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Is Less the new More for Lung cancer

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Is Less the new More for Lung cancer

- Surgical Access
- Resection (treatment size)
- Localization

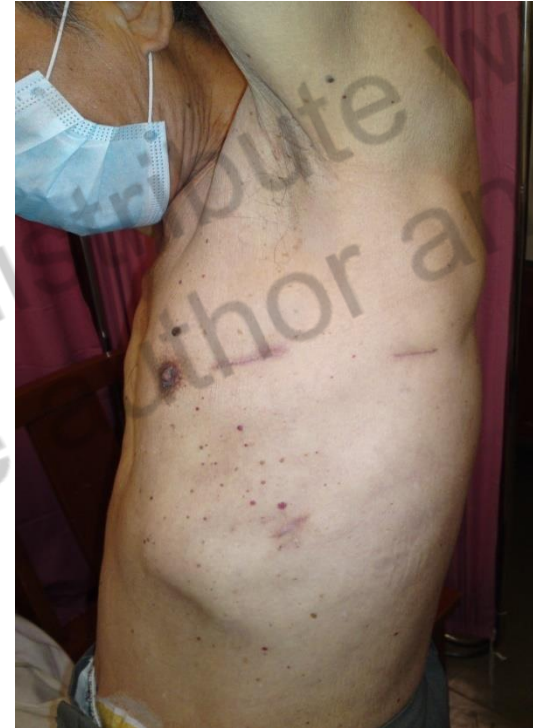


Is Less the new More for Lung cancer

Surgical Access



Open / thoracotomy



Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS) – 3-port
1994 PWH

Yim APC et al. One hundred and sixty-three consecutive video thoracoscopic procedures: Hong Kong experience. Australian & New Zealand J Surg 1994; 64(10):671-5

Yim APC et al. One hundred consecutive cases of video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery for primary spontaneous pneumothorax. Surg Endoscopy 1995; 9(3):332-6



VATS Advantages (compared with open)

Retrospective studies

- Lower morbidity, Less blood loss, less pain
- Reduced post-op duration for chest drainage
- Shorter hospital stay
- Patient satisfaction (cosmesis), QOL
- Better preserved shoulder function
- Better preserved immune function
- Quicker surgical recovery = earlier adjuvant (Chemo) therapy
- **Controversial:** Improve survival in lung CA compared with thoracotomy

Li WWL, Lee TW, Lam SSY, Ng CSH, et al. Quality of life following lung cancer resection: VATS versus thoracotomy. *Chest* 2002;122:584-9

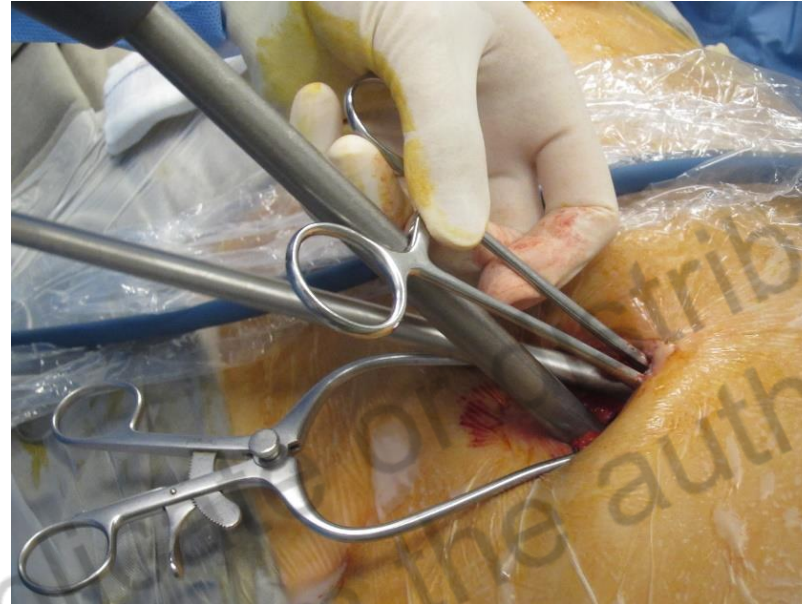
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Ng CSH, Wan S, Hui C, et al. VATS lobectomy for lung cancer is associated with less immunochemokine disturbances than thoracotomy. *Eur J Cardiothorac Surg* 2007;31:83-7



Single Port VATS Lobectomy for CA Lung



Single port / Uniportal VATS lobectomy- 2012 PWH 1st in HK

Ng CSH, et al. Minimizing Chest Wall Trauma in Single Port VATS. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2014 Mar;147(3):1095-6

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Ng CSH, et al. Hybrid DynaCT Guided Localization Single Port Lobectomy. *Chest* 2015 Mar 1;147(3):e76-8

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Ng CSH et al. A novel narrow profile articulating powered vascular stapler provides superior access & hemostasis equivalent to conventional devices. *EJCTS* 2016;48(S1):i73-8

Robotic arm “camera man”: Uniportal Uni-surgeon VATS

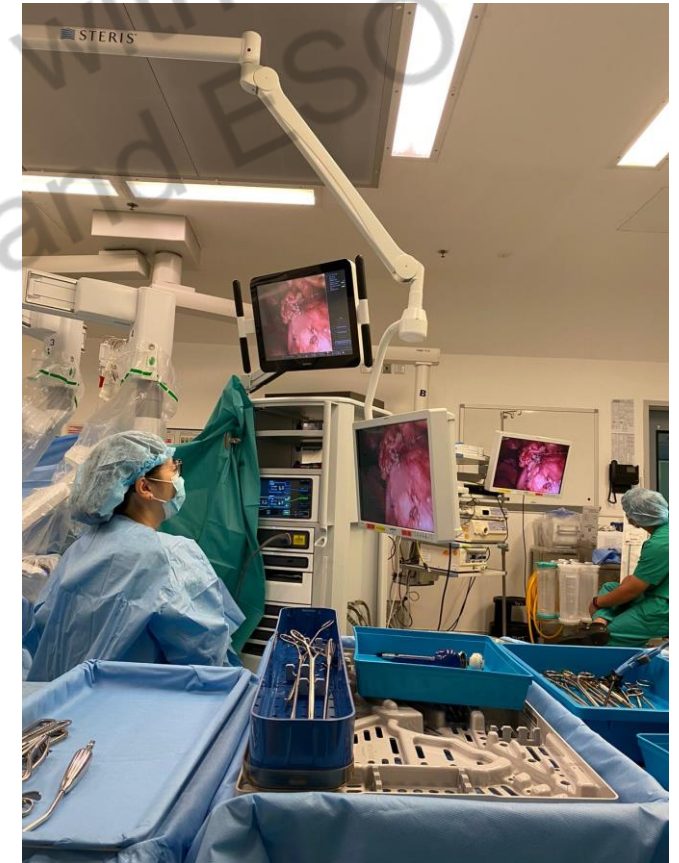


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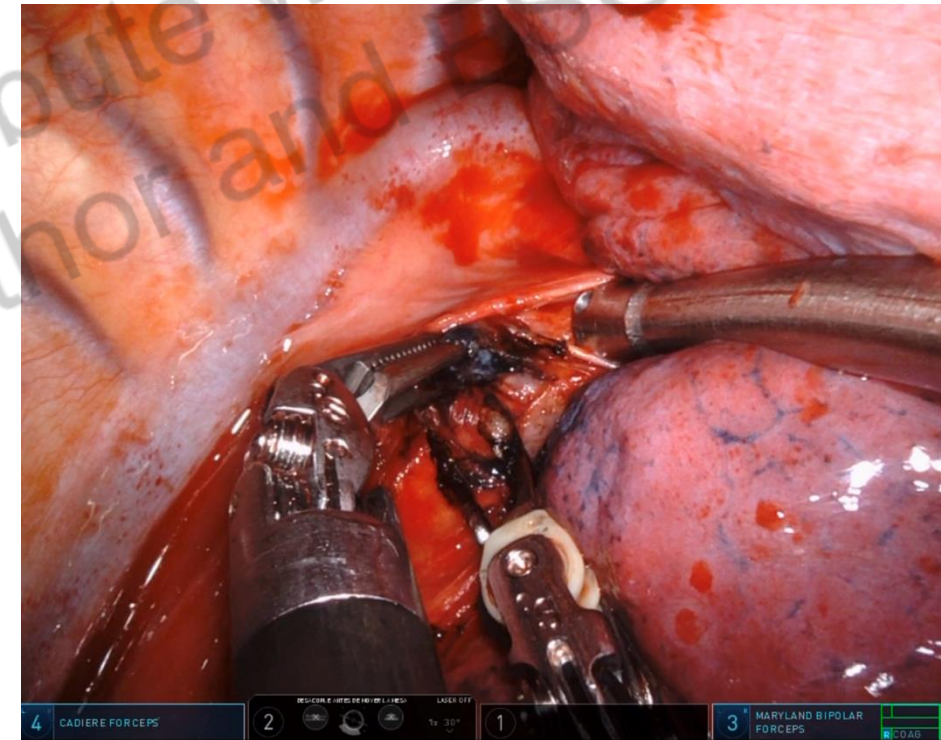
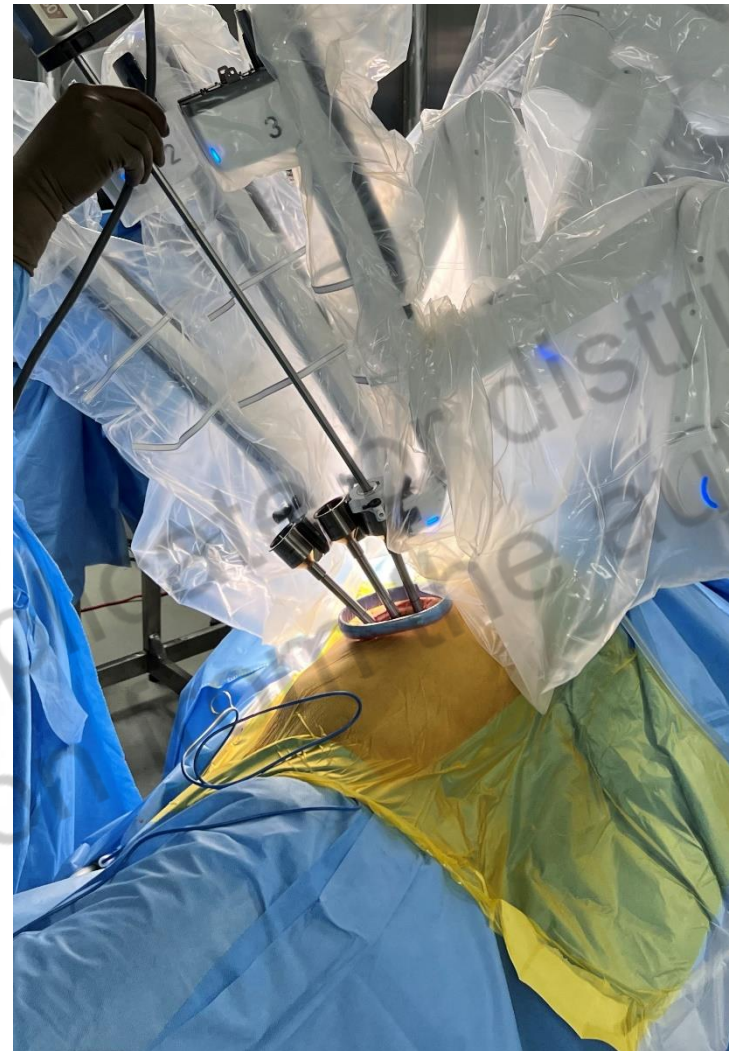
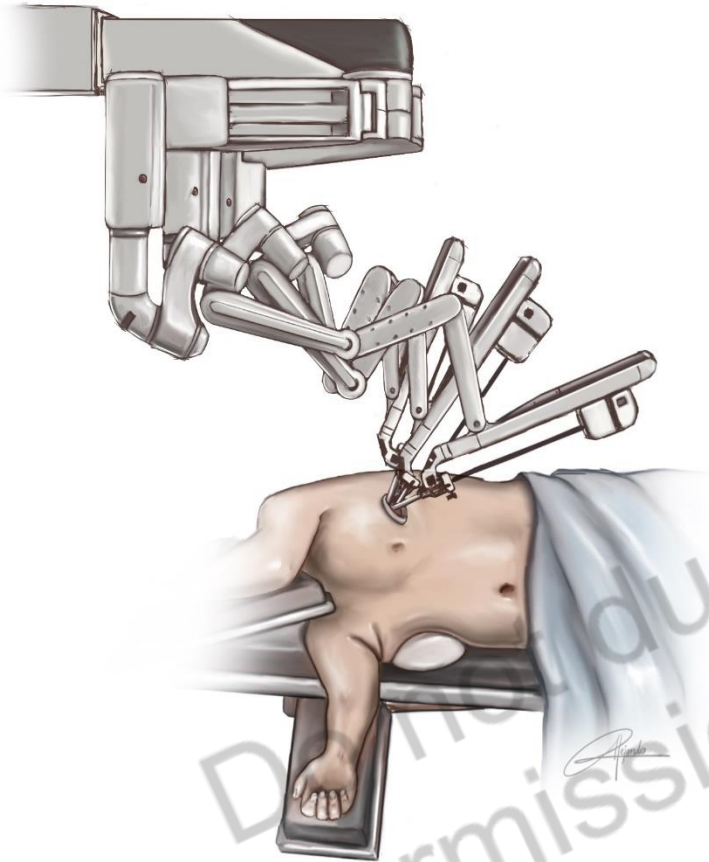
Gonzalez-Rivas D. Unisurgeon' uniportal video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery lobectomy. J Vis Surg. 2017 Nov 7;3:163



Robotic Assisted Thoracic Surgery (RATS) – Conventional 3 or 4 ports



Uniportal Robotic Assisted Thoracic Surgery (URATS)



Gonzalez-Rivas D, et al. Uniportal pure robotic-assisted thoracic surgery—technical aspects, tips and tricks. Ann Transl Med 2022. doi: 10.21037/atm-22-1



Expert Consensus Statement

Optimal Approach to Lobectomy for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Systemic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Retrospective :

Open v. multiport VATS (mVATS) v. uniport VATS (uVATS) v. robotic VATS (rVATS)

- 145 studies included in meta-analysis.
- Oncological outcomes (survival, recurrence, lymph node evaluation),
- Safety (adverse events),
- Function (pain, quality of life, pulmonary function),
- Cost-effectiveness

Ng CSH et al. Expert Consensus Statement on Optimal Approach to Lobectomy for NSCLC. *Innovations* 2019;14(2):87-89.

Ng CSH et al. Optimal Approach to Lobectomy for NSCLC: Systemic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Innovations* 2019;14(2):90-116



Open v. multiport VATS (mVATS) v. uniport VATS (uVATS) v. robotic VATS (rVATS)



v.



Most significant findings:

Adverse events :
(n=88460)



Pain



Overall Survival : (n=16200) poorer (67% 5-yr)

Better (71% 5-yr)

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Open v. multiport VATS (mVATS) v. uniport VATS (uVATS) v. robotic VATS (rVATS)



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Most significant findings:

Pain & analgesic requirement



Conclusions:

- Meta-analysis supports the role of VATS lobectomy for NSCLC.
- Apart from potentially less pain and analgesic requirement with uVATS, different minimally invasive surgical approaches appear to have similar outcomes.

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Video-assisted thoracoscopic versus open lobectomy in patients with early-stage lung cancer: One-year results from a randomized controlled trial (VIOLET).



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VATS versus open lobectomy in patients with early-stage lung cancer: One-year results from a randomized controlled trial (VIOLET)

Multi-centre RCT (9 centres in UK)

July 2015 to February 2019,

503 patients randomized: VATS (n=247) or open (n=256) lobectomy

- VATS : less post-op pain (VAS) despite less analgesic consumption.
- VATS : less incision pain up to one-year.
- VATS : Better physical functional recovery at 5 weeks, and overall improvement in global health status. *

* Lim et al. NEJM Evid 2022; 1 (3)



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VATS fewer in-hospital post-op complications, with no difference in serious adverse events.

VATS shorter median hospital stay by 1 day (4 vs 5 days)

After discharge VATS less serious adverse events and lower readmission rates (VATS 29.0% vs. Open 35.9% respectively) to one-year.



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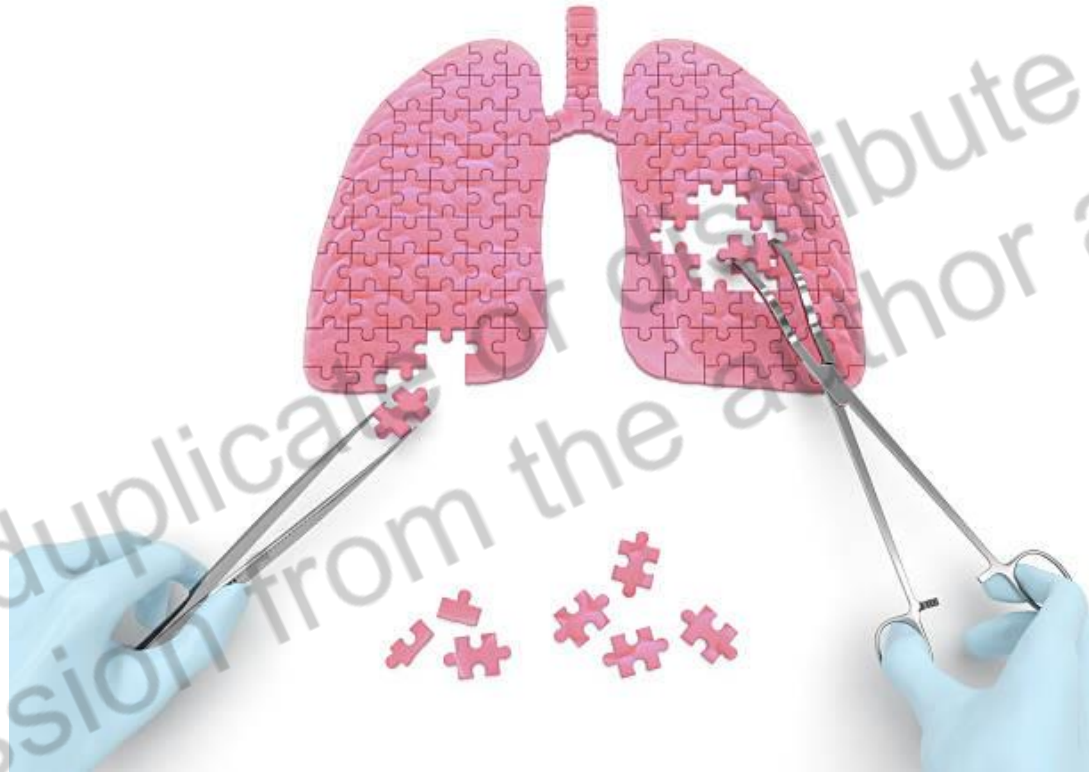
Those requiring post-op adjuvant chemotherapy-
no difference in the time to uptake of adjuvant chemotherapy.

Recurrence, Progression-free survival and Overall survival at
1-year was ***not*** different in VATS and open groups.

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How Much to Resect ?



Lobectomy: Gold Standard: 1980s till recently

Randomized Trial of Lobectomy Versus Limited Resection for T1 N0 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Lung Cancer Study Group (Prepared by Robert J. Ginsberg, MD, and Lawrence V. Rubinstein, PhD)

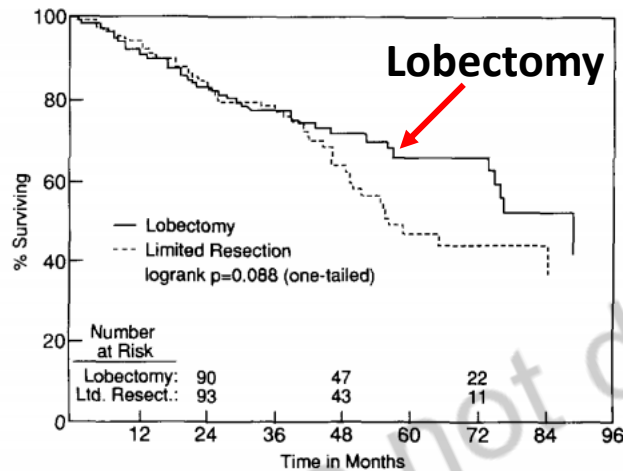


Fig 1. Time to death (from any cause) by treatment for 247 eligible patients.

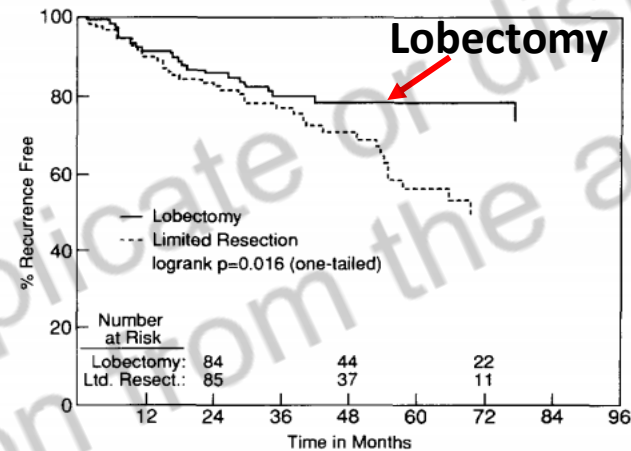


Fig 2. Time to recurrence (excluding second primaries) by treatment for 247 eligible patients.

Some of the many criticisms

- CT scan not routine & no PET (some cases only had CXR)
- 25% squamous cell lung CA
- Most “limited resections” were simple wedge
- Stage migration, resection margin not reported

- only RCT conducted during 1982-1988 [LCSG trial]



Comparison of Segmentectomy and Lobectomy in Stage IA Adenocarcinomas



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Personalized therapy: Size of tumour Lobectomy v. segmentectomy v. wedge

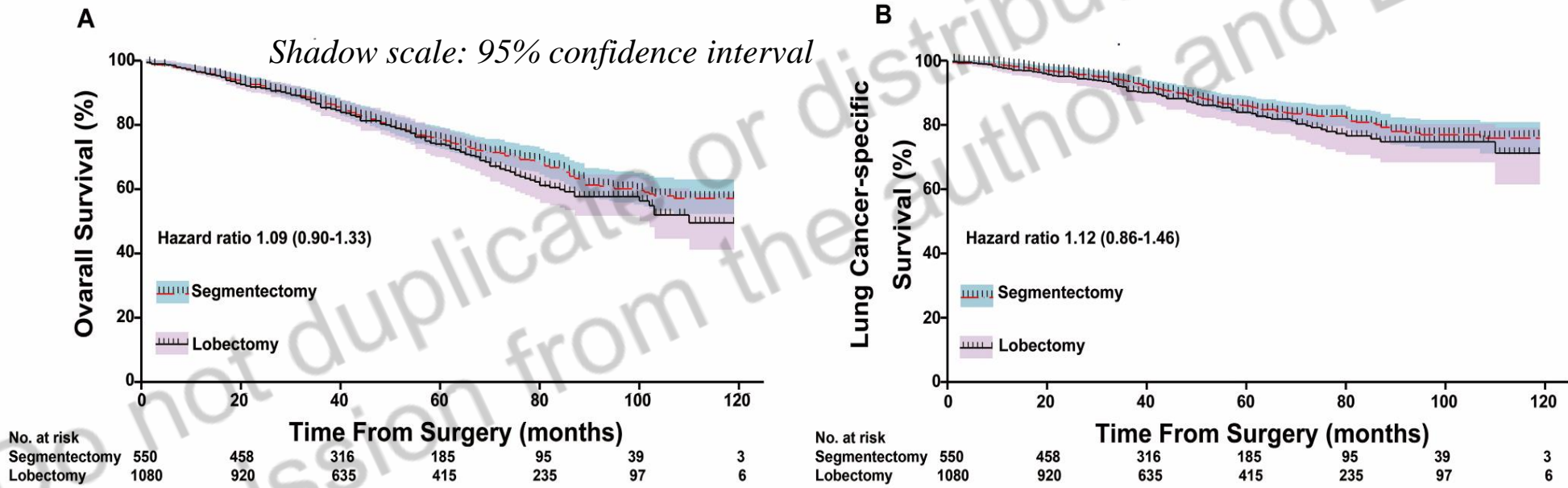
- SEER registry 7989 patients
- Compare survival 8th Ed Stage 1A adenocarcinoma (0-2 cm)

Zhao Z, Situ D, Lau R, Mok T, Chen G, Ng CSH. Comparison of segmentectomy & lobectomy in stage IA adenocarcinomas. *J Thorac Oncol* 2017;12:890-6



Adjusted for age, sex, lymph node quantity, and histology subtypes (Cox proportional model):
segmentectomy (ADCs > 1 and ≤ 2cm) was not associated with worse

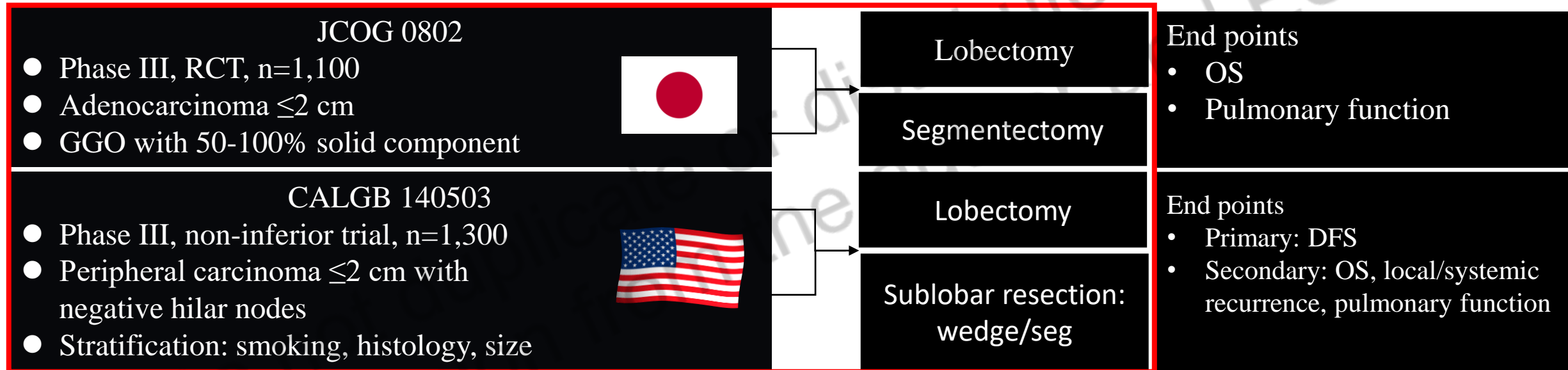
- **overall survival** (5-y: 74.45% versus 76.67%, HR: 1.09, 95% CI: 0.90–1.33)
- **lung cancer-specific survival** (5-y: 83.89% versus 86.11%, HR: 1.12, 95% CI: 0.86–1.46)
compared with lobectomy



Retrospective study: Segmentectomy survival similar to lobectomy for ≤2cm adenoCA

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Prospective Randomized trials- Sublobar Resection



Accrual period


JCOG (Japan Clinical Oncology Group) 0802: 2009-2014


CALGB 140503: 2007-present (ClinicalTrials.gov: Active, non-recruiting) → up to 7-yrs DFS. (2024)



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- 2009-2014, 1106 patients, randomized segmentectomy v lobectomy (peripheral ≤ 2 cm, C/T ratio ≥ 0.5)
- Median FU 7.3 years
- No 30-day or 90-day mortality
- Complication rates (grade 2 or worst) same.
- At 1 year, lung function (FEV1) 3.5% less lobectomy v. segmentectomy



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- 5-year overall survival: **94.3% for segmentectomy** versus **91.1% for lobectomy** (p<0.0001 for non-inferiority; p=0.0082 for superiority)
- Reasons for Deaths: Lobectomy 63% due to other diseases
Segmentectomy 47% due to other diseases
- 5-year relapse-free survival: 88% for segmentectomy versus 87.9% for lobectomy (p=0.9889)
- Proportion patients with local relapse: **10.5% for segmentectomy** versus **5.4% for lobectomy** (p=0.0018)



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Conclusion: The Phase III trial show benefits of segmentectomy versus lobectomy in overall survival of patients with small-peripheral NSCLC.

The findings suggest that segmentectomy should be the standard surgical procedure for this population of patients.





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- Multicenter
- International
- Randomized
- Phase 3
- Noninferiority

697 Patients

NSCLC

- Peripherally located
- T1aN0



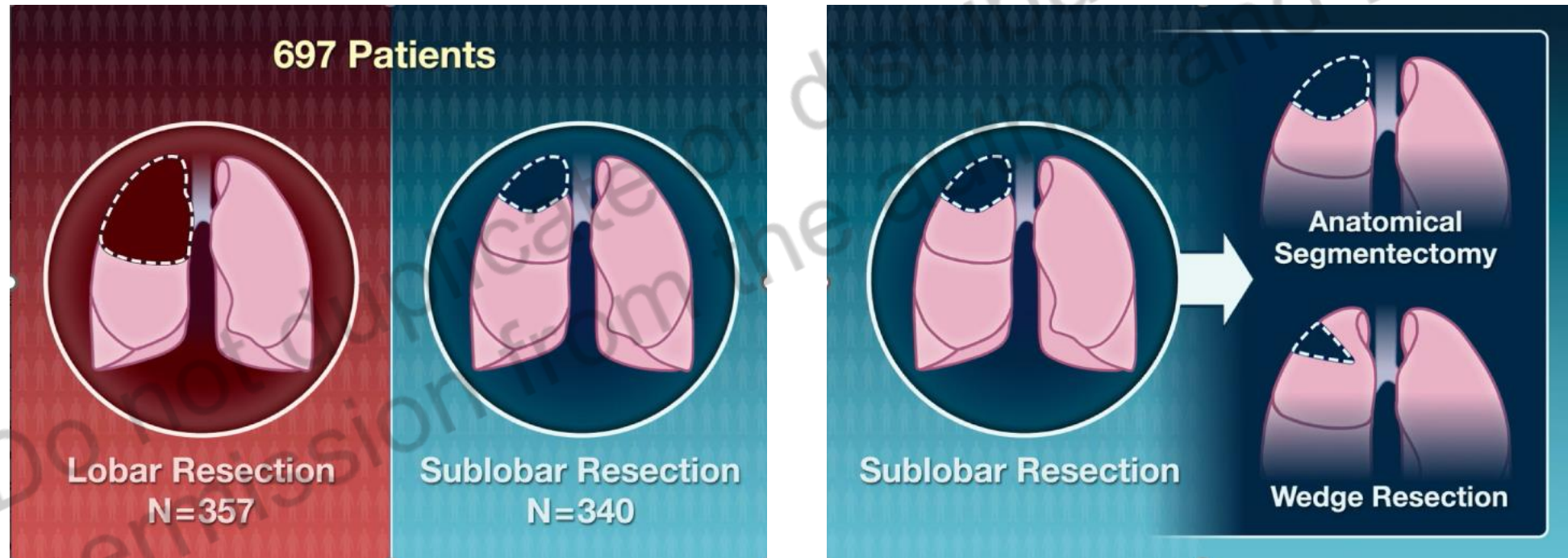
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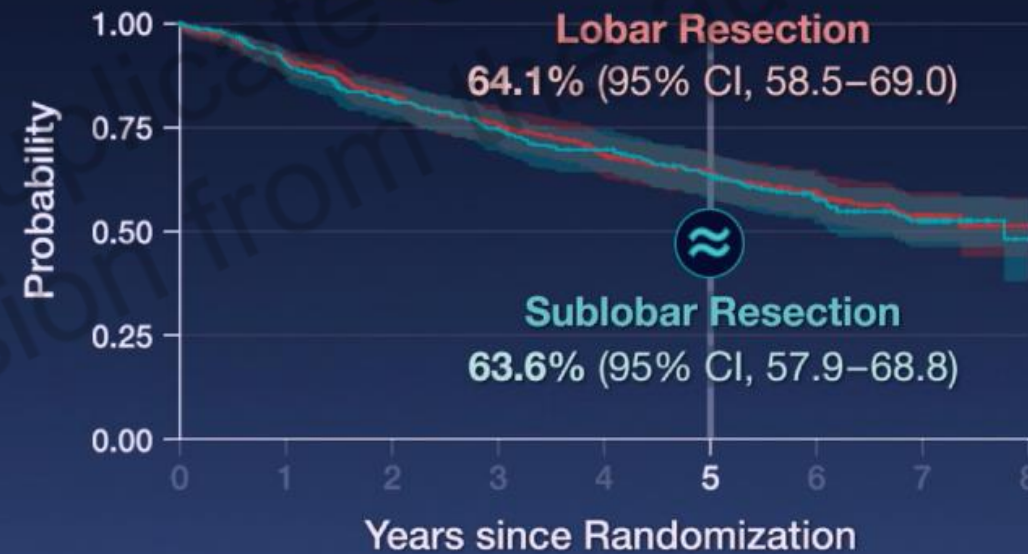
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Primary End Point

Disease-free Survival

Hazard ratio, 1.01 (90% CI, 0.83–1.24)

One-sided P=0.02 for noninferiority



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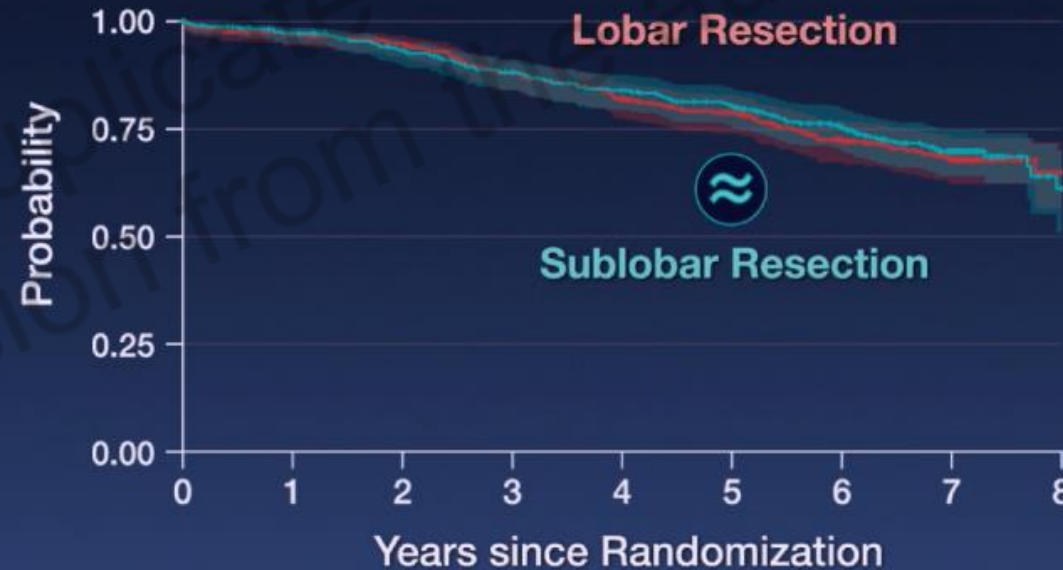
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Secondary End Point

Overall Survival

Hazard ratio, 0.95 (95% CI, 0.72–1.26)



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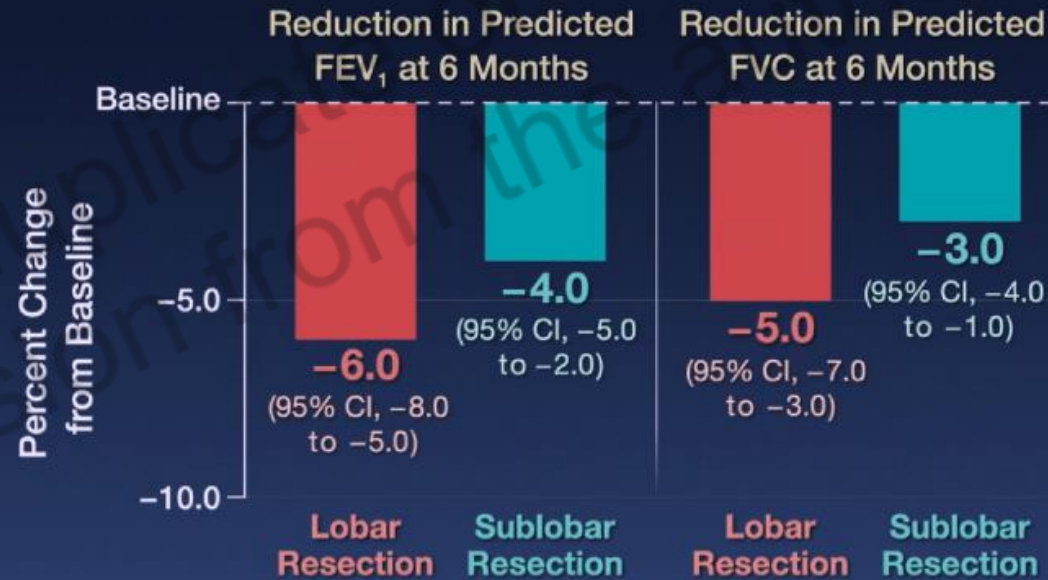
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Secondary End Point

Pulmonary-Function Outcomes



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Clinical Stage T1aN0 NSCLC



Sublobar resection was noninferior to
lobectomy for disease-free survival



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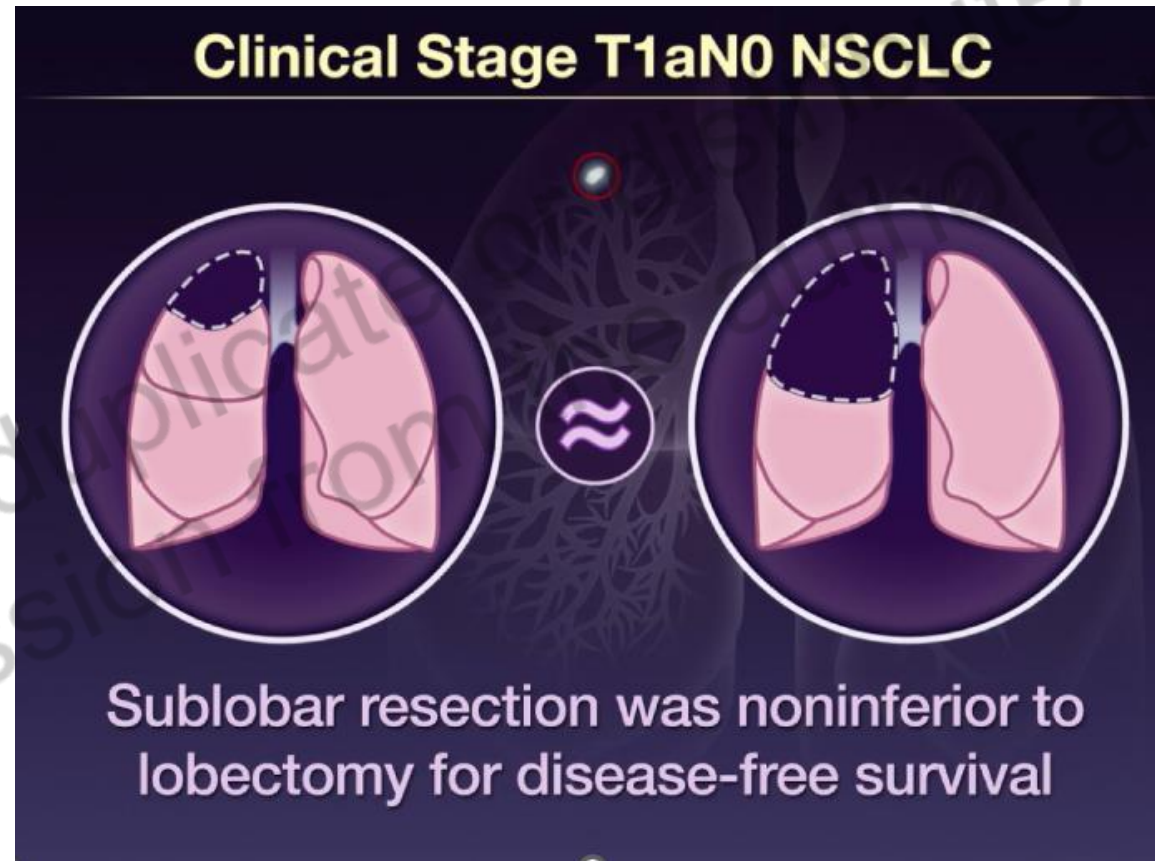
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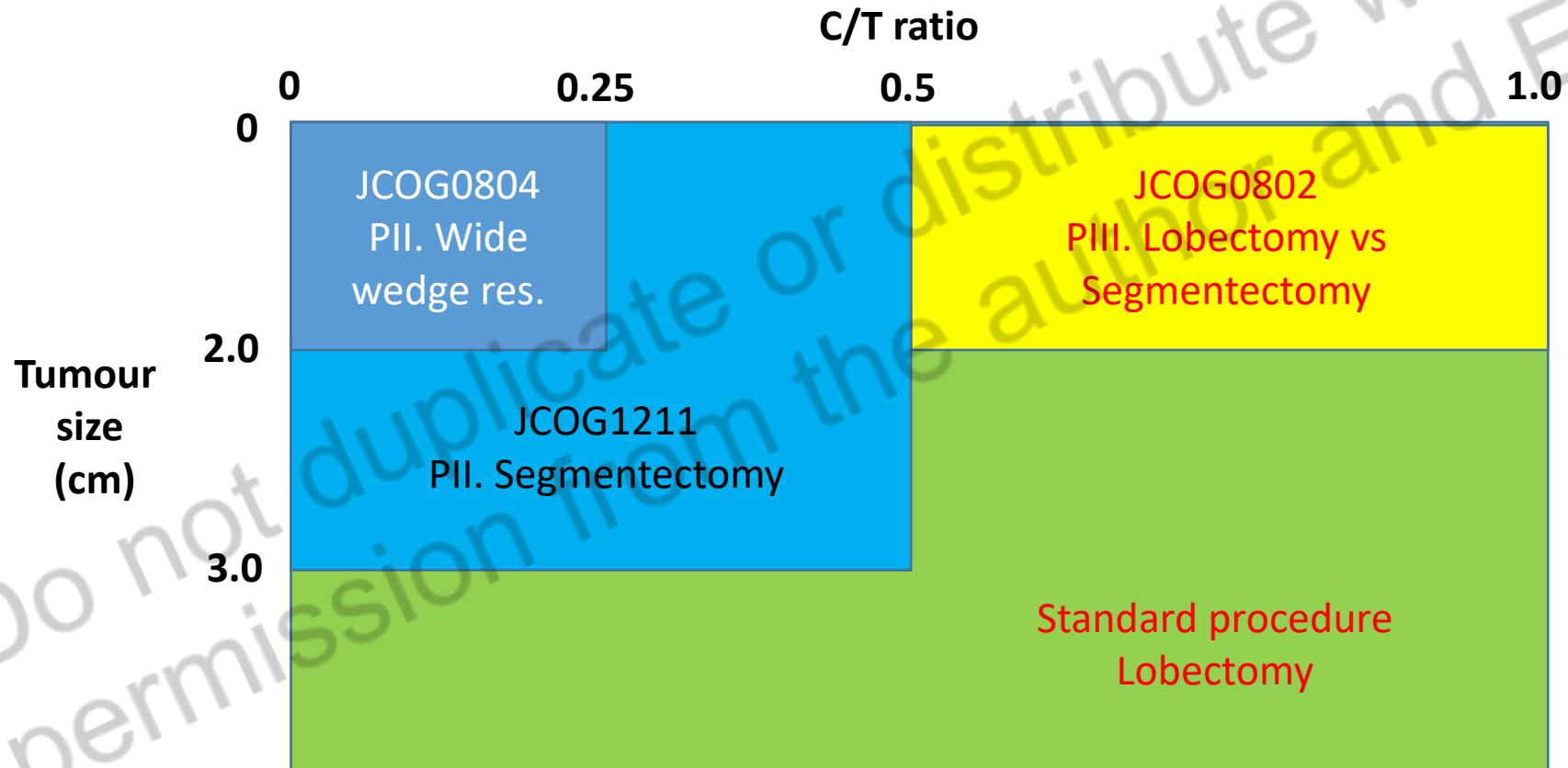
- The sublobar resection group, nearly half had wedge resection (rather than segmentectomy)



- ?? Can smaller select lung cancers be wedged and achieve similar outcomes as segmentectomy or lobectomy ??
- → Other trials going



Surgical Resection: Sublobar resection C/T ratio \approx Solid : GGO ratio



Modified & Courtesy of Korean & Japanese Surgeons



A single-arm study of sublobar resection for ground-glass opacity dominant peripheral lung cancer

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- Evaluate efficacy and safety of sublobar resection for GGO dominant peripheral lung cancer
- Lung cancer ≤ 2.0 cm consolidation tumor ratio ≤ 0.25 .
- May 2009 and April 2011, 314 CA lung patients underwent sublobar resection (258 wide wedge resections and 56 segmentectomies)

Suzuki K, et al. A single-arm study of sublobar resection for ground-glass opacity dominant peripheral lung cancer. *J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg.* (2020) 163:289–301



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- Median max. tumor Ø 1.2 cm (1.00-1.54) Median max. tumor Ø of consolidation 0 (0.00-0.20)
- Median pathological surgical margin 15 mm (0-55)

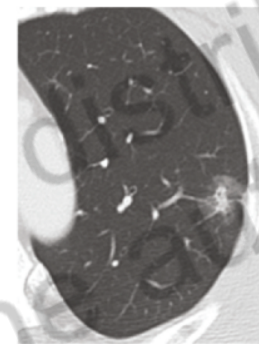
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A single-arm study of sublobar resection for ground-glass opacity dominant peripheral lung cancer

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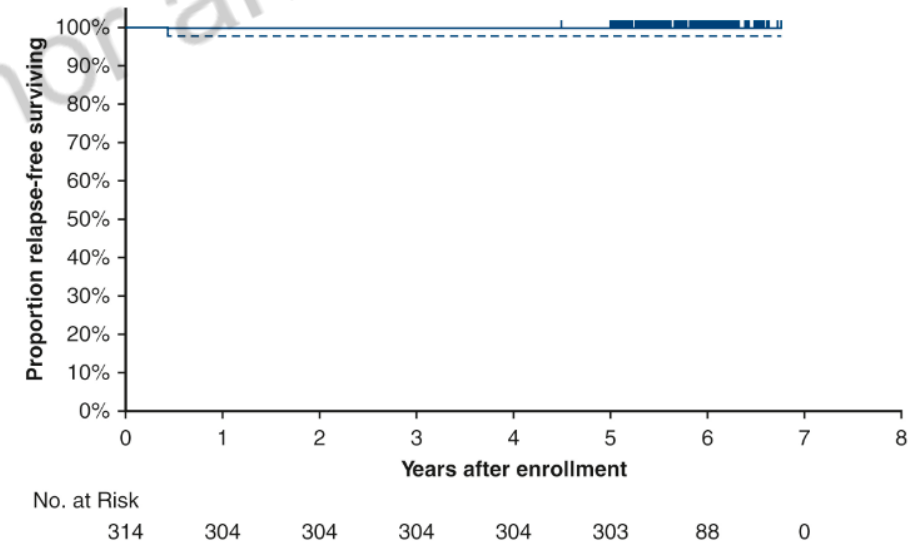
- **5-year relapse-free survival 99.7%**
- There was **no local relapse**.
- Grade 3 or higher CTCAE v3.0 postop complications in 17 pts (5.4%), without any grade 4 or 5.

JCOG0804/WJOG4507L Study showed excellent survival after sublobar resection for peripherally located Ground Glass dominant lung tumor



Sublobar resection

N = 314
0% < CTR < 25%



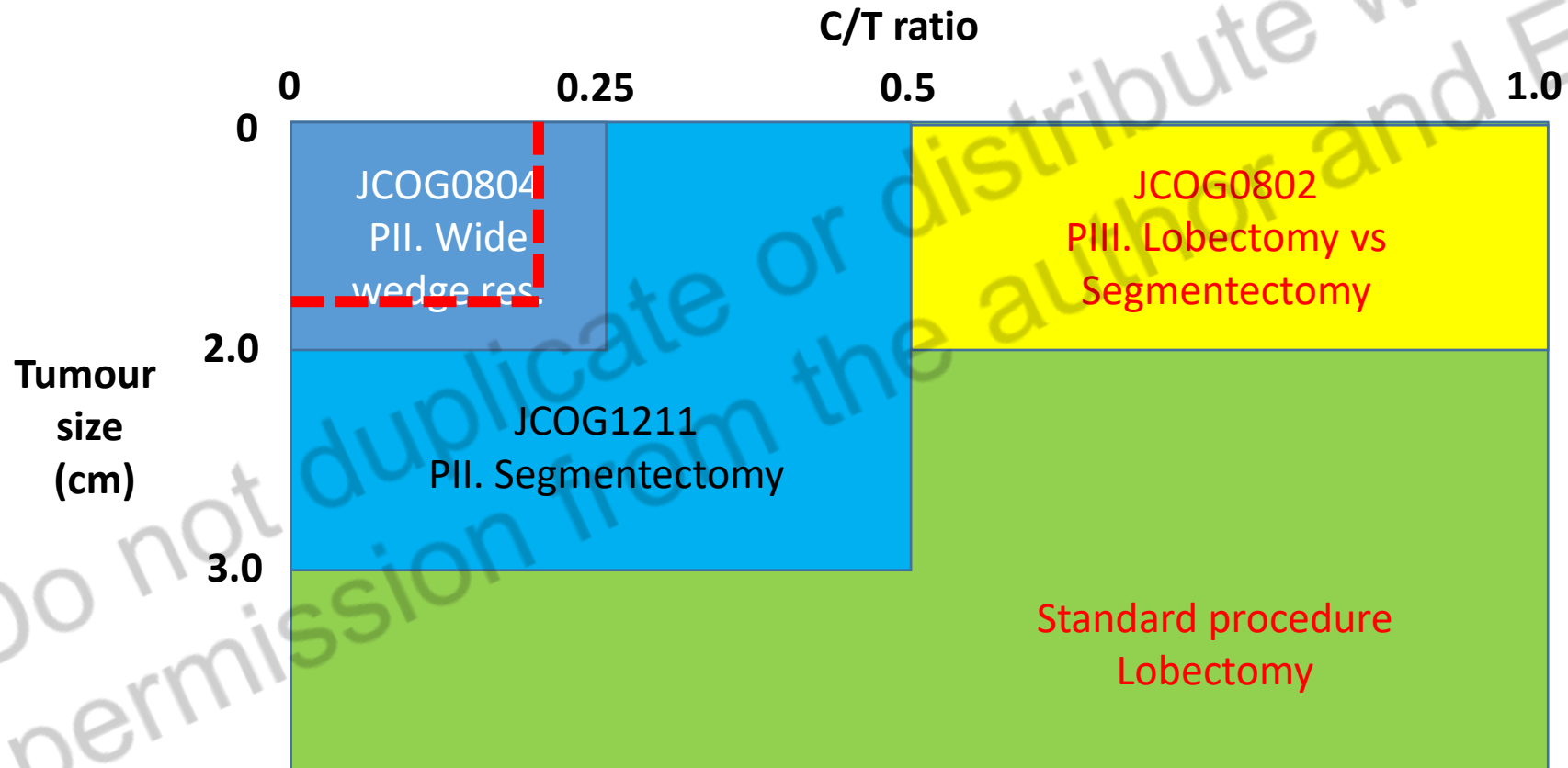
Sublobar resection is enough for Ground Glass dominant peripherally located lung cancer

Figure 2

The 5-year relapse free survival for all patients except benign lesions and atypical adenomatous

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Surgical Resection: Sublobar resection C/T ratio \approx Solid : GGO ratio



Modified & Courtesy of Korean & Japanese Surgeons



Wedge resection



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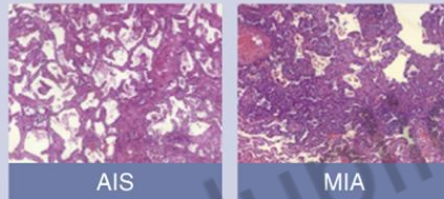
Surgery for pre- and minimally invasive lung adenocarcinoma

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Surgery for pre- and minimally invasive lung adenocarcinoma

Methods

- Retrospective cohort of 1644 resected AIS/MIA, 2012-2017.



- Data collection



Clinical characteristics



Radiological features



Surgical types & complications



Survival outcomes

Results

- Unique cohort

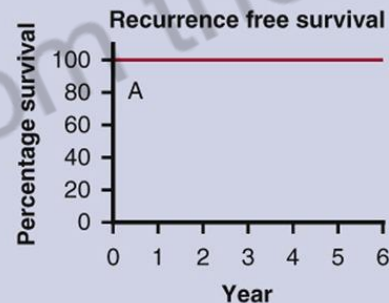


74.1%
Women



84.4%
Non-smokers

- 100% 5-year RFS



- Wedge resection group: less surgical complications (1.0%) compared with segmentectomy (3.3%) and lobectomy (5.6%).

Implications

- Sublobar resection, especially wedge resection without lymph node dissection may be the preferred surgical procedure for patients with AIS/MIA.
- If there are no risk factors, postoperative follow-up intervals may be extended.

AIS, adenocarcinoma in situ; MIA, minimally invasive adenocarcinoma; RFS, recurrence-free survival.



Wedge resection (local therapy)



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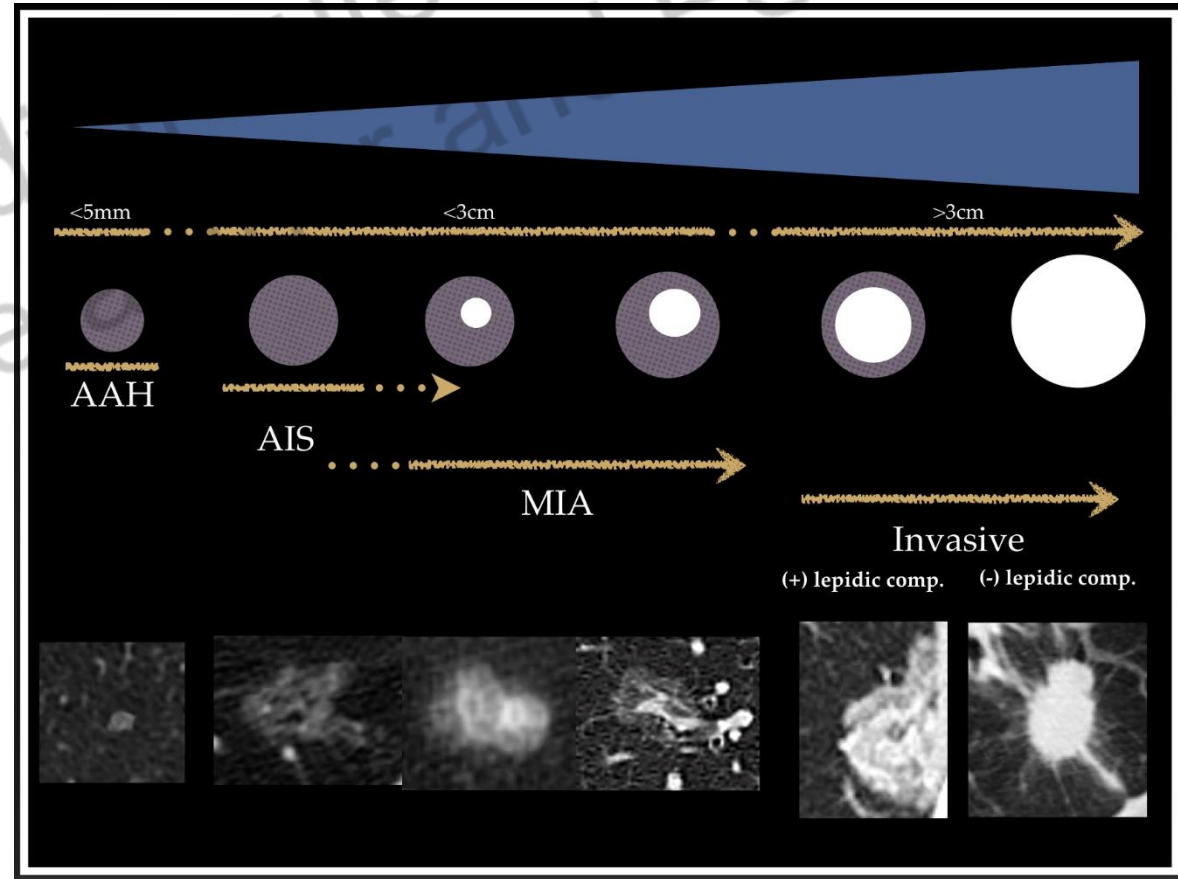
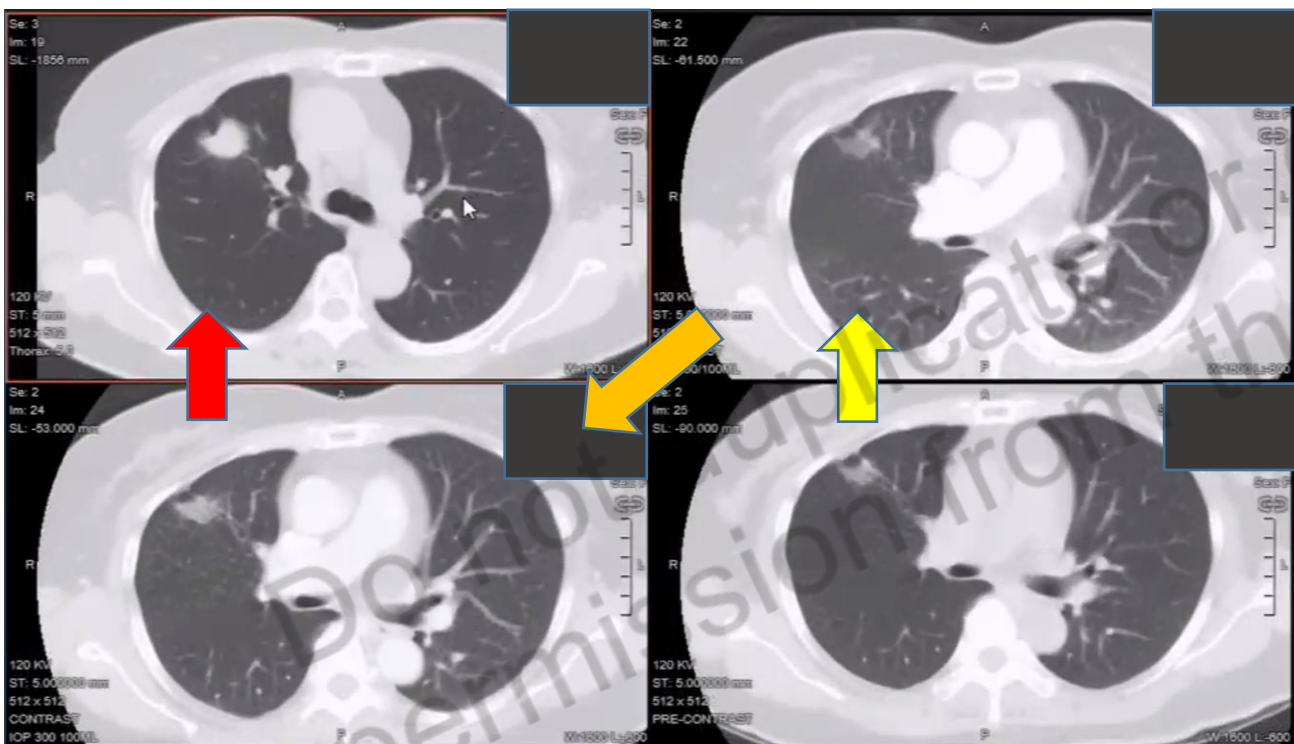
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TABLE 1. Characteristics of 1644 patients with adenocarcinoma in situ (AIS) or minimally invasive adenocarcinoma (MIA)

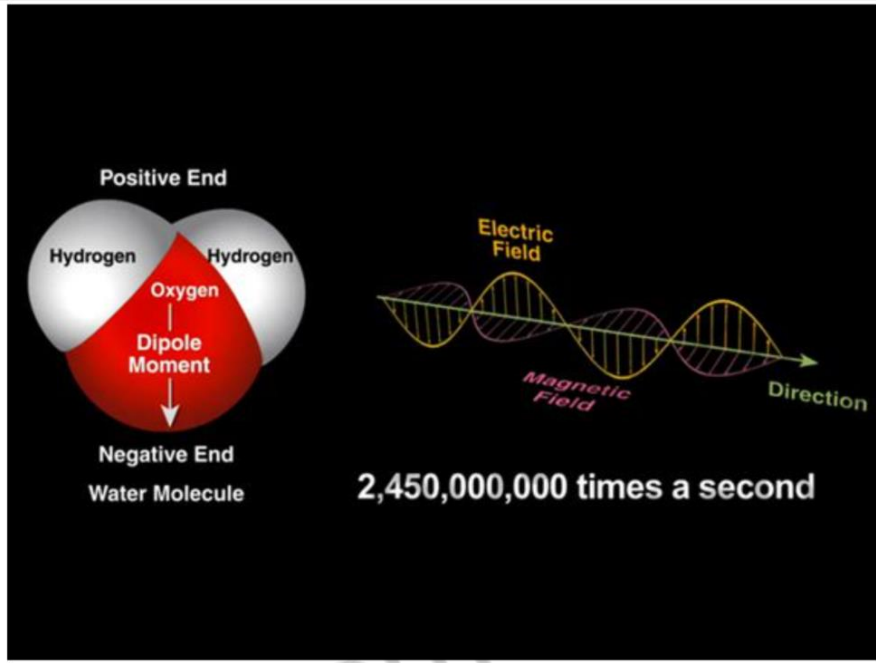
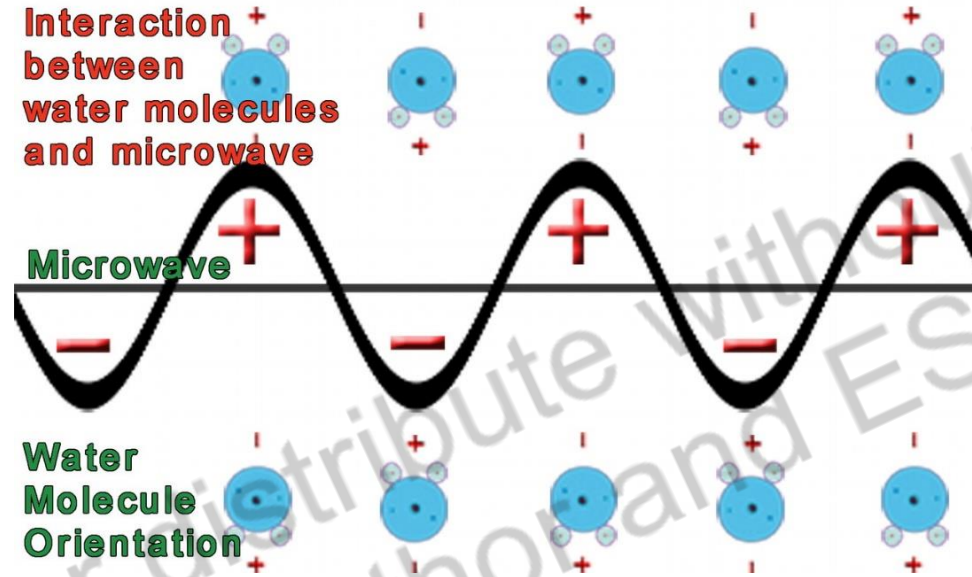
Characteristic	Total	AIS	MIA
	(N = 1644)	(n = 422)	(n = 1222)
CT size (mm)	9.0 (7.0-11.0)	8.0 (6.3-9.0)	9.0 (7.0-12.0)
CT GGO component (%)			
Pure GGO	1254 (76.3)	364 (86.3)	890 (72.8)
Part-solid GGO	372 (22.6)	56 (13.3)	316 (25.9)
Solid	18 (1.1)	2 (0.5)	16 (1.3)



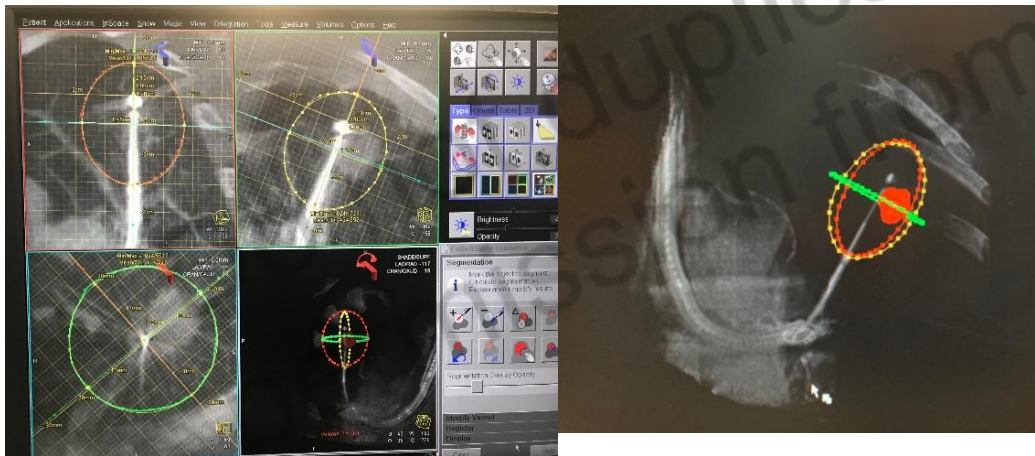
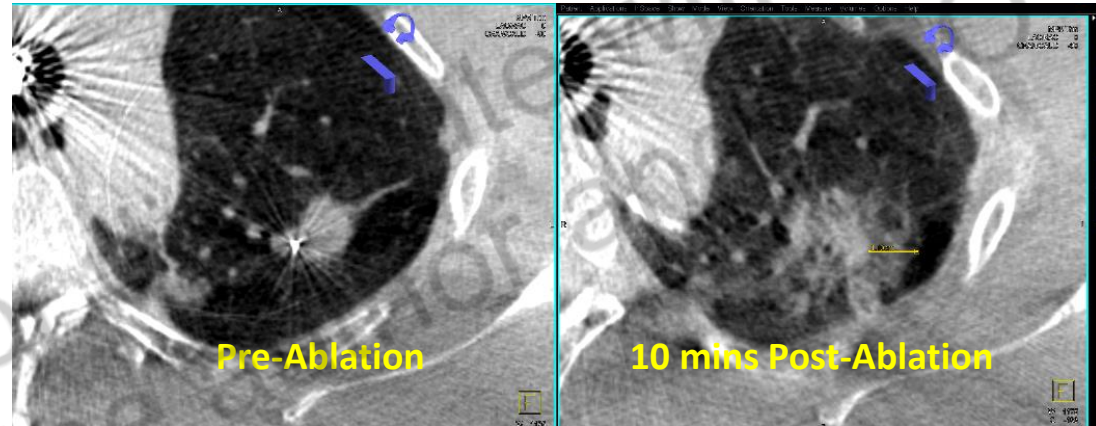
Indications: *The Future* – Transbronchial Microwave Ablation Lung Adenocarcinoma Sequence



Microwave Ablation



Our First Hybrid OR CBCT Guided bronchoscopic microwave ablation of lung cancer, March 2019

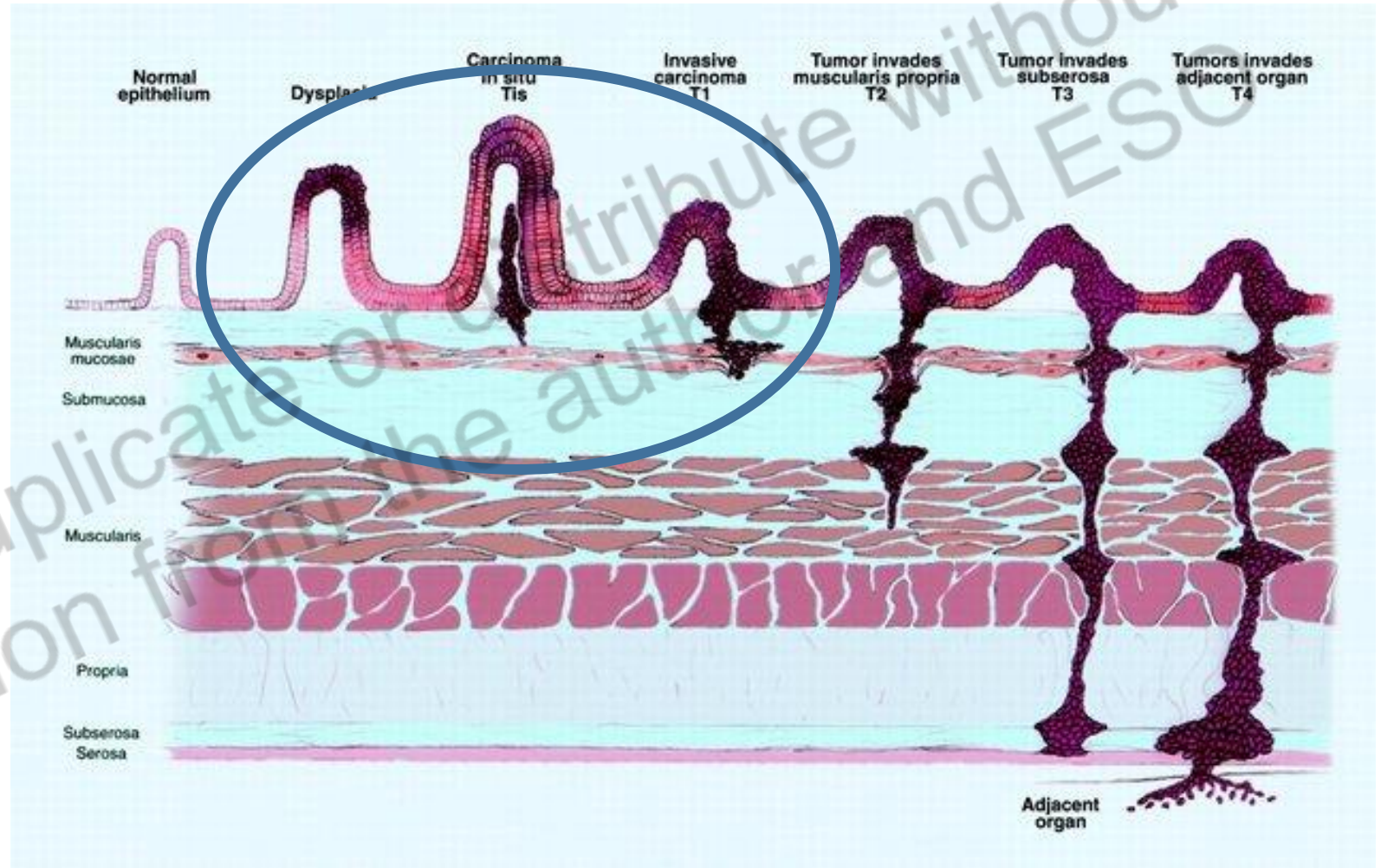
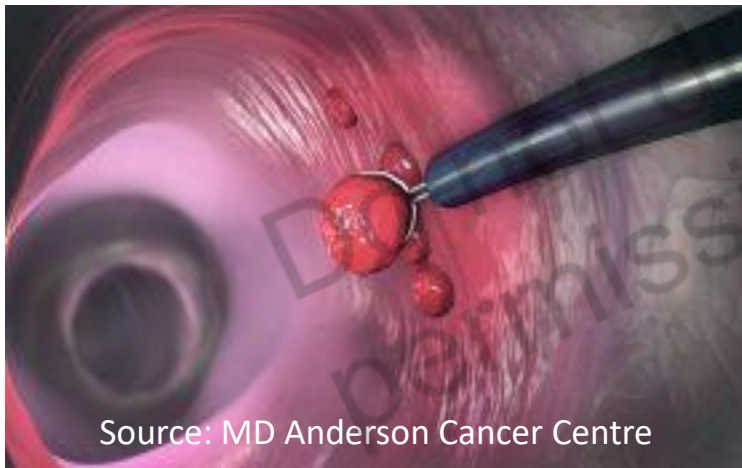


Colorectal Adenocarcinoma Sequence

Indications

Colonoscopy
Local treatment

Polypectomy
ESD



Iyer RB et al. Imaging in the Diagnosis, Staging, and Follow-Up of Colorectal Cancer. Am J Roent. 2002;179: 3-13

Complications

Lung ablation- our updated data (unpublished): (n=124)

- Pneumothorax \approx 3.4%
- Effusion require drainage \approx 1.7%
- Infection \approx 2.6%
- Bleeding \approx 0.9%

- Recurrence \approx 6%
- 30-day mortality 0%
- Mortality related to ablation 0%

Therapeutic Colonoscopy:

- Perforation rate 0.04 – 0.2% (assoc. 7-25% mortality)
- Bleeding 0.98 -6.1%
- Others: pain , Post-polypectomy syndrome (PPS), bacteraemia etc

- Mortality related to colonoscopy 0.007-0.7%

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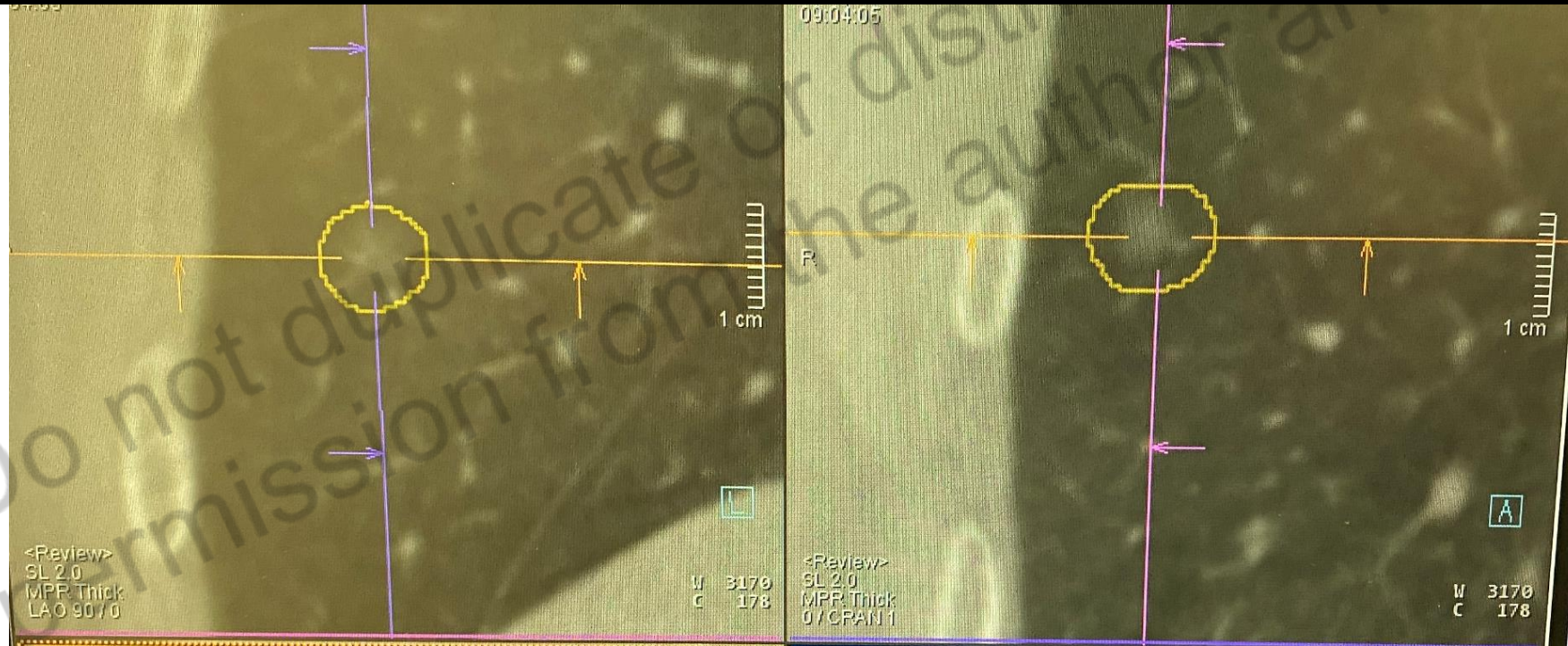


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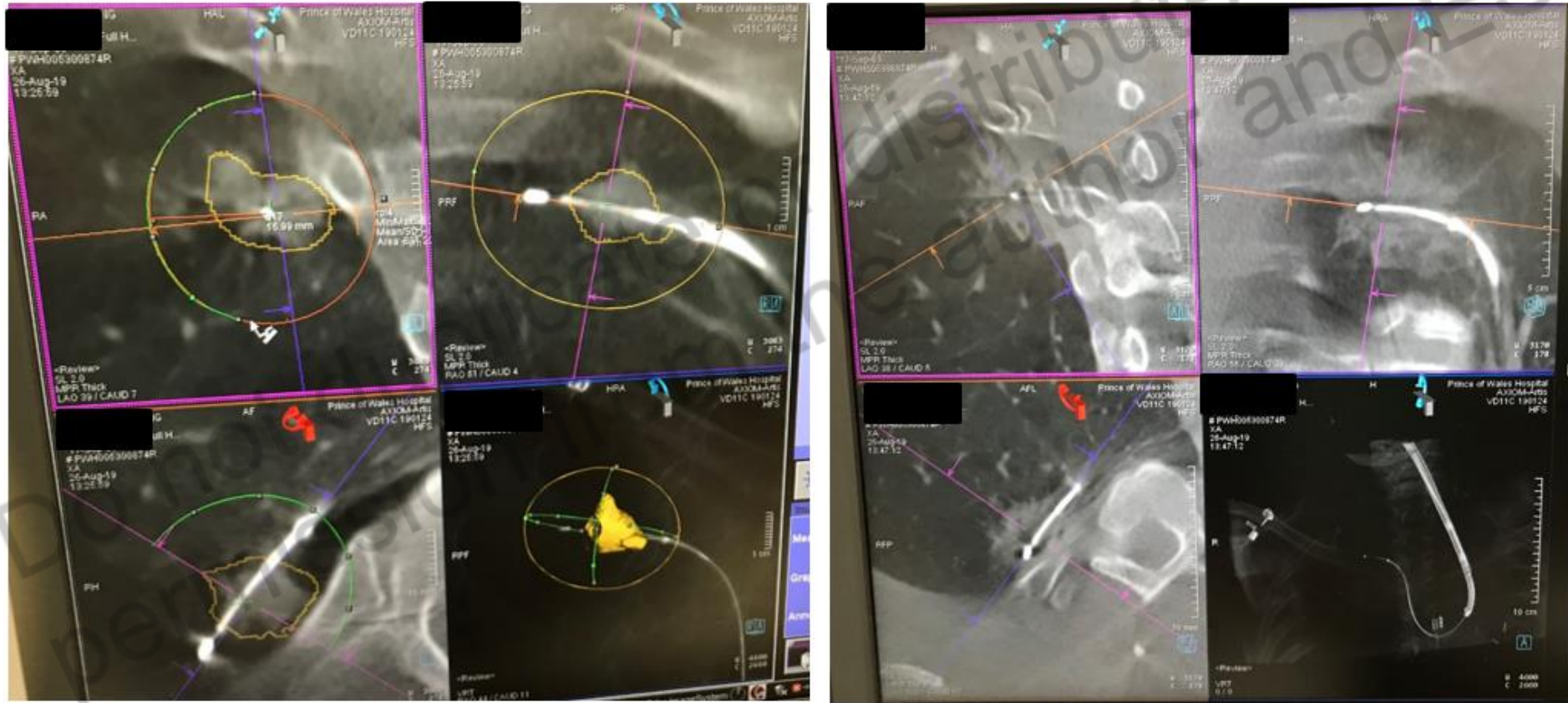
Why are we not ablating, treating & curing ?

8mm GGO:

Biopsy: atypia, cannot exclude AIS/ MIA, Molecular: EGFR L858+



Case B: 55/M, Post Lt Pneumonectomy RUL Bx proven SqCC 1.5cm



Case Background: 40-yr-old/ F. Multifocal Lung Adenocarcinoma Hx of RLL lobectomy & RUL segmentectomy

Recent & persistent:

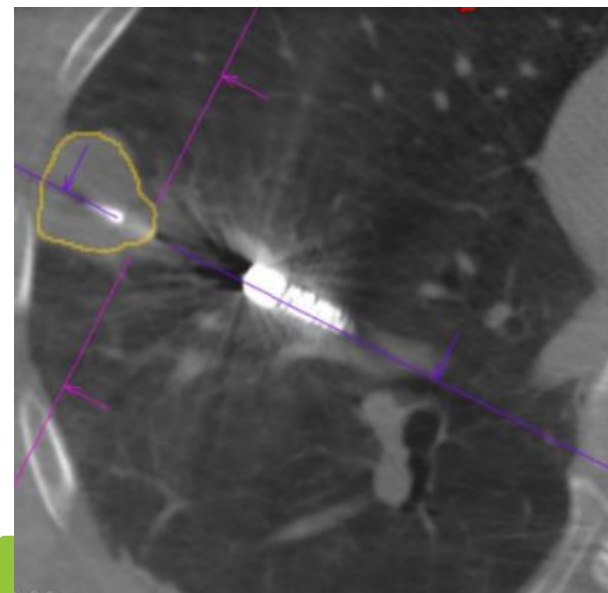
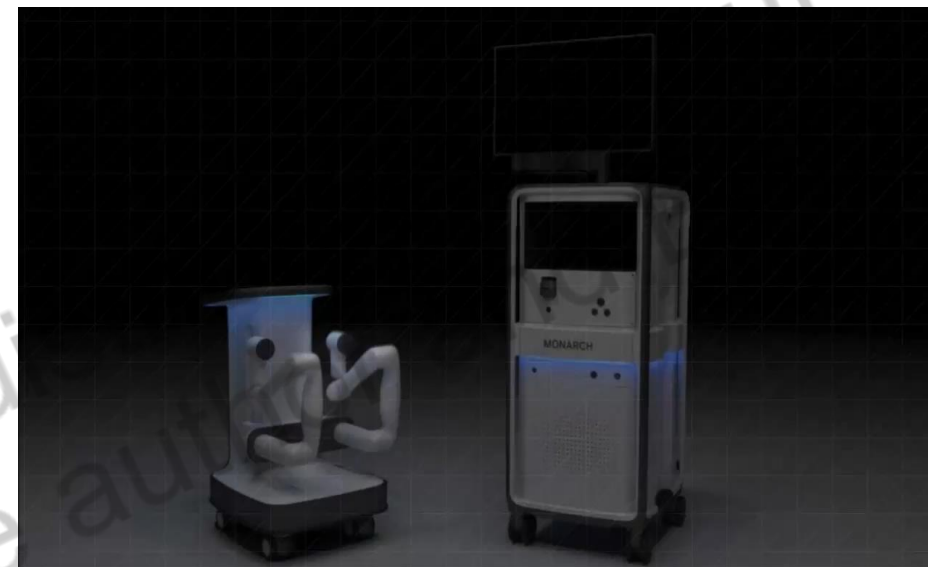
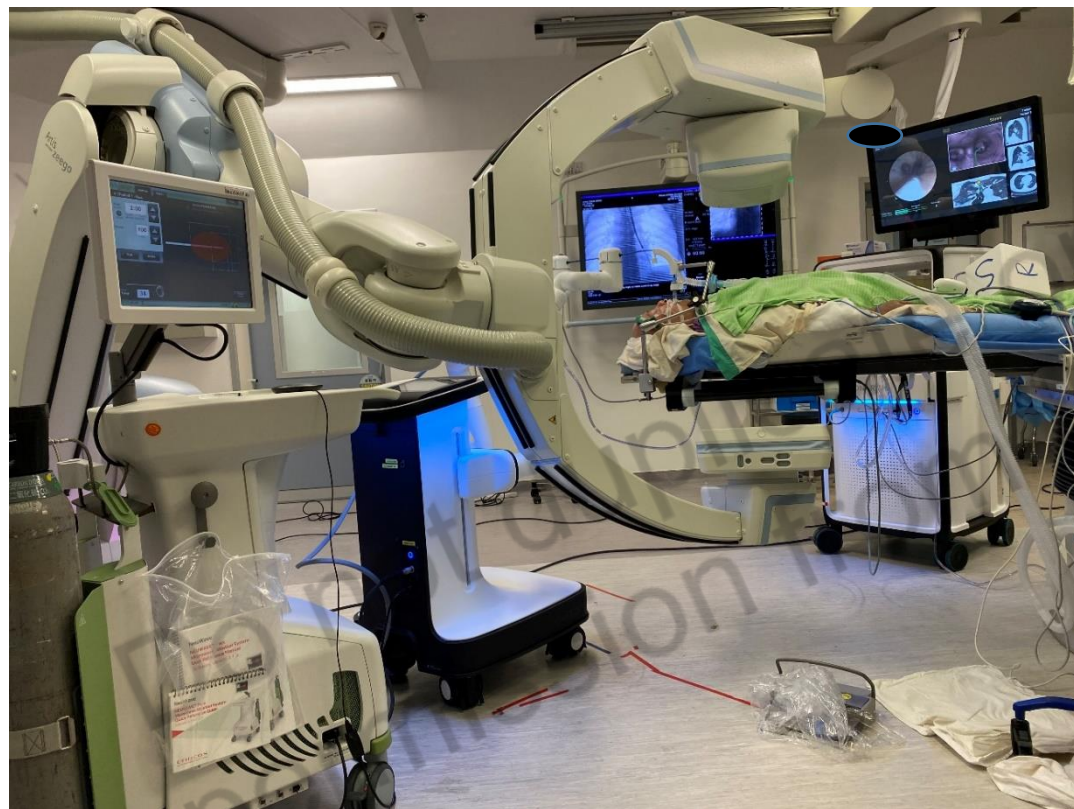
LLL <1 cm pure GGO

LUL <1 cm pure GGO

Solution:
Transbronchial microwave
ablation

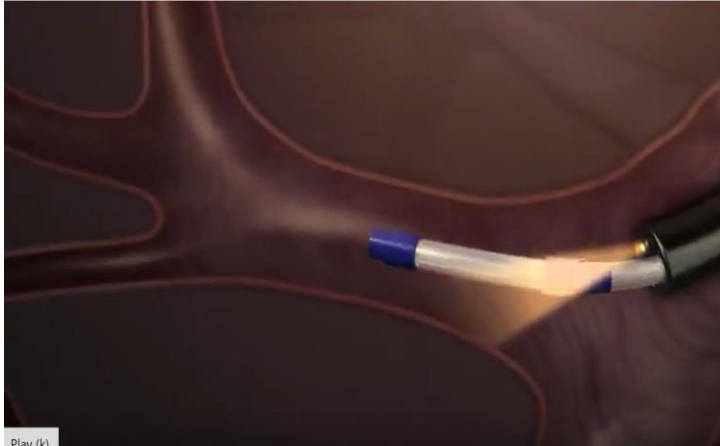


First Auris Monarch Neuwave Flex Microwave ablation - 24th Oct 2022 → POWER Study



Endoscopic Treatment of Lung Cancer

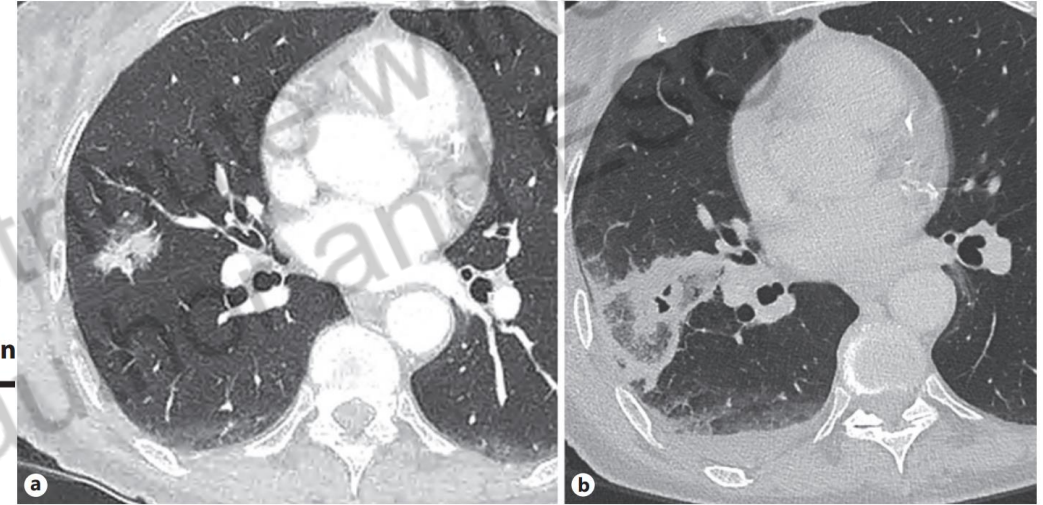
Bronchoscopic Thermal Vapor Ablation



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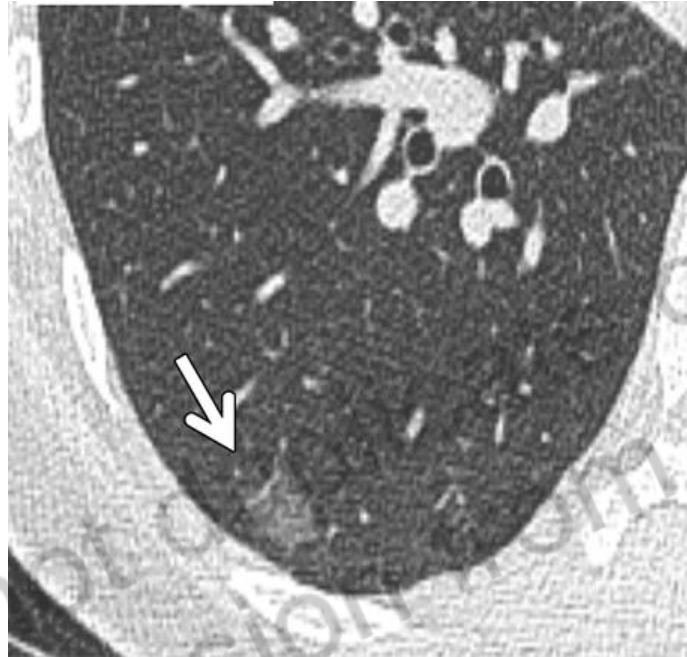


Bronchoscopic Thermal Vapour Ablation for Localized Cancer Lesions of the Lung: A Clinical Feasibility Treat-and-Resect Study

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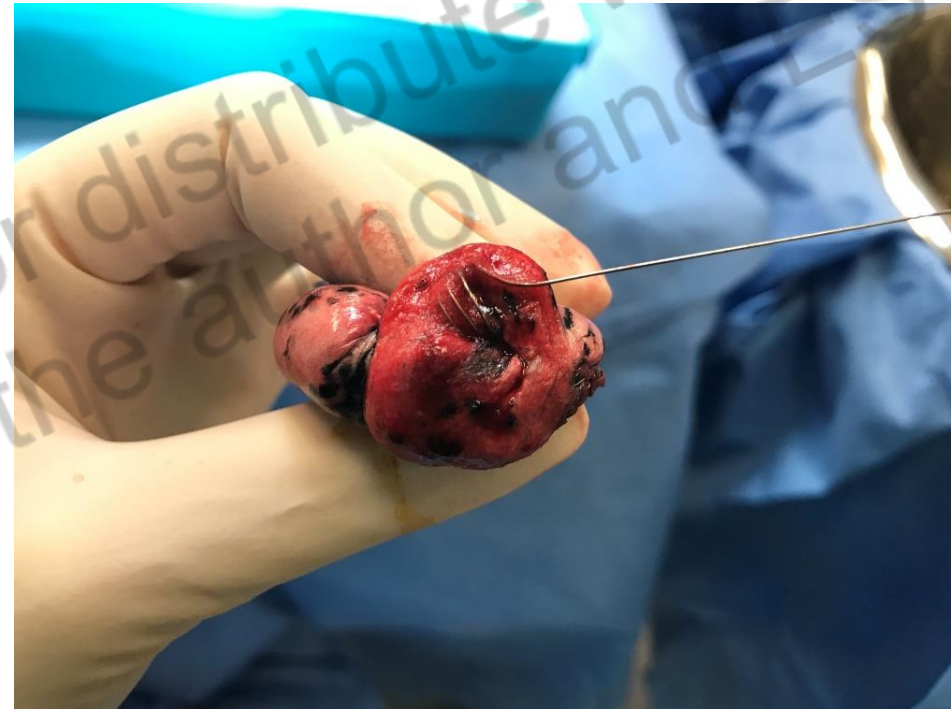
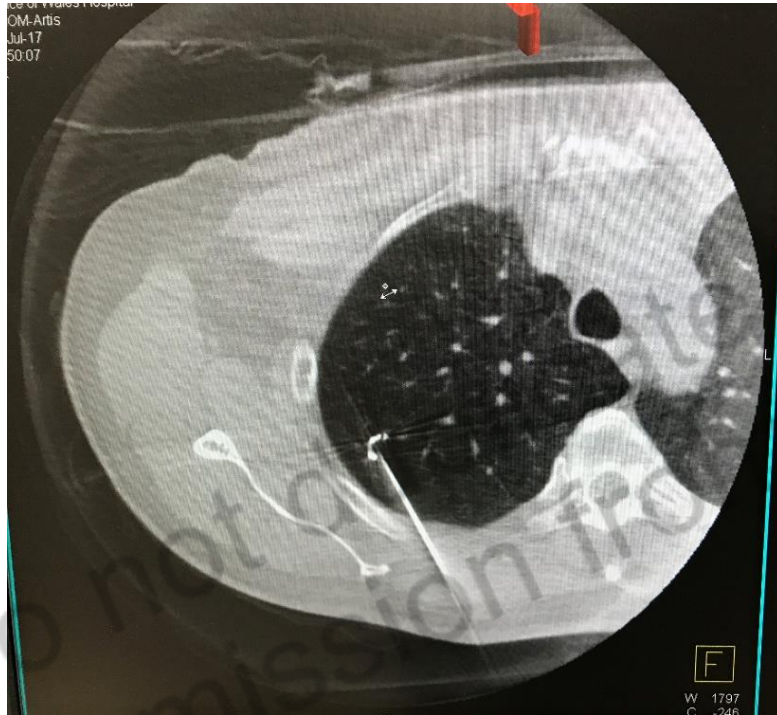
Is Less the new More for Lung cancer



Where is the nodule / GGO ?



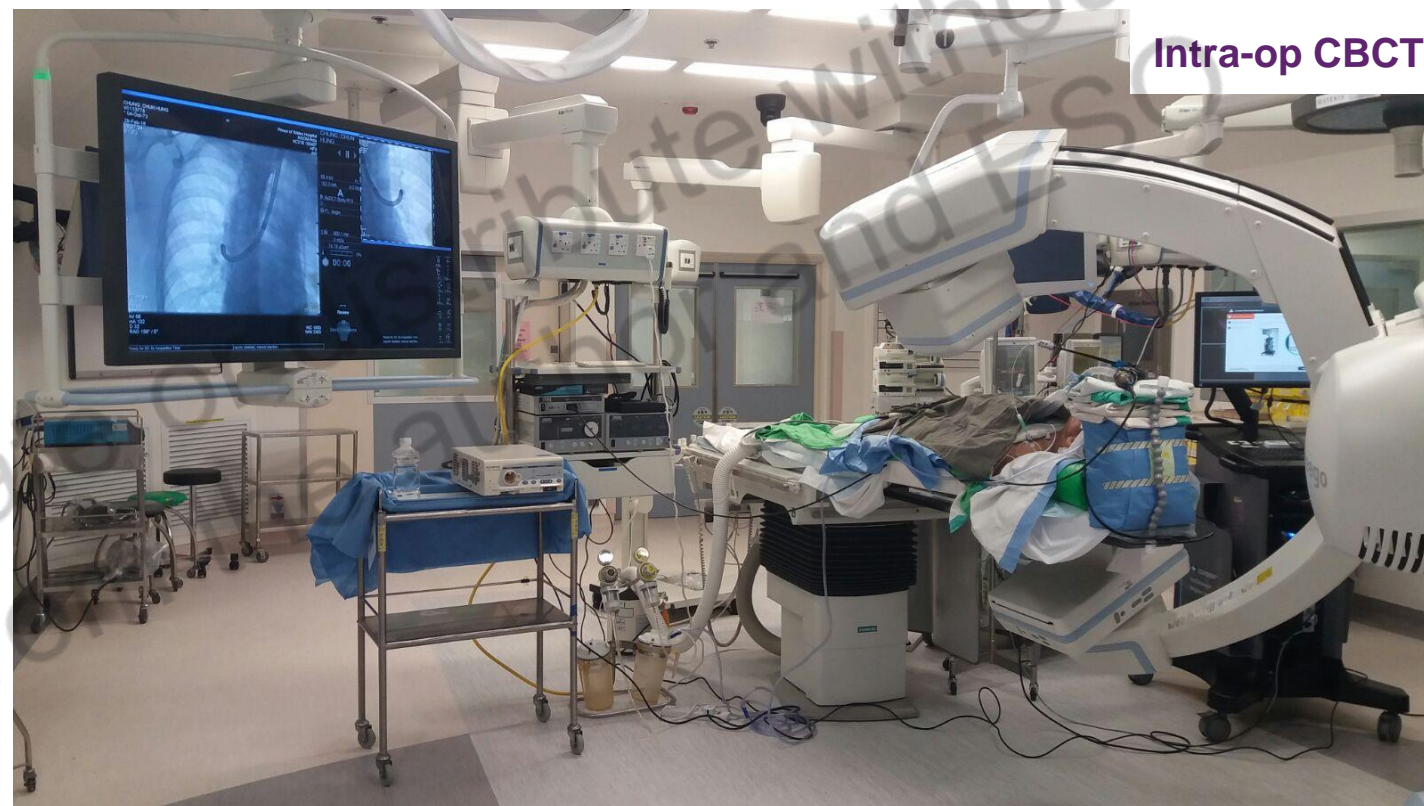
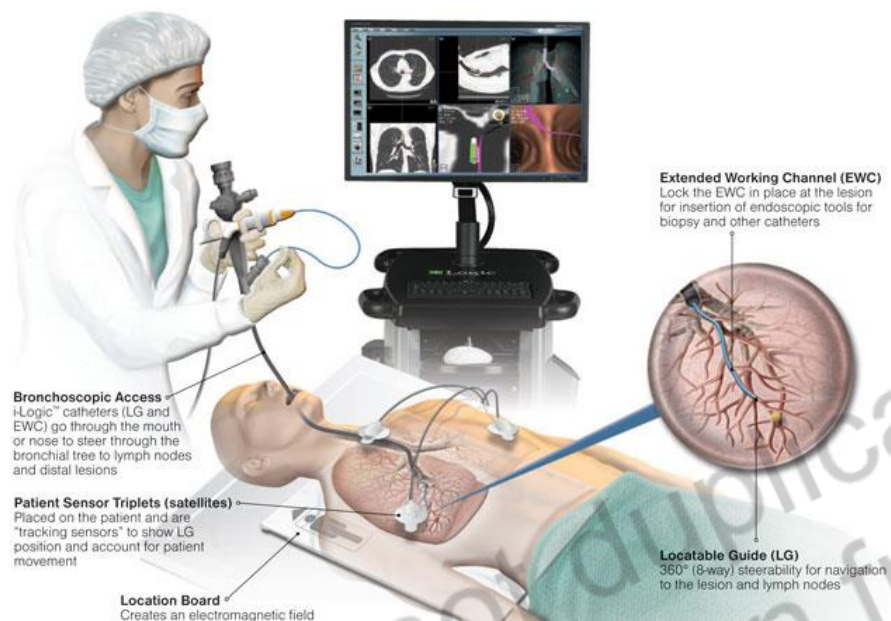
Localization of lung lesion



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Image guided Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy (iENB) by CBCT dye marking since 2016



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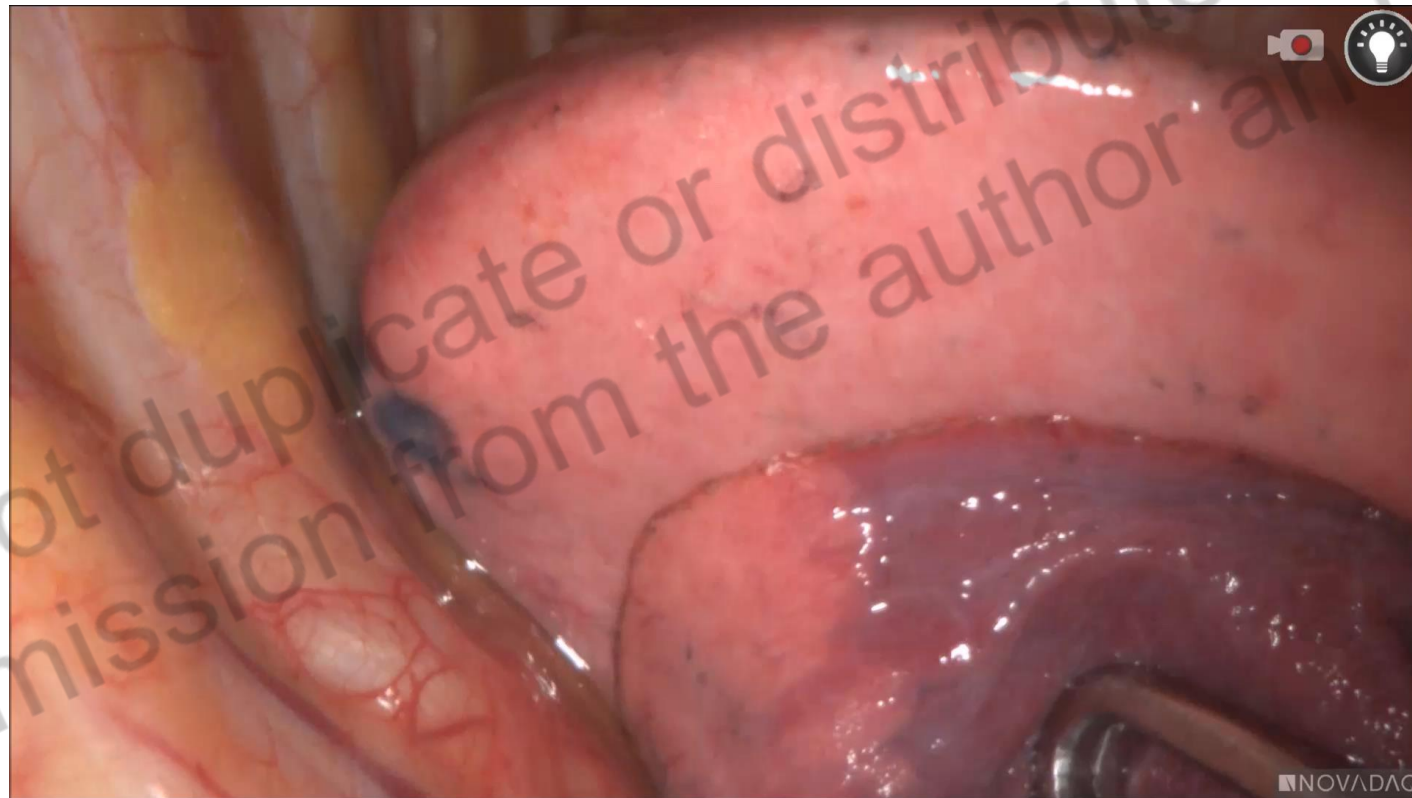
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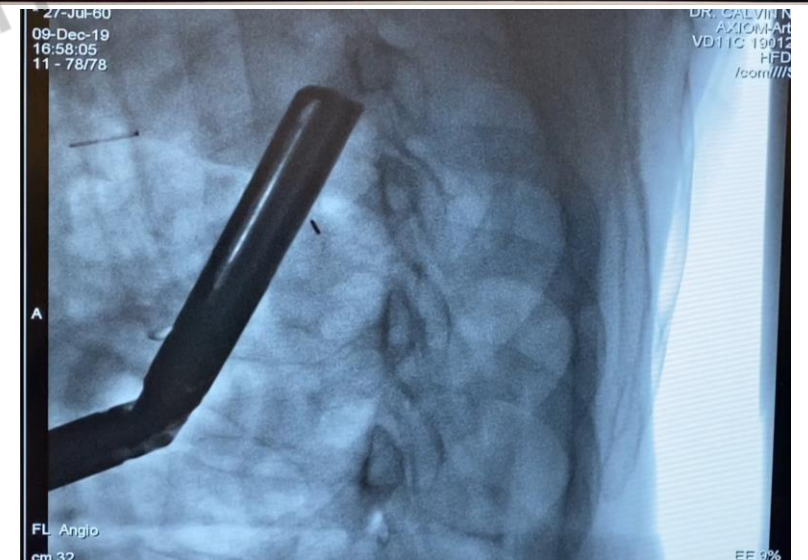
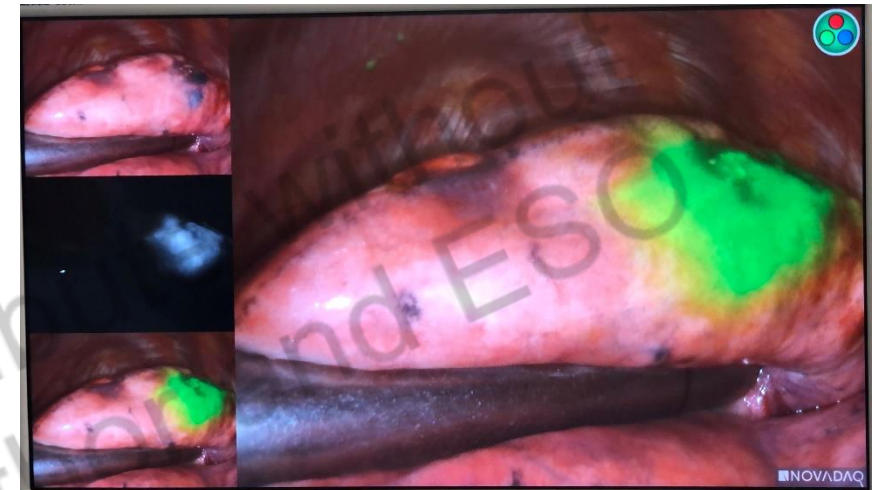
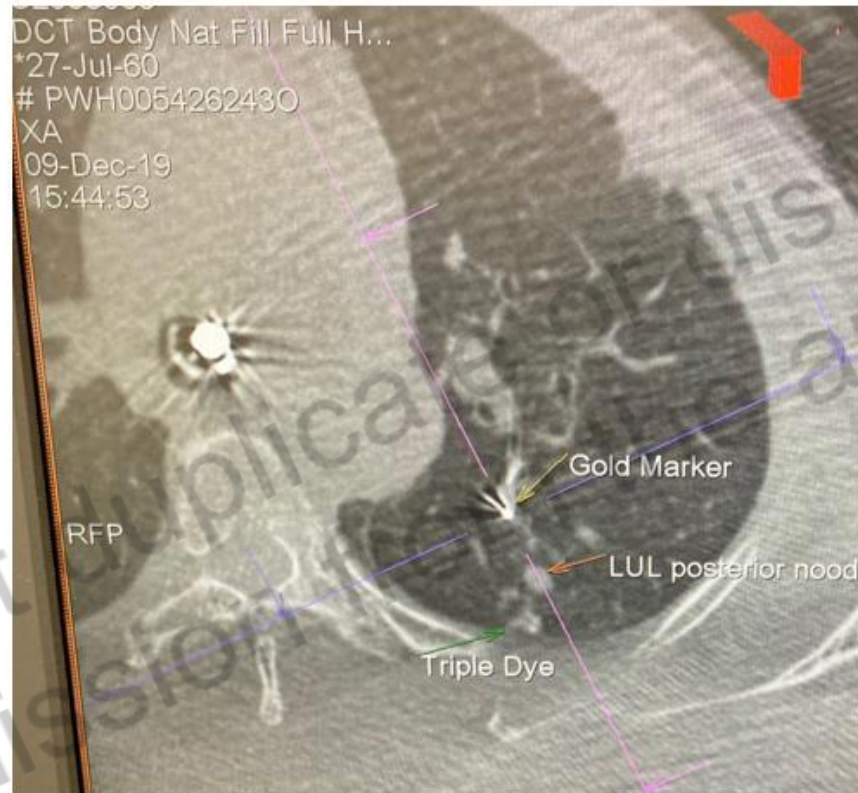
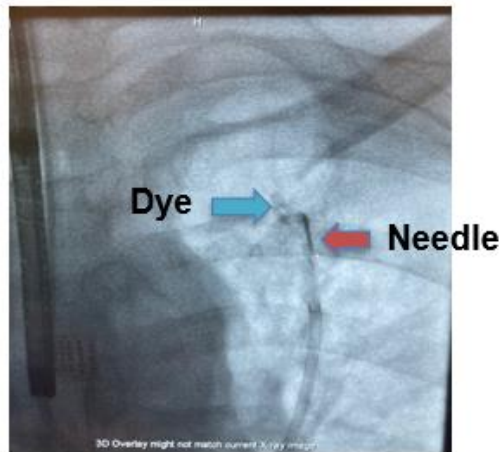
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iENB Hybrid OR Triple Dye *ICG* Marking



Deep LUL lesion – ENB Peripheral ICG dye marking & Deep Metallic Fiducial Marking



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Robotic Bronchoscopy Dye & Fiducial marking

Robotic Assisted-Bronchoscopy With Cone-Beam CT ICG Dye Marking for Lung Nodule Localization: Experience Beyond USA

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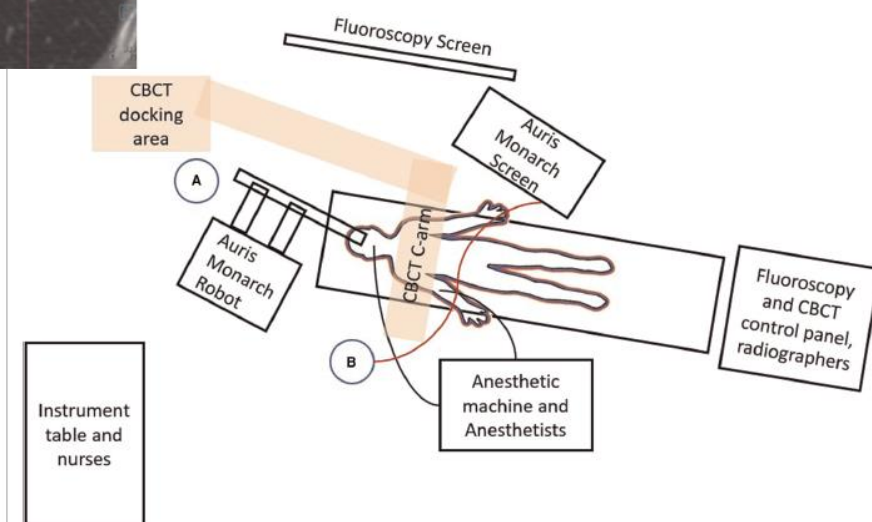
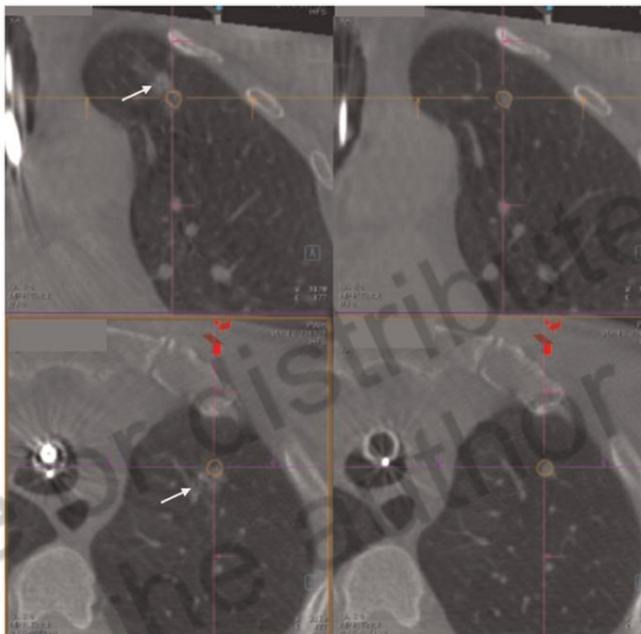
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Electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy (ENB)-guided indocyanine green (ICG) fluorescence dye marking of subsolid, small and deep lung lesions facilitates subsequent minimally invasive lung resection surgeries. The novel robotic-assisted bronchoscopy (RAB) platform can improve the accuracy and yield of ENB biopsy, and the use of RAB has been extended to ICG dye marking. However, performing this procedure in the hybrid operating room guided by cone-beam CT (CBCT) with immediate proceed to lung surgery has not been well reported. We studied the safety, feasibility and clinical outcomes of 5 consecutive cases performed between December 2021 and March 2022. Navigation success was 100% while localization success using ICG was 80%. The benefits and pitfalls of robotic bronchoscopy procedures, and challenges of combining with hybrid operating room CBCT were discussed in detail. In conclusion, robotic-assisted bronchoscopy is a promising and useful tool for ICG fluorescence dye-marking, providing accurate navigation, superior maneuverability and improved ergonomics compared to conventional bronchoscopy-guided ENB procedures. Learning curve is reasonable, but meticulous system set up to incorporate the robotic system into existing CBCT platform may be required to ensure a smooth procedure.



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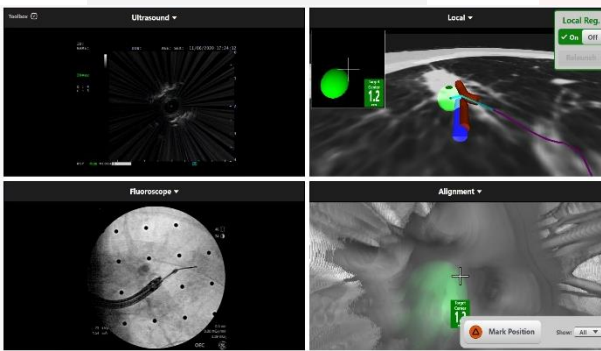
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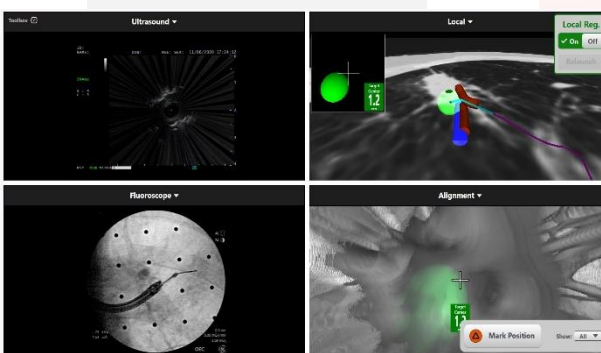
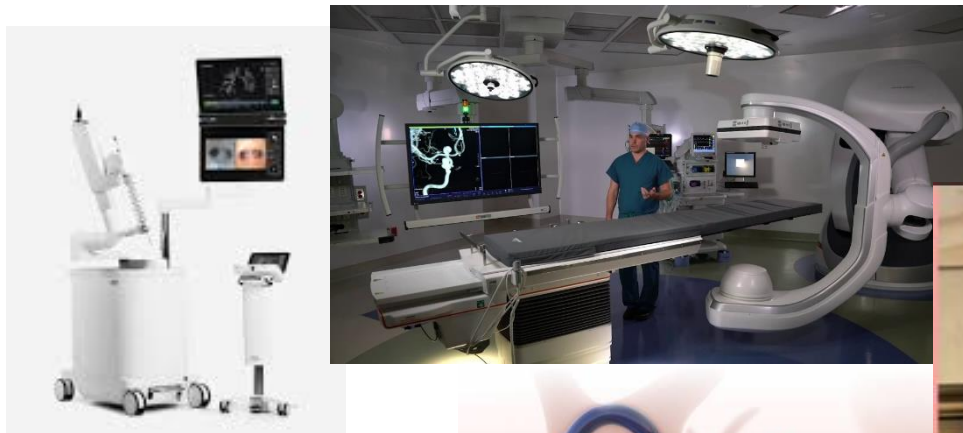
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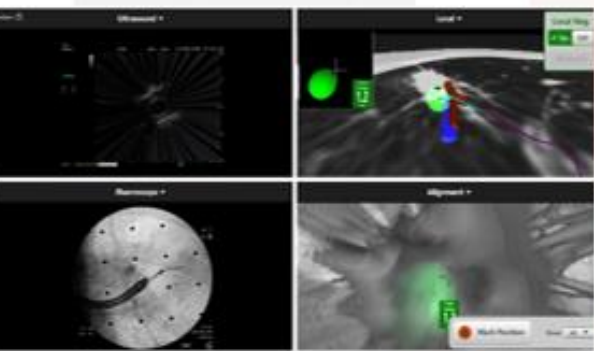


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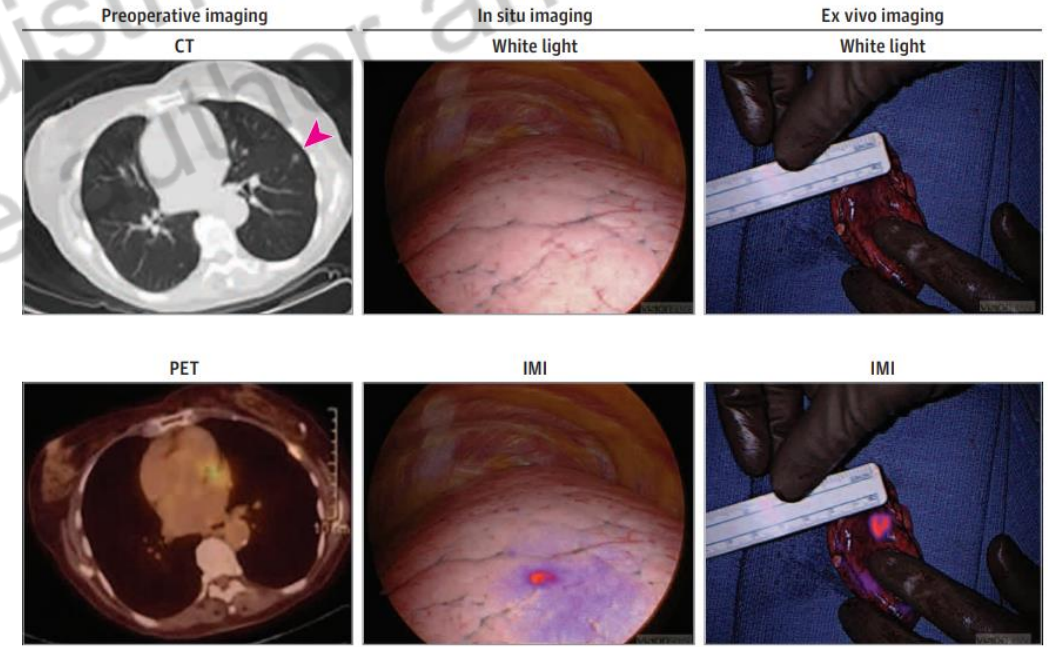
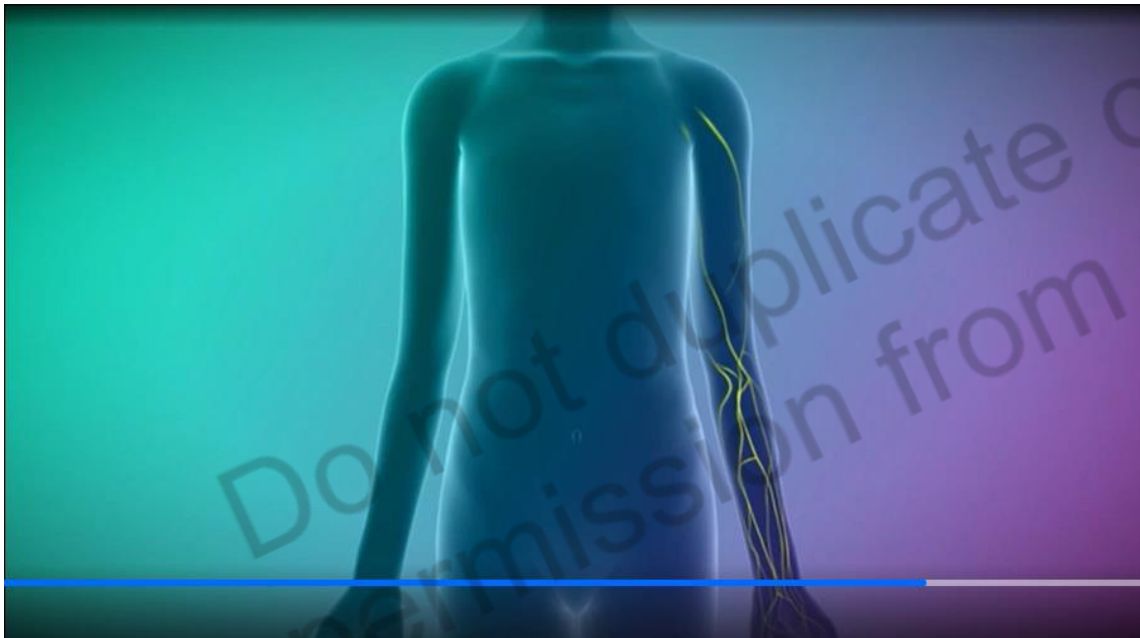
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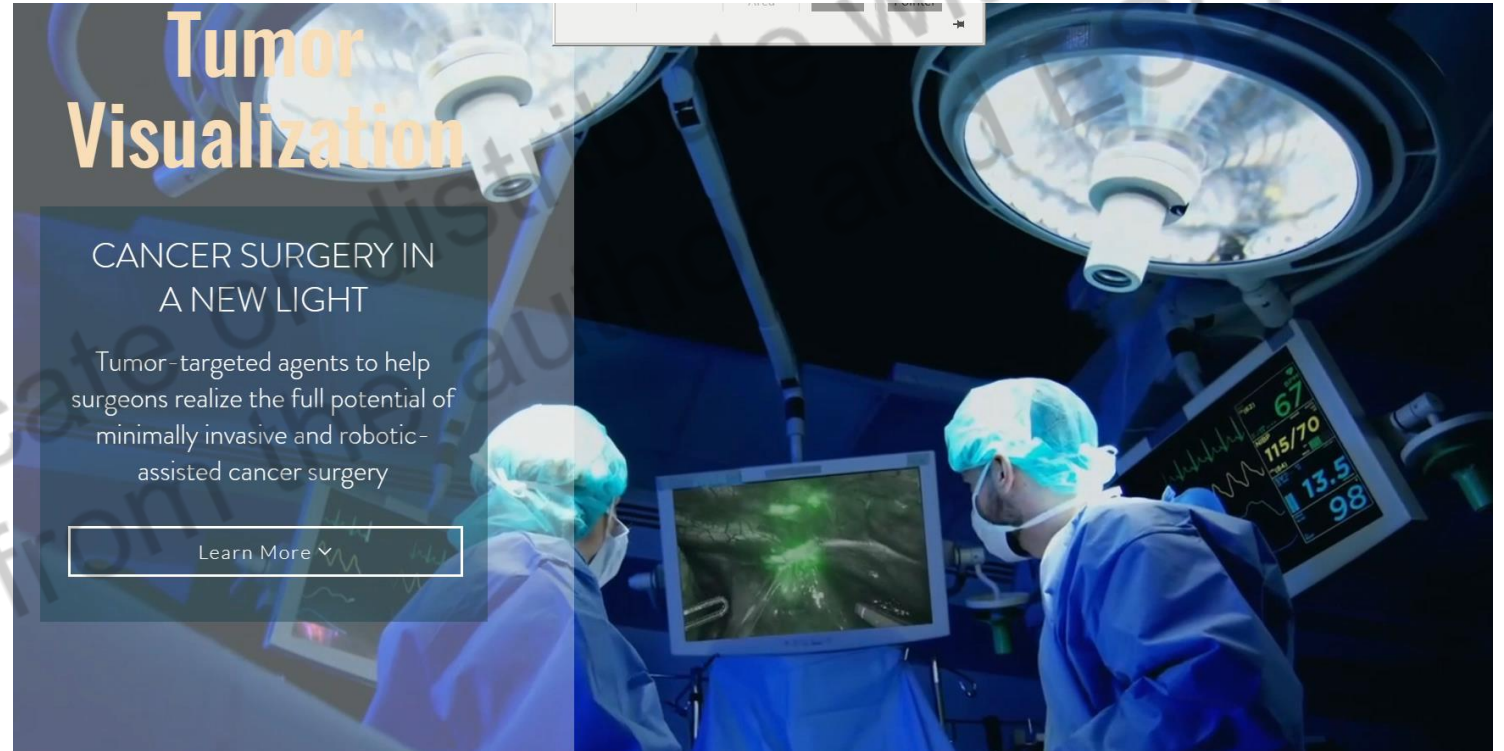
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Is Less the new More for Lung cancer Summary

- VATS has **more** favorable clinical outcomes than Open lung surgery
- Segmentectomy has **more** favorable outcomes than lobectomy (up to 2cm)
- Wedge & other local therapies may have a role in select smaller tumours and preserve **more** lung parenchyma/ lung function
- New compounds to localize small lung cancers require less equipment/ resources and may identify **more** (unsuspecting) lung cancers





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