

# Aultman Cancer Symposium: Updates in CNS Radiation Oncology

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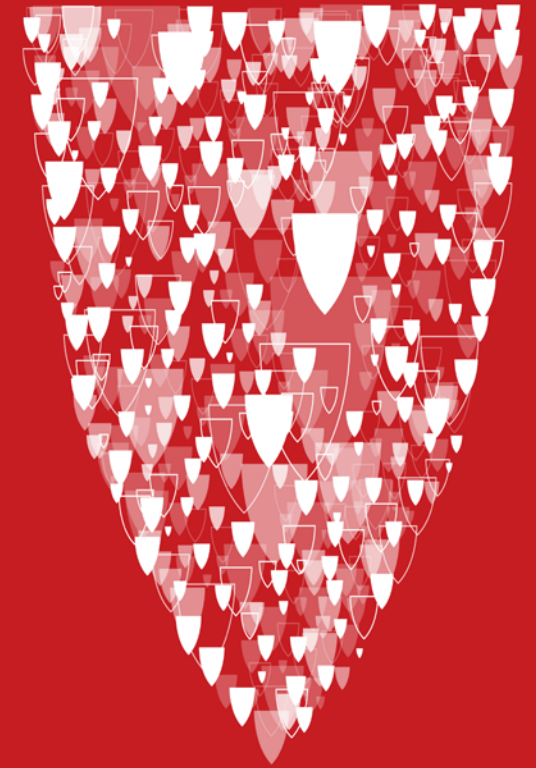
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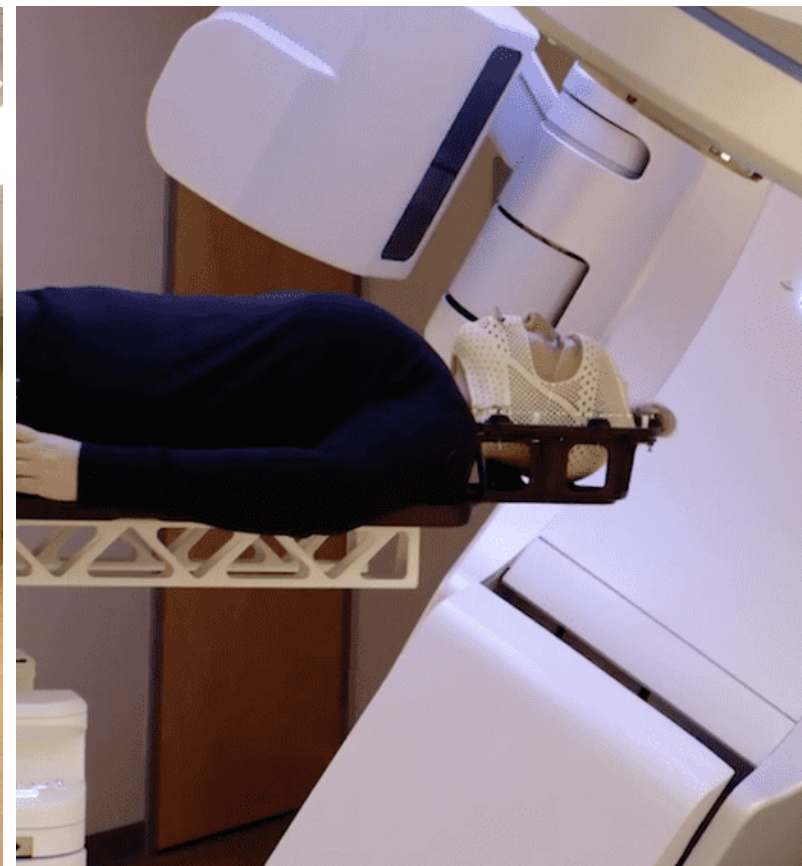


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- *None*

# Themes for Today

- 1. Technology**
- 2. Metastatic Disease**
- 3. Gliomas**
- 4. Everything Else**



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- Paraganglioma/ Glomus tumors

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# Fractionated Radiation Therapy

- Glioblastoma
- Low Grade Glioma
- Large Meningioma
- Brain Metastases
- Pediatric Tumors



# Varian Edge

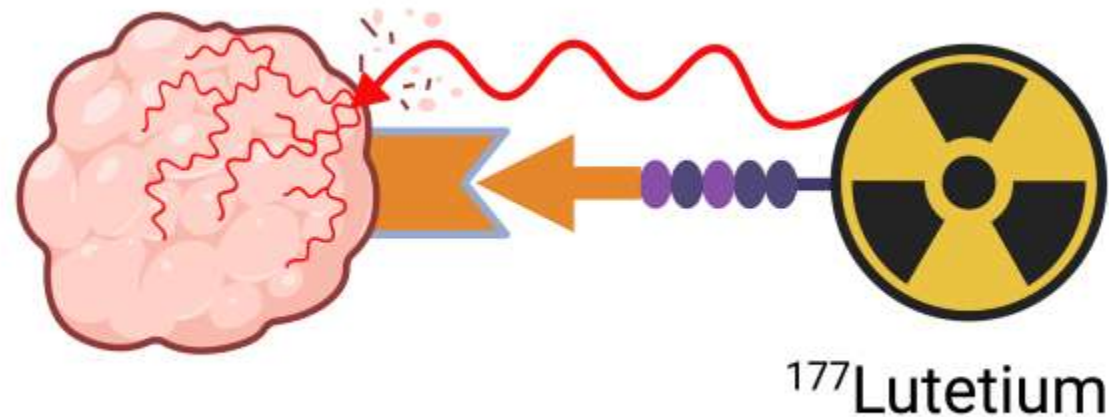


# Proton Therapy



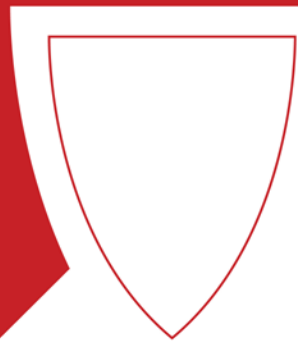
# Theranostics

- Investigational
- Novartis trial for primary and recurrent Glioblastoma
- Meningioma (Pending)



# Metastatic Disease

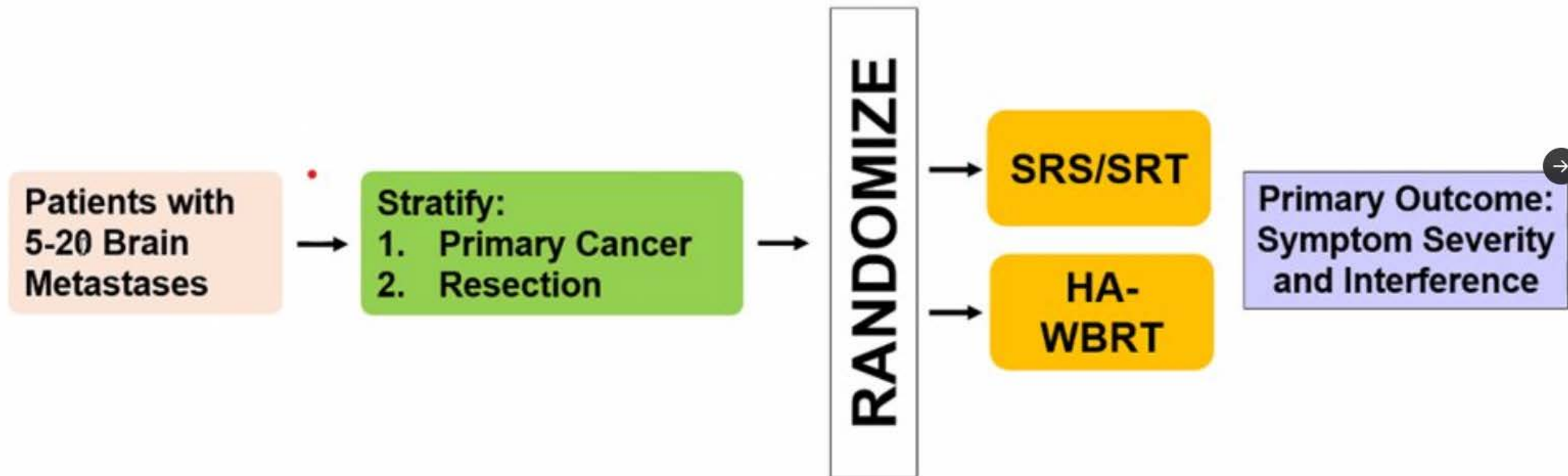




WBRT with hippocampal sparing and memantine versus  
SRS for 5-20 brain metastases

*Aizer A et al., ASCO 2025*

# Study Design



# Radiation

## SRS/SRT

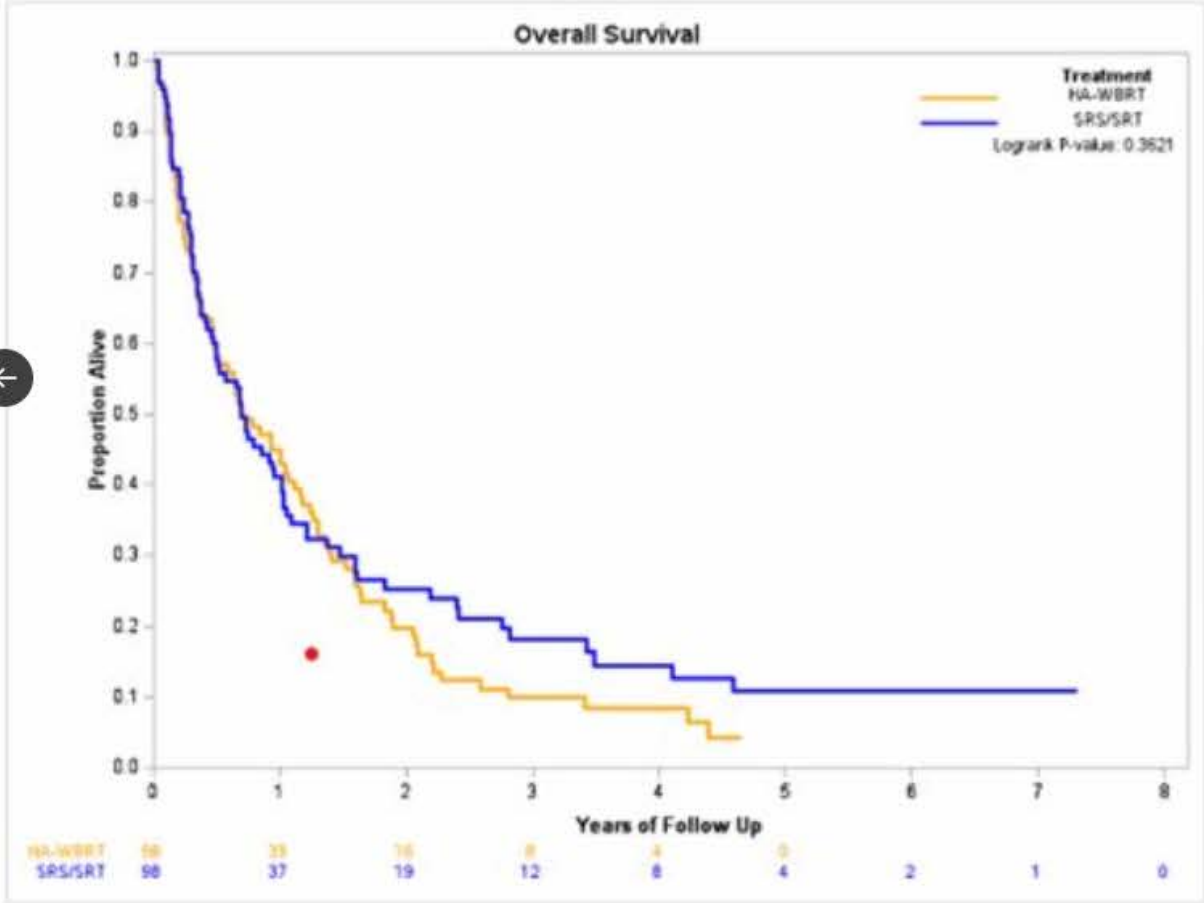
- Central credentialing
- VMAT
- 1-3 isocenters
- SRS: 16-20 Gy
  - 96%: 20 Gy
- SRT: 30 Gy in 5 Fx
  - Cavities with GTR: 25 Gy in 5 Fx
  - Dose reduction permitted for tumors near optics or brainstem

## HA-WBRT

- Central credentialing
- Similar to CC001
  - 30 Gy in 10 Fx
  - Hippocampal metrics
    - Max  $\leq 16$  Gy
    - D100%  $\leq 9$  Gy
  - Except
    - Metastases contoured and dosimetrically evaluated
    - Metastases in/near hippocampi treated, with sparing of remainder of ipsilateral and contralateral hippocampus
- Melanantine



# Overall Survival



	SRS/SRT	HA-WBRT
Median Survival, mo (95% CI)	8.3 (5.9 - 12.3)	8.5 (5.9 - 13.9)
12 Month Survival (95% CI)	41.1% (31.3% - 50.7%)	42.8% (32.7% - 52.6%)

# Results

Category	SRS/SRT Arm	HA-WBRT Arm	Difference (SRS/SRT – HA-WBRT)	p-value
<b>Patients enrolled</b>	98	98	–	–
<b>Median brain metastases (IQR)</b>	14 (11–18)	14 (11–18)	–	–
<b>Baseline MDASI-BT symptom severity</b>	2.2	1.9	0.3	0.20
<b>Post-baseline symptom severity – baseline</b>	-0.03	0.59	-0.62	<0.001
<b>Post-baseline interference – baseline</b>	-0.62	0.89	-1.50	<0.001

# Discussion

- Is SRS the Standard of Care for upto 20 brain metastases?
- Volume of Disease, Brain met velocity vs # of metastases



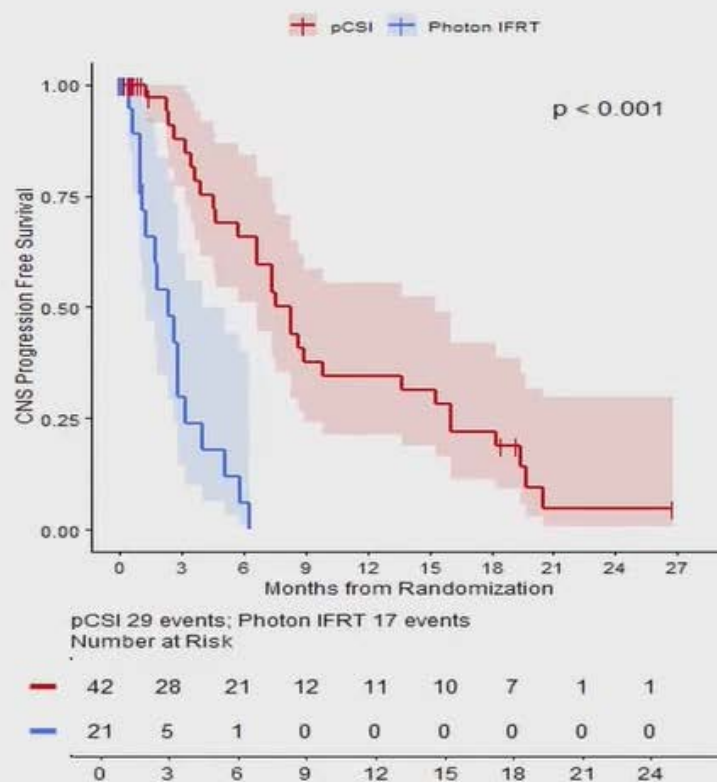
# **Proton Craniospinal Irradiation for Patients with Solid Tumor Leptomeningeal Metastasis- Final Analysis of a Phase II Study**

*Yang JT et al., JAMA 2025*

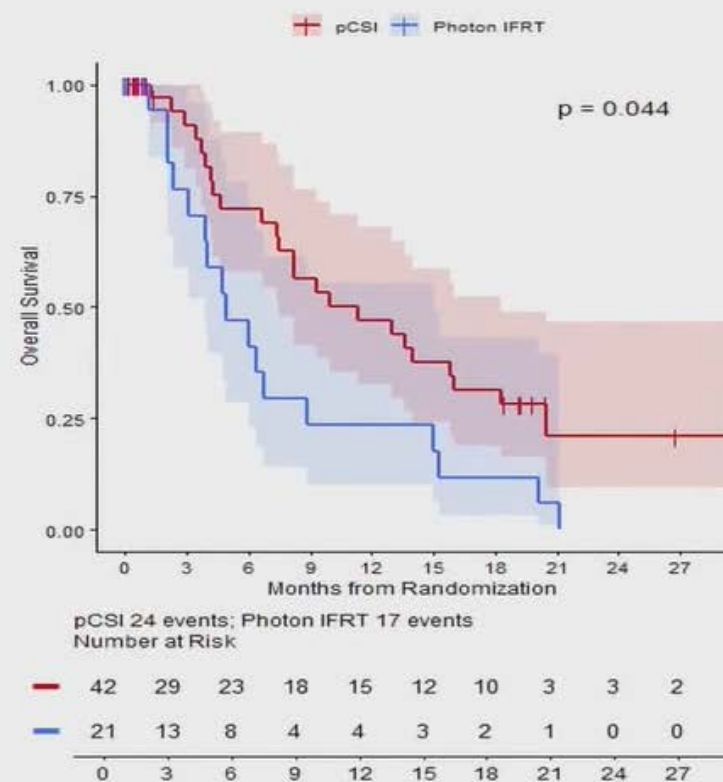
# Study Details

- **Enrollment and Characteristics:**
  - 63 NSCLC and breast patients randomized to pCSI (n=42) vs. photon IFRT (n=21)
  - 35 patients of other solid tumor histology enrolled completed follow-up at 12 months
  - In randomized cohort, 52% of patients had active systemic disease
  - Median KPS of 80 (range 60-90)
  - Median 2 lines of prior systemic therapy

# Final Analysis Survival Outcomes Randomized Groups

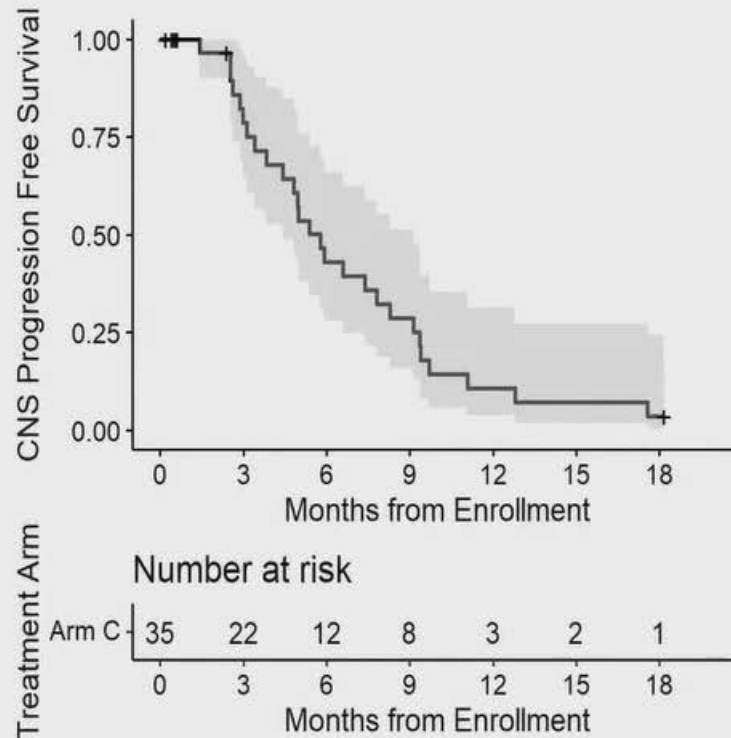


**Median CNS PFS: 8.2 vs. 2.3 months,  $p < 0.0001$**

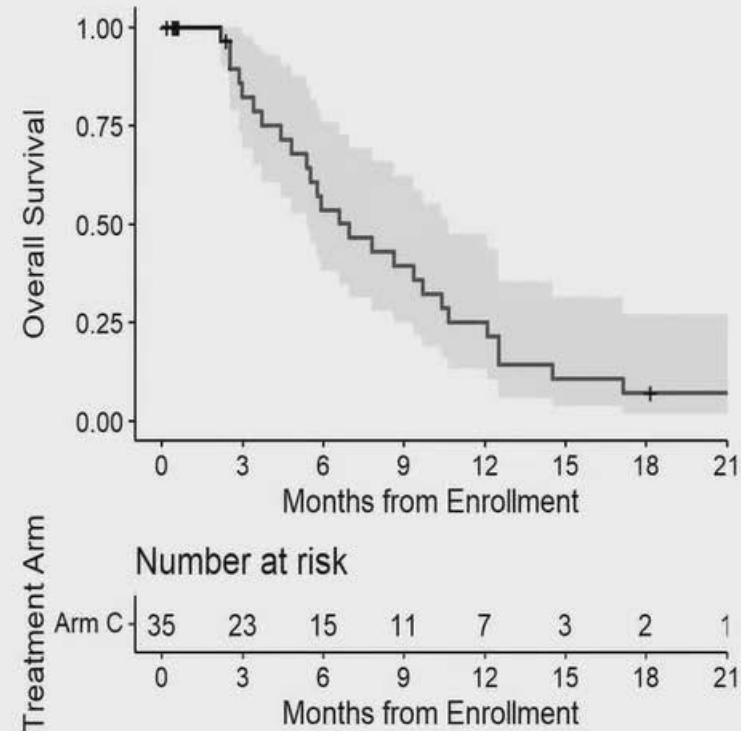


**Median OS: 11 vs. 4.9 months,  $p = 0.044$**

# Final Analysis Survival Outcomes Exploratory Group



**Median CNS PFS: 5.8 months**



**Median OS: 7.0 months**



# Discussion

- Clear Survival benefit with the Phase 2 trial.
- Currently open NRG-BN014 clinical trial



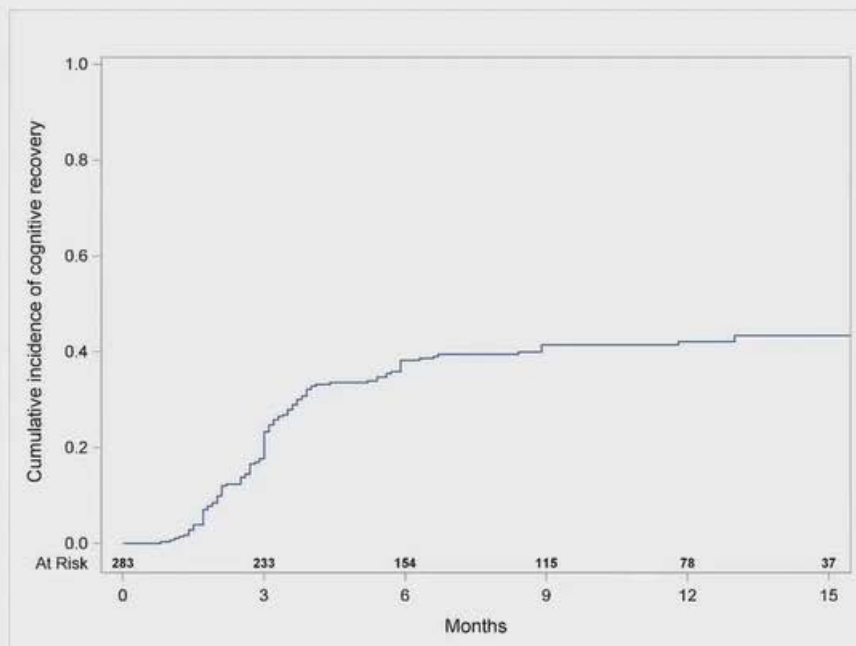
# **Evaluating Neurocognitive Recovery Following Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Whole Brain Radiation Therapy: Insights from a Pooled Analysis of Three Phase III Trials**

*Cherng HR et al., ASTRO 2024*

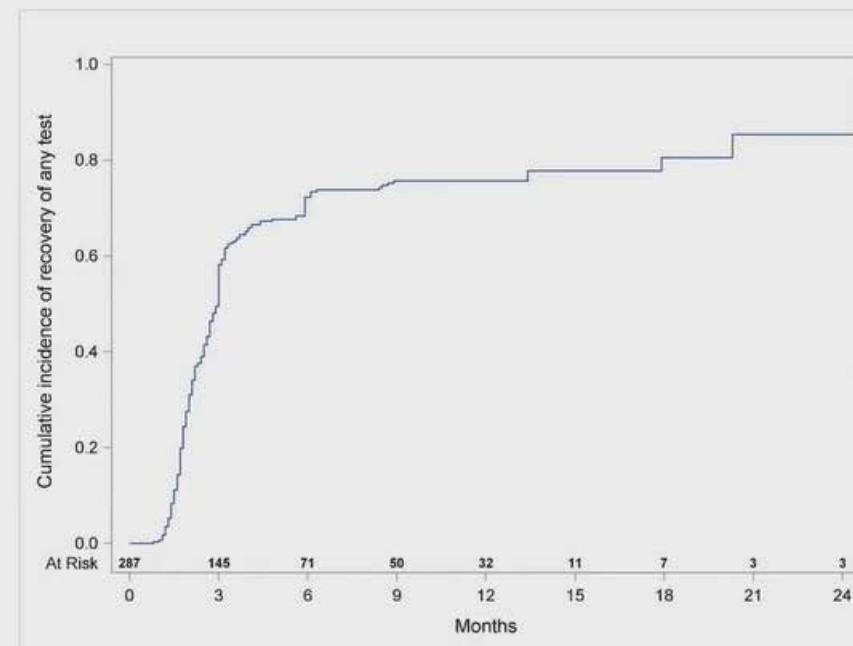
# Background

- NCCTG N107C/CEC3: phase 3 RCT comparing post-operative SRS (12-20 Gy) vs WBRT (30Gy/10fx or 37.5Gy/15fx)
- NCCTG N0574: phase 3 RCT comparing SRS (20-24 Gy) vs SRS (18-22 Gy) and WBRT (30Gy/12fx)
- NRG CC001: phase 3 RCT comparing HA-WBRT + memantine vs WBRT + memantine
- Full cognitive recovery: no longer exhibiting 1 or more SD decline
- Recovery on individual test: at least a 1 SD improvement on previously failed test

# Results – pooled incidence of cognitive recovery



Cumulative incidence of cognitive recovery

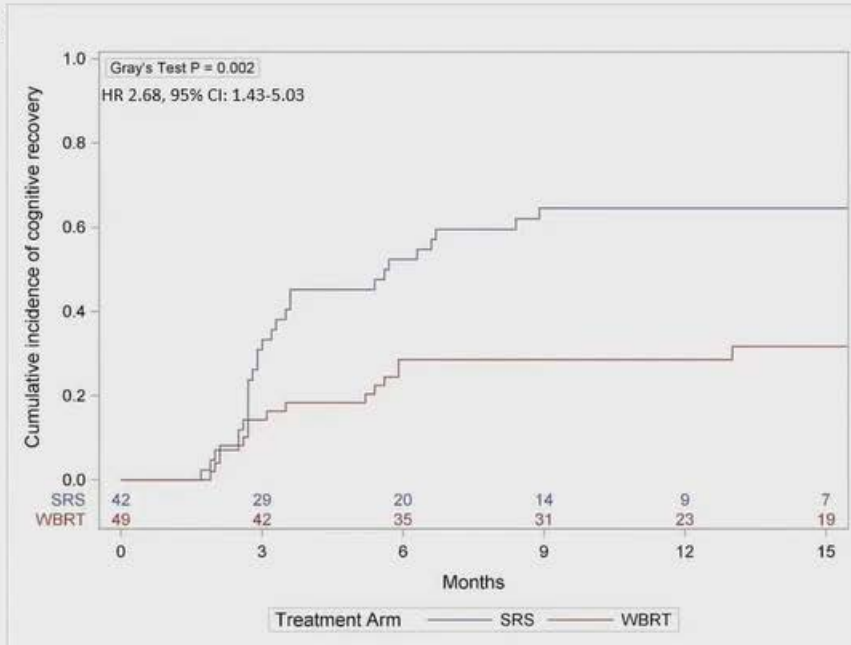


Cumulative incidence of recovery on any cognitive test

- 288 patients who experienced trial-defined neurocognitive function failure were included. Pooled incidence of full CR was 38% and 42% at 6- and 12-months after onset of neurocognitive failure, respectively.

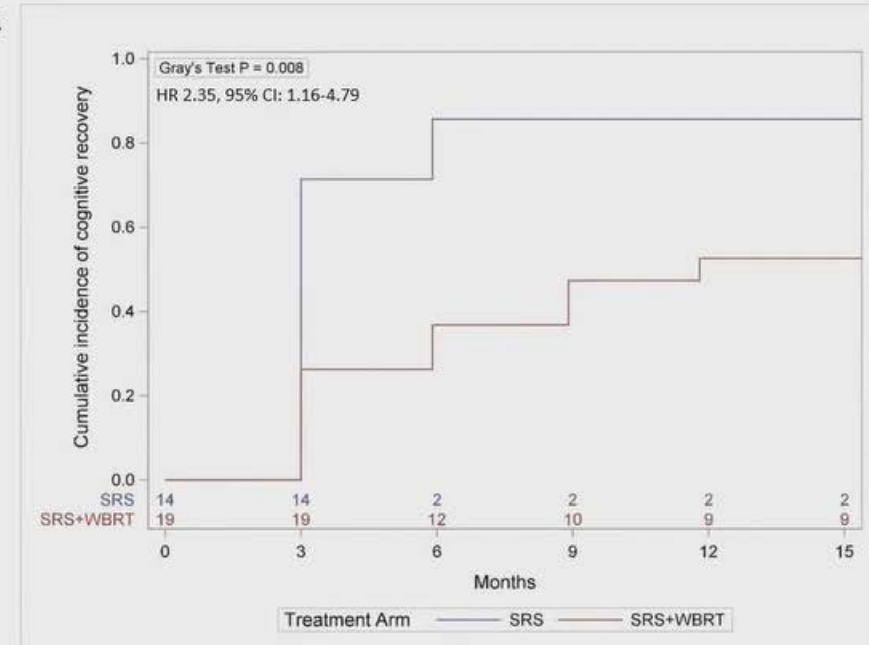
# Cognitive Recovery by Trial (N107C and N0574)

N107C



Cumulative incidence of cognitive recovery by arm  
(postoperative SRS vs WBRT)

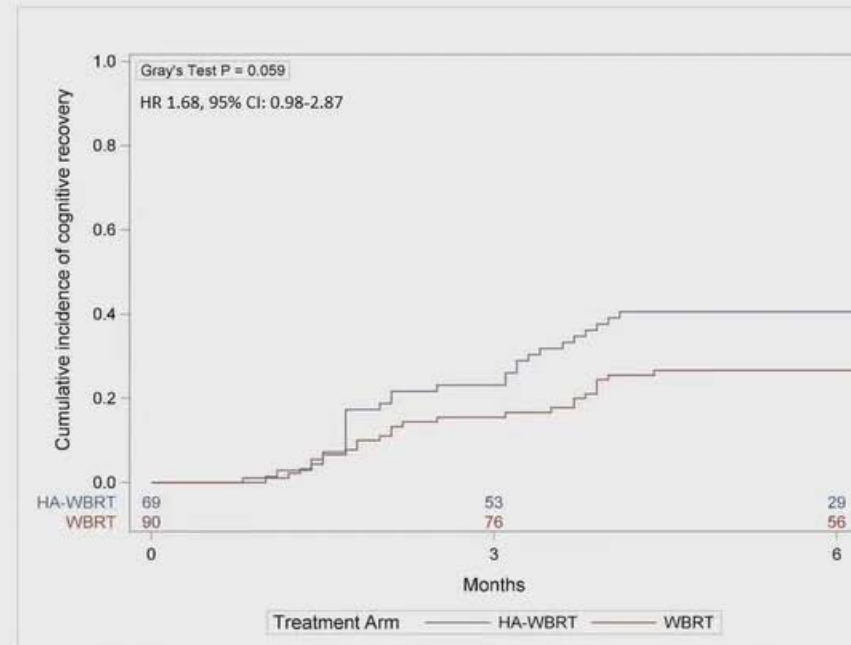
N0574



Cumulative incidence of cognitive recovery by arm (SRS vs SRS +  
WBRT for intact BM)

- Cumulative incidence of full CR was significantly greater with more conformal radiation techniques (SRS vs WBRT, SRS vs. SRS+WBRT)

# Cognitive Recovery by Trial (CC001)



Cumulative incidence of cognitive recovery by arm in CC001 (HA-WBRT vs WBRT)

- Trends toward significant increase in cumulative incidence of full CR with HA-WBRT vs WBRT

# Discussion

- 2/3 patients with cognitive recovery sustained recovery
- To what degree does radiation impact cognition? For SRS, does it impact cognition at all (factoring in chemotherapy, KPS, age, systemic progression, hospitalizations, etc)
- Are we using the correct definition of cognitive failure if many patients recover?



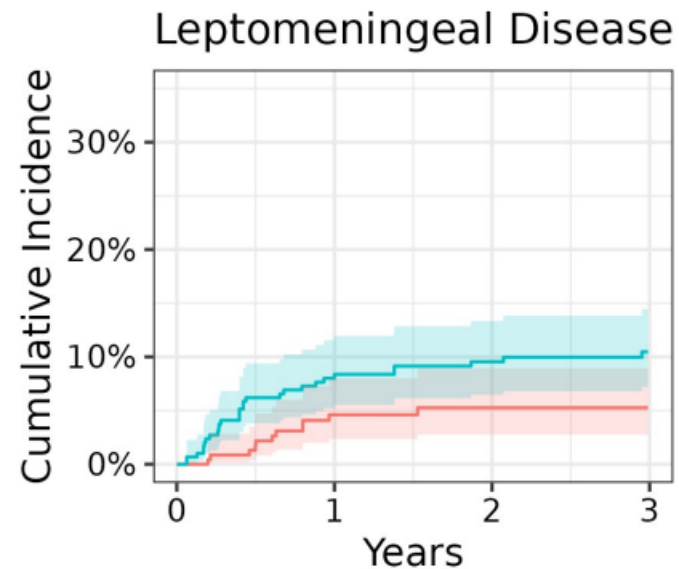
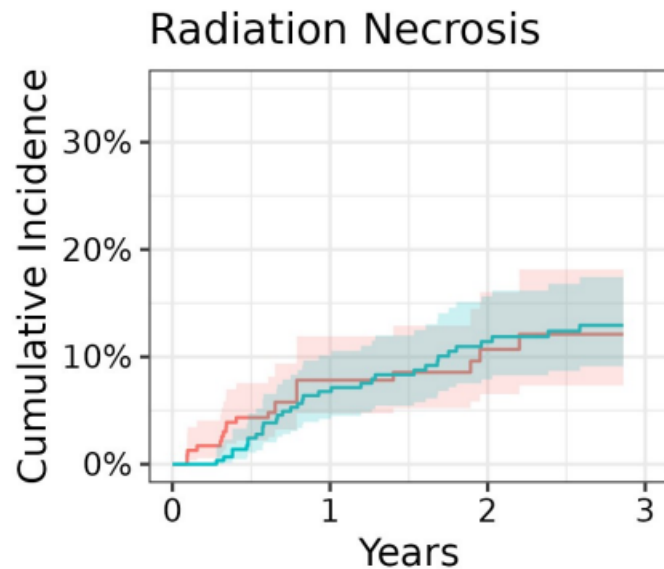
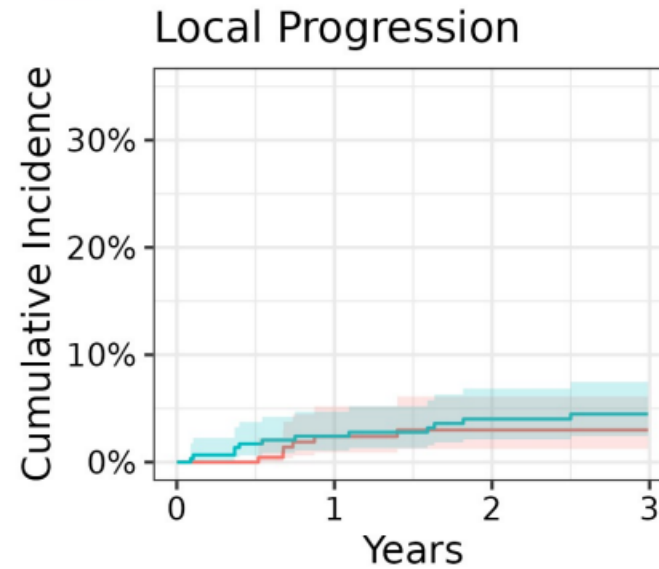
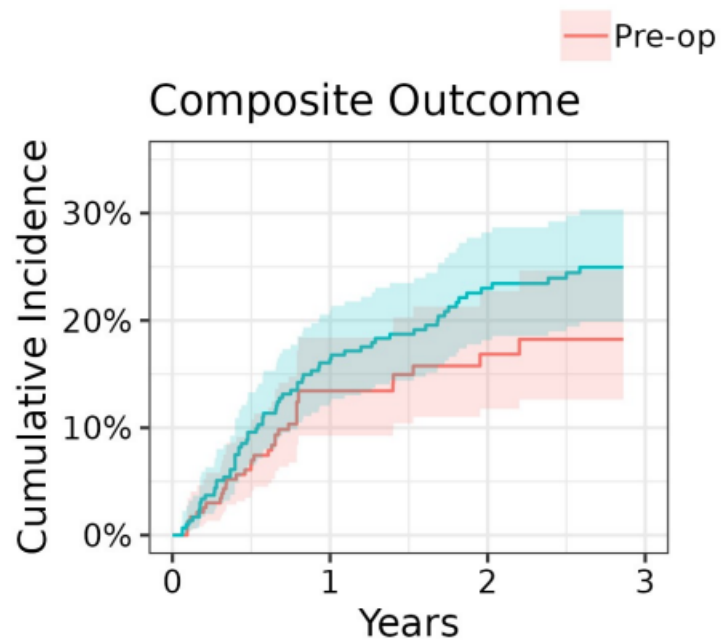


# **Pre-Operative vs. Post-Operative Fractionated Stereotactic Radiotherapy: A Single-Institution Analysis of 534 Resected Metastases**

*Perlow et al., ASTRO 2024*

# Background

- Patients with large or symptomatic brain metastases typically have surgery followed by post-operative (post-op) stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS).
- SRS leads to elevated rates of radiation necrosis (RN), meningeal disease (MD), and local failure (LF)
- Fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy (FSRT) can deliver a higher biological effective dose and may reduce the risk of LF
- Pre-operative (pre-op) treatments may reduce the risk of RN and MD through treating smaller volumes and tumor sterilization.



Composite Endpoint:  
G2+ radionecrosis,  
meningeal disease, or  
local failure

Variable	Preoperative FSRT, N = 235	Postoperative FSRT, N = 299	p-value	Overall
<b>Local Progression</b>			0.2	
No	229 (97%)	286 (96%)		515 (96%)
Yes	6 (3%)	13 (4%)		19 (4%)
<b>Radiation Necrosis</b>			0.073	
Grade 2	12 (5%)	14 (5%)		26 (5%)
Grade 3	9 (4%)	24 (9%)		33 (7%)
Grade 4 or Higher	0	0		
<b>Leptomeningeal Disease</b>			0.031	
No	224 (95%)	270 (90%)		494 (92%)
Yes	11 (5%)	29 (10%)		40 (8%)
<b>Type of Leptomeningeal Disease</b>			0.2	
Classic	7 (64%)	15 (52%)		22 (55%)
Nodular	3 (27%)	14 (48%)		17 (43%)
Both	1 (9%)	0 (0%)		1 (3%)
<b>Composite Endpoint</b>			0.005	
No	201 (86%)	226 (76%)		427 (80%)
Yes	34 (14%)	73 (24%)		107 (20%)
<b>Follow Up</b>			0.012	
Censored	103 (44%)	99 (33%)		202 (38%)
Death	132 (56%)	200 (67%)		332 (62%)

# Gliomas





# **Progression-Free and Overall Survival Results of ECOG-ACRIN E3F05: a Phase 3 Intergroup Trial of Radiation +/- Temozolomide for Grade II Gliomas**

*Schiff et al, SNO 2024*

# E3F05

LGG\*  
n=172

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50.4 Gy

10 Yr PFS

36%

10 Yr OS#

47%

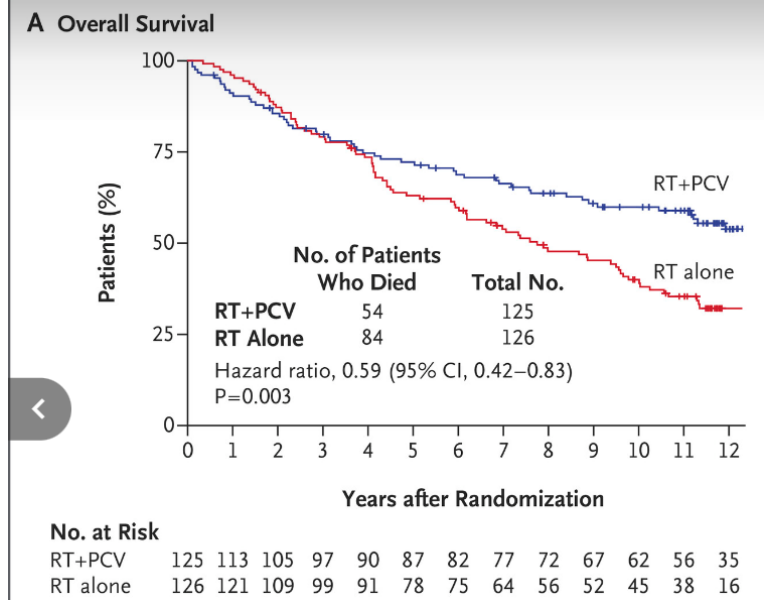
50.4 Gy+TMZ\*\*

54%

70%

Schiff et al. SNO 2024 \* >40, uncontrolled symptoms/seizures, or progression  
\*\* Concomitant TMZ + 12 cycles adjuvant. 43% were oligo. #OS benefit both oligo and astro

\*\*\*\* Trial stopped after RTOG 9802 showed benefit from addition of PCV chemotherapy to radiation in Grade II gliomas, RTOG 9802 OS below





Study	Population	Treatment	HR for OS
RTOG 9802	LGG	RT +/- PCV	0.59
CATNON	Gr 3 Astrocytoma	RT +/- adj TMZ	0.64
	IDHmt astrocytomas	RT any TMZ	0.53
RTOG 9402	Gr3 Oligo	RT +/- PCV	0.61
EORTC 26951	Gr3 Oligo	RT +/- PCV	0.6
<b>E3F05</b>	<b>LGG</b>	<b>RT +/- TMZ</b>	<b>0.54</b>

Awaiting results from CODEL trial comparing RT + PCV vs RT + TMZ



# **Vorasidenib in IDH1- or IDH2-Mutant Low-Grade Glioma**

*Mellinghoff et al, NEJM 2023, SNO 2024*

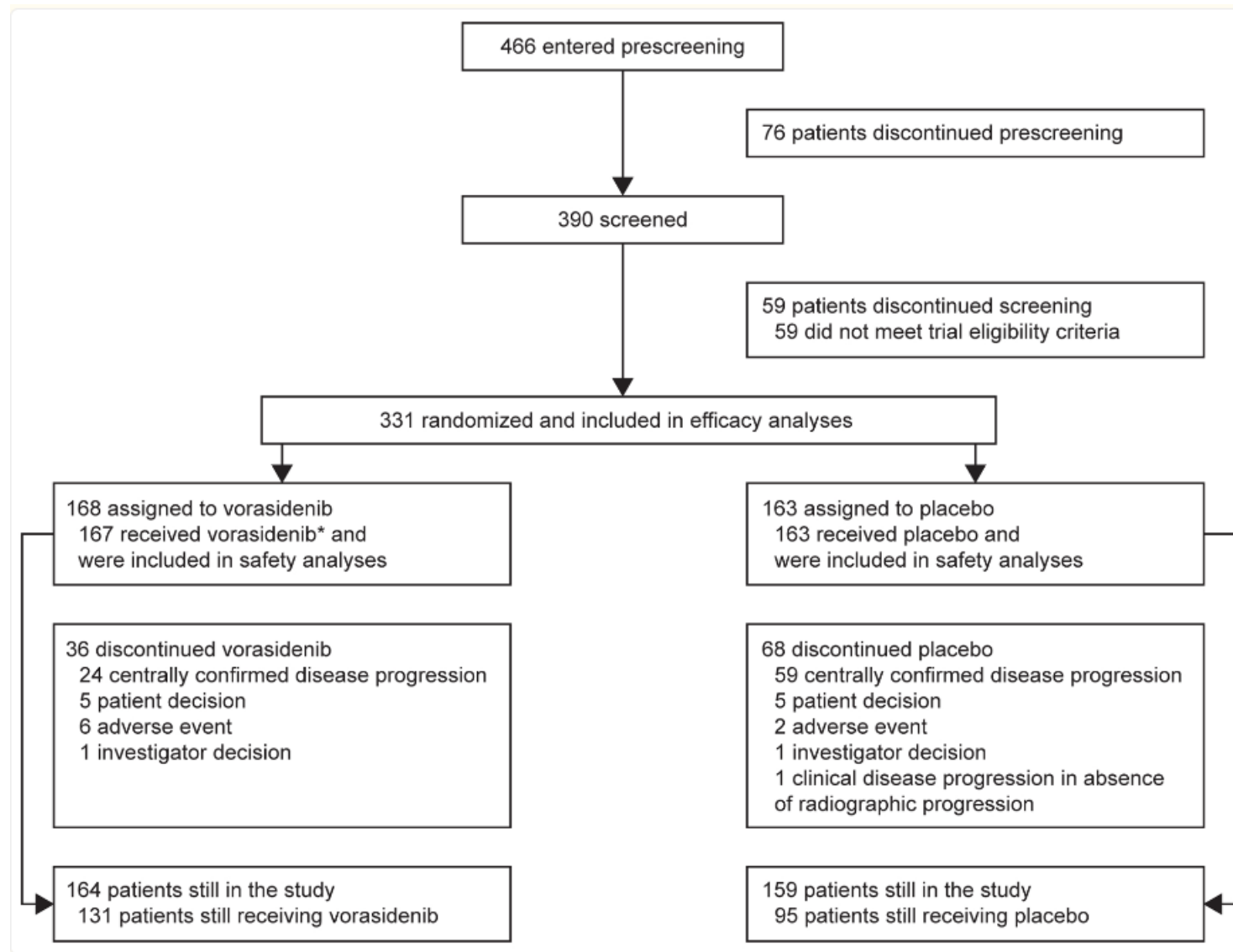
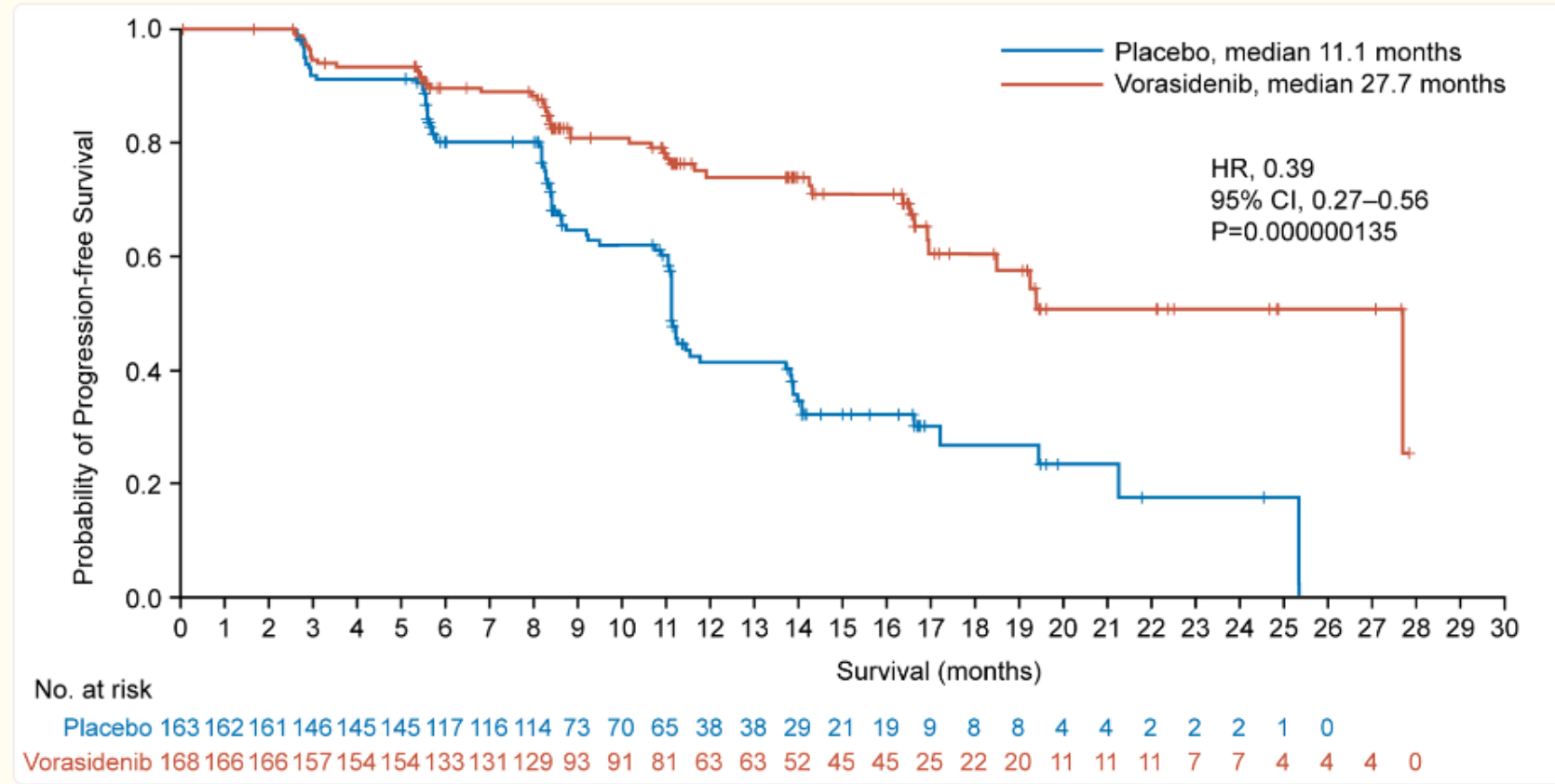


Figure 2. Progression-free Survival and Time to Next Intervention in the Full Analysis Set.



# Discussion

- Proper sequencing of IDH inhibition (as first therapy or adjuvantly after radiation and chemotherapy?)
- Does IDH inhibition cause earlier transformation to HGG?
- Awaiting QOL/neurocognitive data
- Awaiting OS data

# Everything Else





**Phase I/II Prospective Dose Escalation Trial with  
Proton-Based Radiation Therapy for Chordomas and  
Chondrosarcomas of the Skull Base and Cervical  
Spine: Long-Term Results from Proton Radiation  
Oncology Group 82-26**

*Ioakeim-Ioannidou et al, ASTRO 2024*

# Study Design

Patients with Chordomas and  
Chondrosarcomas of Skull Base  
or Cervical Spine  
(N=381)

Study Period: 1987 – 2007

## Low-Dose Arm (1987-2007)

Assigned to receive  
**70 Gy (RBE)/37 fxs**  
(n=129)

Received 68.6 – 70.6 Gy (RBE) (n=128)  
Refused Treatment  
(n=1)

Included in analysis  
(n=128)

## Intermediate-Dose Arm (1987-2007)

Assigned to receive  
**76 Gy (RBE)/ 40 fxs**  
(n=193)  
Received 74 -76.3 Gy (RBE)  
(n=187)  
Received <74 Gy (RBE)  
(n=4)  
Received >76.3 Gy (RBE)  
(n=2)

Included in analysis  
(n=193)

## High-Dose Arm (1993-2007)

Assigned to receive  
**82 Gy (RBE)/ 44 fxs**  
(n=59)

Received 81.1 – 83.6 Gy (RBE)  
(n=58)  
Refused Treatment  
(n=1)

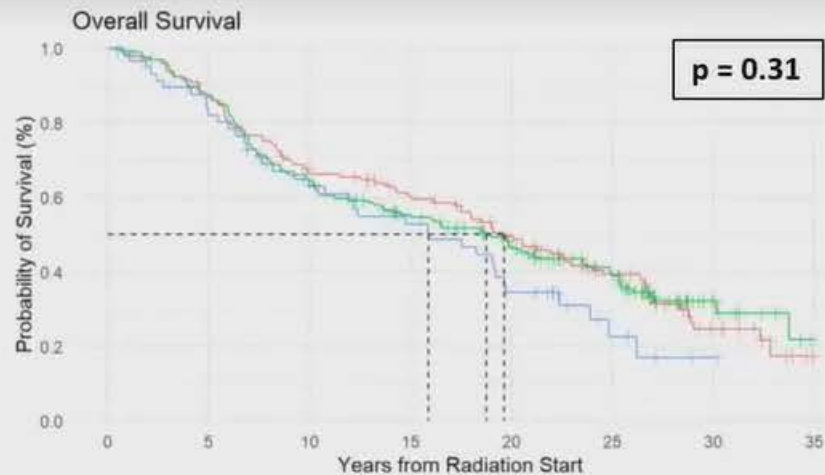
Included in analysis  
(n=158)



# PROG 85-26

	All Patients (n=379)	70 Gy (RBE) (n=128)	76 Gy (RBE) (n=193)	82 Gy (RBE) (n=58)
<b>Age, years</b> Median (range)	42 (18-87)	42 (18-75)	42 (18-87)	41 (20-81)
<b>Gender</b> Male Female	202 (53%) 177 (47%)	88 (69%) 40 (31%)	100 (52%) 93 (48%)	14 (24%) 44 (76%)
<b>Histology</b> Chordoma Chondrosarcoma	273 (72%) 106 (28%)	82 (64%) 46 (36%)	134 (69%) 59 (31%)	57 (98%) 1 (2%)
<b>Location</b> Skull Base Cervical Spine	319 (86%) 54 (14%)	122 (96%) 5 (4%)	157 (84%) 31 (16%)	40 (69%) 31 (31%)
<b>Extent of resection</b> Biopsy STR/NTR GTR	16 (5%) 320 (84%) 42 (11%)	10 (8%) 108 (84%) 10 (8%)	4 (2%) 166 (86%) 22 (11%)	2 (4%) 46 (79%) 10 (17%)
<b>Pre-RT Tumor Progression</b> No Yes	268 (71%) 110 (29%)	93 (73%) 35 (27%)	136 (70%) 56 (29%)	39 (67%) 19 (33%)

# Secondary Endpoints



Arm — 37 Fractions — 40 Fractions — 44 Fractions

Number at Risk								
37 Fractions	128	111	82	70	53	32	12	0
40 Fractions	193	166	122	97	73	50	11	1
44 Fractions	58	44	31	26	16	5	1	0



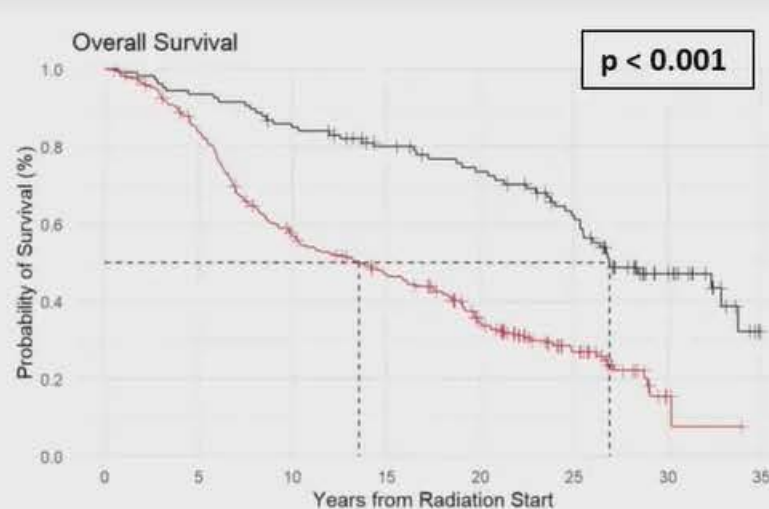
Arm — 37 Fractions — 40 Fractions — 44 Fractions

Number at Risk								
37 Fractions	128	94	74	61	45	30	12	0
40 Fractions	193	130	98	84	64	43	9	1
44 Fractions	58	32	24	19	12	4	1	0

Overall Survival				
	5-year	10-year	20-year	25-year
All Patients	86.4%	64.7%	45.8%	37.2%
70 Gy (RBE)	87.5%	66.1%	49.5%	39.2%
76 Gy (RBE)	86.9%	64.4%	46.7%	39.6%
82 Gy (RBE)	81.9%	62.8%	34.5%	22.6%

Progression-Free Survival				
	5-year	10-year	20-year	25-year
All Patients	68.6%	53.1%	37.8%	31%
70 Gy (RBE)	74.2%	60%	41.8%	36.5%
76 Gy (RBE)	67.7%	51.1%	39.3%	31.3%
82 Gy (RBE)	59.2%	44.4%	24.1%	16.5%

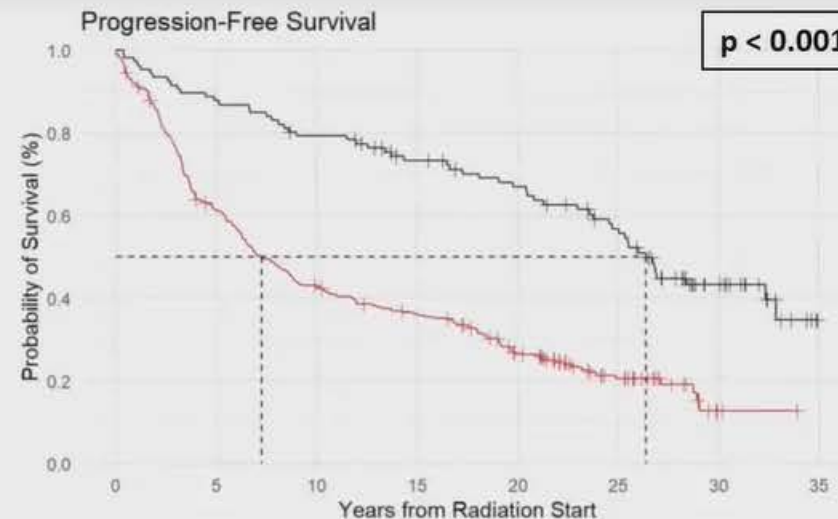
# Secondary Endpoints



Pathology — Chondrosarcoma — Chordoma

	Number at Risk							
Chondrosarcoma	106	99	89	77	68	53	21	1
Chordoma	273	222	146	116	74	34	3	0

Overall Survival				
	5-year	10-year	20-year	25-year
All Patients	86.4%	64.7%	45.8%	37.2%
Chordoma	<b>83.6%</b>	56.7%	34.7%	<b>26.9%</b>
Chondrosarcoma	93.3%	84.7%	73.2%	61.8%



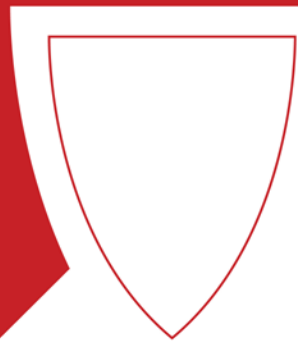
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Progression-Free Survival				
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All Patients	68.6%	53.1%	37.8%	31%
Chordoma	<b>61.2%</b>	42.8%	26.4%	<b>20.6%</b>
Chondrosarcoma	87.6%	79%	66.5%	56.4%

# Discussion

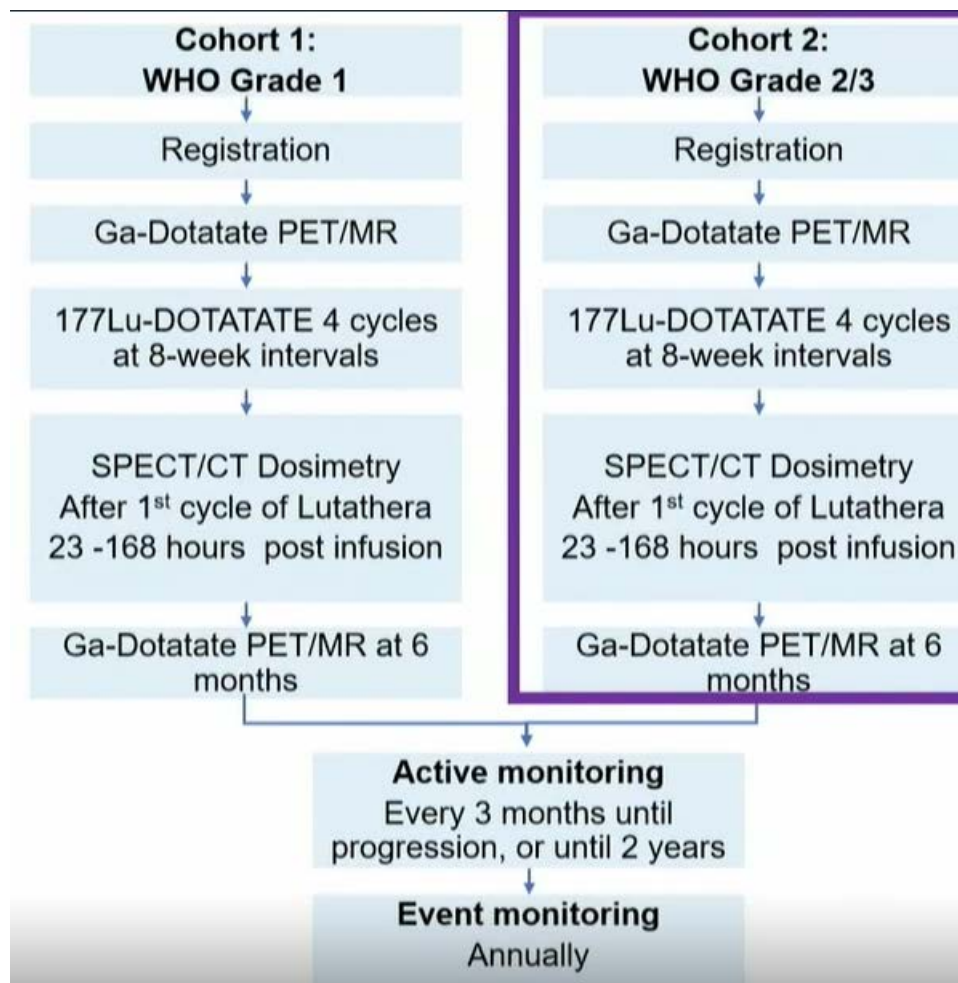
- Chordoma and chondrosarcoma are different diseases
- Does dose escalation matter more for chordoma?
- How would data look in a modern cohort with better imaging and modern photon radiation?



# **A Prospective, Phase II Study of $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate in Patients with Surgery- and Radiation-Refractory Meningioma: Results of the WHO Grade 2 and 3 Cohort**

*Merrell et al., ASTRO 2024*

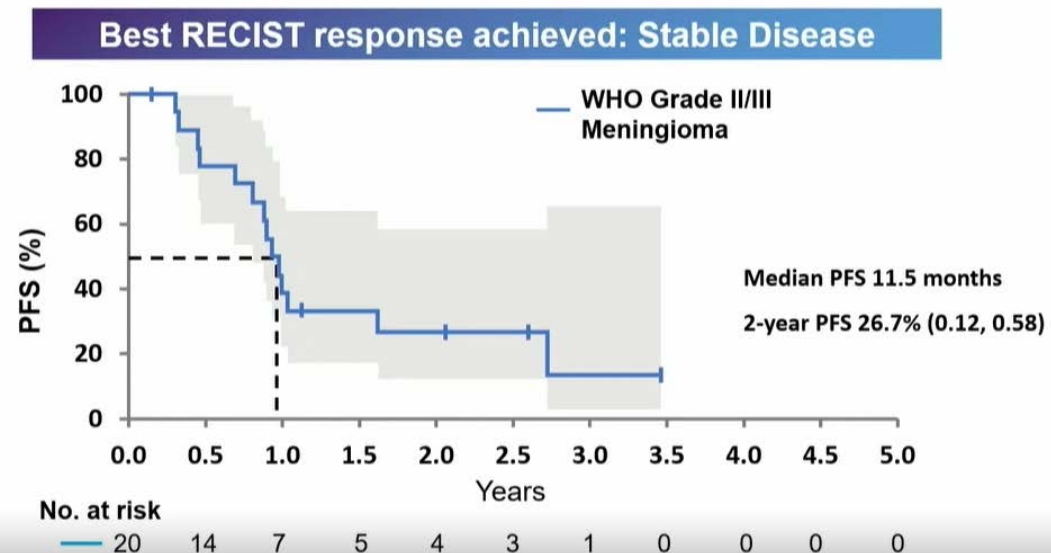




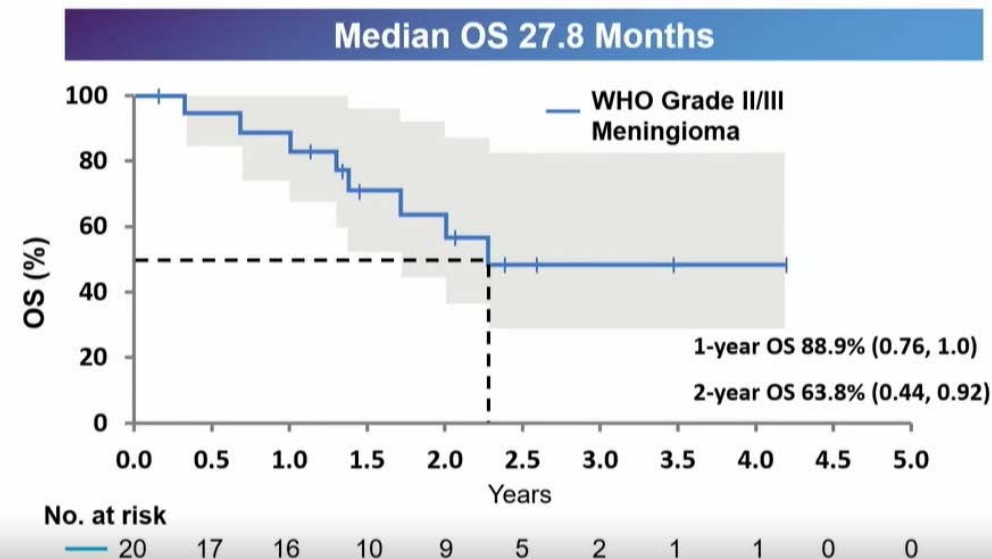
## Tumor and Treatment Characteristics

Variable		Total (N=20)
WHO Grade	2	95%
Krenning Score	2	45%
	>2	55%
Largest Tumor Dimension (cm)	Mean (SD)	3.5 (1.6)
	Range	1.8-7.5
Multifocal Meningioma	Yes	75%
Prior Surgery	Yes	100%
Prior Courses of RT	Median	2
	Range	1-7
Prior Chemotherapy	Yes	15%

## Primary Endpoint Met: PFS-6 of 77.8%



## Overall Survival



# Discussion

- Heterogenous group with varying histologies
- Role of targeted gene expression profiling?
- When to switch from focal therapy to Lutathera?



# Newly Diagnosed GBM Trials

Trial ID	Description
CASE5320	Phase II: O6-benzylguanine (BG) + Temozolomide (TMZ) with autologous P140KMGMT+ progenitors
NVOX1323	Phase 2 RESTORE study: NanO2™ + radiation and temozolomide
NOVO1324	Phase 3 EF-41/Keynote D58: Optune (TTFields) + Temozolomide
GCAR1319	Innovative Platform Trial in newly diagnosed & recurrent GBM

# Recurrent GBM Trials

Trial ID	Description
CASE3316	Phase I/II: LITT + Checkpoint Inhibitor for recurrent GBM
GCAR1319	Innovative Platform Trial in newly diagnosed & recurrent GBM
NOVA1324	Phase Ib [ <sup>177</sup> Lu]Lu-NeoB + RT + TMZ, MGMT methylated/unmethylated

# Meningioma Trials

Trial ID	Description
A071701	Genomically-Guided Treatment Trial in Brain Metastasis
RTOG3523	MOMENTUM-1: [177Lu]Lu-DOTATATE in progressive grade 1–3 meningioma

# Brain Metastases Trials

Trial ID	Description
A071701	Genomically-Guided Treatment Trial in Brain Metastasis
NRG-CC009	Phase III: SRS vs HA-WBRT for $\leq 10$ brain mets from small cell lung cancer
NRG-BN012	Phase III: Pre-op vs Post-op SRS in resectable brain mets
NRG-BN013	Phase III: Single Fraction SRS vs Fractionated SRS for intact brain mets

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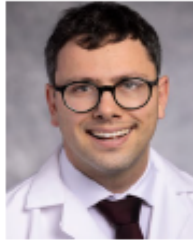
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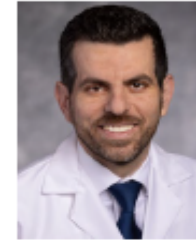
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