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RT in breast cancer patients after breast reconstruction

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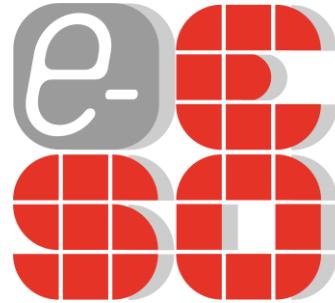
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Radiation therapy in breast cancer patients after breast reconstruction

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- I'm a radiation oncologist, a full-time clinician
- PhD student at MAASTRO and my research is focusing on improving the outcomes of breast cancer patients who undergo mastectomy & breast reconstruction and planned for postmastectomy radiation therapy

In this ESO session

Covered in this talk

- New challenges we encounter as radiation oncologists, and what can we do about it

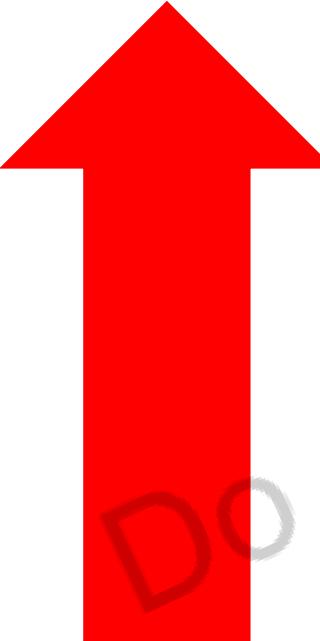
Not covered in this talk, but important

- Indications for PMRT
- Results of the EBCTCG update of PMRT
- PMRT vs. BCT
- And many other important topics related to mastectomy and PMRT...

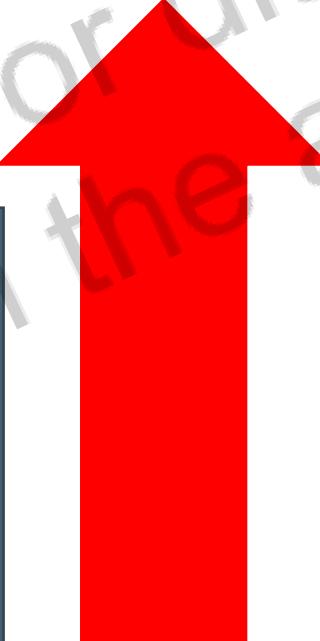
PMRT- postmastectomy Radiation therapy; BCT- Breast Conservation Therapy

Why is this topic important?

- The rate of mastectomy and IBR is increasing
- The rate of PMRT is increasing



Patient wishes, surgical techniques improved, less fear from combining with PMRT



Mainly following the EBCTCG data
Deescalation in axillary surgery
Including in N+

ORIGINAL ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY

Immediate Reconstruction of the Radiated Breast: Recent Trends Contrary to Traditional Standards

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- **IBR with implant-only increased from 27 to 52 % (p<0.001) with a decrease in IBR tissue-only from 56 to 32 % (p<0.001)**
- **IBR rate among pts requiring RT increased from 13.6 to 25.1 %**

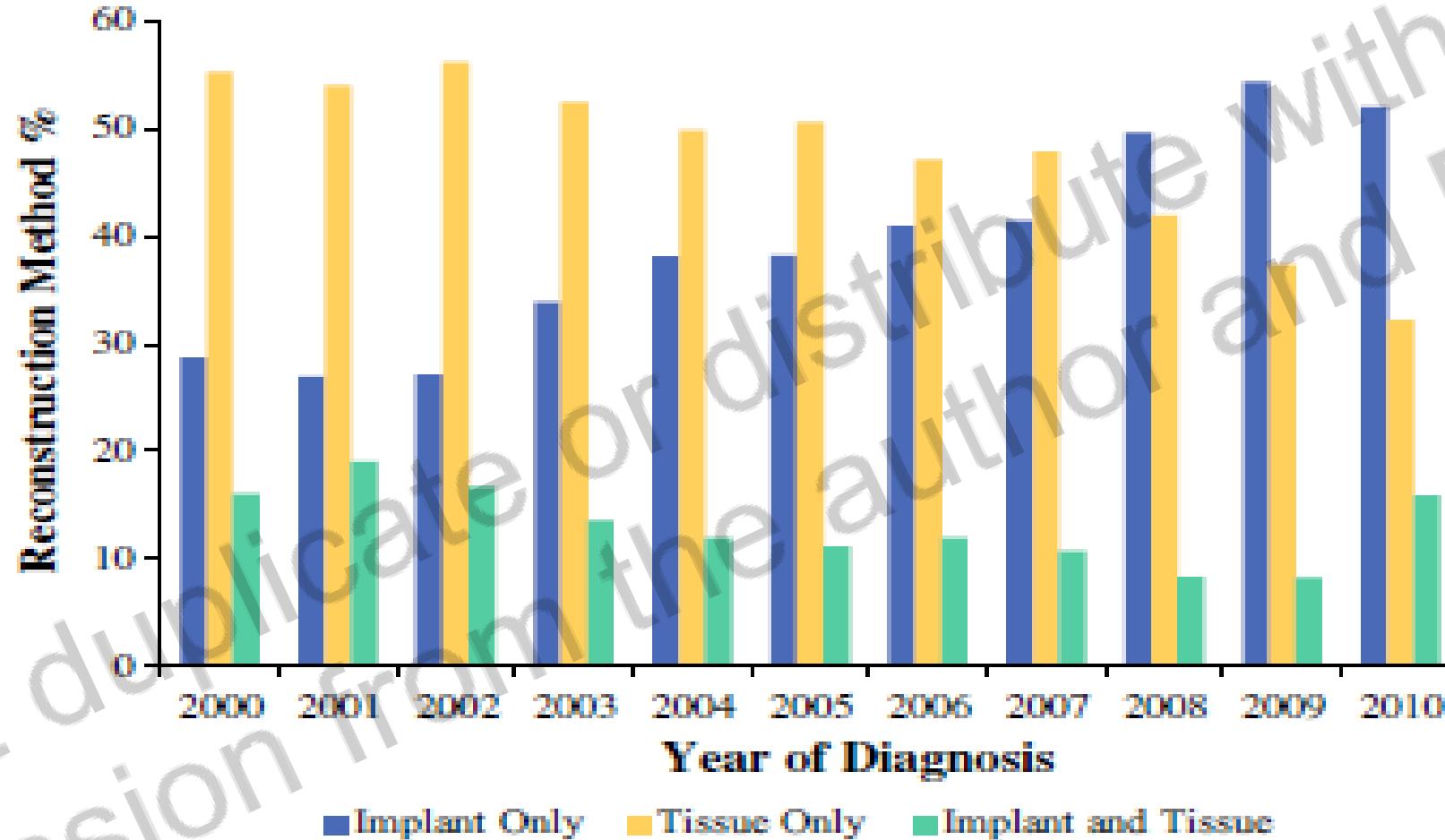
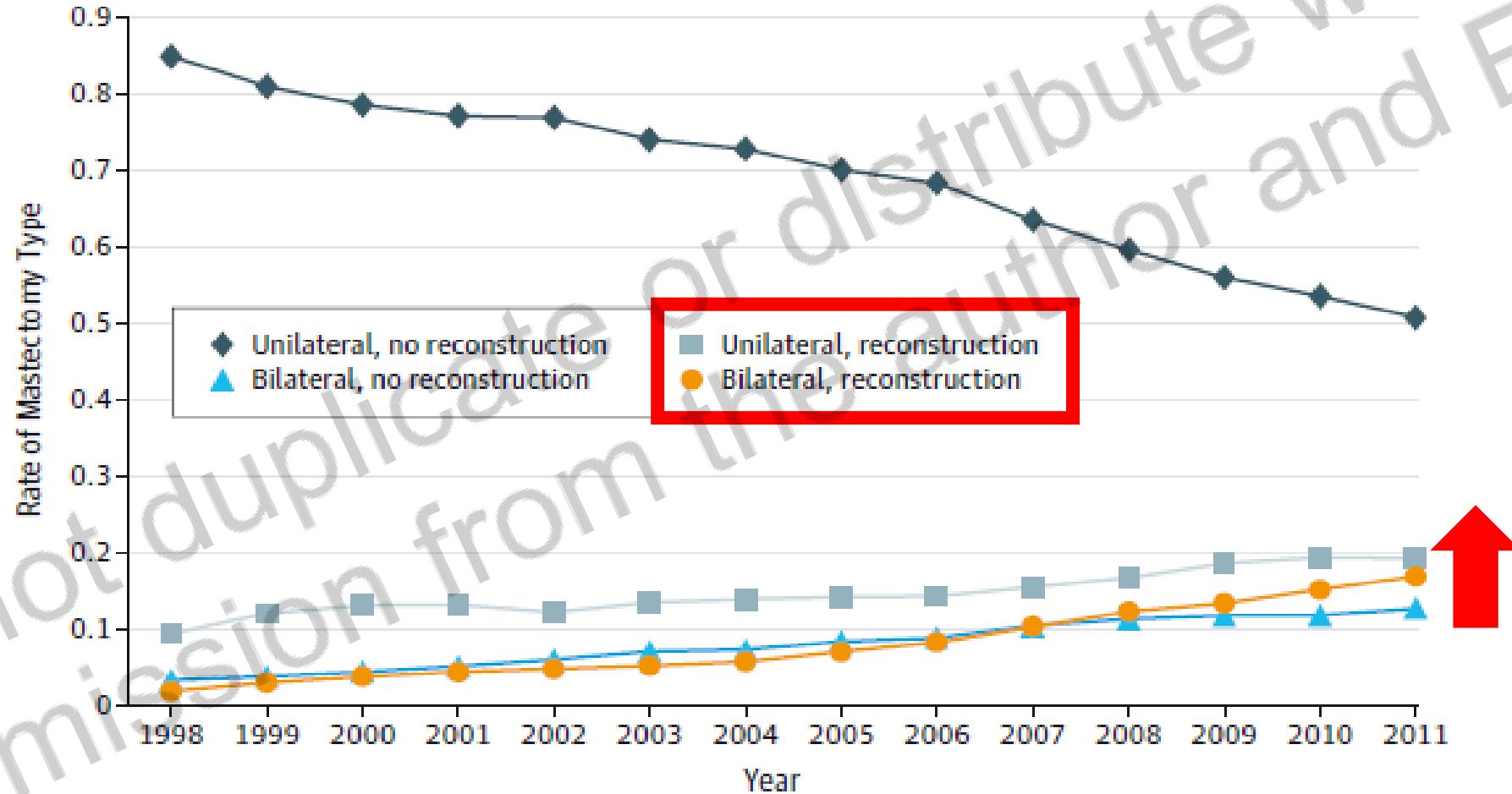


FIG. 2 Reconstruction rates by method in irradiated patients from 2000 to 2010

Breast conserving surgery eligible



Indications for PMRT are mostly N+, high risk features, these patients can be BCS eligible

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- The rate of PMRT is increasing

Patient wishes, surgical
technique, and less
informed patients

More

EBCTCG data

Poor outcomes mostly cosmesis & complications
In some cases also disease outcomes

Reconstruction & PMRT

- Reconstruction failure occurred in 21% of the patients with implant vs. no failure in the autologous group ($p = 0.04$).
- Mean patient-reported 'Satisfaction with Breasts' and 'Sexual Well-being' were lower after implant compared to autologous.
- IBR & PMRT resulted in a high rate of severe capsular contraction in implant-based reconstruction (16.9%) and fibrosis in autologous reconstruction (13.8%).

How can we improve these outcomes?

At time of diagnosis

- Advice Breast conserving surgery if possible
- Consider risk and benefits of PMRT prior to surgery
- Identify cases that are prone for complications: smoking, comorbidities
- Discuss the surgical procedure, difficulties, be involved in the process

Risk factors for complications and poor outcome

Patient related factors	Treatment related factors
Comorbidities (e.g., DM)	Systemic therapy
Smoking	Surgery
Body habitus	Radiation
Genetic susceptibility	
Patient desires	

Risk factors for complications: “The patient”

- Body habitus
- Comorbidities (e.g., DM)
- Smoking
- Susceptibility to RT



Polymyalgia rheumatica
G3 Toxicity, 1.5 yrs after RT



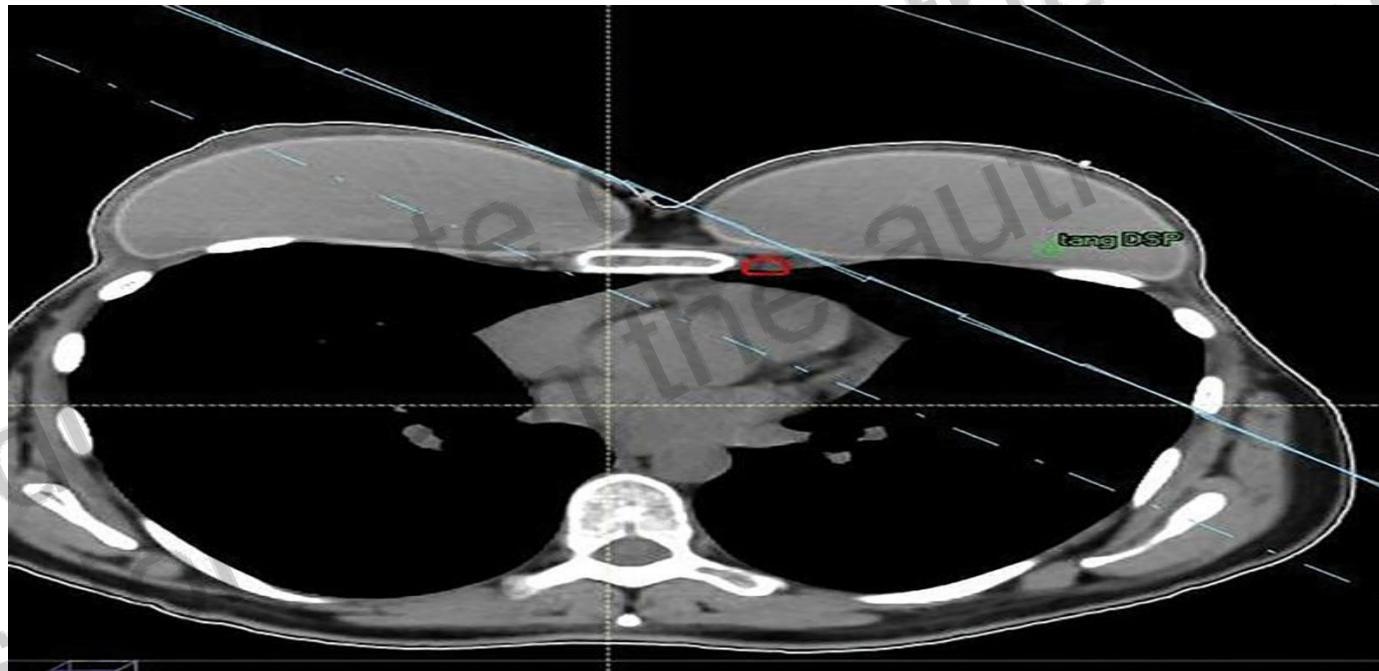
More sensitive



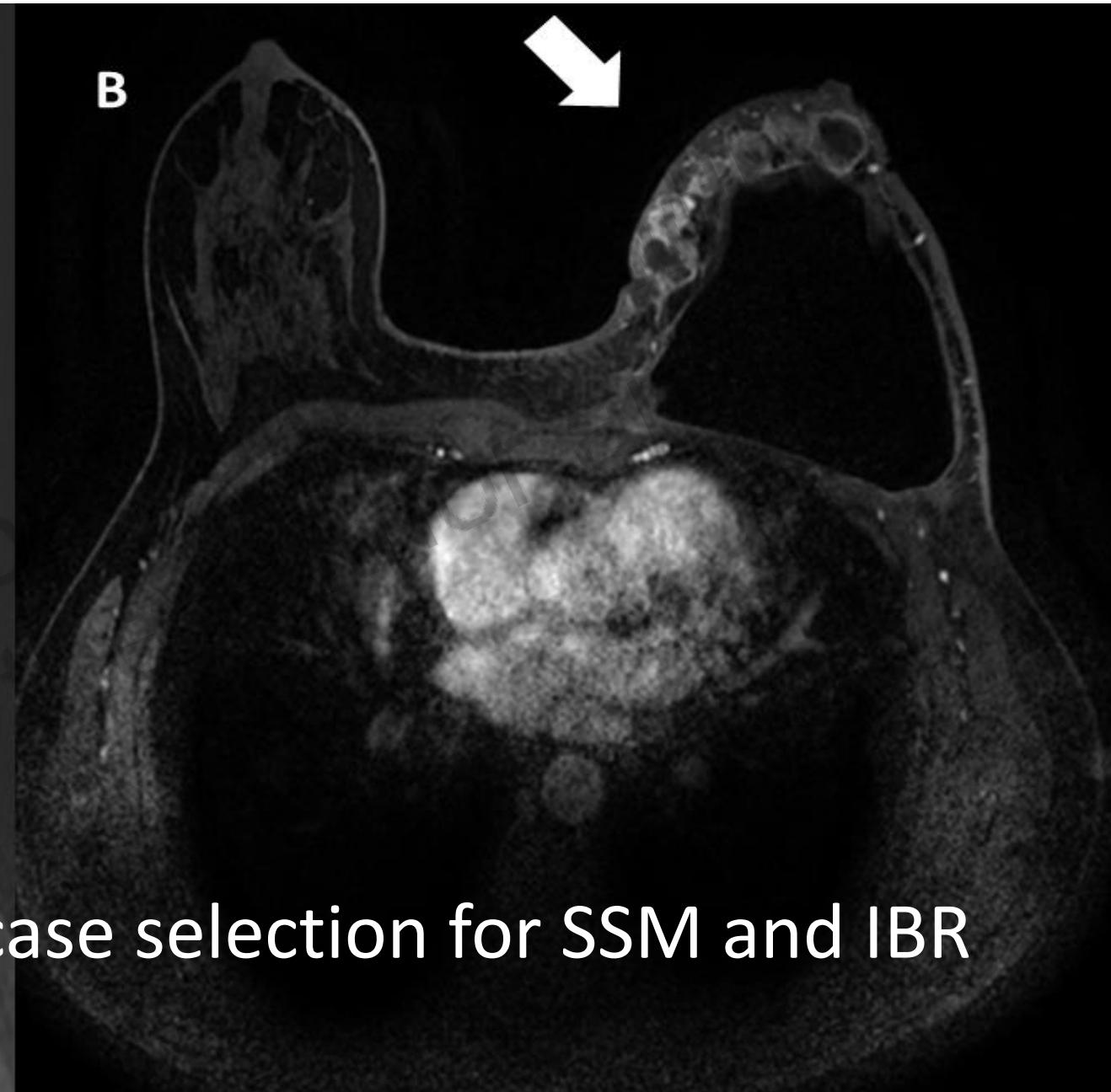
More resistant

Risk factors for complications: “The patient”

Patient’s desire as a risk factor

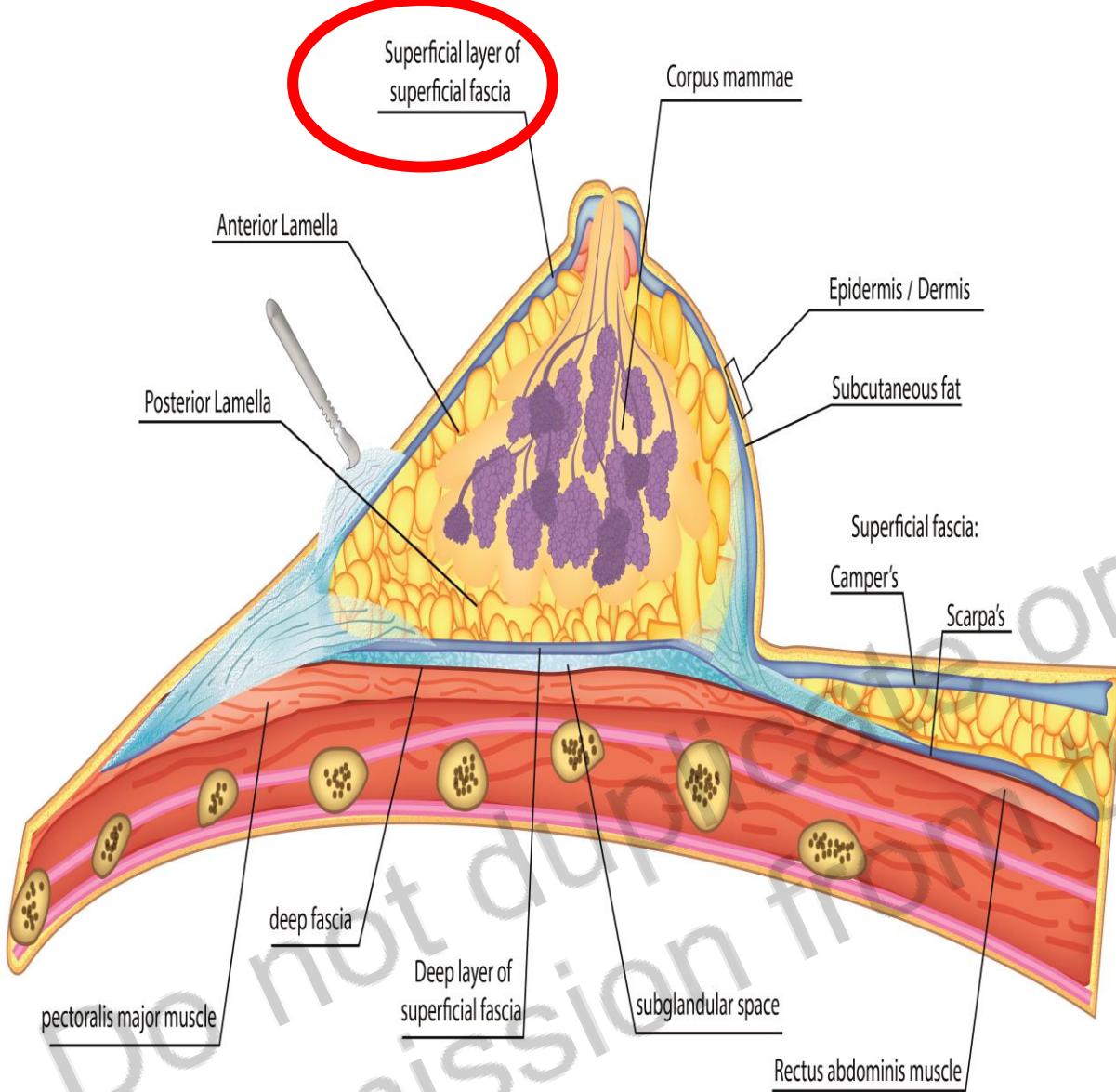


Kaidar-Person et al., PRS Global 2017

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Poor case selection for SSM and IBR

So how can we improve these outcomes?



Alon Person

- The breast skin is conserved to create a pocket that facilitates IBR
- SSM / NSM the breast parenchyma needs to be accurately dissected from the covering skin at the level of the superficial fascia
- Not easy to identify or perform
- Different amount of residual breast tissue and potential residual disease, at different areas of the breast

Kaidar-Person, Breast. 2021; Radiother Oncol. 2021

REVIEW ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY

Residual Glandular Breast Tissue After Mastectomy: A Systematic Review

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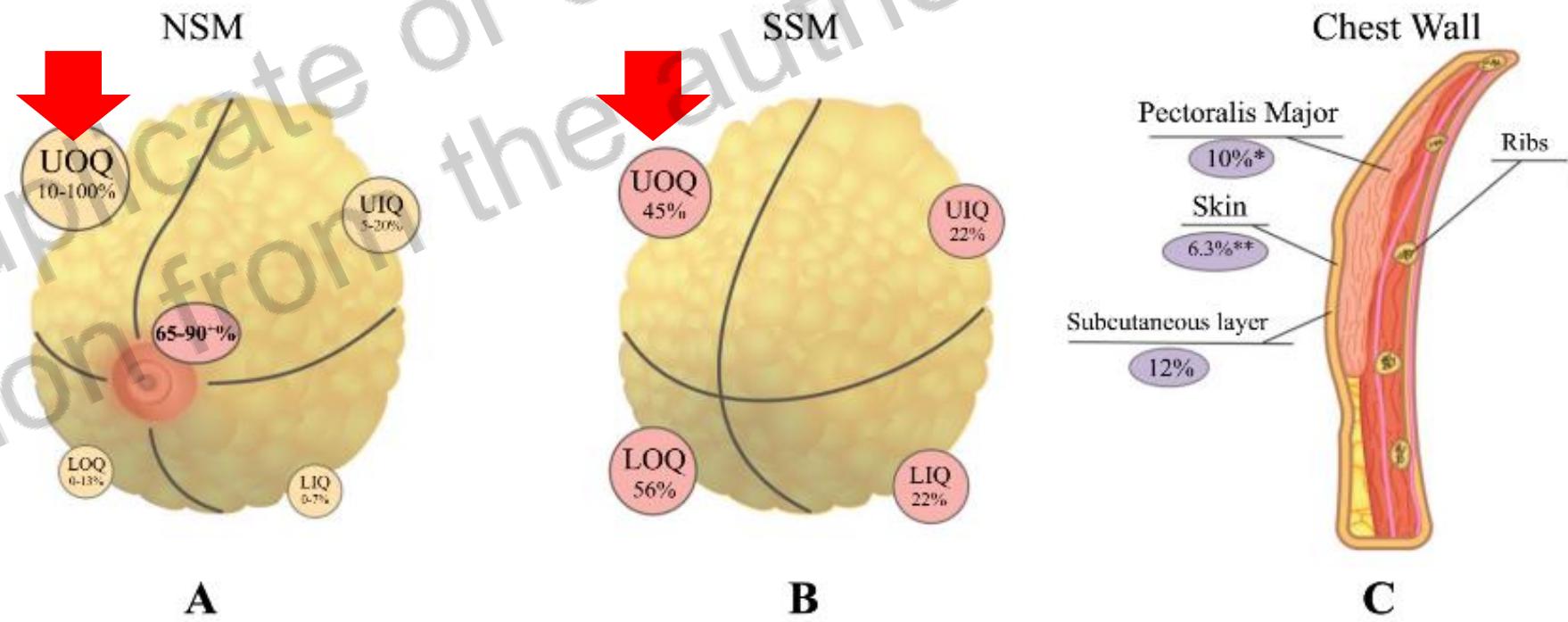
Residual Glandular Breast Tissue After Mastectomy:

More breast tissue in these areas, but does surgical approach matters?

FIG. 2 Reported percentage of patients with residual breast tissue according to location and mastectomy type.^{8–12} **a** Nipple-sparing mastectomy (NSM), coronal view. **b** Skin-sparing mastectomy (NSM), coronal view. **c** Sagittal view after mastectomy and SSM.

**Surface of pectoralis major.

***Beneath skin



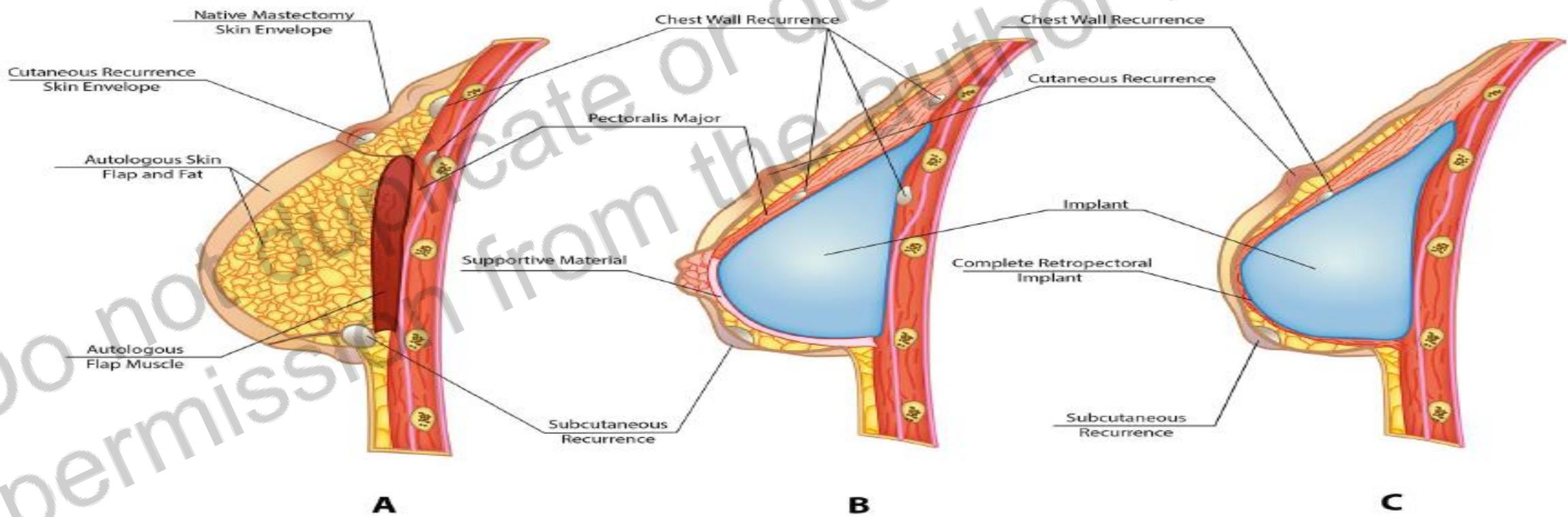
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Spatial location of local recurrences after mastectomy: a systematic review

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Breast Cancer Research and Treatment



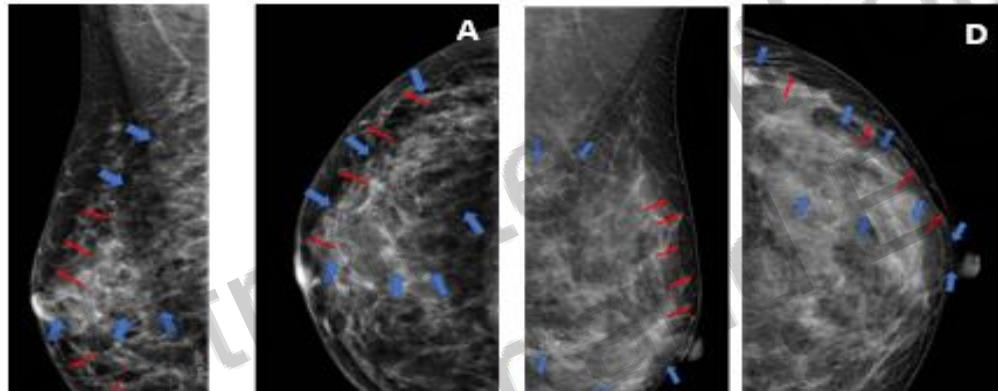


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Biopsy tract recurrence?

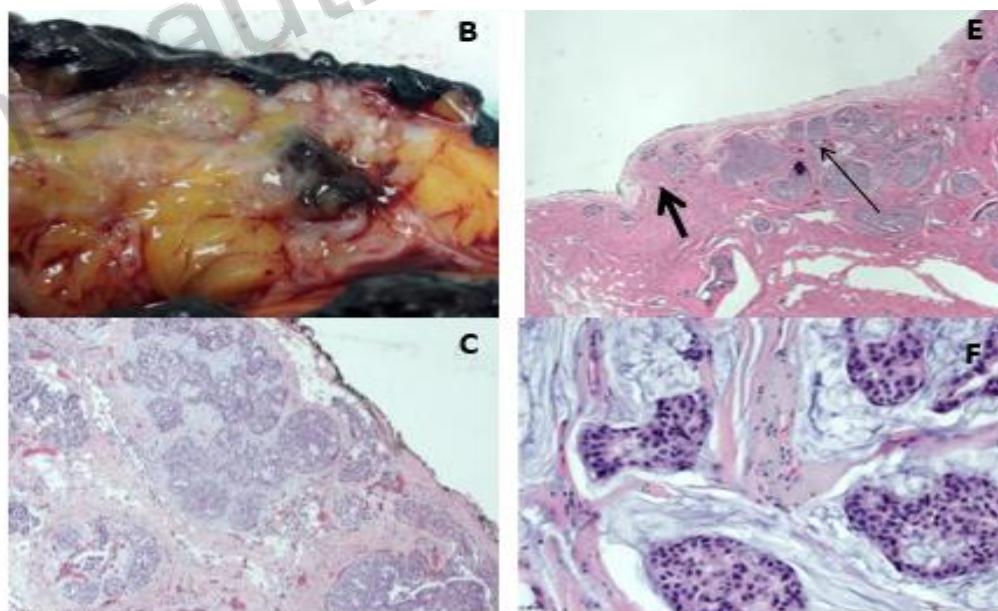
Where are the areas that are at most risk of recurrence?

- The limits of anatomic extension of the fibroglandular tissue may be imprecise and show substantial variation
- Depending on the primary disease site within the breast, involved or close superficial margins in SSM/NSM may be underestimated



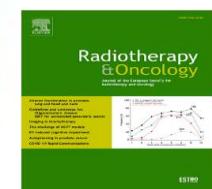
Blue arrows indicating microcalcifications

Red arrows indicating the borders of the breast tissue



Extensive DCIS close to the margin

Tramm et al , 2021





Original Article

ESTRO ACROP consensus guideline for target volume delineation in the setting of postmastectomy radiation therapy after implant-based immediate reconstruction for early stage breast cancer

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**Consensus guidelines based on anatomical landmarks and literature review**

The location of the primary tumour, residual glandular tissue, and location of the implant should be taken into account: prepectoral vs postpectoral, autologous

Kaidar-Person, Breast. 2021; Radiother Oncol. 2021



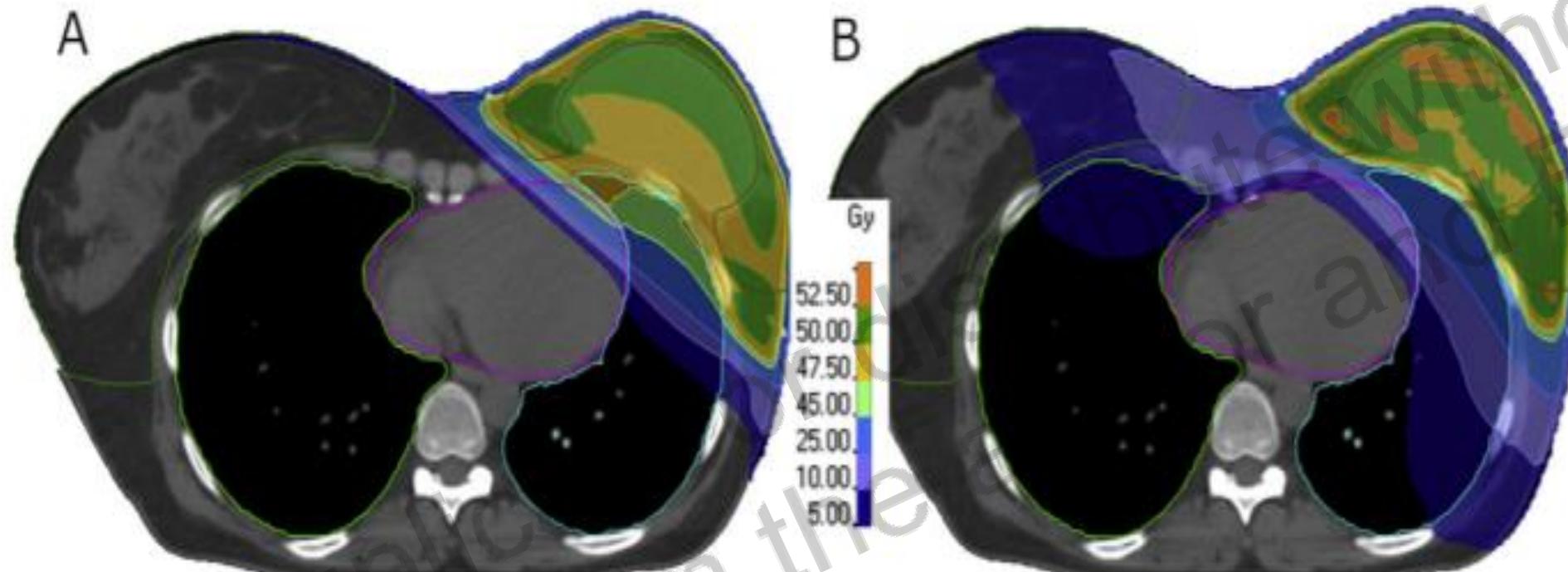
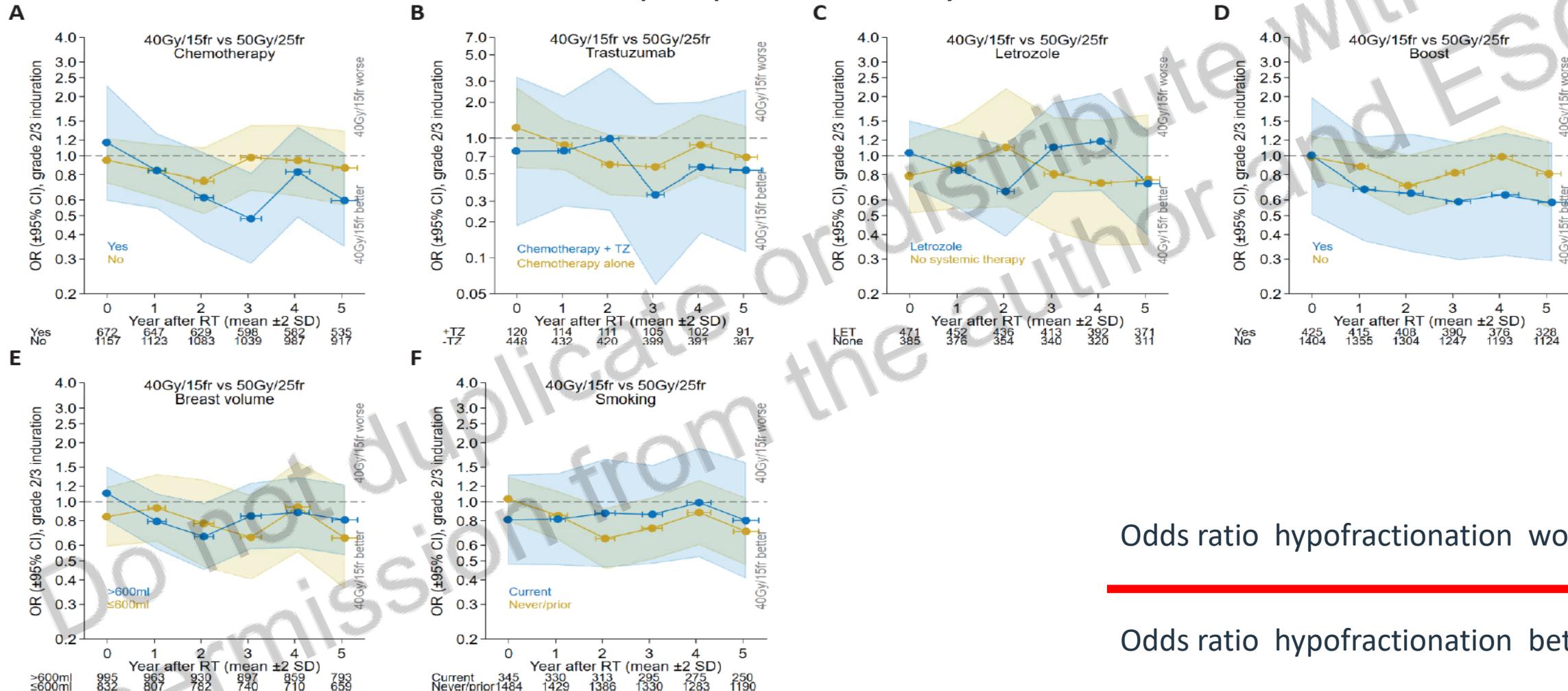


Fig 2. (A) Dosimetric distribution of a field-in-field plan. (B) Dosimetric distribution of a volumetric arc therapy plan.

“Different RT techniques could be used. FiF provided good coverage with acceptable OAR dose. RT is a trade off between target coverage and OAR dose. RT techniques affects the interplay between these objectives. “

Dose and fractionation?

Induration, pre-planned analysis in the Danish trial



Odds ratio hypofractionation worse

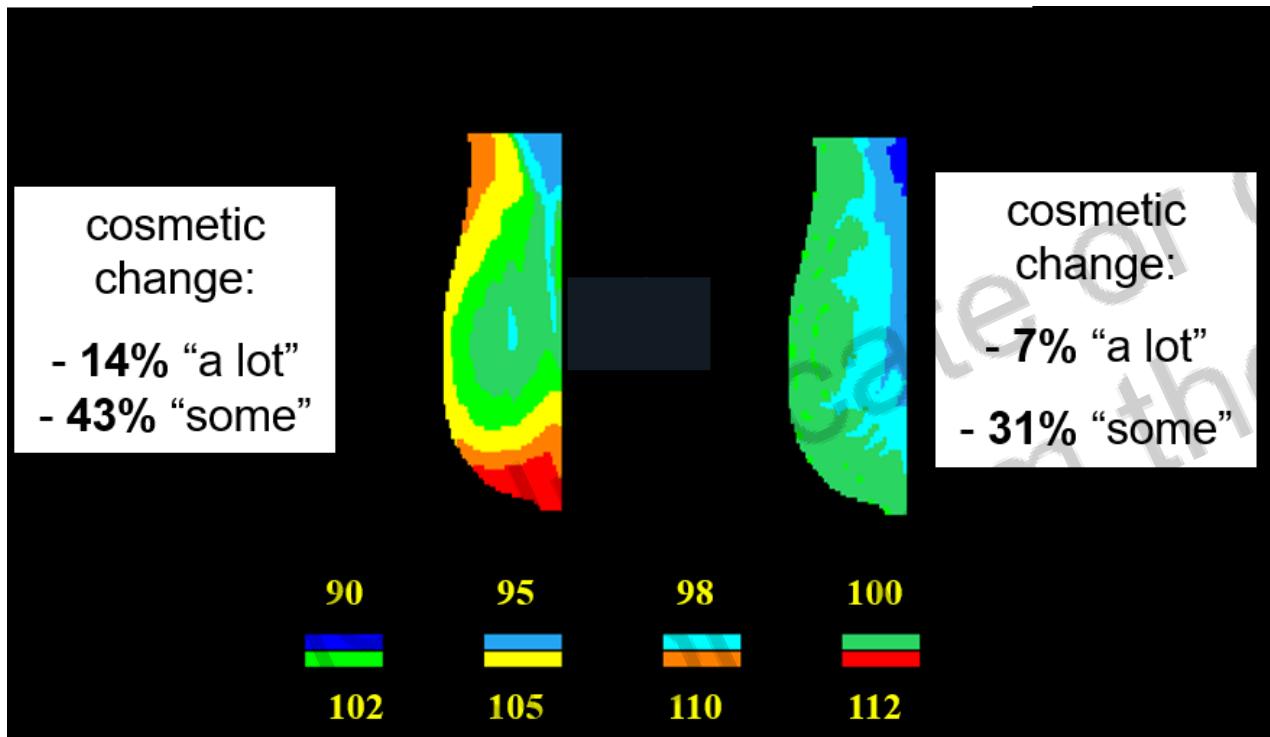
Odds ratio hypofractionation better

Dose and fractionation?

- St. Gallen 2021 consensus
- Upcoming ACROP-ESTRO breast fractionation consensus, led by Icro Meattini

..progressively more guidelines support the use of at least moderate hypofractionation..

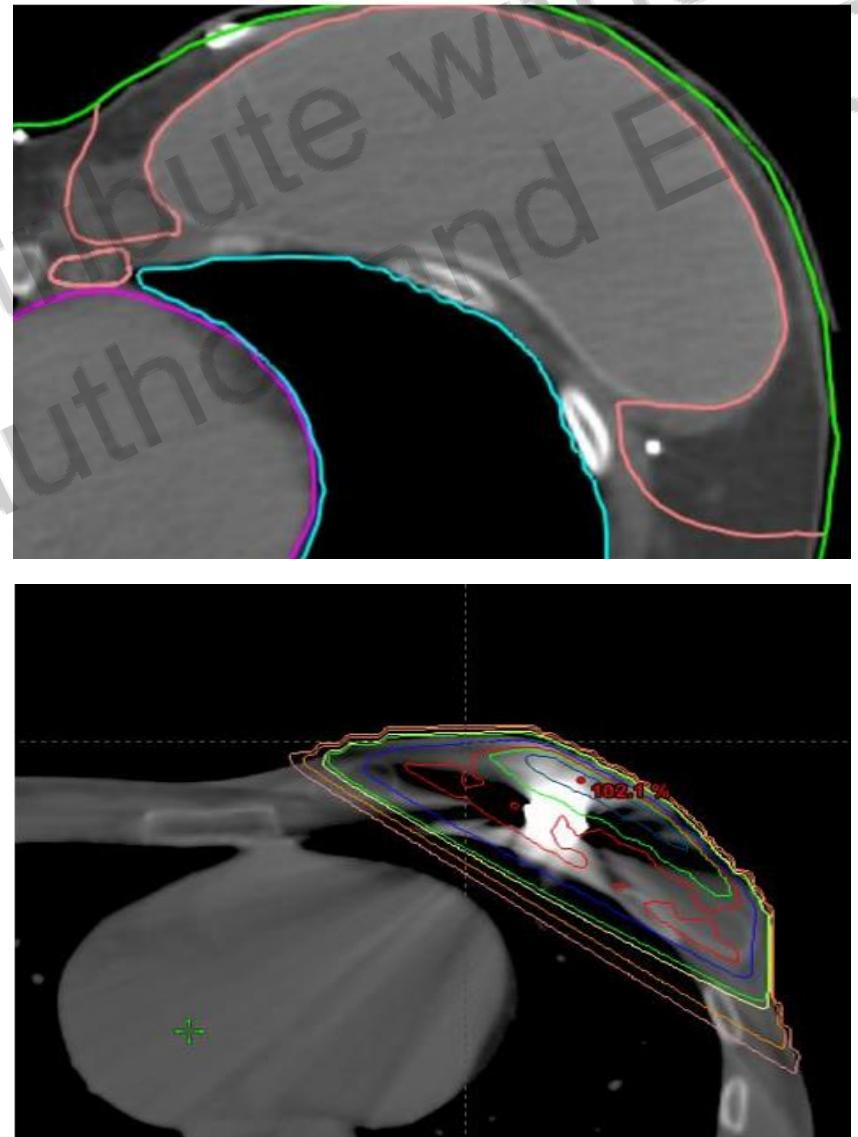
Dose homogeneity



Donovan et al., 2007

Boost? Bolus?

Tissue heterogeneities



To boost or not to boost?

- Chest wall boost to the mastectomy scar or chest wall was associated with reconstruction complications regardless of the type of reconstruction (autologous, DTI, TE/I)
- RT boost was significantly associated with infection, skin necrosis, and implant exposure
- For implant-based reconstruction patients, the boost was associated with increased risks of implant failure
- The addition of the boost was not associated with improving local tumour control, even in high-risk subgroups

DTI- direct to implant; TE- Tissue expander to implant

Ho et al., Lancet Oncol 2017

To bolus or not to bolus?

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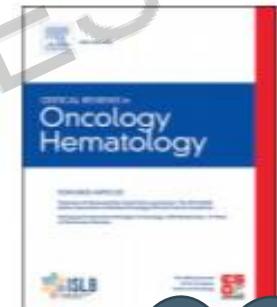


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Only a small part of the work done by this amazing group of colleagues

Look for the consensus

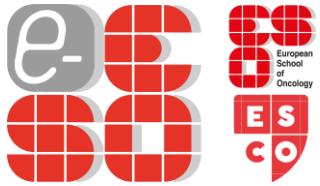
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RT in IBR– performs badly compared to no RT (better for autologous vs implant)

- Advise BCT, unless...
- Determine the odds for PMRT prior to surgery
- Determine the odds for complications (BMI, smoking, DM..)

We should aim to improve aesthetic and oncological outcomes

- Work with the surgeons to understand the surgical procedures
- Evaluate the risk for recurrence
- Decide on volumes at risk, dose/fractionation, RT planning techniques
- Continue with a multidisciplinary effort to improve outcomes



Much more is going on..

- More work to be done involving the NCR & Florence University
- Validation of ESTRO guidelines in a Randomised phase III (DBCG recon trial NCT03730922– please join)
- FABREC (NCT03422003) and RTCharm (NCT03414970) are planned to compare conventional vs. hypofractionated regimens in case of IBR
- Primary Radiotherapy And DIEP flAp Reconstruction Trial (PRADA) ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02771938
- Many other trials, including Proton Beam based RT

- Thank you for listening
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