

Active surveillance 2019: From biology to bedside

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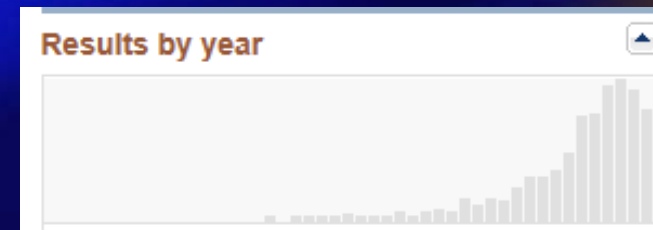
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Active Surveillance for low risk PCa

What has changed?

(since Klotz, Choo J Urol 167: 1664, 2002)

- Greater recognition of overtreatment problem, acceptance of concept
- Nature of occult high grade disease
- Predictive value of baseline parameters
- Flaws of PSA kinetics as trigger
- Multiparametric MRI
- Modelling studies
- Multiple mature large registries
- ~3000 publications



What we know

- **Molecular genetics**
 - **Gleason 3--resembles normal cells in most cases**
 - **Metastatic potential zero.**
 - **Can invade locally (therefore fulfills criteria of 'Cancer')**

Well documented cases of surgically proven Gleason 6 cancers that have metastasized ≈ 0

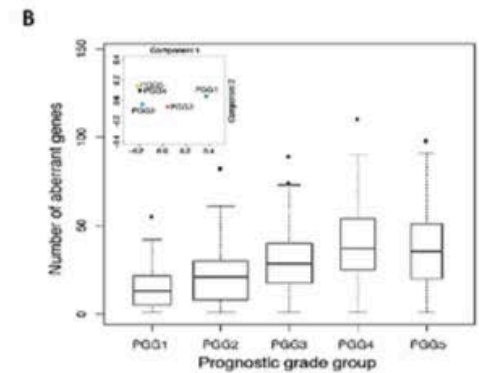
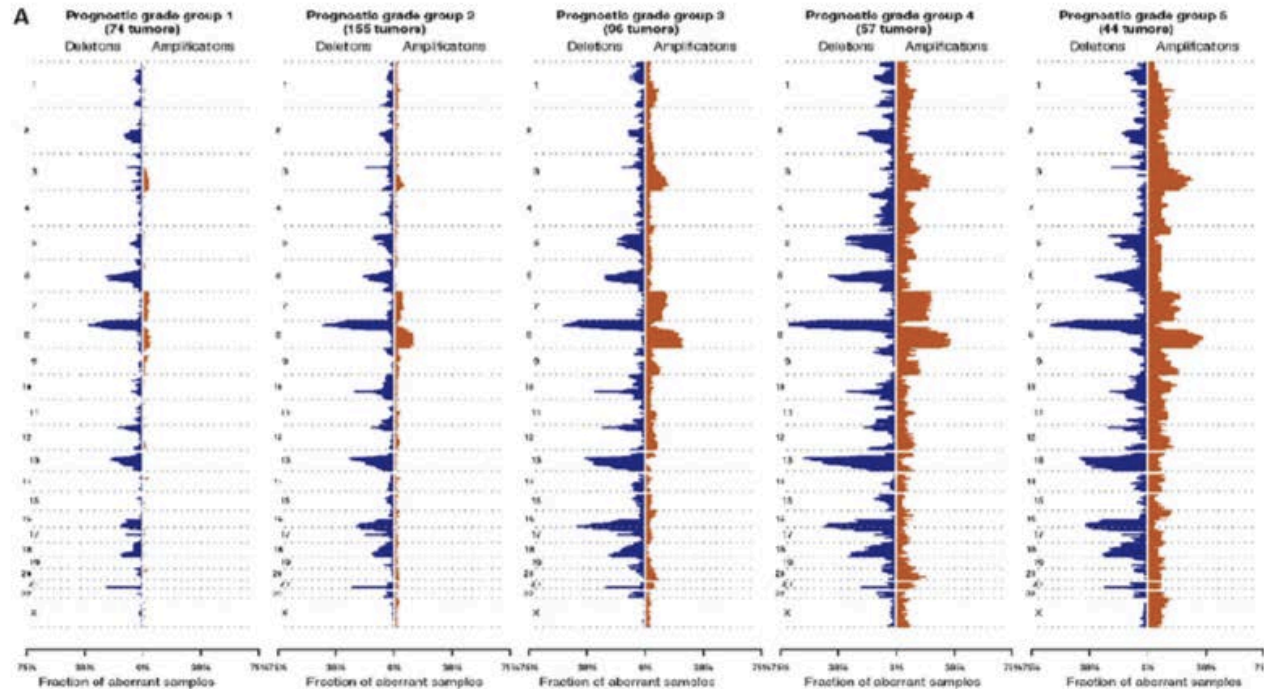
- **12,000 Gleason 6 cancers treated with RP with 20 year follow up (Egger S, J Urol 2011)**
 - **Pca mortality 0.2% at 20 years**
 - **Re-review of these all showed higher grade Ca**
- **14,123 cases of pathologic Gleason 6 at RP (Ross HM, Am J Surg Path 2012)**
 - **22 with positive nodes (era of limited node dissection)**
 - **All upgraded on re-review**

The Achilles heels of active surveillance for low risk Pca

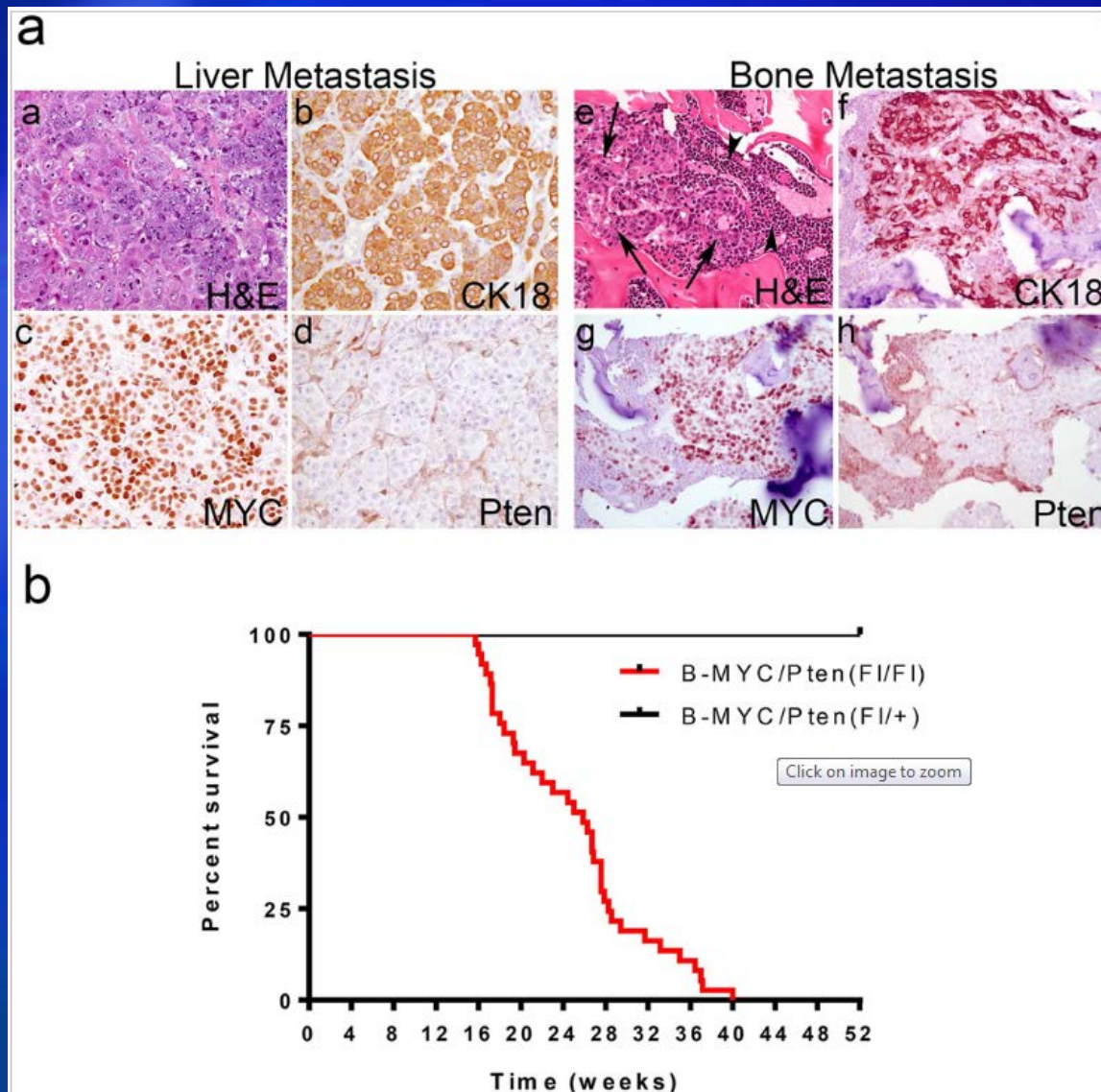
- **Common and early: Misattribution of grade (25-30% with systematic biopsies)**
 - **Less with targeted biopsies**
- **Uncommon but incremental: Grade progression over time (1-2% per year). Inoue LY, Etzioni R. Stat Med. 2014;33(6):930-9.**
 - **Usually occurs in a field of extensive GG1**
 - **In most cases, to Gleason 3+4**



Genomic alterations quantitatively, not qualitatively different between grades. Rubin M et al, Eur Urol 2016; 69(4):557-60

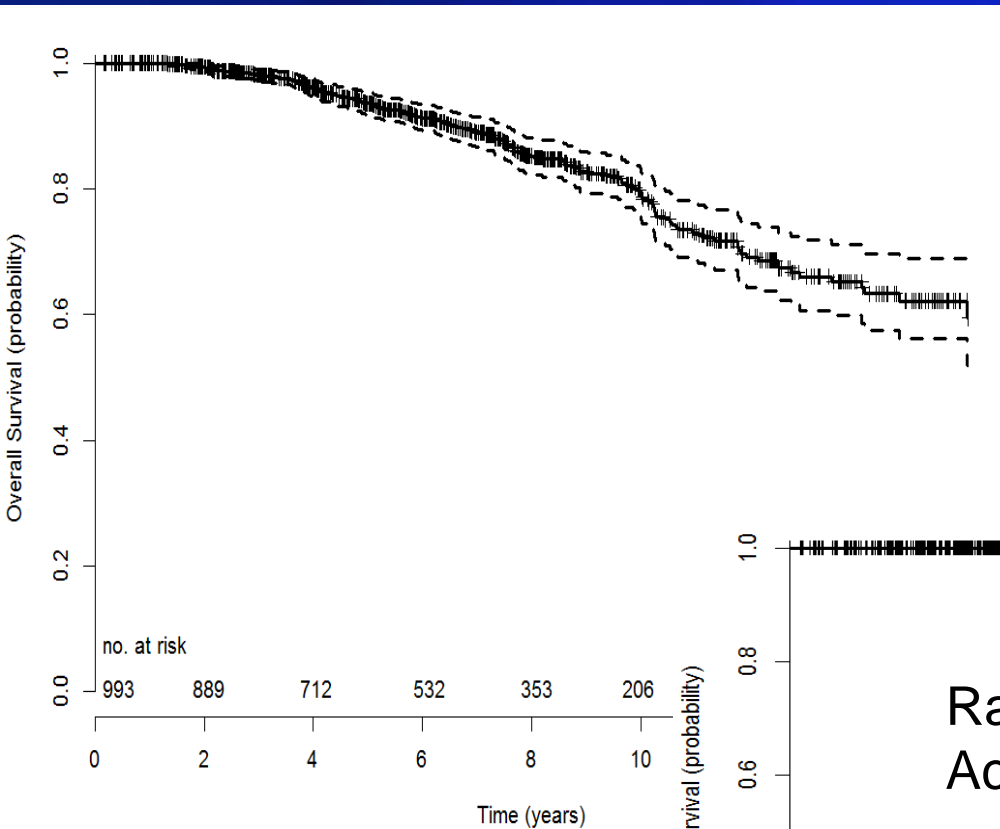


Combined MYC Activation and Pten Loss Create Genomic Instability and Lethal Metastatic Pca . Hubbard GK, Ca Res 2016 Jan 15;76(2):283-92

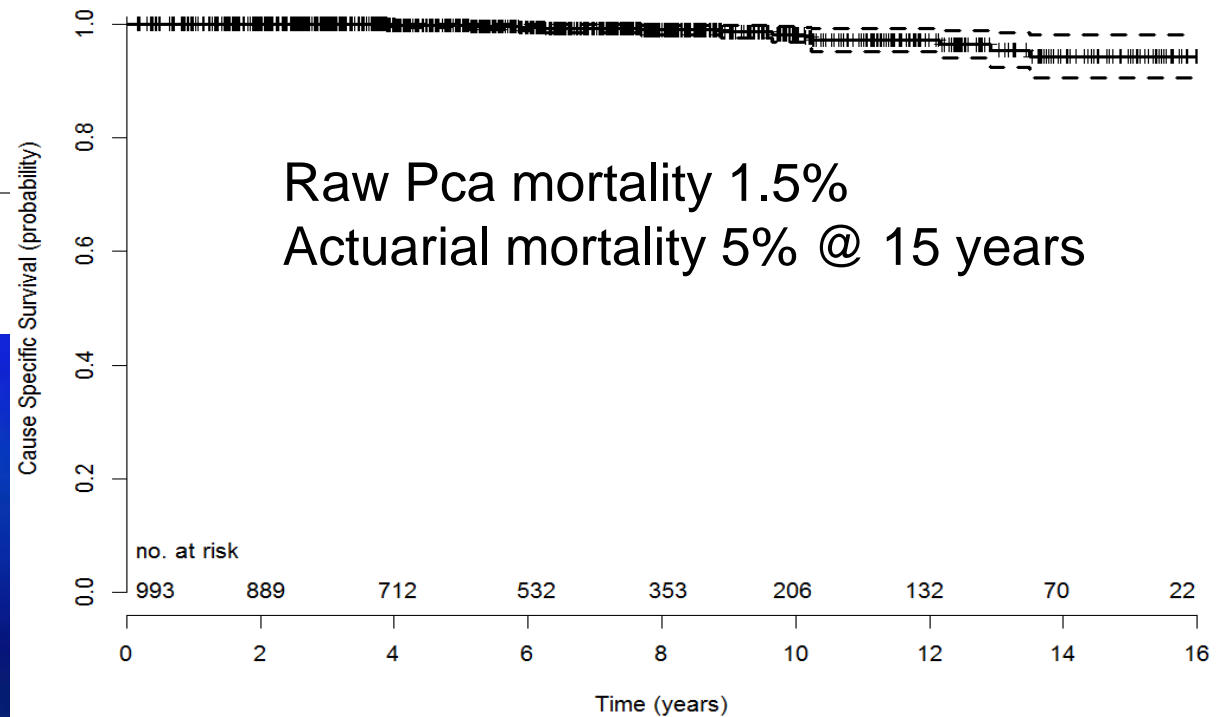


Survival with AS Klotz et al JCO 33(3):272-7 2015

OS



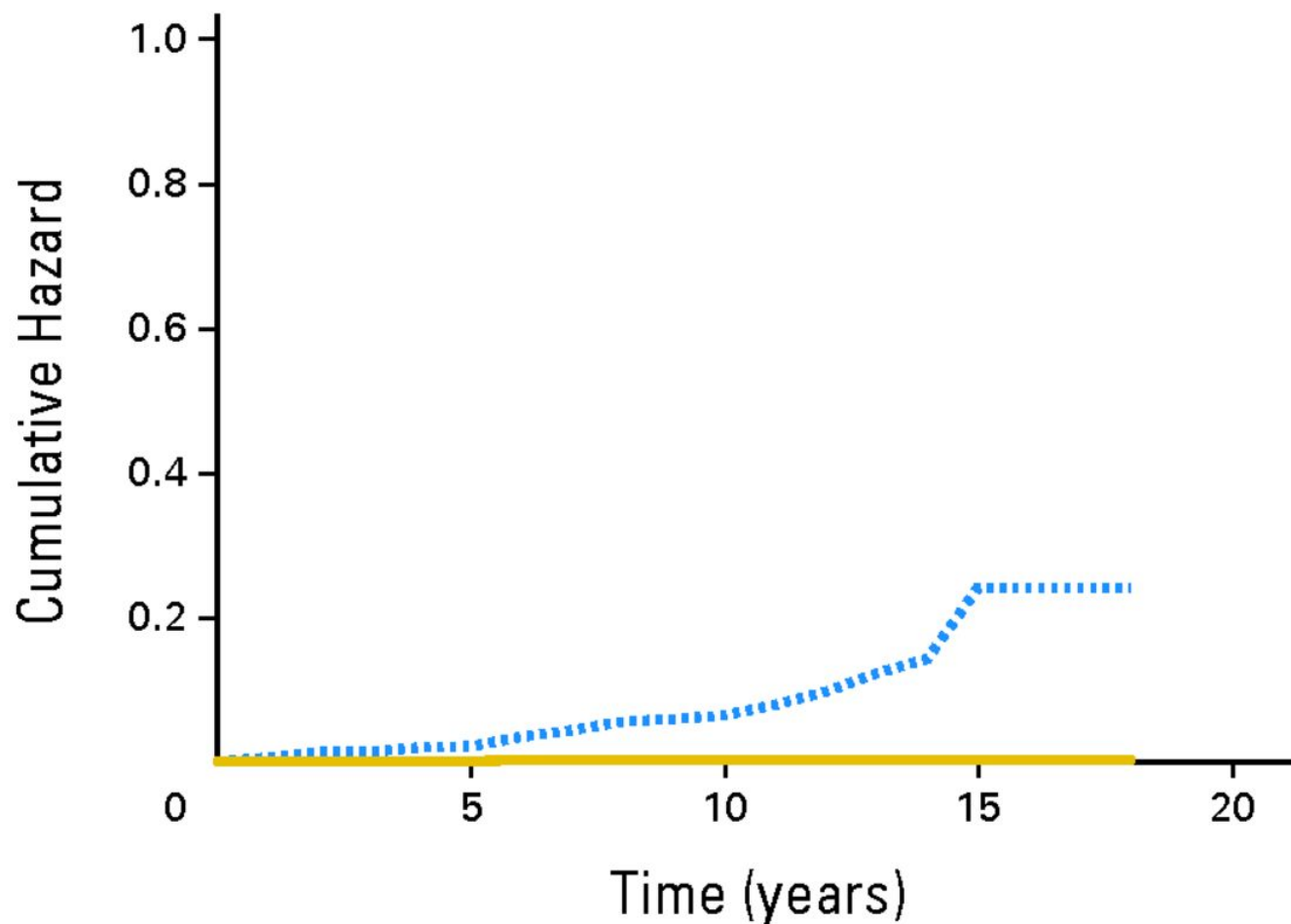
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Raw Pca mortality 1.5%
Actuarial mortality 5% @ 15 years

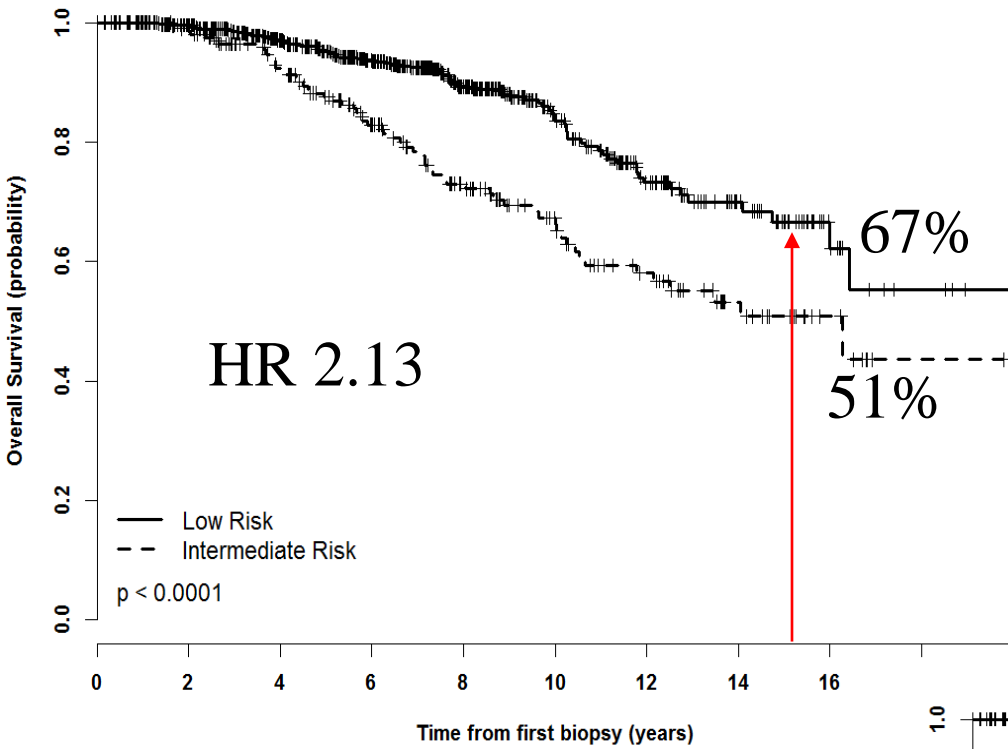
Hopkins AS long term outcome: Overall mortality and Pca mortality Tosoian J, Carter B et al. JCO.2015

Pca mortality 0.5% at 15 years



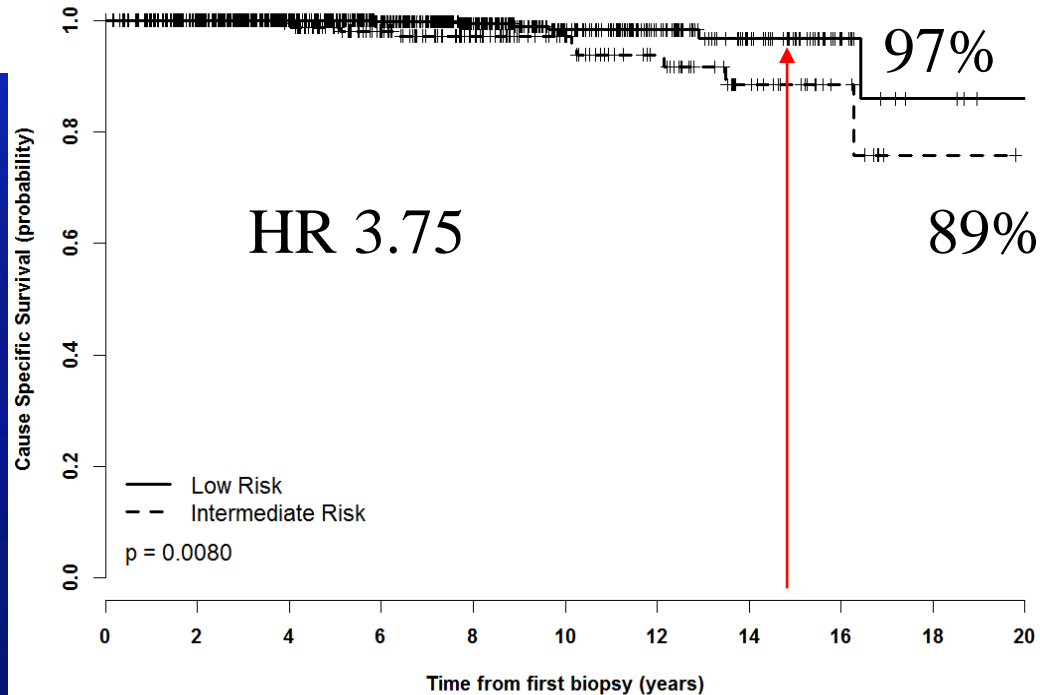
| No. at risk | 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|-----|----|
| Any-cause death | 1,298 | 650 | 184 | 26 |
| Prostate cancer death | 1,298 | 650 | 184 | 26 |

**Low vs Intermediate risk
(Gleason 3+4, PSA >10)
Yamamoto T, Klotz L. J Urol
195(5):1409-14, 2016**



Overall Survival

Cause Specific Survival

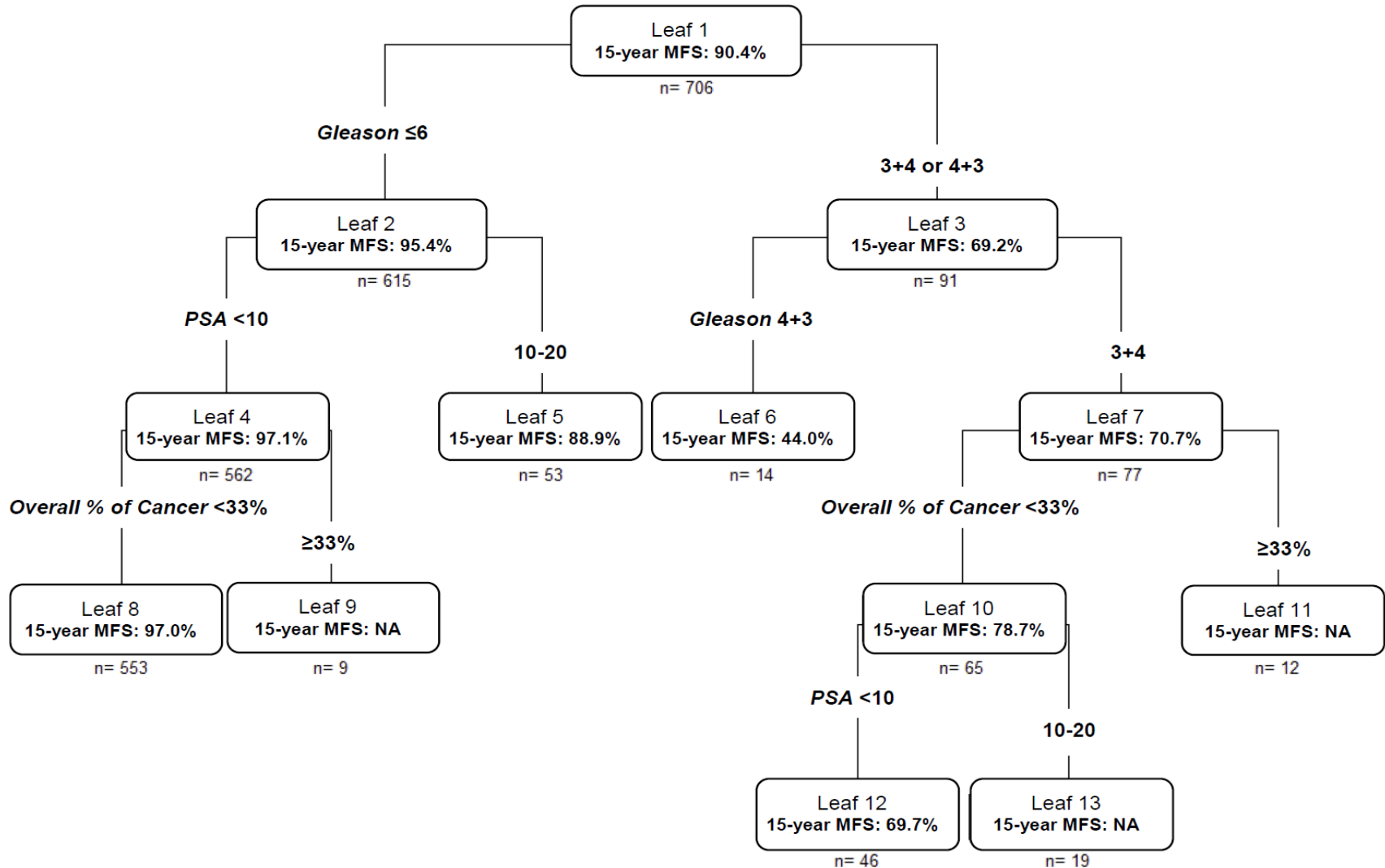


Metastasis rate with low vs intermediate risk on AS

Yamamoto T, Klotz L. J Urol 195(5):1409-14, 2016

- **1400 men on AS, 22% intermediate risk**
- **Low risk vs Intermediate risk:**
 - **OS 67% vs 51% @ 15 years, HR 2.13**
 - **CSS 97% vs 89%, HR 3.75**

Recursive partitioning analysis: Metastasis free survival by risk group. Musunuru H, Klotz L et al. J Urol 196(6): 1651 (2016)

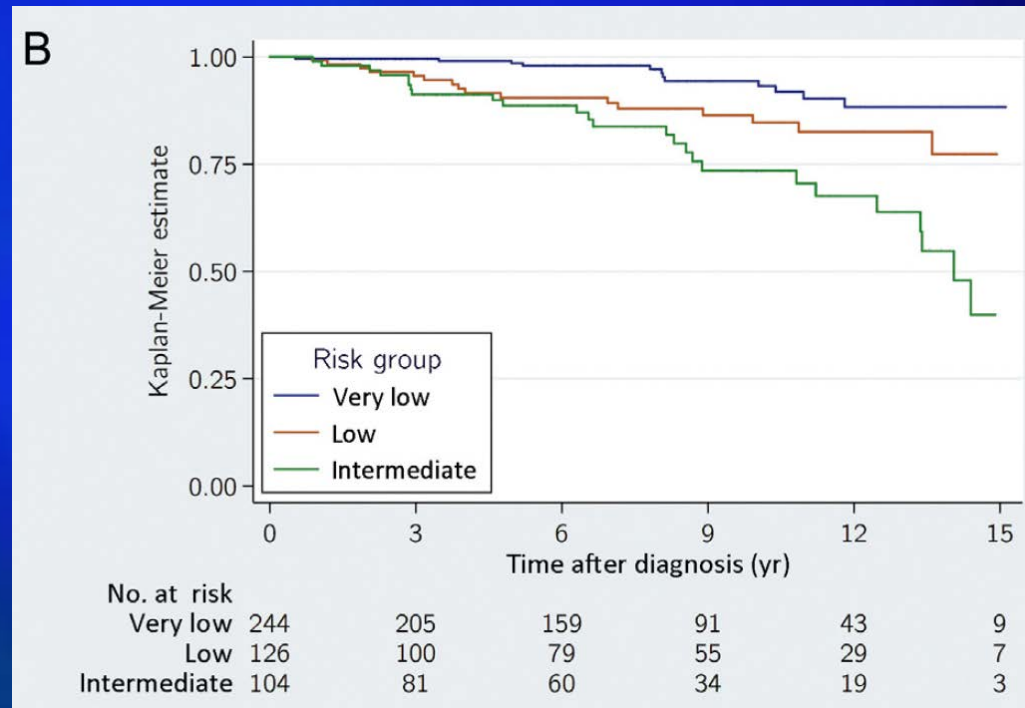


Active Surveillance in the Göteborg Prostate Cancer Screening Trial.

Godtman RA, Eur Urol. 2016 Nov;70(5):760-766.

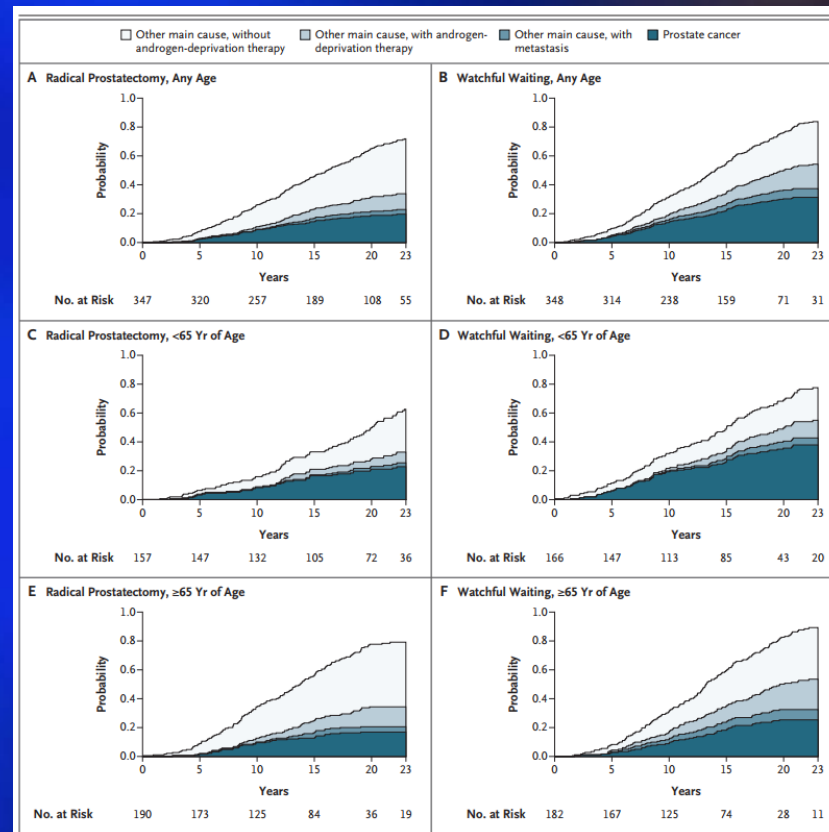
- N=474
- 104 Intermediate Risk; these accounted for 83% of the CSM
- 80% of the Int. risk were GG2
- HR for 'failure' for IR vs VLR: 4.8

Failure free survival



Radical Prostatectomy or Watchful Waiting in Prostate Cancer - 29-Year Follow-up.

**Bill-Axelsson A,
N Engl J Med. 2018
Dec 13;379(24):2319-2329.**



RP: No benefit for Gleason 3+4

| End Point and Risk Factor | No. of Men | No. of Events | Relative Risk with Adjustment for Age Group (95% CI)* | Relative Risk with Adjustment for Age Group and Additional Factors (95% CI)† |
|-----------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Gleason score of prostatectomy specimen | | | | |
| 3-6 | 88 | 3 | Reference | Reference |
| 3+4 | 87 | 5 | 1.91 (0.46-7.99) | 0.99 (0.23-4.33) |
| 4+3 | 70 | 21 | 11.78 (3.51-39.55) | 5.73 (1.59-20.67) |
| 8 or 9 | 38 | 19 | 20.06 (5.93-67.91) | 10.63 (3.03-37.30) |

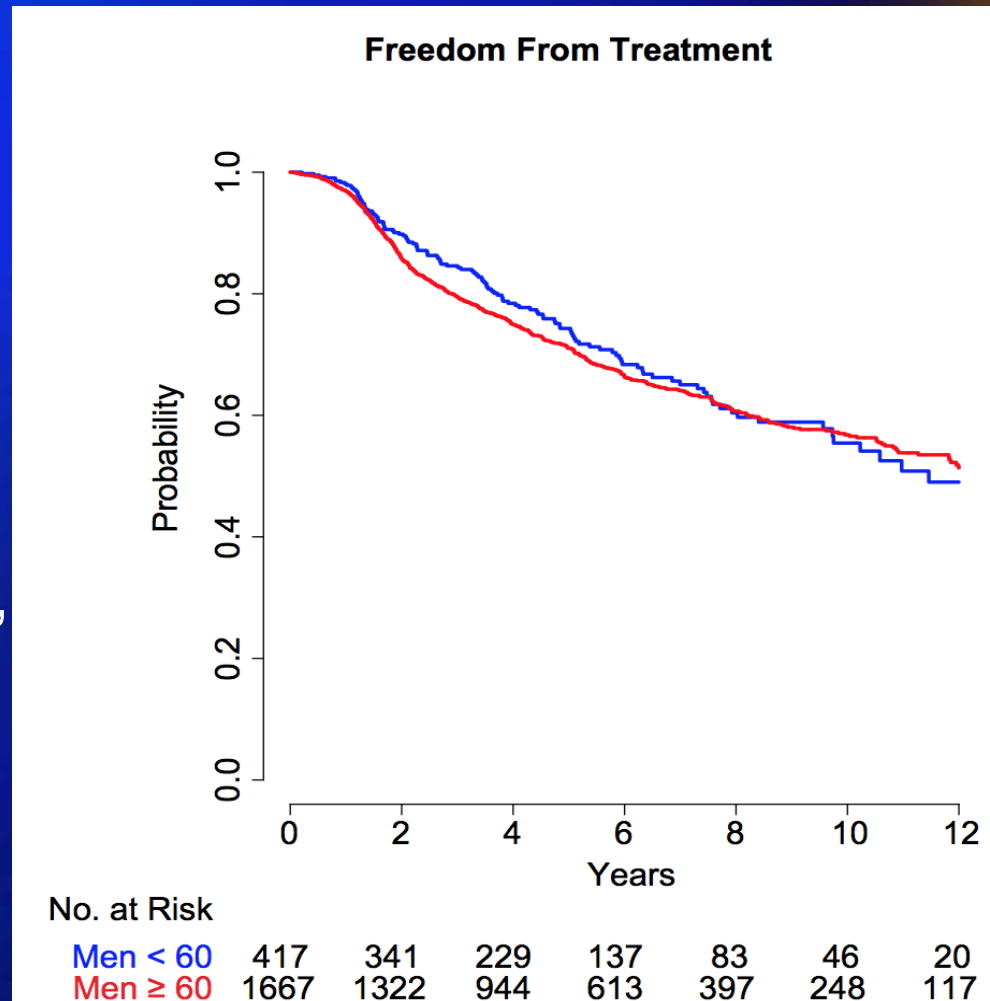
Long term outcome of surveillance reflects inclusion criteria and intervention strategy

| | Sunnybrook | Johns Hopkins |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Eligibility | All Gleason 6, PSA ≤ 15 , and selected Gleason 3+4 | NCCN low risk (≤ 2 pos cores, $< 50\%$ core involvement, PSAD < 0.15) |
| Intervention | Gleason 4+3 | \geq NCCN low risk (volume progression or any Gleason 4) |
| Proportion of Pca patients eligible | 50% | 15-20% |
| 15 year Pca mortality | 5% (mostly baseline Gl. 7) | 0.5% |

Is AS safe for young men (< 60 yrs)?

Salari K, Klotz L et al AUA 2018

- 417 men < 60 yrs and 1667 \geq 60 yrs on AS
- Median follow-up 6.2 years
- No difference in:
 - Treatment rates (74% vs. 71%)
 - MFS (99.7% vs. 99.0%),
 - CSS (100% vs. 99.7%).
- Caveat: No 30 year follow up!

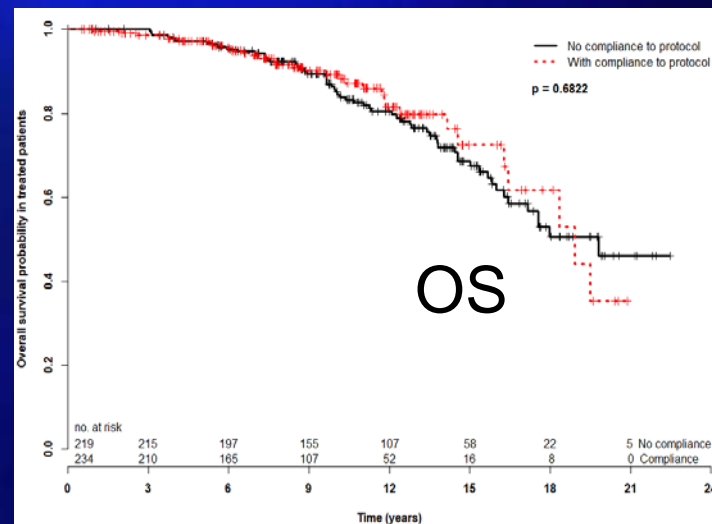
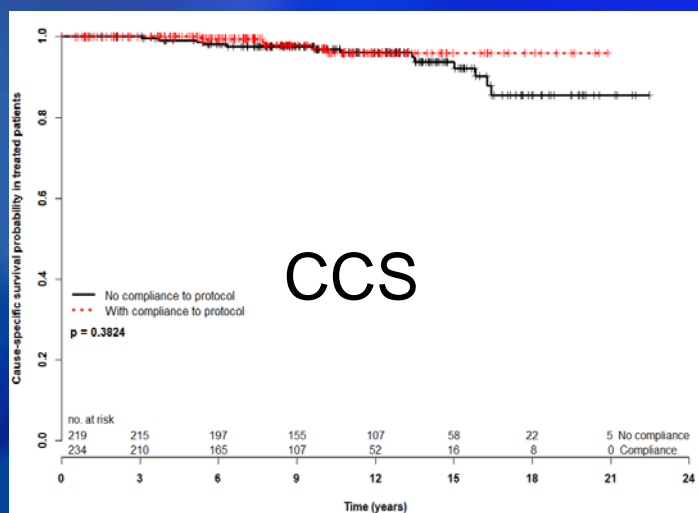
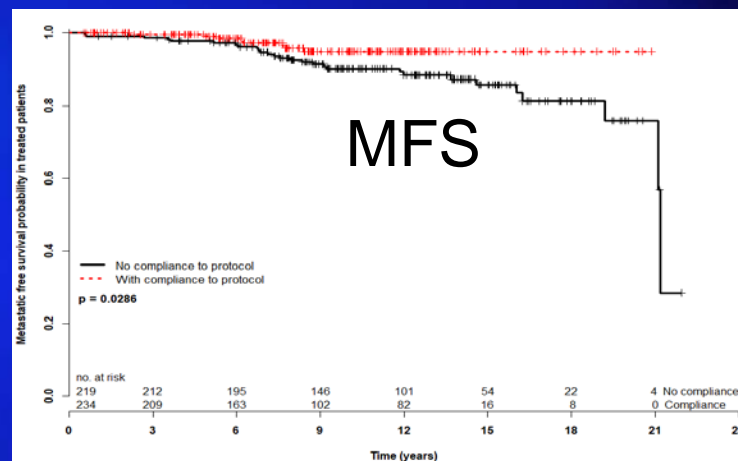
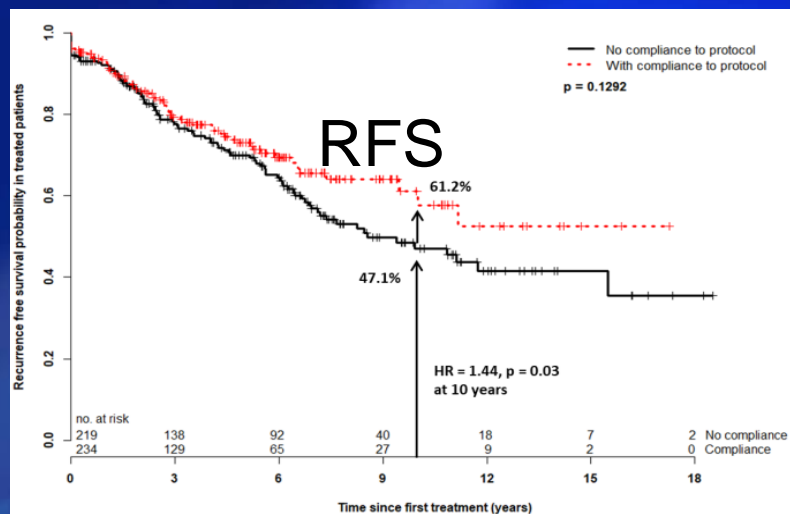


AS patients treated for Pca—characteristics and outcome

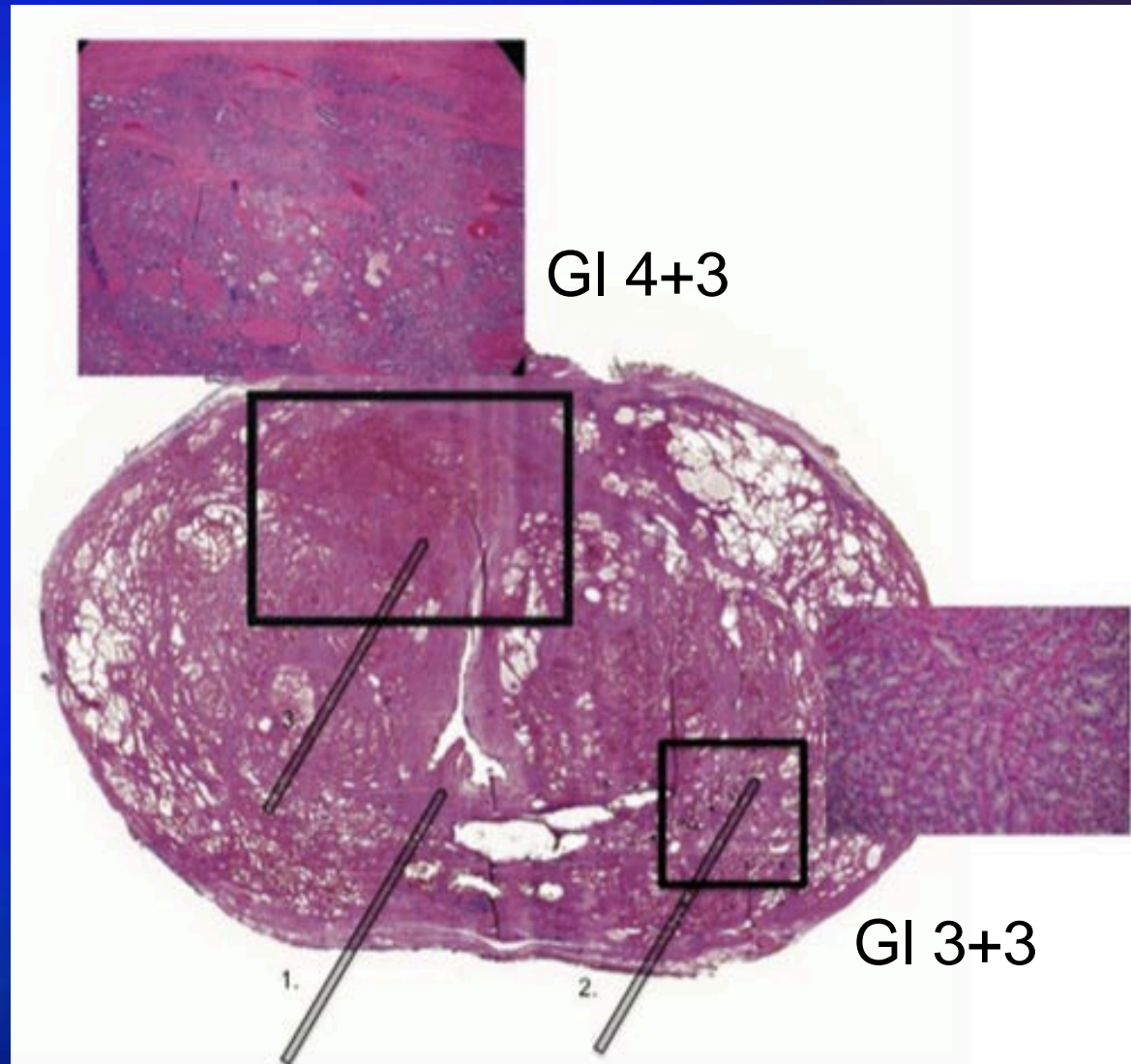
Klotz L, Loblaw A, submitted for publication

| Characteristic | Non-compliant to protocol (n = 219) | Compliant to protocol (n = 234) | p-value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Median age, yr (IQR) | 69 (64 – 73) | 66 (60 – 70) | < 0.001 |
| Treatment received, (%) | | | 0.021 |
| Radical prostatectomy | 58 (26%) | 84 (35%) | |
| Radiotherapy | 127 (58%) | 113 (48%) | |
| HIFU | 7 (3%) | 22 (9%) | |
| Failed subsequent treatment, n (%) | 89 (41%) | 61 (26%) | 0.001 |
| Developed metastases, n (%) | 28 (13%) | 8 (3%) | < 0.001 |
| Died of PCa, n (%) | 13 (6%) | 5 (2%) | 0.053 |
| All deaths, n (%) | 60 (27%) | 32 (14%) | < 0.001 |

Oncologic outcomes by biopsy protocol compliance, Sunnybrook cohort



**MRI targeting: Gleason 4+3 after prior biopsy showed
1 pos core 10% Gleason 3+3**



How well does MRI detect and rule out clinically significant cancer?

| Study | Year | N | Ca Dx rate % | Accuracy % | Sens % | Spec % | PPV % | NPV % |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|------|--------------|------------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Abd-Alazeez | 2014 | 129 | 55 | 44 | 94 | 23 | 34 | 89 |
| Chamie | 2014 | 115 | 100 | 72 | 96 | 46 | 66 | 92 |
| Sonn | 2013 | 105 | 34 | 50 | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Abd-Alazeez | 2014 | 54 | 63 | 53 | 76 | 42 | 38 | 79 |
| Arumainayagam | 2013 | 64 | 84 | 72-82 | 58-73 | 71-84 | 49-63 | 84-89 |
| Kasivisvanathan | 2013 | 182 | 79 | 57 | 79 | 87 | 93 | 79 |
| Hoeks | 2012 | 265 | 41 | 35 | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Rais-Bahrami | 2013 | 538 | 59 | NR | 94 | 28 | 38 | 91 |
| Rouse | 2011 | 114 | 60 | 86 | 95 | 84 | 68 | 98 |
| Thompson | 2014 | 150 | 61 | 33 | 96 | 50 | 50 | 96 |
| Pannebianco | 2015 | 1140 | 80 | 97 | 86 | 94 | 99 | 100 |
| Ahmed Promis | 2017 | 740 | 53 | 60 | 88 | 45 | 65 | 76 |
| Klotz | 2018 | 273 | 23 | 50 | 93 | 27 | 30 | 0.86 |
| Systematic Reviews | De Rooij, AJR 2014 Mowatt, HTA 2013 | | | | 74 | 88 | | 0.85 |

Randomized MRI studies: Systematic bx vs MRI and targeted bx

All studies: Median PSA ~6, median age ~64,

| Study | N | Cohort | Biopsies avoided | Clin significant Ca missed if only targeted Bx | GG \geq 2 Targ vs systematic | GG 1 Targ vs systematic | Median # cores/pt. |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Precision NEJM 2018 Kasivisanathan | 500 | ↑ PSA | 28% | | + 12% | - 13% (9% vs 22%) | 4 vs 12 |
| MRI-First Lancet Onc 2018 Rouviere | 251 | ↑ PSA | 20% | 11% | + 2% (NS) | -14% (6% vs 20%) | 3 vs 12 |
| 4M Eur Urol 2018 Van der Leest | 626 | ↑ PSA | 49% | 4% | + 2% | -11% (14% vs 25%) | 3 vs 12 |
| ASIST Euro Urol 2018 Klotz | 275 | Active Surv. (Confirm. Bx) | N/A (Syst vs Targ + Syst) | 14% | -2% | -4% | N/A (median 2 targeted vs 12 systematic) |

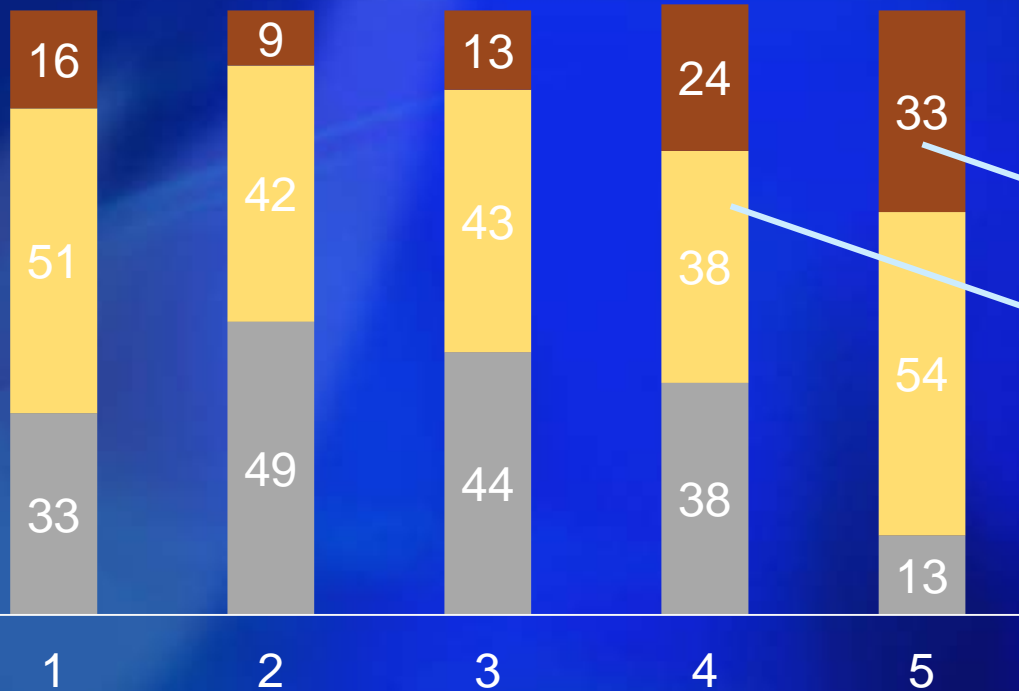
NPV of MRI: Meta-analysis from EAU Guidelines Panel. Moldovan PC Eur Urol. 2017 Aug;72(2):250-266.

Can biopsy be avoided if MRI negative?

- **NPV of MRI a function of underlying risk**
 - **For 30% risk of Pca, NPV 88%**
 - **For 60% risk, NPV 67%**
- **Most studies included all cancers, only one reported Gleason ≥ 7 (NPV 88%)**

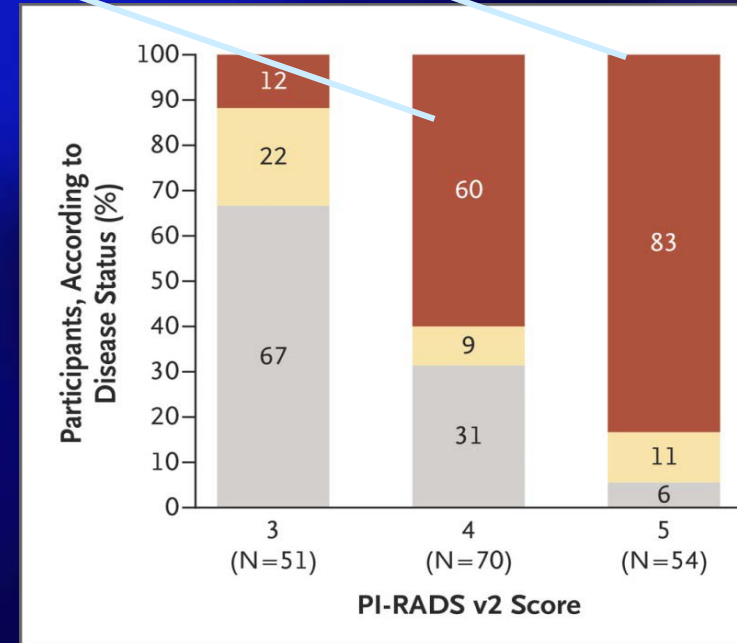
Percentages with No Cancer, Clinically Insignificant, and Clinically Significant Cancer by Likert score

■ No Cancer ■ GG1 ■ GG ≥ 2



MRI score

Precision study NEJM 2018
(Note: definition of CS Ca non-identical)



Participants, According to Disease Status (%)

(N=51)

(N=70)

(N=54)

PI-RADS v2 Score

Value of Increasing Biopsy Cores per Target with Cognitive MRI-targeted Transrectal US Prostate Biopsy

Radiology 2019; 00:1–7

Michelle Zhang, MD, FRCP(C) • Laurent Milot, MD • Farzad Khalvati, PhD • Linda Sugar, MD, FRCP(C) • Michelle Downes, MD, FRCP(C) • Sarah M. Baig, MBBS • Laurence Klotz, MD, FRCS(C) • Masoom A. Haider, MD, FRCP(C)

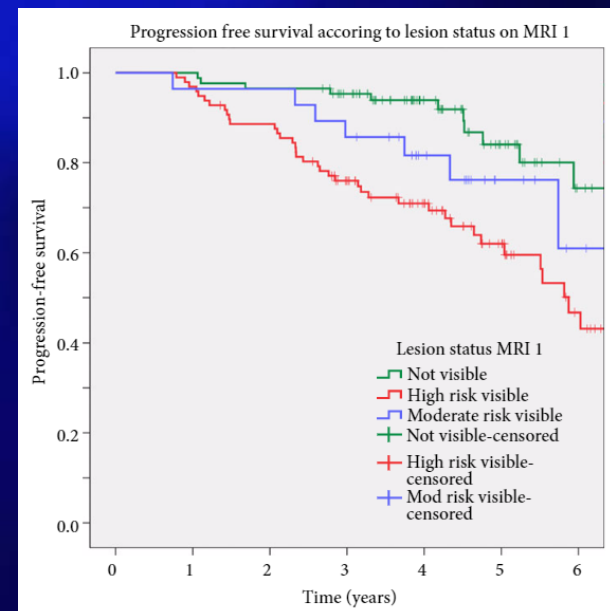
| Maximum GG | 1 core | 3 cores | 5 cores |
|-------------|--------|---------|---------|
| GG \geq 1 | 43% | 52% | 55% |
| GG \geq 2 | 26% | 33% | 35% |
| GG \geq 3 | 14% | 16% | 18% |

| Upgrade | From 1 to 3 cores | From 3 to 5 cores |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| GG 0 to GG \geq 1 | 8% | 3% |
| GG \leq 1 to GG \geq 2 | 6% | 2.4% |
| GG \leq 2 to GG \geq 3 | 2.4% | 1.5% |
| Any upgrade | 13% | 6% |

MRI-based active surveillance: PSA dynamics and serial MRI scans allow omission of F/U biopsies. Gallagher KM, BJU

Int. 2019 Mar;123(3):429-438.

- 1/56 patients (1.8%) with negative MRI who underwent confirmatory systematic biopsy had upgrading to \geq GG2.
- Men with suspicious MRI had high risk of subsequent progression: 19/76 (25.0%) vs 9/84 (10.7%) for patients with negative MRI, despite negative confirmatory biopsies and favorable PSA dynamics.
- Men with low-risk Gleason 3 +3 prostate cancer on active surveillance can forgo biopsies in favour of MRI and PSA monitoring with selective re-biopsy

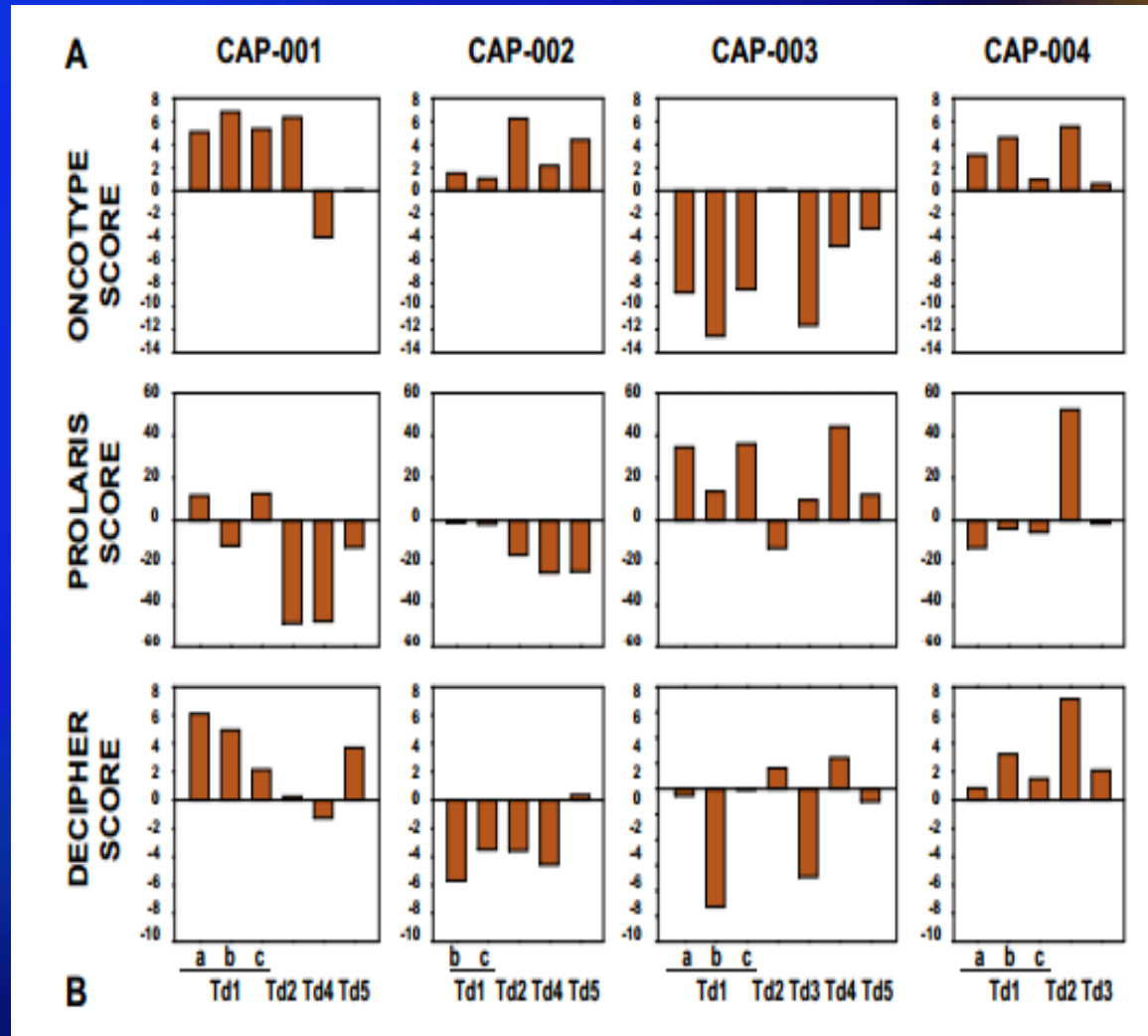


Currently available tissue-based tests for Pca

| <i>Test</i> | <i>Platform</i> | <i>Molecular basis</i> | <i>Marketed use</i> | <i>CMS approved use</i> | <i>Clinical scenario</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ki-67 | IHC | Proliferation | NA | No | Active surveillance |
| Prolaris | RT-PCR | Proliferation | Pre and post Rx decision making | Yes, decision making for surveillance | Active surveillance |
| PTEN | IHC/FISH | PTEN | NA | No | Active surveillance |
| ProMark | Quantitative proteomics | Proteins related to PCa adverse pathology and outcomes | Pre-Tx decision making | No | Active surveillance |
| OncotypeDX Prostate | RT-PCR | Transcripts ~ adverse pathology and outcomes | Pre-Tx decision making | No | Active surveillance |
| Decipher | RNA MicroArray | Transcripts predictive of PCa metastasis | Post-Tx decision making | Yes, post RP | Adjuvant radiation |

Intratatumoral and intertumoral genomic heterogeneity of multifocal localized Pca impacts molecular classifications and genomic prognosticators. Wei L, Eur Urol. 2016 Jul 20.

Whole-exome sequencing, single-nucleotide polymorphism arrays, and RNA sequencing in 4 representative patients.

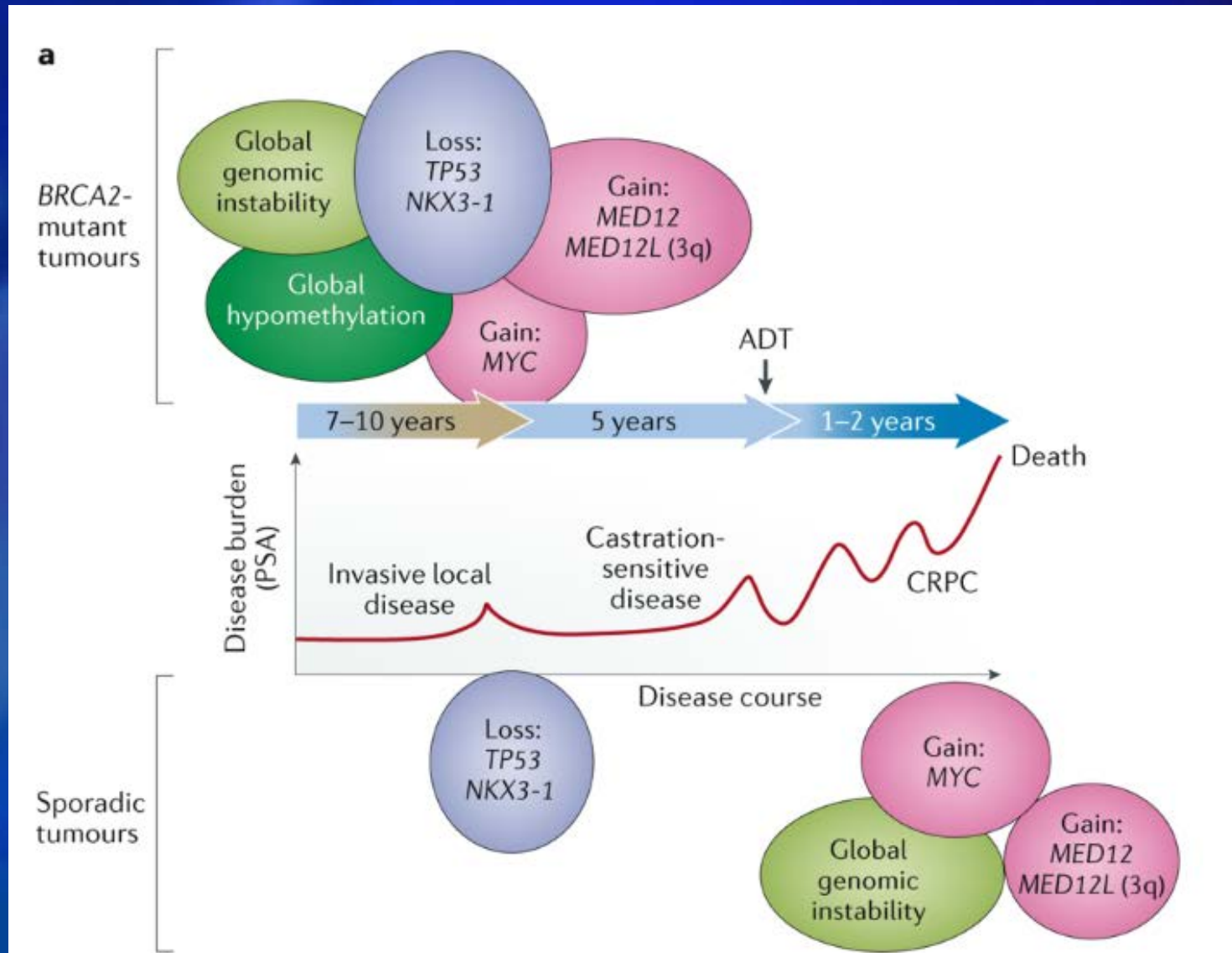


Genetic biomarkers and risk: Bayesian problem

- **You have a patient with GG1 and favorable features.**
- **He has a 1-3% 15 year probability of metastasis**
- **You apply a molecular diagnostic test**
- **Risk of false positive likely significantly greater than benefit of test**
- **Or: 2 cores of Gleason 4+3 with a negative test—would you counsel conservative treatment?**

We need the right test in the right patient with risk in the 'sweet spot'.

The influence of *BRCA2* mutation on localized prostate cancer. Taylor A, Bristow R, Risbridger G, Nature Reviews Urology Feb 2019

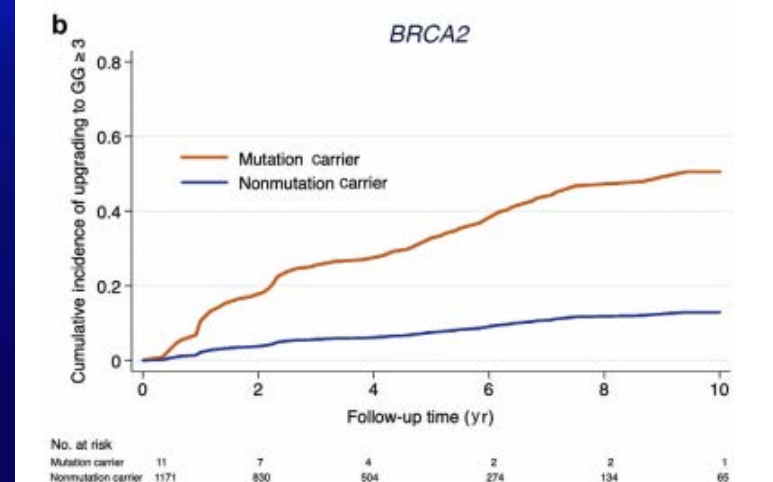
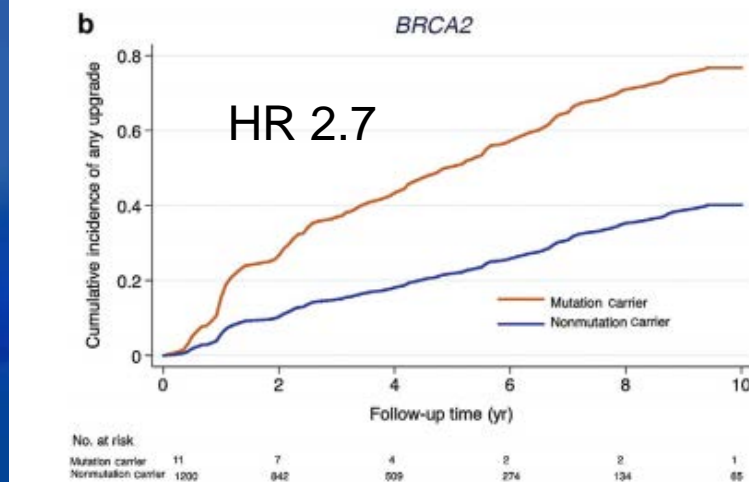
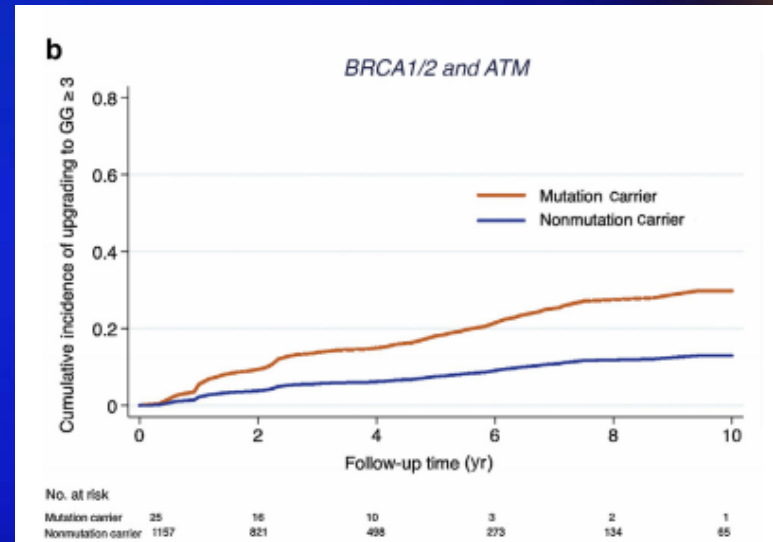
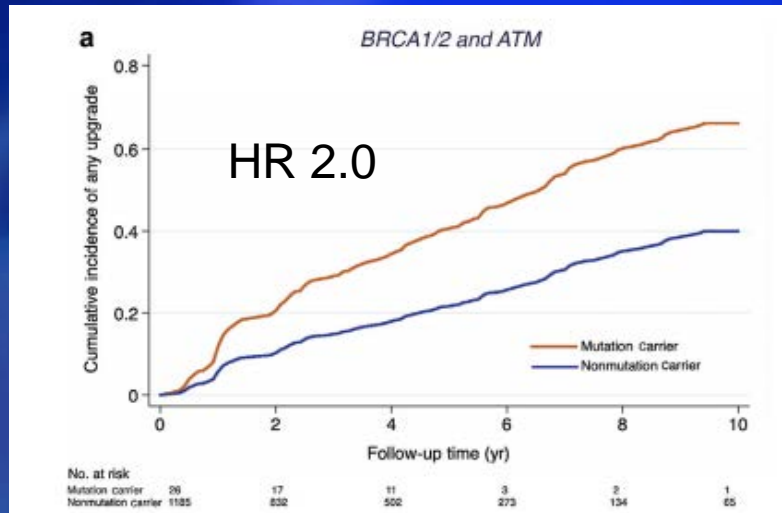


Germline Mutations in ATM and BRCA1/2 Are Associated with Grade Reclassification in Men on Active Surveillance **Carter HB, Eur Urol. 2018 Oct 8**

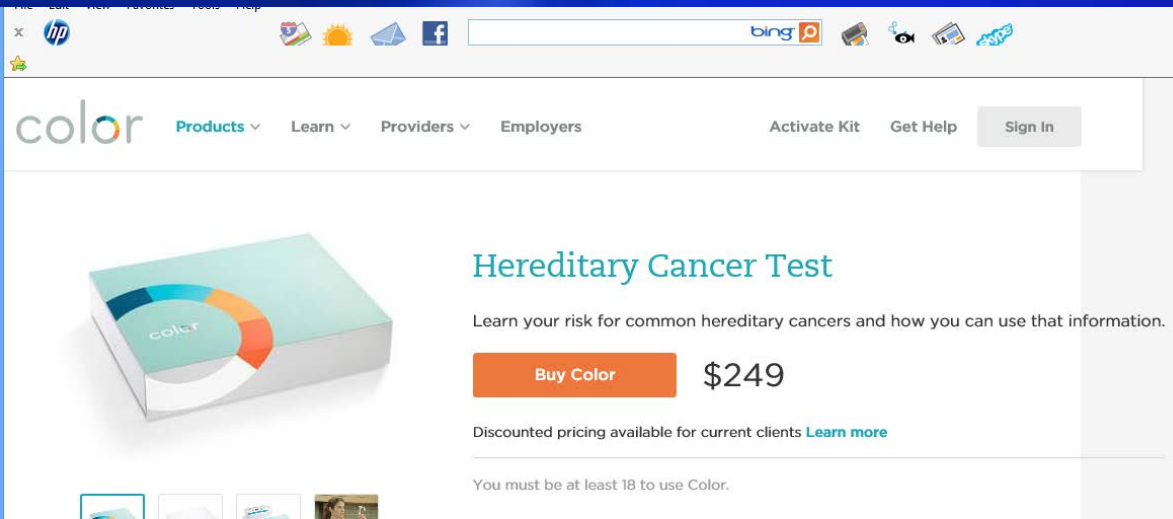
- 1211 men on active surveillance
- 26 with DNA repair germline mutations (BRCA1/2, ATM)

Any upgrading

Upgrading to \geq GG3



Color.com genetic testing for inherited DNA repair defects



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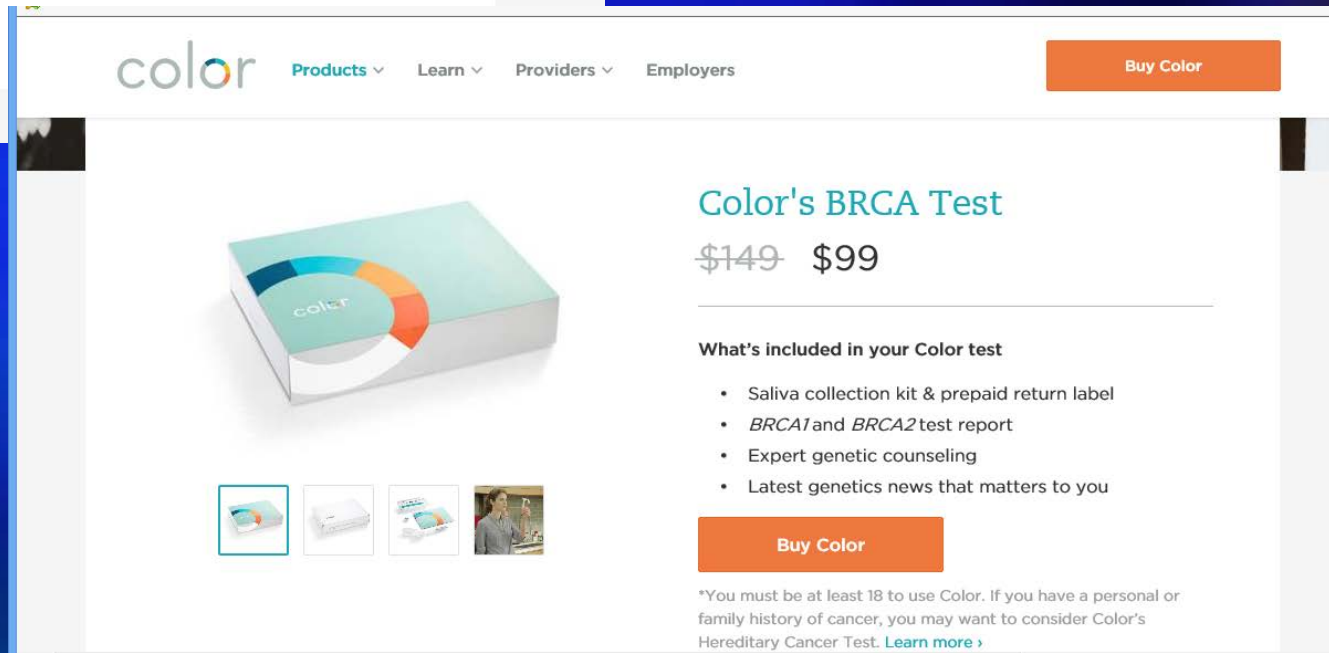
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Low risk cancers that are candidates for active surveillance

| Type of Cancer | Median age | Sex | Definitive Treatment option | Risks of Treating | AS option | Specialty | Stage of Adoption |
|----------------|------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Prostate | 66 | 100% ♂ | RP or XRT | ED, incontinence, proctitis | PSA, MRI, biopsy | Urologist | Widely adopted |
| Thyroid | 51 | 75% ♀ | Total thyroidectomy +/- LND +/- I ¹²⁵ | Change in voice and hypoCa ⁺⁺ | Neck U/S and serum Thyroglobulin | Endocrinologist | In trials |
| DCIS Breast | 62 | 98% ♀ | Mastectomy/lumpectomy + XRT | Lymphoedema, other | Mammography | Varies | In discussions |
| Kidney Ca | 65 | 60% ♂ | Nephrectomy/Partial Nx | CRF, ↑ BP | U/S/CT/biopsy | Urologist | Increasing |

Comparison of guidelines: US, Canada, UK, Europe

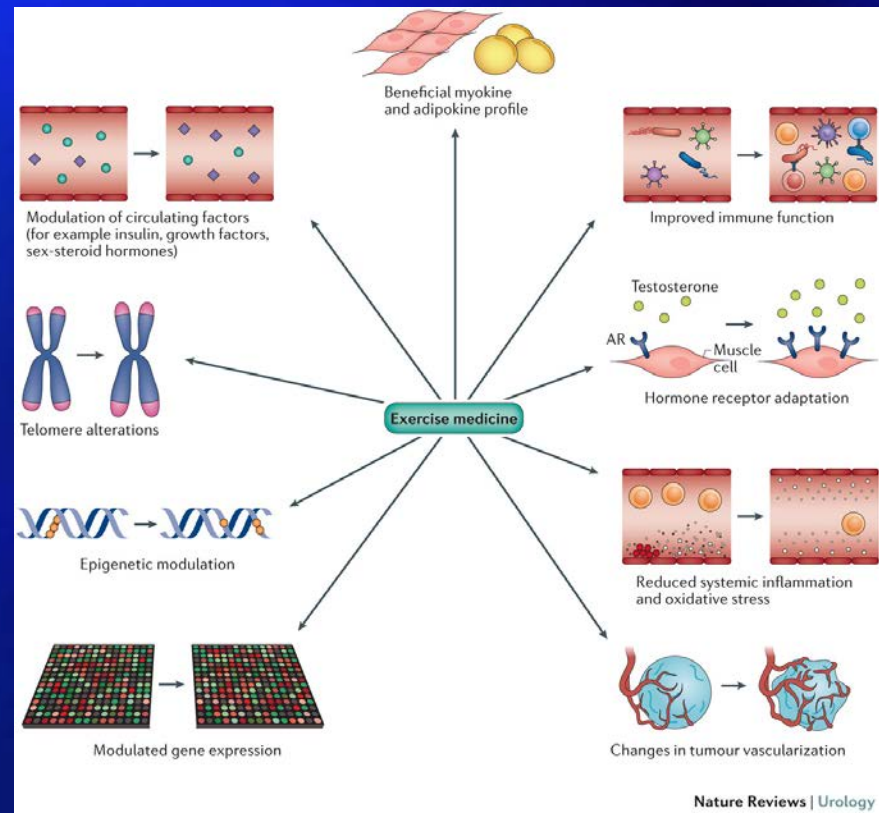
| | Low risk Pca | Intermediate risk | F/U: PSA, DRE, Biopsy | Other tests (MRI, biomarkers) | 5 ARI |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cancer Care Ontario CUAJ 2015 | AS preferred management | Active treatment; AS for selected pts | PSA q 3-6 mo DRE q 1 yr Systematic bx within 6-12 mo, then q 3-5 yrs | MRI when clinical and path findings discordant | May have a role |
| ASCO JCO 2016 | Same | Same | Same | Other tests remain investigational | No clear role |
| AUA 2017 | Same | Selected patients | Same | Same | |
| NICE 2016 | Same | Radical treatment for 'disease progression' ² | PSA q 3-4 months, monitor kinetics, otherwise same | MRI at enrollment | |
| EAU 2018 | Same, esp. if < 20 yr L.E. | Selected patients | Same as CCO | MRI recommended (esp prior to confirm bx) | N/A |

Can we prevent 'failure' by innocuous interventions?

- **Why:**
 - **Patients like to feel they are 'doing something'**
 - **Most proposed interventions have other health benefits**
 - **Opportunity to improve diet, lifestyle**
 - **Perhaps reduce biological progression**

Simple heart/prostate healthy advice for patients on AS

- Stop smoking
- Regular exercise
- Dietary modification: weight management, moderate red meat intake, increase fruits/vegetables



Galvão, D. A. *et al.* Enhancing active surveillance of prostate cancer: the potential of exercise medicine *Nat. Rev. Urol.* 2016

For men who want to be very proactive

- **Vit D 1000-1500 IU/day (especially northern countries)**
- **Low dose statin (eg, Atorvastatin 10 mg/day)**
- **Metformin 500-850 mg/day**

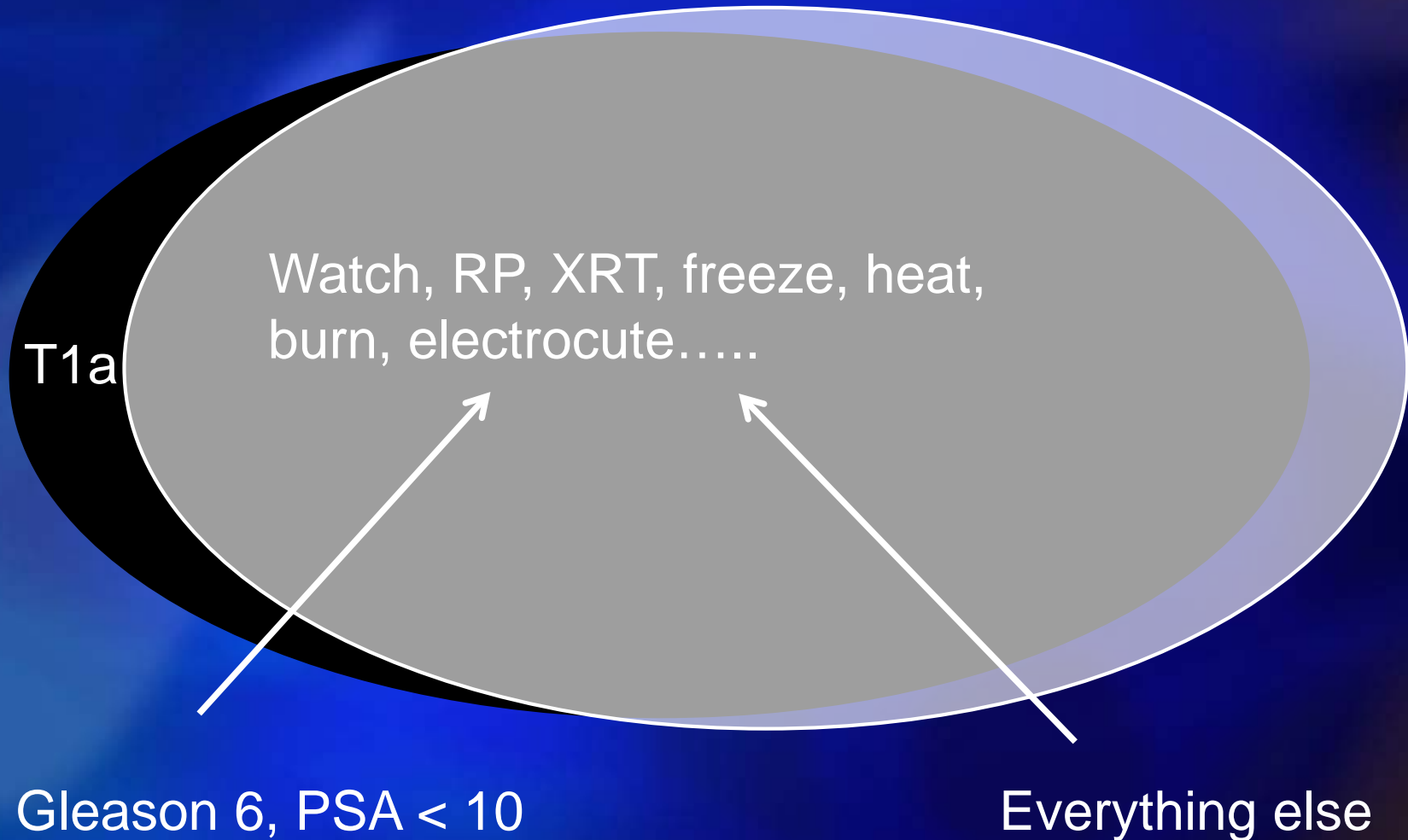
Which intermediate risk patients can be managed with surveillance?

- Gleason 3 + \leq 5% pattern 4 (artifactual upgrading common in this group)
- Low volume GG 2 with negative MRI and/or favorable genetic biomarker score
- Caveat: We have no data on the long term outcome of favorable Gleason 3+4 managed with AS incorporating serial MRI/biomarkers

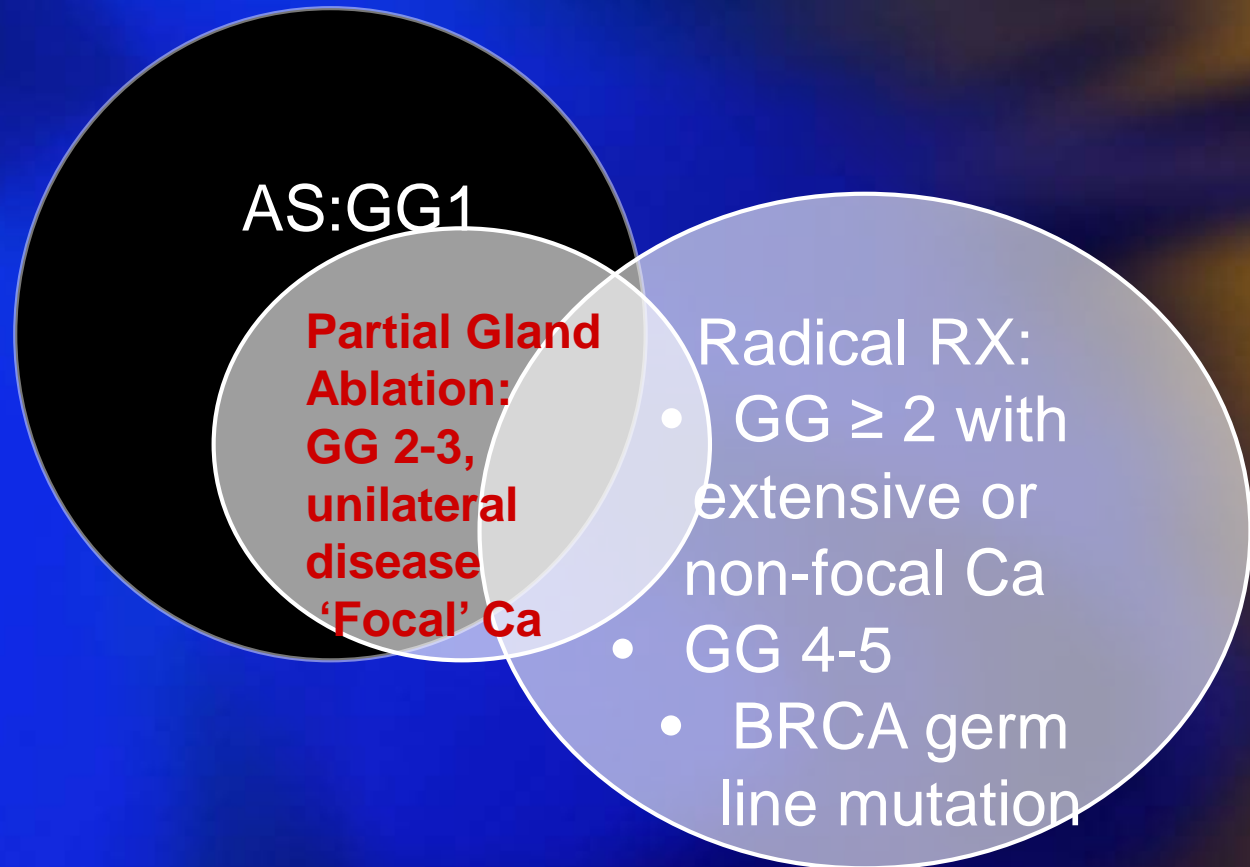
AS current management protocol

- Initial diagnosis based on 12 core biopsy +/- targeted
- MRI within first year (> 3 months after biopsy)
- PSA q 6 months
 - DRE: 1/yr but little value
- Confirmatory biopsy within 1 year
 - With microfocal disease, low PSA density and negative MRI, defer to year 3 (Etzioni R et al 2019)
- MRI q 2-3 years, targeted biopsy if any change/ROI
- Repeat systematic biopsy q 4-5 years if stable
- Intervention for grade progression (clinical judgment)

PCa: Traditional massive grey zone



Surveillance, focal, and radical therapy: The new black, white, and grey zones



AS vs Rx: Grey zone 1

- Extensive GG1 in young men
- High PSAD
- PiRads 5 lesion with GG1
- Adverse genetic biomarker score GG1
- GG2 with < 10% Gleason 4
- Favorable genetic score with GG2

PGA vs radical Rx--Grey zone 2

- Small solitary focus of GG 4
- Limited non-focal (ie, 2 small lesions)

Conclusions: Active surveillance

- **Active surveillance a robust strategy for many cancers with an indolent phenotype**
- **Opportunity to reduce morbidity, cost, and enhance appeal of early detection**
- **Requires patient and physician (and payer) buy-in**
- **Surveillance must be ACTIVE**
- **Congruent with emerging era of molecular medicine**
- **Opportunity for concurrent health maintenance interventions**