

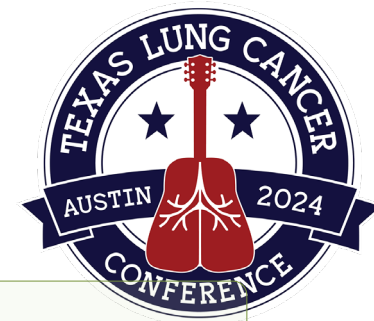
# New Operable Lung Cancer Algorithms: Nothing is *What it Used to Be!*

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# US Lung Cancer Incidence and Mortality

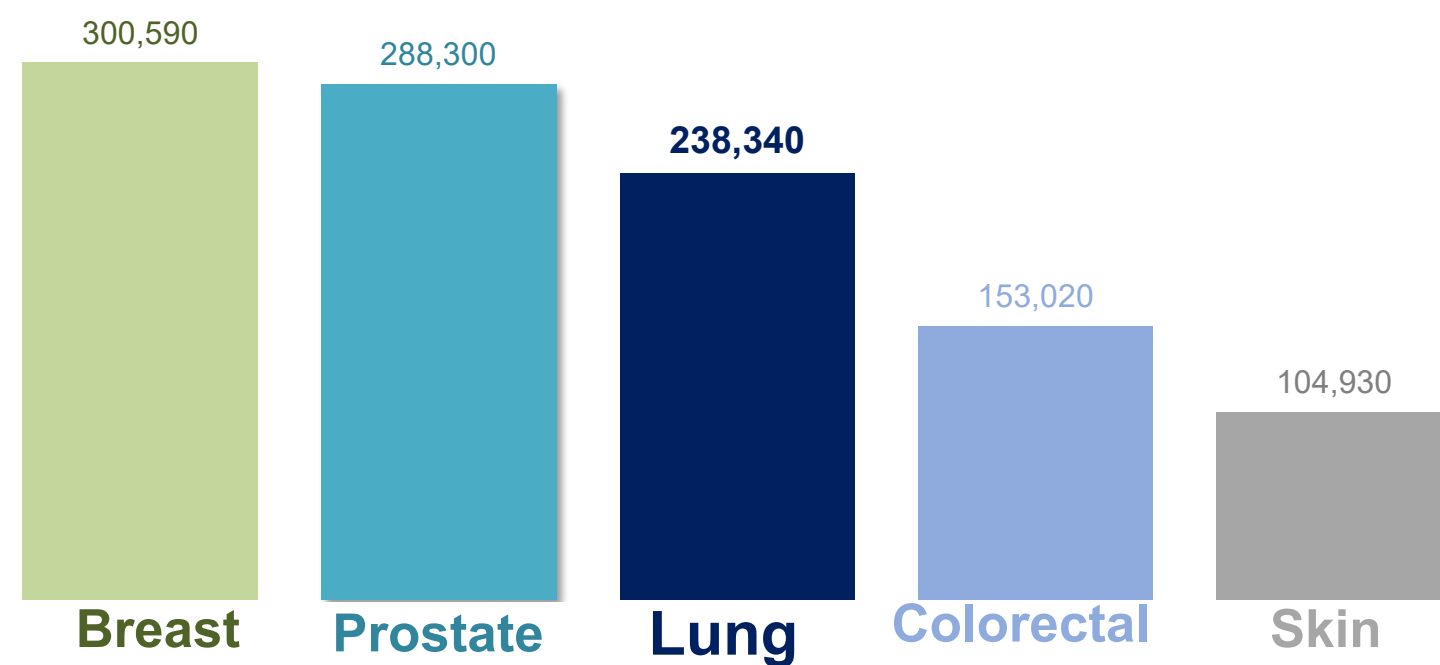


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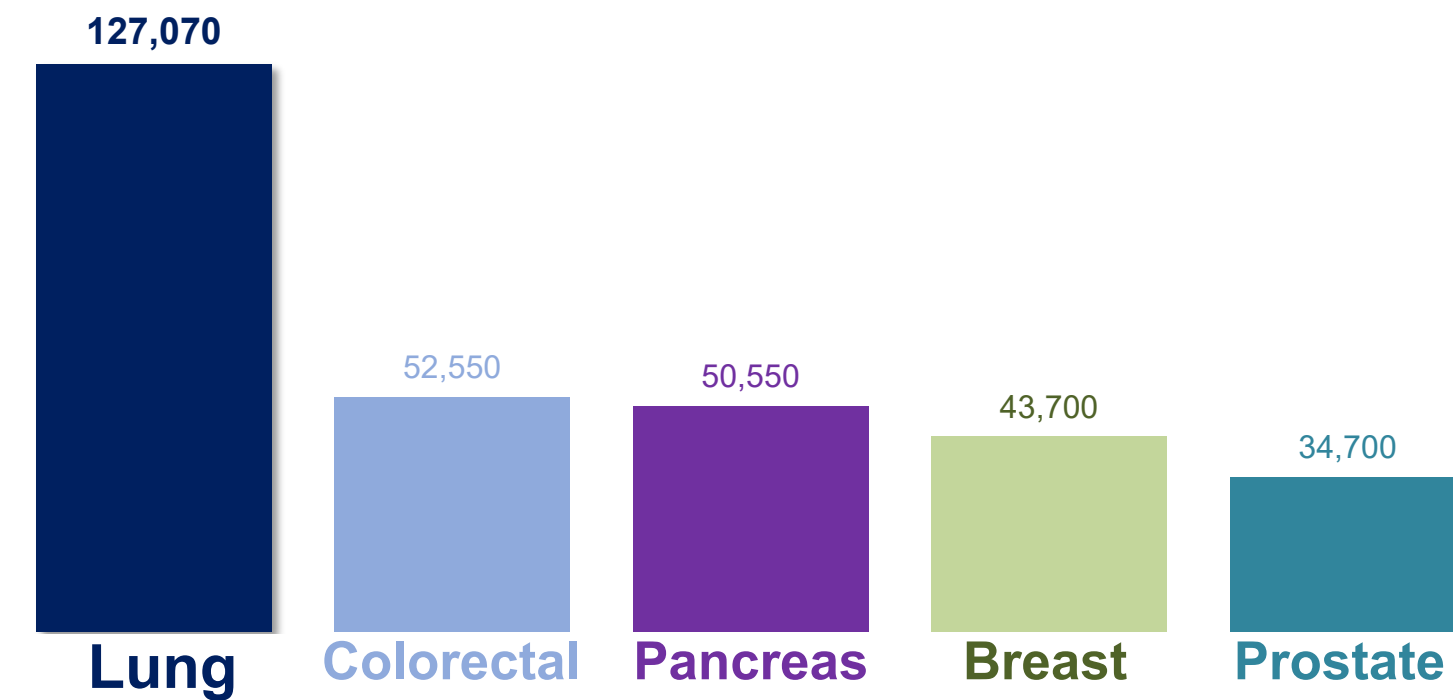


died from lung cancer in 2023

Estimated Cases by Tumor Type



Estimated Deaths by Tumor Type



1 of every 4 cancer deaths is a lung cancer death



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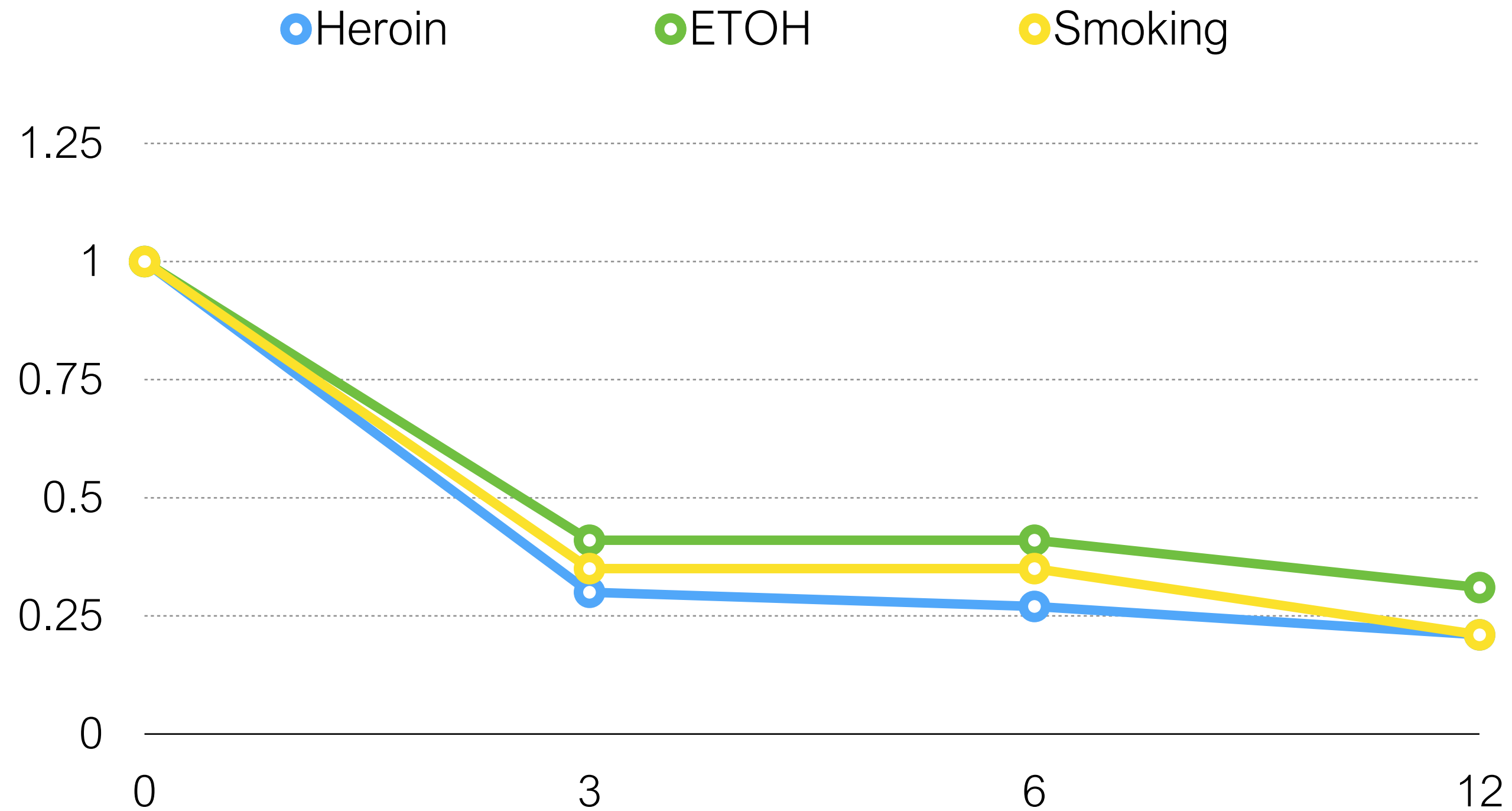
After inhaling, nicotine reaches the brain in

7-10 seconds



- “euphoria” without being “stoned”
- immediate reinforcement of drug-taking behavior
- allow moment to moment titration of dose to achieve the desired effects

# Rate of Relapse

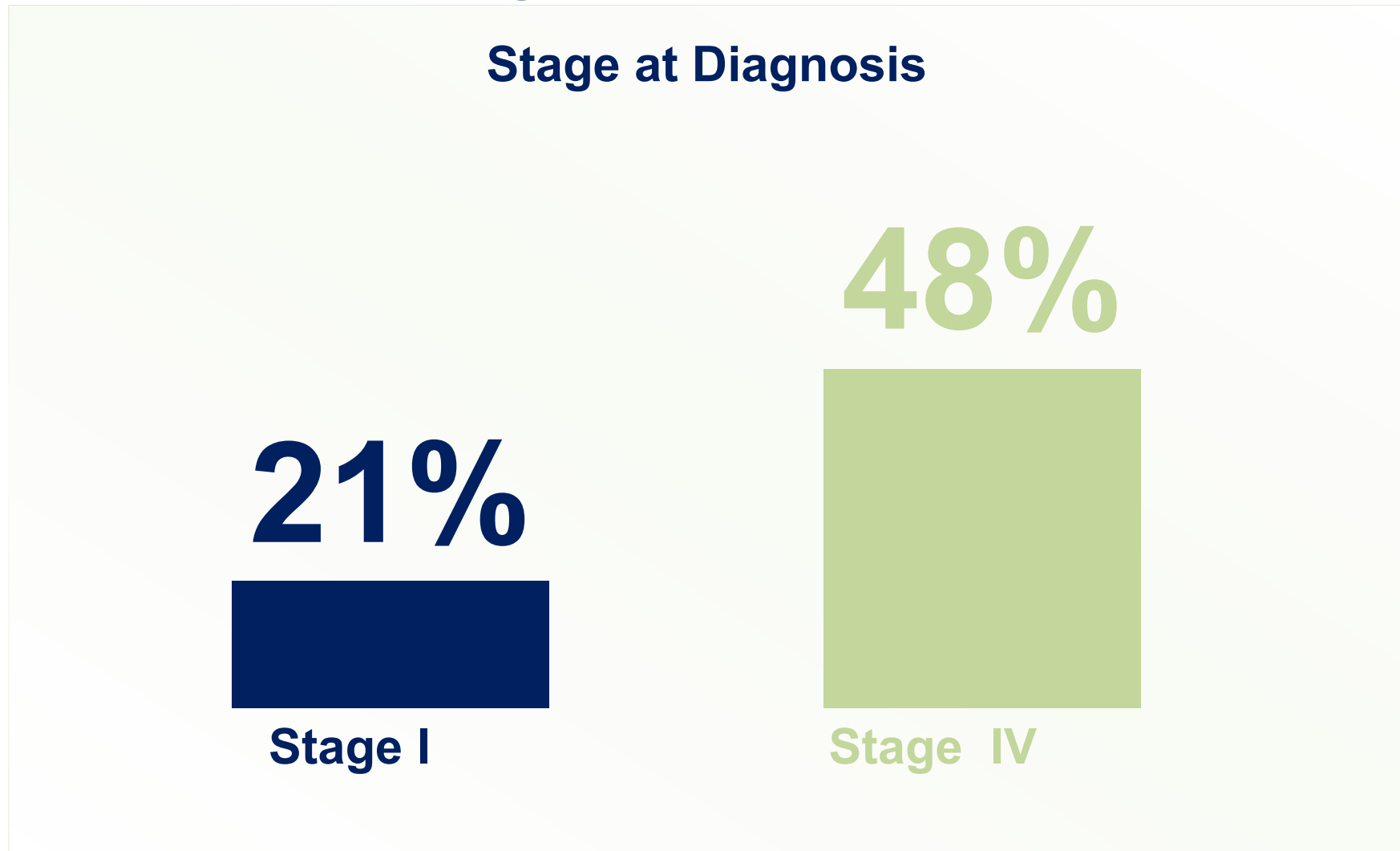


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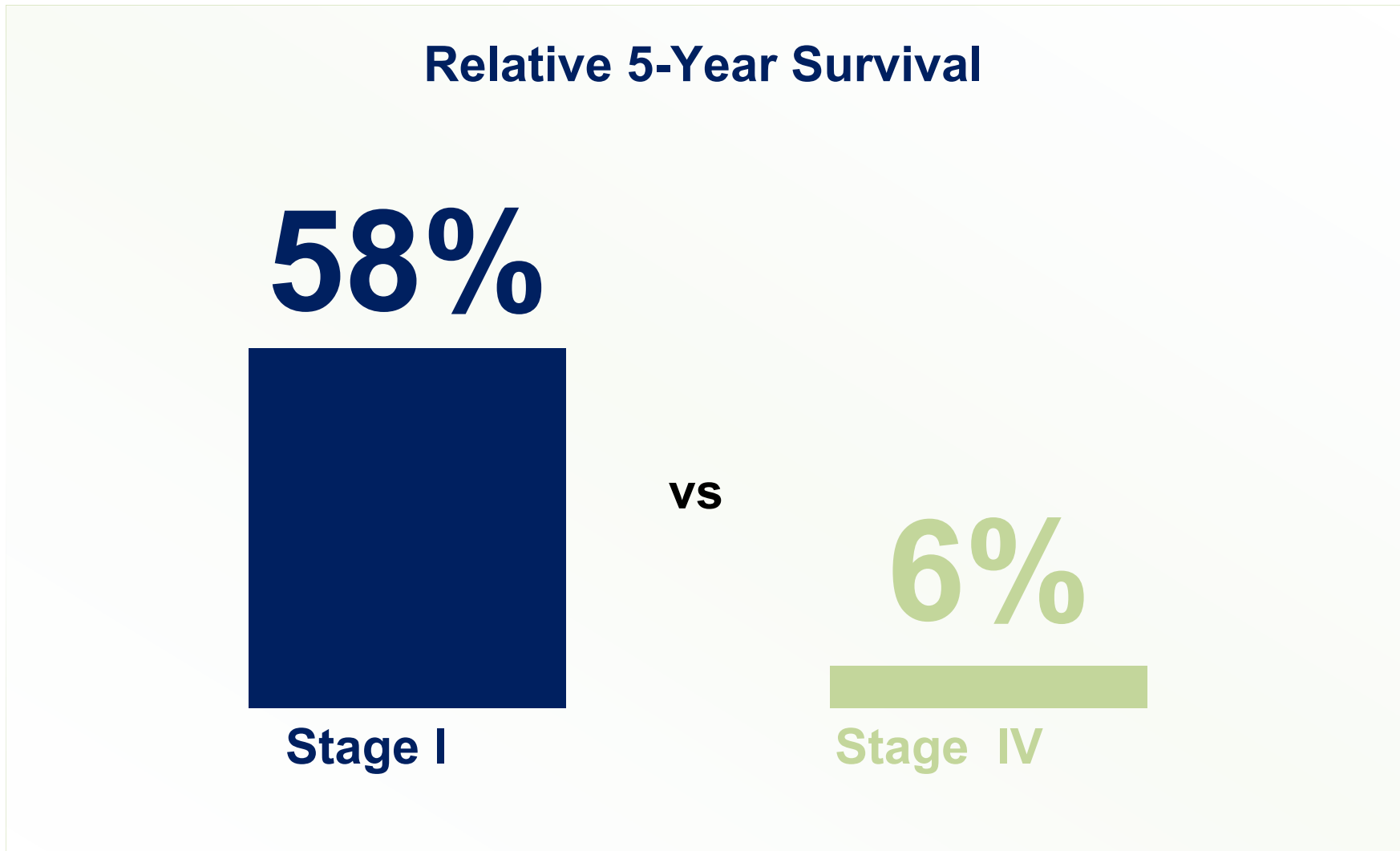
# Clinical Reasons for Poor Lung Cancer Prognosis

Two-pronged problem:

We diagnose pts too late



Treatments are ineffective



Early detection and treatment are critical to improving clinical outcomes in patients with lung cancer

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### Reduced Lung-Cancer Mortality with Low-Dose Computed Tomographic Screening

The National Lung Screening Trial Research Team\*

#### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

The aggressive and heterogeneous nature of lung cancer has thwarted efforts to reduce mortality from this cancer through the use of screening. The advent of low-dose helical computed tomography (CT) altered the landscape of lung-cancer screening, with studies indicating that low-dose CT detects many tumors at early stages. The National Lung Screening Trial (NLST) was conducted to determine whether screening with low-dose CT could reduce mortality from lung cancer.

#### METHODS

From August 2002 through April 2004, we enrolled 53,454 persons at high risk for lung cancer at 33 U.S. medical centers. Participants were randomly assigned to undergo three annual screenings with either low-dose CT (26,722 participants) or single-view posteroanterior chest radiography (26,732). Data were collected on cases of lung cancer and deaths from lung cancer that occurred through December 31, 2009.

#### RESULTS

The rate of adherence to screening was more than 90%. The rate of positive screening tests was 24.2% with low-dose CT and 6.9% with radiography over all three rounds. A total of 96.4% of the positive screening results in the low-dose CT group and 94.5% in the radiography group were false positive results. The incidence of

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### A Quick Move From Tea Party To Flex Muscle

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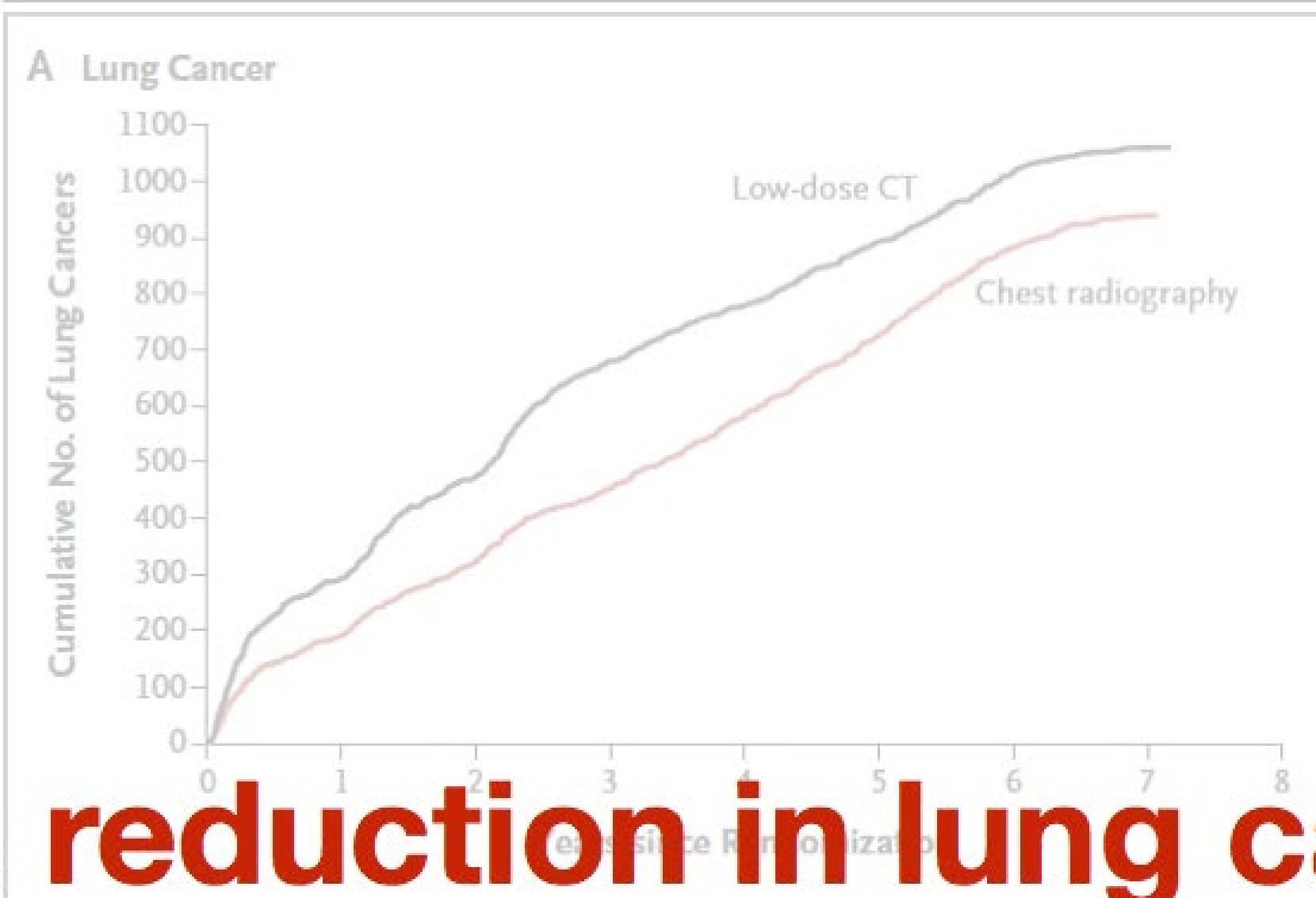
### SCANS CUT DEATHS BY LUNG CANCER AMONG SMOKERS

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**20% reduction in lung cancer**



**mortality!!!**

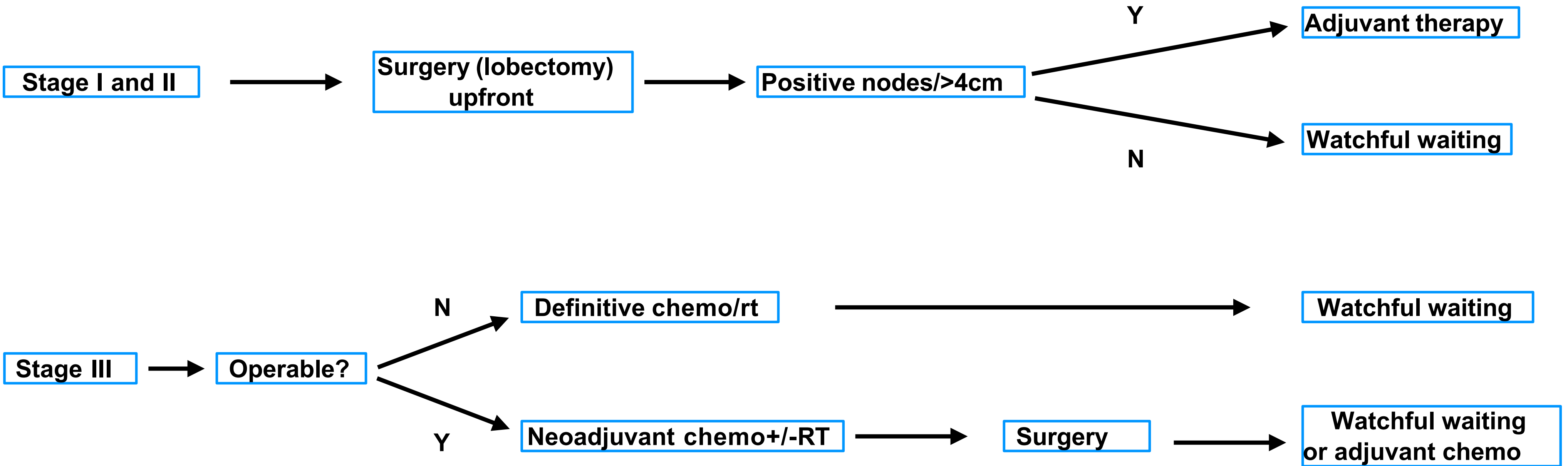




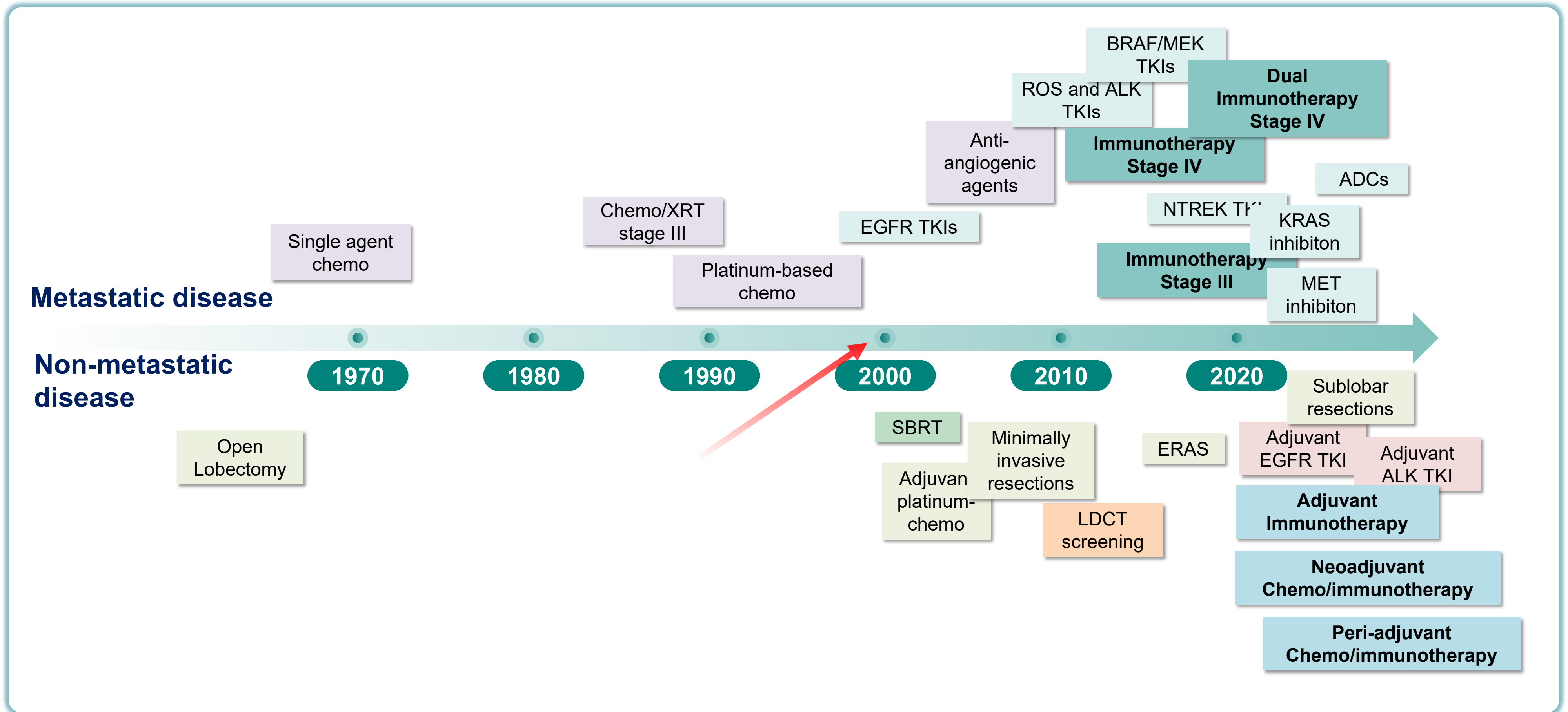
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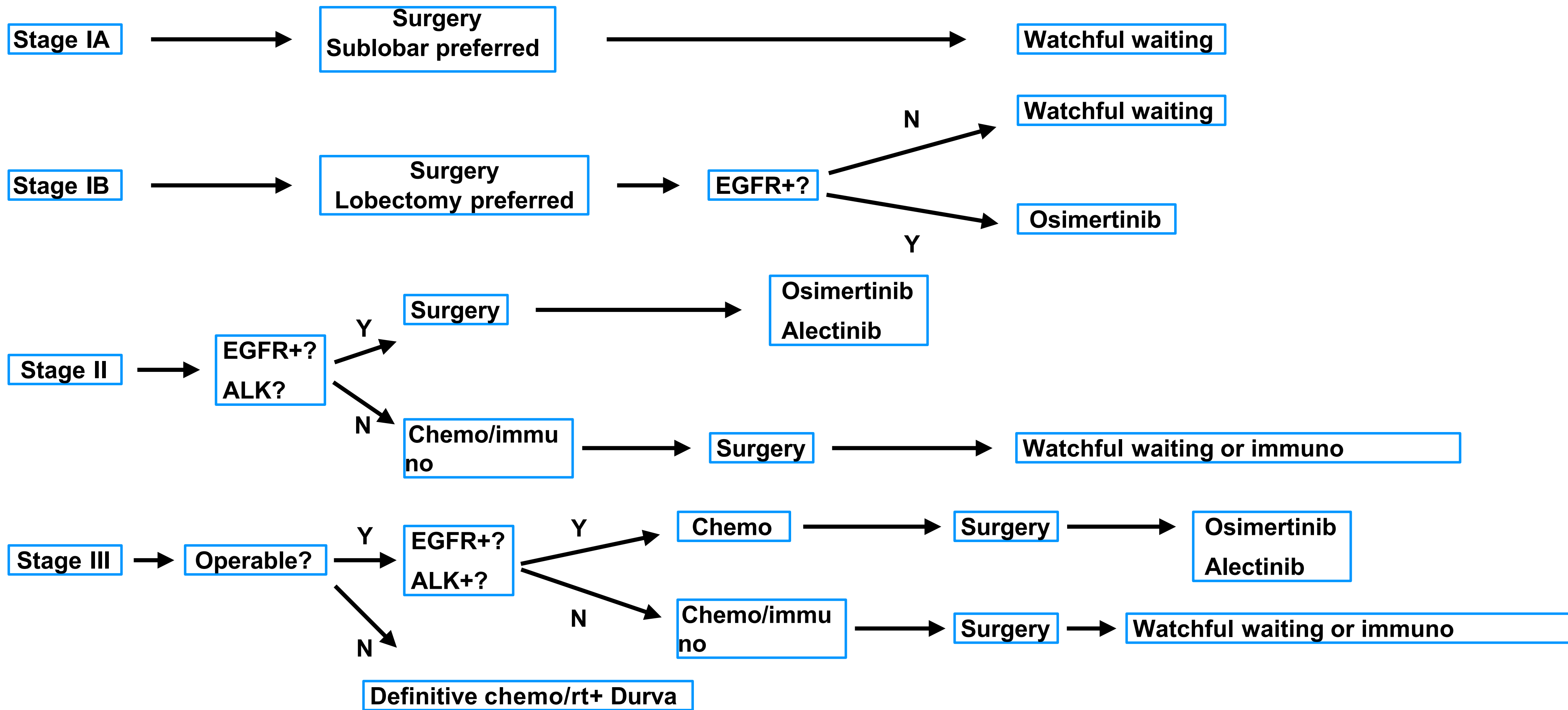
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# Old Paradigms



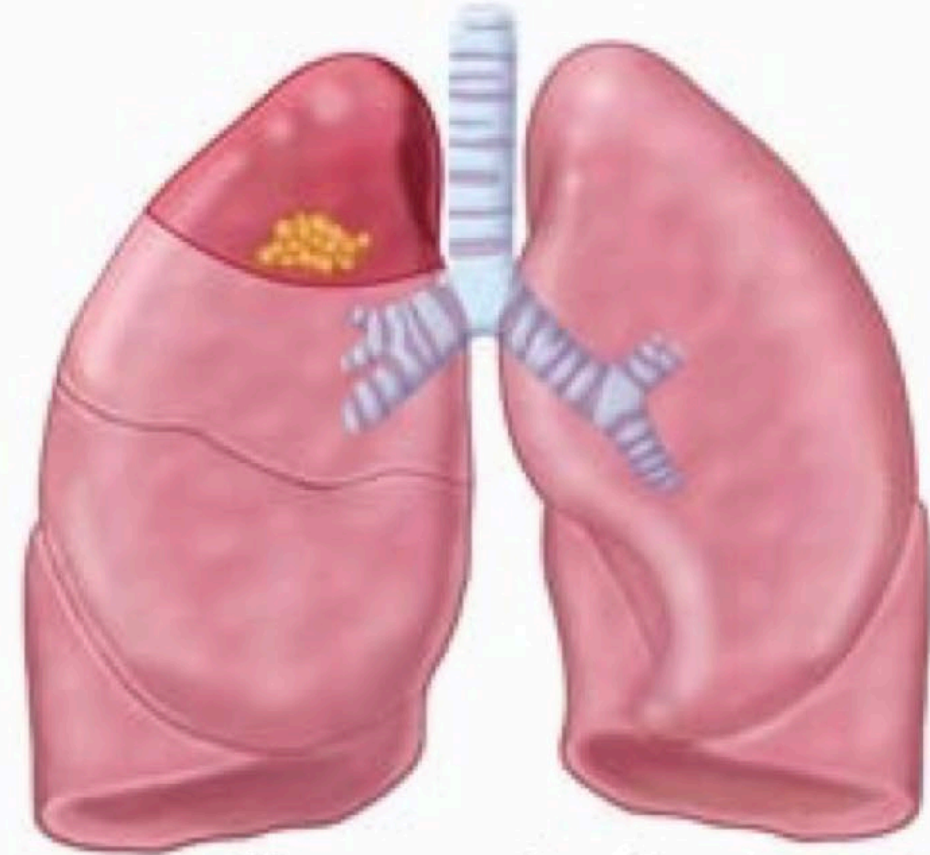
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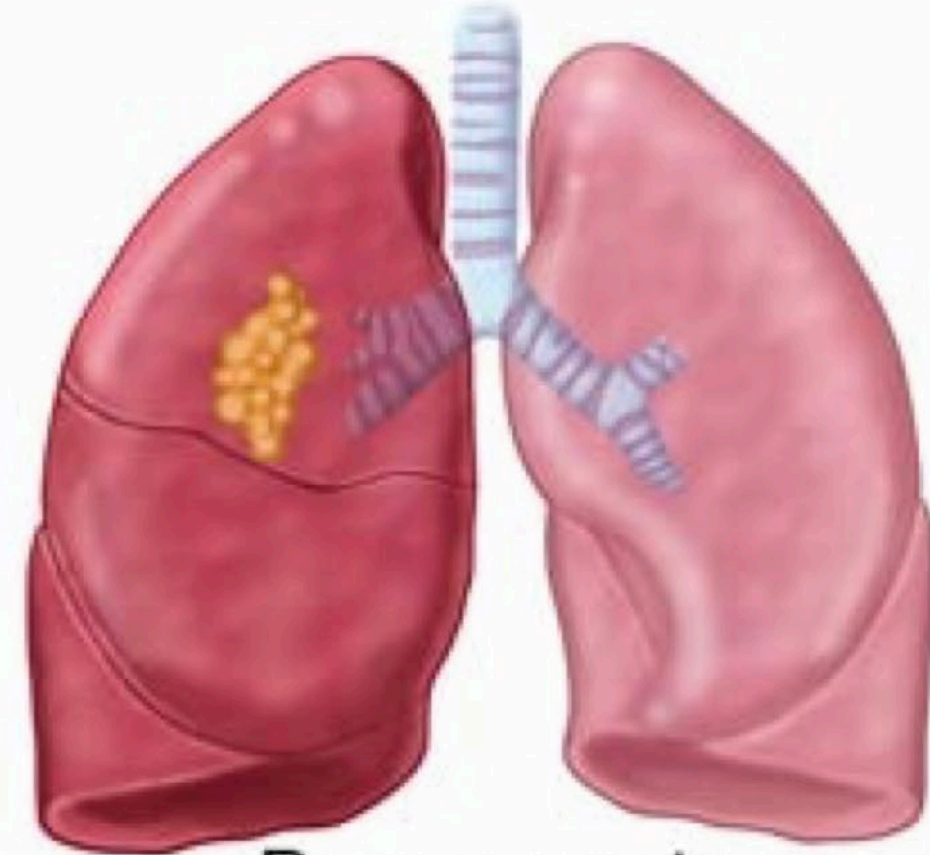
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Segmentectomy



Lobectomy

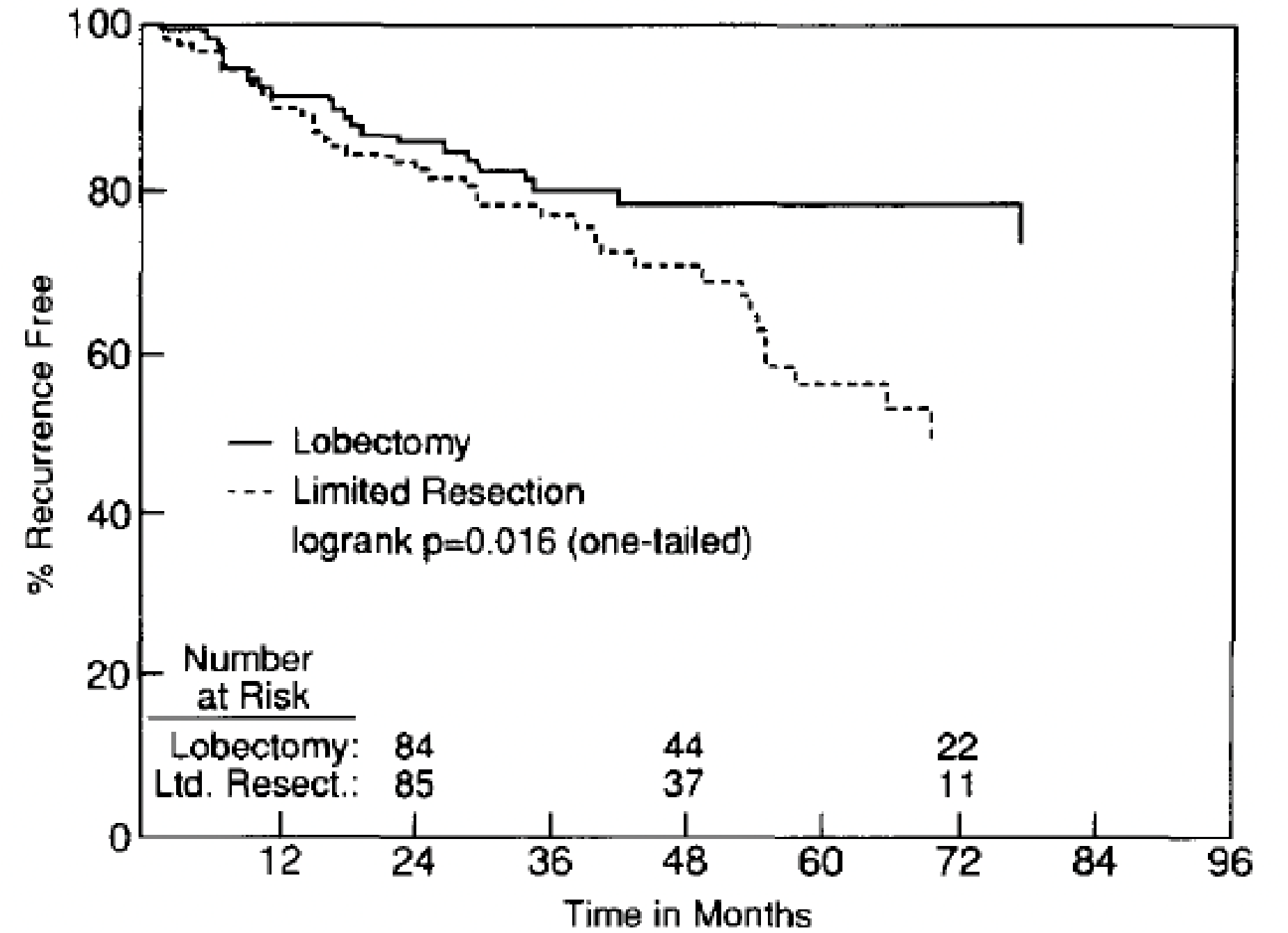
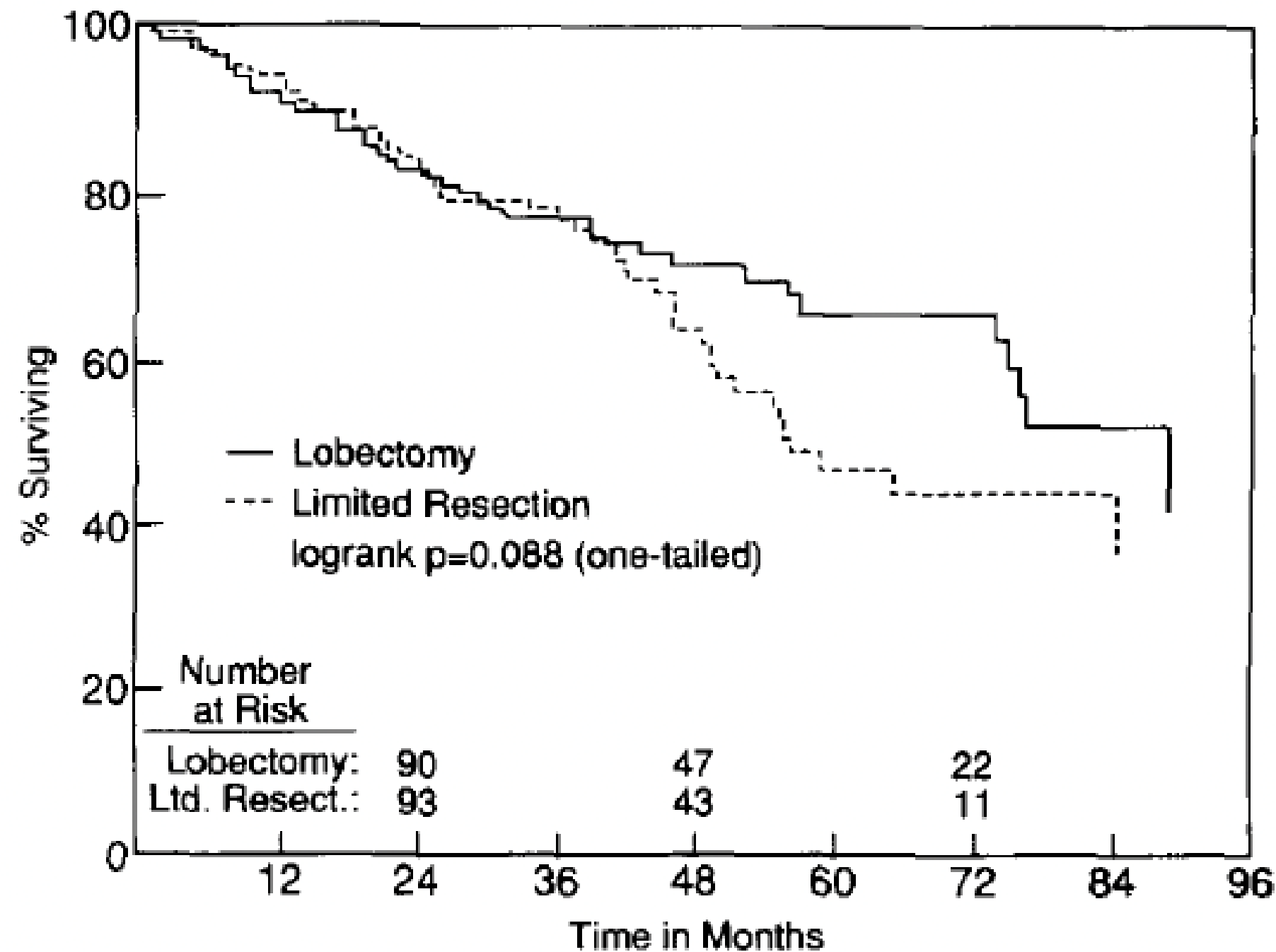


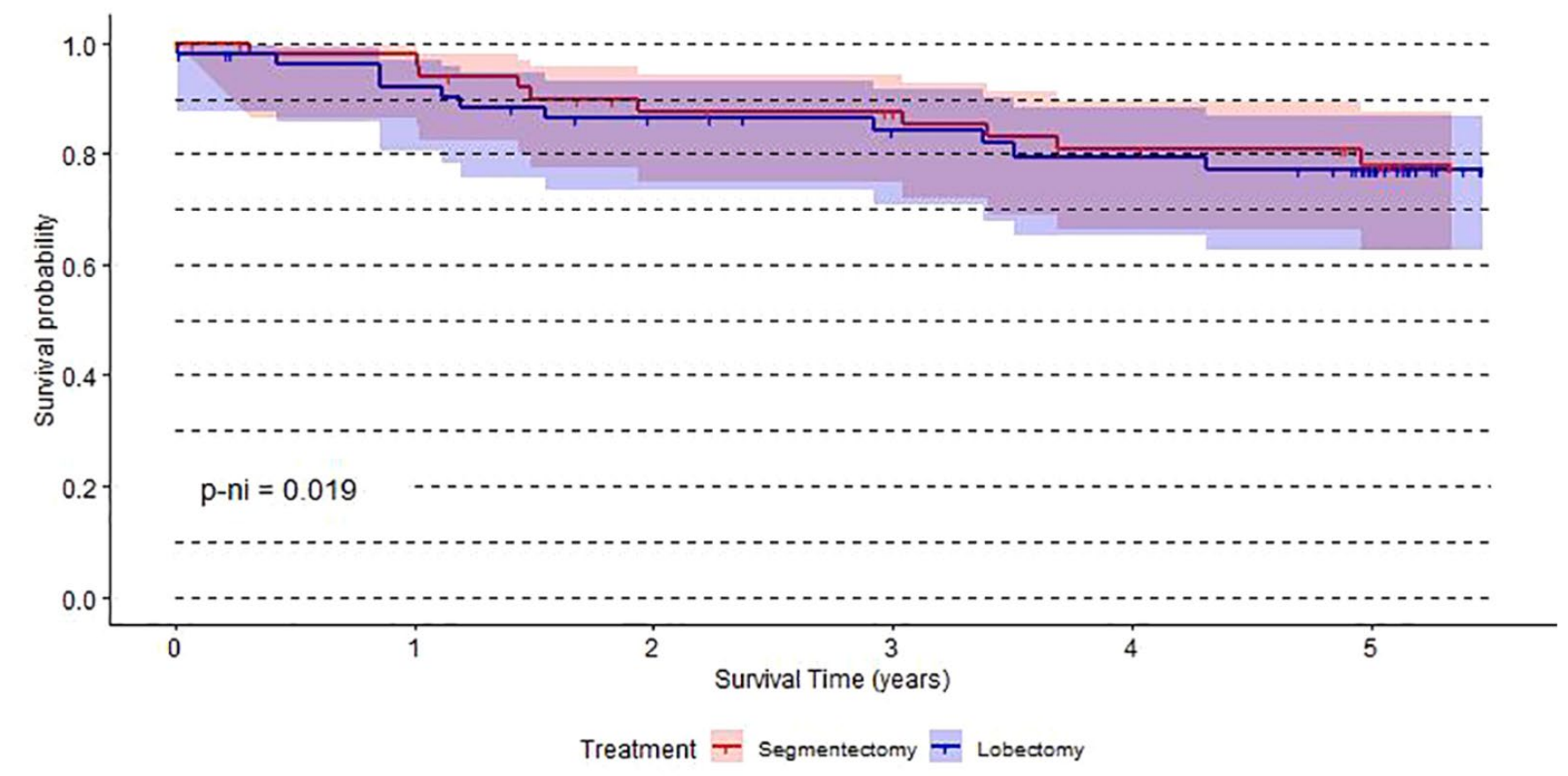
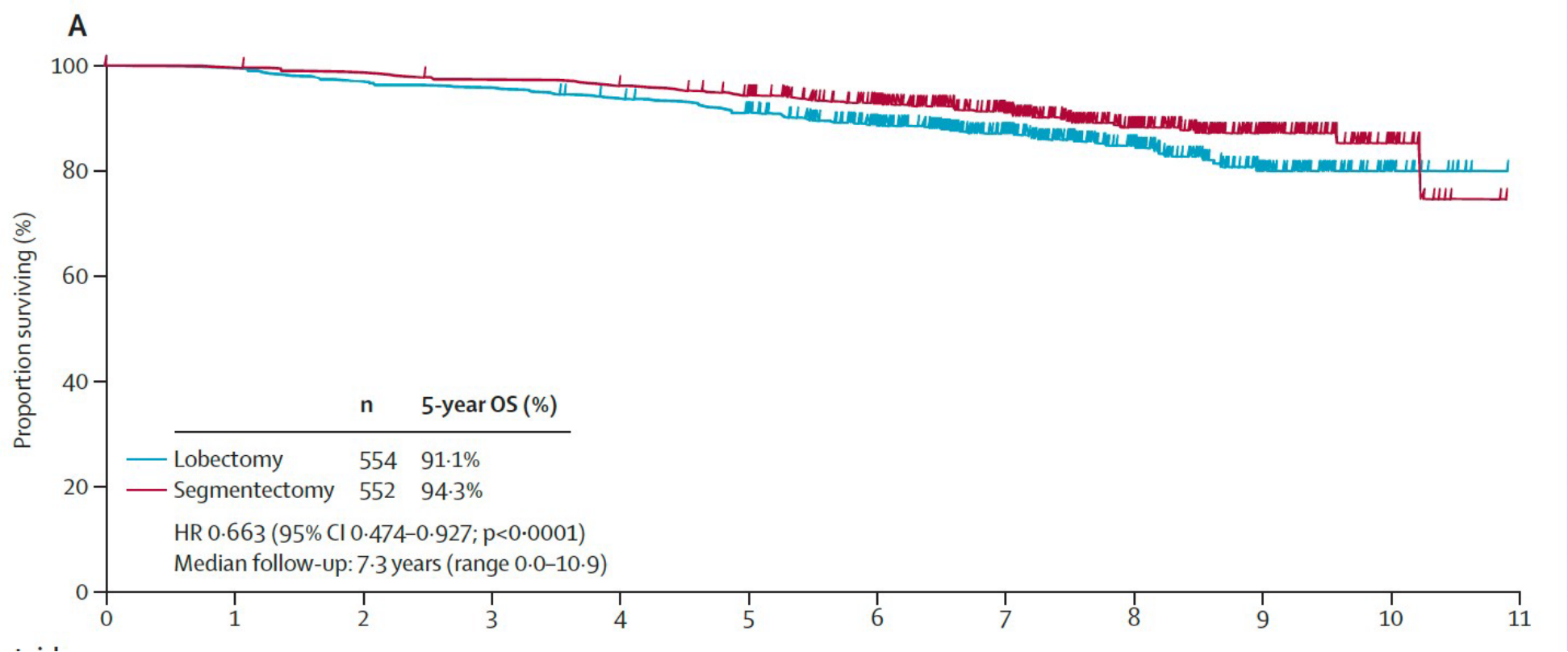
Pneumonectomy

# Stage IA

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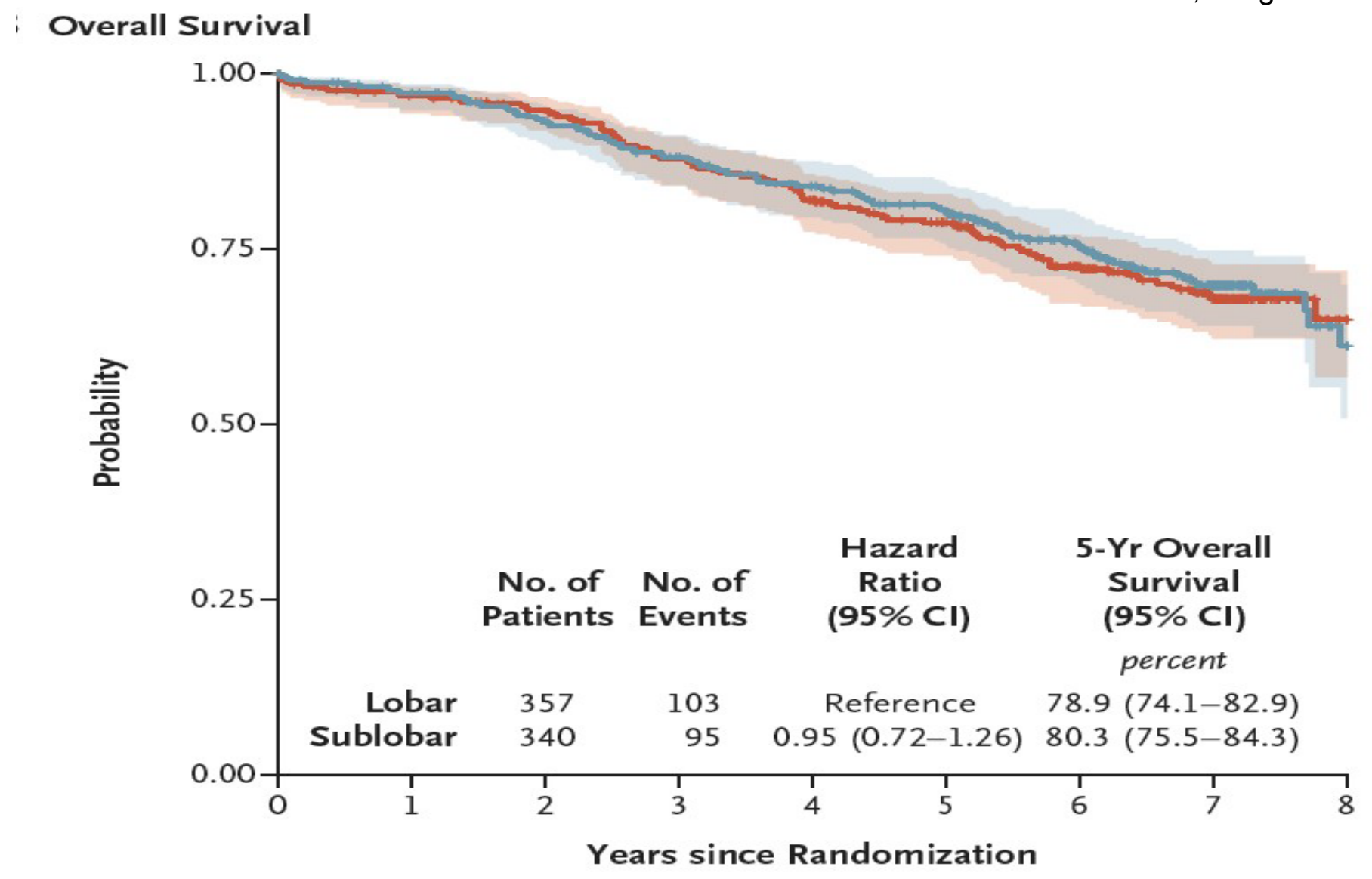
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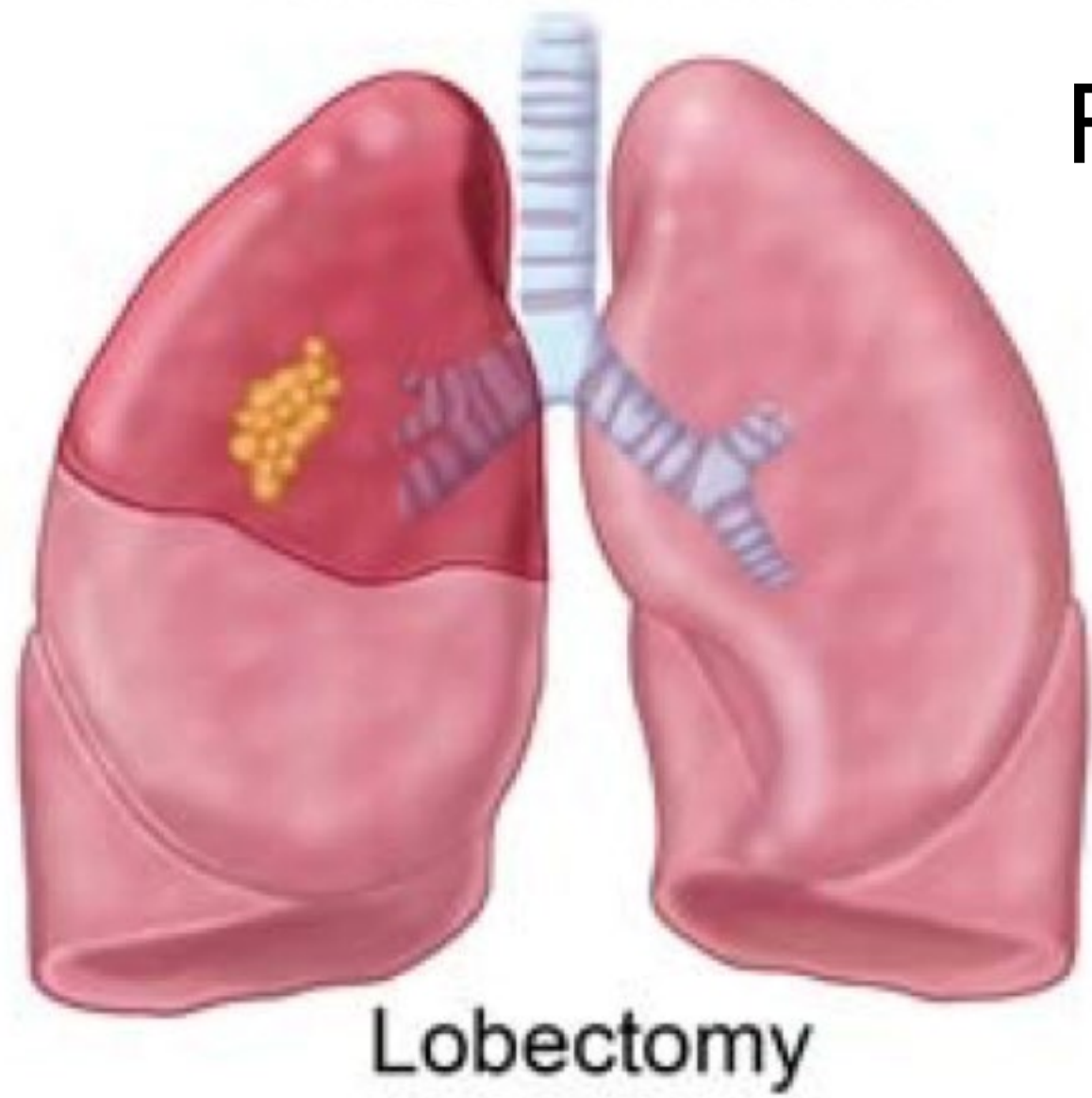


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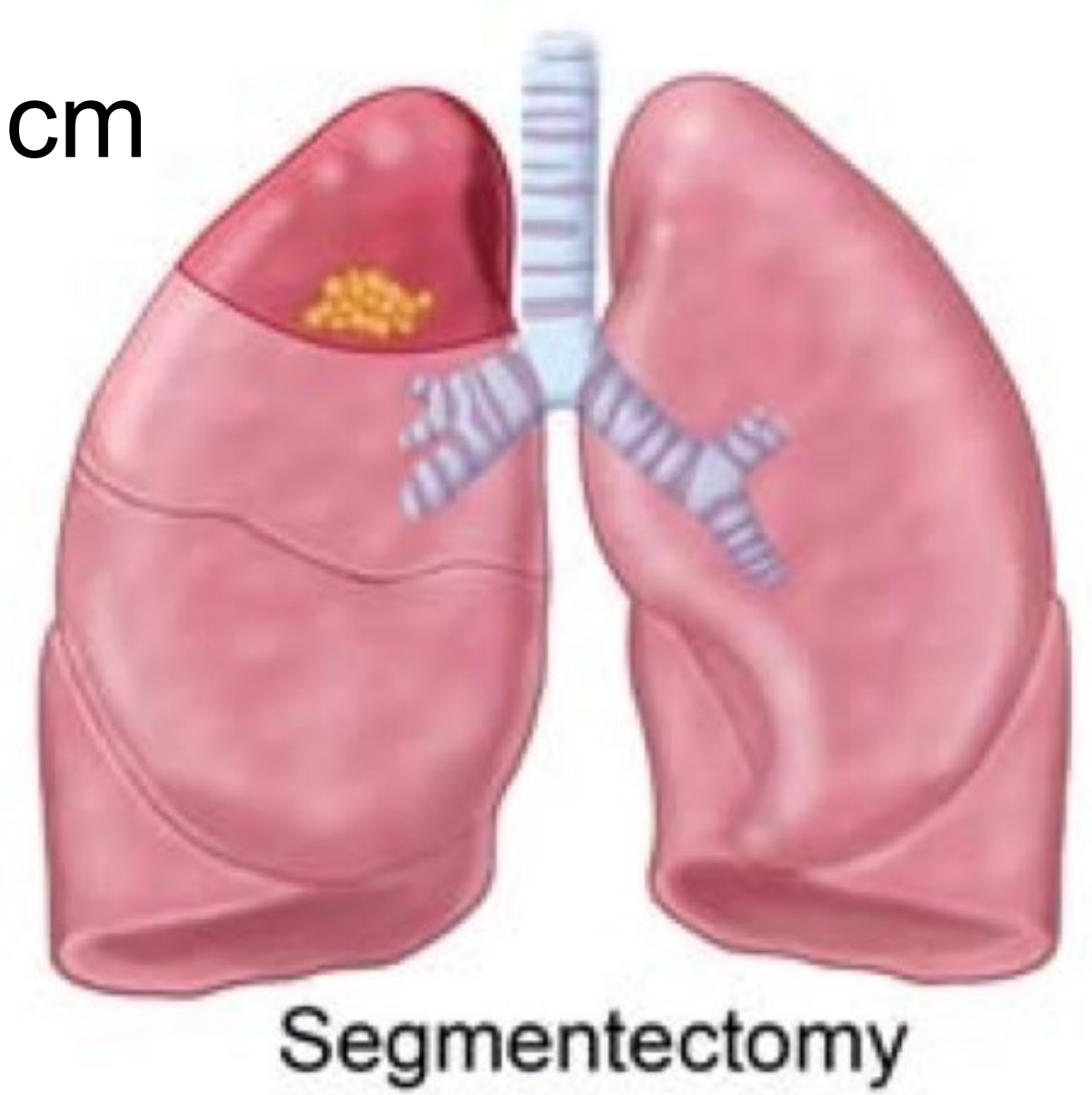
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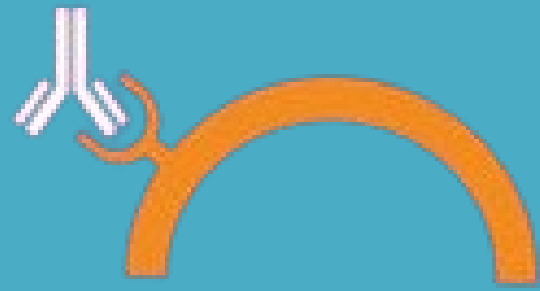


For Tumors smaller than 2 cm



# Stage IB-III

# Emerging Therapies in Resectable NSCLC



## PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitors

Inhibit interactions between PD-1 and PD-L1 that activate T cells to recognize and eliminate

Atezolizumab (PD-1)  
Durvalumab (PD-1)  
Nivolumab (PD-L1)  
Pembrolizumab (PD-L1)



## Biomarker-directed therapies

Inhibit oncogenic drivers, which are present in

Osimertinib (EGFR)  
Alectinib (ALK)

**Does the tumor have a targetable mutation?**

## Stage IB

Old paradigm



Surgery



Observation

## Stage II

Old paradigm

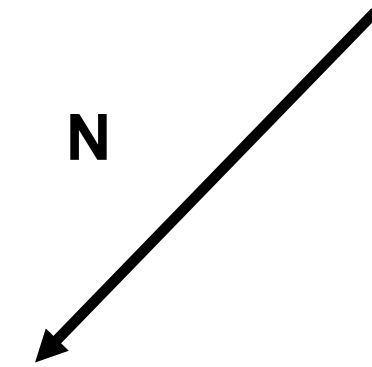


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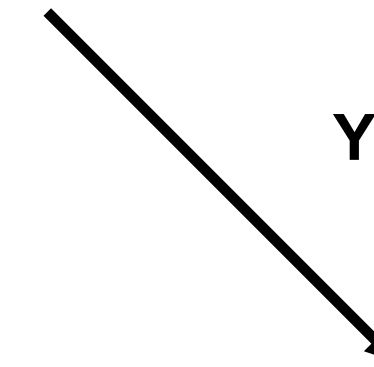
>4 cm or positive nodes?

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Observation

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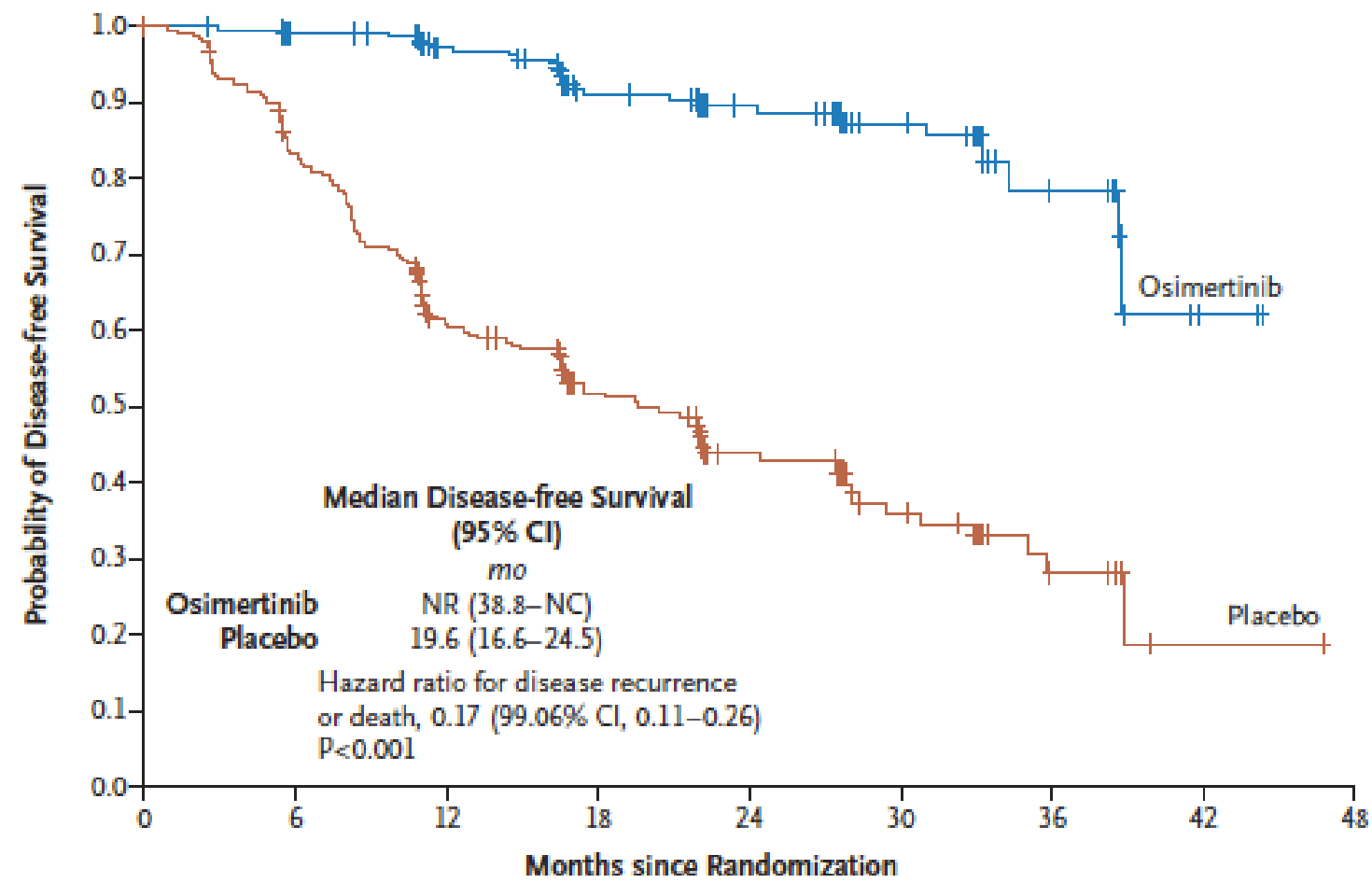
Chemo

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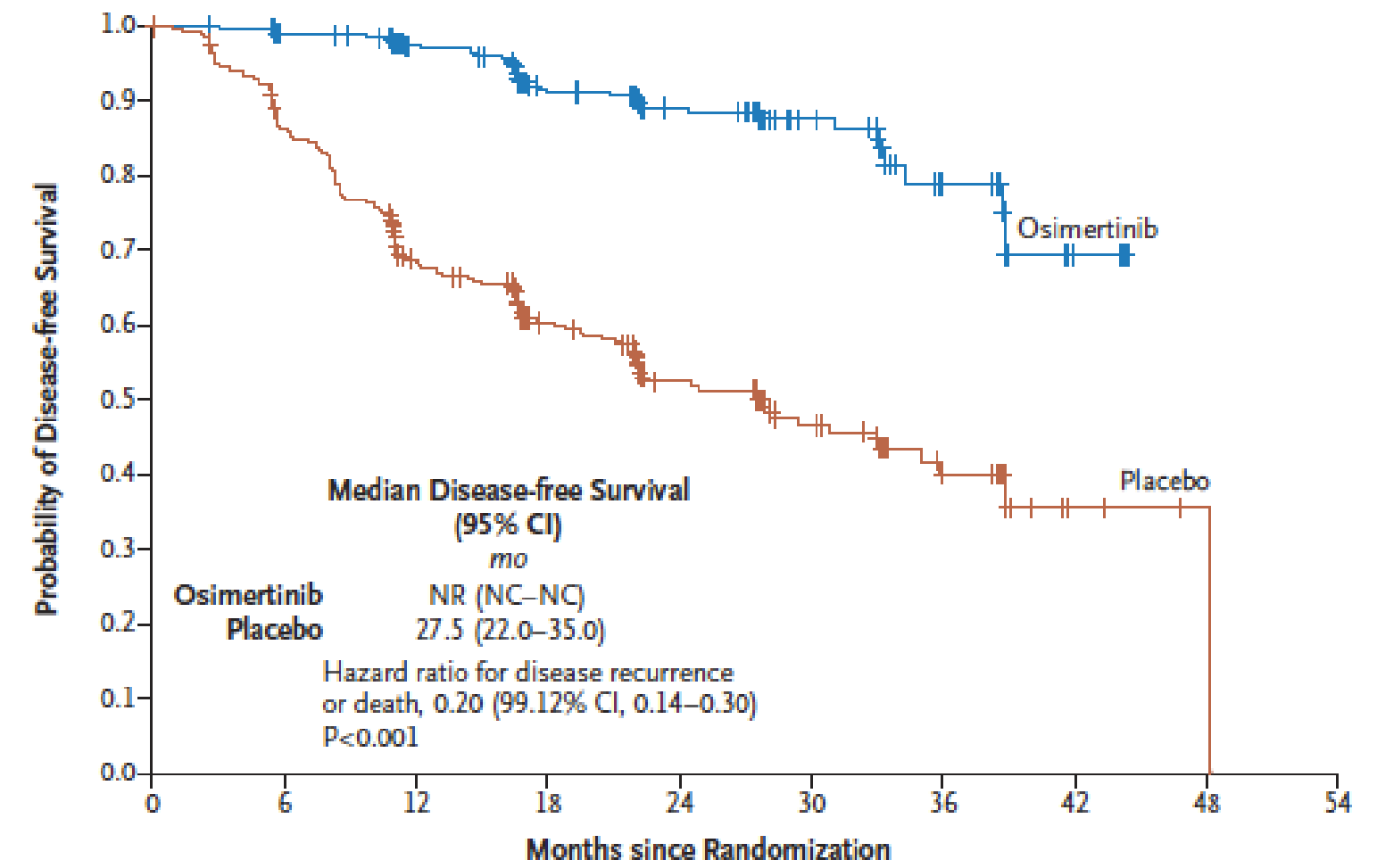
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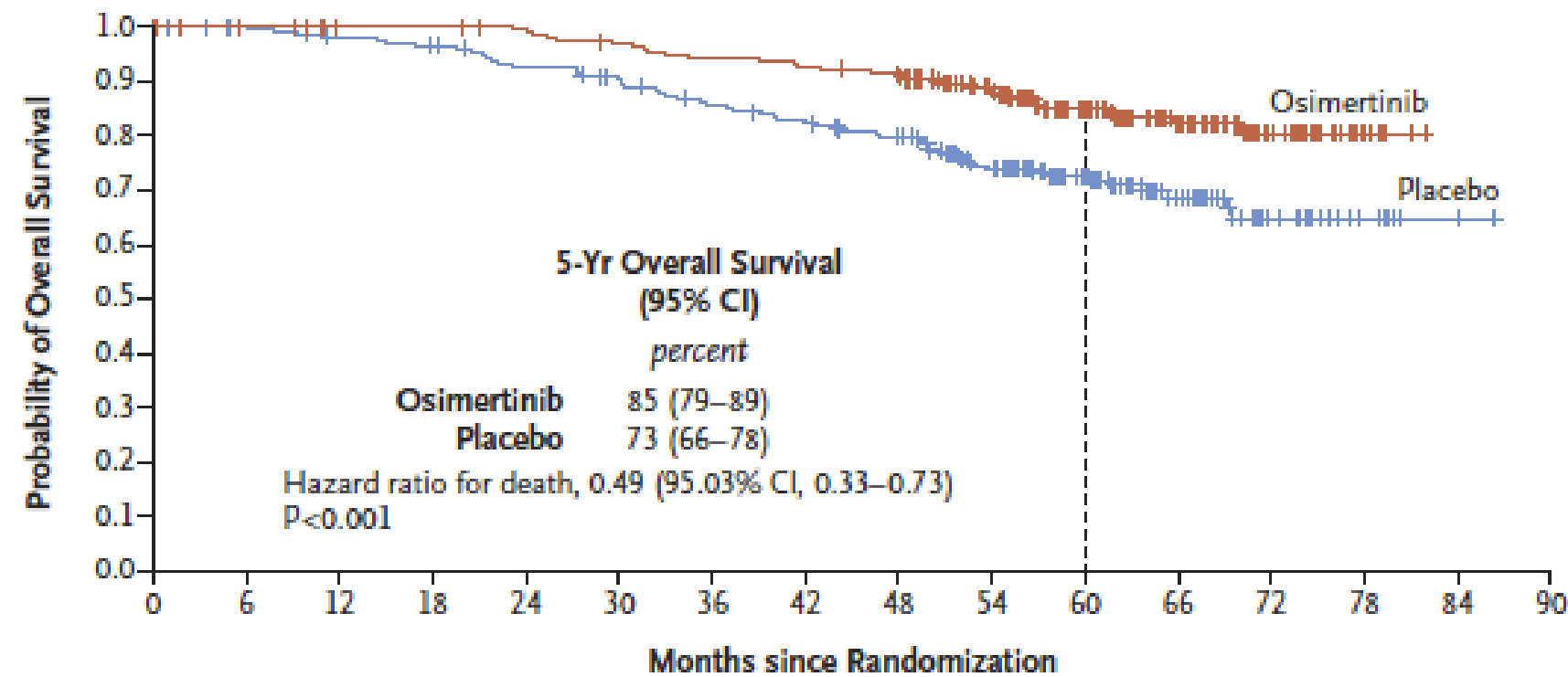


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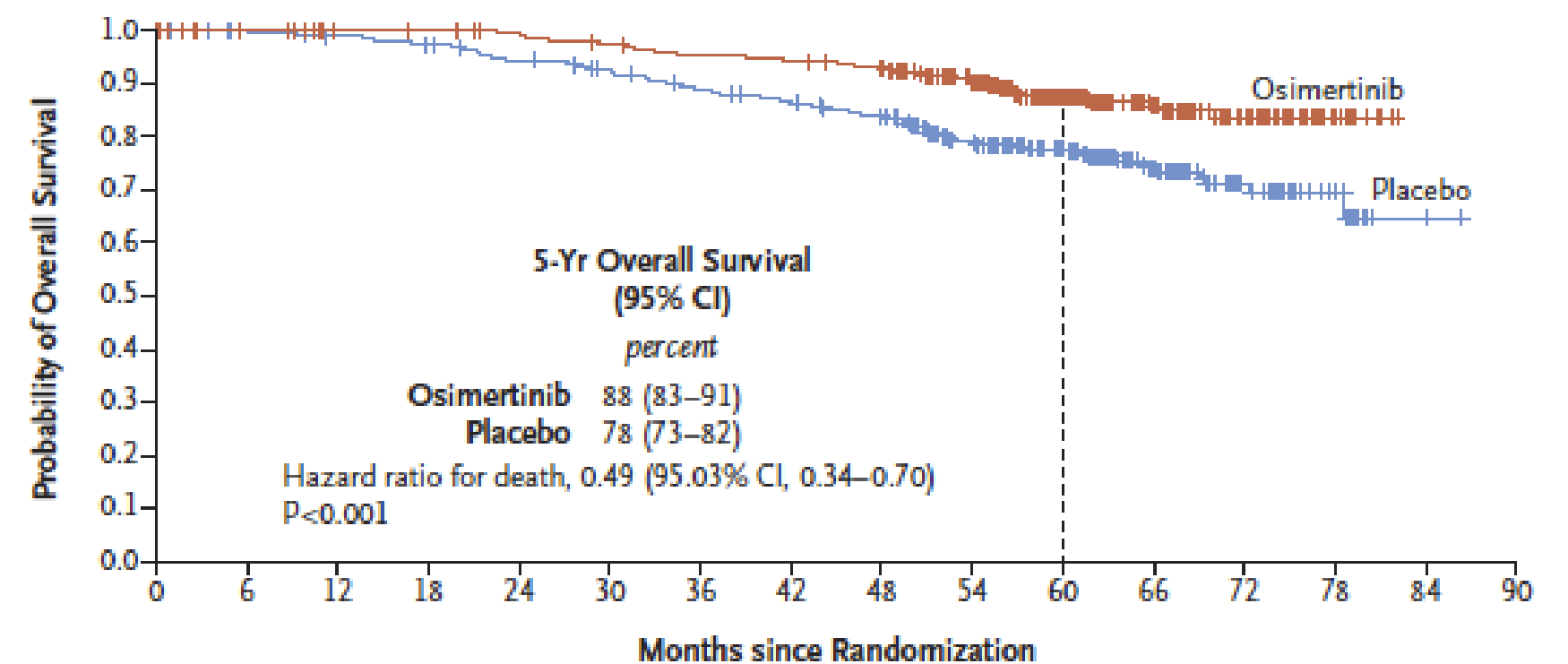
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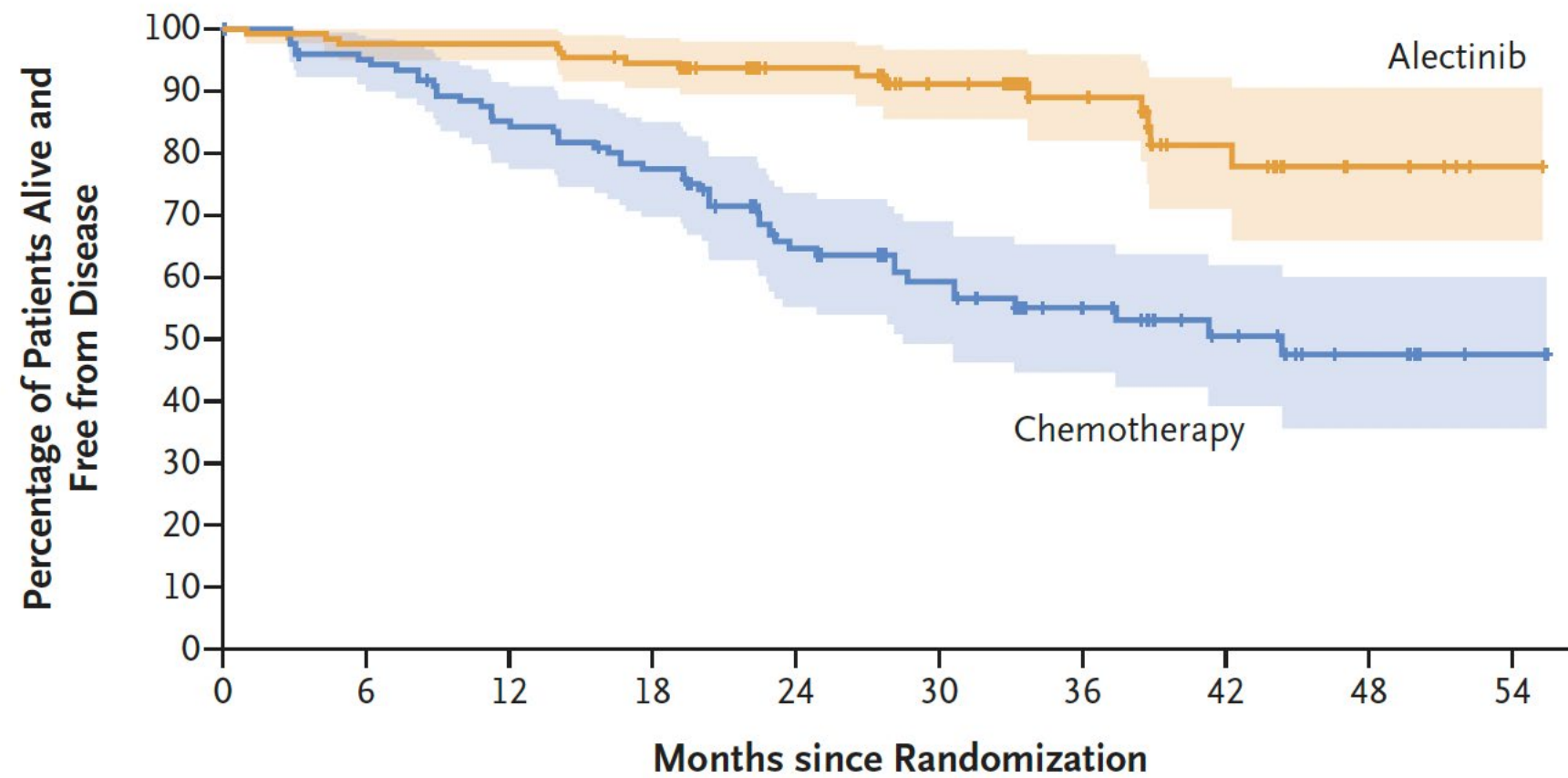


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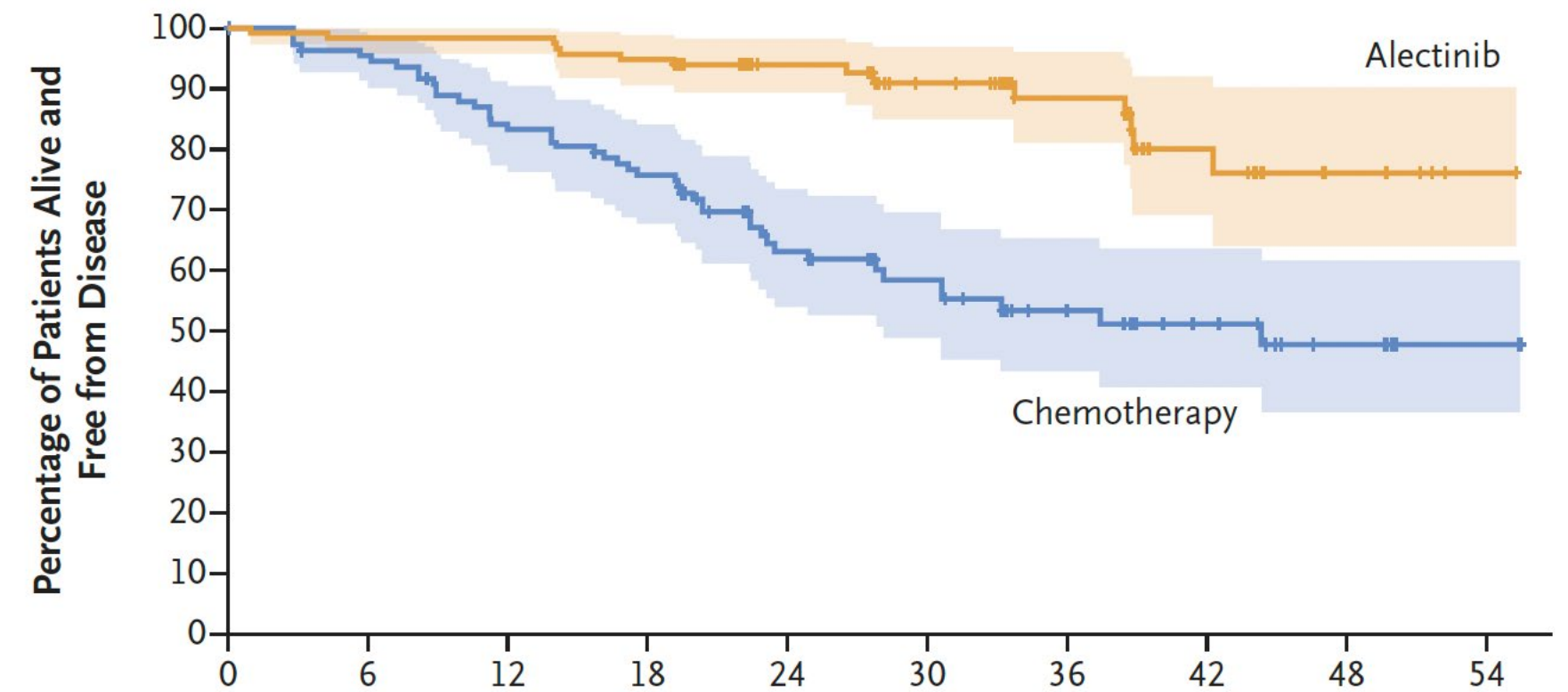
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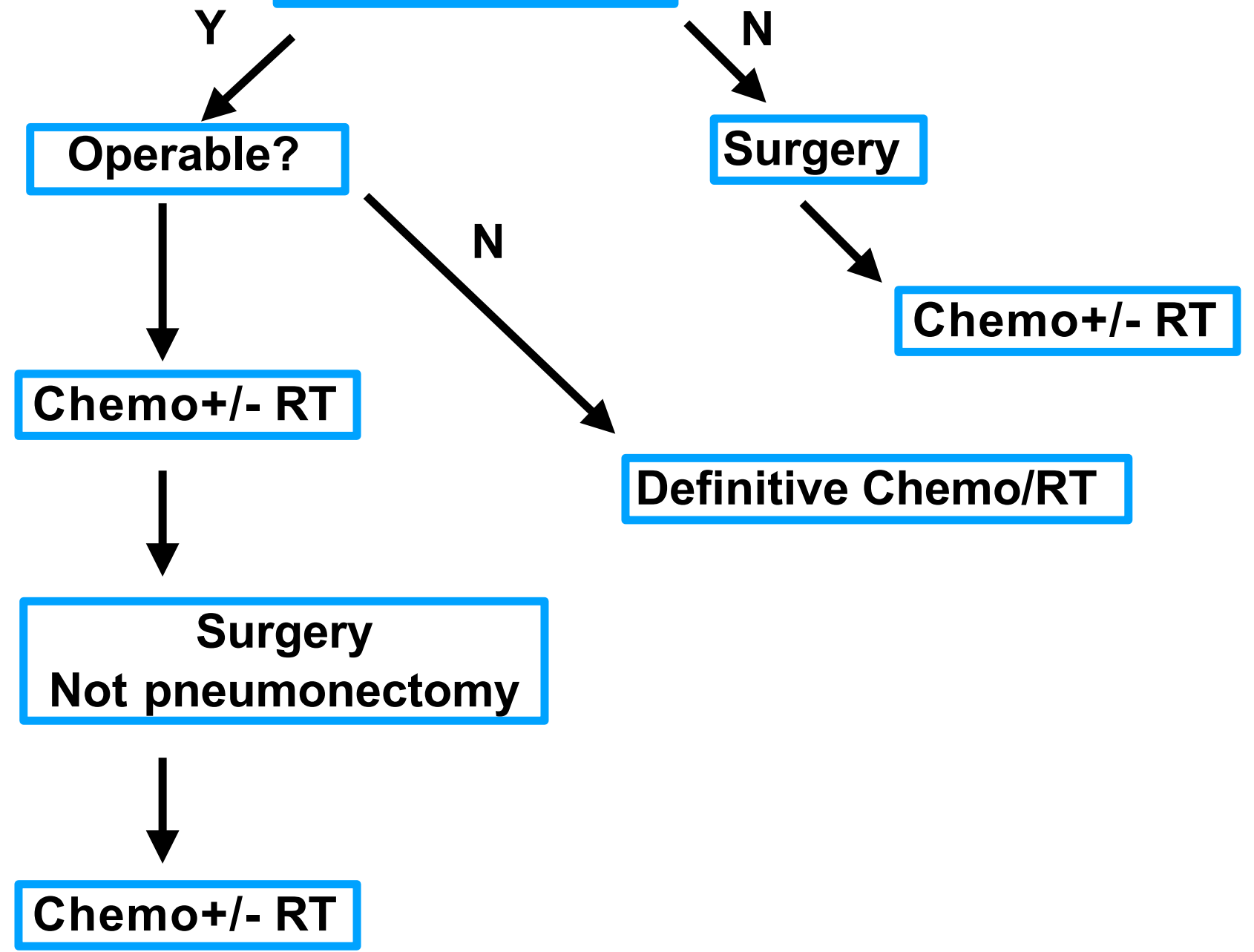
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# Stage III

Old paradigm

Known preop?



### Stage III

Old paradigm

Known preop?

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Operable?

Surgery

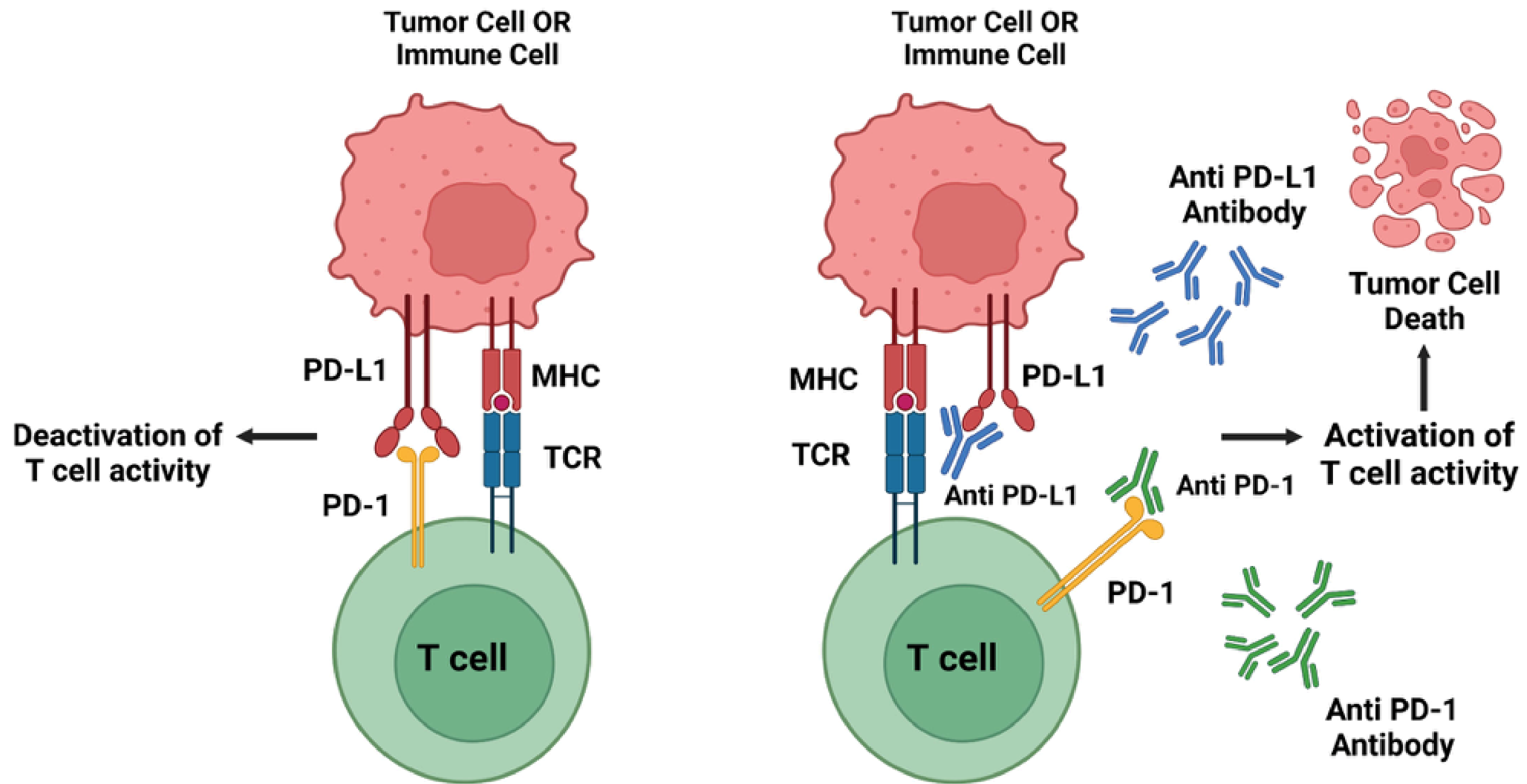
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**Seismic changes starting in 2017!**

Definitive Chemo/RT

Surgery  
Not pneumonectomy

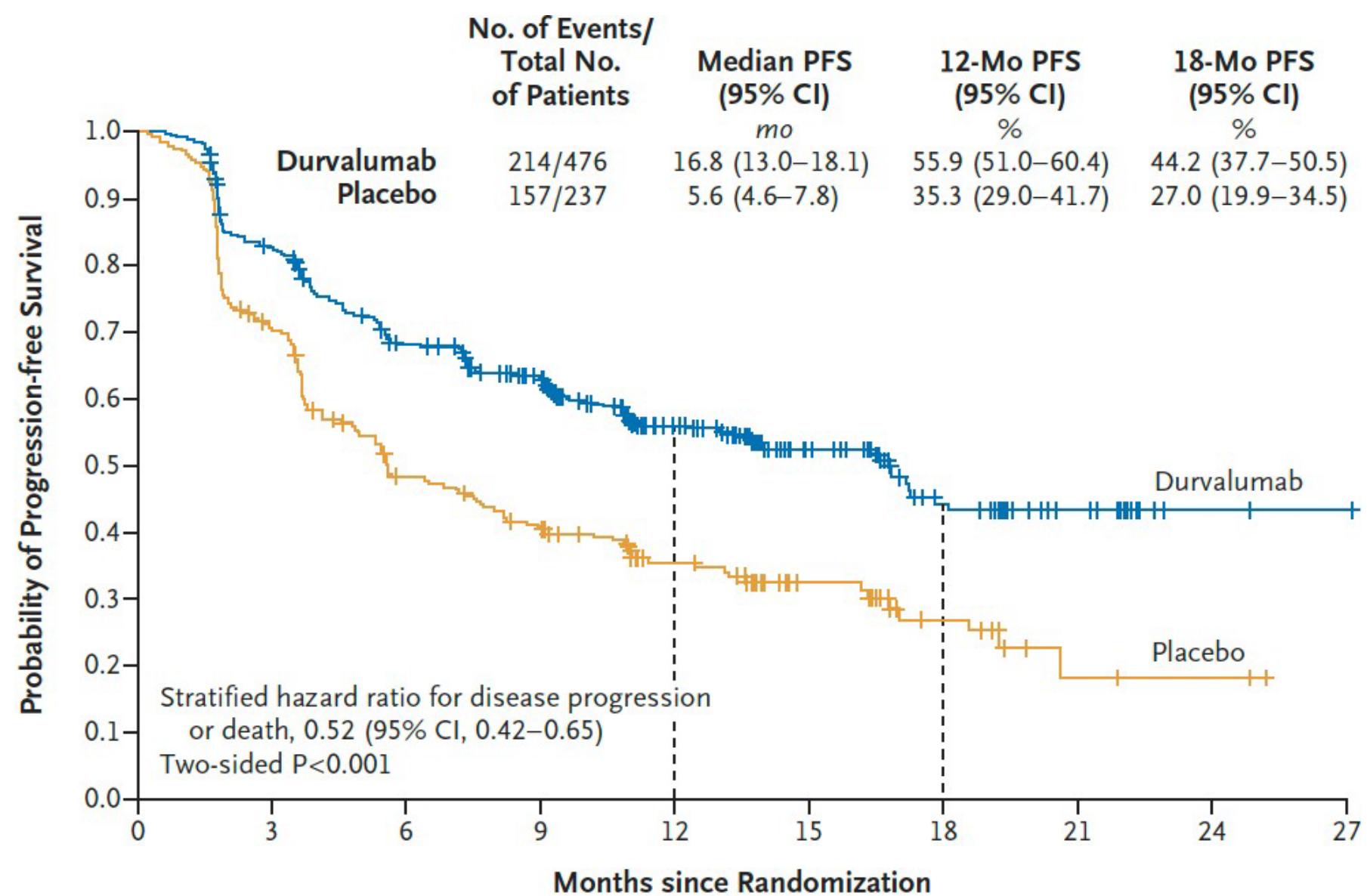
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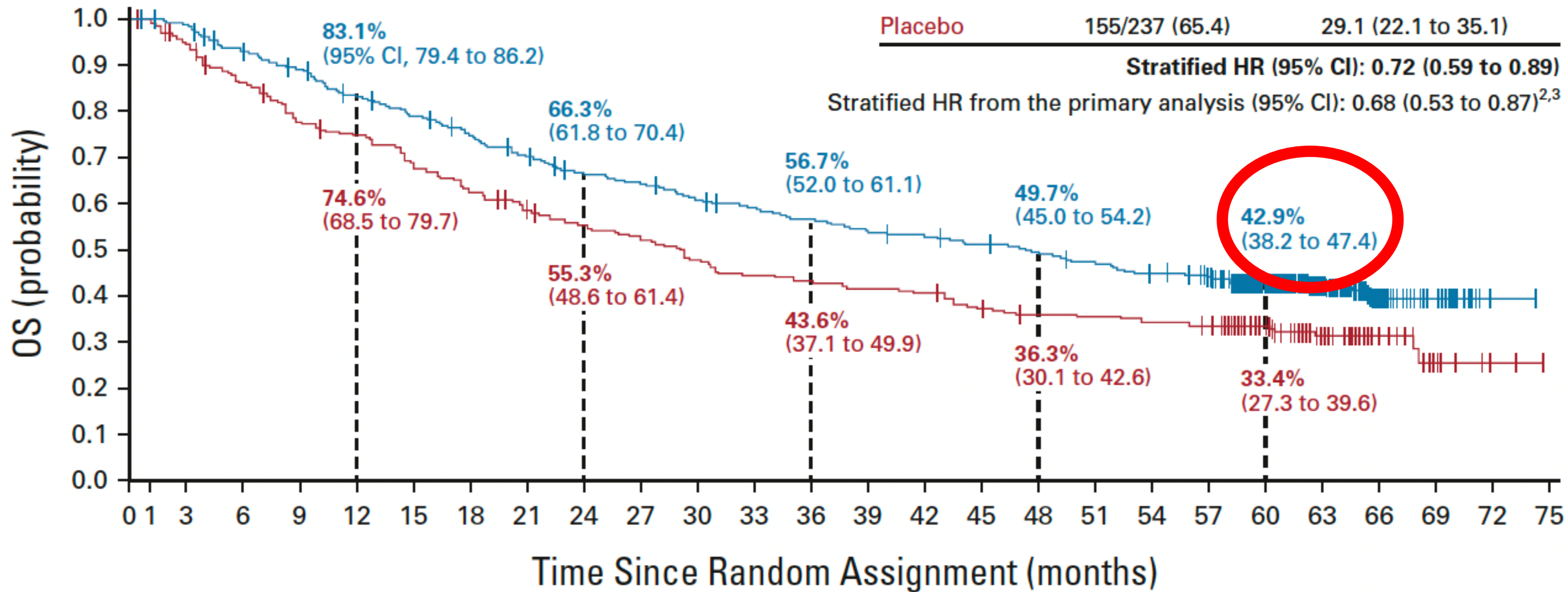
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Arm	No. of Events/ Total No. of Patients (%)	Median OS (95% CI), Months
Durvalumab	264/476 (55.5)	47.5 (38.1 to 52.9)
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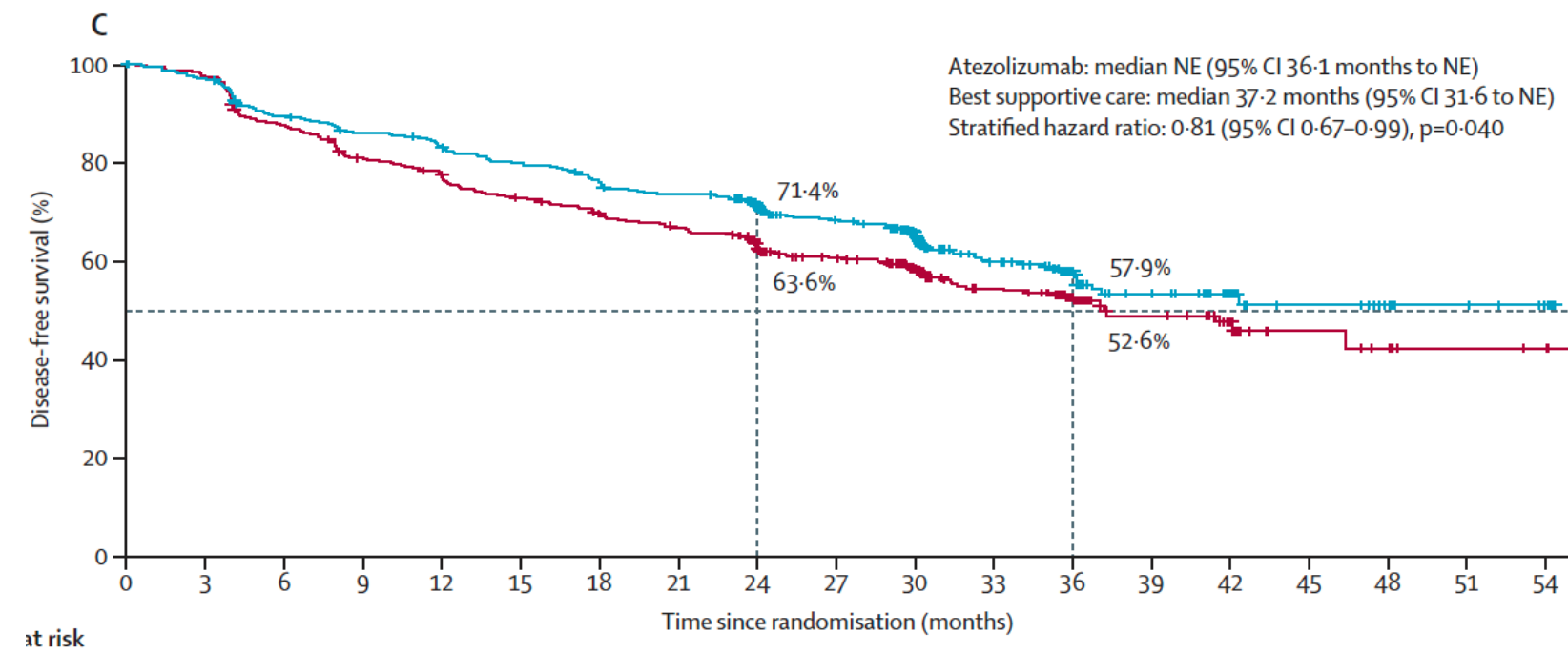
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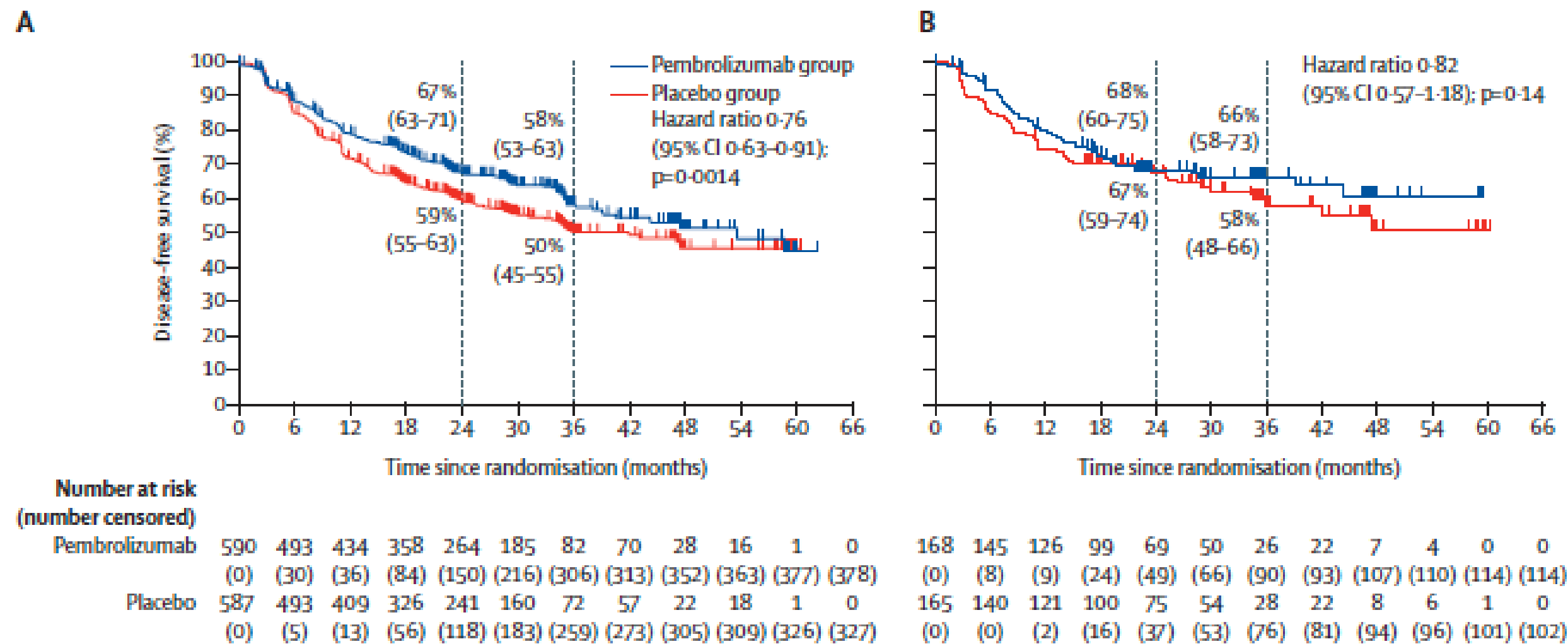
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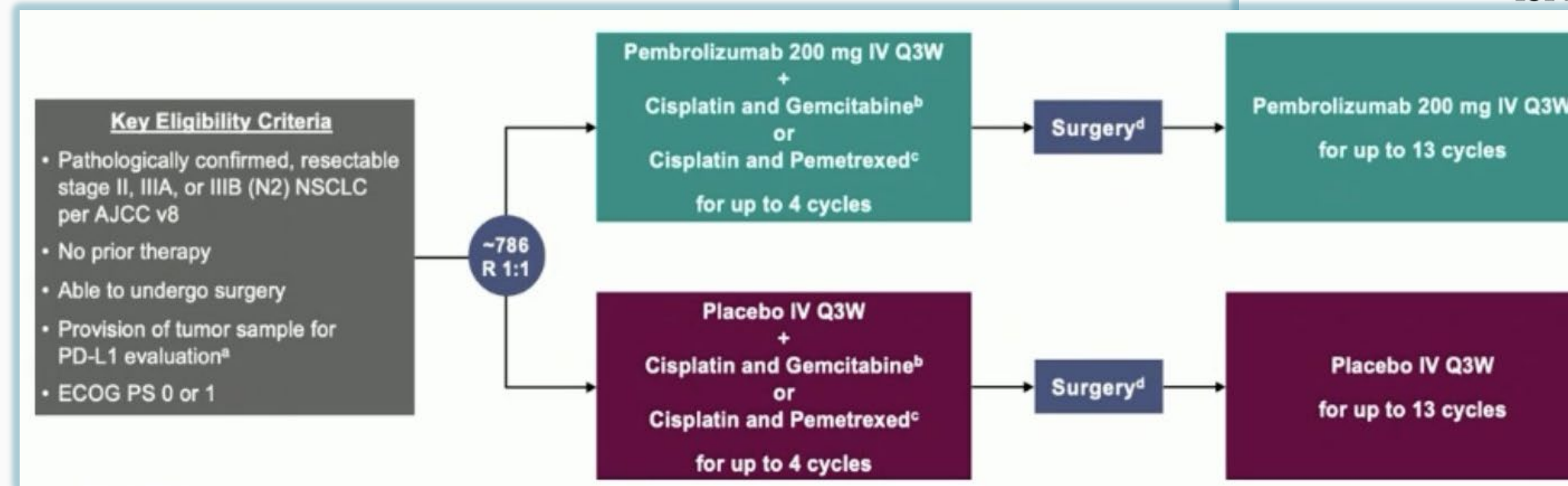
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# Chemotherapy + Immunotherapy

Adjuvant	Neoadjuvant	Sandwich
<p><b>IMPower010</b> Atezolizumab x 1Y Resected II-III A PD-L1+ 5Y DFS HR:0.70</p> <p><b>FDA</b></p>	<p><b>Checkmate-816</b> Nivolumab x 3 cycles Resectable IB-III A 4Y EFS HR:0.62</p> <p><b>FDA</b></p>	<p><b>AEGEAN</b> Durvalumab 4c + 1Y Resectable II-III A 2Y EFS HR:0.68</p> <p><b>FDA</b></p>
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		<p><b>Neotorch</b> Torpalimab 3c + 10M Resectable III 2Y EFS HR:0.40</p>
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9th Edition TNM Descriptors and Stages						
T/M	Categories and Descriptors	N0	N1	N2		N3
				N2a	N2b	
T1	T1a ≤1 cm	IA1	IIA	IIB	IIIA	
	T1b >1 to ≤2 cm	IA2	IIA	IIB	IIIA	
	T1c >2 to ≤3 cm		IIA	IIB	IIIA	
T2	T2a Visceral pleura / central invasion	IB	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	
	T2a >3 to ≤4 cm	IB	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	
	T2b >4 to ≤5 cm	IIA	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	
T3	T3 >5 to ≤7 cm	IIB	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	
	T3 Invasion	IIB	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	
	T3 Same lobe separate tumor nodules	IIB	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	
T4	T4 >7 cm	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIB	
	T4 Invasion	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIB	
	T4 Ipsilateral separate tumor nodules	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIB	

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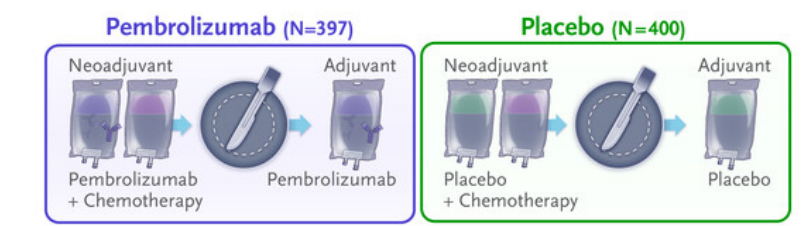


- Key Eligibility Criteria**
- Pathologically confirmed, resectable stage II, IIIA, or IIIB (N2) NSCLC per AJCC v8
  - No prior therapy
  - Able to undergo surgery
  - Provision of tumor sample for PD-L1 evaluation<sup>a</sup>
  - ECOG PS 0 or 1

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RESEARCH SUMMARY

## Perioperative Pembrolizumab for Early-Stage Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer

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Checkpoint inhibitor have a disease-free survival advantage in early-stage non-small-cell lung cancer with resection of neoadjuvant treatment unclear.

Randomized, placebo-controlled, phase III trial of perioperative pembrolizumab plus surgical resection compared with placebo plus surgical resection in early-stage NSCLC.

Previously untreated, resectable (stage II–IIIB) NSCLC were assigned to receive neoadjuvant pembrolizumab (200 mg) or placebo, given intravenously once every 3 weeks for 4 cycles, plus cisplatin-based chemotherapy, followed by surgical resection and adjuvant pembrolizumab or placebo. The primary end point was overall survival.

The prespecified first end point was event-free survival. The primary end point was overall survival. The results were similar in both groups at the time of analysis.

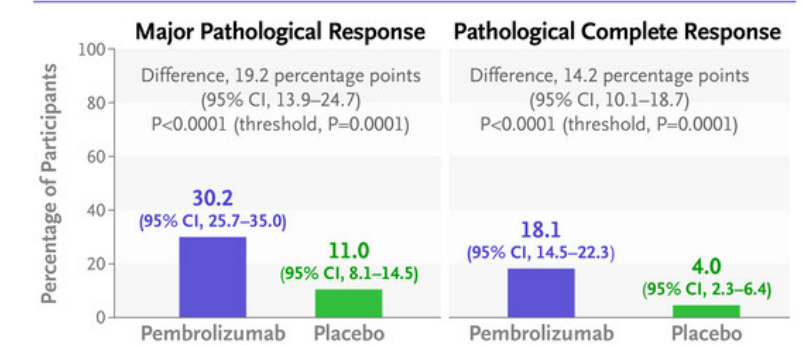
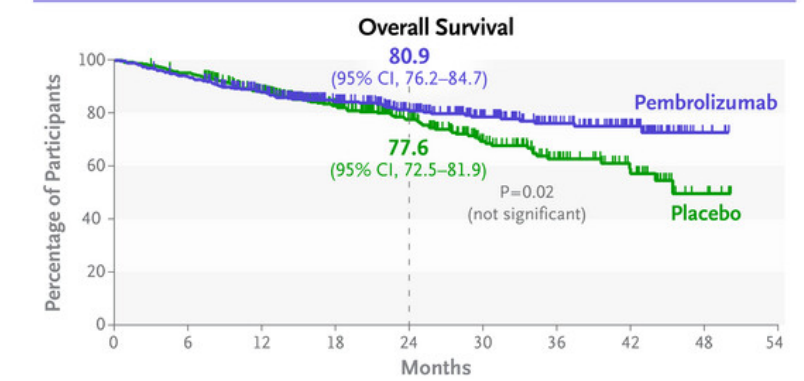
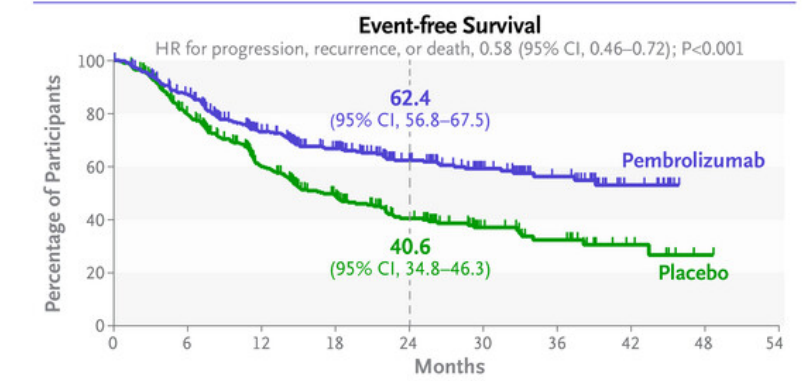
Grade ≥3 treatment-related adverse events were more often with pembrolizumab than placebo.

Analysis of the primary end point and adjuvant treatment.

which limits conclusions.

and cisplatin-based regimens only.

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**CONCLUSIONS**  
Among patients with early-stage NSCLC, neoadjuvant pembrolizumab plus cisplatin-based chemotherapy followed by resection and adjuvant pembrolizumab improved event-free survival, as compared with neoadjuvant chemotherapy and resection alone. Overall survival did not differ significantly between groups in this interim analysis.

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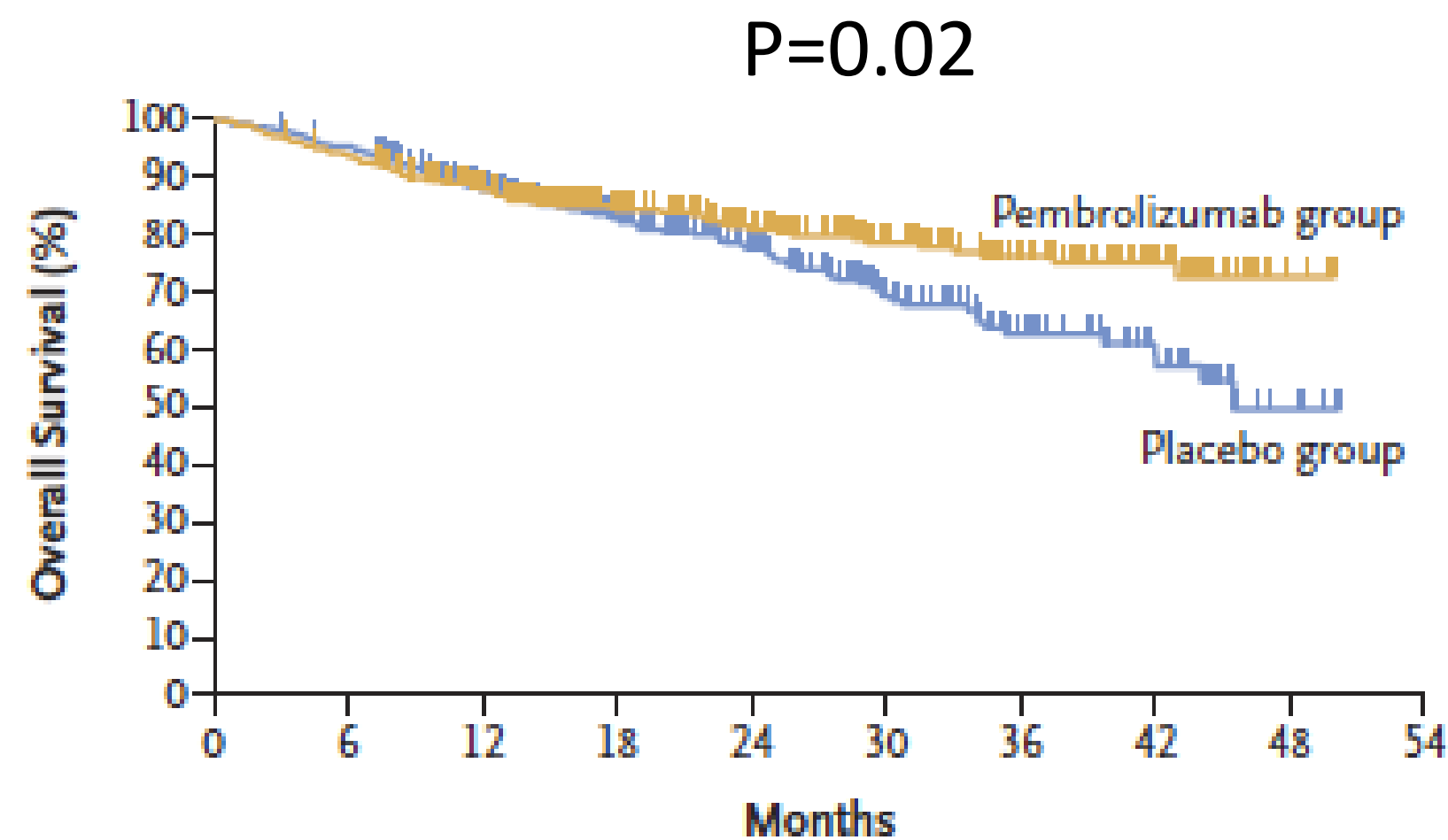
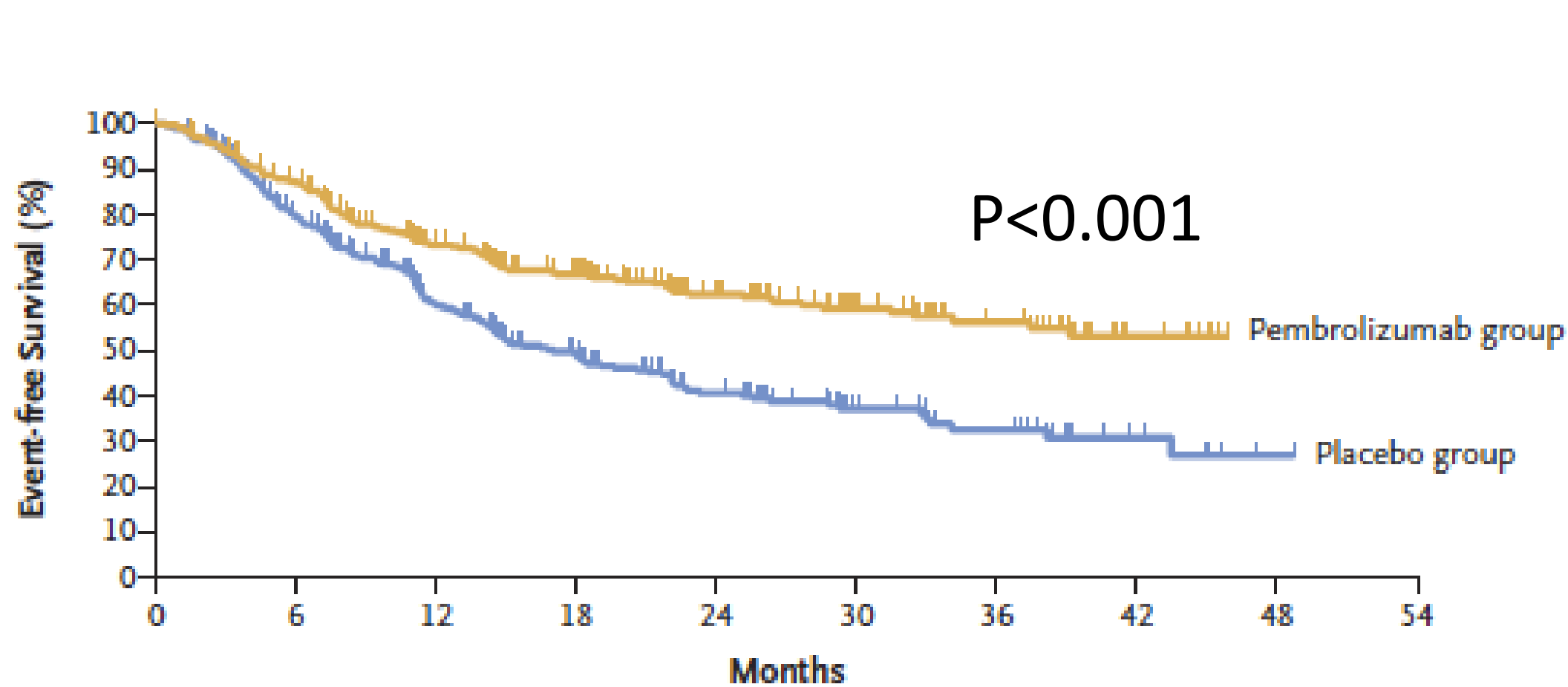
In October 2023, the US FDA approved **pembrolizumab** with platinum-containing chemotherapy as neoadjuvant treatment, and with continuation of single-agent pembrolizumab as post-surgical adjuvant treatment for resectable (tumors  $\geq 4$  cm or node positive) NSCLC

NCCN designated a class I recommendation

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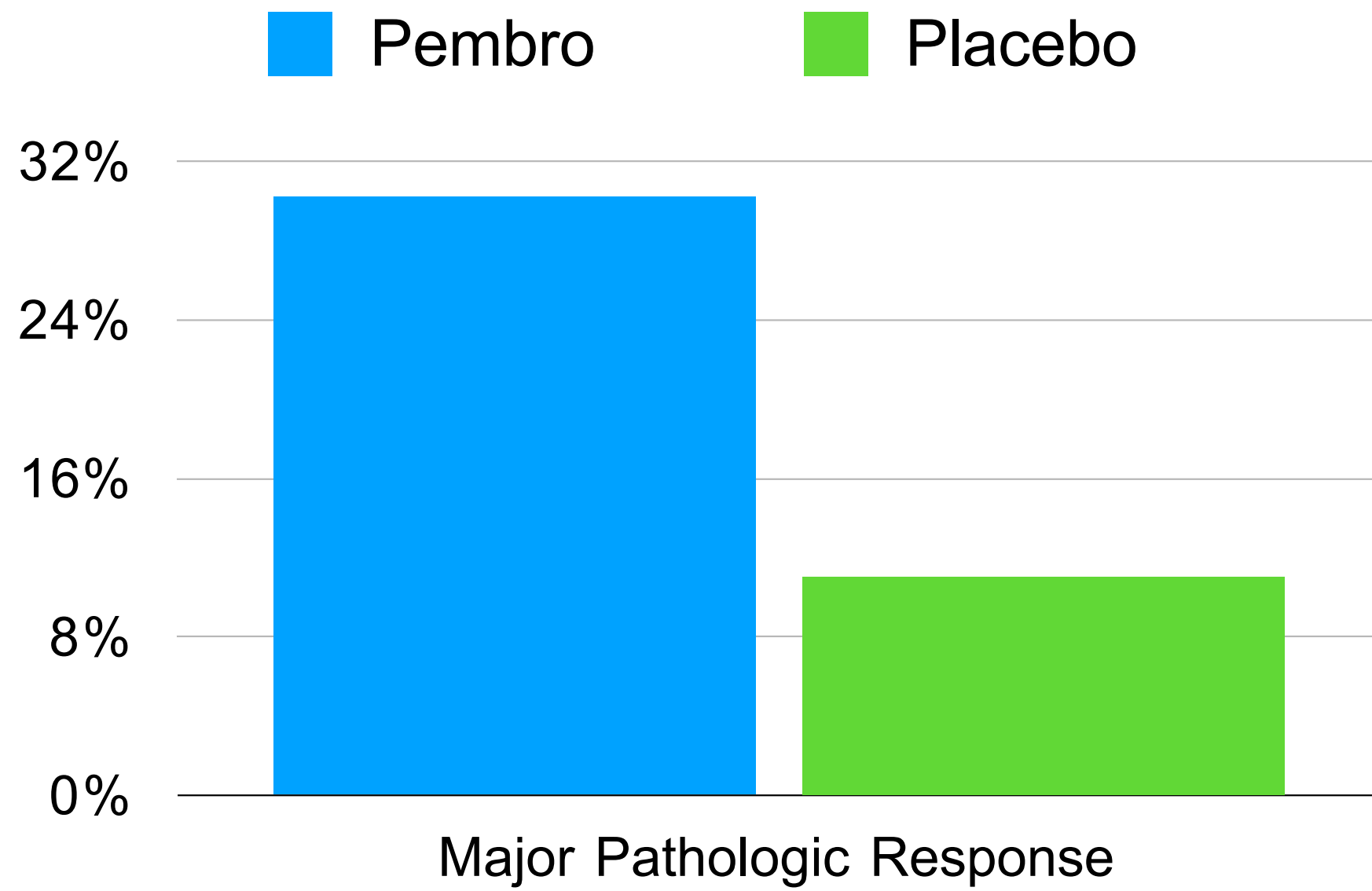
Pre specified threshold  $p = 0.00462$

Pathological stage at baseline — no. (%)

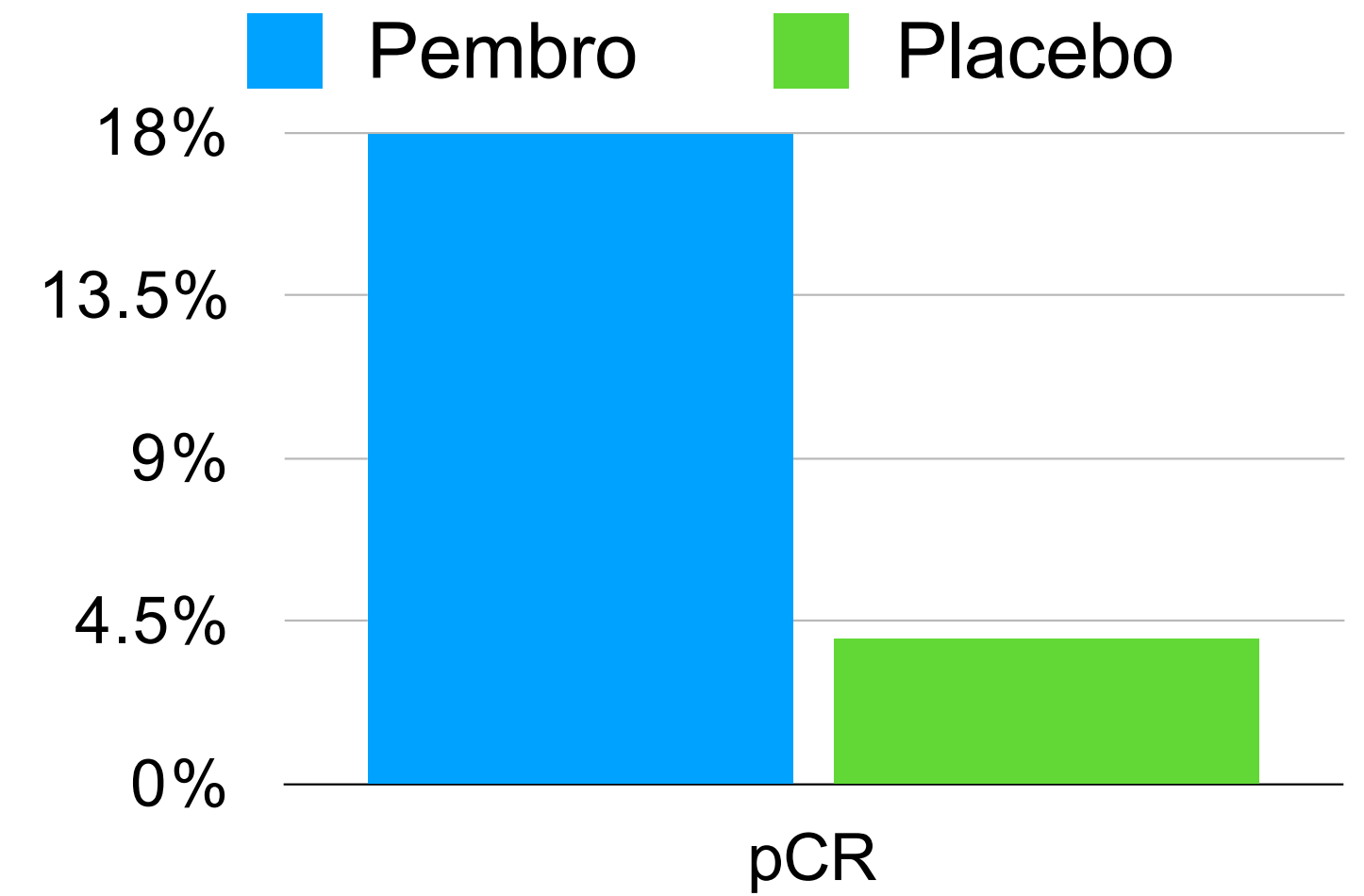
II	118 (29.7)	121 (30.2)
III	279 (70.3)	279 (69.8)
IIIA	217 (54.7)	225 (56.2)
IIIB	62 (15.6)	54 (13.5)

# Pathologic Response

P<0.001



P<0.001



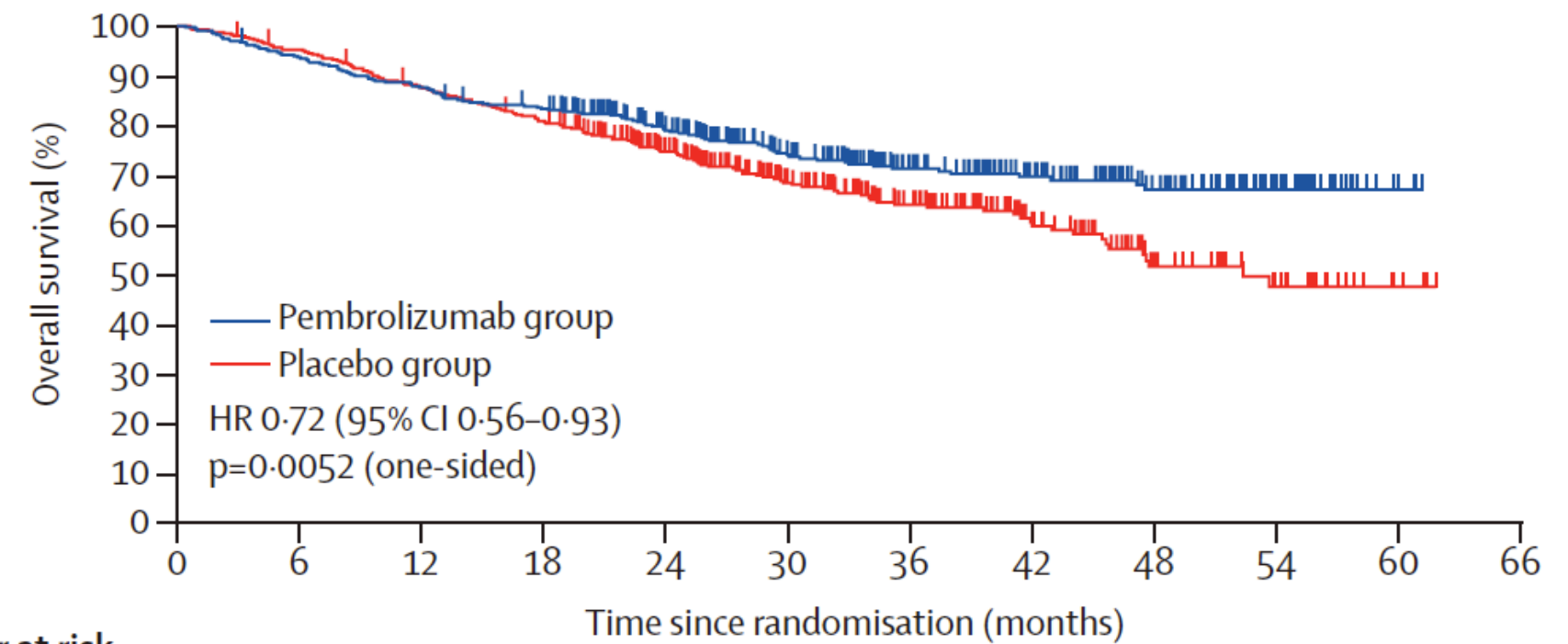


**Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab plus chemotherapy followed by adjuvant pembrolizumab compared with neoadjuvant chemotherapy alone in patients with early-stage non-small-cell lung cancer (KEYNOTE-671): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial**

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- Median survival  
Pembro NR  
Placebo 52.4 months
- P=0.005
- 71% vs 64% overall 36 months survival

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	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66
<b>Number at risk (number censored)</b>												
Pembrolizumab group	397 (0)	371 (1)	347 (1)	327 (4)	277 (38)	205 (95)	148 (145)	108 (182)	69 (218)	32 (255)	4 (283)	0 (287)
Placebo group	400 (0)	379 (2)	347 (4)	319 (5)	256 (45)	176 (106)	125 (147)	77 (190)	39 (219)	20 (236)	4 (252)	0 (256)

# Initial results of pulmonary resection after neoadjuvant nivolumab in patients with resectable non–small cell lung cancer

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**20 patients**

**54% conversion rate**

**50% complication**

**0 deaths**

# What about the Randomized Trials?

- Trials that did not report granular surgical data:
  - Aegean
  - Nadim II
  - Checkmate 77T

Trial	MIS (%)	Conversion (%)	Surgery cancelation (%)	Complications	30-day death	90-day death
816 control	52%	16.2%	20.3%	15.4% > grade 3	0*	NA
816 IO	49.2%	11.4%	15.6%	11.4% > grade 3	3.4%	NA
671 control	62.1%	16.6%	10%	21.5% > 3	0.6%	0.9%
671 IO	64.5%	15.6%	20%	25.8% > 3	1.8%	2.2%
Neostar	27%	17%	0%	35% all	0%	2.7%
LCMC3	54%	15%	6.6% excluded	6.9% grade 4/5	1.3%	1.3%

# Roadmap to Successful MIS resection

- Appropriate workup, CT with IV contrast, and MRI chest when indicated.
- Assess the resectability of invasive tumors
- Appropriate mediastinal staging to rule out N3 disease.
- Positive N1 nodes are more difficult than positive N2.
- Beware of the invasive lymph node!
- **A SURGEON MUST SEE THE PATIENT BEFORE INITIATION OF TREATMENT!**



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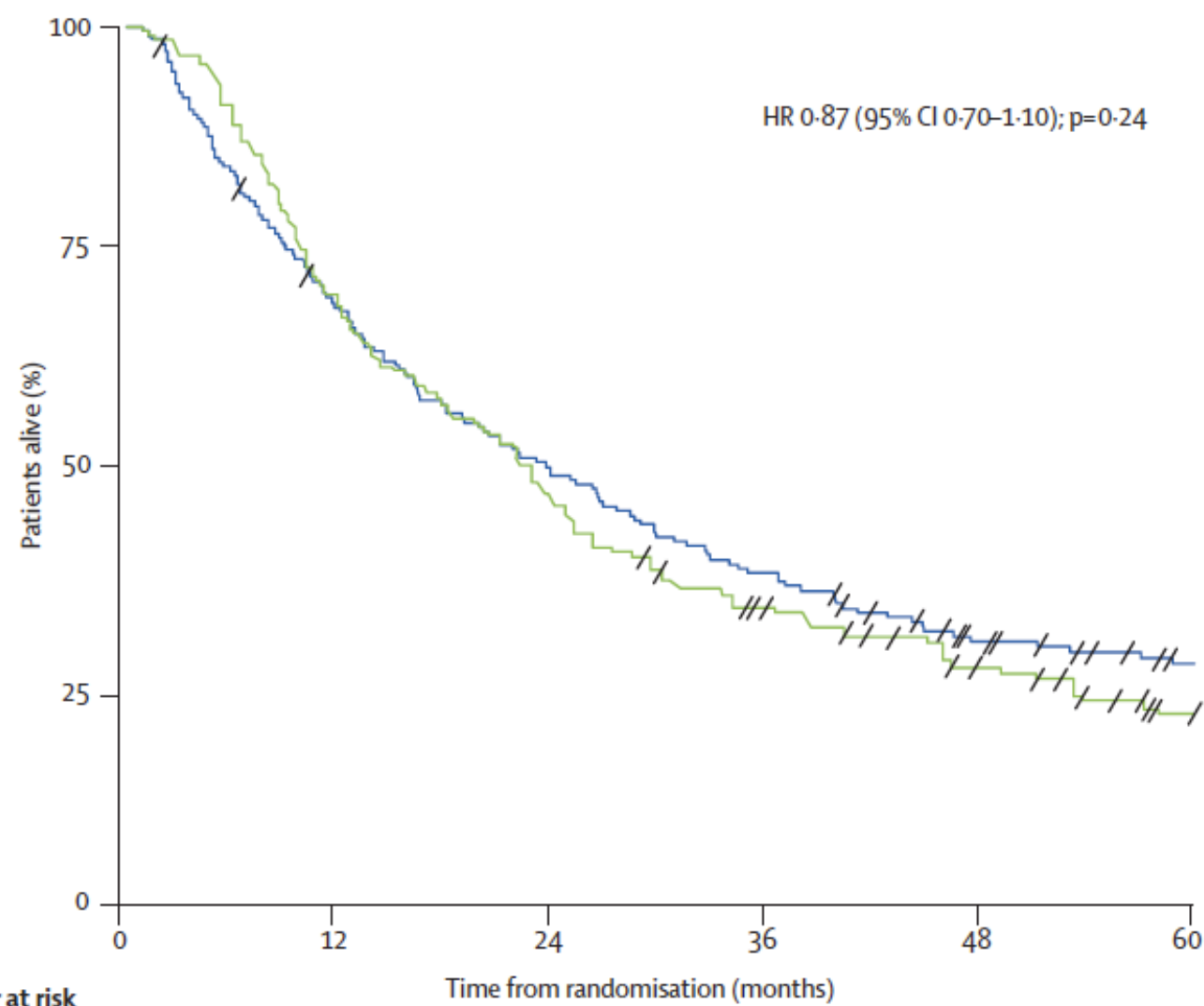
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# In my practice

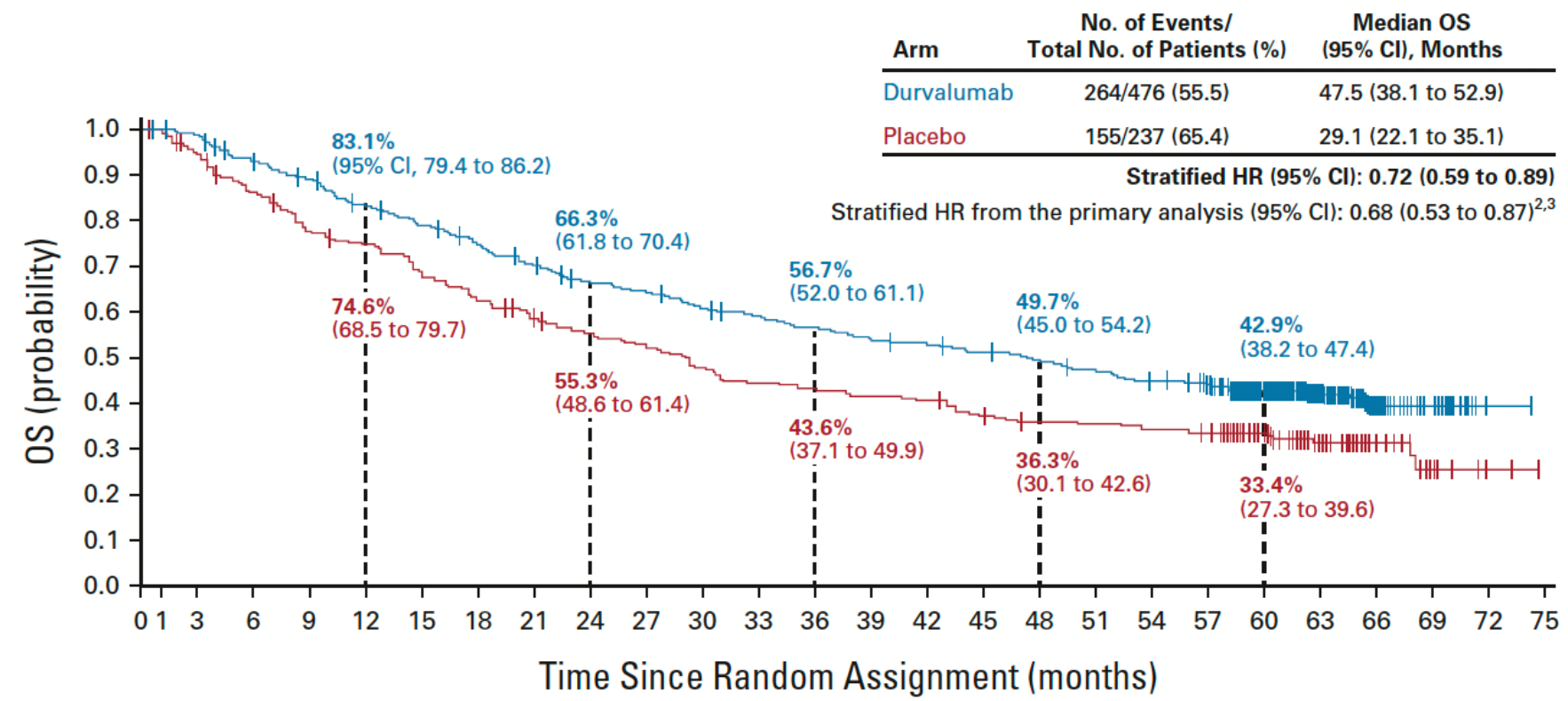
- I restage the mediastinum in all patients with N1 or N2 disease (mediastinoscopy)
- All cases start with robotics.
  - Plan elective conversion for arterial sleeve resections, vena cava resection, and vertebral body resection.
- Never in a hurry.

If you do not know what to do, take another lymph node!

*RJ Ginsberg*

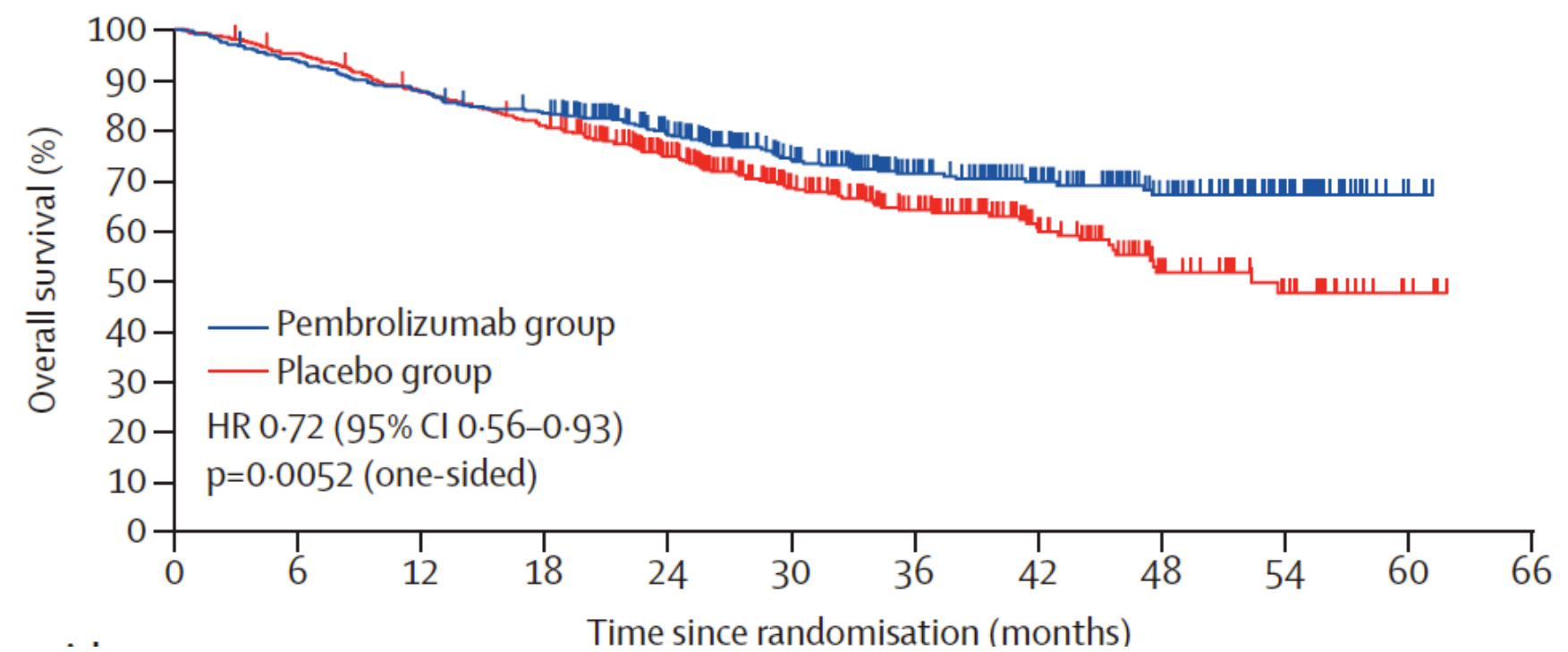


Median 23 months - 2009



Median 47% - 2017

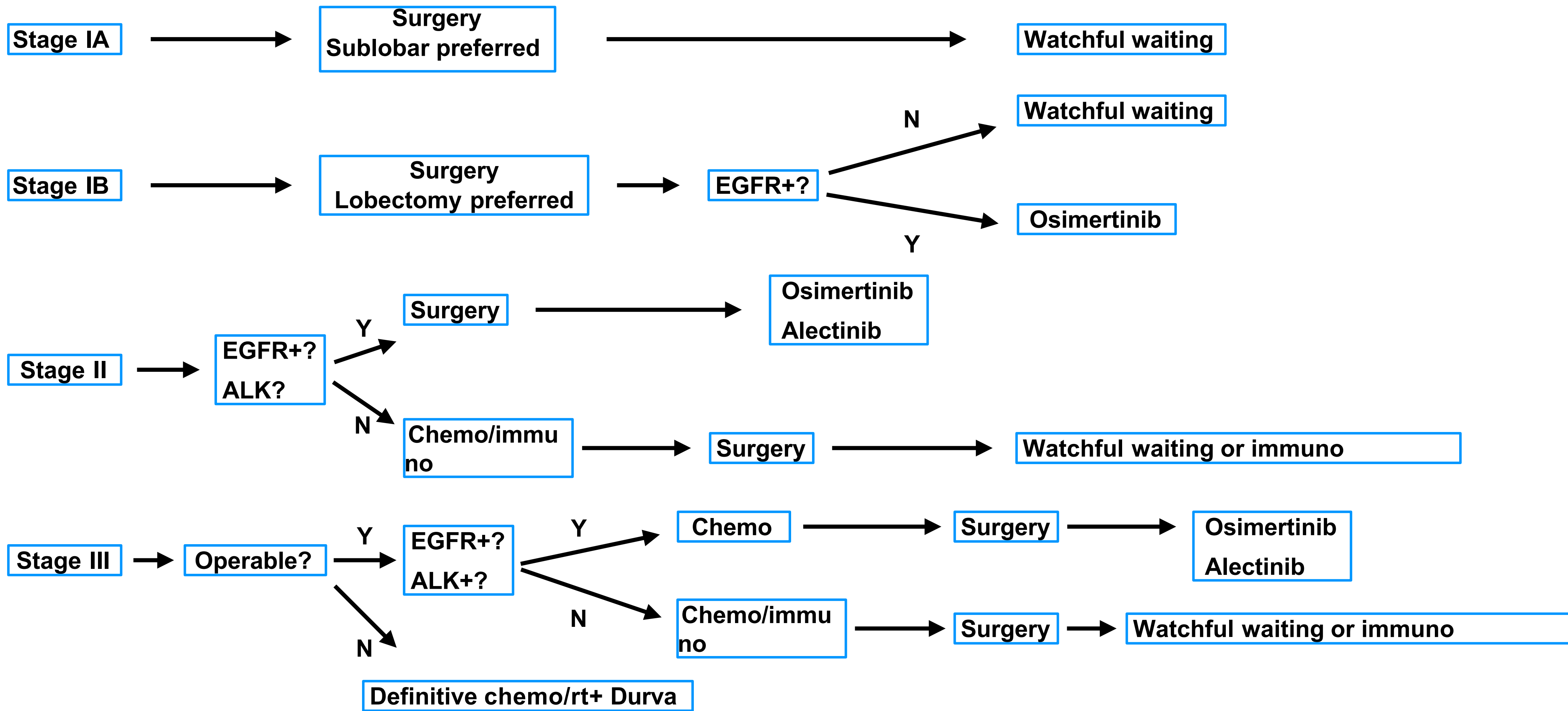
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71% alive 36 mo, MS not reached 2024

It's funny how things change slowly,  
until we realized they've changed  
completely!

Nancy Gibbs



Thank you!

