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# GRAND ROUNDS CLINICI DEL MERCOLEDÌ

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**I tumori extragonadici**



# Germ cell tumors (GCTs)

2022

2470 new diagnosis of GCTs in Italy

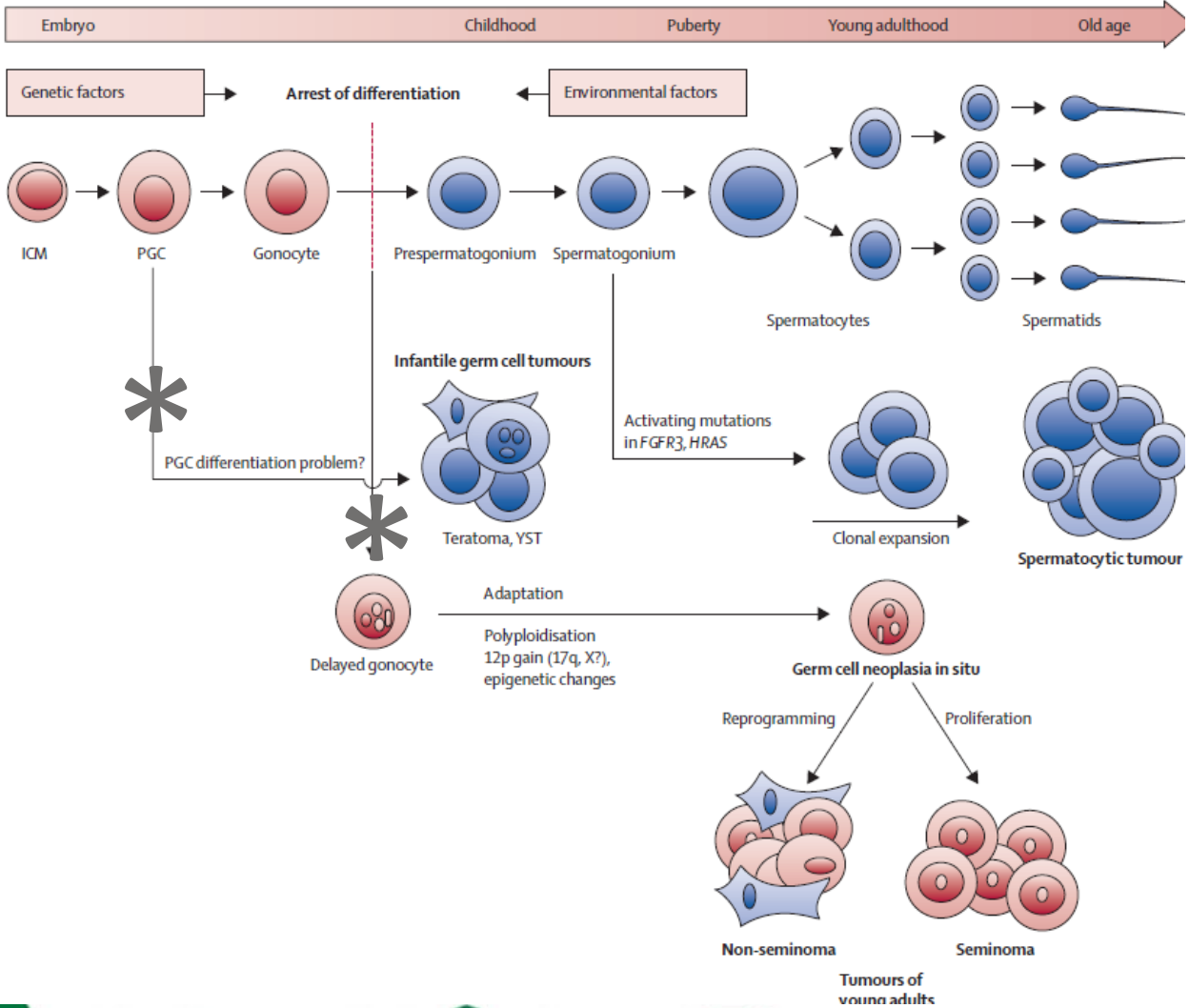
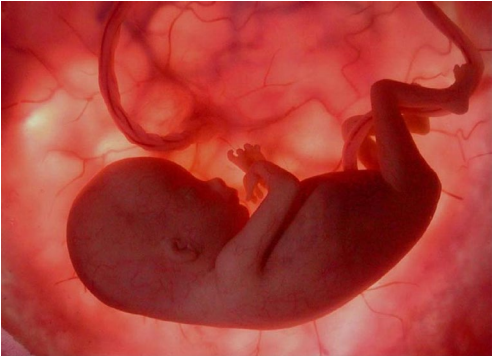
1-5% are extra-gonadal GCTs

Mediastinal seminoma have the same prognosis as the gonadal counterpart

Non Seminoma (PMNSGCTs) is considered a poor risk disease, by definition

*AIOM guidelines, 2024*

# The origin...



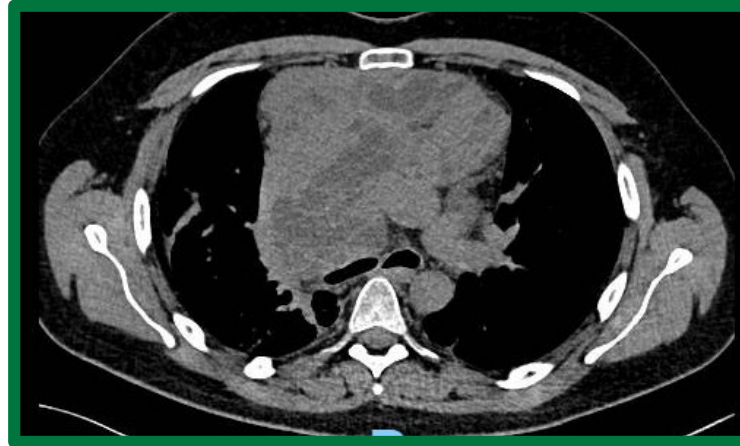
Ruipert-De Meyts, Lancet 2015

# How they look like...

Extra-gonadal GCTs:  
1-5% of all GCTs

Among extra-gonadal GCTs:

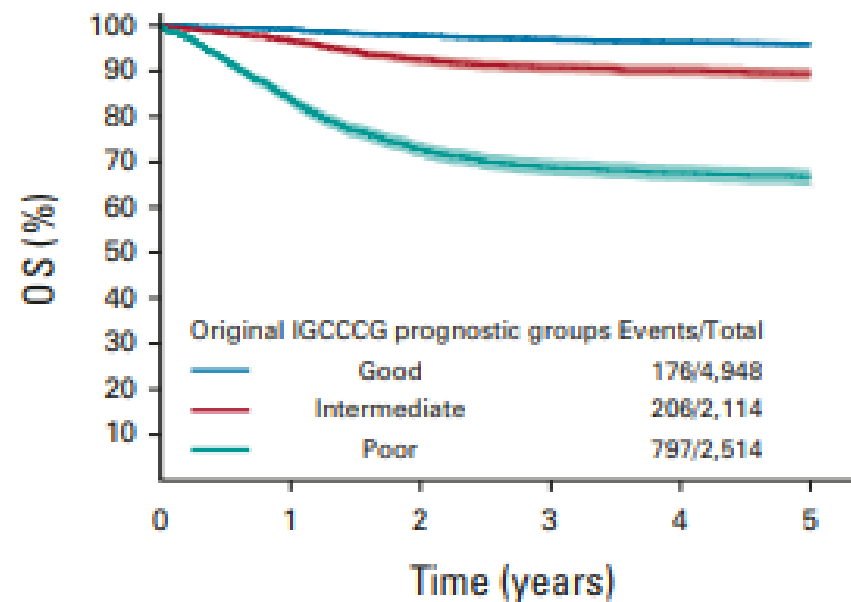
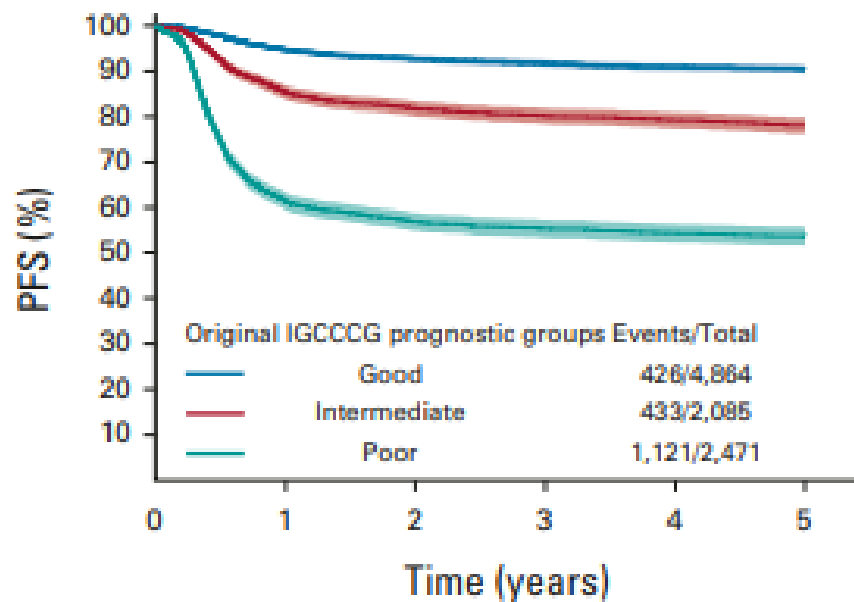
- 60-70% are PMGCT
- 30% are RP (if any...)
- 5% are pineal GCT



*Rosti G, Sem Oncol 2019*

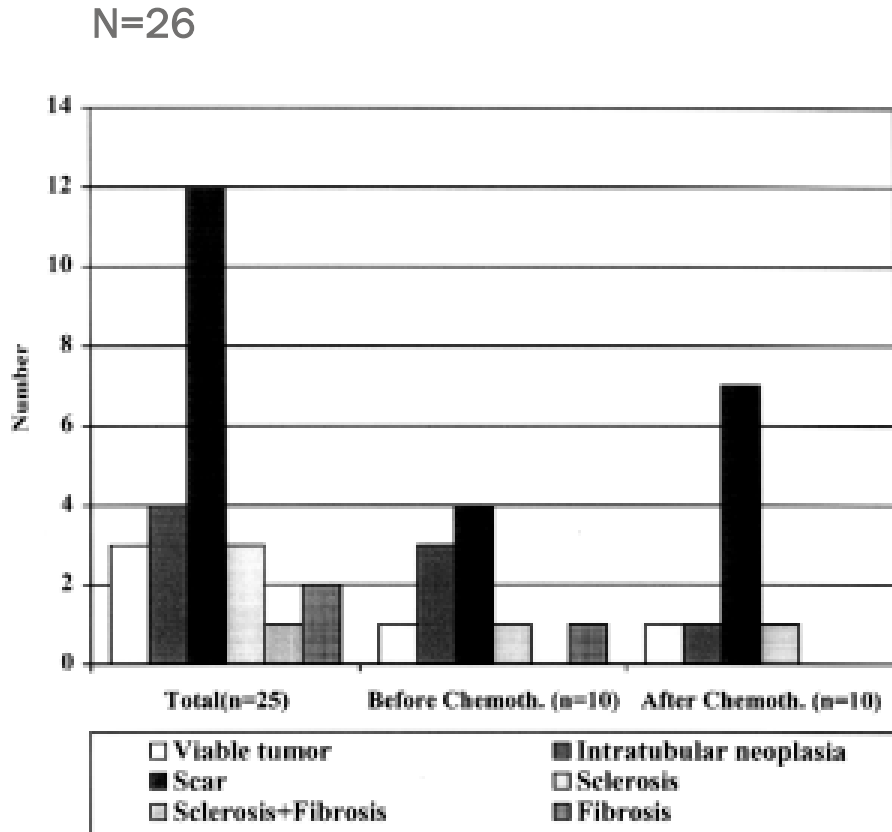
# ...same origin same story?

Original IGCCCG Prognostic Groups	Original IGCCCG Survival Estimates (1997)		Updated Estimates Based on Patients With Nonseminoma With Prechemotherapy IGCCCG Prognostic Groups Available	
	5-Year PFS (95% CI)	5-Year OS (95% CI)	5-Year PFS (95% CI)	5-Year OS (95% CI)
Good	89 (87 to 91)	92 (90 to 94)	90 (89 to 91)	96 (95 to 96)
Intermediate	75 (71 to 79)	80 (76 to 84)	78 (76 to 80)	89 (88 to 91)
Poor	41 (35 to 47)	48 (42 to 54)	54 (52 to 56)	67 (65 to 69)



Gillessen, *J Clin Oncol* 2021

# Retroperitoneum...=testis?



Hystopathological findings	N (%)
Scar tissue	12 (46,1%)
Sclerosis	3 (11,5%)
Fibrosis	2 (7,6%)
Fibrosis + scleroris	1 (3,8%)
GIN	4 (15,3%)
Viable cells	3 (11,5%)
Tot	25 (96%)

Scholz, Ann Oncol 2002

# PMNSGCTs versus testis

Main GA subgroups	Genes altered	PMNSGCT <sup>a</sup>	Sem	NS	p value <sup>b</sup>
Total no.		44	22	86	
TP53 pathway	<i>TP53, MDM2</i>	36 (81.8%)	1 (4.5%)	17 (19.8%)	<.0001
RAS-RAF pathway	<i>KRAS, NRAS, HRAS, BRAF</i>	20 (45.4%)	13 (59.1%)	44 (51.2%)	.581
Cell-cycle pathway	<i>CCND1/2/3, CDK4/6, CDKN2A/B, RB1</i>	10 (22.7%)	12 (54.5%)	48 (55.8%)	.0004
RTK pathway	<i>FRBB2, PDGFRA, KIT, MFT, EGFR1/2/3</i>	3 (6.8%)	6 (27.3%)	6 (6.9%)	>.99
PI3K pathway	<i>PIK3CA, MTOR, PTEN, AKT1/2</i>	19 (43.2%)	6 (27.3%)	6 (6.9%)	<.0001
DDR pathway	<i>BRCA1/2, ATM, CHEK2, MUTYH</i>	1 (2.3%)	3 (13.6%)	12 (13.9%)	.060
GA per tumor, mean (SD)		4.0 (2.5)	2.9 (2.6)	4.0 (2.7)	>.99
MSI-high		0	0	1 (1.2)	>.99
Median TMB, mut/Mb (range)		2.4 (0–55.7)	1.8 (0–6.3)	2.7 (0–23.4)	>.99
TMB ≥10–20 mut/Mb		3 (6.8)	0	3 (3.5)	>.99
TMB ≥20 mut/Mb		2 (4.5)	0	1 (1.2)	>.99

Necchi, Oncologist 2019

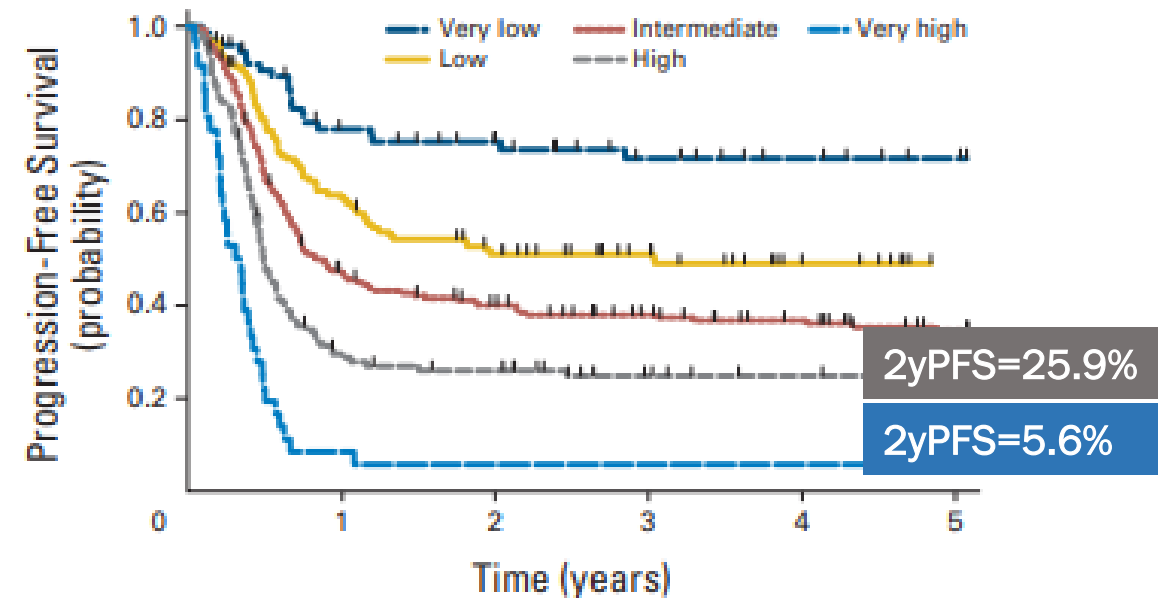
# IPFSG Risk Classification

**Table 4.** Prognostic Score for Patients With Nonseminoma and Seminoma

Parameter	Score Points				Score
	0	1	2	3	
Primary site	Gonadal	Extragenital	—	Mediastinal nonseminoma	
Prior response	CR/PRm-	PRm+/SD	PD	—	
PFI, months	> 3	≤ 3	—	—	
AFP salvage	Normal	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	
HCG salvage	≤ 1,000	> 1,000	—	—	
LBB	No	Yes	—	—	
Score sum (values from 0 to 10)					
Regroup score sum into categories: (0) = 0; (1 or 2) = 1; (3 or 4) = 2; (5 or more) = 3					
Add histology score points: pure seminoma = -1; nonseminoma or mixed tumors = 0					
Final prognostic score (-1 = very low risk; 0 = low risk; 1 = intermediate risk; 2 = high risk; 3 = very high risk)					

Abbreviations: CR, complete remission; PRm-, partial remission, negative markers; PRm+, partial remission, positive markers; SD, stable disease; PD, progressive disease; PFI, progression-free interval; AFP, alpha fetoprotein; HCG, human chorionic gonadotrophin; LBB, liver, bone, brain metastases.

N=1980

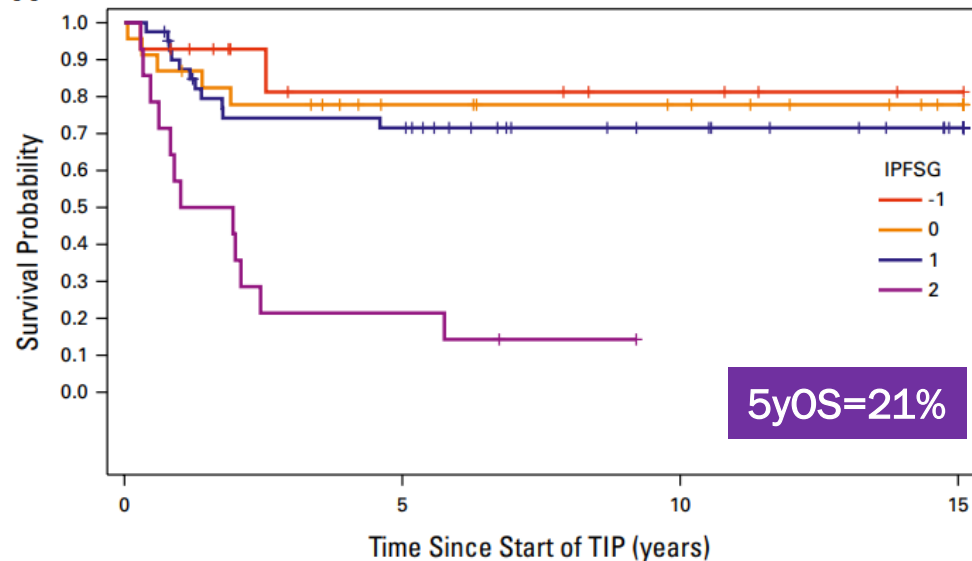


The International Prognostic Factors Study Group, J Clin Oncol 2010



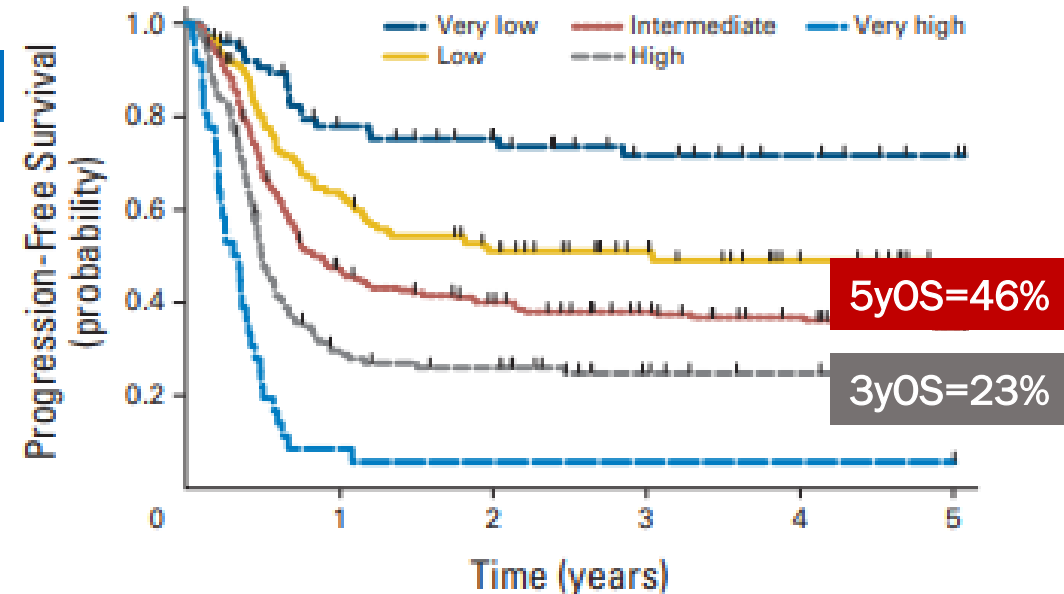
# Have we ameliorate our results?

N=104      2<sup>nd</sup> line TIP      Series 1994-2019



Number at risk

Time (years)	0	5	10	15
IPFSG -1	14	6	4	1
IPFSG 0	23	12	9	3
IPFSG 1	41	27	16	8
IPFSG 2	14	3	0	0



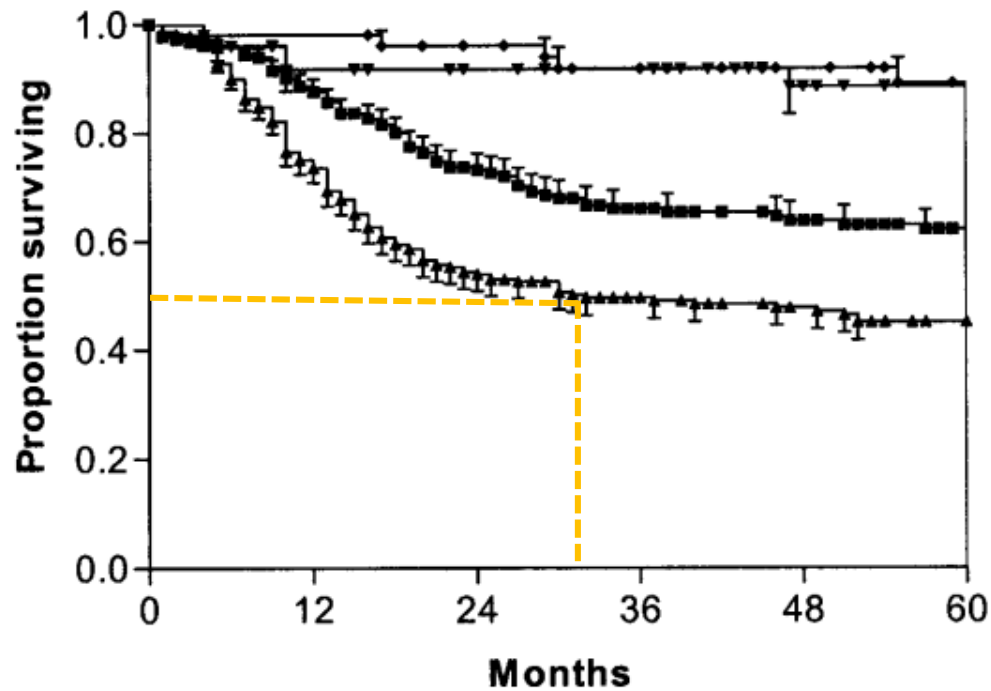
Gleeson, J Clin Oncol 2024

# ... and PMGCTs?

N=524 (285 PNSMGCTs)

Series 1975-1996

Outcome in patients with extra-gonadal CGTs



5y-PFS= 44%

5y-OS= 45%

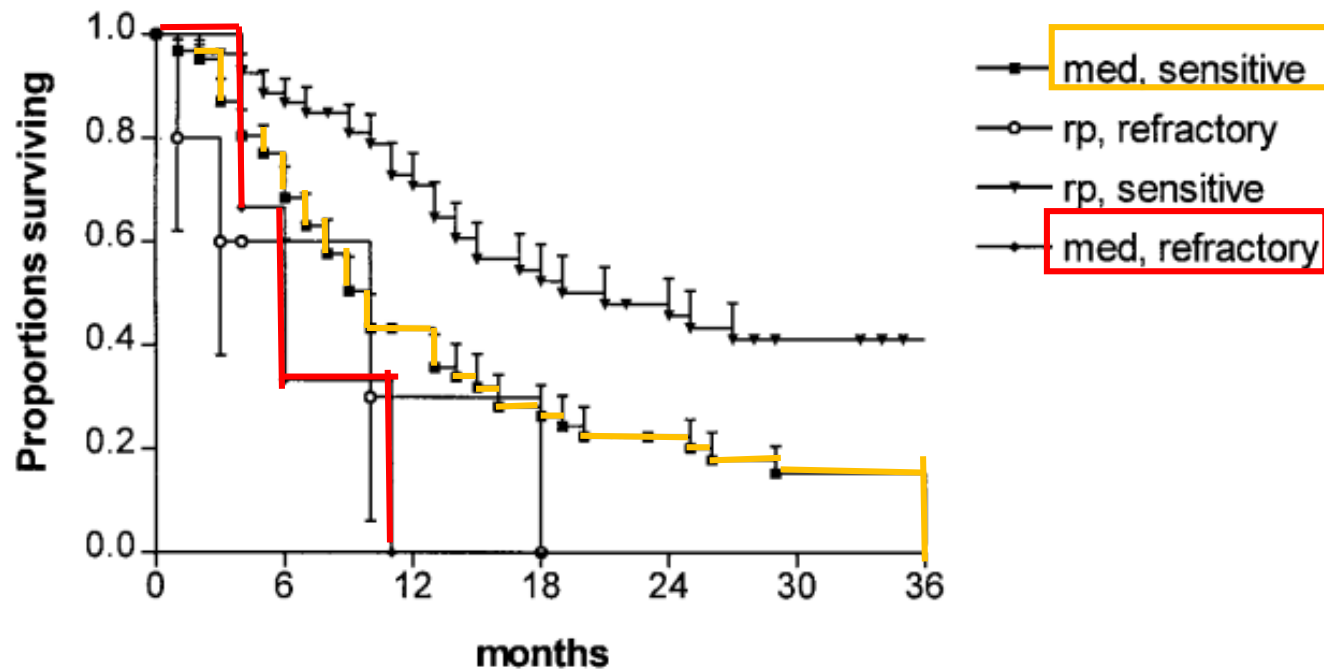
Hartmann, Ann Oncol 2002

# ... and relapsed PMGCTs?

N=142 (79 PMGCTs)

Series 1975-1996

Outcome in patients with relapsed extra-gonadal CGTs



Median survival (months):

10 months

6 months

Table 4. Type of Second-Line Chemotherapy and Outcome (N = 142)

	No. of Patients	%
Second-line chemotherapy regimen		
Cisplatin + ifosfamide ± other	43	30
Cisplatin + etoposide or vinblastine ± other	29	20
Cisplatin + paclitaxel ± other	3	2
High-dose carboplatin + etoposide ± ifosfamide or cyclophosphamide with ABMT	48	34
Other regimen	19	13
Current status		
No evidence of disease	27	19
Alive with disease	12	9
Dead of disease	92	65
Treatment-related death	8	6
Lost to follow up	3	2

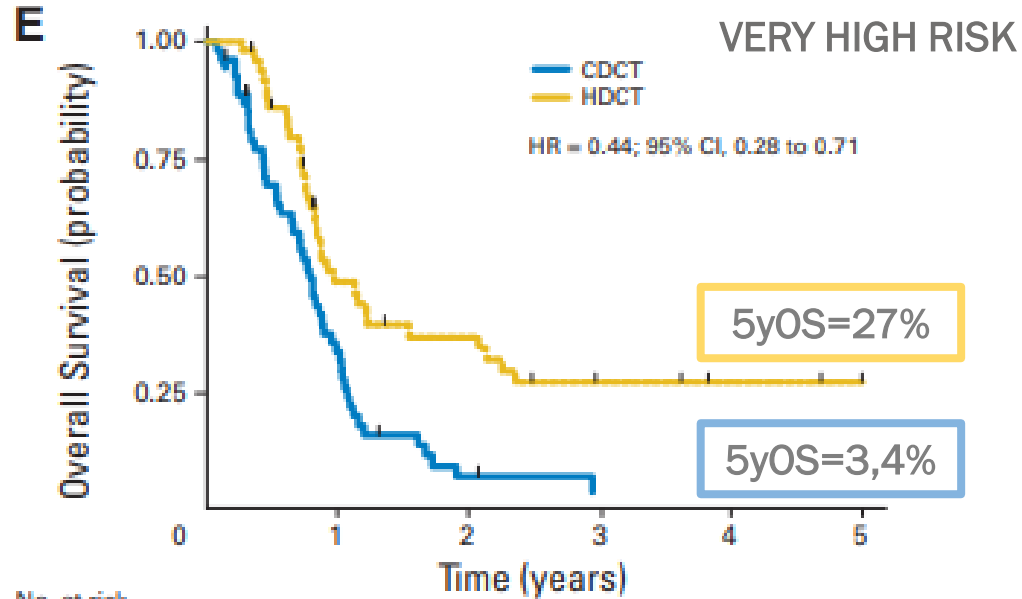
Abbreviation: ABMT, autologous bone marrow transplant.

Hartmann, J Clin Oncol 2001

# ... and relapsed PMGCTs in the alpha-gen?

N=1435 (71 PMGCTs)

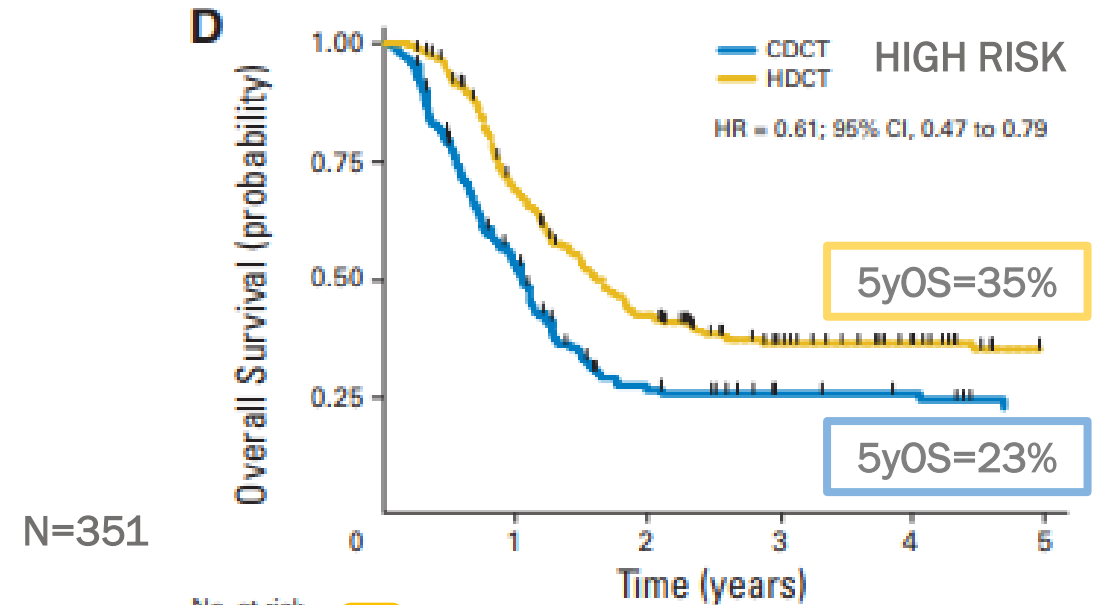
Outcome in patients with relapsed GCTs (CDCT versus HDCT)



N=105

No. at risk  
CDCT  
HDCT

	0	1	2	3	4	5
CDCT	54	17	3	1	1	1
HDCT	51	21	15	9	7	5



N=351

No. at risk  
CDCT  
HDCT

	0	1	2	3	4	5
CDCT	152	75	32	23	21	15
HDCT	199	129	77	51	40	27

Lorch, J Clin Oncol 2011

# ...considering only PMNSGCTs treated with HDCT

References	N	Trial	Treatment	Outcomes
Bokemeyer ( <i>Br J Cancer</i> 2003)	28	P	Upfront-line sequential HD VIP vs CDCT	Absolute improvement of 15-20% of 2y-PFS and 2y-OS
Pico ( <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2005)	25	P	Salvage therapy CDCT vs HDCT	No differences in OS
Hartmann ( <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2001)	79	R	Second-line CDCT vs HDCT	OS=12% No difference
De Giorgi ( <i>Ann Oncol</i> 2005)	22	R	Second-line HDCT (one course)	3y-OS=14%
Adra ( <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2016)	20	R	Second, third-line or later HDCT (2 cycles)	2y-PFS=22%
Feldman ( <i>J Clin Oncol</i> 2010)	21	P	First or subsequent line HDCT	Long-term DFS=24%
Richardson ( <i>Cancer</i> 2024)	32	R	Second or third-line HDCT (2 cycles)	2y-PFS=31% 2y-OS=35%

# Our experience...



PMNSGCTs=69

19 Centers

9 European Countries

## Inclusion criteria

- Male
- $\geq 18$  years old
- HDCT with ASCT between 2000-2018

## Aim of the study

- To better characterize the role of HDC with autologous stem cell transplantation in PMNSGCTs

# Our experience...



## Characteristics of 69 patients

Characteristics	N=69	... continued	
Age (years)		Standard therapy before HDC, <i>n</i> (%)	
Median	31	TIP	11 (47.8)
Range	19-71	Gem-TIP	1 (4.3)
Disease extension, <i>n</i> (%)		VIP	6 (26)
Metastatic disease	42(63.6)	Other	5 (21.7)
Locally advanced	24 (36.4)	Missing data	46
Unknown	3	Status at transplant, <i>n</i> (%)	
Prognosis risk, <i>n</i> (%)		CR	9 (14.5)
Poor	69 (100)	PR	26 (37.6)
Time to relapse (months)		SD	4 (6.5)
Median	4.5	PD	23 (33.3)
Range	<1-24.7	Missing data, <i>n</i>	7

56%

Secondino, ESMO Open 2024

# Our experience...



## Treatment Characteristics

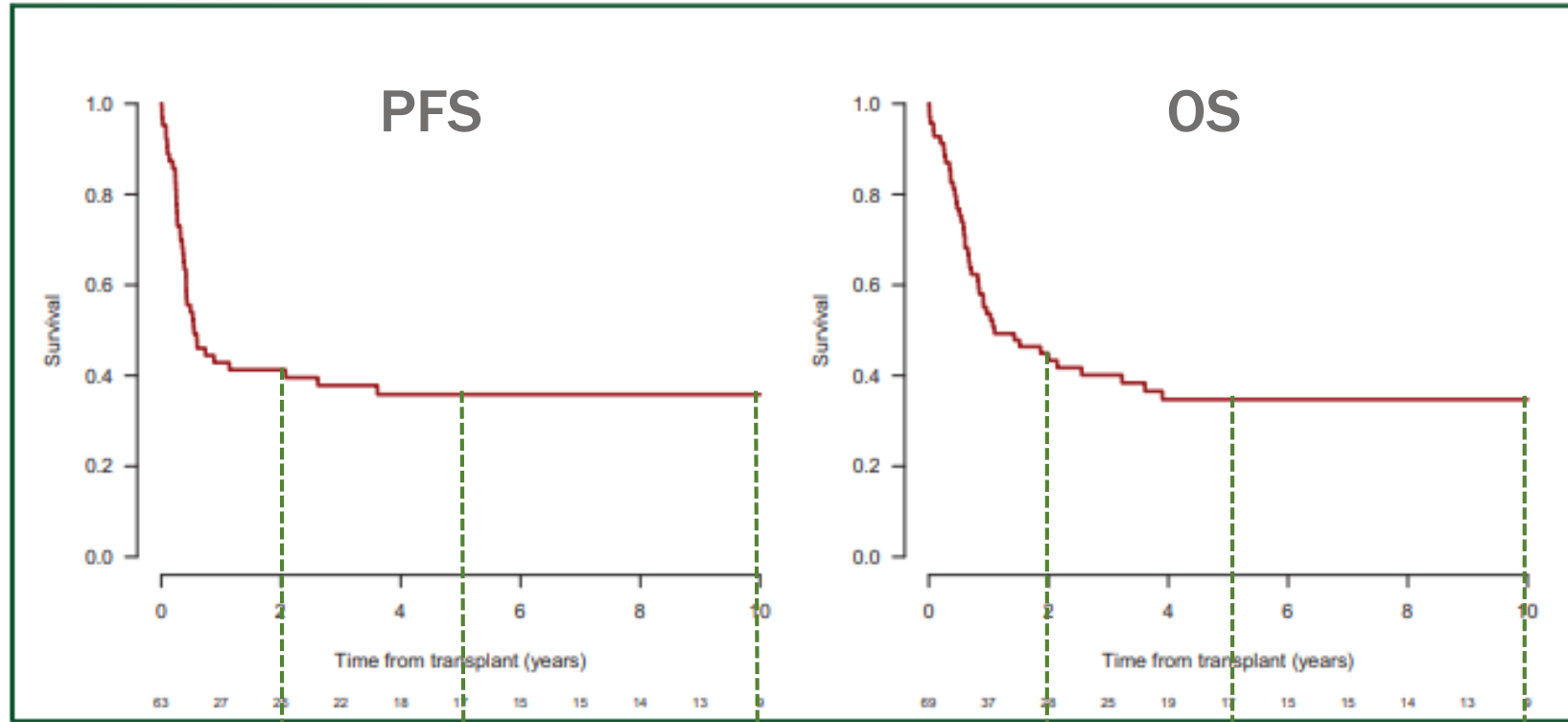
Characteristics	N=69	... continued	
Mobilization regimen, <i>n</i> (%)		Number of transplant, <i>n</i> (%)	
Chemotherapy + G-CSF	63 (94)	One	3 (4.4)
G-CSF only	4 (6)	Two	37 (53.6)
Missing	2	Three	29 (42)
Preparative regimen, <i>n</i> (%)		Outcomes after HDC, <i>n</i> (%)	
Carboplatin – Etoposide	37 (53.6)	Complete remission	21 (35.6)
Paclitaxel-containing	11 (15.9)	Partial remission	15 (25.4)
ICE	8 (11.6)	Never responding	23 (39)
VIP	7 (10.2)	Missing	10
Other	6 (8.7)	Surgery after HDC, <i>n</i> (%)	
HDC, <i>n</i> (%)		Complete	17 (24.6)
Upfront	24 (34.8)	Incomplete	3 (4.3)
First relapse	23 (33.3)		
Second relapse	15 (21.7)		
Third relapse	6 (8.7)		
Fourth relapse	1 (1.4)		

65%

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# Our experience: results



41%

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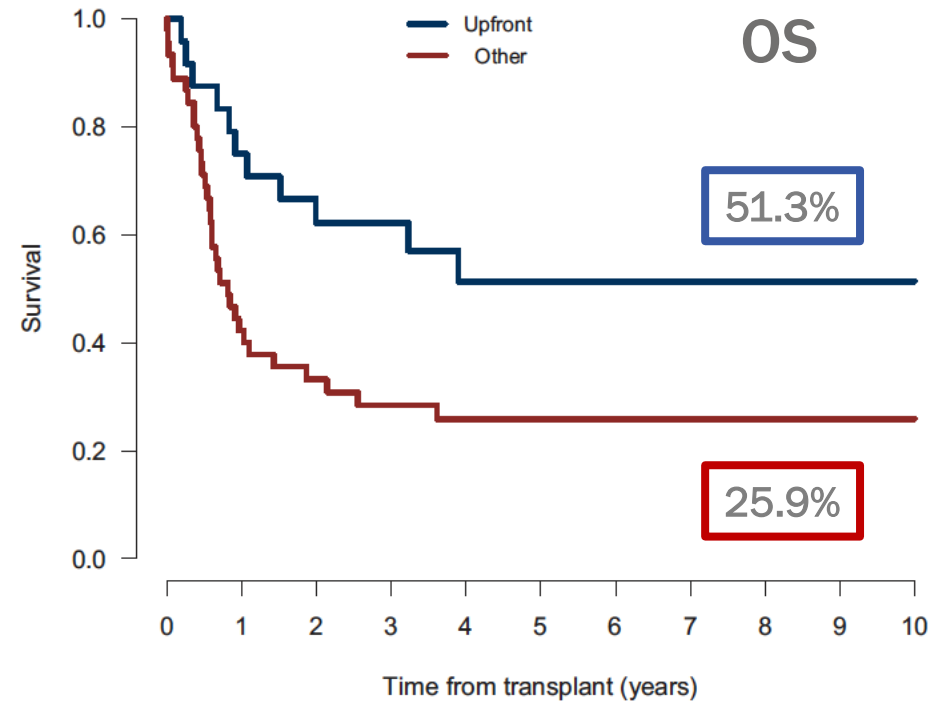
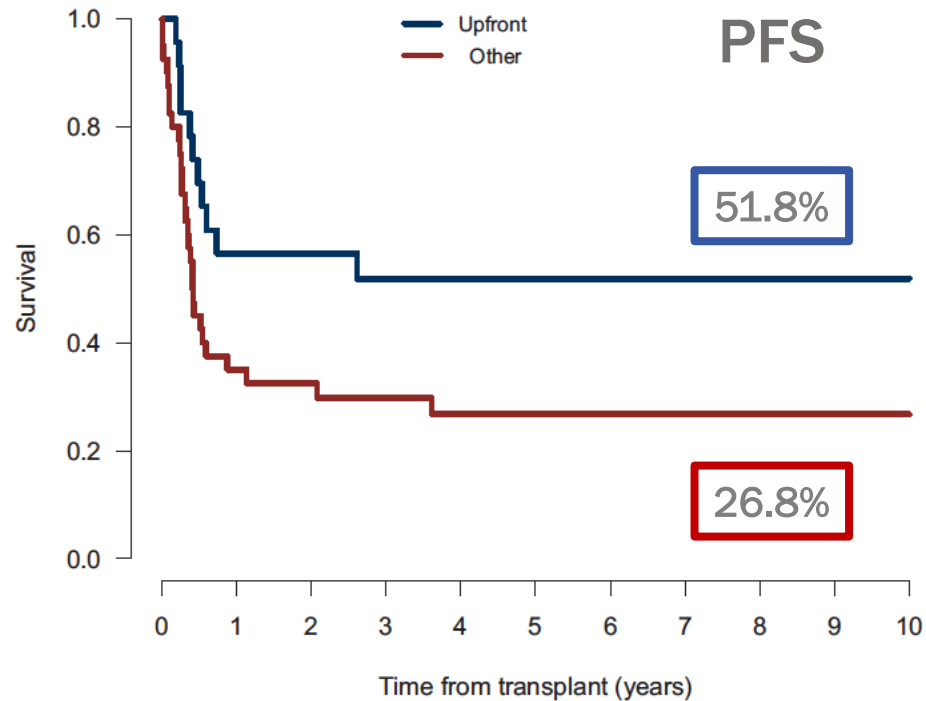
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# Our experience: results



## UPFRONT VS OTHER LINES

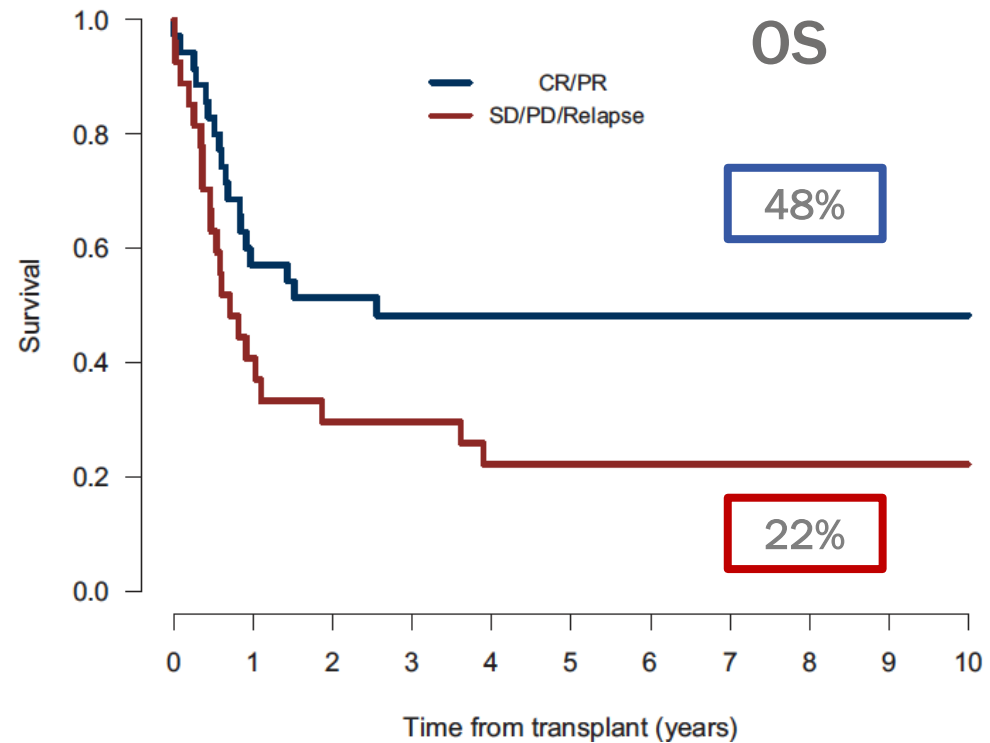
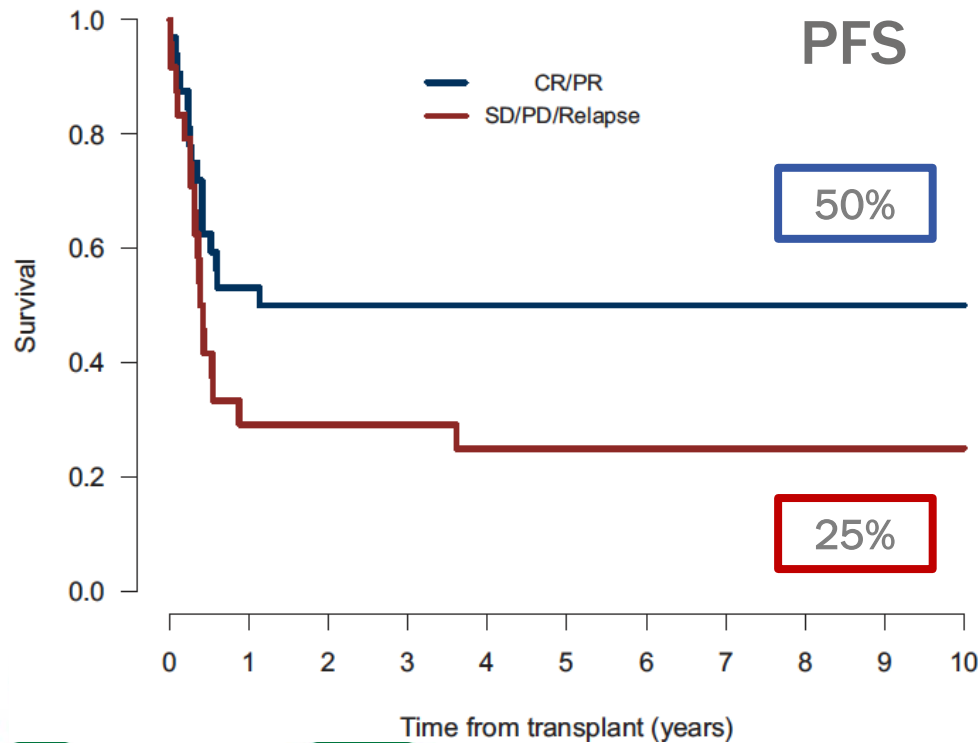


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# Our experience: results



## RESPONDERS VS NOT



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# Conclusions (1)

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Secondino ( <i>Esmo Open</i> 2024)	69	R	Up-front and subsequent-line HDCT (2-3 cycles)	TRM in 3 patients (4.3%) No secondary malignancies

# PMNSGCTs in the future...



Largest series in this setting

Long term follow-up capable to identify cure rates



PMNSGCTs are a **different disease**, with **different biological pattern** and different behaviour



Our results suggest that HDC with ASCT may well represent a **therapeutic option** in PMNSGCTs



Patients with advanced disease (preferably at first diagnosis) should be referred for treatment decisions wherever possible to **experienced centers**



**Much effort** to better know this disease, is warrant

