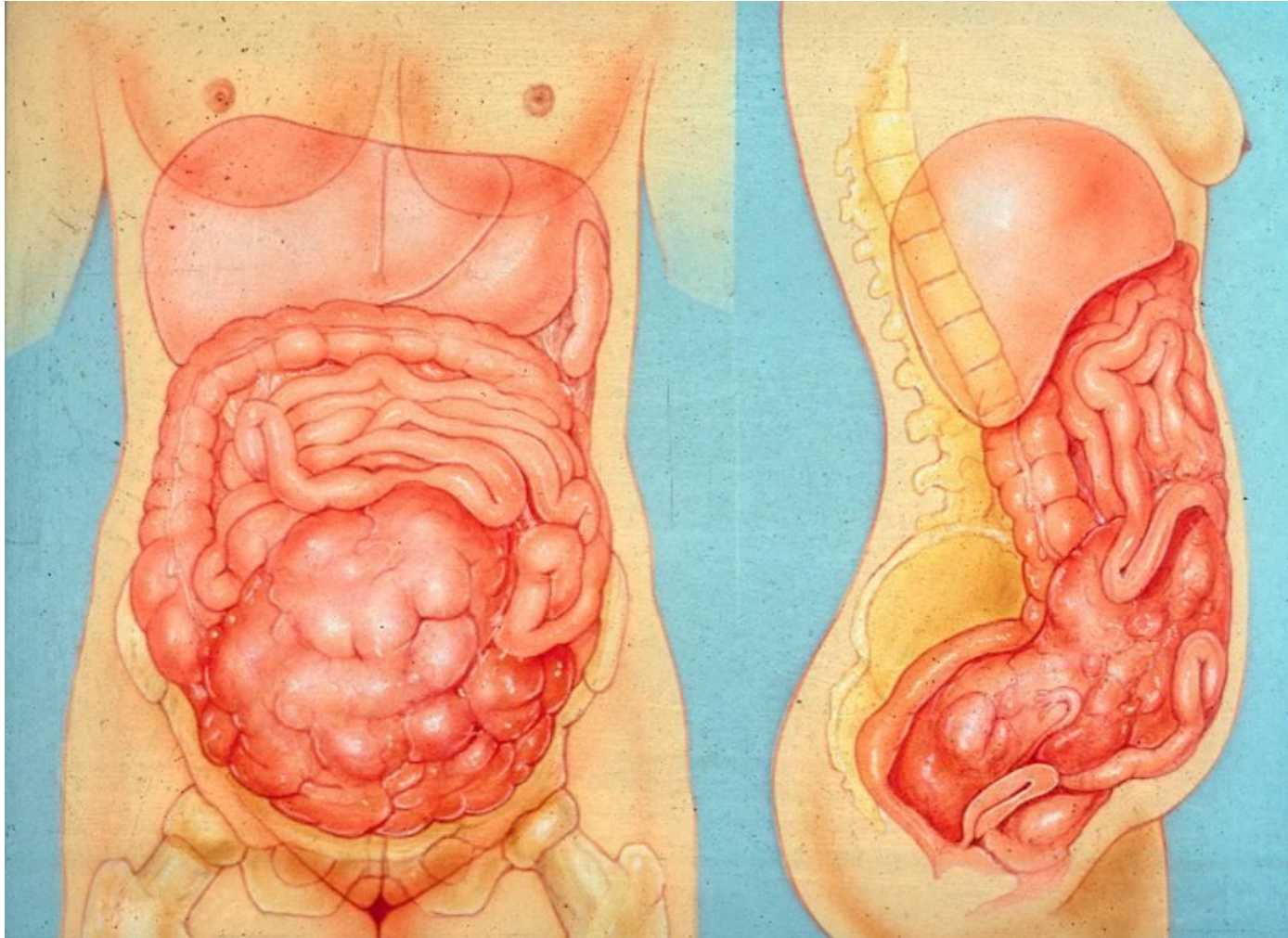
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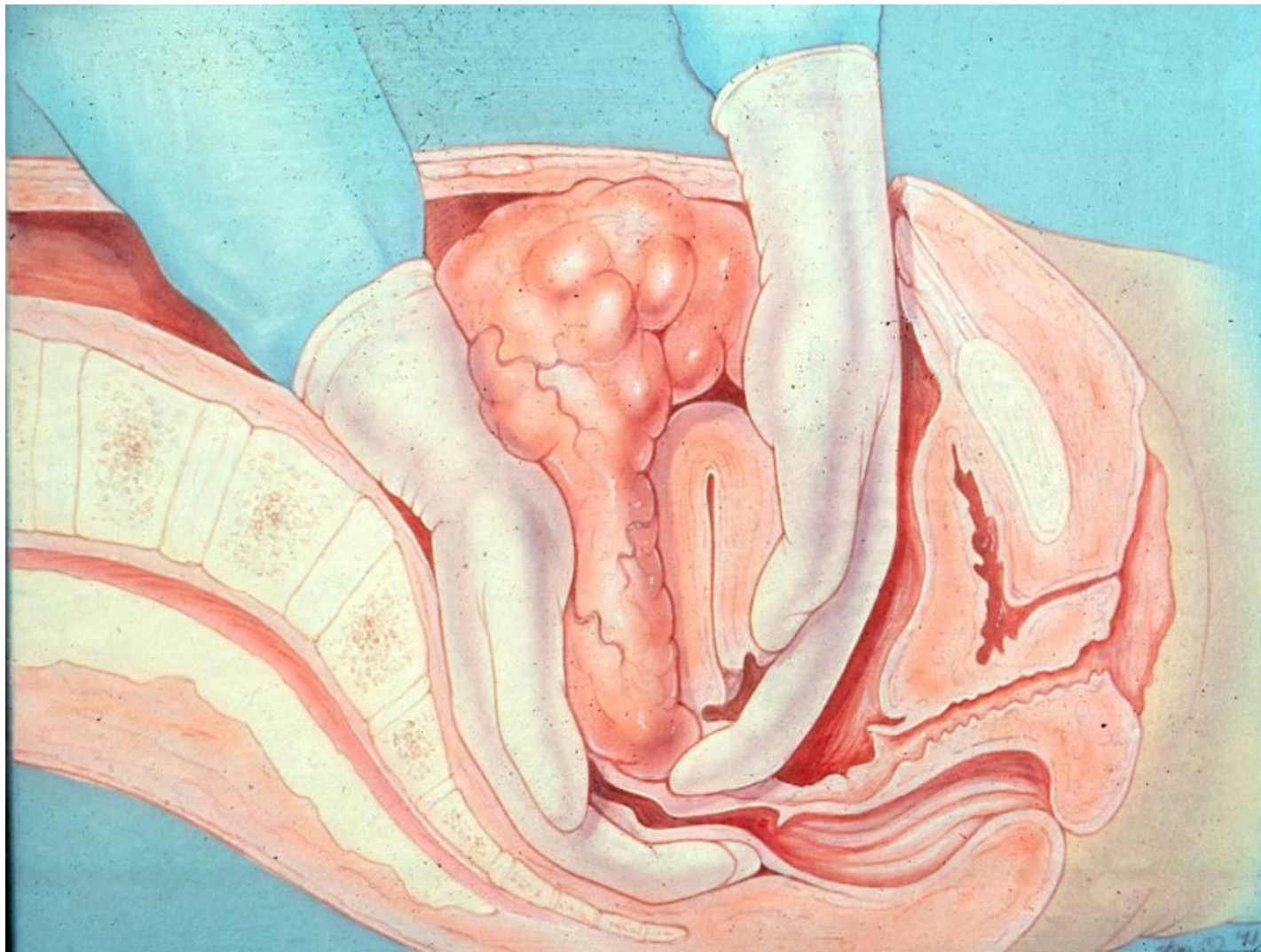


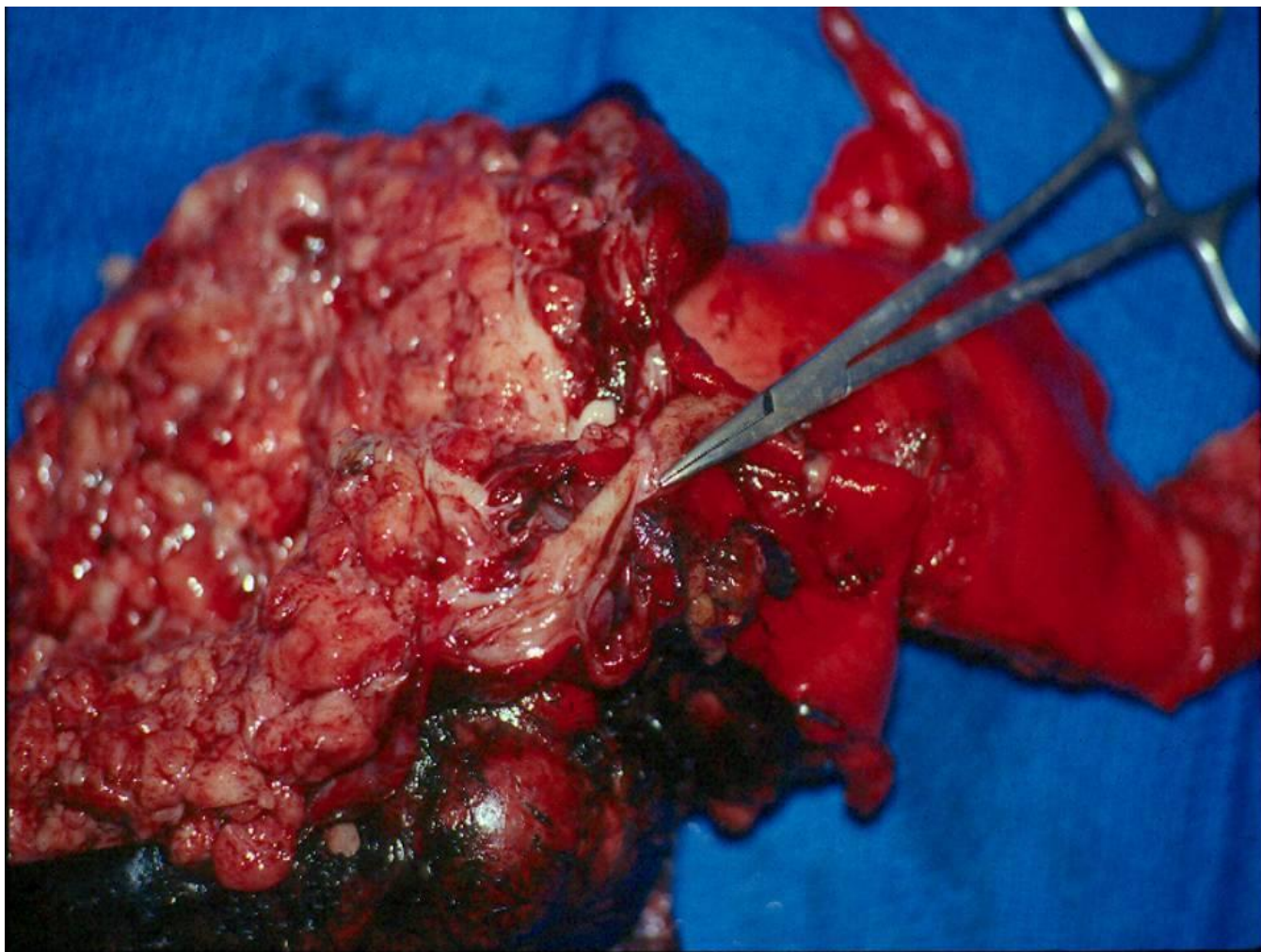
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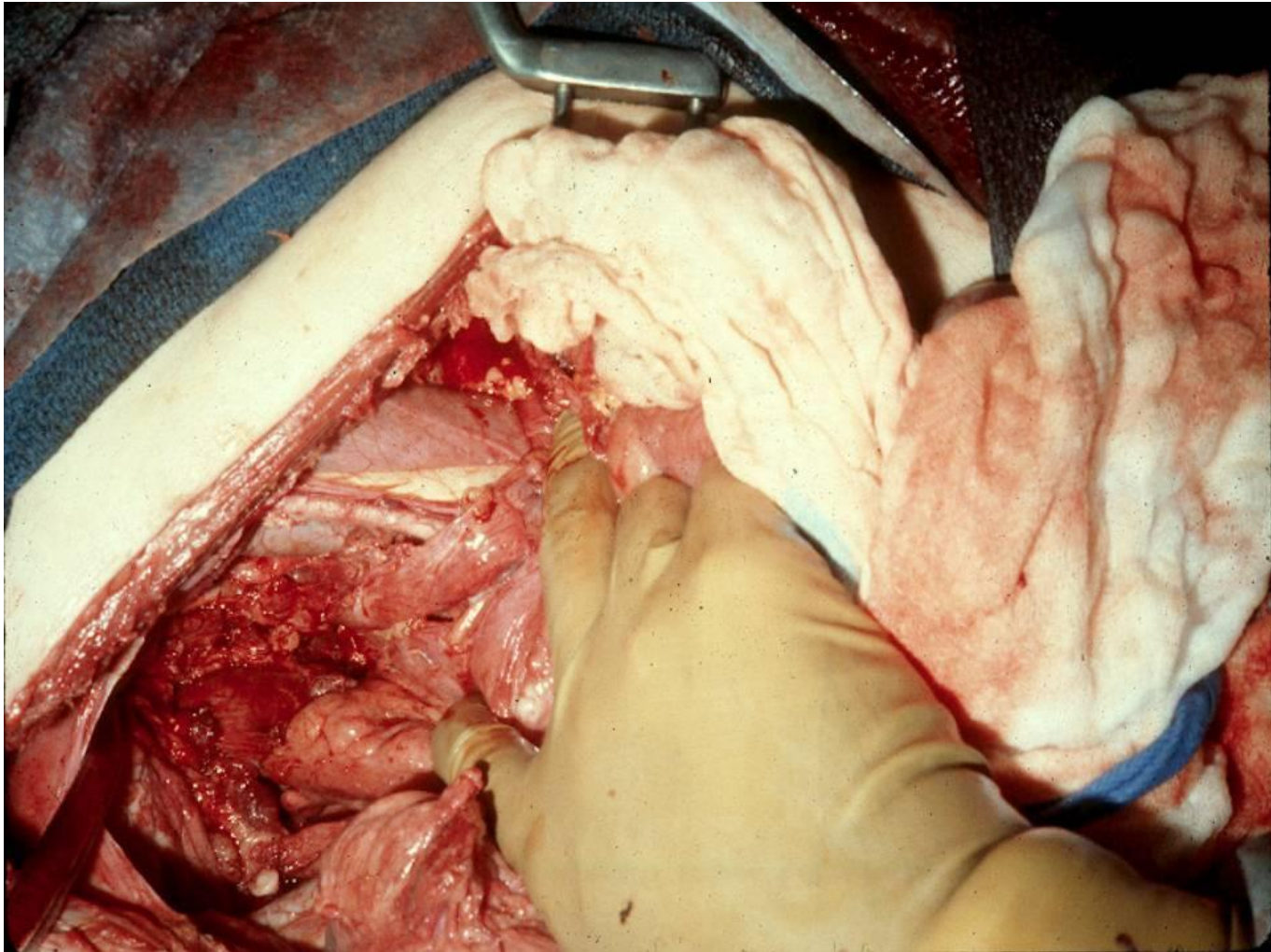
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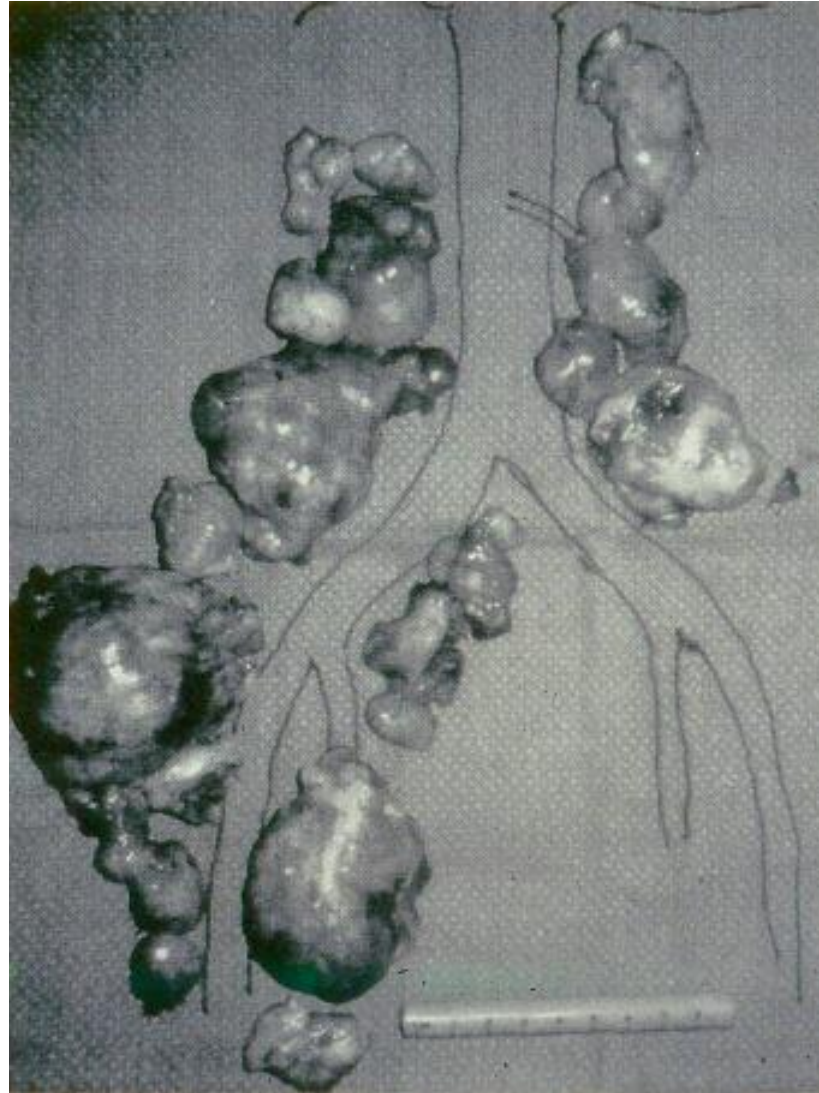




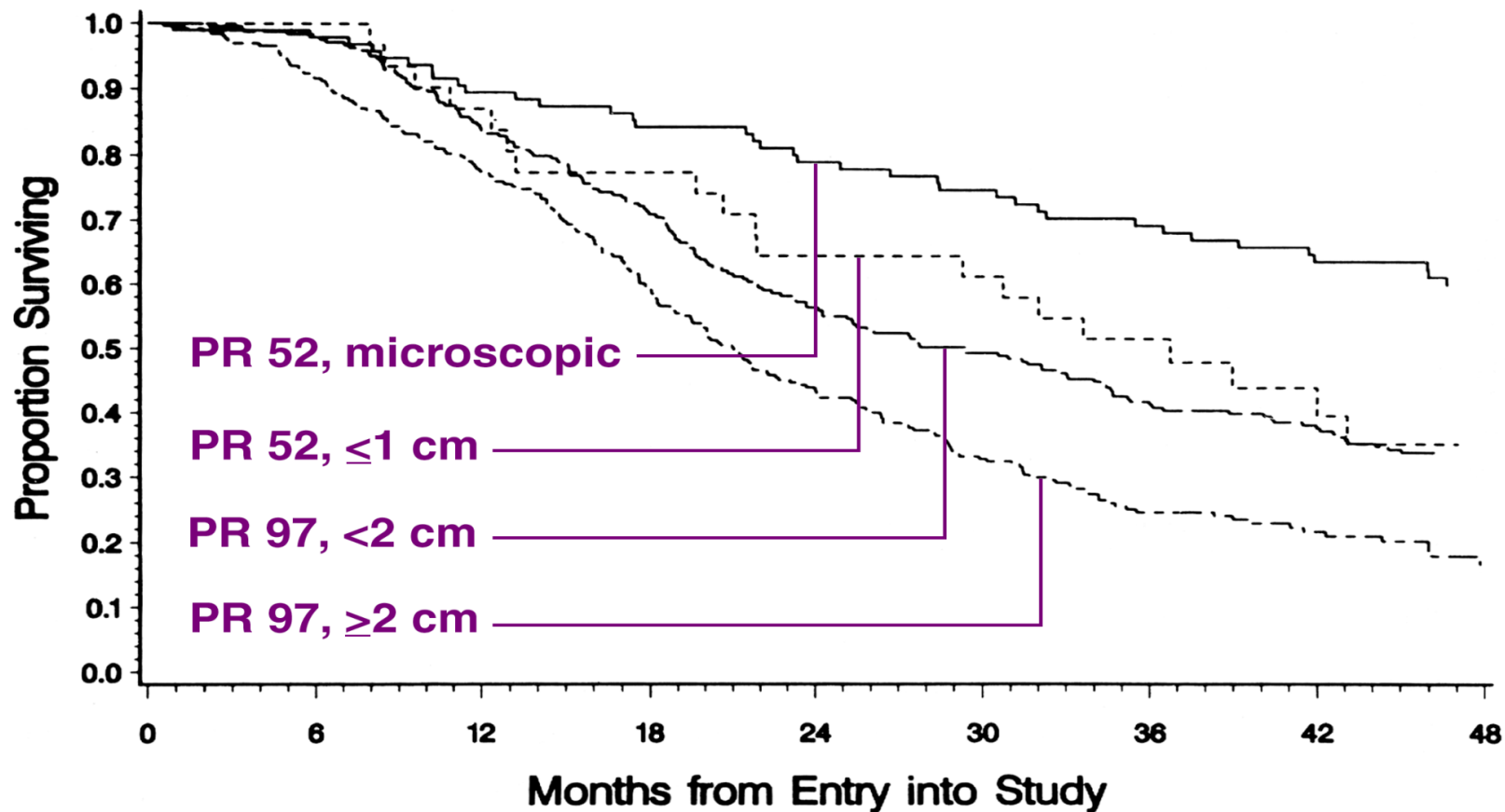
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Ovarian Cancer: Survival by Residual Disease

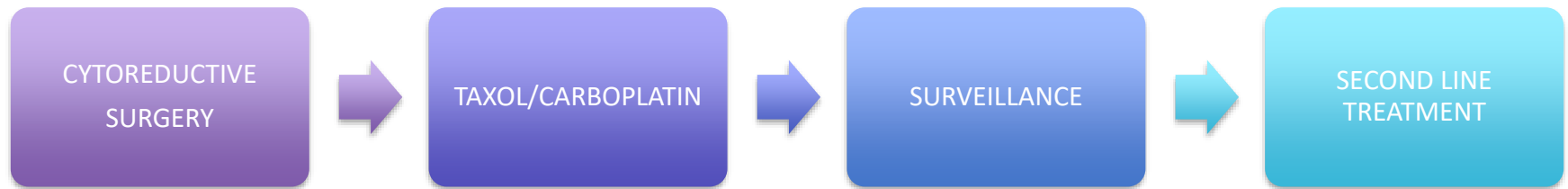


GOG Protocols (PR) 52
and 97



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Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

- giving pts 3-4 cycles of chemotherapy prior to debulking surgery
- Easier surgery
- Less hospital days
- Survival data mixed



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Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy

- Reserved for patients unfit for primary debulking surgery
 - Poor performance status
 - Medical comorbidities
 - Widely metastatic disease that is believed to be unresectable to optimal



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Drug Delivery for Ovarian Cancer: Intraperitoneal Therapy

- 1950's: First use of IP for malignant ascites
- 1968: Long-term peritoneal access device
- 1978: Demonstration of slow peritoneal clearance of some drugs
- 1984: Feasibility of intermittent large volume intraperitoneal therapy
- 1996: First report of a survival benefit for IP vs. IV chemotherapy in advanced ovarian cancer



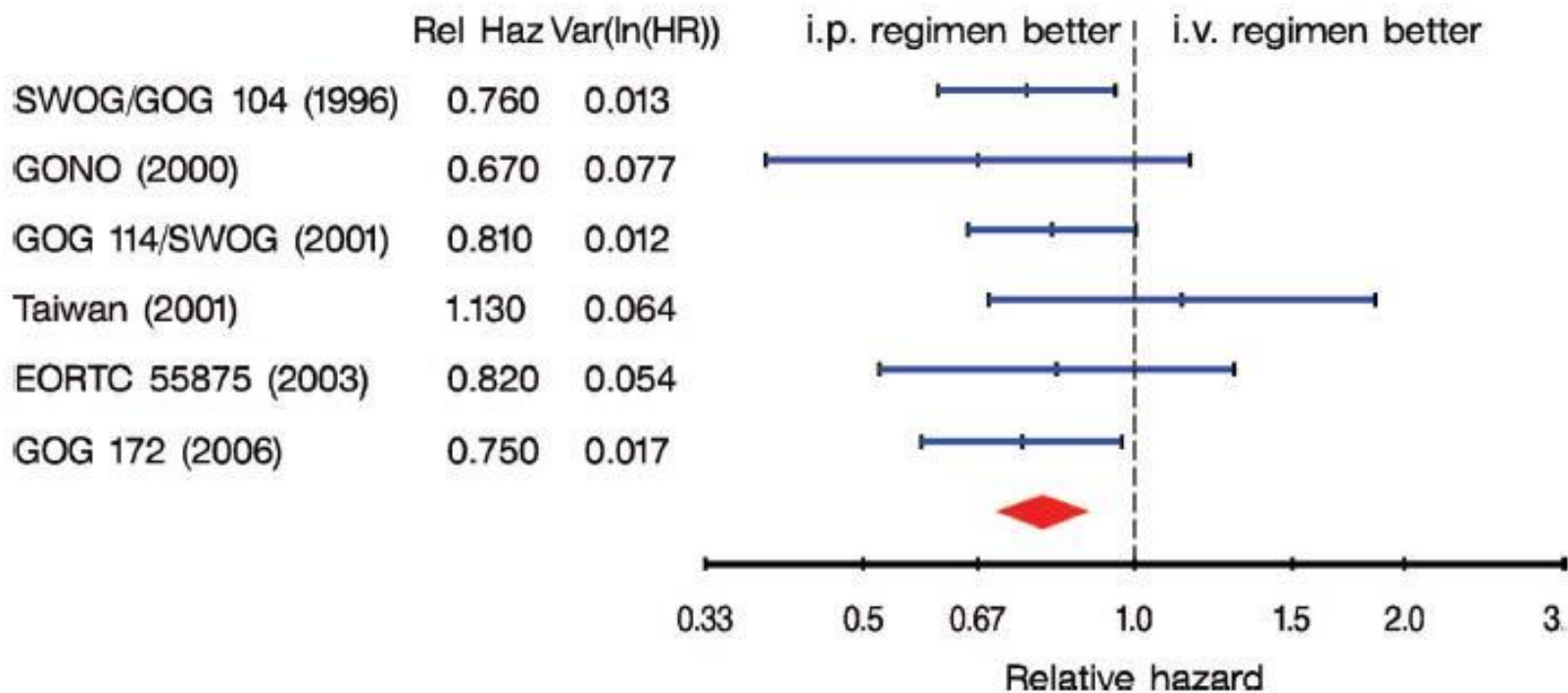
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Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy

- Rationale for IP therapy
 - Ovarian cancer is an intraperitoneal disease
 - Cisplatin and Taxol have a pharmacologic advantage when given IP
 - High IP concentration of drugs
 - Longer half-life of drug IP compared to IV
 - Longer systemic exposure to chemo drugs
 - Cisplatin achieves 10 – 20x greater exposure IP than IV



Overall Survival IP vs. IV chemo



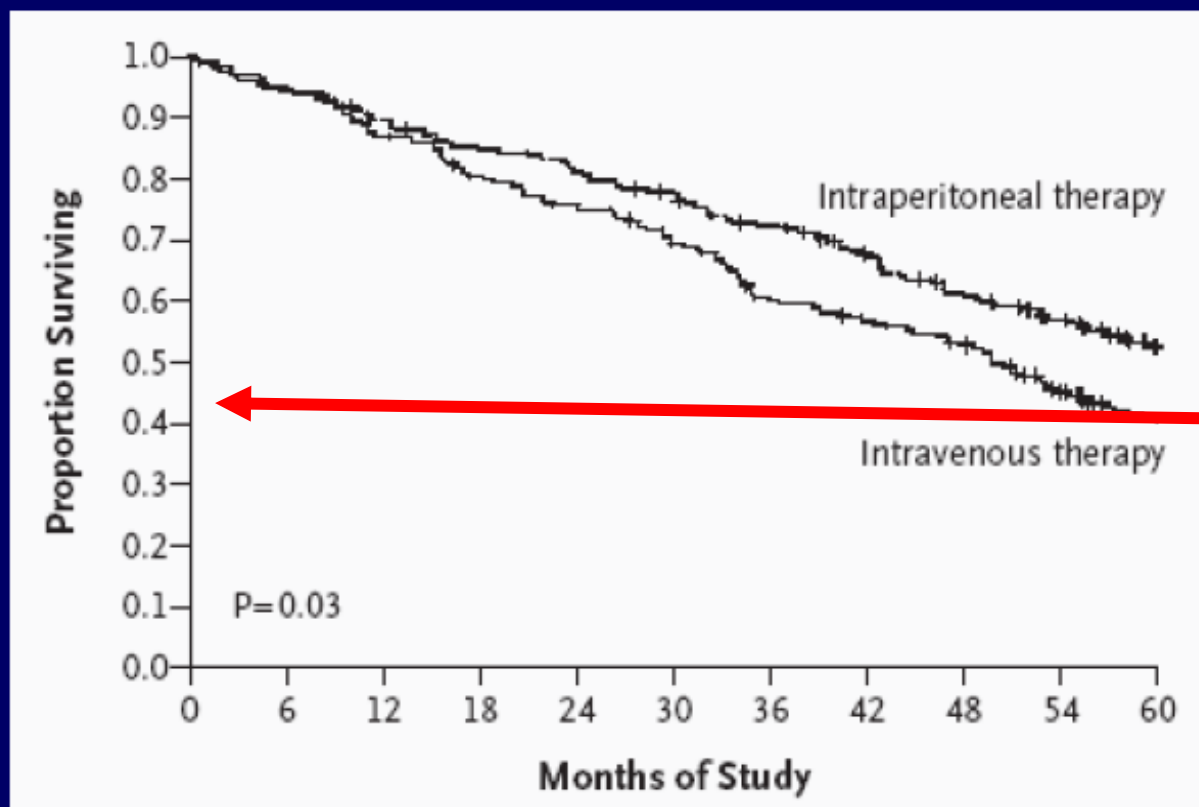
Trimble *Oncologist* 2008



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GOG #172: Overall Survival

Armstrong et.al. N Engl J Med 2006;354:34-43



GOG Gynecologic Oncology Group



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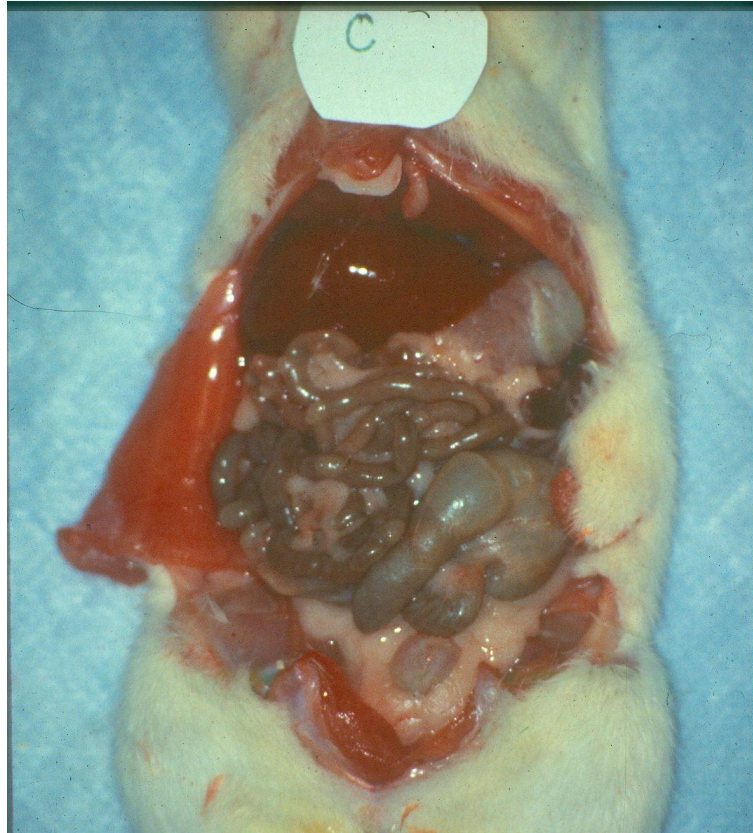
GOG 172: Toxicity

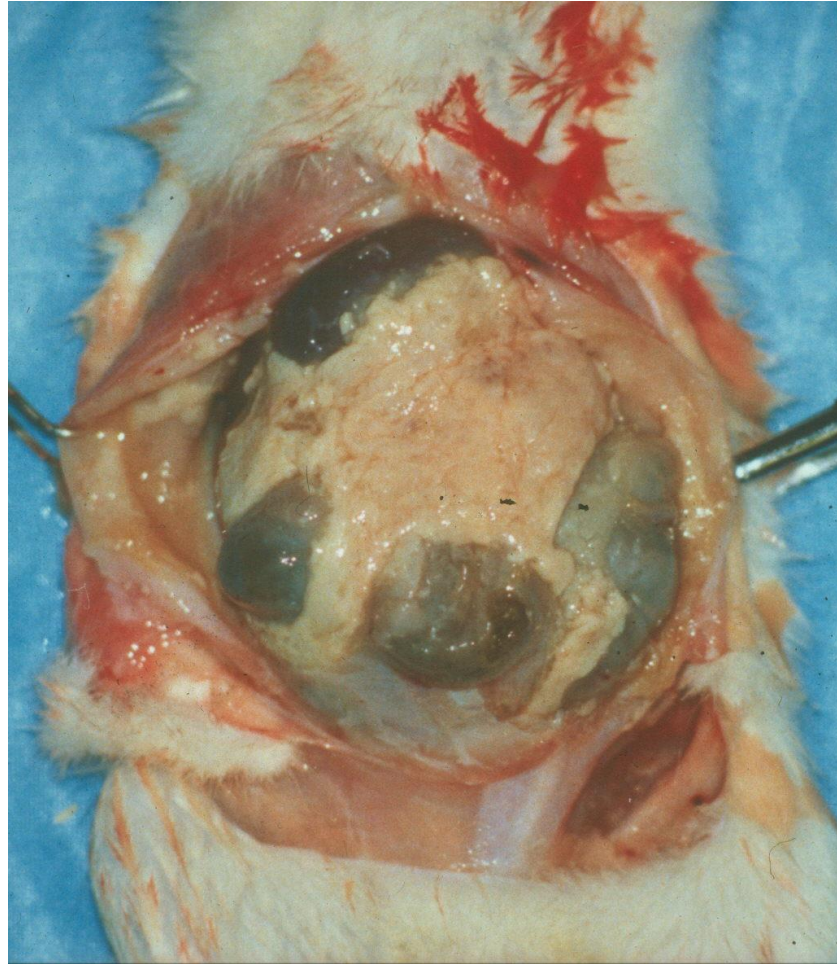
| Grade 3/4 Toxicity | IV | IP |
|--------------------|-----|-----|
| Leukopenia | 64% | 76% |
| Thrombocytopenia | 4% | 12% |
| Gastrointestinal | 24% | 46% |
| Renal/GU | 2% | 7% |
| Neurologic | 9% | 19% |
| Fever | 4% | 9% |
| Infection | 6% | 16% |
| Fatigue | 4% | 18% |
| Metabolic | 7% | 27% |
| Pain | 1% | 11% |

Armstrong *NEJM* 2001



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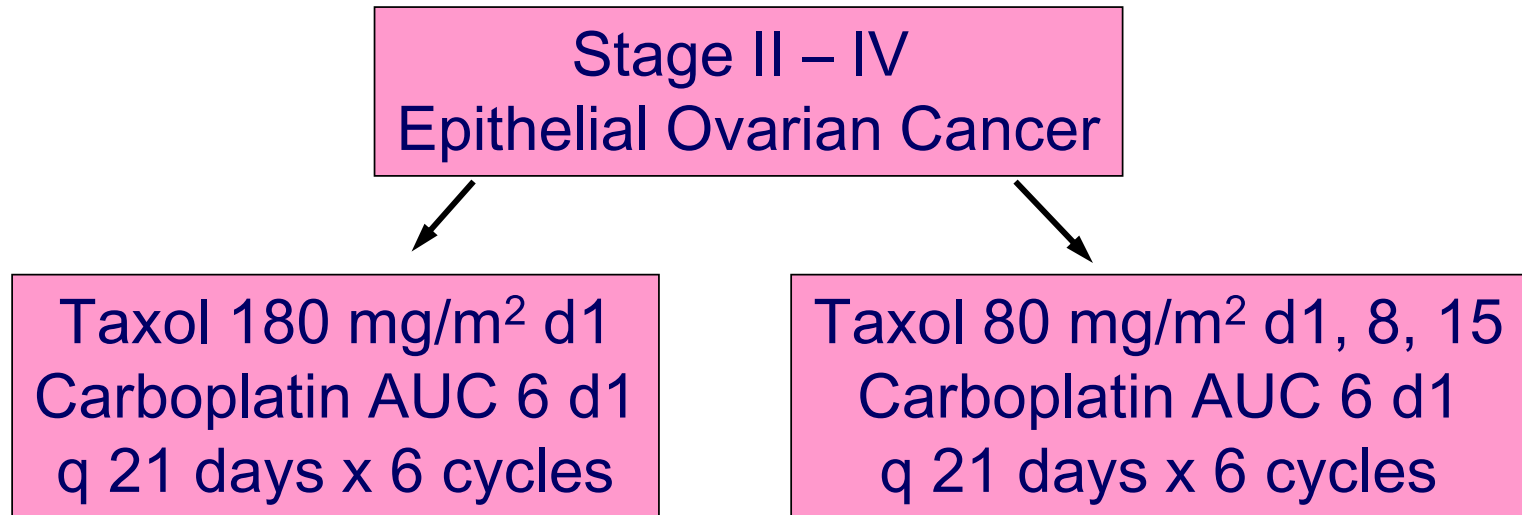
Dose-Dense Taxol

- Preclinical studies suggest that duration of exposure is an important determinant of the cytotoxic activity of paclitaxel



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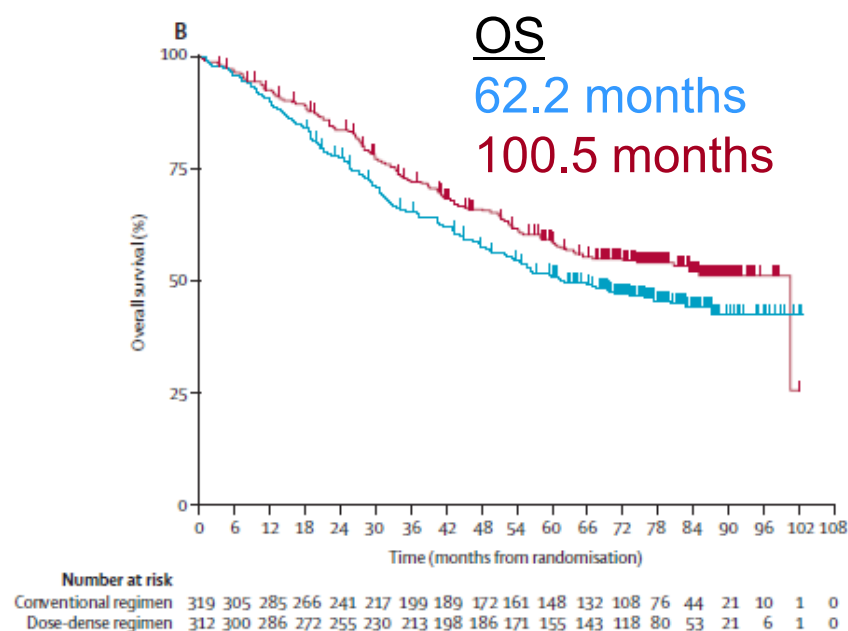
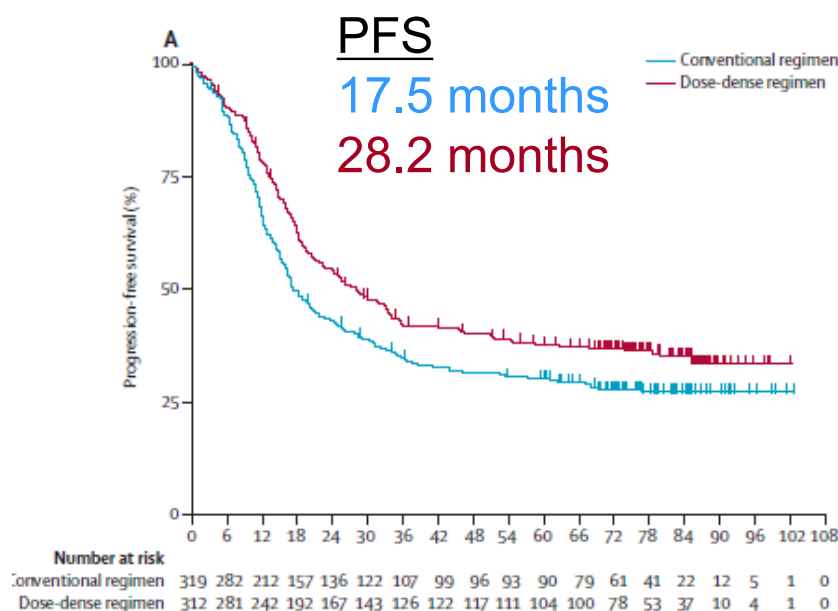
Katsumata *Lancet* 2013



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Dose Dense Taxol

JGOG 3016: Dose Dense Taxol Survival



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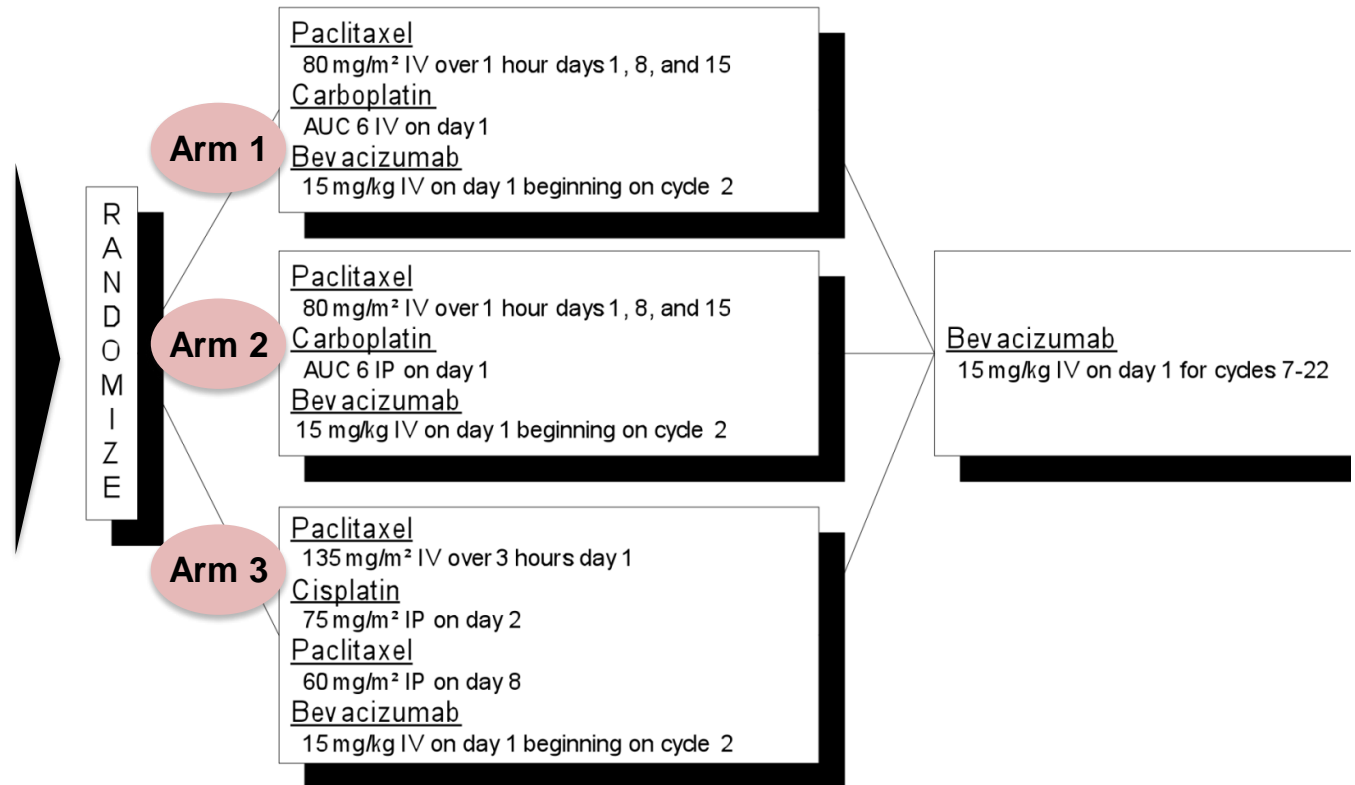
GOG 252: Schema

Eligibility

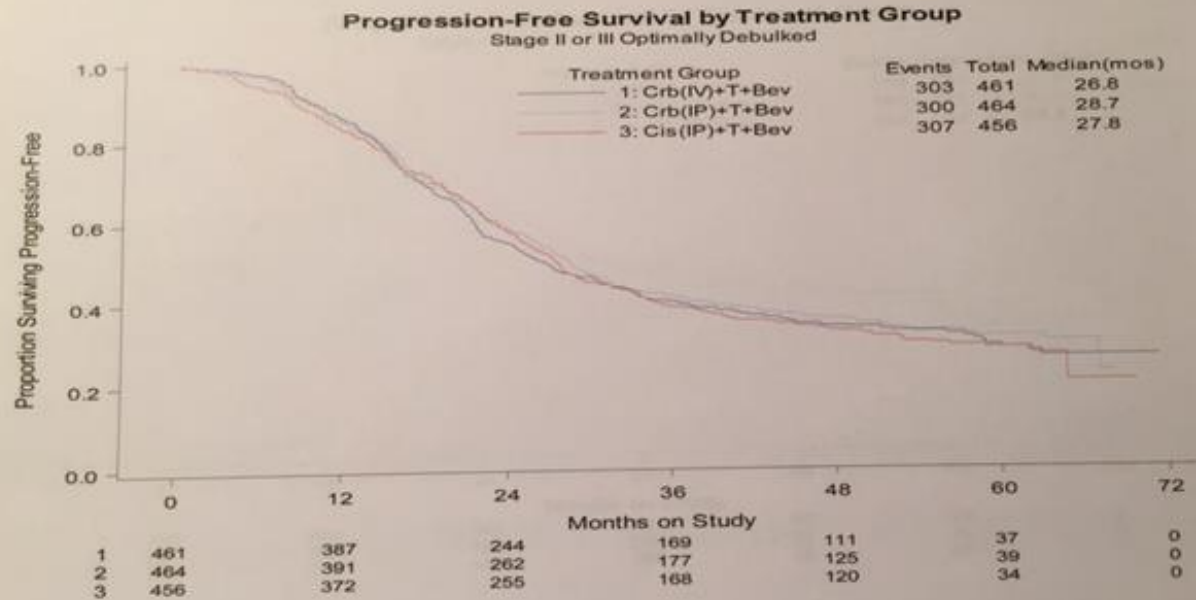
Stage II-III Epithelial Carcinoma: Ovary, Fallopian Tube, Peritoneal
Resected to optimal: less than or equal to 1 cm visible tumor by surgeon report
Exploratory: suboptimal (7%) and Stage IV (5%)

Phase A: Cycles 1-6*

Phase B: Cycles 7-22*



Progression Free Survival Optimal Stage II-III



NCCN Guidelines Version 2.2017

Epithelial Ovarian Cancer/Fallopian Tube Cancer/ Primary Peritoneal Cancer & Less Common Histopathologies

PRINCIPLES OF SYSTEMIC THERAPY (3 of 8)

Primary Systemic Therapy Regimens^a

Epithelial Ovarian (including LCOH)/Fallopian Tube/Primary Peritoneal

Stage II-IV

- **IP/IV Regimen (for optimally debulked stage II-III disease)**
 - ▶ Paclitaxel 135 mg/m² IV continuous infusion over 3 or 24 h^b Day 1; cisplatin 75–100 mg/m² IP Day 2 after IV paclitaxel; paclitaxel 60 mg/m² IP Day 8. Repeat every 3 weeks x 6 cycles. (category 1)
- **IV Regimens**
 - ▶ Paclitaxel 175 mg/m² IV over 3 hours followed by carboplatin^c AUC 5–6 IV over 1 hour Day 1. Repeat every 3 weeks x 6 cycles. (category 1)
 - ▶ Dose-dense paclitaxel 80 mg/m² IV over 1 hour Days 1, 8, and 15 followed by carboplatin^c AUC 5–6 IV over 1 hour Day 1. Repeat every 3 weeks x 6 cycles. (category 1)
 - ▶ Paclitaxel 60 mg/m² IV over 1 hour followed by carboplatin AUC 2 IV over 30 minutes. Weekly for 18 weeks.^d (category 1)
 - ▶ Docetaxel 60–75 mg/m² IV over 1 hour followed by carboplatin^c AUC 5–6 IV over 1 hour Day 1. Repeat every 3 weeks x 6 cycles. (category 1)
 - ▶ Carboplatin AUC 5 + pegylated liposomal doxorubicin 30 mg/m² every 4 weeks for 6 cycles.
 - ▶ Bevacizumab-containing regimens per ICON-7 and GOG-218:
 - Paclitaxel 175 mg/m² IV over 3 hours followed by carboplatin^c AUC 5–6 IV over 1 hour, and bevacizumab 7.5 mg/kg IV over 30–90 minutes Day 1. Repeat every 3 weeks x 5–6 cycles. Continue bevacizumab for up to 12 additional cycles. (category 2B)
 - or
 - Paclitaxel 175 mg/m² IV over 3 hours followed by carboplatin^c AUC 6 IV over 1 hour Day 1. Repeat every 3 weeks x 6 cycles. Starting Day 1 of cycle 2, give bevacizumab 15 mg/kg IV over 30–90 minutes every 3 weeks for up to 22 cycles. (category 2B)

Neoadjuvant Therapy

- Any of the above IV regimens can be used as neoadjuvant therapy before IDS.
- Bevacizumab-containing regimens should be used with caution before IDS due to potential interference with postoperative healing.
- After neoadjuvant therapy and IDS any of the above regimens (IV or IP/IV) can be considered as adjuvant therapy options.
- There are limited data for the use of IP chemotherapy regimens after neoadjuvant therapy and IDS. The following is an additional IP option after IDS: IV paclitaxel 135 mg/m² over 3 hours on Day 1, IP carboplatin AUC 6 IP Day 1, paclitaxel 60 mg/m² IP Day 8.^e
- A minimum of 6 cycles of treatment is recommended, including at least three cycles of adjuvant therapy after IDS.

^aSee [Discussion](#) for references.

^bThe published randomized trial regimen used IV continuous infusion paclitaxel over 24 h.

^cDue to changes in creatinine methodology, changes regarding carboplatin dosing can be considered. See [FDA carboplatin dosing statement](#).

^dThis regimen may be considered for elderly patients or those with poor performance status.

^eMackay H, Gallagher CJ, Parulekar WR, et al. OV21/PETROC: A randomized Gynecologic Cancer Intergroup (GCIG) phase II study of intraperitoneal (IP) versus intravenous (IV) chemotherapy following neoadjuvant chemotherapy and optimal debulking surgery in epithelial ovarian cancer (EOC) [abstract]. J Clin Oncol 2016;34: Abstract LBA5503.

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HIPEC

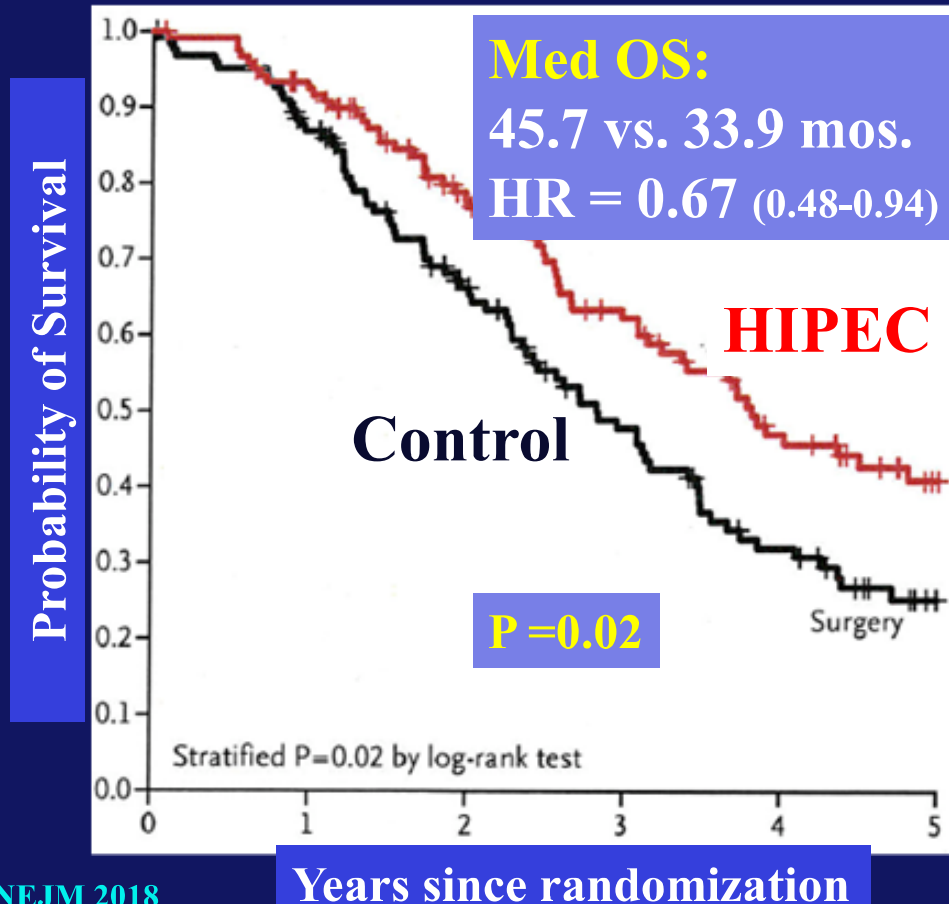
- Phase III RCT, Netherlands
- 245 patients, stable disease after neoadjuvant chemotherapy (carbo/taxol)
- Interval cytoreductive surgery followed by HIPEC-cisplatin 100 mg/m²
- Followed by 3 cycles of carbo/taxol
- Primary endpoint RFS, secondary OS

van Driel, NEJM 2018



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HIPEC Overall Survival



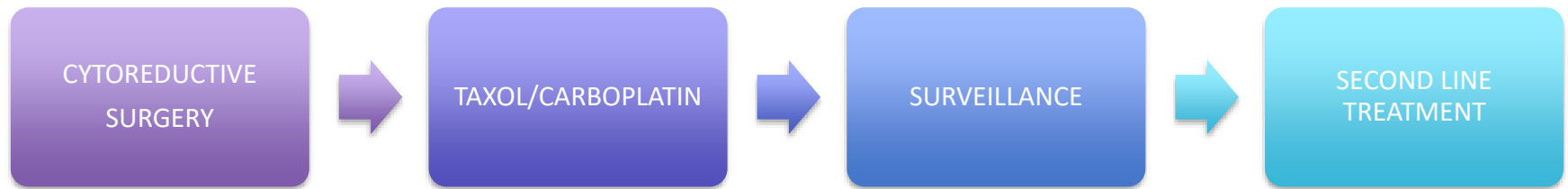
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Years since randomization

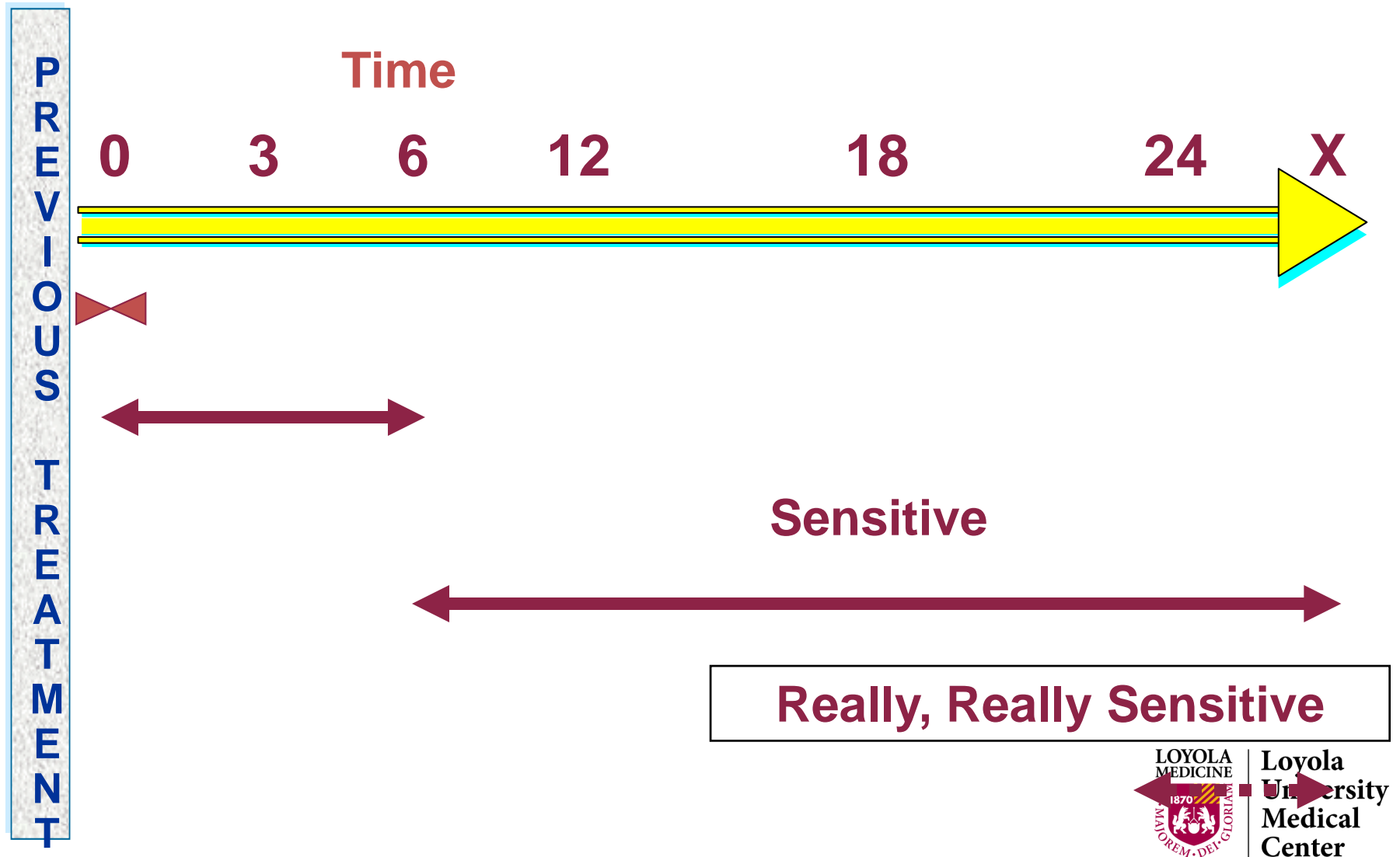


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Recurrent Ovarian Cancer: Definition of Disease Sensitivity



2006 meta-analysis

- included 60 trials in women (n=15,609) with EOC
- A platinum-based combination was better than platinum monotherapy (hazard ratio [HR] favoring the combination 1.16, 95% CI 0.86-1.58)
- A platinum-taxane combination was better than a platinum plus non-taxane combination (HR favoring platinum plus taxane 1.28, 95% CI 1.07-1.53)

[J Natl Cancer Inst 2006; 98:1655.](#)



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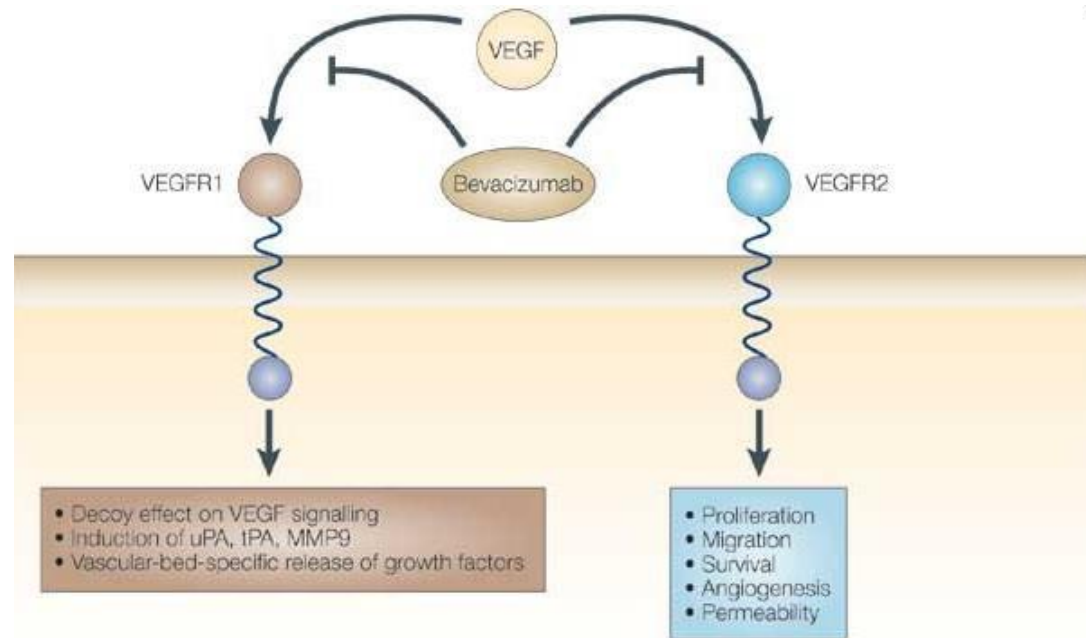
Take Home Points: Platinum Resistant EOC

- Goal setting:
 - Incurable disease
 - Balance toxicity with efficacy
 - Maximize quality of life while attempting disease control
- Strong Consideration of Clinical trial:
 - If performance status allows
 - Platinum Resistance is a global adaption by tumor
 - Novel combinations are likely to be necessary to overcome this
 - PARPi, DDR agents, IO, anti-angiogenics, epigenetics
 - Development of functional biomarker assays needed
- Single Agent therapy:
 - Addition of Bevacizumab improves response and PFS for those eligible



Adding a Biologic Agent

Monoclonal antibody to VEGF-A that inhibits angiogenesis



Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

Targeting Angiogenesis:

- **Aurelia Trial:**
 - Open label Phase III RCT
 - 361 patients; Physician's Choice Chemo vs **Chemo+ Bevacizumab**
 - Platinum-resistant disease
 - No bowel obstruction within 6 mos, no malignant bowel involvement
 - No more than 2 prior lines
 - Weekly paclitaxel 80mg/m² (day 1, 8, 15, 22) every 4 wks
 - Pegylated Liposomal Doxorubicin 40mg/m² every 4 wks
 - Topotecan 4mg/m² weekly every 4 wks OR 1.25mg/m² day 1-5 every 3 wks



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Aurelia Trial:

Improving chemotherapy sensitivity in platinum resistant EOC

- **Physician choice chemo + bevacizumab:**
 - 31% ORR vs 13% chemo alone (13.5 mos follow up)
 - Decrease recurrence HR 0.48 (CI 0.38-0.60)
 - PFS 6.7mos vs 3.6 mos
 - Grade 2 HTN, proteinuria
 - GI perf 2.2% (4 pts)
- **Impact of Bevacizumab:**
 - Paclitaxel+ Bev: ORR 53% vs 30% Taxol alone
 - PFS 10 mos vs 4 mos; HR 0.46 (0.30-0.71)
 - Topo+ Bev: ORR 17% vs 0%
 - PFS 6 mos vs 2 mos HR 0.32 (0.21-0.49)
 - PLD + Bev: ORR 14% vs 8%
 - PFS 5 mos vs 4 mos (0.39-0.83)

****Not powered to discern difference between chemotherapy backbones**



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PARPi

- Mechanism of action works on principle of synthetic lethality
- Inherent vulnerability that when combined with a genetic event may become lethal
- HRD can happen via BRCA mutations or mutations and epigenetic changes in genes involved in HR can lead to HRD

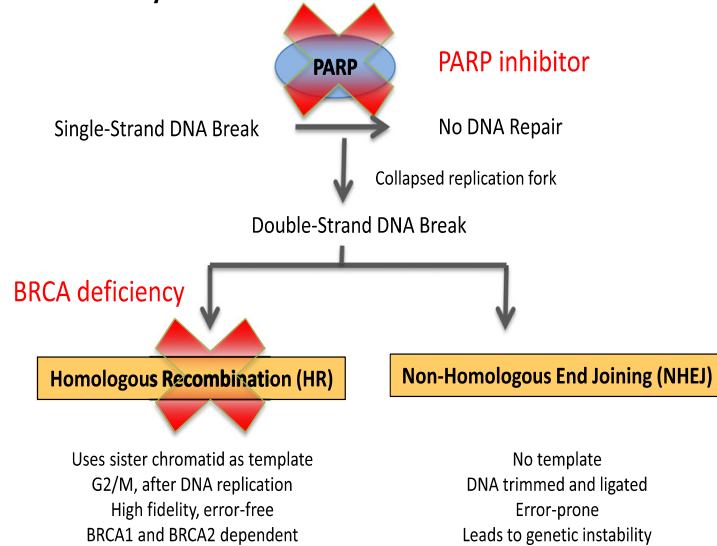


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A. Functioning PARP enzyme



B. PARP enzyme inhibited



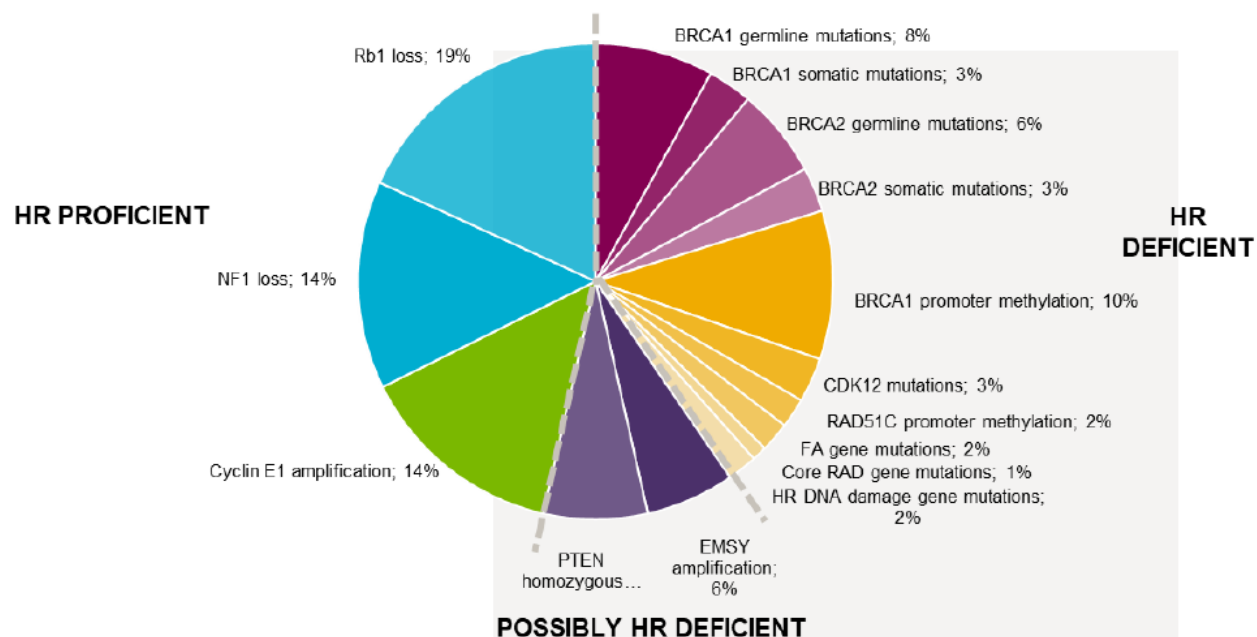
C. Deficiency in HR and BER together lead to synthetic lethality

| Condition | HR | BER | Outcome |
|--------------------------------|----|-----|------------|
| Normal cells | + | + | Viable |
| BRCA deficient | - | + | Viable |
| Normal cells, PARP inhibitor | + | - | Viable |
| BRCA deficient, PARP inhibitor | - | - | Cell Death |

Walsh, et. Al. Gyne Oncol, 2015

Why Does PARPi Work? We know the HRD Rationale for Efficacy in treatment

General assumption 1: HR deficiency = PARP inhibitor sensitivity



Konstantinopoulos et al, Canc Disc 2015 and Patch et al, Nature 2015



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| Drug | FDA Approval | Indication |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|
| Olaparib | Dec 2014 | Patients with deleterious or suspected deleterious germline BRCA-mutated advanced ovarian cancer who have been treated with three or more prior lines of chemotherapy |
| | Aug 2017 | Maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer, who are in a complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy |
| Rucaparib | Dec 2016 | Patients with deleterious BRCA mutation (germline and/or somatic) associated advanced ovarian cancer who have been treated with two or more chemotherapies |
| | Dec 2017 Priority review | Maintenance treatment for patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in a complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy, |
| Niraparib | Mar 2017 | Maintenance treatment of adult patients with recurrent epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer who are in complete or partial response to platinum-based chemotherapy |

Why Maintenance?

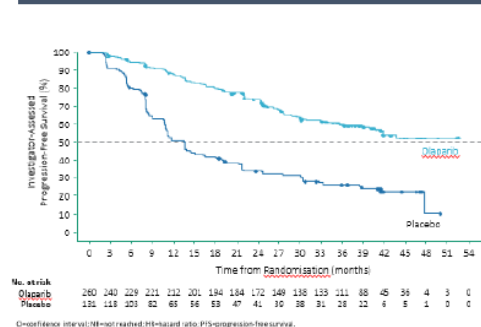
- Recurrence after clinical CR: 50-80%
- Recurrence after pathological CR: 40-60%
- Prognostic factors for recurrence:
 - Tumor burden = residual disease
 - Response to therapy = “biology”
 - Unknowns
- Cure after Recurrence: *Rare*



BRCAm Front Line Maintenance: 4 POSITIVE RANDOMIZED TRIALS

Primary endpoint: PFS

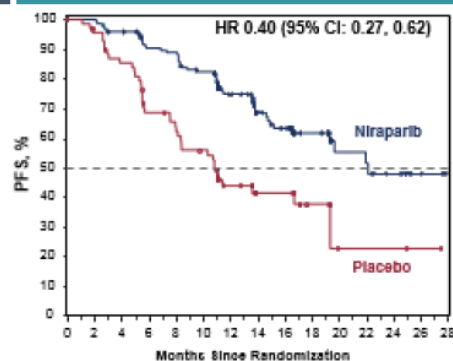
SOLO1 - gBRCAm^[a]



NR mo vs 13 mo
HR 0.30 (95% CI: 0.23, 0.41)

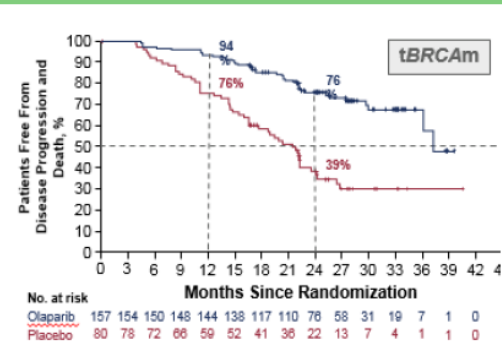
NR vs. 14.1 mo
HR 0.28 (95% CI 0.2-0.39)

PRIMA - gBRCAm^[b]



21.9 vs. 10.4
HR 0.43 (95% CI 0.31-0.59)

PAOLA-1^[c]



37.2 vs 17.7 mo
HR 0.33 (95% CI 0.25-0.45)

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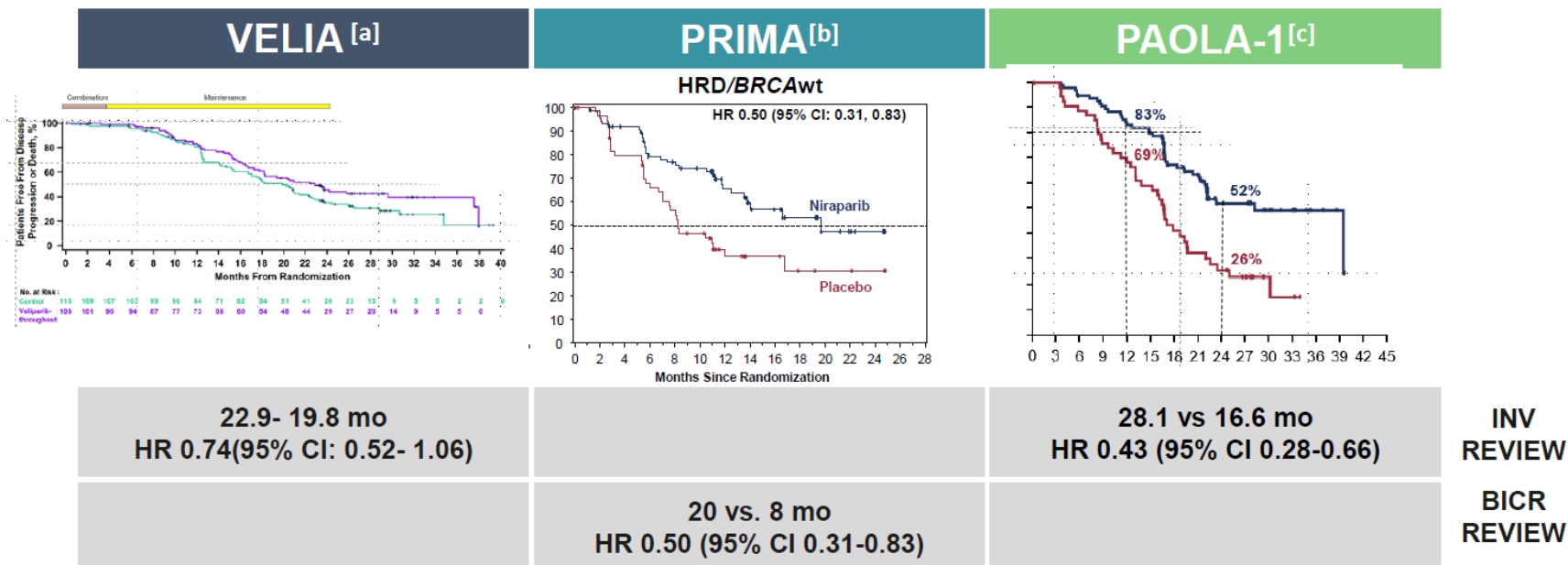
a. Moore K, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2018;379:2495-2505. b. Gonzalez Martin A, et al. *NEJM.* 2019; 381(25):2391-2402. c. Ray-Coquard I, et al. *NEJM.* 2019; 381(25):2416-2428.



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HRD+ Front Line Maintenance: 3 POSITIVE RANDOMIZED TRIALS

Primary endpoint: PFS



- a. Coleman R et al. NEJM. 2019; 381 (25): 2403-2415. b. Gonzalez Martin A, et al. NEJM. 2019; 381(25):2391-2402. c. Ray-Coquard I, et al. NEJM. 2019; 381(25):2416-2428.



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Veliparib with First-Line Chemotherapy and as Maintenance Therapy in Ovarian Cancer

| | | |
|---------------|-----|------------------|
| BRCA mutation | PFS | 34.7 m vs 22.0 m |
| HRD | PFS | 31.9 m vs 20.5 m |
| WT | PFS | 23.5 m vs 17.3 m |

Front Line Maintenance Therapy With PARPi Should be the SOC!

- 4 Randomized Trials, all positive, why is there any controversy?
 - No OS data
 - True – patients have done so well that OS is years away – you want to wait?
 - Benefit of PARPi is an early effect - clonality
 - HR in second line is as good or better than front line so “I’m going to wait”
 - Understand HR in context
 - Biomarkers are key here
 - Toxicity



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PARPi side effects

Adverse events noted with PARP inhibitors.

| | Anemia G1-4/G3-4 | Neutropenia G1-4/G3-4 | Low Plts G1-4/G3-4 | Fatigue G1-4/G3-4 | Nausea G1-4/G3-4 | Vomiting G1-4/G3-4 | Diarrhea G1-4/G3-4 | Elevated Cr G1-4/G3-4 | Elevated LFTs G1-4/G3-4 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Olaparib (phase 2; FDA label) | 90%/15% | 25%/7% | 30%/3% | 66%/8% | 64%/3% | 43%/4% | 31%/1% | 30%/2% | NR/NR |
| Rucaparib (phase 3) [73] | 37%/19% | 18%/7% | 28%/5% | 69%/7% | 75%/4% | 37%/4% | 32%/1% | 15%/1% | 34%/10% |
| Niraparib (phase 3) [57] | 50%/25% | 30%/20% | 61%/34% | 60%/8% | 74%/3% | 34%/2% | 19%/0% | NR | NR |

Gunderson, et. Al 2018 Gyn Oncolo



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DFS

- Stage I & 2 65-90%
- Stage III optimal 40%
- Stage III sub optimal 5-10%
- Stage IV 5-10%



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Screening

- ❖ **Unknown precancer condition**
- ❖ **Low detection**
- ❖ **High mortality**
- ❖ **No screening has yet proven to be effective**



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Prevention

❖ **OCP**

❖ **Tubal Ligation**

❖ **Prophylactic Salpingo-
Oophorectomy**



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OCP

- ❖ 6 years of use
- ❖ 60% Reduction

Tubal Ligation

- ❖ ↓ Risk in General Population
- ❖ BRCA1 .39 (.22 - .70)
- ❖ Both TL + OCP .28 (.15 -.50)



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Risk of Ovarian Cancer

General Population

1.4%

BRCA1

16-60%

BRCA2

10-25%



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Prophylactic Salpingo-Oophorectomy

551 Women w/ BRCA1 or 2 mutation

❖ 292 Control Group

- 58 Cancers**
- 6/58 Stage I (11%)**

❖ 259 PO

- 6 Stage I Ovarian Ca**
- 2 Additional Peritoneal Ca**

❖ Risk Decreased from 20% to < 1%

❖ RR Breast CA .45 (.29 - .77)

Rebbeck NEJM 2002



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3 Unanswered Issues:

1) Optimal Time

2) Should Hysterectomy be included

3) Role of HRT



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Optimal Time

- ❖ **Deferred until childbearing complete**
- ❖ **BRCA 1 patients – 11-21% CA risk by age 50**
- ❖ **Defer till > 40 may lose breast protection**
- ❖ **2- 4 % rate of occult invasive carcinoma**



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Hysterectomy

- ❖ **No consensus**
- ❖ **Should include bilateral salpingectomy**
- ❖ **Argue... portion of tube in uterus is at theoretical risk**
- ❖ **Uterine cancer not over represented in BRCA2**
- ❖ **Uterine cancer may be increased in BRCA1**
 - ❖ **[3-4%]**
- ❖ **Increase morbidity**





Estrogens

**I just
don't
know
what to
think**



HRT Effect on Breast Cancer Reduction

- **Cohort of never users** **RR 0.42**
- **Cohort of users & nonusers** **RR 0.53**



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