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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+

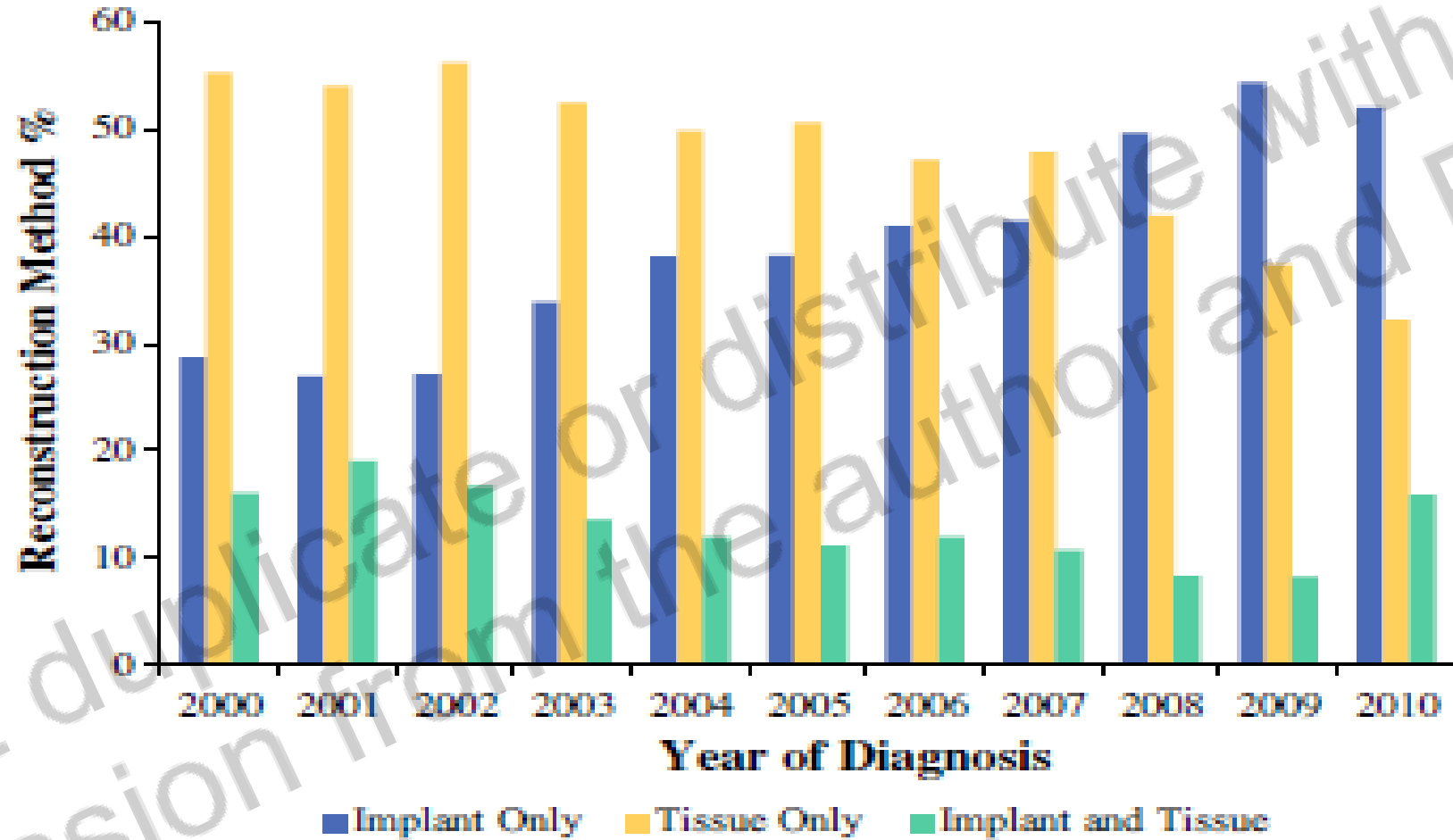


ORIGINAL ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY

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

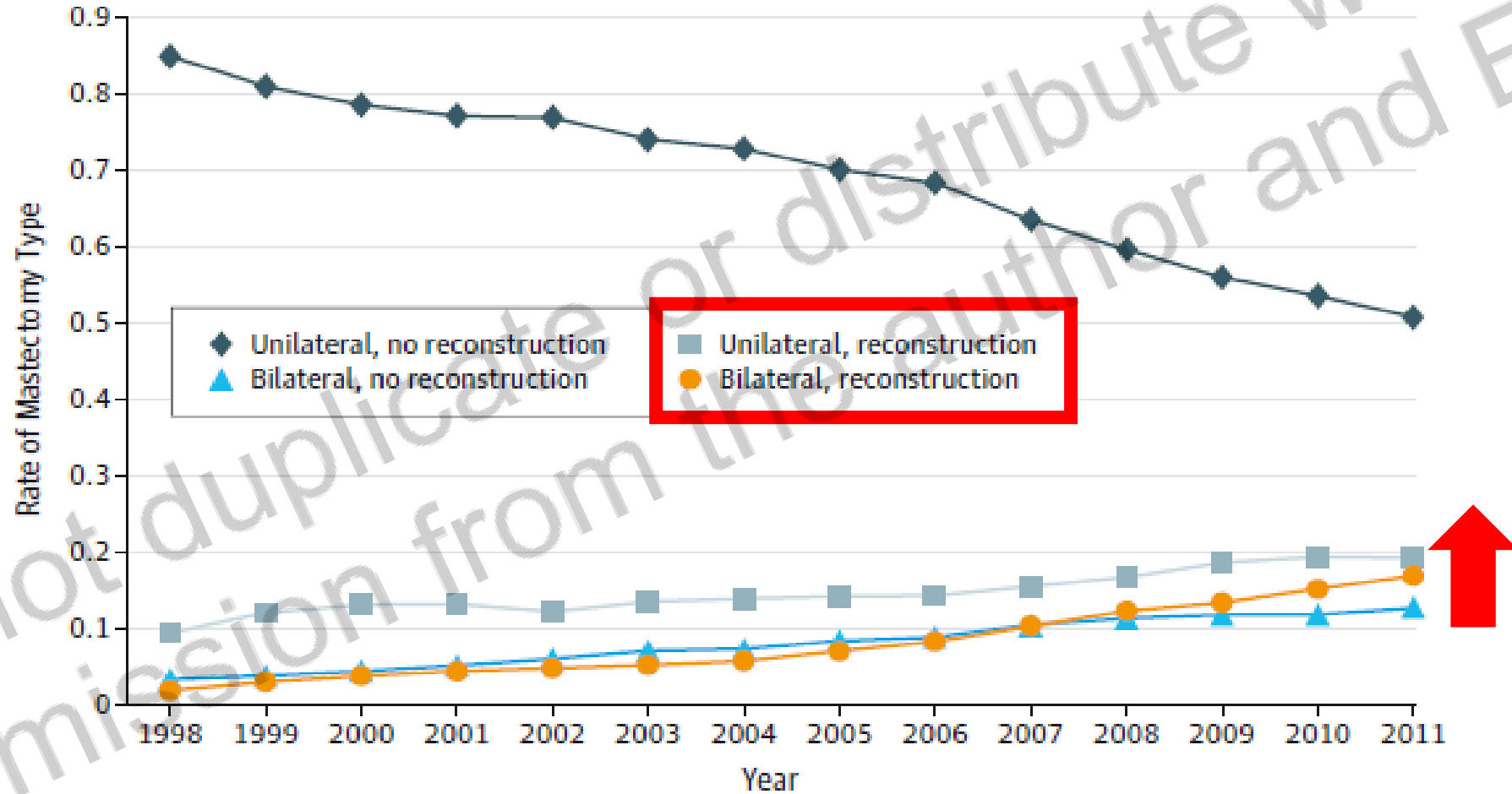
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- **IBR with implant-only increased from 27 to 52 % ( $p < 0.001$ ) with a decrease in IBR tissue-only from 56 to 32 % ( $p < 0.001$ )**
- IBR rate among pts requiring RT increased from 13.6 to 25.1 %



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

# Breast conserving surgery eligible





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Patient wishes, surgical technique, and less

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M... EBCTCG data

A large yellow starburst graphic with multiple points, containing text about outcomes.

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) Smoking Body habitus Genetic susceptibility Patient desires	Systemic therapy Surgery Radiation

## 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

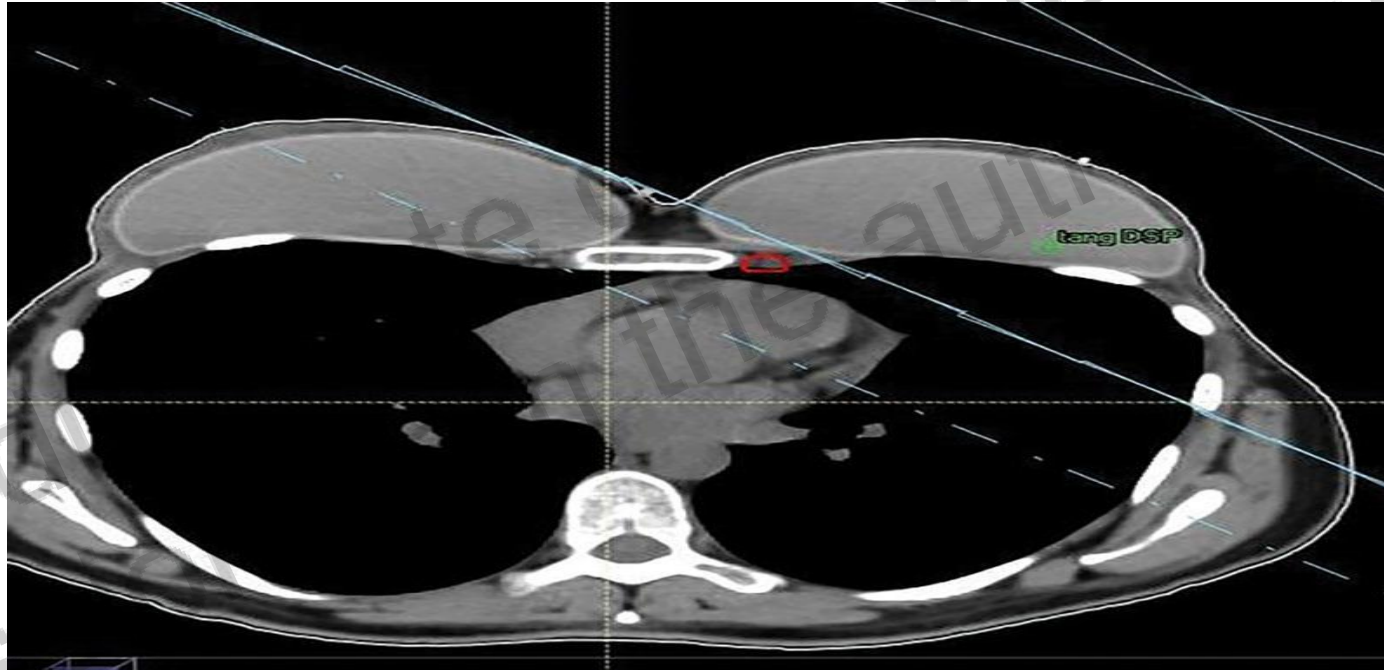


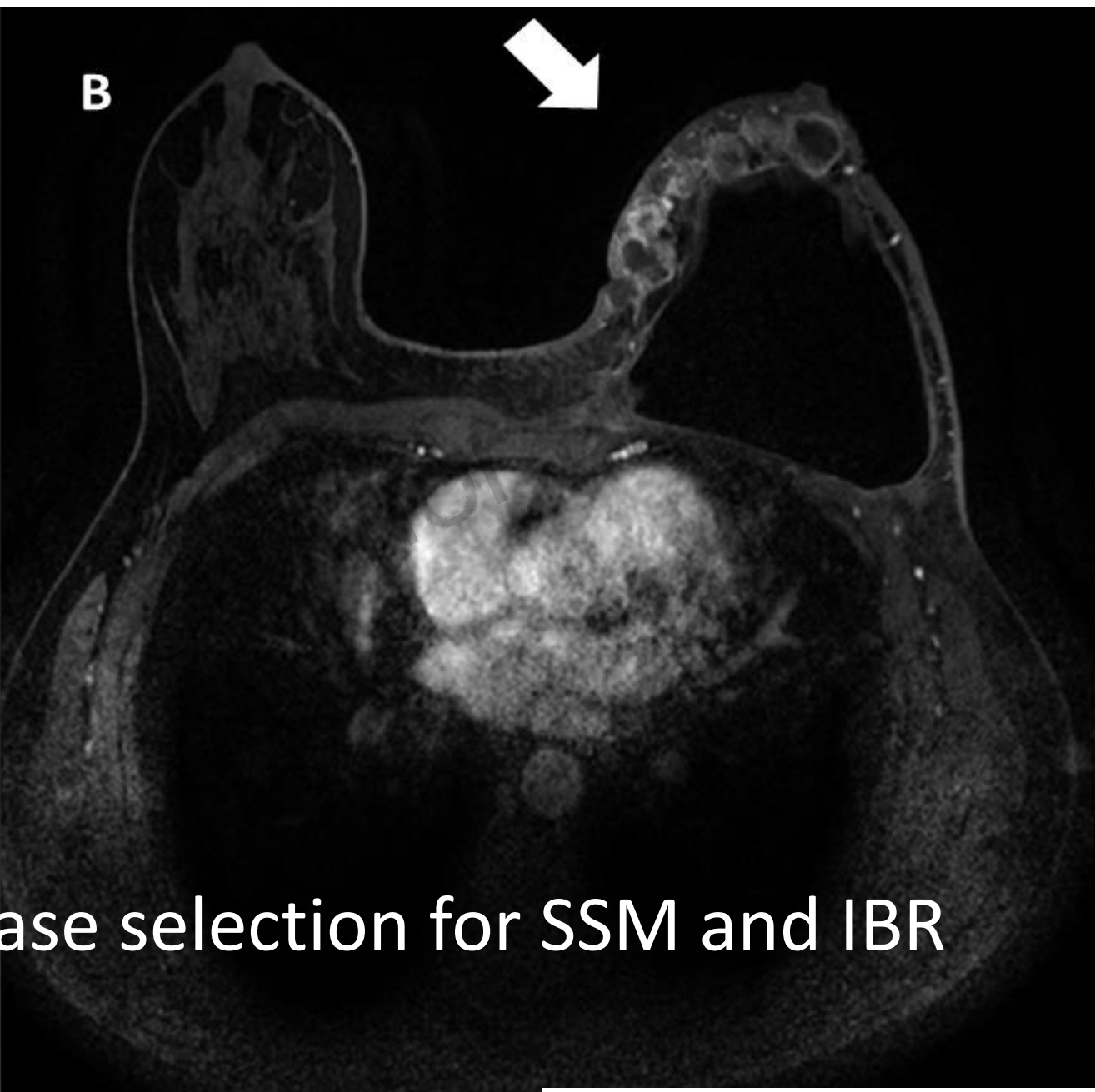
More resistant



## Risk factors for complications: “The patient”

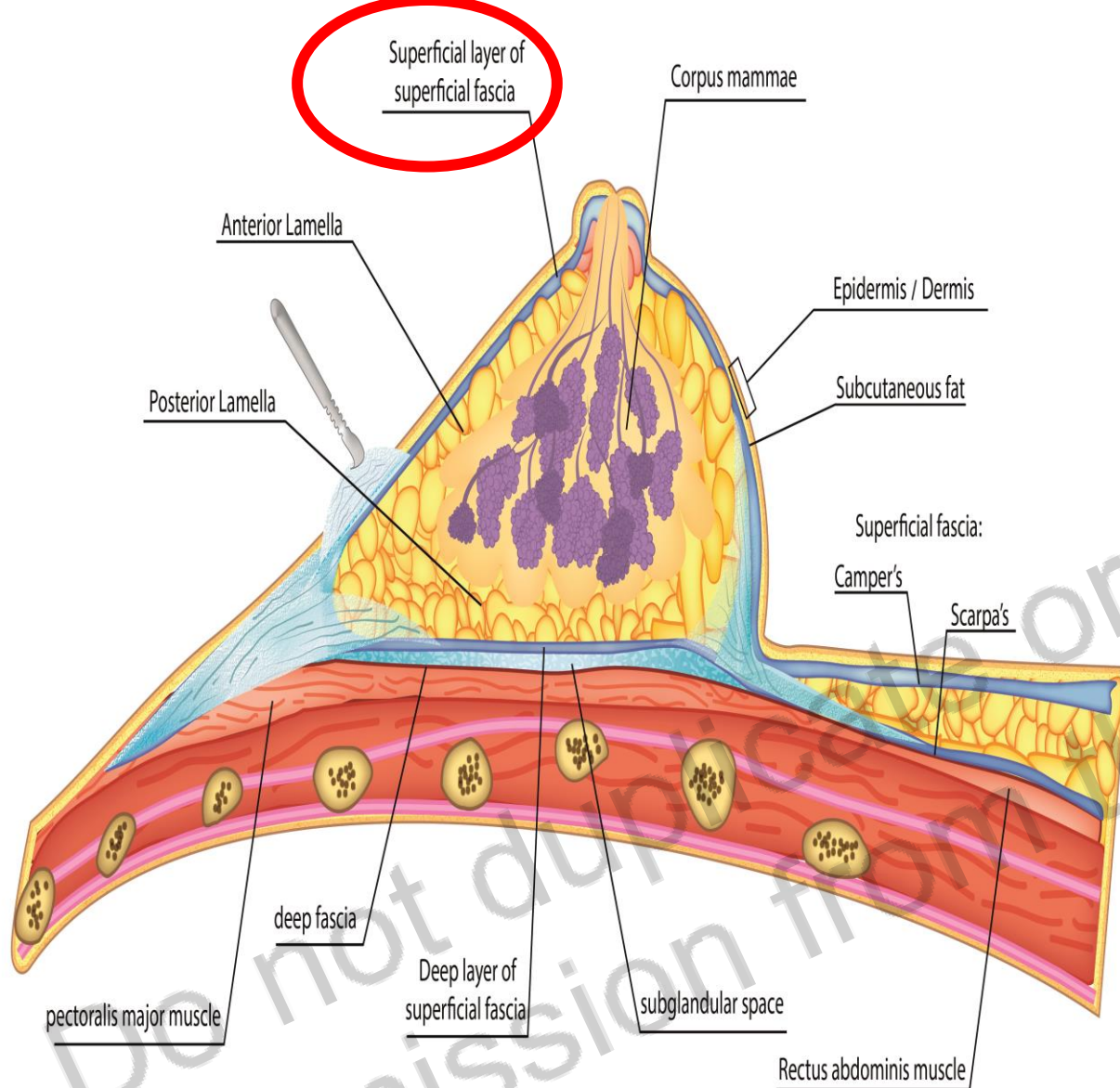
### Patient's desire as a risk factor





Poor case selection for SSM and IBR

# So how can we improve these outcomes?



- 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


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REVIEW ARTICLE – BREAST ONCOLOGY

## Residual Glandular Breast Tissue After Mastectomy: A Systematic Review

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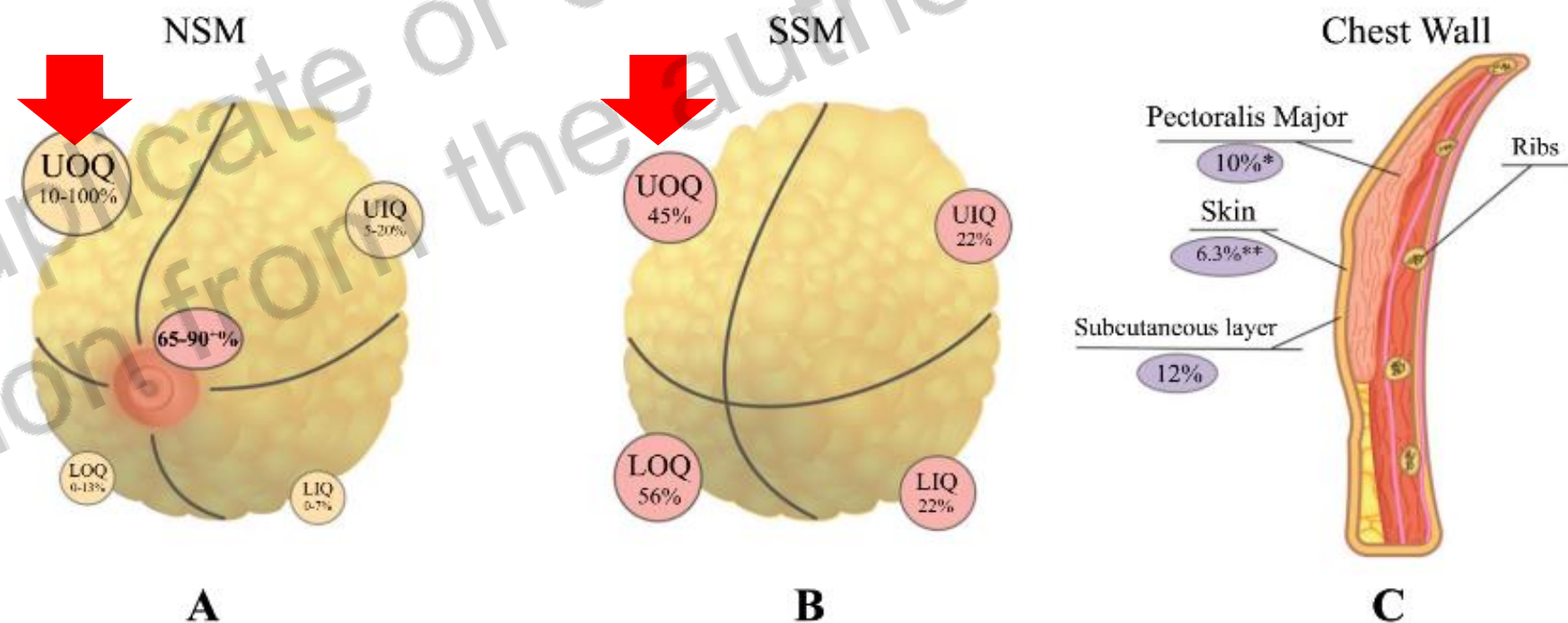
Residual Glandular Breast Tissue After Mastectomy:

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.<sup>8–12</sup> **a** Nipple-sparing mastectomy (NSM), coronal view. **b** Skin-sparing mastectomy (SSM), coronal view. **c** Sagittal view after mastectomy and SSM.

\*\*Surface of pectoralis major.

\*\*\*Beneath skin



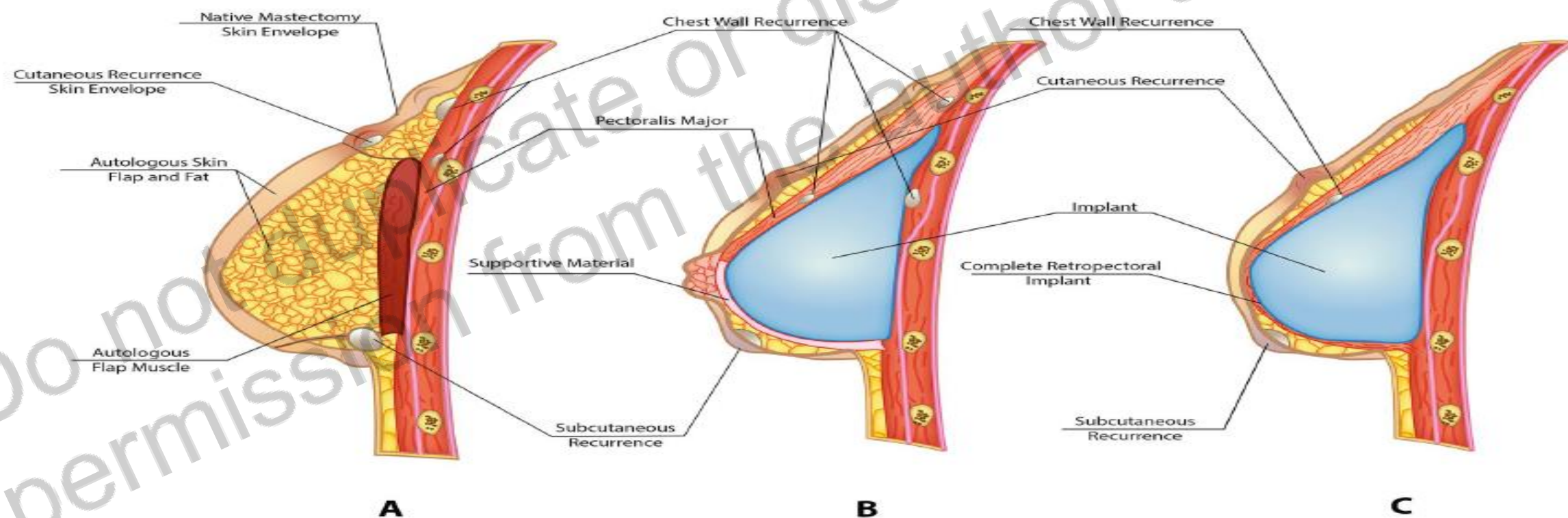




## Spatial location of local recurrences after mastectomy: a systematic review

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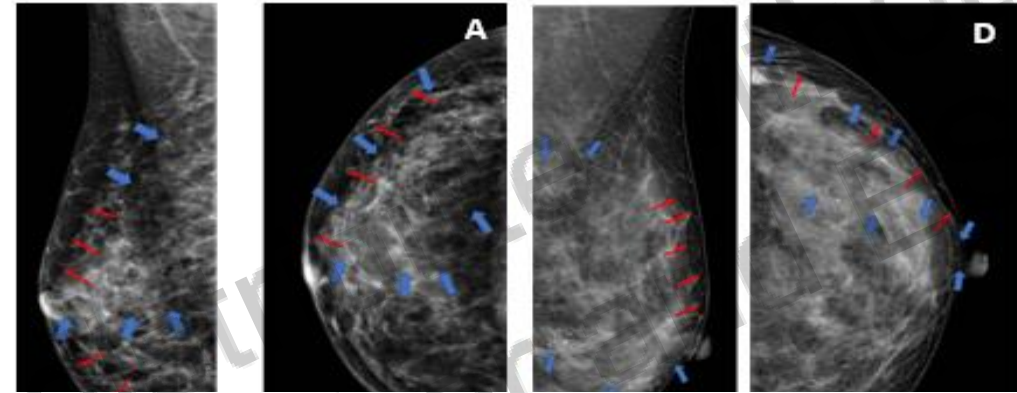




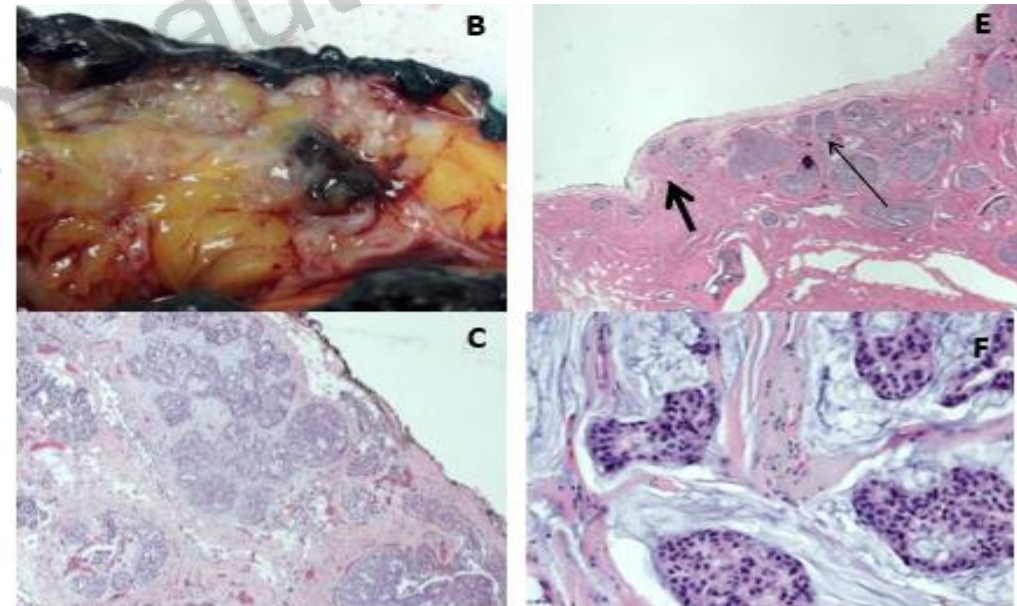
**Biopsy tract recurrence?**

# 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





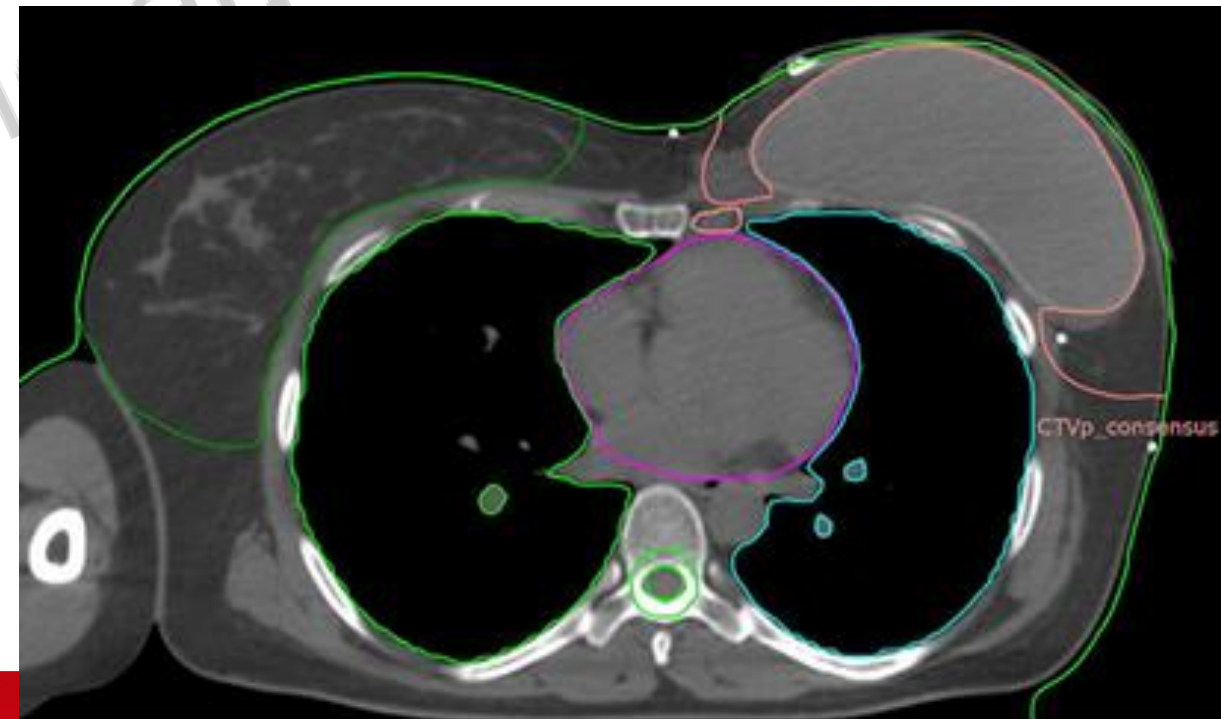
## Original Article

# 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

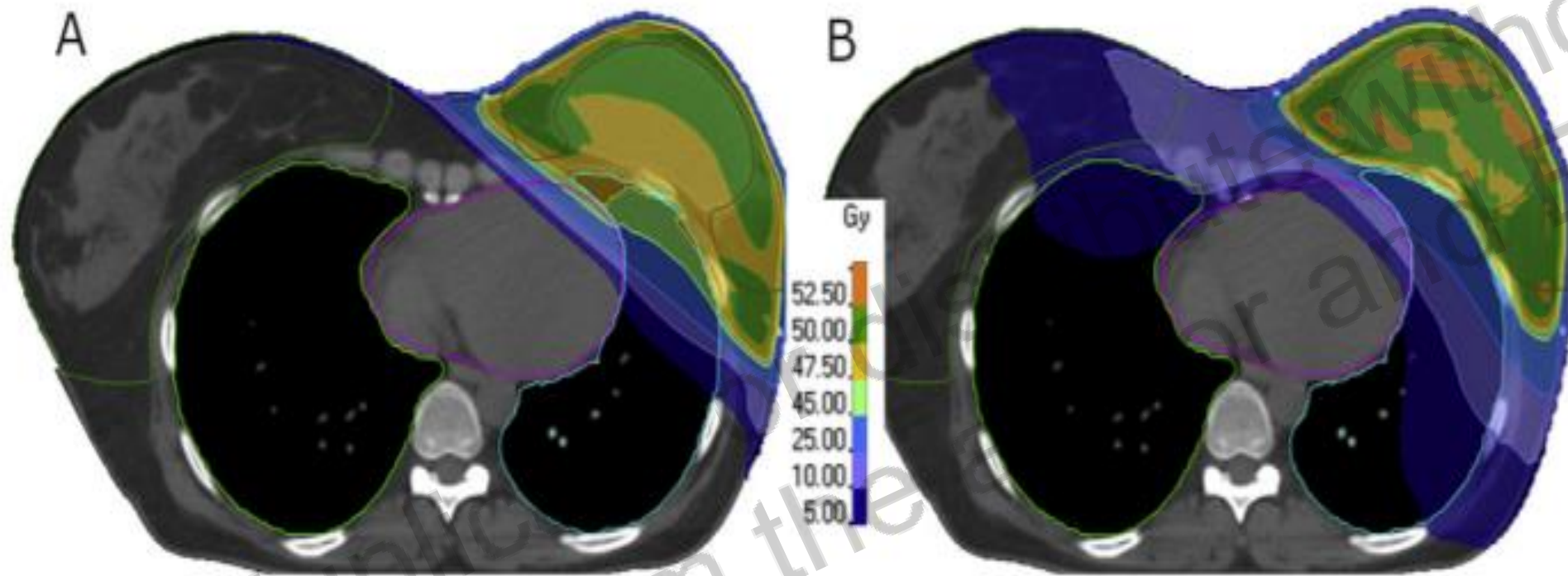
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## Consensus guidelines based on anatomical landmarks and literature review

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



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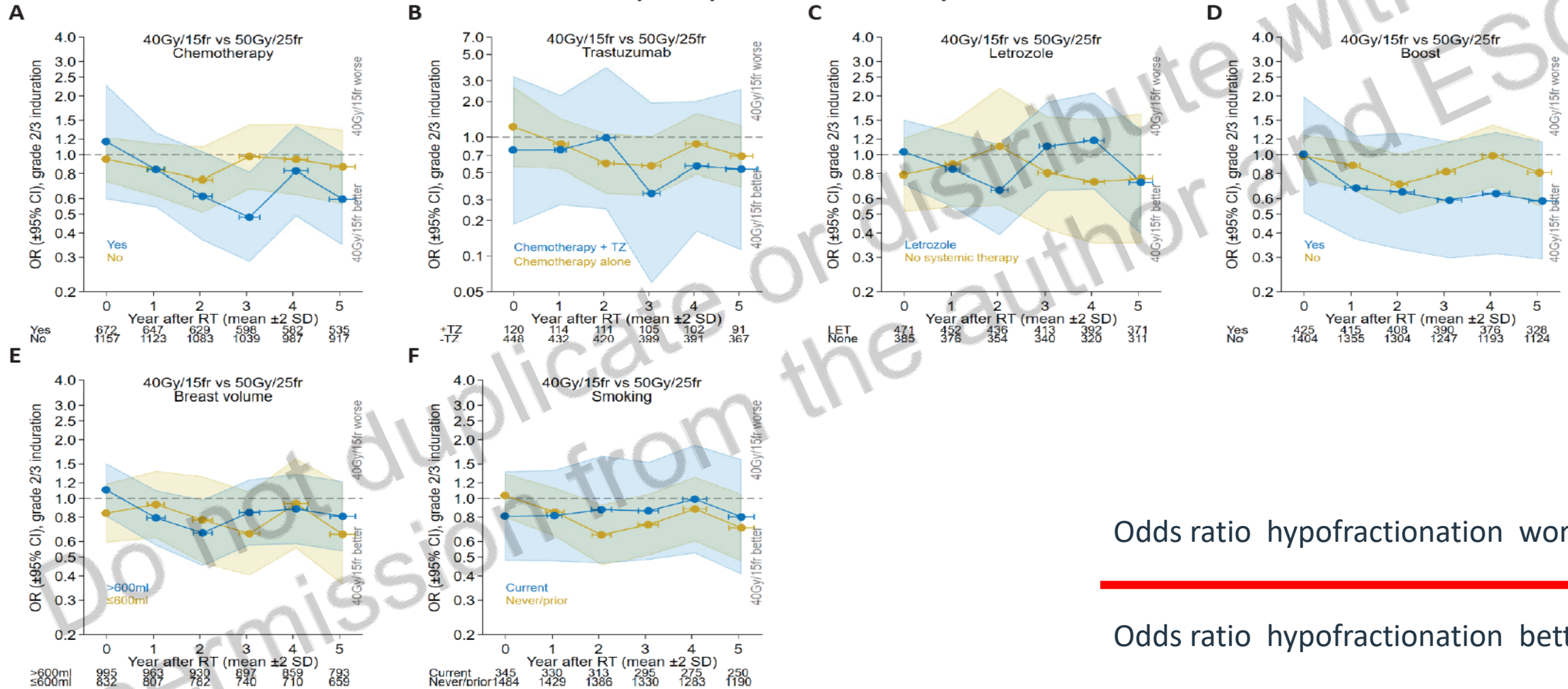
**Fig 2.** (A) Dosimetric distribution of a field-in-field plan. (B) Dosimetric distribution of a volumetric arc therapy plan.

“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

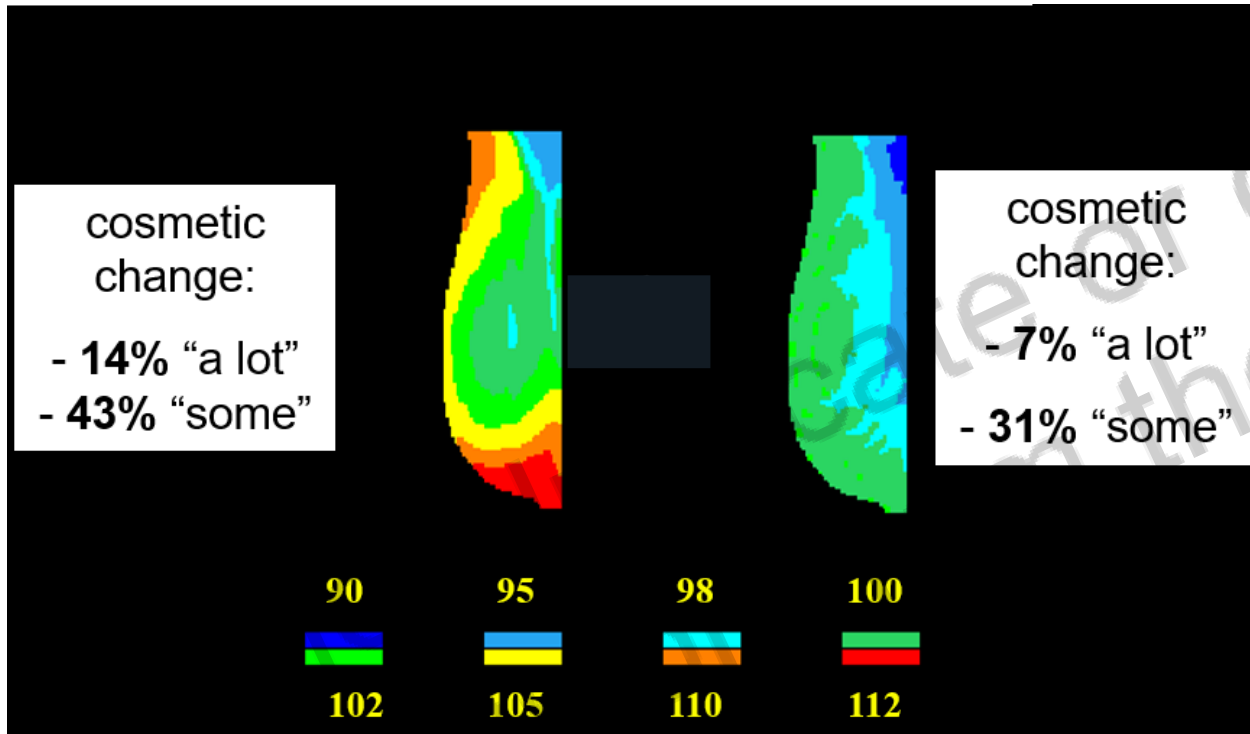
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# Dose and fractionation?

- 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..

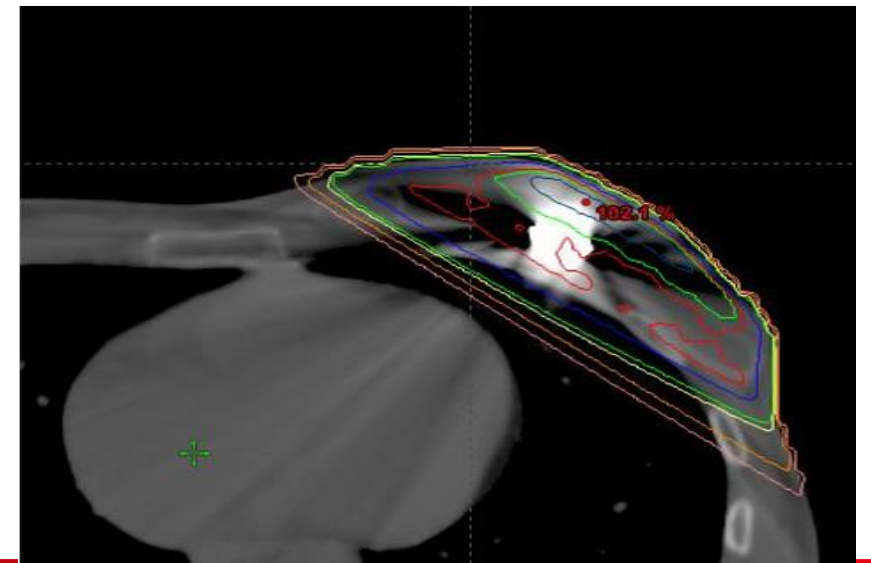
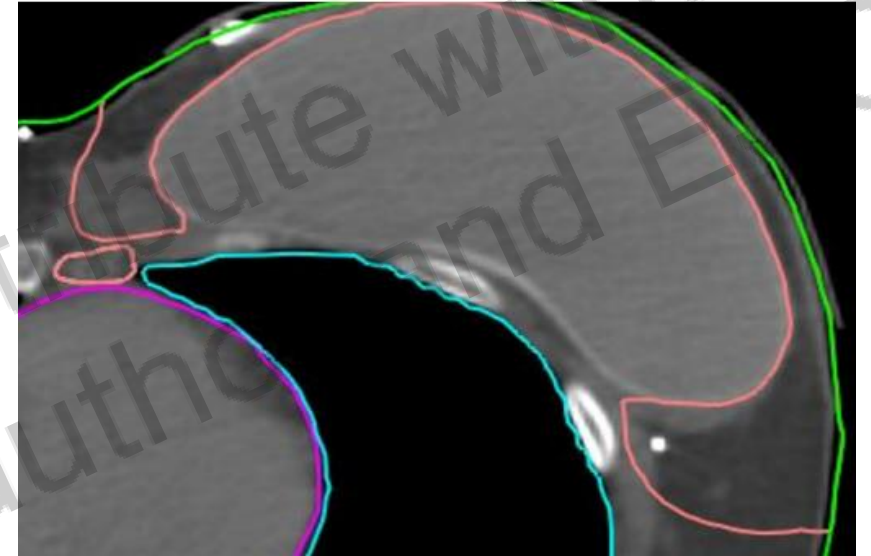
## Dose homogeneity



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



# To bolus or not to bolus?

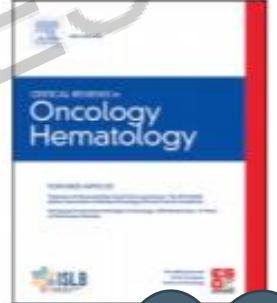
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## The use of bolus in postmastectomy radiation therapy for breast cancer: systematic review

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

Look for the  
consensus





# Radiation therapy in breast cancer patients after breast reconstruction

**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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