

Neoadjuvant/adjuvant treatment in cholangiocarcinoma

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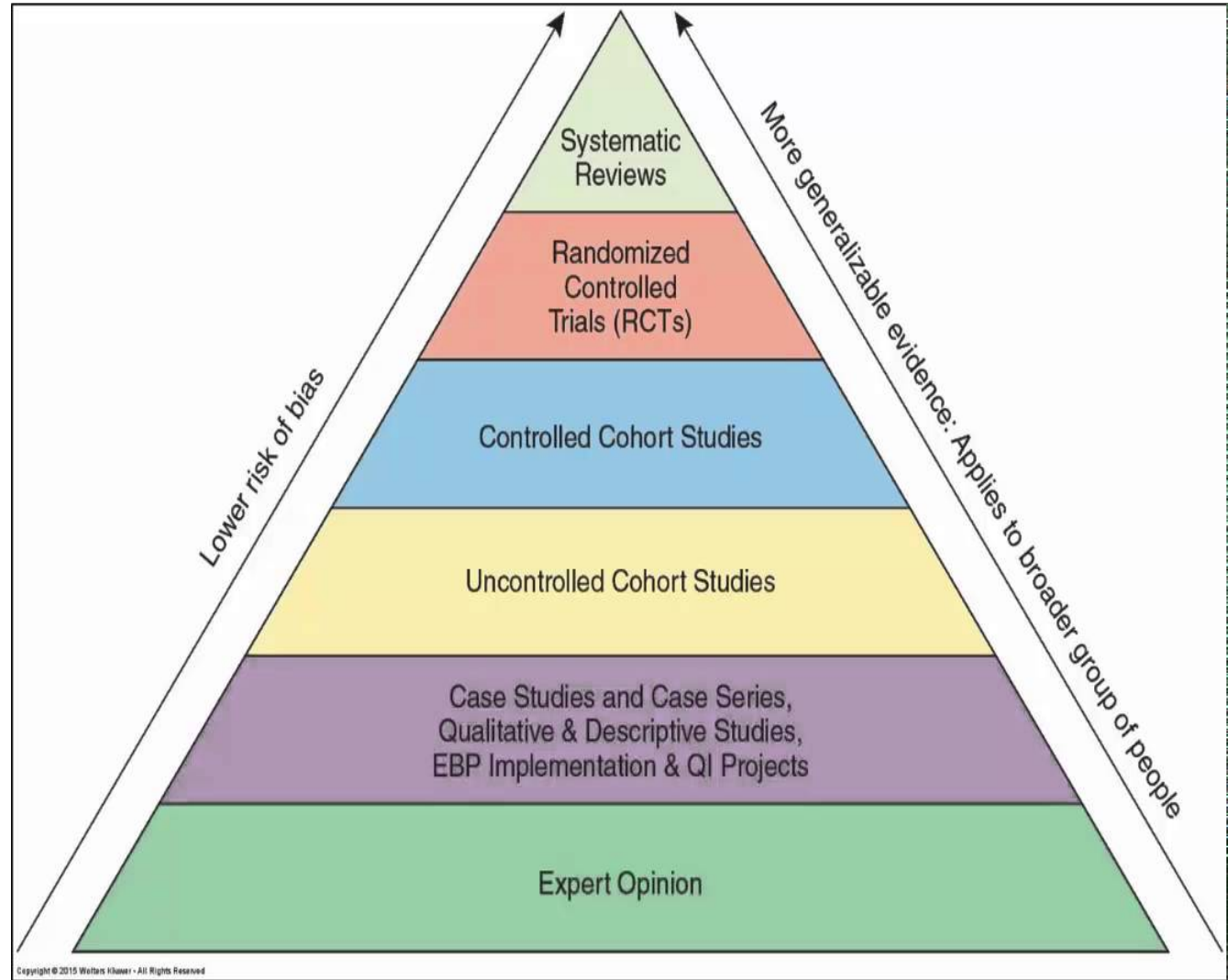
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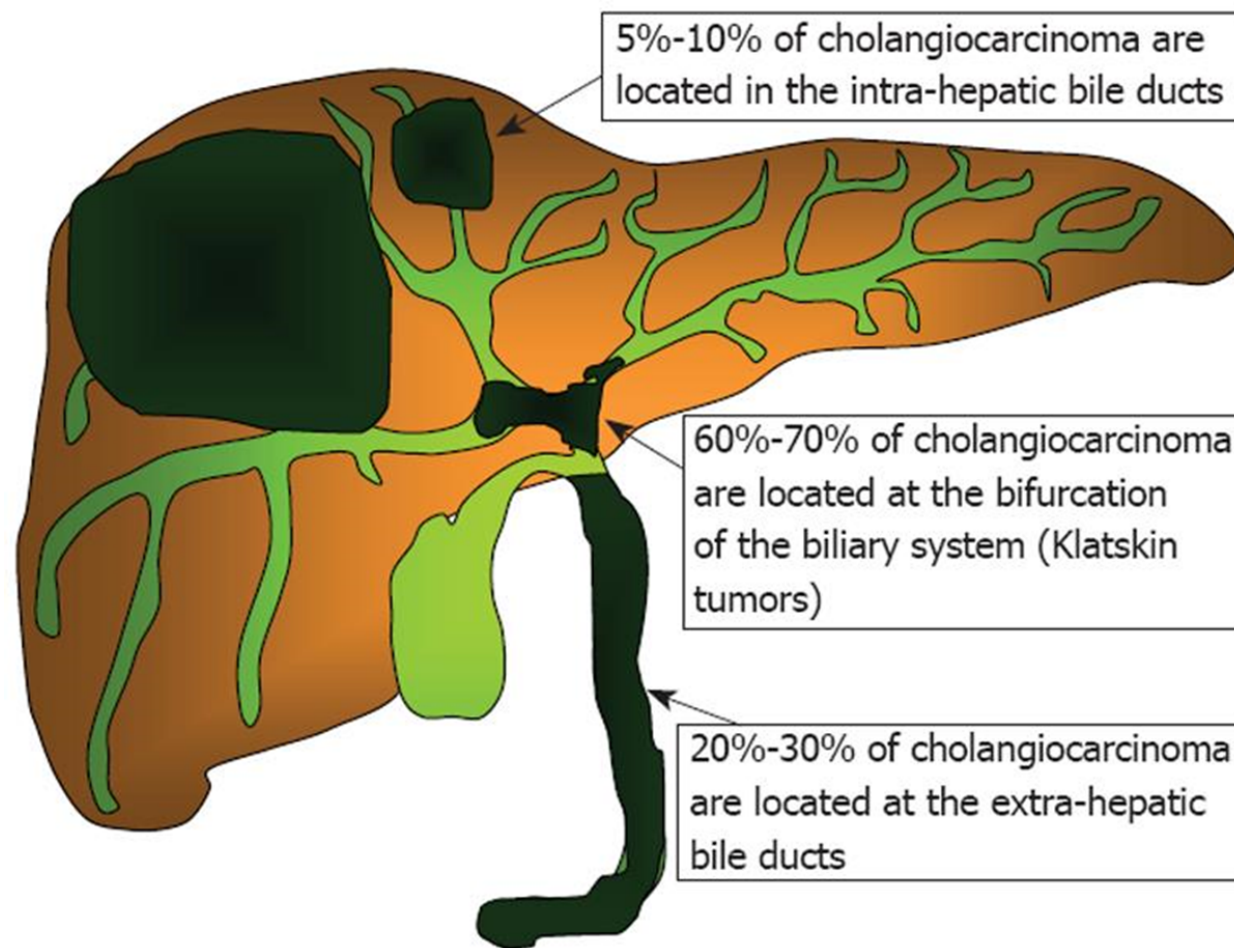
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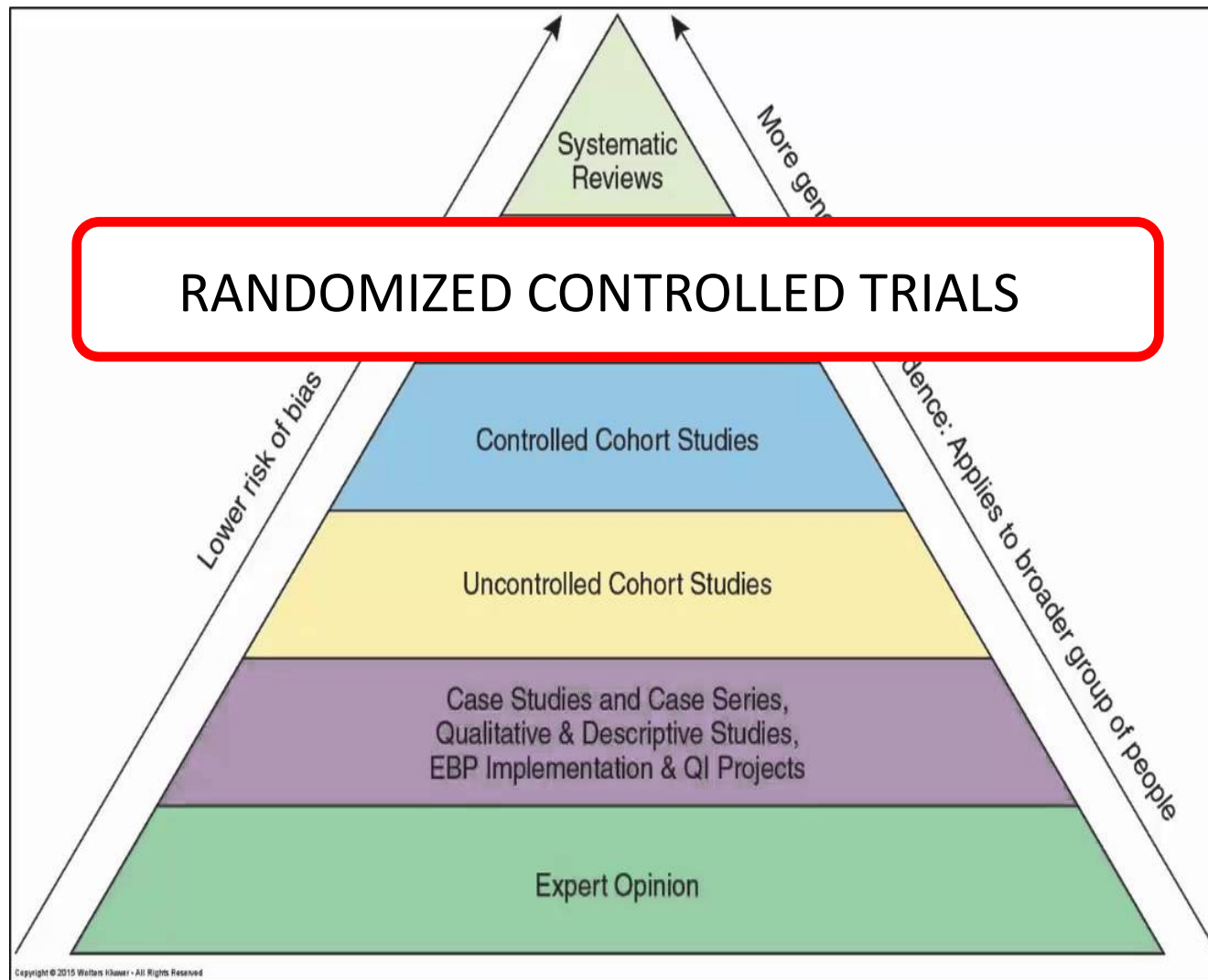


Multidisciplinary Team Discussion



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Adjuvant treatment : meta-analysis 2012

| study | design | Number pt | Tumor | R1 (%) | LN + (%) | OS | | p | year |
|--------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|----------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| | | | | | | S | S +CT | | |
| Horgan | Meta- analyse | (6712) | EHCC IHCC | | | OR 0.39, 95% CI 0.23-0.66 | | <0,001 | 2012 |
| | | | | | | S | S +RCT | | |
| | | | | | | OR 0.61, 95% CI 0,38- 0,99 | | <0,049 | 2012 |

after exclusion of 2 registry analyses, a significant benefit for adjuvant treatment over observation alone was demonstrated

The greatest benefit :
LN+
R1 resection.

Adjuvant treatment : 2016



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The high rates of local and distant recurrence following surgery justify the consideration of an adjuvant treatment.

The results of two phase III studies that have completed accrual and are **awaiting maturation of data [BilCap (observation versus adjuvant capecitabine; UK, NCT00363584) and Prodige-12 (observation versus gemcitabine/oxaliplatin; France, NCT01313377)]** are awaited and are likely to define future adjuvant strategies. A further study [**ACTICCA-1 (observation versus cisplatin/gemcitabine; Germany, NCT02170090)**] is open and recruiting patients

Adjuvant treatment : BCAT trial

| study | design | Number pt | Exp treatment | R1 (%) | LN + (%) | OS | | p | year |
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SUR ↔ SUR + CT

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| BILCAP | RCT | 447 | CAPECITABINE | 38 % | 54 % | 36 M | 52 M | <0,001 | 2019 |

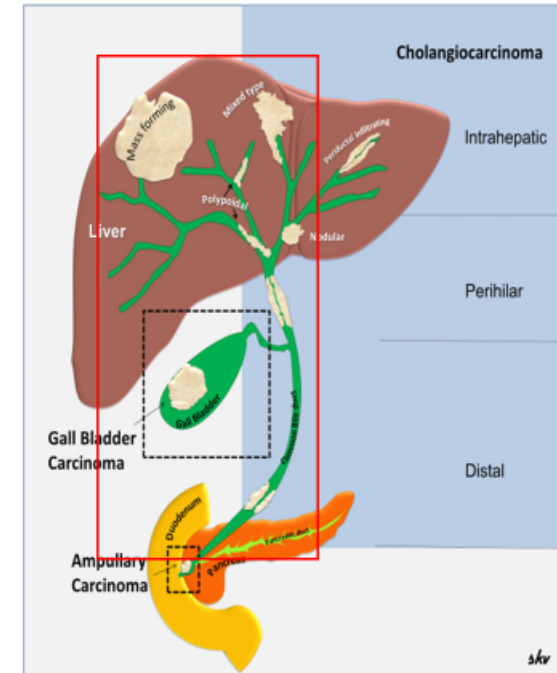
adjusted by prognostic factors (nodal status, grade of disease and gender) 

Adjuvant treatment : BILCAP TRIAL

A randomized phase 3 BILCAP trial

- Histologically confirmed biliary tract cancer*;
- Radical and macroscopically complete surgery;
- ECOG PS \leq 2; (N = 447)

Biliary Tumors
Gall Bladder Carcinoma
Ampullary Carcinoma
Cholangiocarcinoma
 Intrahepatic
 Perihilar
 Distal



*Included: intrahepatic CC, hilar CC, muscle-invasive gallbladder cancer, and lower common bile duct CC

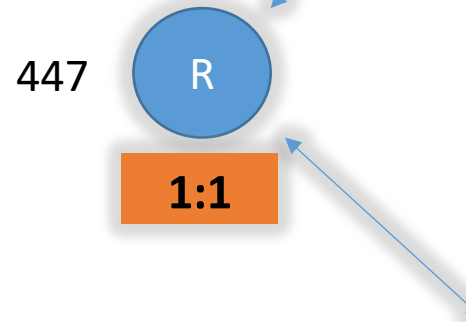
Excluded: pancreatic, ampullary, mucosal (T1a) gallbladder cancers; incomplete recovery from prior surgery

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Stratified by
surgical center,
R0 vs R1 resection,
ECOG PS



CAPECITABINE
(n=223)

Capecitabine 1250 mg/m² BID
Days 1-14 of 21-day cycle for 8 cycles

OBSERVATION
(n=224)

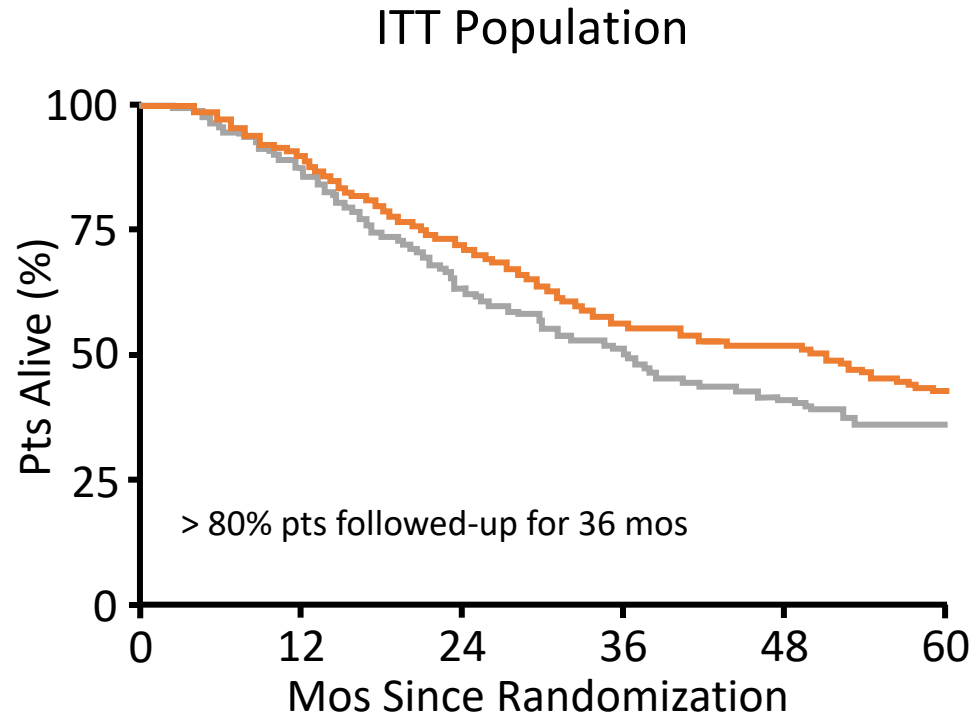
. Primary endpoint: OS

secondary endpoints: RFS

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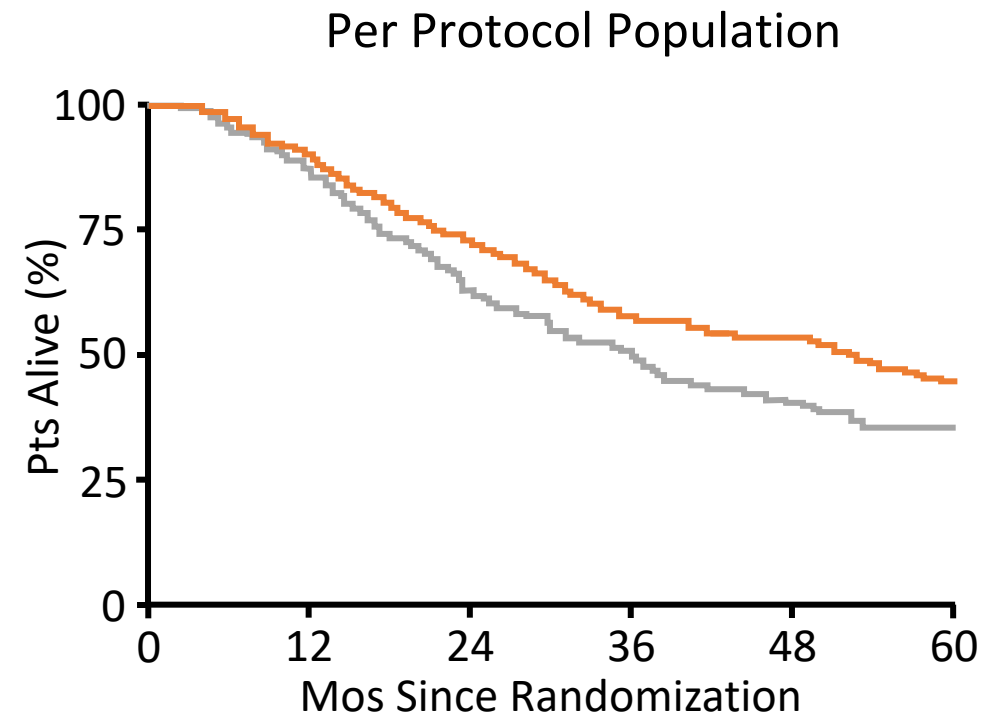
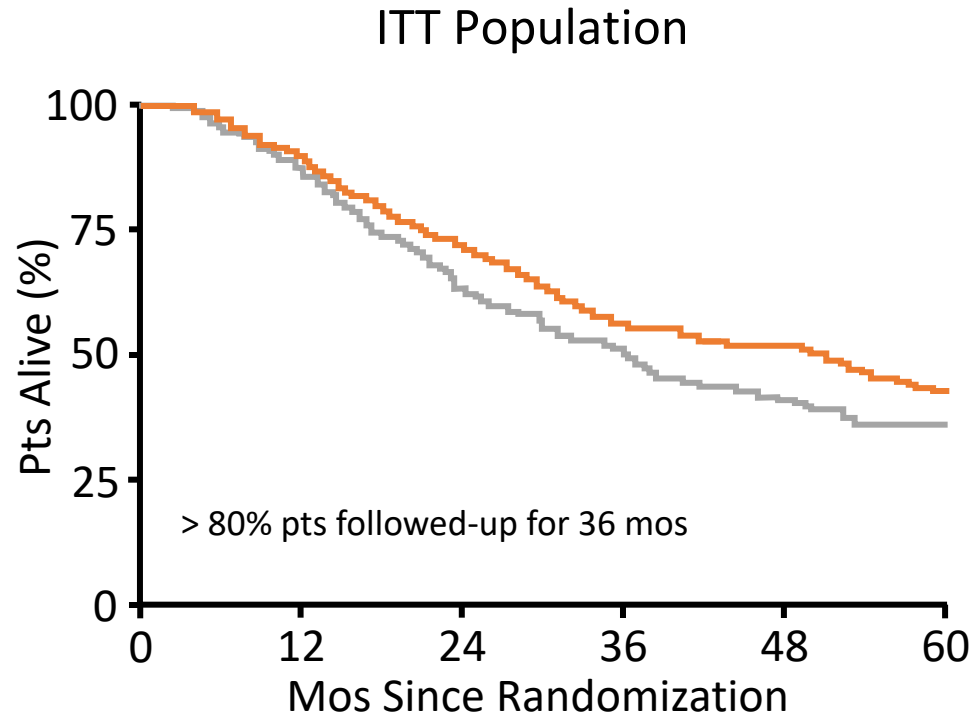
| Characteristic, % | Capecitabine Arm (n = 223) | Observation Arm (n = 224) |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Male | 50 | 50 |
| Median age, yrs (IQR) | 62 (55-68) | 64 (55-69) |
| Tumor site | | |
| ▪ Intrahepatic CC | 19 | 18 |
| ▪ Hilar CC | 29 | 28 |
| ▪ Metastatic disease | 17 | 18 |
| Resection status, R0/R1 | 62/38 | 63/38 |
| ECOG PS, 0/1/2 | 5/52/3 | 45/52/3 |
| Lymph node status, N0/N1/not evaluable | 45/48/7 | 48/46/6 |

Adjuvant treatment : BILCAP TRIAL OS



| Treatment | Median OS, Mos (95% CI) | HR (95% CI) |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Capecitabine | 51.1 (34.6-59.1) | 0.81 (0.63-1.04) |
| Observation | 36.4 (29.7-44.5) | <i>P</i> = .097 |

Adjuvant treatment : BILCAP TRIAL OS



Prespecified sensitivity analyses adjusting for further prognostic factors (gender, nodal status, disease grade) HR 0.70 (95% CI: 0.55-0.91; $P = .007$)

| Treatment | Median OS, Mos (95% CI) | HR (95% CI) |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Capecitabine | 52.7 (40.3-NR) | 0.75 (0.58-0.97) |
| Observation | 36.1 (29.6-44.2) | $P = .028$ |

Adjuvant treatment : BILCAP TRIAL Safety and QoL

- Safety population included 213 patients who received capecitabine

| Adverse Event, n (%) | All Grades | Grades 1/2 | Grades 3/4 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Fatigue | 175 (82) | 159 (75) | 16 (8) |
| Plantar-palmar erythema | 174 (82) | 130 (61) | 44 (21) |
| Diarrhea | 137 (64) | 121 (57) | 16 (8) |
| Nausea | 108 (51) | 106 (50) | 2 (1) |
| Mucositis/stomatitis | 96 (45) | 94 (44) | 2 (1) |
| Vomiting | 50 (24) | 49 (23) | 1 (0.5) |
| Neutropenia | 49 (23) | 45 (21) | 4 (2) |
| Hyperbilirubinemia | 45 (21) | 42 (20) | 3 (1) |
| Thrombocytopenia | 26 (12) | 25 (12) | 1 (0.5) |
| Alopecia | 20 (9) | 20 (9) | 0 (0) |

QoL was not reduced in capecitabine arm compared with placebo

Screening for DPD deficiency

Adjuvant Therapy for Resected Biliary Tract Cancer: ASCO Clinical Practice Guideline

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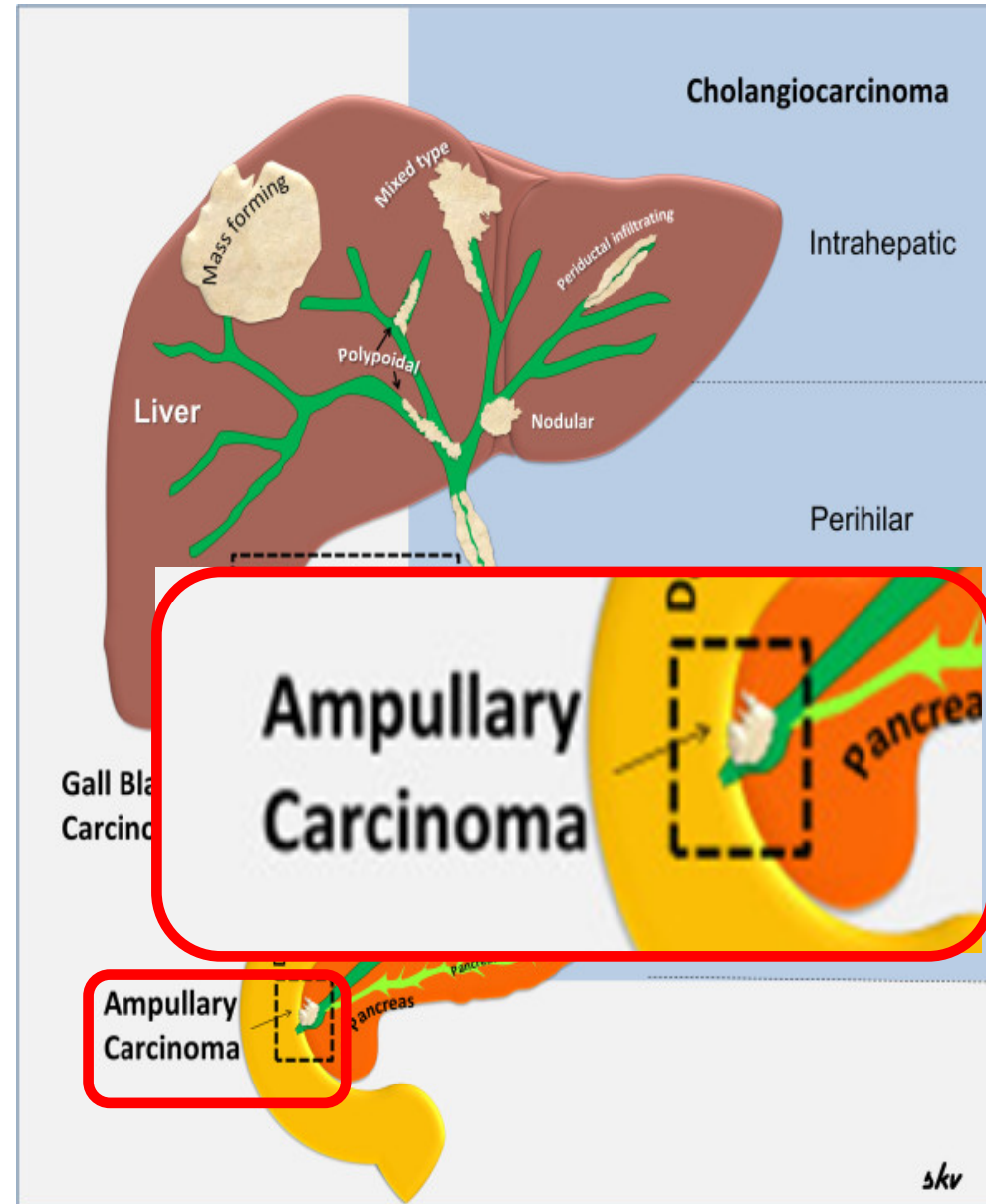
Recommendation 1

Patients with resected biliary tract cancer should be offered adjuvant capecitabine chemotherapy for a duration of 6 months (Type: Evidence-based; Benefits outweigh harms; Evidence quality: Intermediate; Strength of recommendation: Moderate).



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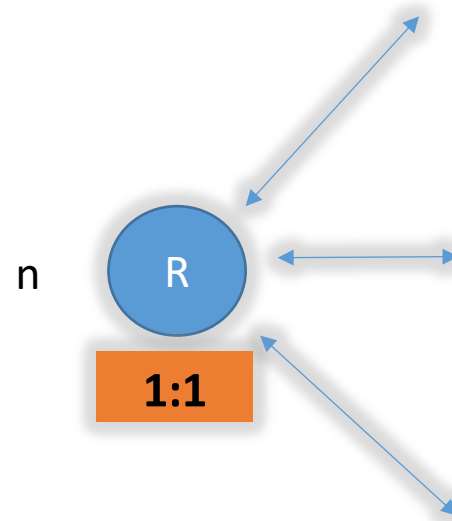
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Adjuvant treatment : ESPAC-3 trial

A randomized phase 3 ESPAC-3 trial

- nonpancreatic ductal periampullary adenocarcinoma
- complete macroscopic (R0 or R1) resection



Fluorouracil plus folinic acid
(n= 143)

Gemcitabine
(n= 141)

Observation
(n= 144)

Primary endpoint: overall survival

secondary endpoints: toxic effects,
progression-free survival, and quality of life (QOL).

Adjuvant treatment : ESPAC-3 trial

| OVERALL SURVIVAL | | HR | P |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Observation | Chemotherapy | | |
| 35.2 months CI, 27.2 - 43.0 | 43.1 months CI, 34.0 - 56.0 | HR, 0.86 | <i>P</i> = .25 |
| | 5FU | Gemcitabine | |
| | 38.9 months | 45.7 months | HR, 0.86 - <i>P</i> = .25 |

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| After adjustment for independent prognostic variables of age, bile duct cancer, poor tumor differentiation, and positive lymph nodes and after multiple regression analysis | | | |



Patients in treatment arm had lower quality of life

Adjuvant treatment CCA

Adjuvant treatment should be offered to patients after resection of CCA

For ampullary adenocarcinoma we have less evidence than for the other localizations

Discussion with patiënt balancing risk of recurrence, potential benefits and side effects of treatment

Adjuvant treatment : ACTICCA-1 TRIAL

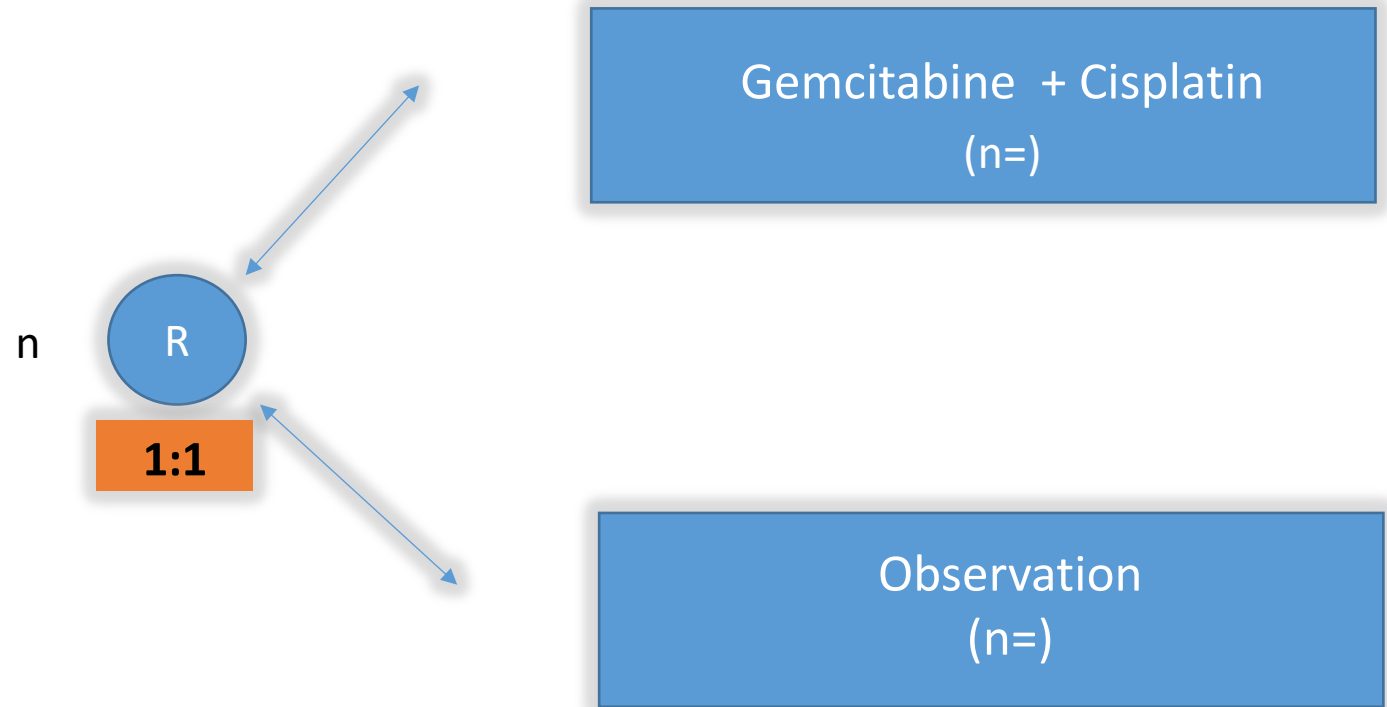
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Stein A; BMC Cancer, 2015.

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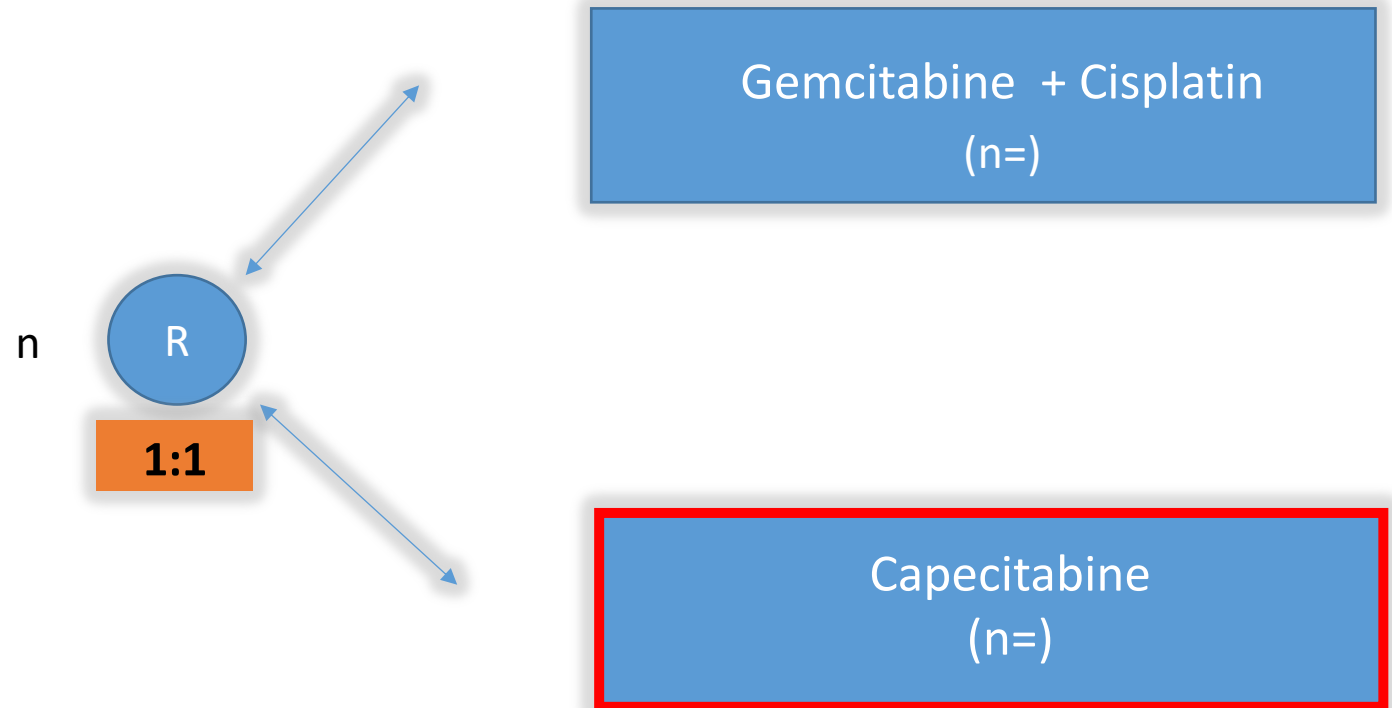


Histologically confirmed BTC (intrahepatic, hilar or distal CCA, or muscle invasive GBCA).

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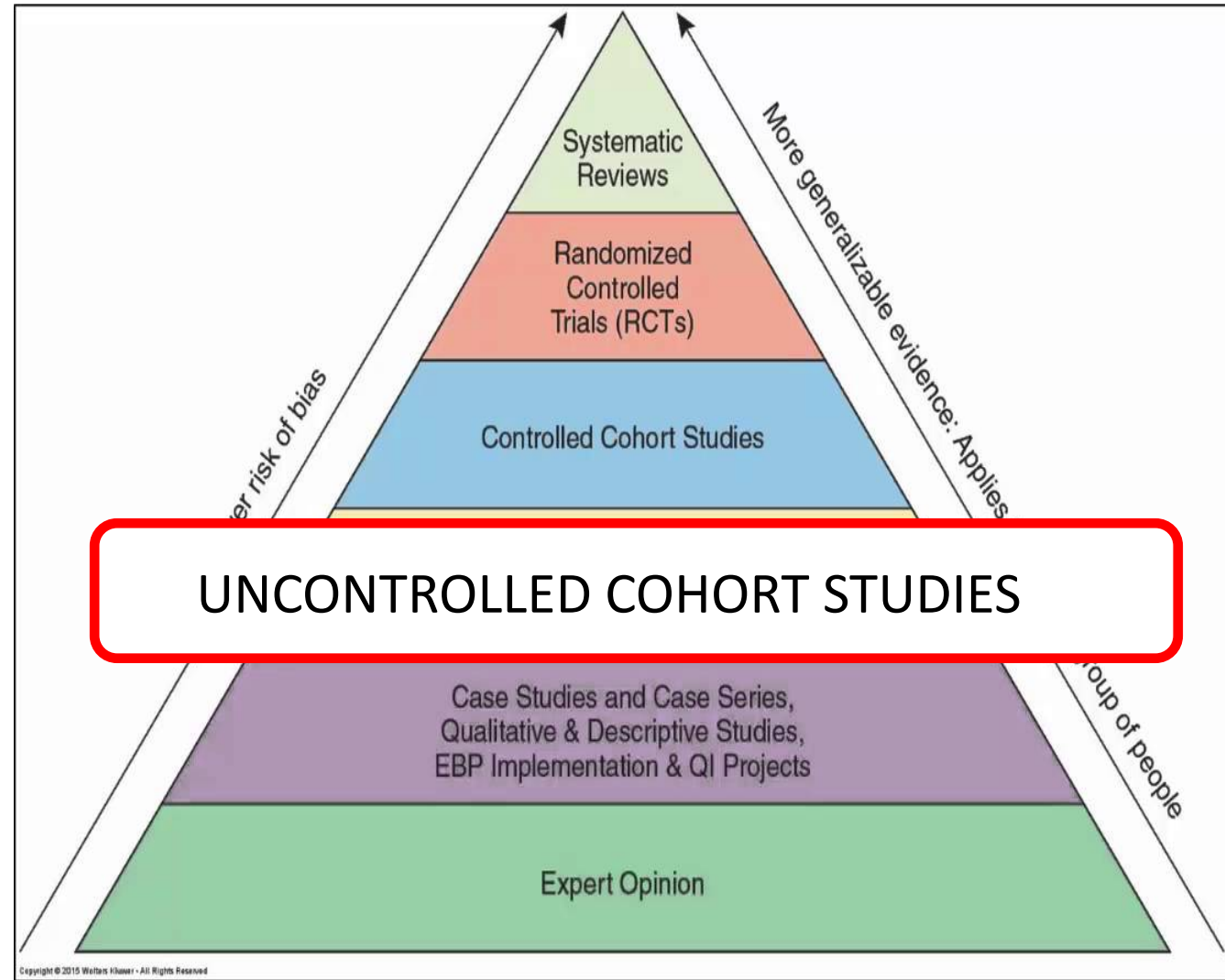
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After presentation of BILCAP results trial was amended and Capecitabine became control arm

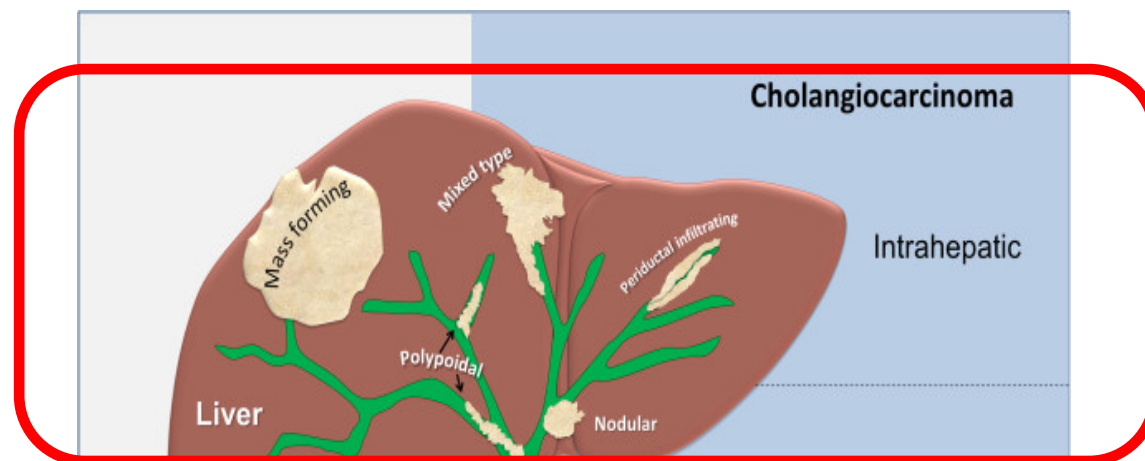
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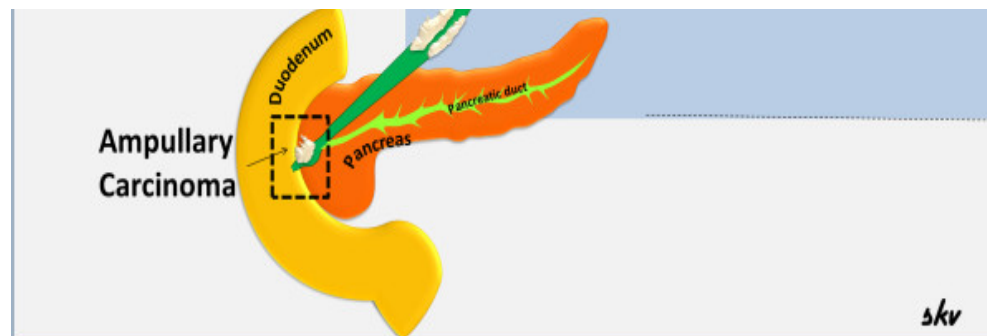
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INTRAHEPATIC CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

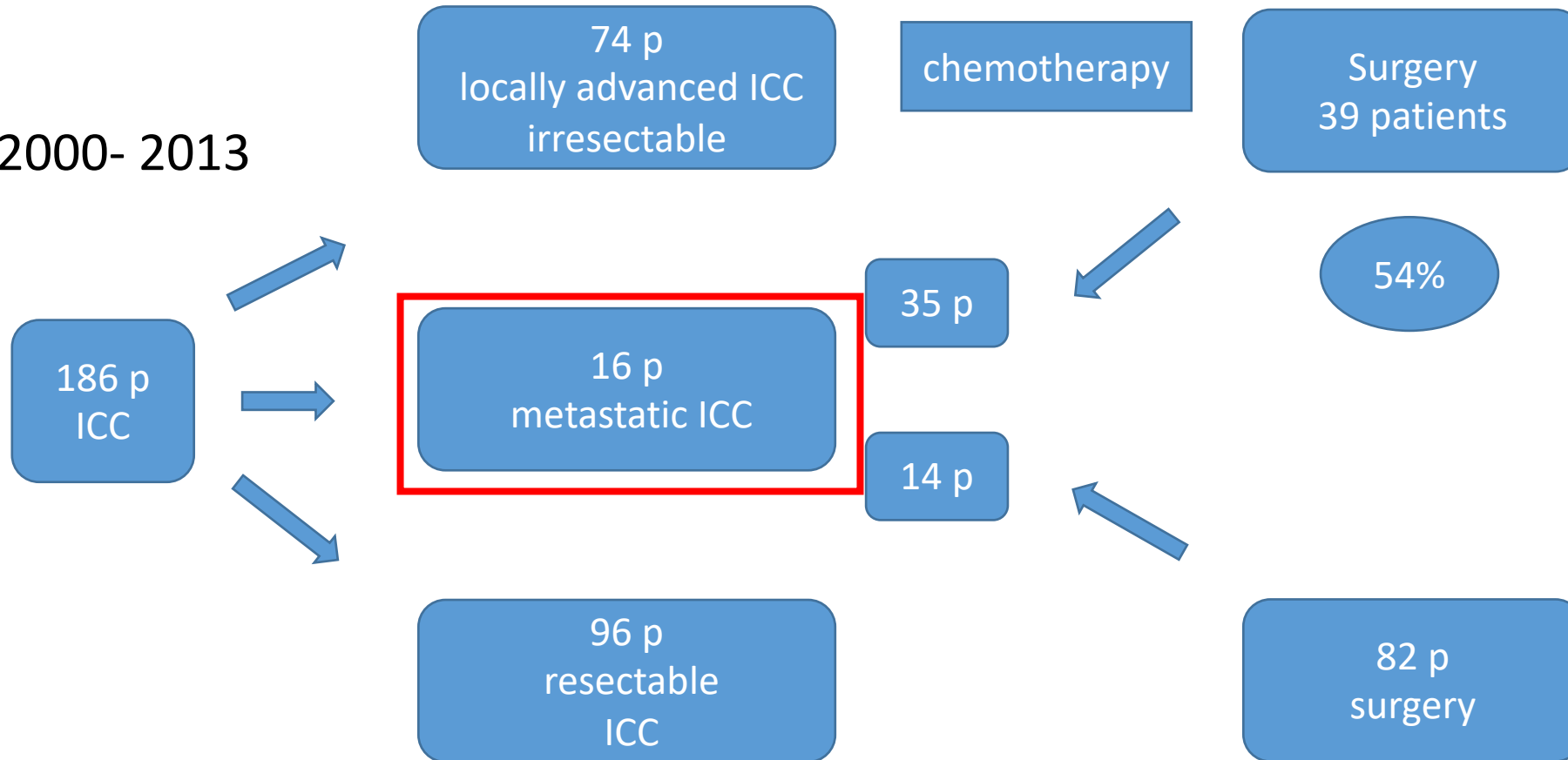


Le Roy B, Gelli M, Pittau G, et al. Neoadjuvant chemotherapy for initially unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma. *BJS*. 2018;105(7):839-847. doi:10.1002/bjs.10641



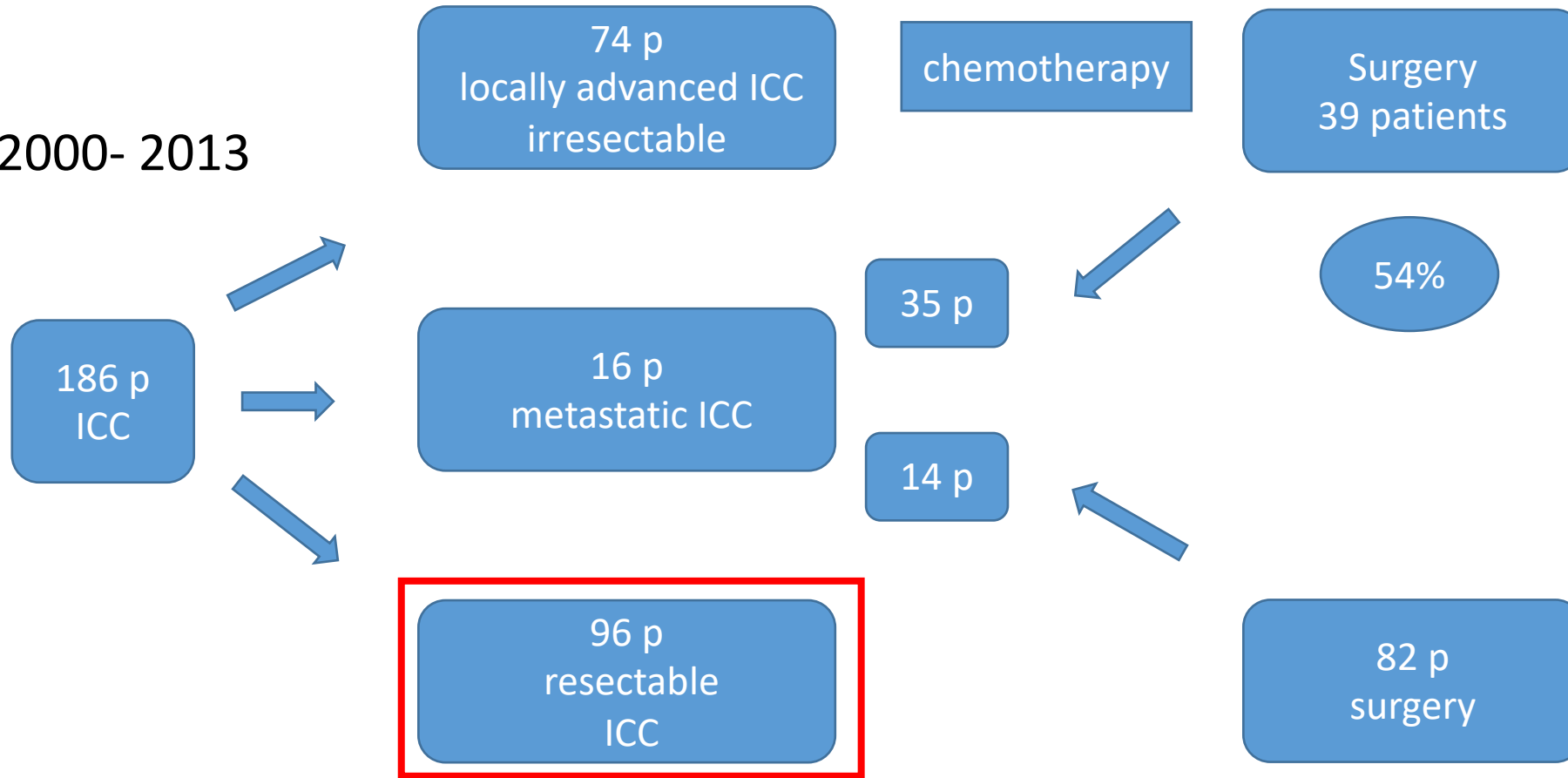
Neoadjuvant treatment : iCCA

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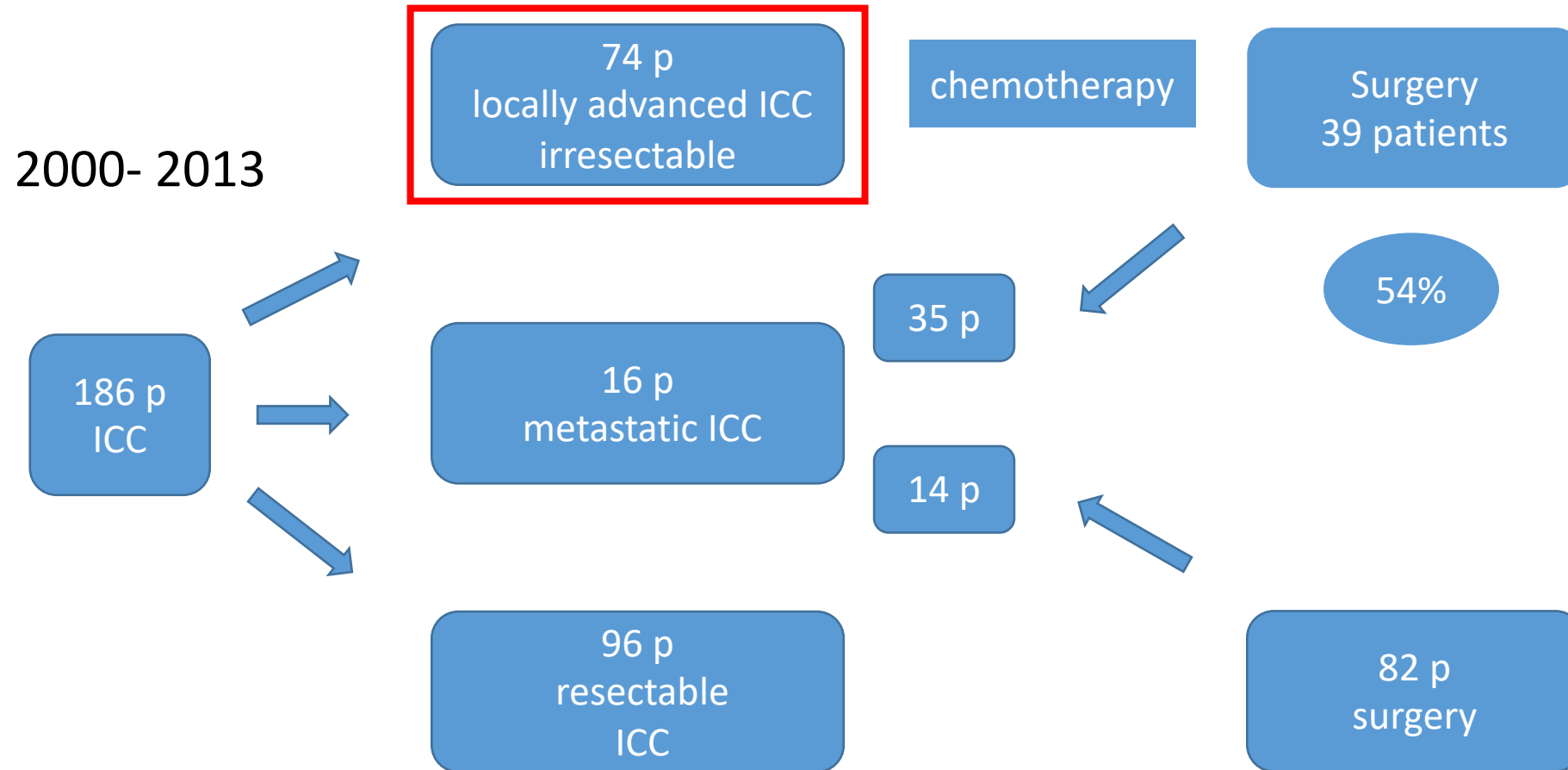


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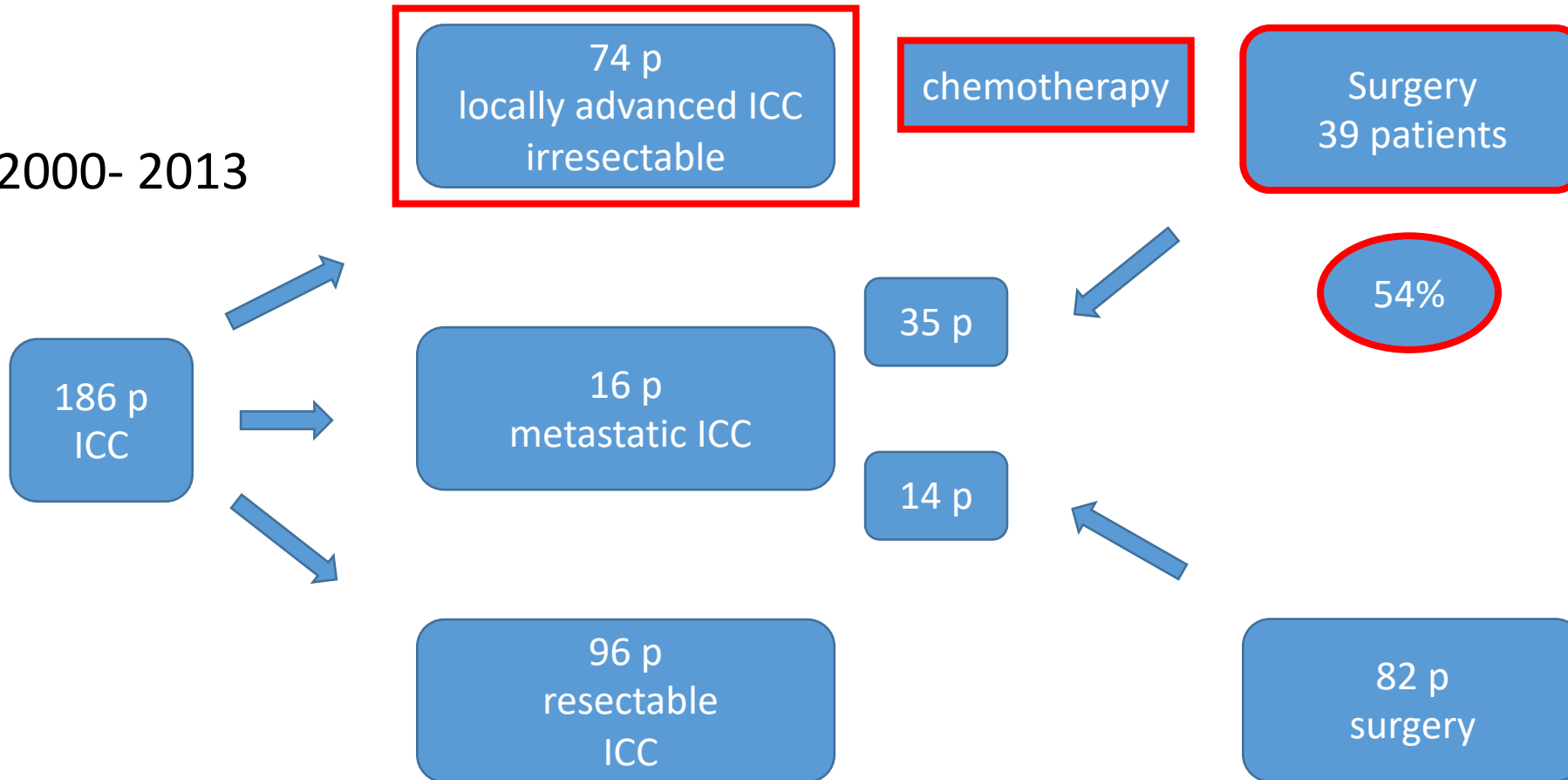


Neoadjuvant treatment : intrahepatic CC

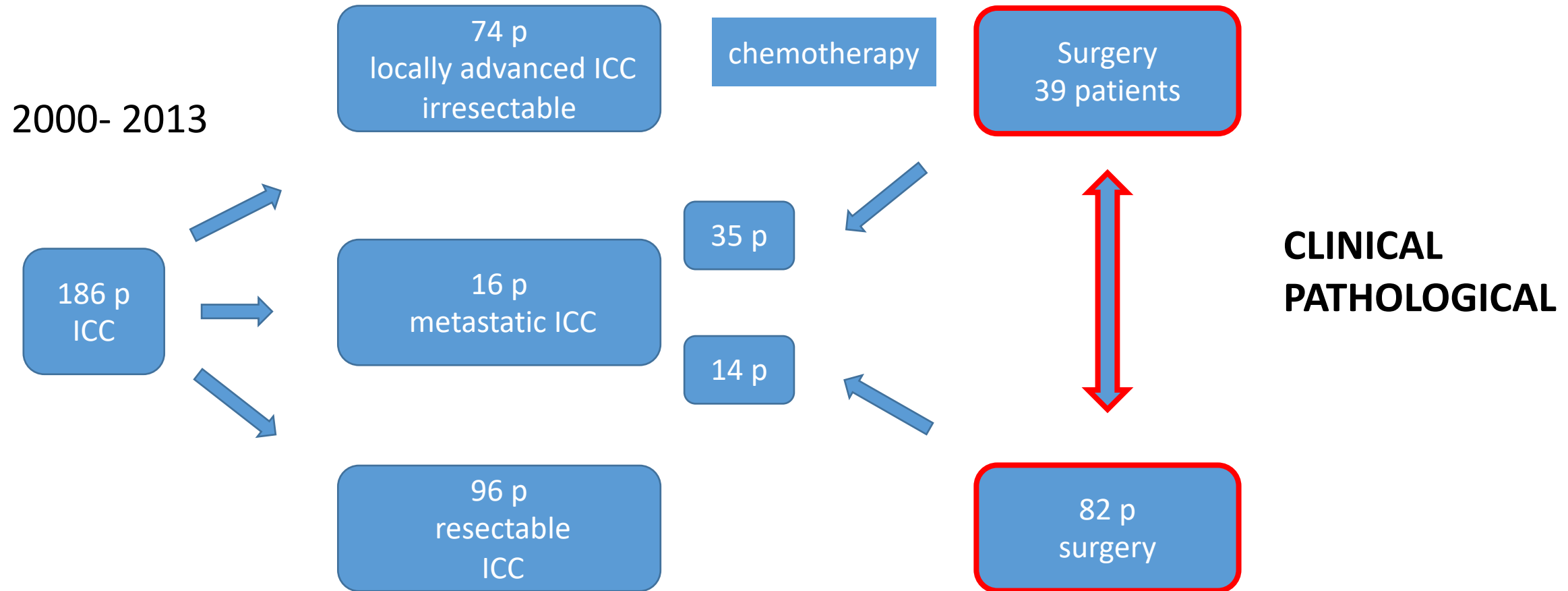


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Neo-adjuvant treatment iCCA

Clinical data

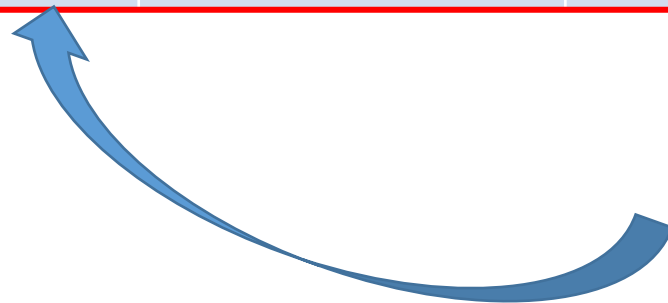
| Staging at presentation | Surgery after chemotherapy (n=39) | Surgery alone (n=82) | |
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| No. of lesions | 2.6(3.3) | 1.6(1.8) | 0.221 |
| Diameter of largest nodule (mm) | 75.0 (57–110) | 70.0 (50–93) | 0.080 |
| Lymphadenopathy | 16 of 38 (42%) | 16 of 76 (21) | 0.010 |
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CRITERIA LOCALLY ADVANDED iCCA
contact with the future remaining hepaticportal veins
contralateral metastases



Neo-adjuvant treatment iCCA

Pathological data

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| Positive lymph node | 8 (21 %) | 15 (18 %) | |
| Hepatic metastasis | 18 (46 %) | 30 (37 %) | 0.364 |
| Resection | | | 0.004 |
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Neo-adjuvant treatment iCCA

Outcome

| | CT-surgery | Surgery |
|------------|------------|---------|
| mMedian OS | 24,1 m | 25,7 m |
| 3 yr OS | 27 % | 21 % |
| 5 yr OS | 35 % | 24 % |

High conversion rate

Comparable
outcome

Neoadjuvant treatment : iCCA

Shroff JAMA Onco 2019

Gemcitabine + Cisplatinum + nab Paclitaxel

11 patients unresectable locally advanced CCA I,
9 received surgery after a median of 6 cycles
2 patients achieved a pathologic CR

Rayar M; Ann Surg Onc 2015

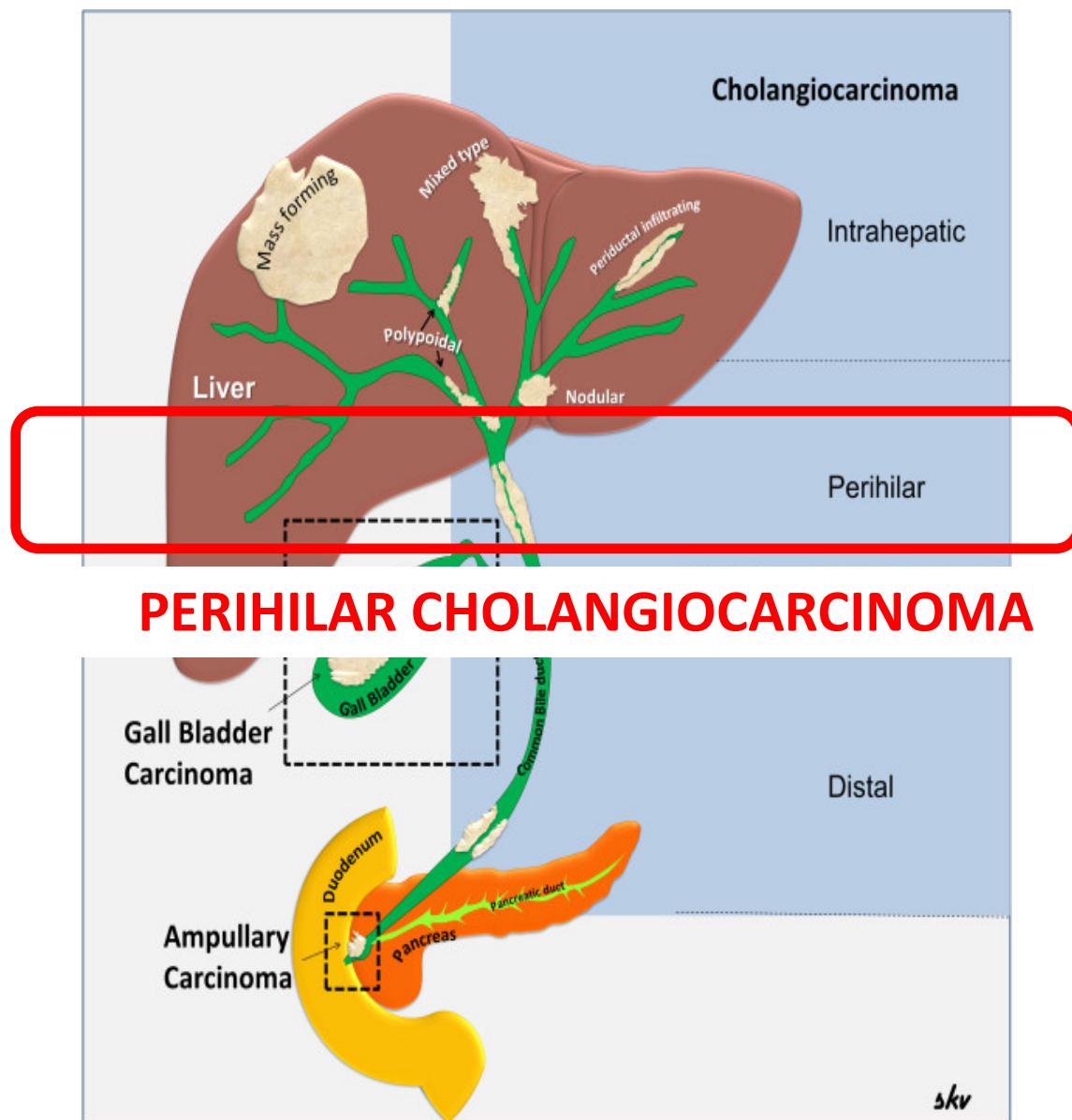
**The combination of intra-arterial yttrium-90
radioembolization with systemic chemotherapy**

8 underwent surgery: R0 resection
10 patients irresectable iHCCA



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PERIHILAR CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA

MAYO CLINIC PROTOCOL

1993 - 2018

Neoadjuvant Chemoradiation
5-FU with External Beam Radiotherapy (4500Gy)
Brachytherapy with protracted capecitabine

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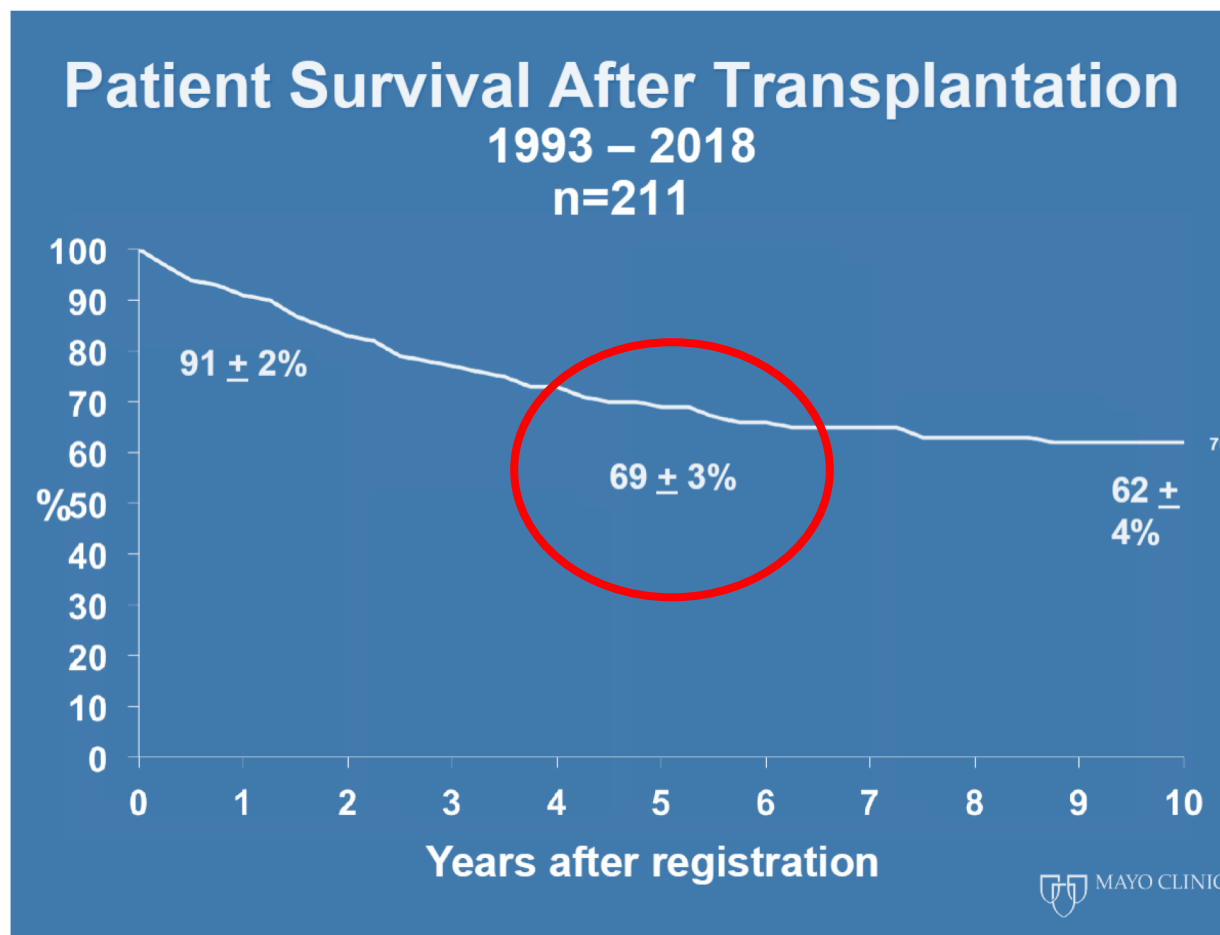
Staging laparoscopy to exclude
metastases or local tumor extension
precluding complete resection

Liver Transplantation

LIVERTRANSPLANTATION: 211

MAYO CLINIC PROTOCOL

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Neoadjuvant treatment CCA

Neoadjuvant treatment seems feasible and effective but is not standard of care

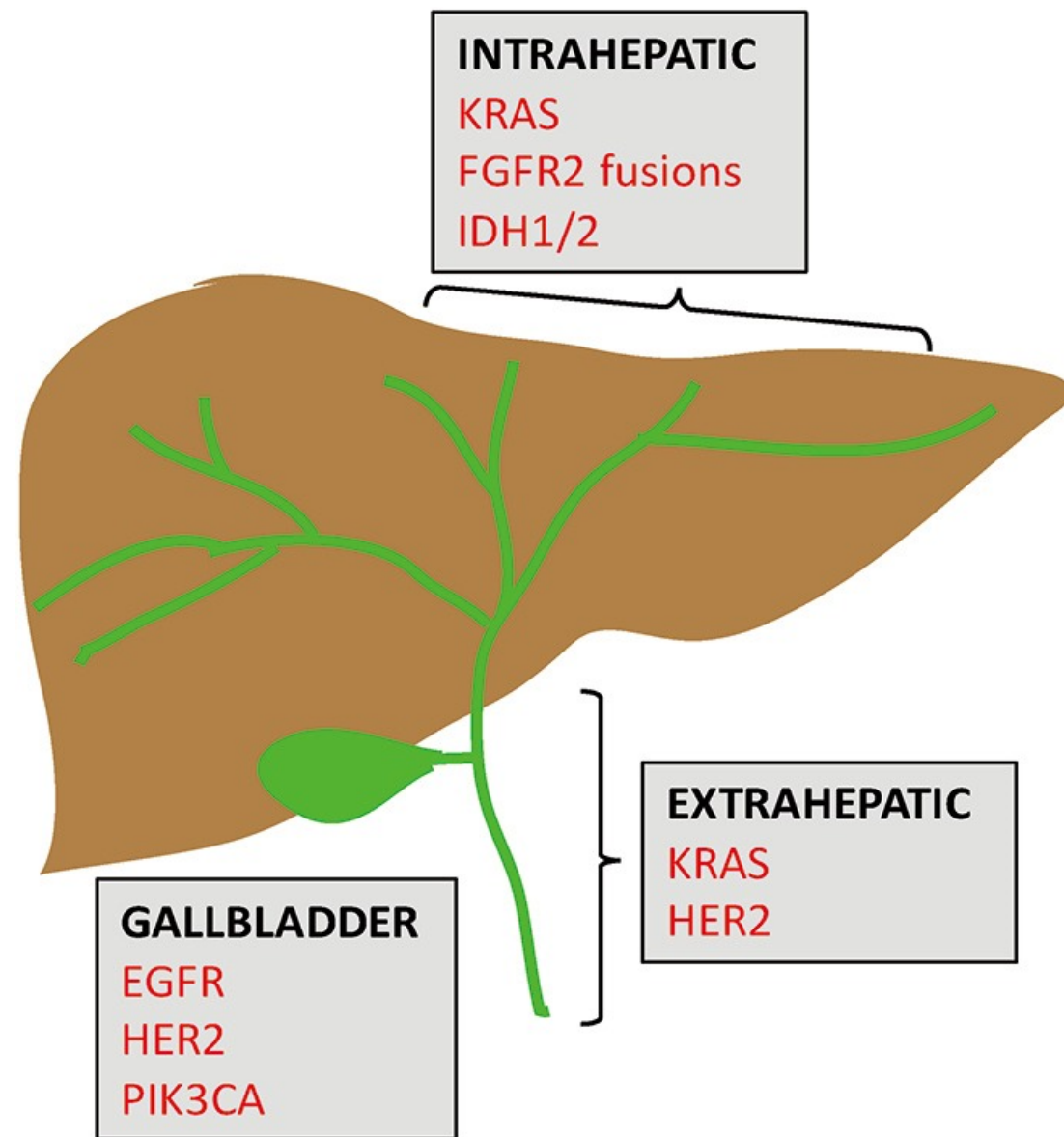
Neoadjuvant treatment can be offered to the selected patient after MDT discussion

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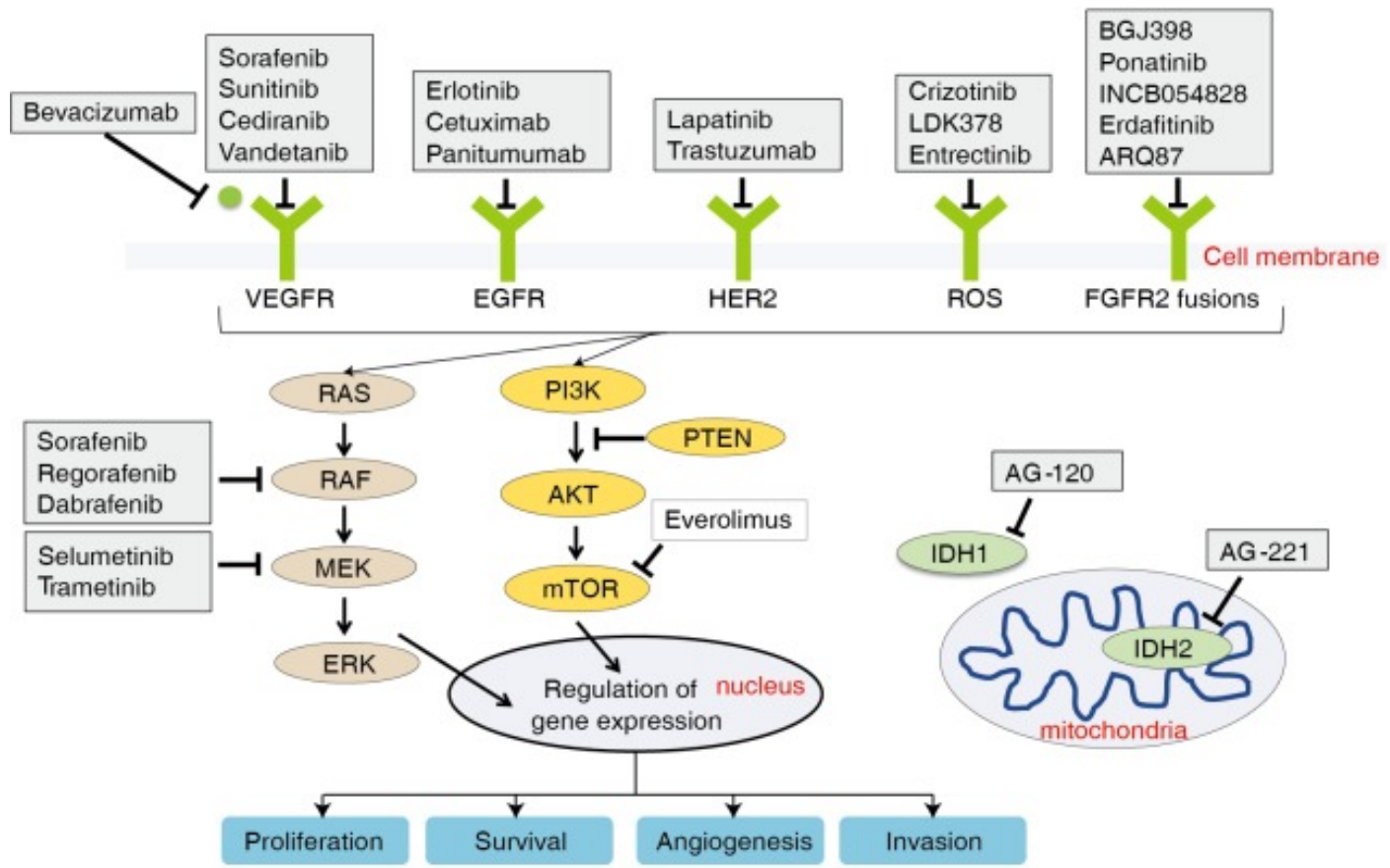
HETEROGENEITY





ONE SIZE DOES NOT FITS ALL

PERSONALISED TREATMENT



ONE SIZE DOES NOT FITS ALL → MOLECULAR PROFILING → INDIVIDUALIZED THERAPY

MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM



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MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST

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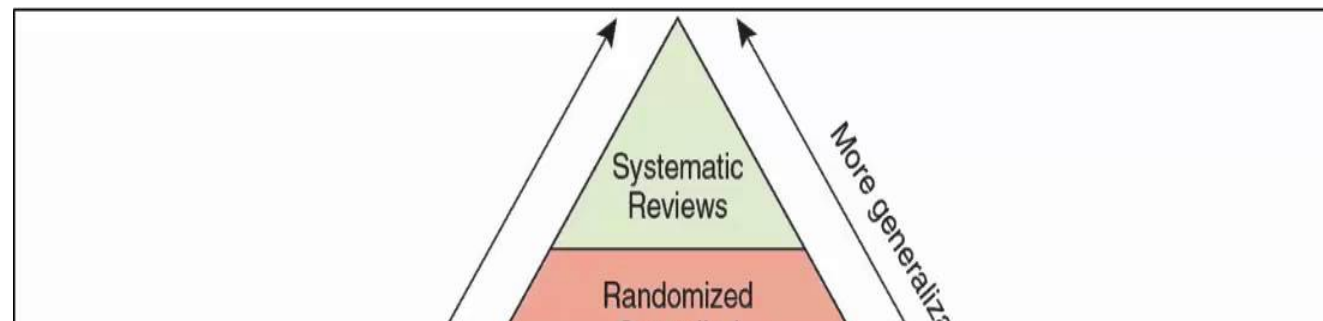
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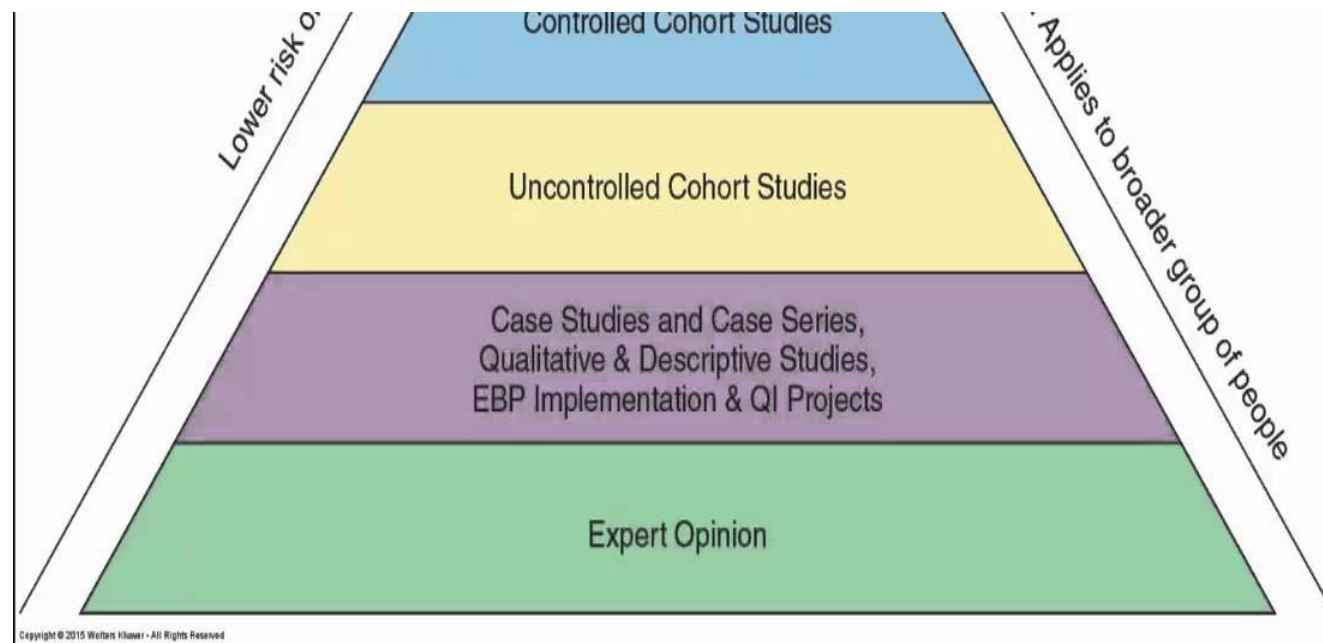


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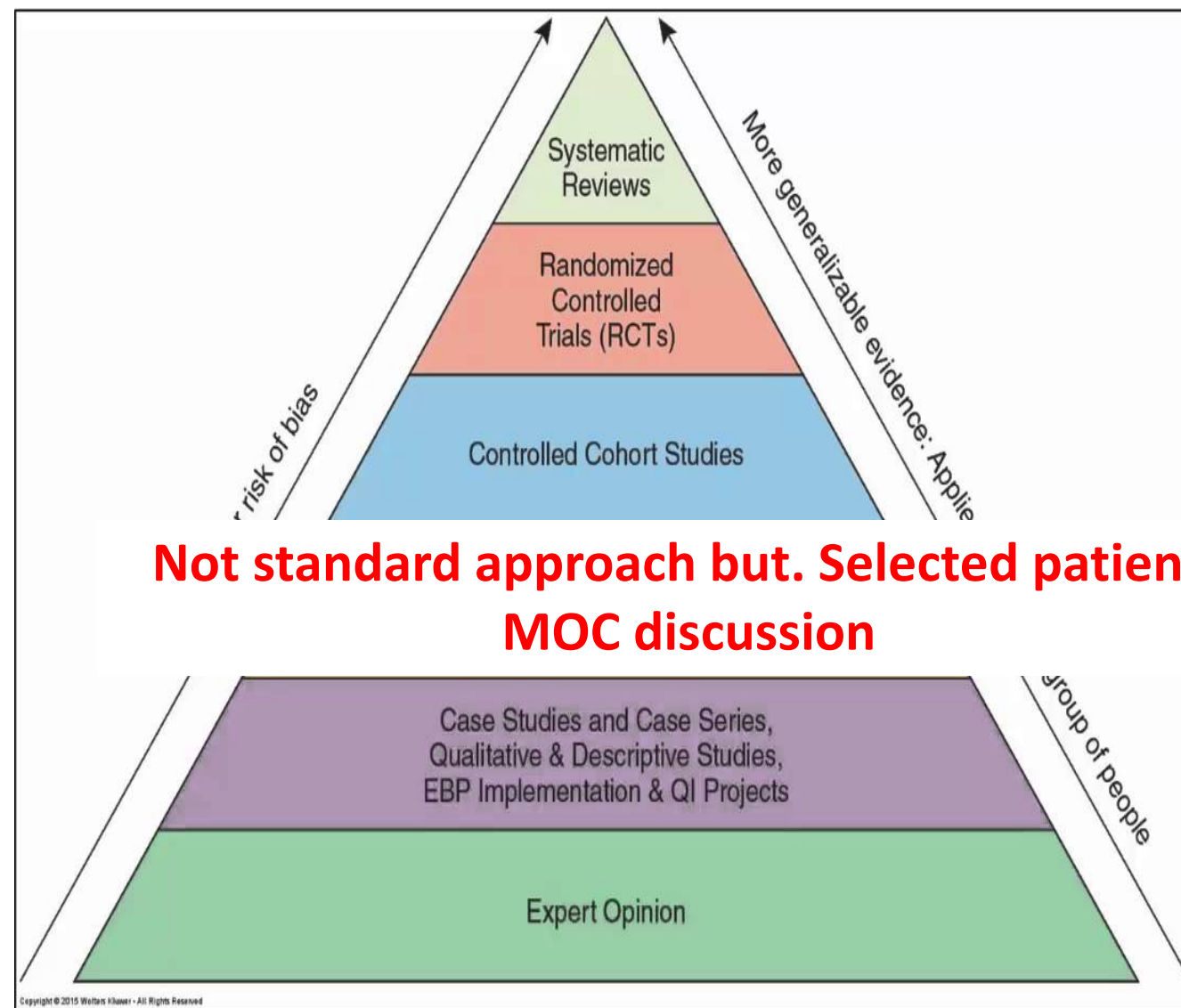


Adjuvant treatment should be offered to patients after resection of CCA



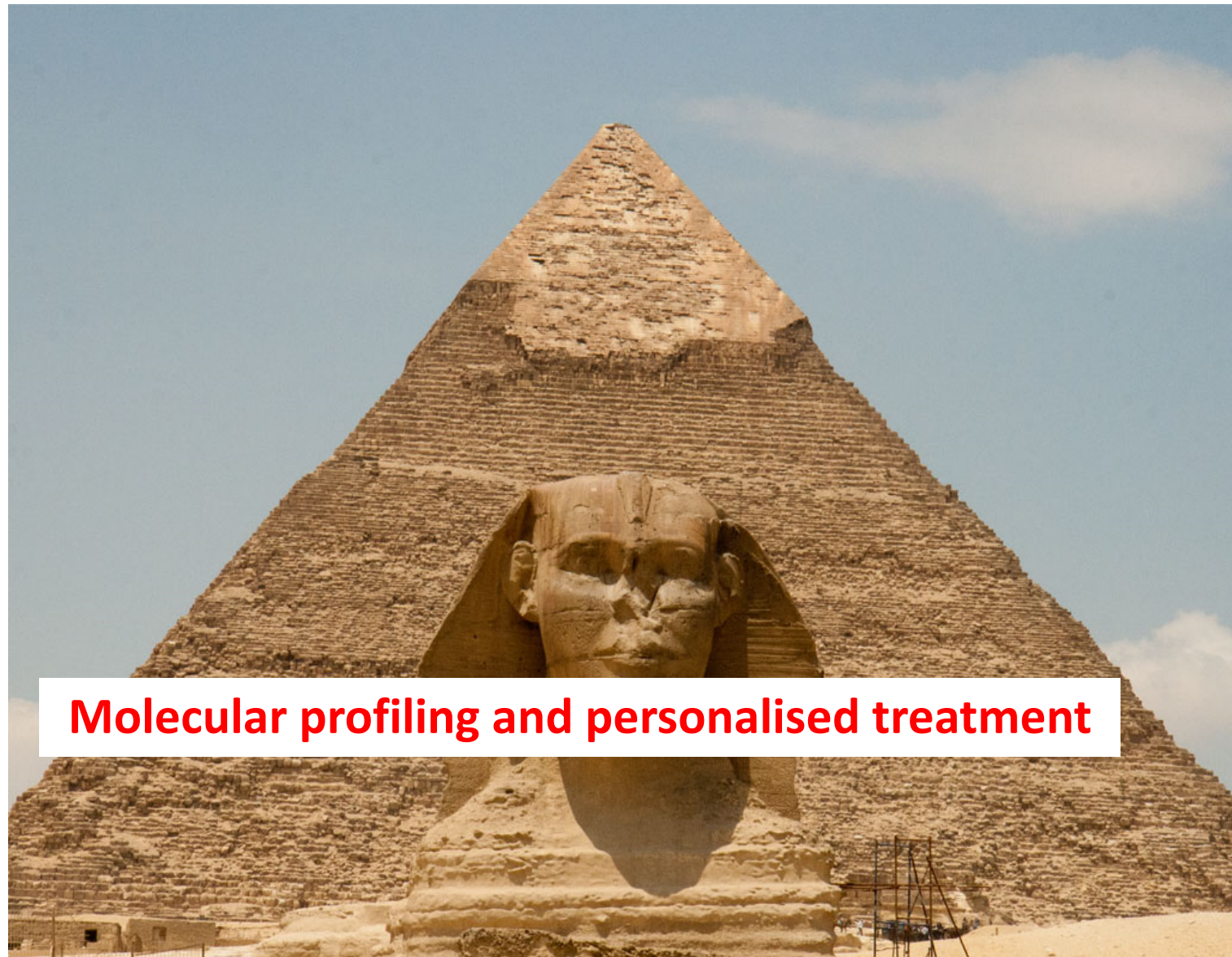
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Molecular profiling and personalised treatment

