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Updates on “the State of the Cervix”

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- I have no disclosures

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Objectives

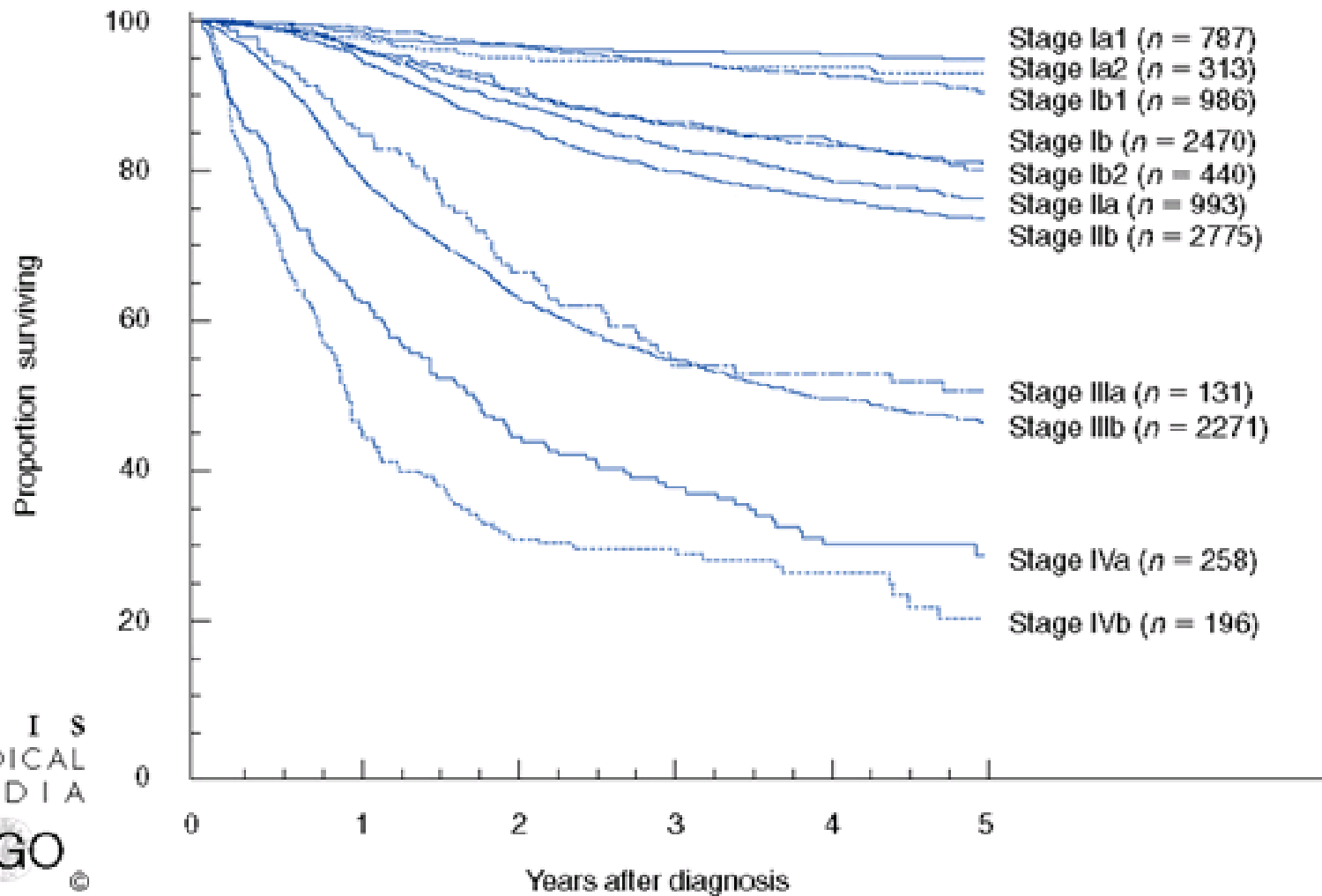
1. Recognize the epidemiology and biology of cervical cancer
2. Discuss screening, prevention, and detection
3. Discuss treatment options for:
 - Primary diagnosis
 - Fertility sparing
 - Recurrent disease

Cervical Cancer Statistics



- Worldwide (4rd most common)
 - 527,600 new cases & 265,700 deaths
 - Second most common cancer in developing world (after breast)
- United States (12th most common)
 - 12,820 new cases & 4,210 deaths (2017)
 - Median age of diagnosis 51
 - 0.1% of cervical cancer cases at age < 21

Cervical Cancer Deaths



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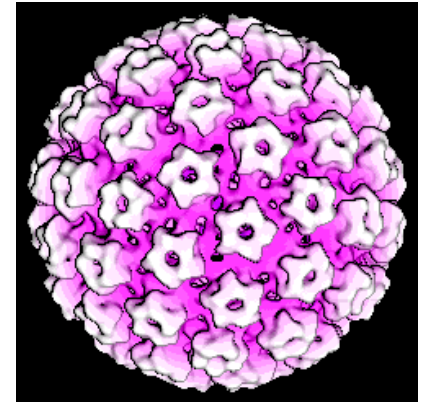
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Risk factors for cervical cancer

- **HPV exposure**
 - Early onset of sexual activity
 - Multiple partners
 - High risk sexual partners
- Immunosuppression
 - Medications (transplant, autoimmune disease)
 - HIV
- Cigarette smoking
- +/- Other STI's
- +/- OCP's

Human Papillomavirus

- Major role in cervical cancer (>95%)
- HPV 16 (squamous), HPV 18 (adeno-)
 - Cause of 70% of cervical cancers worldwide
- Non-enveloped DNA virus
- Minority of infections lead to cancer
- Promoters
 - Smoking
 - Immune suppression



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HPV & Cervical cancer

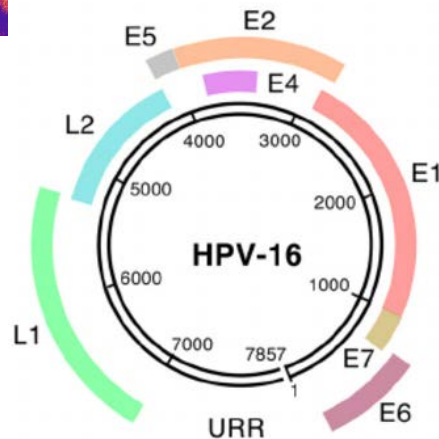
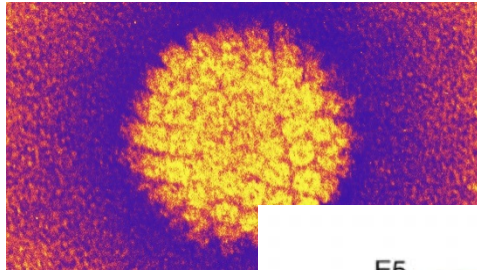


TABLE 1
HPV classification

High-risk	HPV types
Carcinogenic ^a	16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59
Probably carcinogenic ^a	68
Possibly carcinogenic ^a	26, 53, 66, 67, 70, 73, 82
Tested for in commercially available detection systems	16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59, 66, 68
Low-risk	6, 11, 40, 42, 43, 44, 54, 61, 72, 81, 89

HPV, human papillomavirus.

^a Data adapted from Bouvard V, Baan R, Straif K, et al.²³

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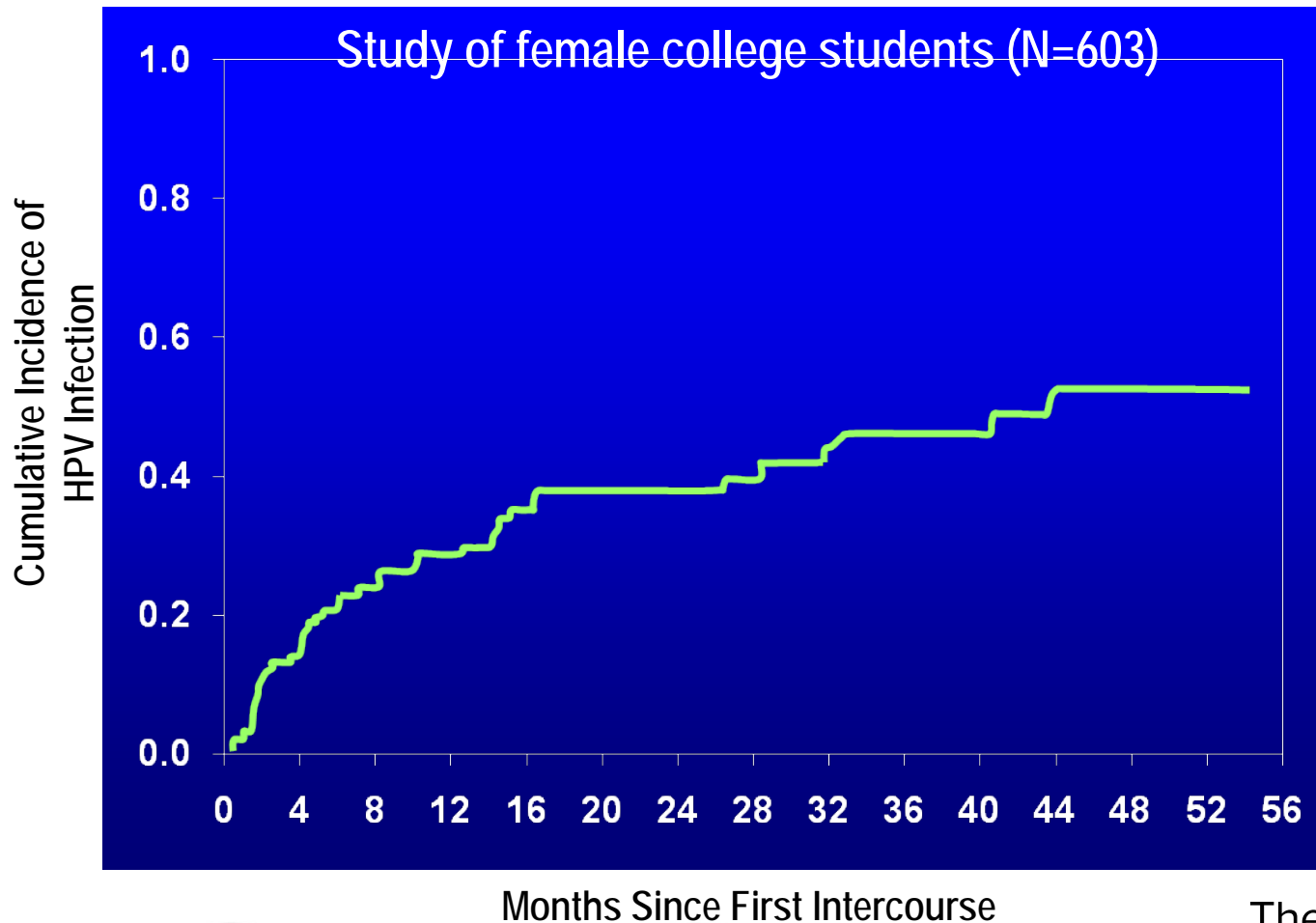
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HPV infections

- Each year 14 million people become infected
- Each year 17,600 women and 9,300 men are affected by HPV-related cancers:
 - Genital warts
 - Cervical cancer
 - Penile Cancer
 - Mouth and throat (oropharyngeal/tonsil) cancer
 - Anal cancer
 - Vulva cancer
 - Vaginal cancer

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Incidence of HPV Infection From Sexual Debut

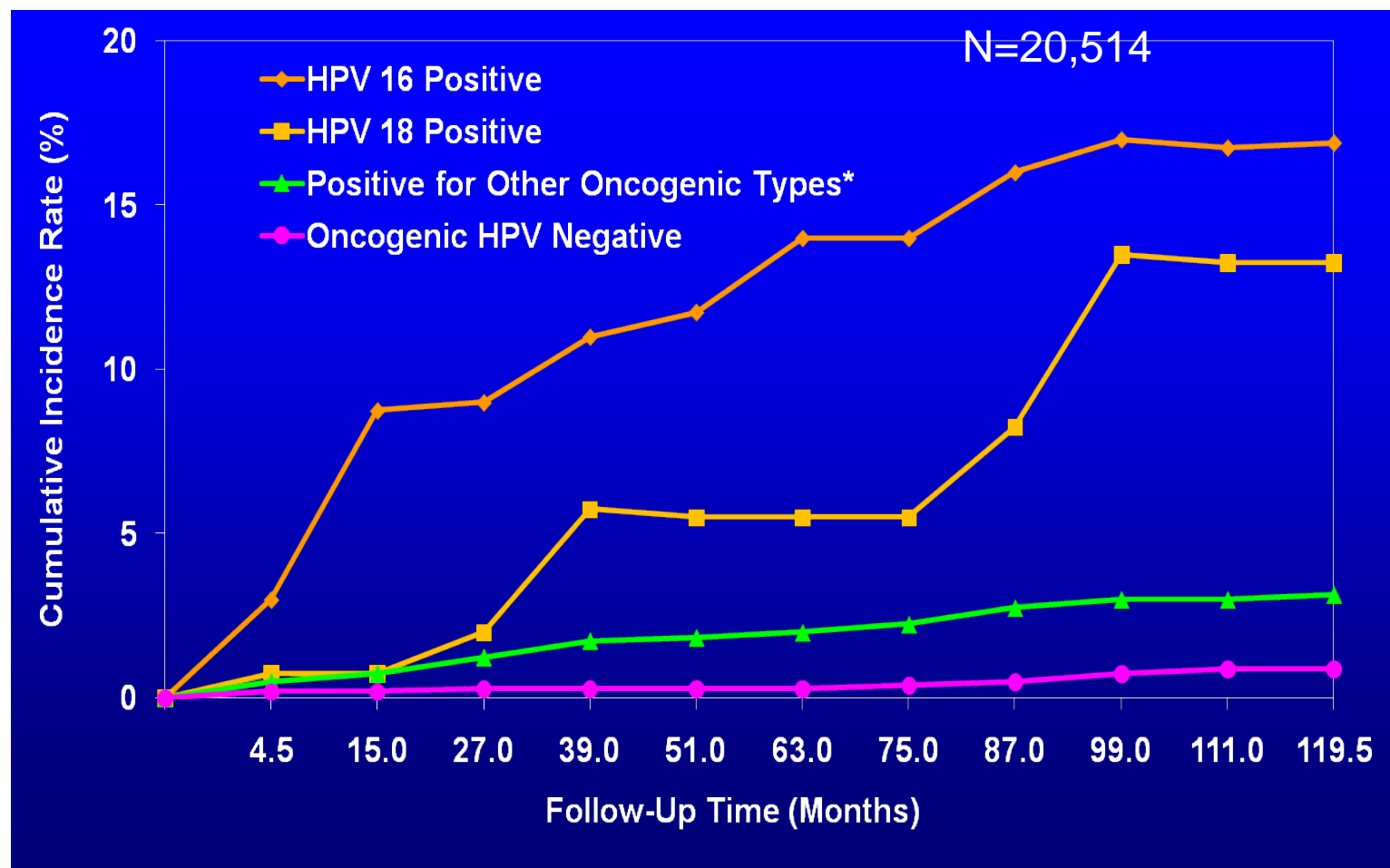


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HPV Clearance

- In women 15–25 years of age ~80% of HPV infections are transient.
 - Gradual development of cell-mediated immune response
- 70% of new HPV infections cleared in 1 yr and 91% in 2 yrs
 - Median duration of infection = 8 months
 - Certain HPV types are more likely to persist (HPV 16 and HPV 18)
- In immune-competent women CIN3 clears in 35%

Risk of Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer in Women with HPV 16 or 18

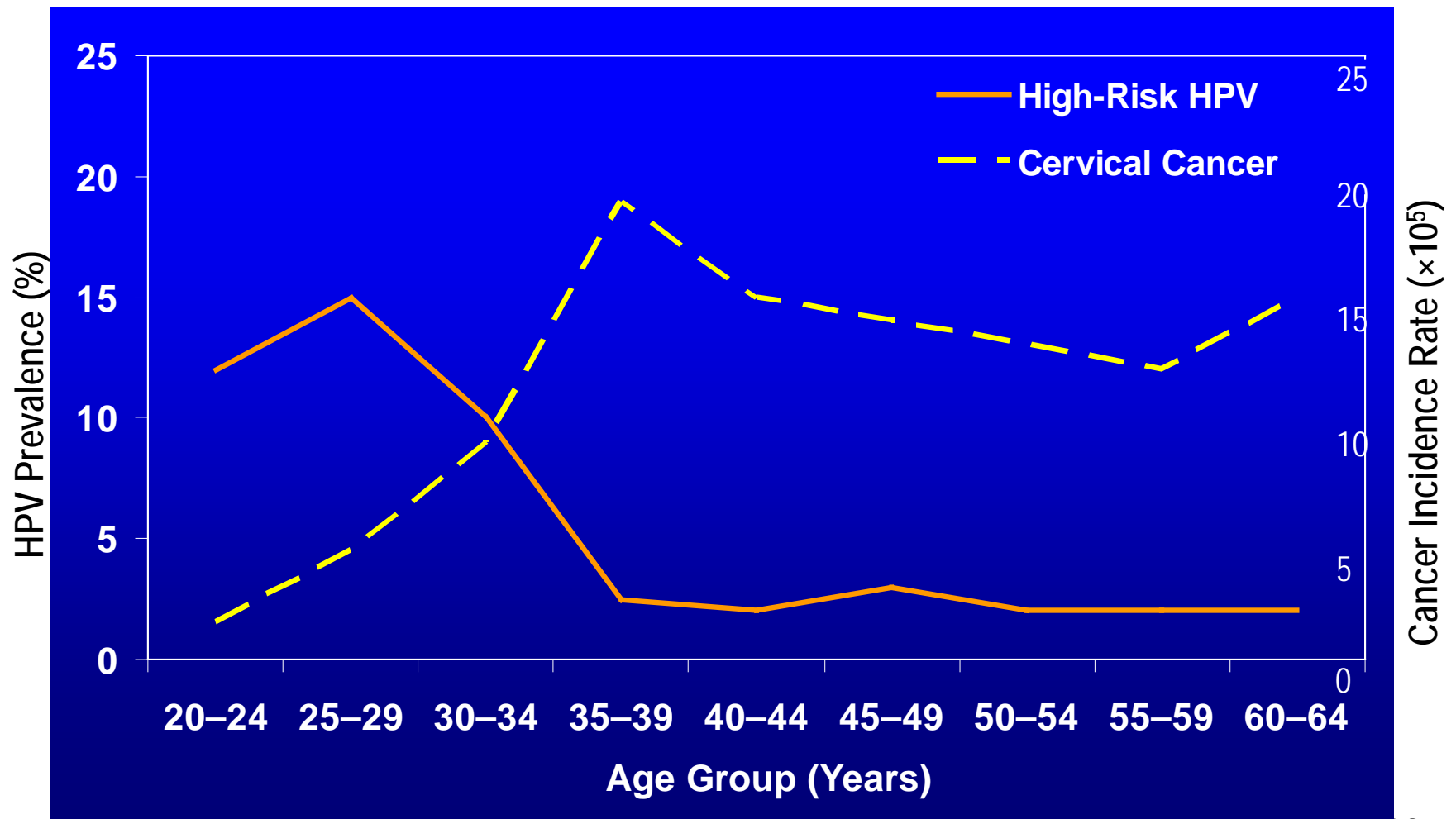


*Positive for the non-HPV 16/18 types in Hybrid Capture 2.

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Age-Specific Rates of HPV Infection and Cervical Cancer



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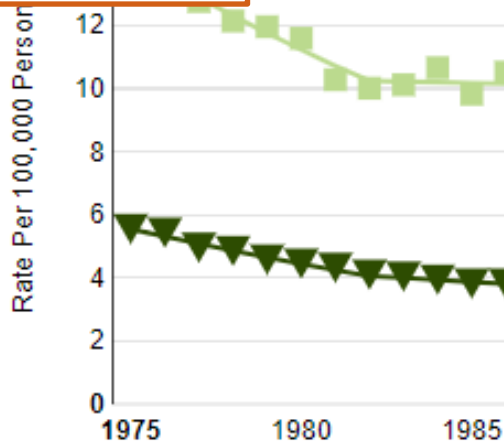
Prevention

- **Primary**
 - HPV Vaccination
 - (condoms)
- **Secondary**
 - Screening
 - Pap/HPV testing

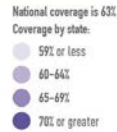


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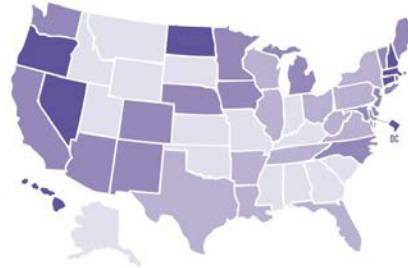
Pap smear introduced 1940's



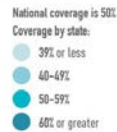
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6 OUT OF 10
GIRLS HAVE STARTED THE HPV VACCINE SERIES



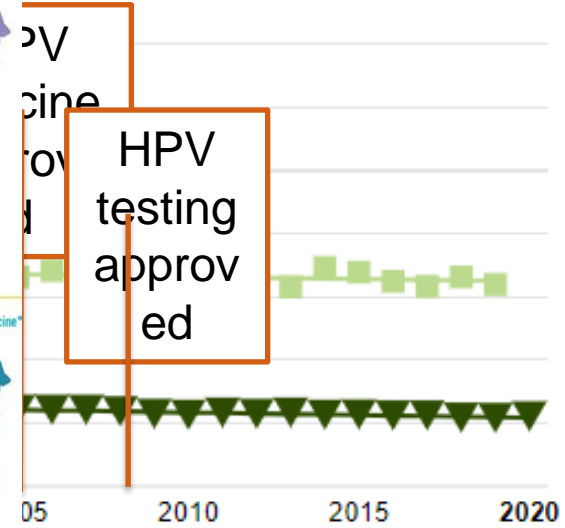
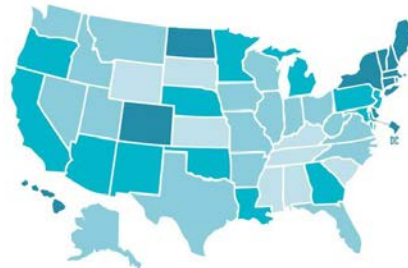
Percentage of Adolescent Girls Who Have Received One or More Doses of HPV Vaccine*



NATIONWIDE
5 OUT OF 10
BOYS HAVE STARTED THE HPV VACCINE SERIES



Percentage of Adolescent Boys Who Have Received One or More Doses of HPV Vaccine*



HPV vaccine approved

HPV VACCINATION IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT SEVERAL TYPES OF CANCER, YET MANY ADOLESCENTS HAVEN'T STARTED THE HPV VACCINE SERIES.

*Estimated coverage with ≥1 dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine among adolescents age 13-17 years (Source: National Immunization Survey—Teen, United States, 2013)

Source: AHRQ August 26, 2014 cancer.gov

Adapted from cdc.gov/hpv

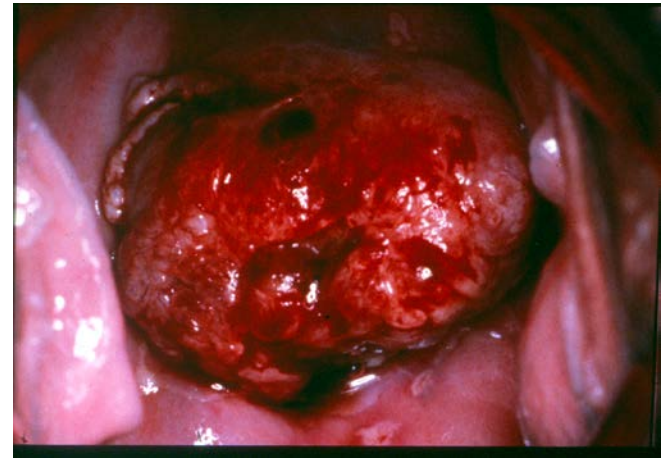
<https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html>

<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/infectious-agents/hpv-vaccine-uptake-infographic>

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Symptoms and Signs

- Usually asymptomatic
- Abnormal cervical cytology (pap)
- Vaginal bleeding
 - Post-coital (during/after intercourse)
 - Post-menopausal
 - Intermenstrual (in between periods)
- (Copious) vaginal discharge (often malodorous)
- Flank, leg or back pain, leg swelling



Cervical Cancer Diagnosis



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Clinical presentation

- Incidental finding on screening evaluation/pelvic examination
- Abnormal uterine bleeding
 - Post-coital bleeding
 - Intermenstrual bleeding
 - Heavy bleeding
- Vaginal discharge (often malodorous)
- Lower back/pelvic pain
- Bowel or urinary symptom

Advanced disease (sidewall involvement):

- Flank pain
- Leg swelling
- Sciatica

Cervical Cancer Diagnosis

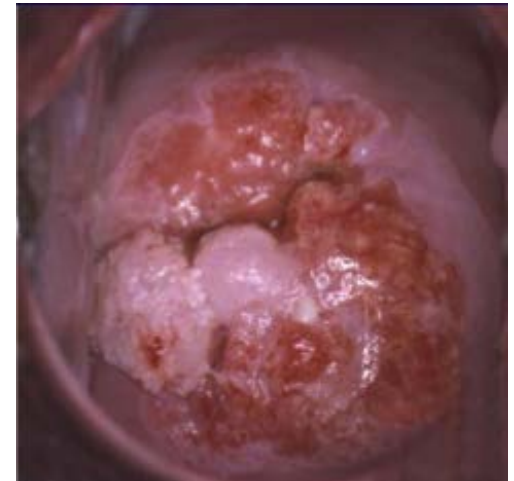
- Pelvic examination
 - Office or operating room
 - ***Clinical*** stage
- Colposcopy (microscopy)
- Biopsy
 - ***Diagnostic*** test
 - NOT A PAP (*screening* test only)

Histology

- Squamous (~80%)
- Adenocarcinoma / Endocervical/ Usual type (~15%)
- Adenosquamous
- Neuroendocrine, Small Cell
- Minimally Deviation Adenoca/ Adenoma Malignum (PJS)
- Clear Cell (DES)
- Serous

Diagnosis

- No visible lesion/no symptoms
 - Pap→
 - Colpo as indicated + biopsy/ECC→
 - Excisional procedure
- Visible lesion
 - Biopsy (do not pass go, do not collect \$200, DO NOT DO A PAP)
- Imaging
 - MRI (best for evaluation of cervical lesion)
 - PET (best for evaluation of for metastatic disease)
- **Staging** New 2018
 - Exam
 - Imaging
 - Surgery



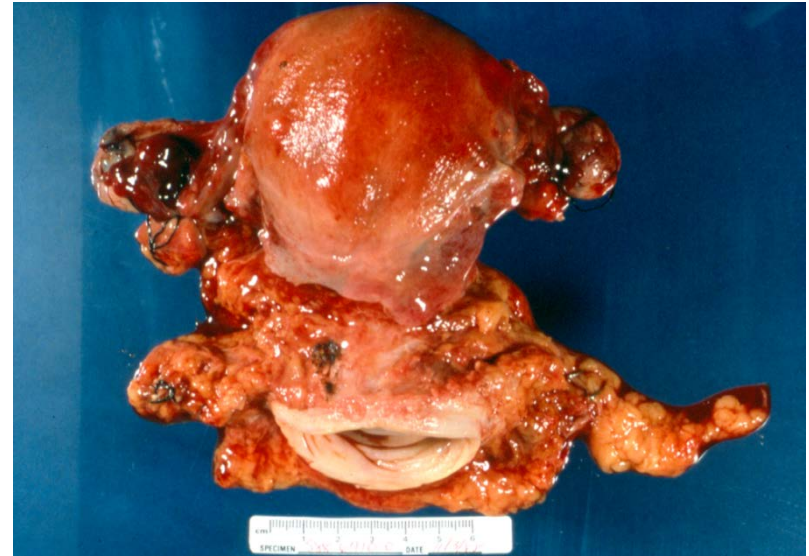
Staging

Stage	Description
I	Confined to cervix
IA1	Stromal invasion <3mm
IA2	Stromal invasion \geq 3mm and <5mm
IB1	\geq 5mm DOI, and <2cm
IB2	\geq 2cm but \leq 4cm
IB3	>4cm
II	Extension to upper 2/3 vagina/parametria
IIA1	Upper 2/3 vagina, <4cm
IIA2	Upper 2/3 vagina, \geq 4cm
IIB	Parametrial involvement (not to sidewall)
III	Pelvic sidewall, lower vagina, nodes
IIIA	Lower 1/3 vagina
IIIB	Pelvic sidewall +/- hydronephrosis
IIIC1	Pelvic nodes
IIIC2	PA nodes
IV	Other organs
IVA	Adjacent
IVB	Distant

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Management

- Considerations prior to treatment
 - Patient factors
 - Age
 - Menopausal status
 - Desires for fertility
 - Medical co-morbidities
 - Disease
 - Stage
 - Histology (Neuroendocrine treated differently)



Early stage disease → Surgery vs Radiation vs Chemoradiation

Locally advanced disease → Chemoradiation

Metastatic/recurrent → Systemic therapy

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Management of early stage disease

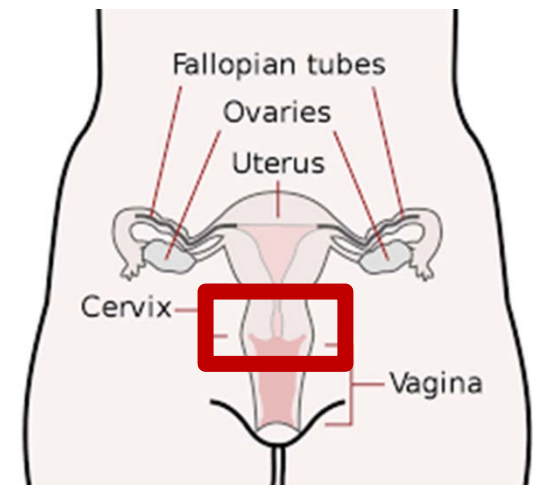
Stage	Treatment	Fertility sparing option
IA1, no LVSI	Extrafascial hyst	Cone biopsy Trachelectomy (if pos margins)
IA2-IB1*	Extrafascial hyst +LN	Cone biopsy + LN Trachelectomy + LN
IA1 with LVSI, IA2	Modified rad hyst + LN EBRT + BT	Radical trachelectomy + LN Cone biopsy + LN
IB1 (not meeting *criteria), IB2, IIA1	Rad hyst + LN EBRT + BT (+/- concurrent chemo)	Radical trachelectomy +LN
IB3, IIA2	chemoRT (EBRT +BT)	Not recommended NACT→ radical trachelectomy +LN

ConCerv Trial
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SHAPE Trial
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LACC Trial
ROCC trial
RACC trial

*Based on cone biopsy, no LVSI, neg margins, SCC or usual type adeno g1-2, size ≤ 2 cm, DOI ≤ 10 mm, imaging w/o mets

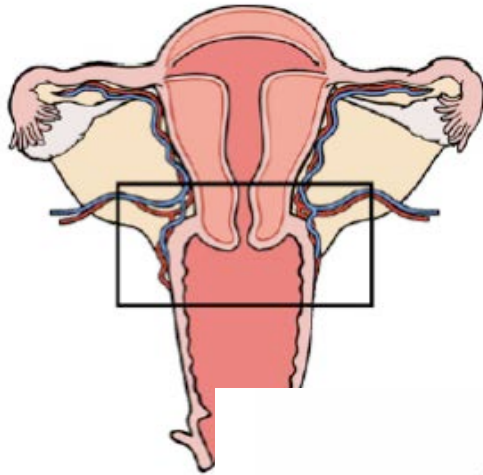
Fertility sparing treatment

- 10-15% of all cervical cancers occur in women during reproductive years
- Radical trachelectomy and lymph node dissection
 - Removing the cervix only and reconnecting the uterus to the vagina
- Generally must have:
 - desire for fertility preservation
 - small (less than 2 cm) tumor
 - (negative LVSI)
 - no evidence lymph node metastasis
 - no upper endocervical involvement (ECC)

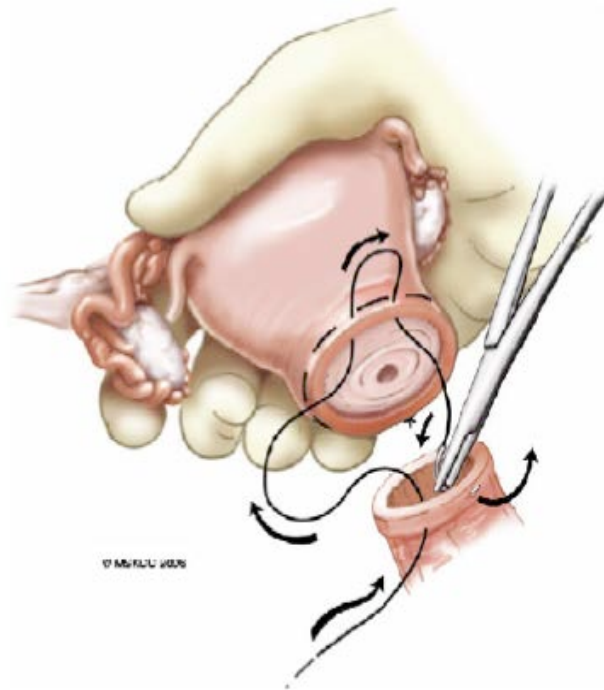
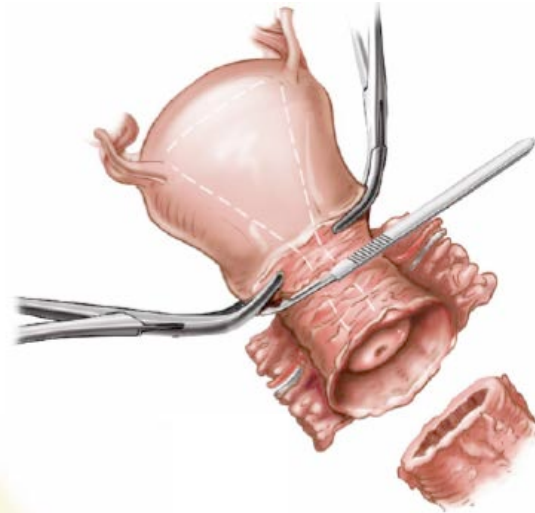


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Fertility sparing treatment



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Who needs adjuvant therapy?

- Low risk → none
- Intermediate risk
 - Sedlis criteria
 - RT
 - Decreased recurrence (30 → 15%)
 - No difference in survival (but close)
- High risk
 - Peters criteria
 - chemoRT
 - Improved PFS
 - Improved OS

Sedlis Criteria		
LVSI	Size	DOI
+	Any	Deep 1/3
+	≥2cm	Mid 1/3
+	≥5cm	Sup 1/3
-	>4cm	Deep/mid 1/3

Peters criteria
+nodes
+parametria
+margins

Sedlis et al. Gynecol Oncol. 1999
Peters et al. J Clin Oncol. 2000

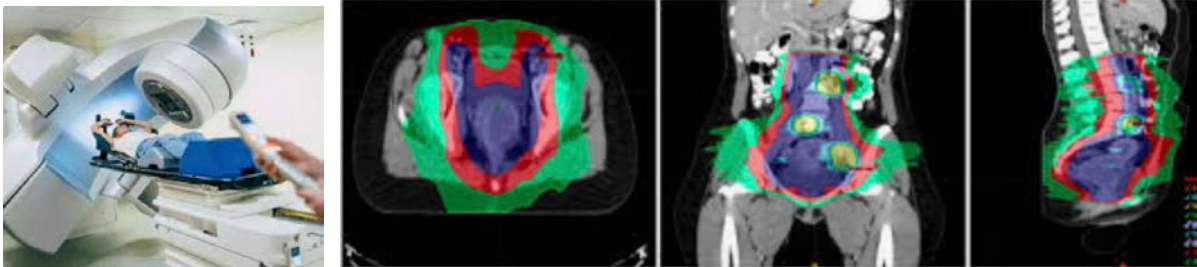
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Management of locally advanced disease

- EBRT + BT
 - EBRT 45-50 Gy to primary tumor and regional lymphatics
 - Parametrial/nodal boosts
 - +/-Extended field
 - Primary tumor treated with brachytherapy 30-40Gy
 - Time matters (Goal= complete w/in 56 days)

NCI clinical announcement in 1999: Chemotherapy plus radiation improves survival

- Cisplatin-based regimen reduced the risk of death by 30-50%
- Contemporary regimen: Cisplatin 40mg/m² weekly during EBRT (x5-6)



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But 30-50% of patients recur....

- Adjuvant therapy?
- Additional of immunotherapy to chemoRT?

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Cervical Cancer treatment

- If metastatic (spread) or recurrent cervical cancer
 - Chemotherapy
- Even with best chemotherapy survival is ~18 months
- Novel treatment / clinical trials
 - Immunotherapy - ~17% overall response rate
 - Tumor vaccines
- Central recurrence
 - Potential for cure
 - Pelvic exenteration – Overall survival 50%

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Pelvic Exenteration



- 50% cure rate
- 95% complication rate
- Life altering surgery
 - Permanent colostomy
 - Urinary Conduit
 - Option for vaginal reconstruction

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Metastatic/recurrent disease

Predictors of response to therapy:

- Race
- Performance status
- Location of disease
- Prior therapies
- Time to recurrence

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Metastatic, persistent or recurrent disease GOG PS 0-1
Measurable disease
NO prior treatment with chemo for metastatic disease, non-healing wounds, active bleeding conditions, inadequately anticoagulated VTE

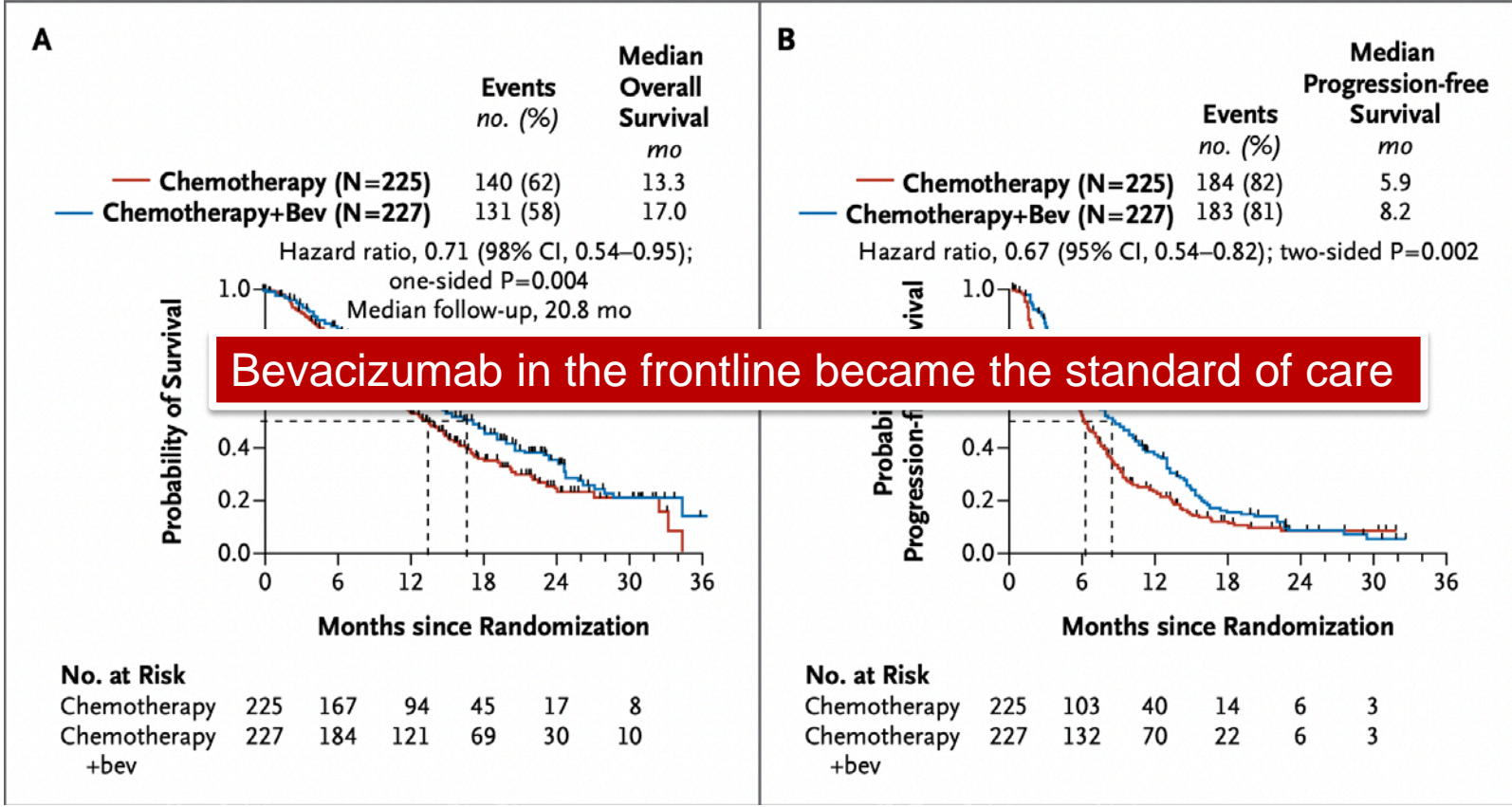
Randomized 1:1:1:1

Cisplatin 50mg/m² + paclitaxel 135mg OR 175 mg/m²

Topotecan 0.75mg/m² (d-3) + paclitaxel 175 mg/m²

Cisplatin 50mg/m² + paclitaxel 135mg OR 175 mg/m² + BEV

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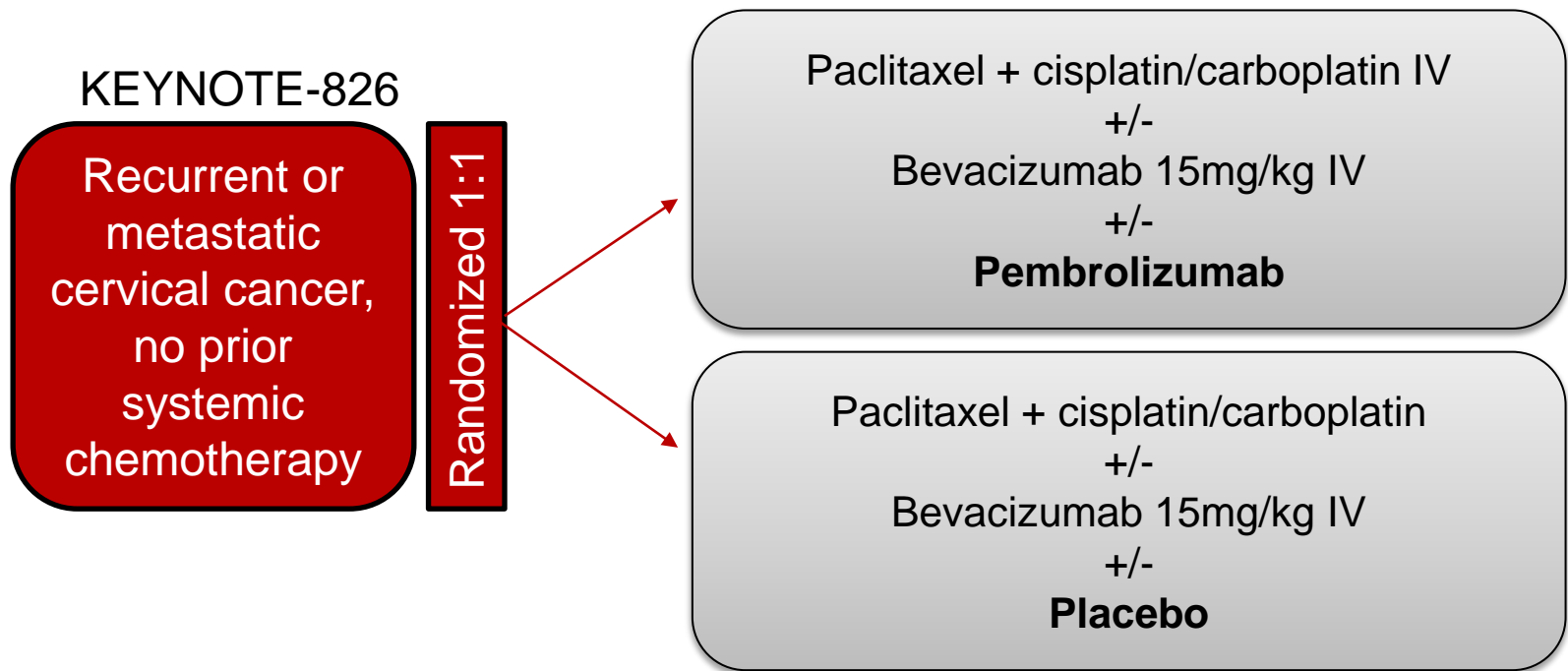
Tewari et al. New Eng J Med. 2014

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What about immunotherapy?

- Cervical cancer is a virally-driven cancer (HPV)
- Cervical cancers have increased tumor mutational burden (TMB) rate
- Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs)
- PD-L1 overexpression
 - squamous cell carcinoma (19-88%) and adenocarcinoma (14-65%)

Chemo + immunotherapy in front line?

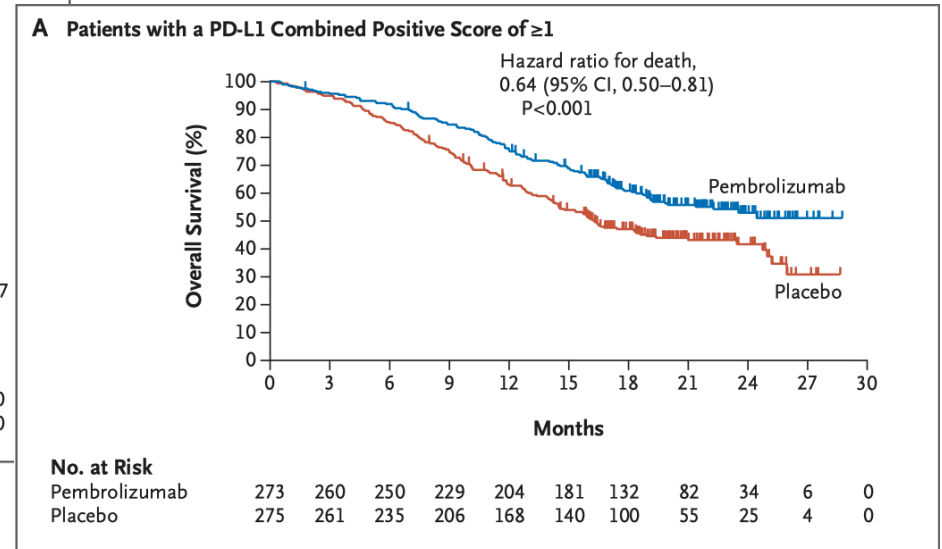
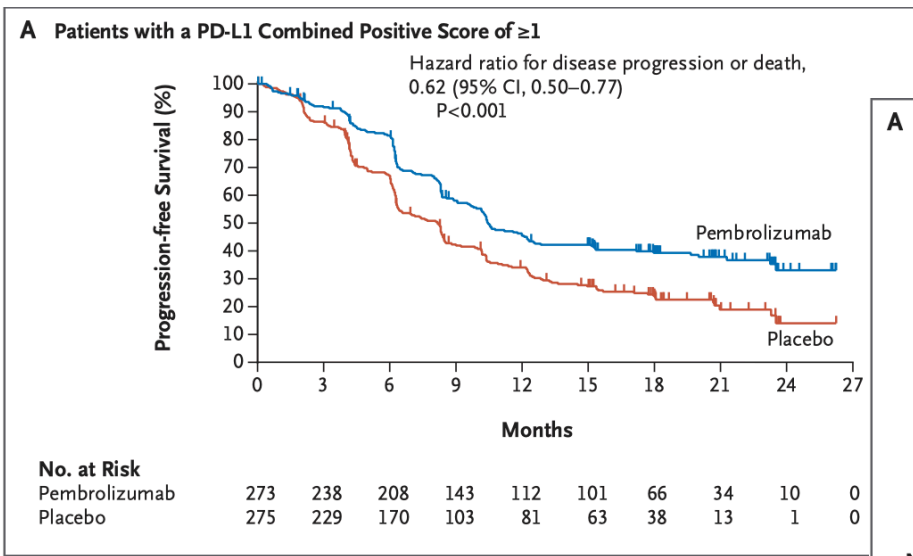


Colombo et al. New Eng J Med. 2021

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New standard



Median PFS 10.4 vs 8.2 months, HR 0.62, p<0.01

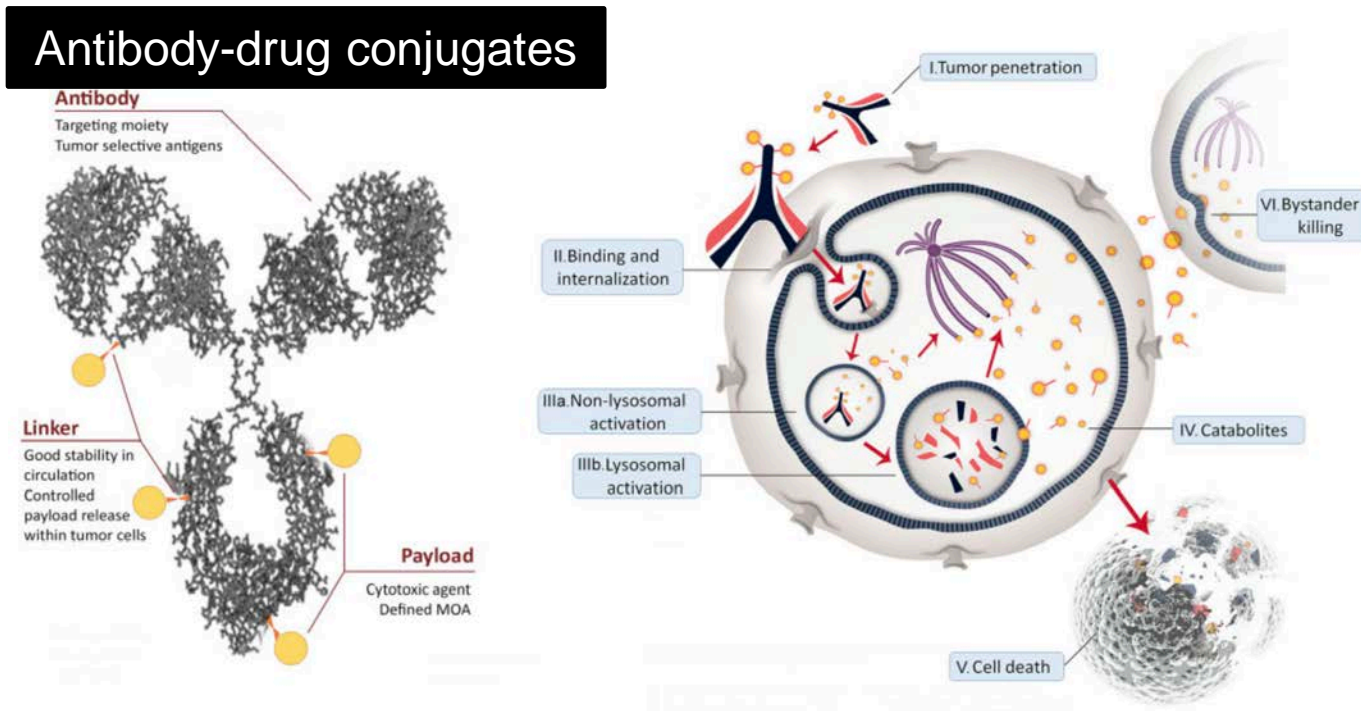
Median OS: NR (!!!) vs 16.3 months, HR 0.64, p<0.001 The James

2nd line and beyond

Regimen	ORR (%)	PFS (months)	OS (months)
Topotecan	12.5	2.1	6.6
Vinorelbine	13.7	NS	NS
Pemetrexed	15	3.1	7.4
Docetaxel	8.7	3.8	7.0
Gemcitabine	4.5	2.1	6.5
Abraxane	29	5.0	9.4

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Beyond immunotherapy...



Birrer et al. J Natl Cancer Inst. 2019

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Tisotumab Vedotin (TV)

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Directed against tissue factor (TF)

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PAYLOAD
Mono-methyl auristatin E (MMAE)
Microtubule disrupting agent

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Common toxicities associated with TV

Ocular Toxicity *****BLACK BOX WARNING***** occurs in ~60% pts; onset: ~1.2 months

- Changes in corneal epithelium/conjunctiva--> changes in vision, corneal ulceration
- Conjunctival adverse rxn (40%)
- Dry eye (29%)
- Corneal adverse reactions (21%)
- Blepharitis (8%)

Grade 3 ocular toxicity 3.8%

Peripheral Neuropathy: ~42% pts; onset: ~2.4 months

Hemorrhage: epistaxis (~44%); hematuria (~10%); vaginal hemorrhage (~10%)

Pneumonitis: ~1.3%

Infusion related reactions: ~12%

EYE CARE	Day of Tisotumab vedotin infusion			Day 2	Day 3	Remainder of cycle (21 day cycle)
	Pre-Infusion	During Infusion	Rest of day			
Cooling Pads <small>*must remain on each eye for duration of infusion</small>	MUST cover each eye. Apply 5 min prior to infusion	Replace cooling pad after ~20min to maximize optimal eye cooling				
Steroid eye drop <small>(i.e. dexamethasone 0.1%)</small>	1 drop each eye		1 drop each eye x 2 more doses	1 drop each eye three times per day	1 drop each eye three times per day	
Vasoconstrictor eye drop <small>(i.e. brimonidine tartrate 0.2%)</small>	3 drops each eye					
Lubricating eye drop			1-2 drops in each eye as needed for dry eyes			

Baseline ophthalmic exam; *prior to each treatment** and as clinically indicated (**per package insert*)
 Patients should not wear contact lenses for duration of treatment

Summary courtesy of Ambar Khan

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Conclusions

- We have come a long way, but have a long way to go
- 1st line of defense is prevention
 - **VACCINATE**
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 - Routine pap smears

Conclusions

- Management pearls:
 - Early Stage:
 - Low Risk: Surgery remains the mainstay of treatment, less radical surgery may be the future
 - Intermediate risk: Adjuvant RT
 - High risk: Adjuvant chemoRT
 - Locally advanced disease:
 - Definitive chemoRT (cisplatin), no role for adjuvant chemo or immunotherapy to date.
 - Metastatic/Recurrent disease:
 - Platinum/taxane + pembro +/- bev is the new standard first line
 - Pembrolizumab approved for PDL1 + (CPS \geq 1%)
 - Tisotumab vedotin

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Conclusions

- What's next:
 - Adjuvant chemoRT for early stage, intermediate risk?
 - Immunotherapy after immunotherapy? Combo strategies (PD1/PDL1, CTLA4)
 - Tisotumab to the front line?
 - TILS (SUPER EXCITING)
 - Vaccines for disease treatment?

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