



# Lung Cancer

## Fresh Approaches

**PIERCE COUNTY CANCER SURVIVORSHIP CONFERENCE**



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# Surviving Lung Cancer

- ▶ Living with, through and beyond lung cancer
- ▶ Lung cancer survivorship has become a reality

# Lung Cancer Treatment has Evolved

Newer surgical techniques

More precise radiation  
treatment

Progress in systemic treatment:

- Targeted therapy
- Immunotherapy
- Antiangiogenic therapy

Stage	% of patients	5-year survival
I	10%	> 60%
II	20%	30-50%
III A/III B	30%	5-30%
IV	40%	<5%

Stage and survival at the time of diagnosis

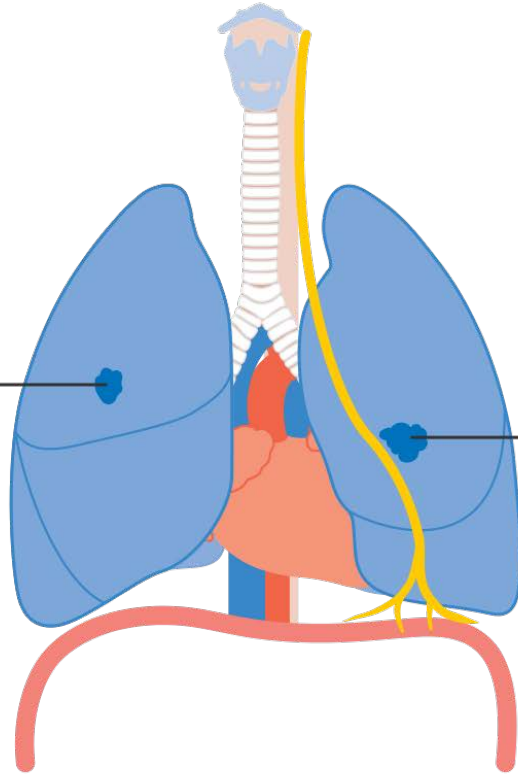
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Stage 1A

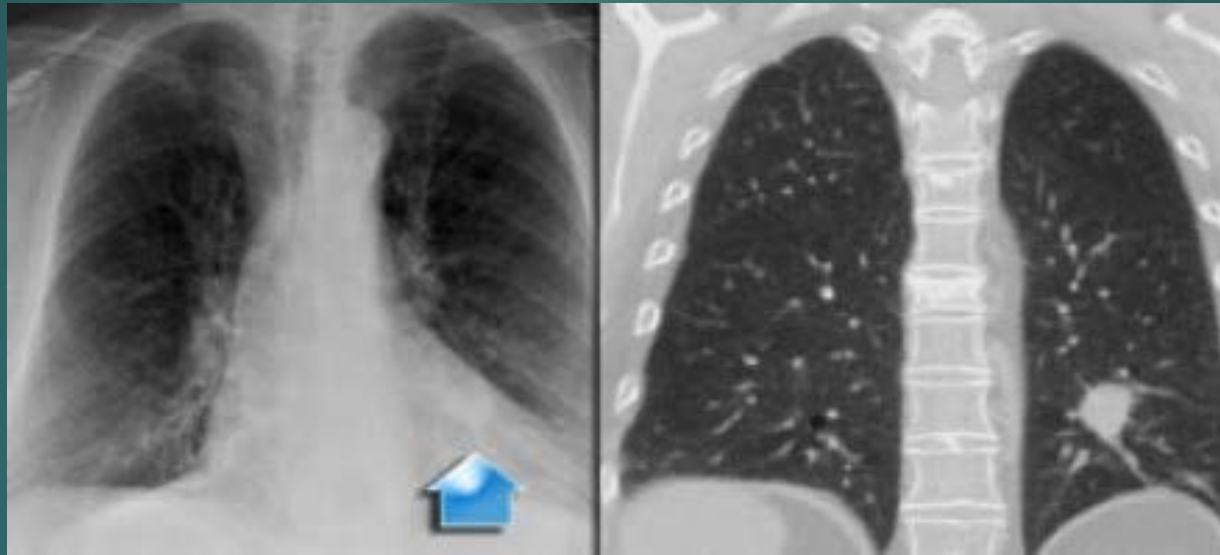
Cancer up  
to 3cm in size



Stage 1B

Cancer up to  
5cm in size

# T1 Tumor Size $\leq$ 3 cm



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# Stage I NSCLC

Tumor size: 0- 4 cm

- Tx, T0, Tis, T1a (<1 cm), T1b (1-2 cm), T1c (2-3 cm), T2a (3-4 cm)
- Lymph nodes are not involved
- No distant metastasis

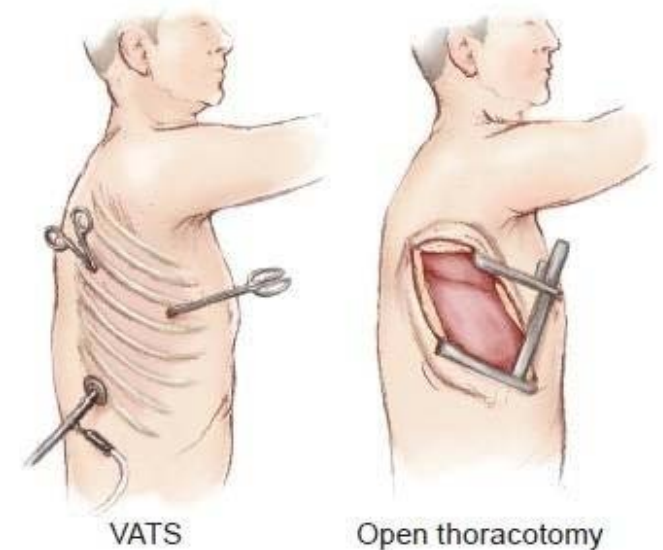
Treatment for Stage I NSCLC is local therapy

- Surgery
- Radiation
- No systemic therapy (no chemotherapy) after local therapy

# Minimally Invasive Surgery

- ▶ Robotic and video assisted thoracoscopic surgery vs open thoracotomy
  - ▶ Incisions are smaller, less tissue damage, less blood loss
    - ▶ Less pain
    - ▶ Less time in the operating room
    - ▶ Less recovery time, less hospital time, less cost
    - ▶ Smaller scar
    - ▶ Reduced chance for post operative wound complication
  - ▶ More accurate staging: 30% upstaged (worse than expected), 12% downstaged (better than expected)\*

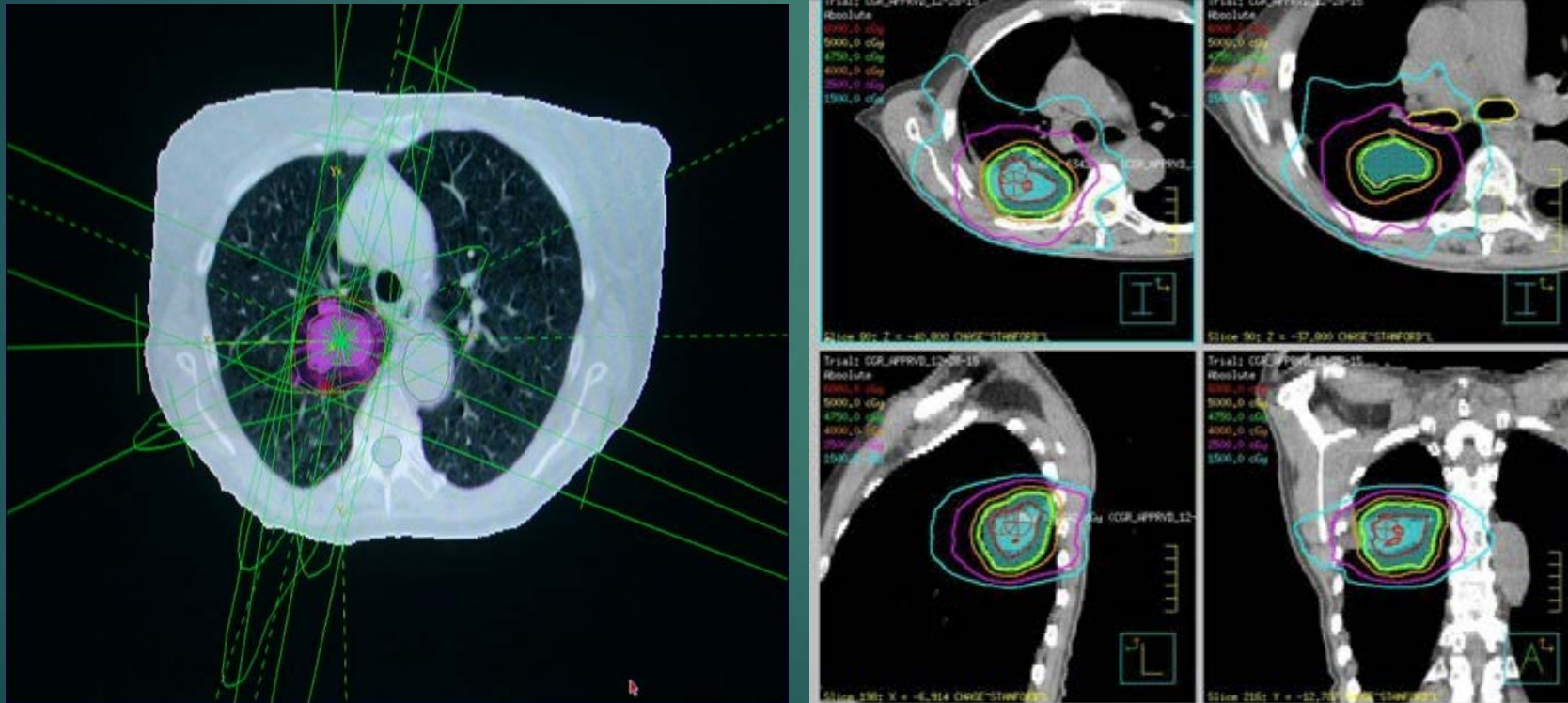
\*JTO 8(9), 9/16 Velez-Cubian et al



# Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy

- ▶ Medically inoperable early stage NSCLC
- ▶ RTOG –0236 Survival rate 55% at 3 years, 97% rate of tumor control
- ▶ Metastatic disease: Patients with < 3 metastatic lesions
- ▶ Less toxicity
- ▶ Less fractions (doses, example 5 treatments instead of 34)
- ▶ Complications:
  - ▶ inflammation at the treatment site that looks like pneumonia
  - ▶ Bronchial injuries if too central
  - ▶ Chest wall toxicity: pain, fracture

# Stereotactic radiosurgery



Courtesy of: Washington University School of Medicine Department of Radiation oncology  
Courtesy of: Dr Hak Choy

# Stage II Lung cancer

# Stage II NSCLC

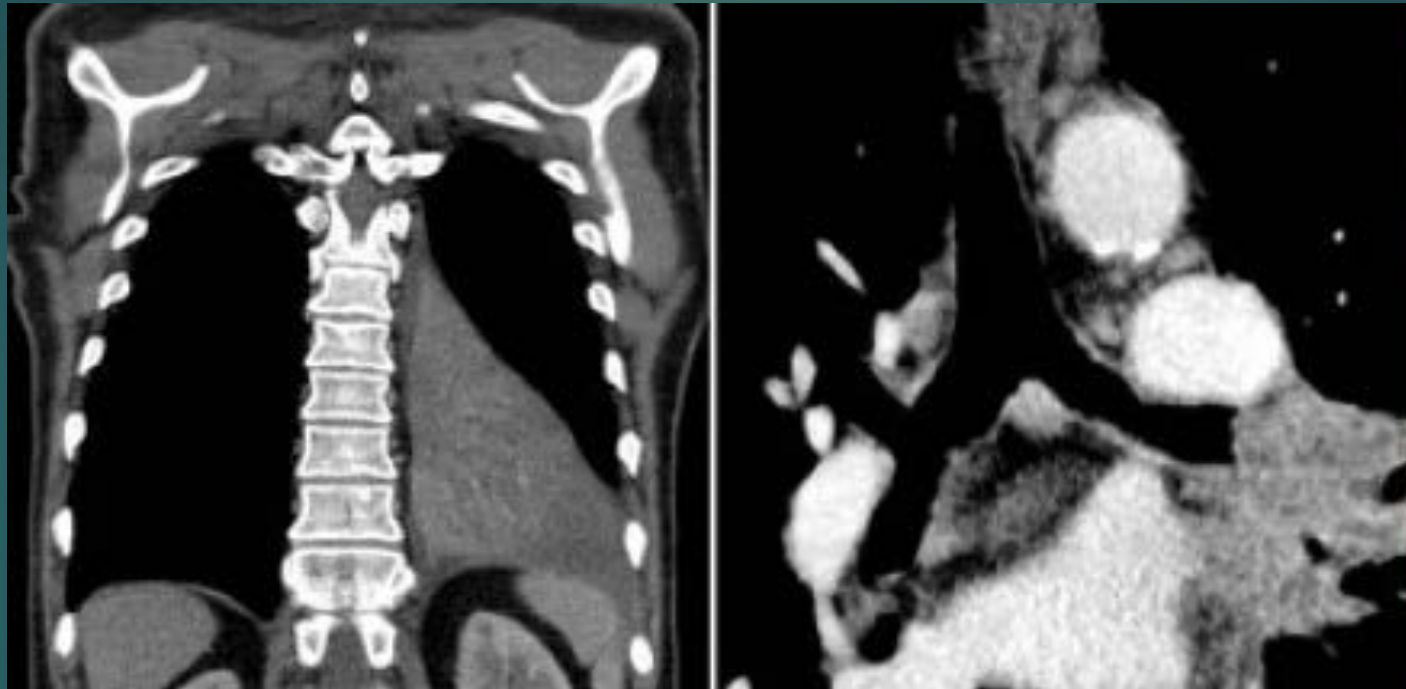
Tumor size: 3-5 cm in size or lymph node involvement(N1)

- IIA T2b (4-5 cm)N0
- IIB T1a-T2b (1-5 cm) N1 or T3 (5-7 cm)N0
- Simpler said, a tumor up to 5 cm, and positive N1 lymph node or a large tumor 5-7 cm without N1
- No distant metastasis

Treatment is local(surgery/radiation) and systemic(chemotherapy)

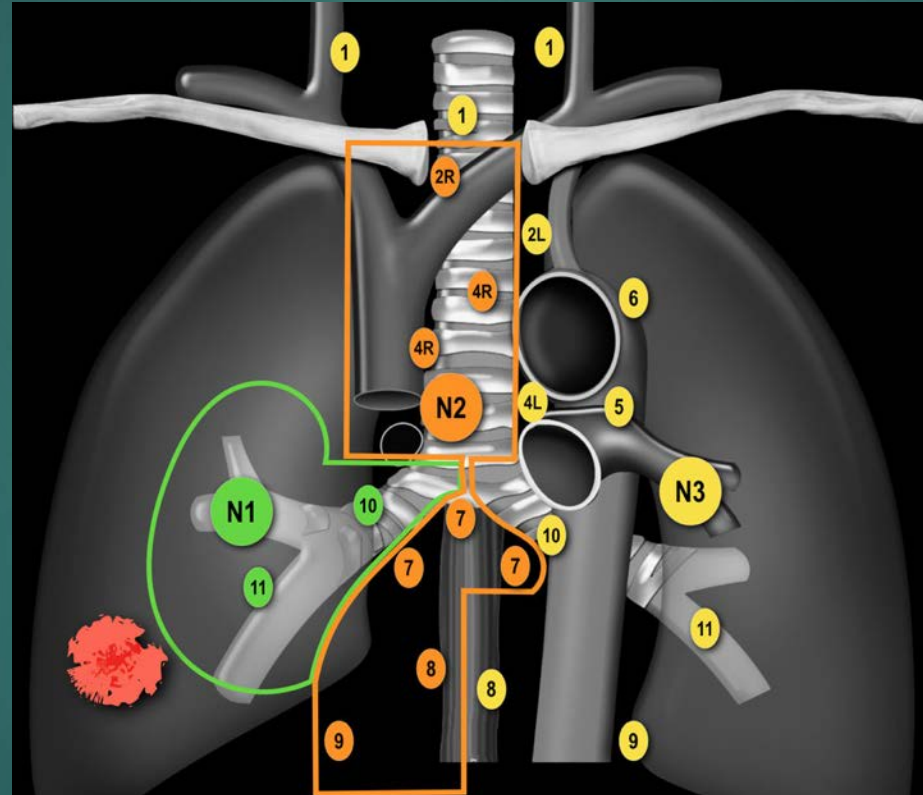
# T2 Tumor

3-5 cm or invasive to other structures



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# N1 Lymph Nodes



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# Chemotherapy after surgery

- ▶ Adjuvant (after surgery) chemotherapy for stage I-III lung cancer
- ▶ Not recommended for stage IA
- ▶ 5-10% improvement in 5 year survival

STUDY	Chemo	# pts	5 yr OS Chemo	Observe	P value
IALT	PE,PN, PV	1867	44%	40%	0.03
JBR.10	PN	482	69%	54%	0.002
ANITA	PNP	840	+8.6%		0.017

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# Choice of Chemotherapy

- ▶ Chemotherapy selection depends upon histology
  - ▶ Adenocarcinoma: cisplatin/pemetrexed
  - ▶ Squamous cell carcinoma: Cisplatin/navelbine, cisplatin/docetaxel or cisplatin/gemitabine
- ▶ Chemotherapy given after surgery
- ▶ 4 cycles of treatment

# Stage III Lung Cancer

## Stage IIIA

T1a – T2b N2 (1-5 cm tumor)

T3 N1 (5-7 cm)

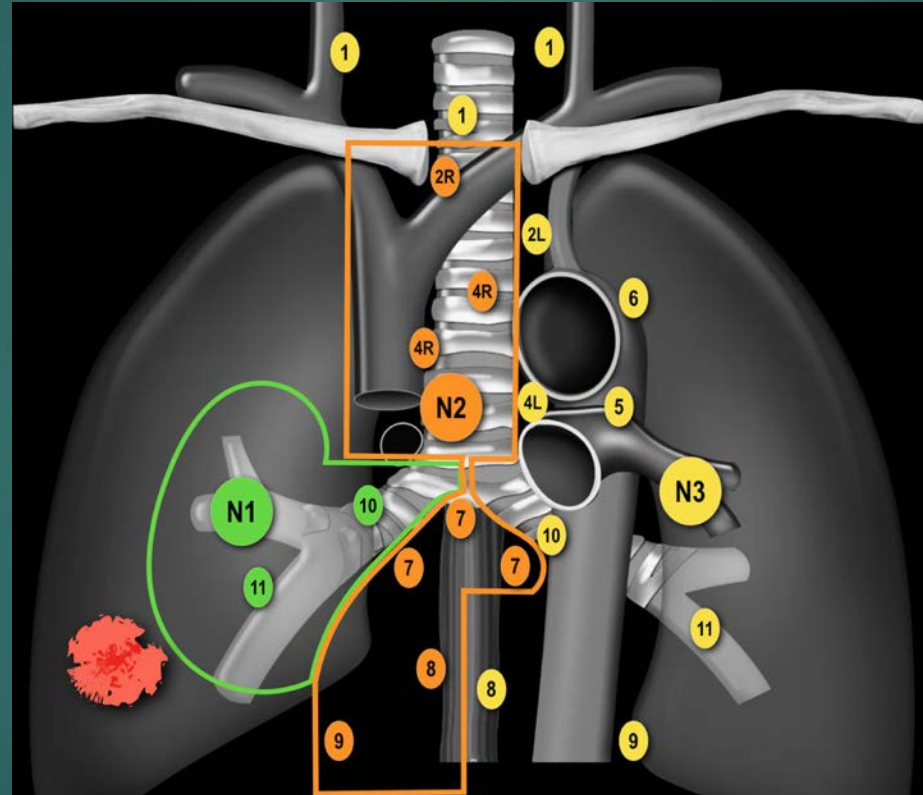
T4 N0-N1 (>7 cm or invading structures)

# T3 Tumor

- ▶ 5-7 cm
- ▶ Separate tumor nodules in the same lobe
- ▶ Tumor invading chest wall, pericardium or phrenic nerve



# N2 Lymph Nodes



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# Stage IIIA Treatment

- ▶ Concurrent chemoradiotherapy is the standard of care
  - ▶ Chemotherapy 4 cycles
  - ▶ Radiation 7 week course
- ▶ Undetected N2 disease prior to surgery is followed by adjuvant chemotherapy
- ▶ Neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by surgery, select circumstances
  - ▶ Single station N2, T < 3m, responded to therapy, lobectomy resection feasible

# Stage IIIB and Stage IIIC

## Stage IIIB

- T2a – T2b N3
- T3N2
- T4N2

## Stage IIIC

- T3N3
- T4N3



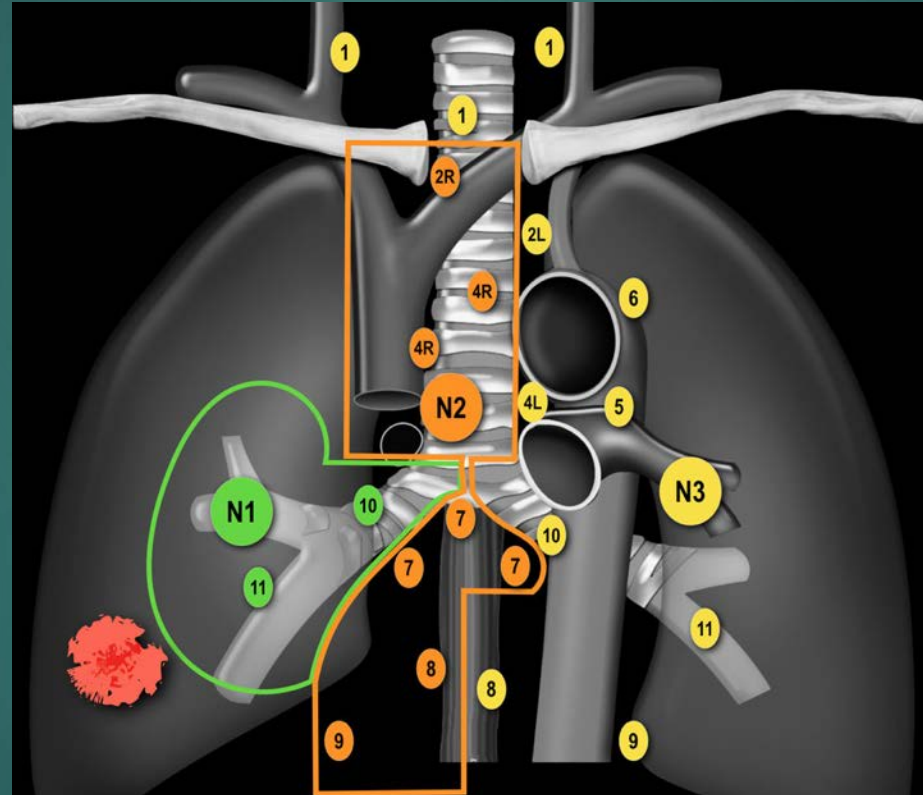
# T4 Tumor

- ▶  $\geq 7$  cm or invasive to major structures
- ▶ Separate nodule in a different ipsilateral lobe
- ▶ Invades diaphragm, mediastinum, heart, great vessels, trachea, esophagus, vertebral body, carina, or esophagus



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# N3 Lymph Nodes



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# New Approach in Stage III lung cancer

- ▶ Unresectable stage III NSCCA treated with concurrent chemoradiotherapy followed by 12 months of durvalumab
- ▶ Historical 5 year OS (overall survival) for stage III lung cancer is 5-30%
- ▶ PACIFIC study NEJM 2017, 2018
  - ▶ 700 patients randomized to observation vs durvalumab
  - ▶ Progression free survival 5.6 months vs 16.8 months
  - ▶ 12 month survival rates 75% vs 83%
  - ▶ 24 month survival rates 55% vs 66%
  - ▶ 3 year survival: 44% w placebo vs 57% with durvalumab

▶ N Engl J Med. 2018;379(24):2342. Epub 2018 Sep 25

▶ N Engl J Med. 2017;377(20):1919. Epub 2017 Sep 8

# Stage IV Lung Cancer

# Survival Benefit for Treatment

- ▶ Standard chemotherapy compared to supportive care
  - ▶ 2714 patients evaluated in a meta-analysis
  - ▶ Standard chemotherapy (4-6 cycles)
  - ▶ 29% vs 20% one-year survival

# Stage IV NSCCA

Factors  
influencing  
therapy



Immunohistochemistry

Nonsquamous  
Squamous cell  
carcinoma



Molecular  
characterization of  
the tumor

Somatic driver  
mutations predict  
sensitivity to specific  
inhibitors



PDL-1 testing

# Testing prior to treatment

- ▶ Determine histology and site of origin
  - ▶ Squamous cell carcinoma
    - ▶ PDL-1 testing
  - ▶ Non- squamous carcinoma
    - ▶ PDL-1 testing
    - ▶ Molecular testing
      - ▶ EGFR/ALK/ROS1/BRAF

# Molecular testing in lung cancer

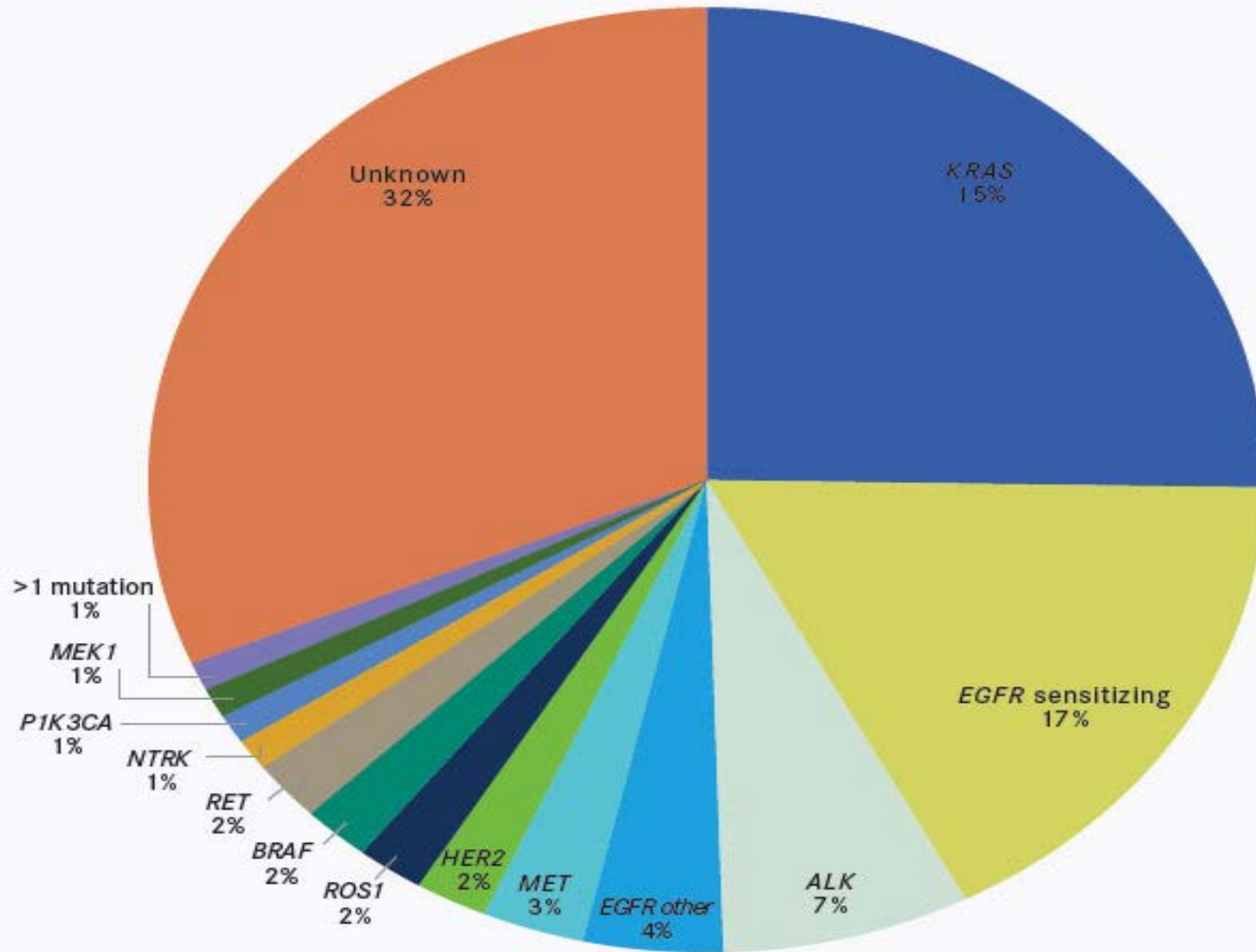
- ▶ Molecular testing is standard of care for metastatic lung cancer
  - ▶ Targeting a specific driver mutation
  - ▶ Targeted therapy
    - ▶ More convenient dosing
    - ▶ Milder toxicity
    - ▶ Improved survival
    - ▶ Improved quality of life



# Molecular testing in lung cancer

- ▶ Molecular tests
  - ▶ Targets with approved targeted therapies
    - ▶ EGFR/ALK/ROS1/BRAF/NTKF
  - ▶ Targets with off label targeted therapies
    - ▶ HER2/MET/RET
- ▶ Testing individual genotypes vs NGS Next Generation Sequencing

**FIGURE 1. ALTERATIONS OBSERVED IN NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER<sup>1</sup>**



Adapted from Shepherd FA. Targeted therapy: the new frontier. Presented at: 2019 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting; June 1-4, 2019; Chicago, IL. <https://meetinglibrary.asco.org/record/168046/video>.

## GENOMIC VARIANTS

### Somatic - Potentially Actionable

**TP53** p.V217fs Frameshift - LOF

### Variant Allele Fraction

64.2% 

### Somatic - Biologically Relevant

**SMARCA4** p.A903fs Frameshift - LOF

63.4% 

**MEF2B** Copy number loss

### Germline - Pathogenic / Likely Pathogenic

No pathogenic variants were found in the limited set of genes on which we report.

### Pertinent Negatives

No pathogenic single nucleotide variants, indels, or copy number changes found in:

EGFR KRAS BRAF ALK ROS1 RET MET ERBB2 (HER2)

## IMMUNOTHERAPY MARKERS

### Tumor Mutational Burden

**5.8 m/MB** 78th percentile

### Microsatellite Instability Status

**Stable** Equivocal High

## INVESTIGATIONAL THERAPIES

WEE1 Inhibitor **Adavosertib** TP53 p.V217fs Loss-of-function  
Clinical research, Solid Tumors: [PMID 27601554](#)

## CLINICAL TRIALS

A Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, and Activity of TAK-931 in Participants With Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer, Metastatic Colorectal Cancer, and Other Advanced Solid Tumors ([NCT03261947](#))

**Phase II**  
Seattle, WA - 31 mi  
✓ **TP53 mutation**

Nintedanib in Molecularly Selected Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer ([NCT02299141](#))

**Phase I**  
Madison, WI - 1615 mi  
✓ **TP53 mutation**

# EGFR mutation

- ▶ EGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor
- ▶ 15% of NSCLC, more frequent in nonsmokers and women
- ▶ 13 phase III trials EGFR TKI to chemotherapy prolonged PFS
- ▶ Osimertinib is recommended first line for EGFR mutated NSCLC
  - ▶ PFS 18.0 vs 10.2 months (compared to erlotinib or gefitinib)
  - ▶ Duration of response 17.2 months vs 8.5 months
  - ▶ Overall response rate 80%

# ALK mutation

- ▶ Anaplastic lymphoma kinase fusion oncogene (ALK)
- ▶ Highly sensitive to ALK TKI treatment
  - ▶ alectinib, brigatinib, ceritinib, crizotinib
- ▶ 5% of NSCLC, more frequent in nonsmokers, younger patients, adenocarcinoma
- ▶ Alectinib vs crizotinib PFS: 35 months vs 10.9 months
- ▶ Alectinib is recommended first line

# ROS1 mutation

- ▶ C-ROS-oncogene 1 is a receptor tyrosine kinase
- ▶ 1-2% of NSCLC, more frequent in nonsmokers, younger patients, adenocarcinoma
- ▶ Sensitive to crizotinib
- ▶ Crizotinib therapy after 1 or more prior chemotherapy regimens
  - ▶ ORR 72%
  - ▶ Median duration of response 17.6 months
  - ▶ Median PFS 15.9 months
- ▶ Cabozantinib, entrectinib, repotrectinib are in development

# BRAF mutation

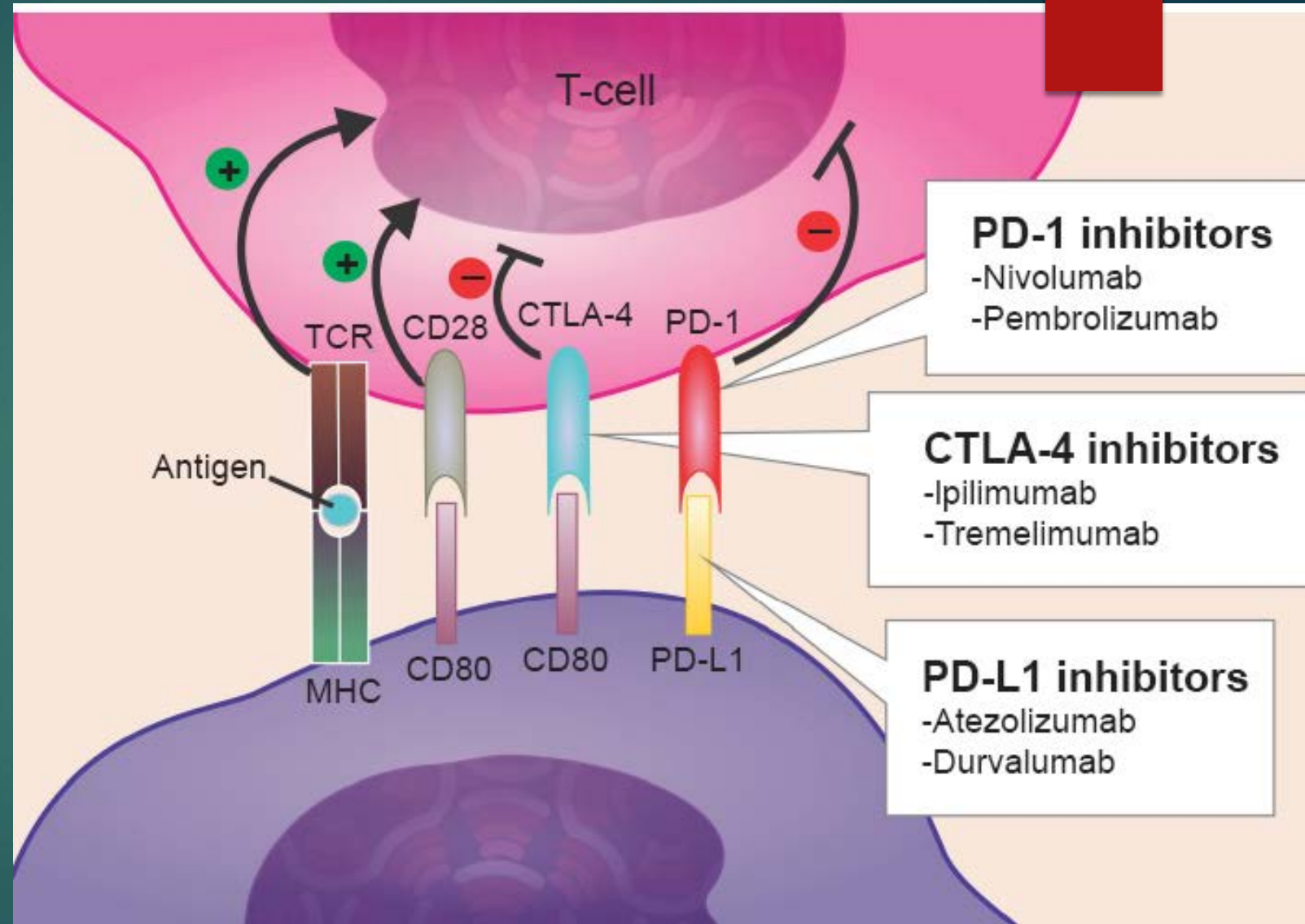
- ▶ 1-3% of NSCLC, more frequent in smokers
- ▶ Second line treatment BRAF + MEK inhibitor
- ▶ Dabrafenib + trametinib: ORR 63%, PFS 9.7 months

# Immunotherapy in Lung Cancer



# Immune checkpoint blockade

- ▶ Immune cells can recognize cancer cells as foreign and attack them.
- ▶ Cancer cells can evade the immune system
- ▶ Checkpoints PD1 and CTLA4 normally serve to protect the normal cells by dampening the immune response to prevent collateral damage to healthy tissue.
- ▶ Removal of these blockades make the immune system stronger and fight the cancer



# PDL-1 Testing and 1st line Treatment

PD-1 absent  
or low

- Chemotherapy combined with pembrolizumab is superior to chemotherapy

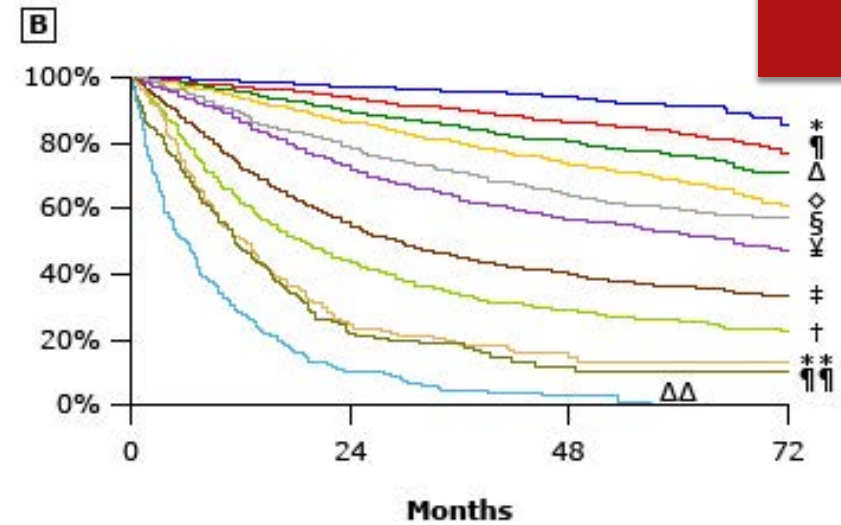
PDL1 high >  
50%

- Pembrolizumab monotherapy
- Pembrolizumab and chemotherapy (if rapidly progressive)

# Immunotherapy Drugs Approved

- ▶ PD-1 inhibitors
  - ▶ Nivolumab approved for metastatic disease, after first line therapy
  - ▶ Pembrolizumab
    - ▶ 1st line in metastatic disease in combination with chemotherapy
    - ▶ 1st line in metastatic disease monotherapy in high PDL1 +
- ▶ PDL1 inhibitor
  - ▶ Atezolizumab
    - ▶ 1st line metastatic disease nonsquamous with chemotherapy
    - ▶ Previously treated metastatic disease
  - ▶ Durvalumab approved for adjuvant therapy after concurrent chemoradiotherapy for unresectable stage III NSCCA

# Overall survival by stage



8 <sup>th</sup> edition	Events / N	MST	24 month	60 month
* IA1	68 / 781	NR	97%	92%
¶ IA2	505 / 3105	NR	94%	83%
Δ IA3	546 / 2417	NR	90%	77%
◇ IB	560 / 1928	NR	87%	68%
§ IIA	215 / 585	NR	79%	60%
¥ IIB	605 / 1453	66.0	72%	53%
‡ IIIA	2052 / 3200	29.3	55%	36%
† IIIB	1551 / 2140	19.0	44%	26%
** IIIC	831 / 986	12.6	24%	13%
¶¶ IVA	336 / 484	11.5	23%	10%
ΔΔ IVB	328 / 398	6.0	10%	0%

# National Lung Cancer Screening Trial

- ▶ 53,454 patient, high risk for lung cancer
- ▶ Low dose CT scan vs chest x ray
- ▶ High risk population
  - ▶ Age 55-74
  - ▶ 30 + pack years of tobacco use
  - ▶ Current smokers or quit within 15 years
- ▶ Results: REDUCED MORTALITY 20%
- ▶ **LUNG CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES**

# Criteria for Screening

- ▶ Who is eligible
  - ▶ Age 55-74
  - ▶ At least 30 pack years of tobacco use
  - ▶ Current smoker or quit within 15 years
- ▶ Annual screening until 15 years elapsed since smoking cessation

# Tobacco use: Why quit now

Smoking increases lung cancer risk 30 fold

14 % of patients continue to smoke 5 months after diagnosis

Smoking intensity at diagnosis is an independent prognostic risk factor

Chemotherapy less effective

Higher recurrence risk

Higher secondary cancer risk (2.3X)

Mortality 2.9 times higher

# Survivor plan after treatment

- ▶ Surveillance for recurrence
  - ▶ CT scan every 6 months for 2-4 years
  - ▶ CT scan annually year 3-5
- ▶ Surveillance for second primary lung cancers
- ▶ Diet: increased fruits and vegetables reduce risk
- ▶ Weight gain is associated with improved survival
- ▶ Physical activity improves QOL
- ▶ Treatment of sequelae of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy



# Summary of Progress

- ▶ Minimally invasive surgery
- ▶ Stereotactic body radiotherapy
- ▶ Adjuvant chemotherapy after surgery, stage II
- ▶ Adjuvant immunotherapy after concurrent chemoradiotherapy for stage III
- ▶ Immunotherapy and chemotherapy in Stage IV
- ▶ Immunotherapy alone in Stage IV for high PDL-1
- ▶ Targeted therapy
- ▶ Next generation sequencing testing
- ▶ Screening has demonstrated benefit

Thank you!