#### **Local Therapy Issues**

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## Early-Stage versus Surgery consideration

T/M	Label	N0	Nl	N2	N3
T1	T1a ≤ <i>l</i>	IA1	ΠВ	ШΑ	IIIB
	T1b >1-2	IA2	ΠВ	ШΑ	IIIB
	T1c >2-3	IA3	ΠB	ΠΙΑ	IIIB
T2	T2a Cent, Yisc Pl	IB	ΠВ	ШΑ	IIIB
	T2a >3-4	IB	IIB	ШΑ	IIIB
	T2b >4-5	IIA	IIB	ШA	IIIB
T3	T3 >5-7	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
	T3 Inv	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
	T3 Satell	IIB	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
T4	T4 >7	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
	T4 Inv	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
	T4 Ipsi Nod	IIIA	IIIA	IIIB	IIIC
M1	M1a Contr Nod	IVA	IVA	IVA	IVA
	M1aPlDissem	IVA	IVA	IVA	IVA
	M1b Single	IVA	IVA	IVA	IVA
	M1c Multi	IVB	IVB	IVB	IVB

#### All Panellists

What Proportion?

■ Fit and Operable?

## 75 year old PET-CT: cT1cN0M0



## **MANAGEMENT?**

## Choices of Approaches?

- SBRT
- RFA/IGTA

Surgery

■ Role of Neoadjuvant Systemic therapies (?Checkmate 816)

#### **FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION?**

#### SBRT vs RFA



**Original Article** 

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Comparison of stereotactic body radiotherapy and radiofrequency ablation for early-stage non-small cell lung cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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#### SBRT vs RFA

- 87 SBRT studies (12,811 patients) and 18 RFA studies (1,535 patients)
- Compared with RFA, SBRT has superior LC and longterm OS rates but similar short-term OS rates
- Prospective randomized trials with large sample sizes comparing the efficacy of SBRT and RFA are warranted

- End of the Road for RFA/ IGTA?
- Addition of Immunotherpy?

#### Local Recurrence after SBRT



#### Evidence for SBRT

- STARS trial
- ROSEL trial
- ACOSOG Z4099 trial

- All were closed early because of slow accrual
- Major Flaws: SBRT an alternative even in medically fit patients

#### Sx vs SBRT

- Large Databases/Propensity matched studies/MA
- Surgery Preferred

SBRT/RFA/IGTA for those not suitable for surgery due to comorbid diseases or in patients who refuse surgery

## Ongoing RCTs

- STAGE trial (NCT02997449)
- Toronto trial (NCT01786590)
- MD Anderson trial

- VALOR (NCT02984761)
- STABLE-MATES (NCT02468024)

# FOLLOW UP PROTOCOL AFTER SBRT/IGTA

## Surgical Considerations

Lobectomy

Segmentectomy

Wedge resection

#### Segmentectomy versus Lobectomy



#### Results

More locoregional relapses (11 versus 5 percent).

Improved five-year survival rates relative to the lobectomy group (94.3 versus 91.1 percent; hazard ratio 0.66, 95% CI 0.47-0.93)

#### Caveats of JCOG0802

■ Patients were selected very carefully - < 2cm tumors

- Meticulous mediastinal lymph nodal staging (not just radiological) ruling out nodal metastases
- Clear 2 cm margins
- N1 nodes?
- Segmentectomies only in the JCOG trial; almost 60% wedge resections in the CALGB trial

#### Lobar versus Sub-lobar

- Lobar versus Sublobar Resection in the Elderly for Early Lung Cancer: A Meta-Analysis
- Ng J et al, Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2022 Apr;70(3):217-232.
- Twelve studies (n = 5834)
- Sublobar resection group showed better 30-day operative mortality
- Stage 1A: no difference in 5-year OS
- Stage 1B: 5-year overall survival favored lobectomy.

#### **APPROACH: OPEN VS VATS VS RATS**

#### RAL/RATS vs VATS/VAL

- Robotic-assisted Versus Video-assisted Thoracoscopic Lobectomy: Short-term Results of a Randomized Clinical Trial (RVlob Trial): 320 patients
- Jin R, et al. Ann Surg. 2022 Feb 1;275(2):295-302

- RAL achieved similar perioperative outcomes, together with higher LN yield
- Chest tube drainage, Costs

## CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF RATS

#### Vascular Invasion

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Vascular invasion identifies the most aggressive histologic subset of stage I lung adenocarcinoma: Implications for adjuvant therapy



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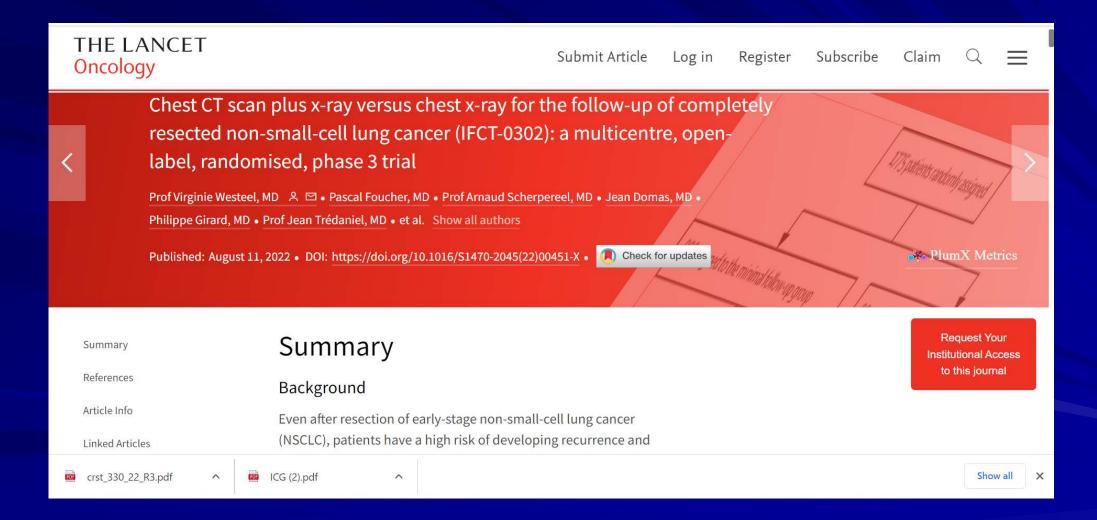
## Current and Future Implications?

Vascular invasion was the most significant histologic feature on multivariate analysis for both RFS and DSS and nearly reached significance for OS

Angio-Invasion in SCC

- Better Define the Vascular Invasion?
- Stage 1 AC with Vascular Invasion: Adjuvant?

## CT Chest + Xray vs Chest X Ray



#### CT based follow up

Recurrence was detected in 33 percent in the CTbased follow-up group and 28 percent in the radiograph group

Second primary lung cancers were detected in 4.5 and 3.0 percent, respectively

OS was not different

## CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPLICATIONS? FOLLOW UP PROTOCOL OF STAGE 1

#### Summary to Approaches

Stage I or II NSCLC and adequate pulmonary function, we suggest surgical resection as the initial treatment rather than radiation therapy (stereotactic body radiation therapy [SBRT]

impaired pulmonary function or medical comorbidity that precludes surgical resection and for those who refuse surgery, we recommend treatment with SBRT

## Summary for Surgery

- Lobectomy is the procedure of choice for patients with stages I and II NSCLC and is preferred over pneumonectomy.
- Segmentectomy for selected lesions < 2 cm</p>
- Systematic Mediational LN Dissection

■ There are no RCTs comparing open thoracotomy with VATS or RATS

## **Further Therapy**

■ Final Stage pT2bN1M0

ADAURA trial: EGFR mutated Cancers

■ IO after chemotherapy (IMpower010, Pearls, KeyNote 091)

#### **ADJUVANT RADIOTHERAPY?**

## **FOLLOW UP?**

#### Follow Up

- History / Physical examination
- CT Chest imaging vs Chest X Ray

■ IFCT-0302: a multicentre, open-label, randomised, phase 3 trial.Lancet Oncol. 2022;23(9):1180

■ Did not result in longer survival, enable the detection of more cases of early recurrence and second primary lung cancer

#### Prevention strategy

Quitting tobacco will in time reduce a smoker's risk of death from lung cancer as much as CT screening



#### Case 2

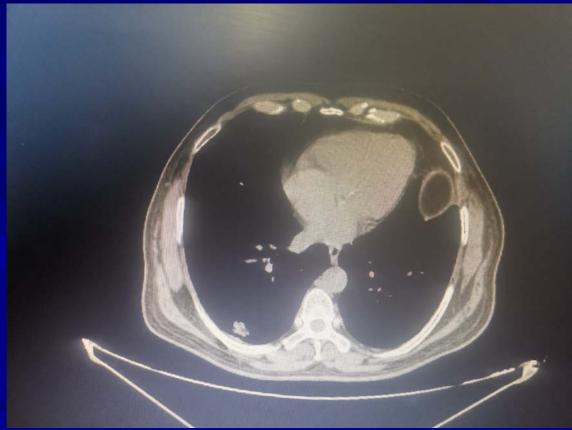
- 58 years, PS1
- Never Smoker

Underwent a Left Upper Lobectomy with Systematic LN dissection in 2017 for Stage 1A adenocarcinoma lung

■ Follow Up......After 5 years......

## CT Chest





#### CT Chest

■ 1.8 X 1.5 cm mass Right Lower Lobe lesion

Sub cm Mediastinal Nodes

## FURTHER EVALUATION....

## Further Investigations

■ PET-CT scan

MRI Brain?

■ Biopsy?

## Mediastinal Staging

Needed or Not

EBUS/EUS approach

Mediastinoscopy?

#### **MDT Discussion**

■ Functional evaluation for Surgery

SBRT (Proton/ Carbon Ion)

■ Role of Neoadjuvant Systemic therapies ???? (Checkmate 816)

#### **EXTENT OF SURGERY?...**

## Adjuvant Therapy

■ pT1aN1M0, Adenocarcinoma

Molecular Markers?

Adjuvant Therapy?

#### Food for Thought

Approximately 40 to 50 % of patients with stage IB, 55 to 70 percent of stage II and a greater percentage of those with stage IIIA NSCLC

Eventually recur and die of their disease despite potentially curative surgery

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