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**RARE CANCERS TREATMENT:
THE CHALLENGES**
The surgeon's perspective

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RARE CANCERS CHALLENGES



EARLY AND CORRECT DIAGNOSIS

CLINICAL EXPERTISE

RESEARCH

ACCESS TO NEW THERAPIES

INEQUALITIES

surgery → the mainstay of treatment of solid rare tumors (11 out of 12 families)

- 2 patients out of 3 can be treated by surgery alone
- 30% more can receive a a combined treatment of radio/chemotherapy and surgery



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Rare cancers are not so rare: The rare cancer burden in Europe

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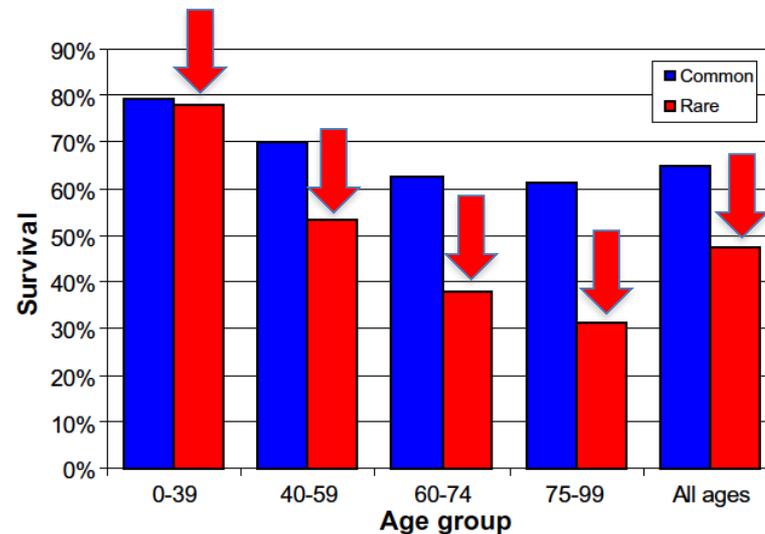
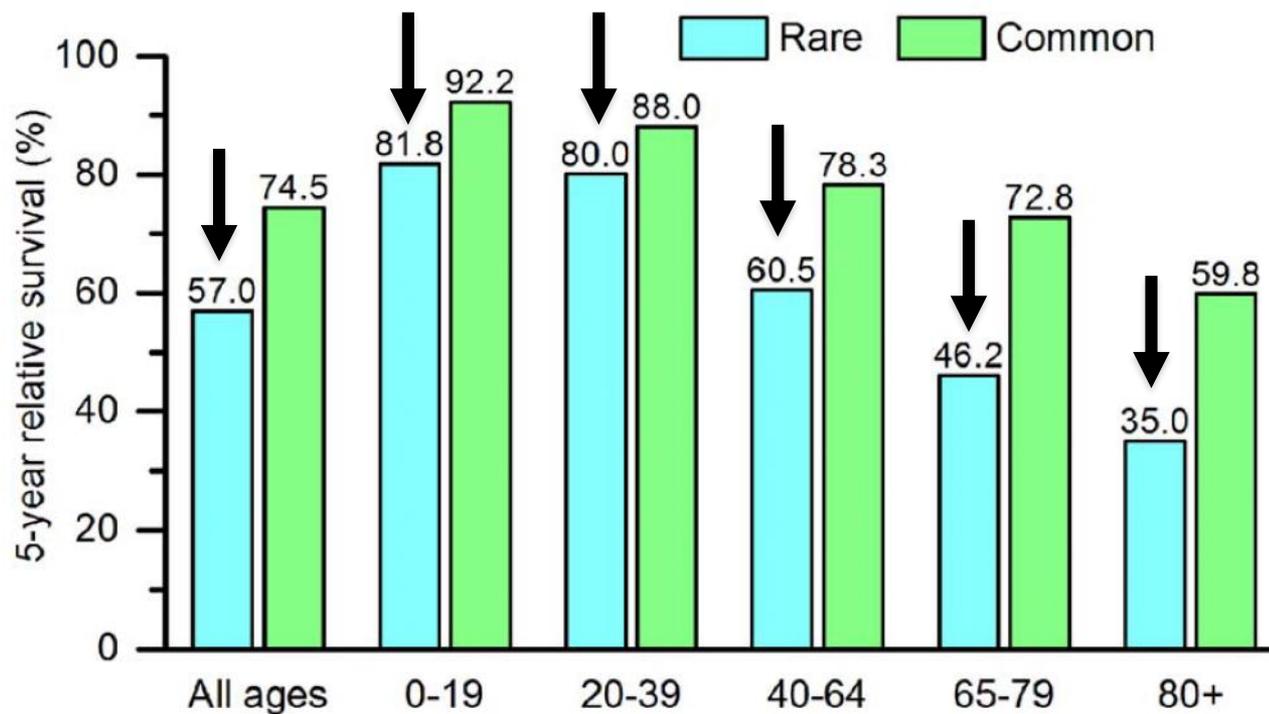
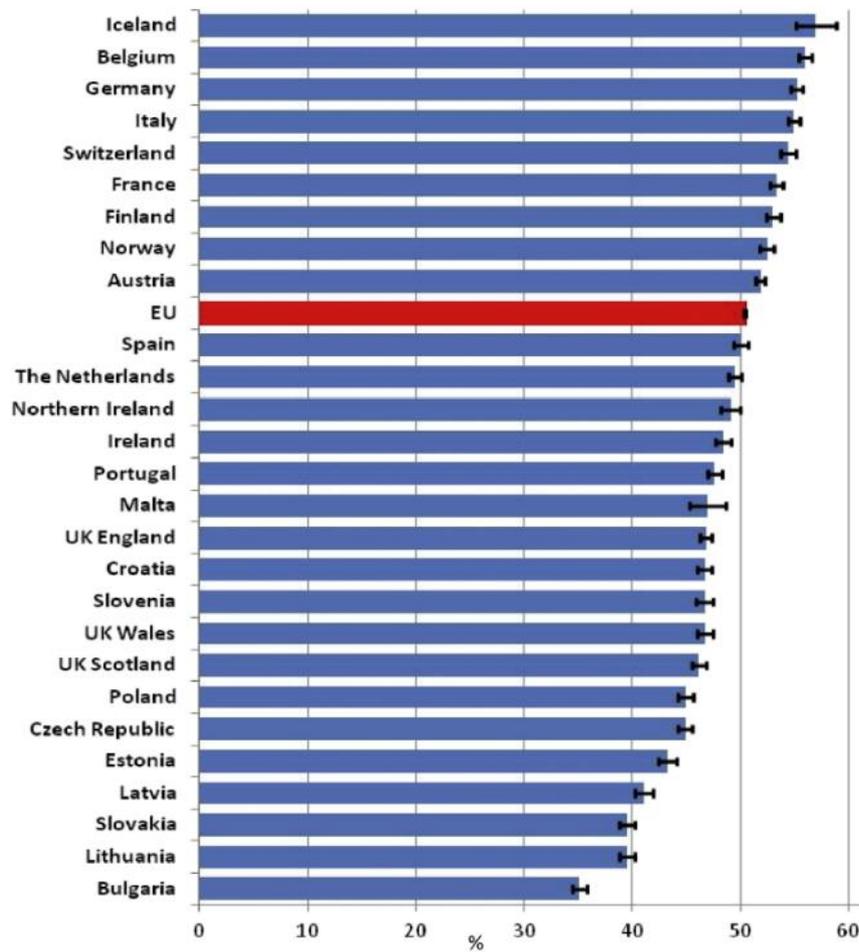


Fig. 4 – RARECARE estimates of relative survival for rare and common cancers in EU27 by age group.

The Burden of Rare Cancers in the United States

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note: survival adjusted by age and case-mix
 elaboration from www.rarecarenet.eu

fig. 2. Five-year relative survival (%) for all rare cancers by European country and in Europe (EU). Error bars are 95% Confidence Intervals.

Gatta G, et al., *Epidemiology of rare cancers and inequalities in oncologic outcomes*, *Eur J Surg Oncol* (2017)



PATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSIS



NEOADJUVANT TREATMENTS

RARE CANCERS SURGERY

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|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| RPS SARCOMAS | → | MULTIORGAN DISSECTION |
| EXTREMITY SARCOMAS | → | LIMB SPARING SURGERY |
| TESTICULAR CANCERS | → | NERVE SPARING LYMPHADENECTOMY |
| H&N | → | FUNCTION SPARING SURGERY |
| GISTs | → | ORGAN SPARING SURGERY |
| NETs | → | CURATIVE/PALLIATIVE SURGERY |
| | → | TRANSPLANT SURGERY |



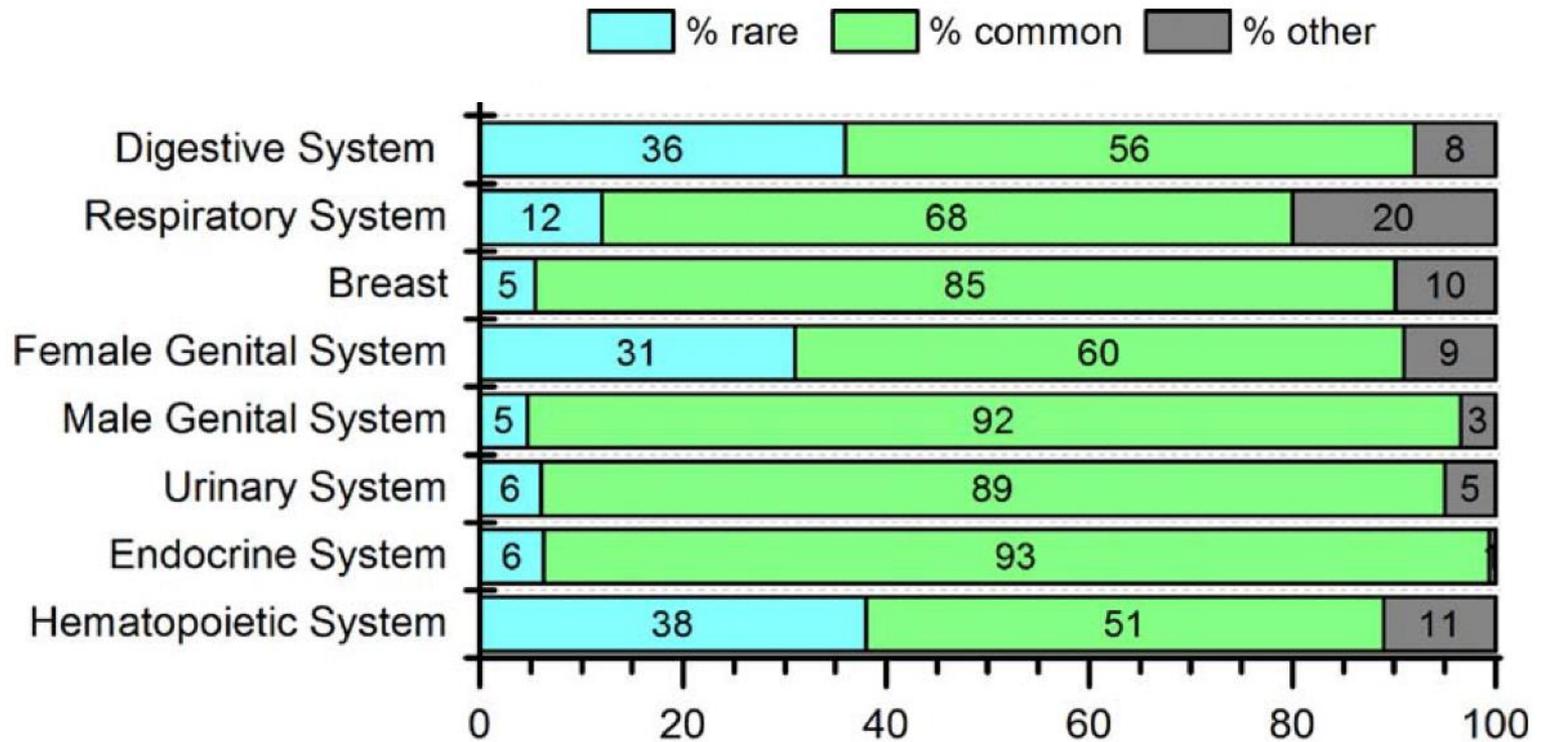
ADJUVANT TREATMENTS



SURGERY OF METASTASES

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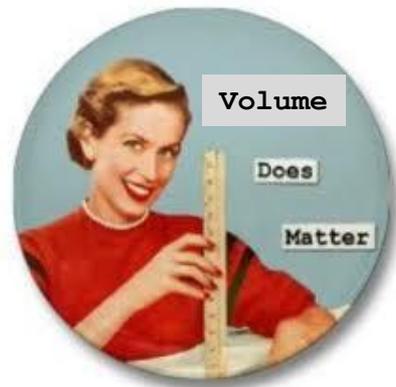
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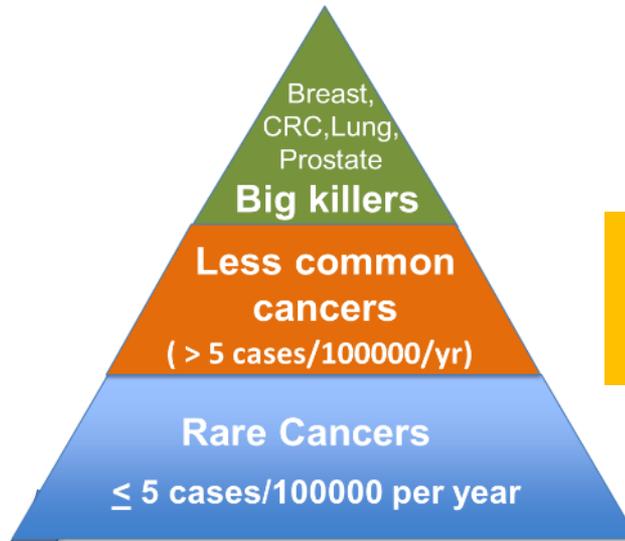
SURGEON CHALLENGES

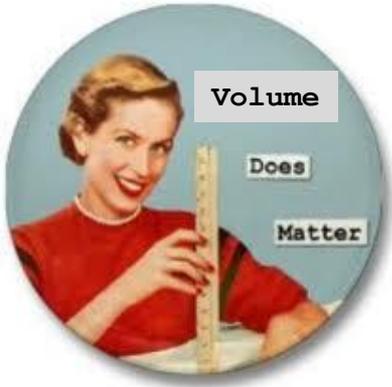
Expertise in organ surgery

Knowledge of the biology of the disease



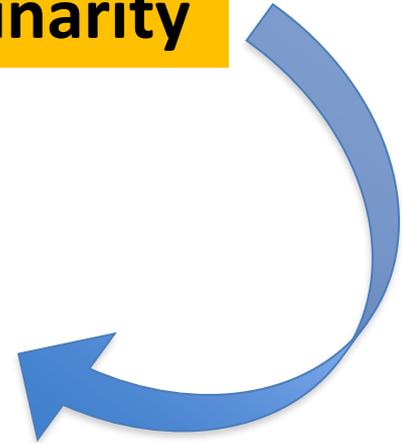
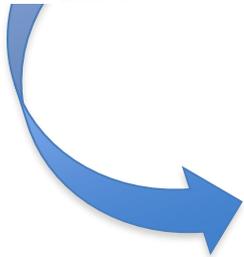
Need for multidisciplinary





multidisciplinarity

**Referral (dedicated)
Centers**



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Improved survival using specialized multidisciplinary board in sarcoma patients

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Study on 12543 patients

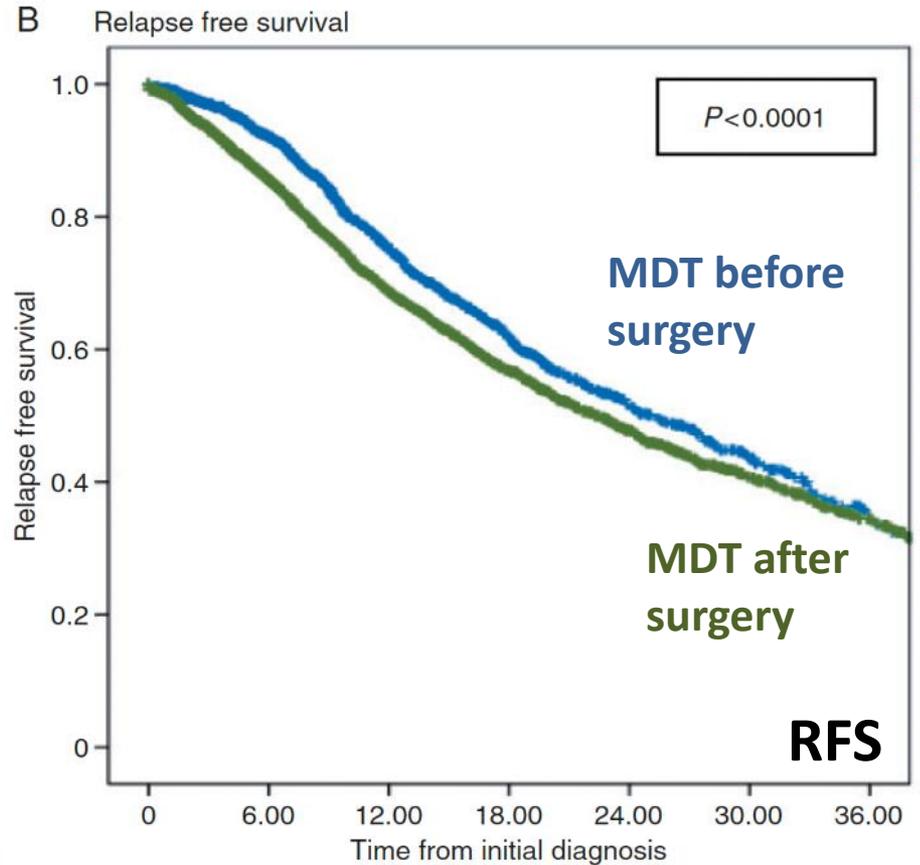
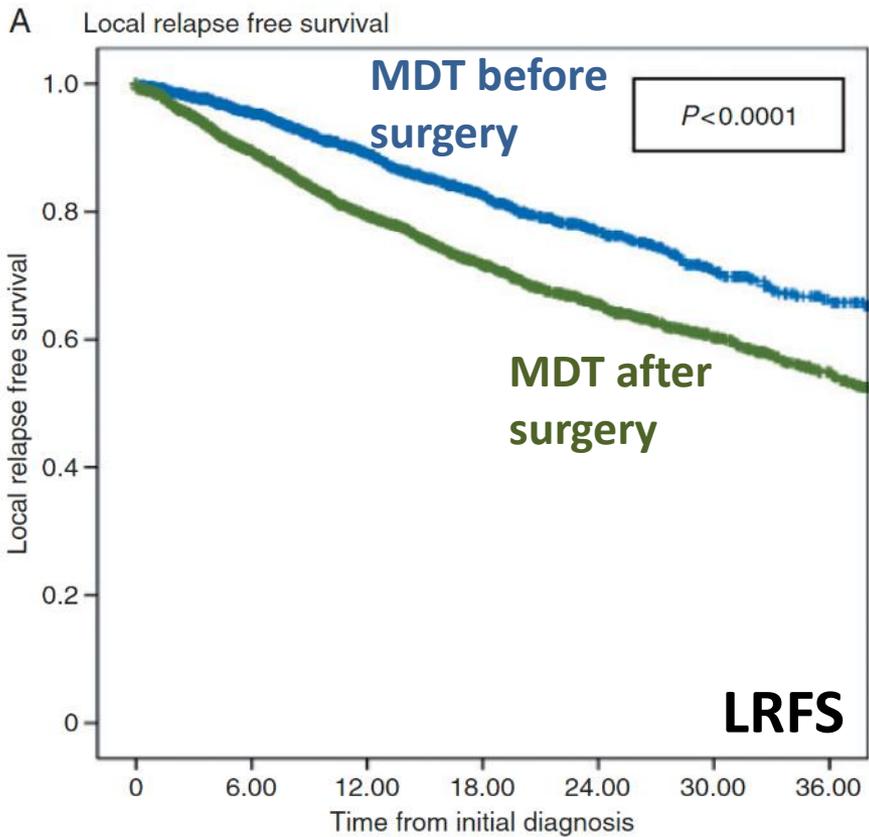
Presentation to a MDTB before treatment was associated with a better compliance to clinical practice guidelines, for example, biopsy before surgery, imaging, quality of initial surgery, and less reoperations (all $P < 0.001$). Local relapse-free survival and relapse-free survival were significantly better in patients presented to a MDTB before initiation of treatment, both in univariate and multivariate analysis.

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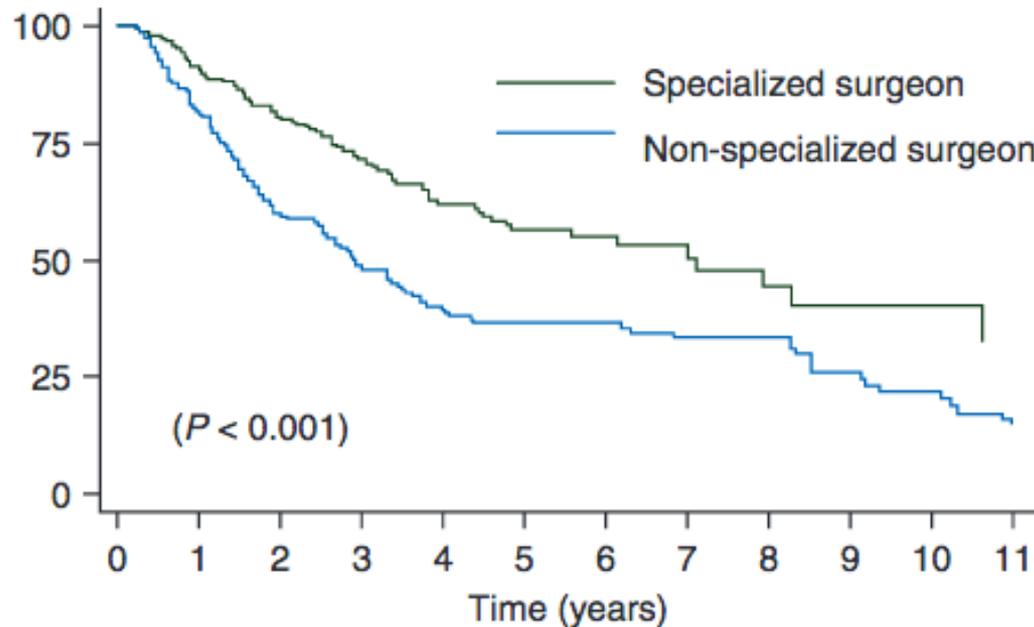
Table 2. Patients' characteristics, procedures, and NETSARC MDTB

Patient characteristics	NETSARC MDTB before treatment		P value
	Yes (N = 5281)	No (N = 7247)	
Quality of first surgery ^b			
R0	1436 (52.6%)	1968 (32.2%)	<0.001
R1	845 (30.9%)	1965 (32.1%)	
R2	204 (7.1%)	1148 (18.8%)	
NE	246 (9.1%)	1032 (16.9%)	
Reexcision after first surgery			
Yes	165 (6.0%)	1065 (17.4%)	<0.001
No	2320 (85.0%)	4916 (65.7%)	
NE	246 (9.1%)	1032 (16.9%)	
Quality of final surgery ^b			
R0	1571 (57.5%)	2845 (46.5%)	<0.001
R1	773 (28.3%)	1529 (25.0%)	
R2	141 (5.1%)	707 (11.5%)	
NE	246 (9.1%)	1032 (16.9%)	



Retroperitoneal sarcomas: patterns of care at diagnosis, prognostic factors and focus on main histological subtypes: a multicenter analysis of the French Sarcoma Group

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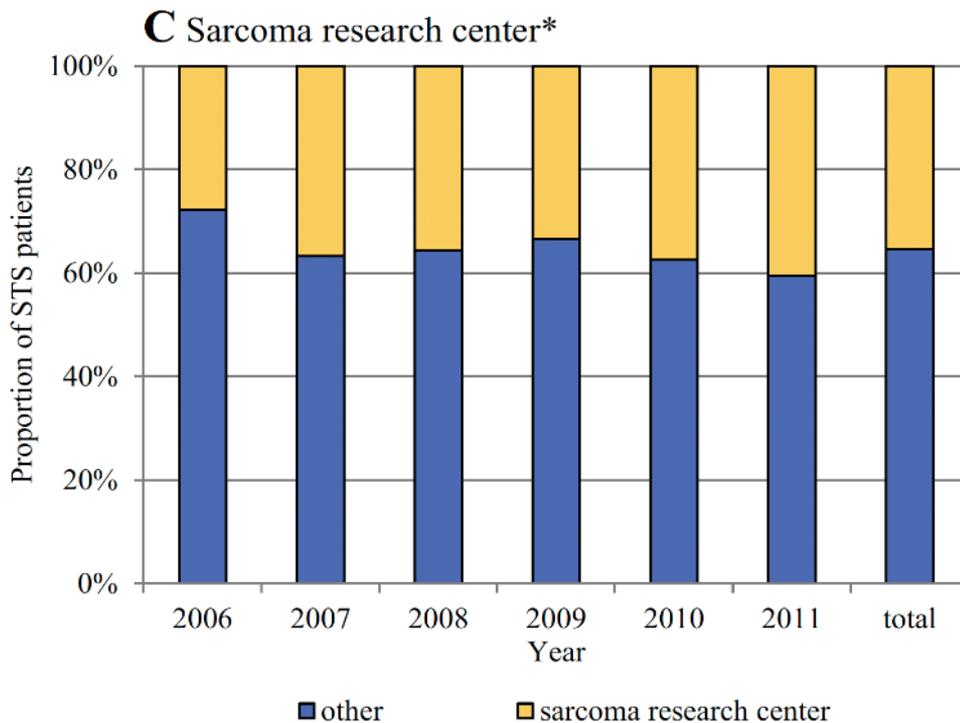
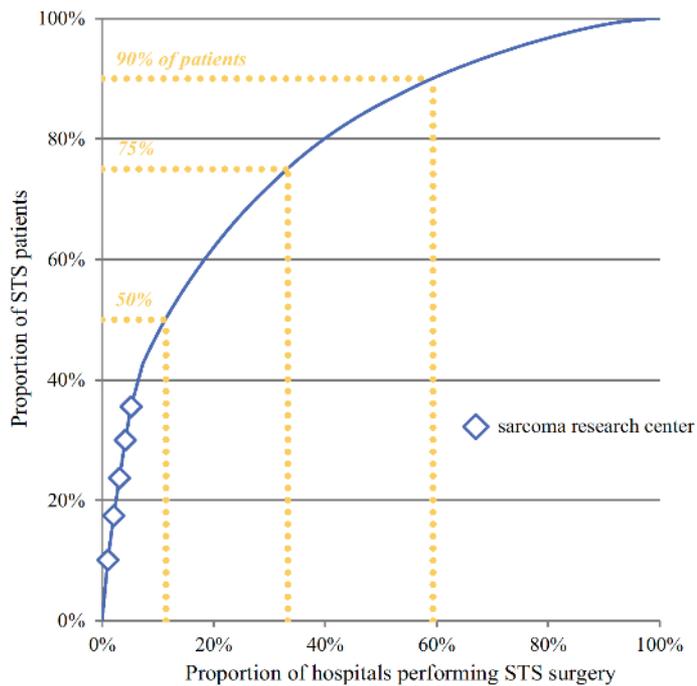
Kaplan-Meier locoregional relapse-free survival curves



ORIGINAL ARTICLE – BONE AND SOFT TISSUE SARCOMAS

Adherence to Guidelines for Adult (Non-GIST) Soft Tissue Sarcoma in the Netherlands: A Plea for Dedicated Sarcoma Centers

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* statistically significant ($p < 0.01$)



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there can be profound implications for a patient not diagnosed at a sarcoma centre, such as missing the chance of a timely diagnosis of a potentially curable disease, and being spared more extensive surgery

The experience of the surgeon is a prognostic factor of overall survival in STS



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the experienced sarcoma surgeon

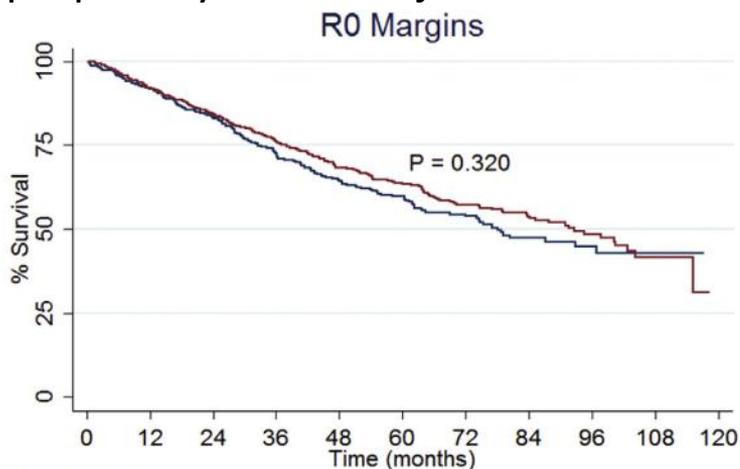
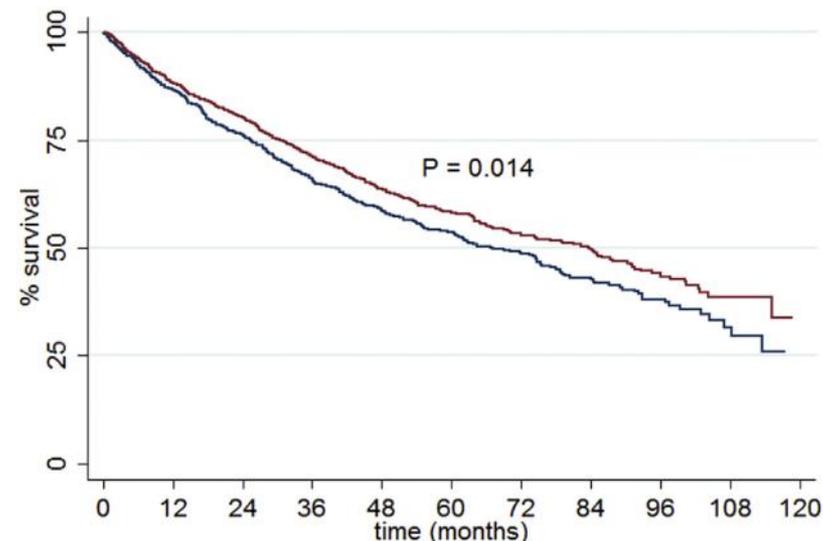
- Must perform almost 50 sarcoma surgeries/year
- Must act within a multidisciplinary environment
- Must be able to coordinate collaborations when necessary (with a multidisciplinary surgical team) with the potential for local control weighted against the potential for long-term dysfunction

Overall survival after resection of retroperitoneal sarcoma at academic cancer centers versus community cancer centers: An analysis of the National Cancer Data Base

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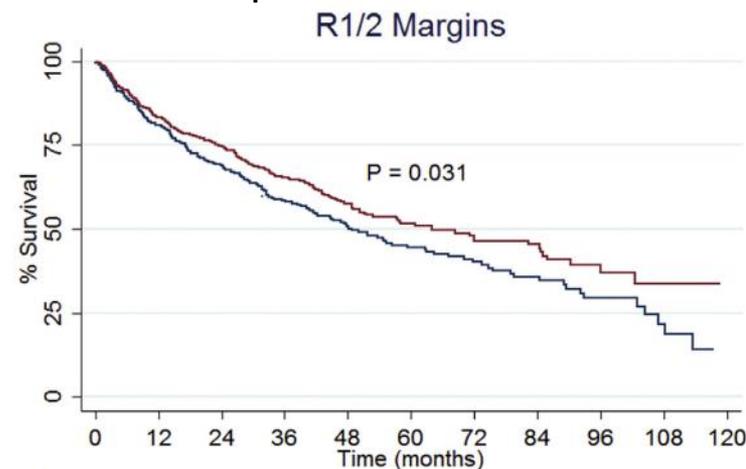
2762 patients:

greater propensity for neoadjuvant treatments at ACCs compared with CCCs



Number at risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
CCC	465	406	340	261	199	142	92	46	27	6		
ACC	801	687	559	426	306	231	152	94	48	16		

— CCC — ACC



Number at risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120
CCC	350	273	206	147	99	76	48	34	17	7		
ACC	477	374	302	205	142	85	57	42	17	6		

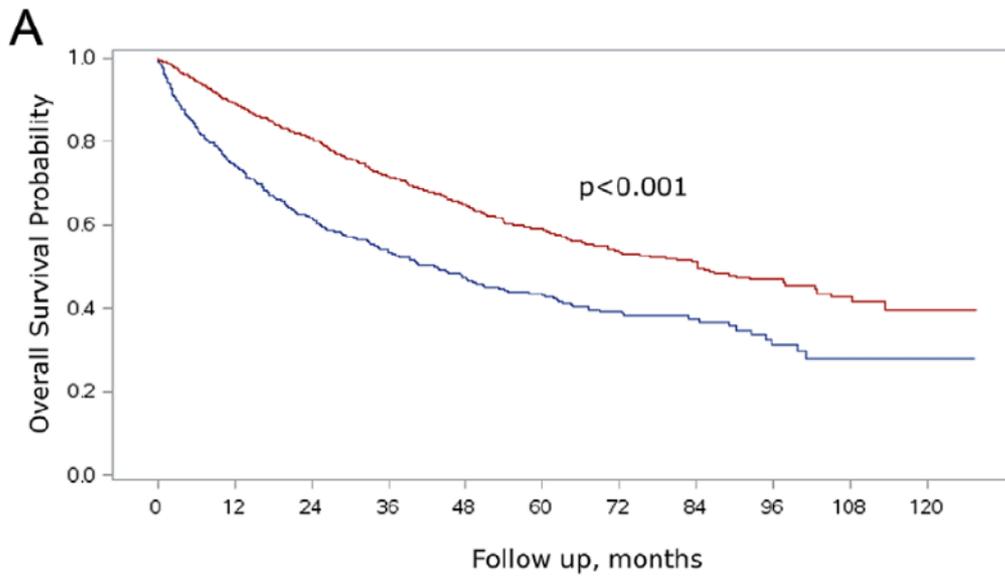
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Predictors of surgical quality for retroperitoneal sarcoma: Volume matters

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Patients treated at high-volume centers has

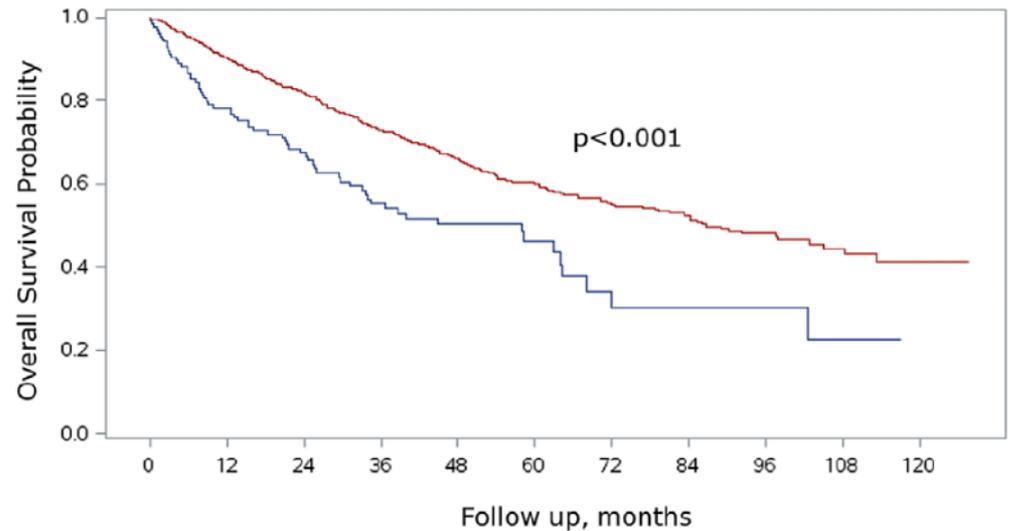
1.9-fold higher odds of undergoing surgical management ($P < 0.001$),
2.5-fold higher odds of receiving a R0/R1 resection ($P = 0.026$),
1.8-fold higher odds of an R0 resection ($P < 0.001$).



A) surgical treatment (red) versus non surgical treatment (blue)

B

B) R0/R1 resection (red) versus R2 resection (blue)





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Original article

Impact of hospital case volume on testicular cancer outcomes and practice patterns

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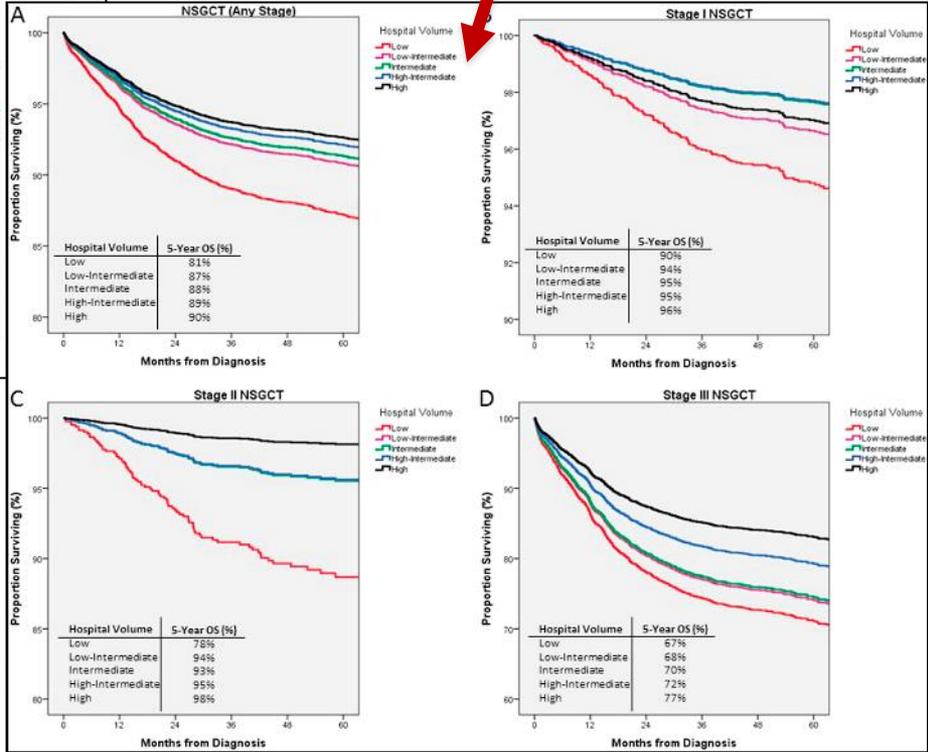
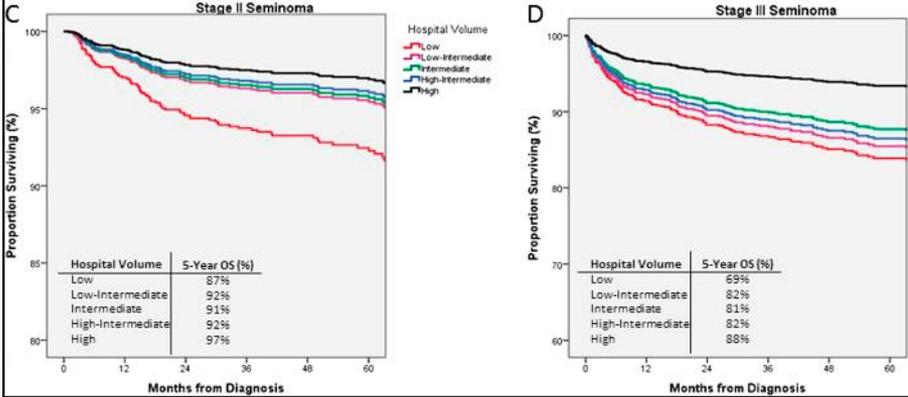
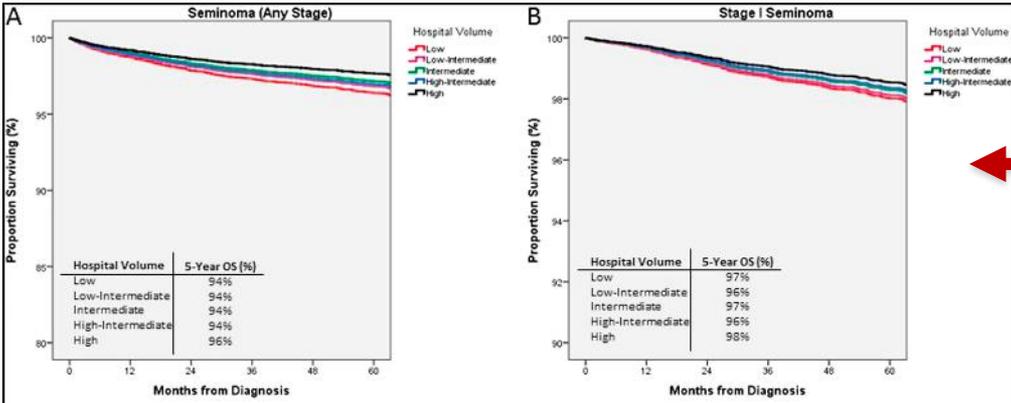
Results: A total of 33,417 patients with TGCT diagnosed from 1,239 institutions met inclusion criteria.

Conclusions: Our analysis of a nationwide cancer registry demonstrated that increased hospital TGCT case volume was associated with significant differences in management strategies and improved survival outcomes, in particular for more advanced disease. © 2017

POPULATION SURVIVING IN

SEMINOMA

NON SEMINOMA GERM CELL TUMOR



 LOW VOLUME

 HIGH VOLUME

Aggressive Surgical Approach to the Management of Neuroendocrine Tumors: A Report of 1,000 Surgical Cytoreductions by a Single Institution

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Table 6. Summary of the 5-Year, 10-Year, 20-Year, and Median Overall Survival and 30-Day Postoperative Mortality Rates by Site-Specific Classifications

Primary site	n	No. of procedures	30-d postoperative mortality*		Overall survival rate			
			n	%	5-y, %	10-y, %	20-y, %	Median, mo
All	800	1,001	24	2	82	65	37	166
Lung	11	15	—	—	100	73	58	NR
Stomach	31	36	2	6	75	67	NA	NR
Duodenum	55	57	1	2	70	55	55	NR
Pancreas	89	108	3	4	67	51	36	124
Small bowel	516	658	15	3	84	67	31	161
Appendix	19	19	—	—	94	94	—	NR
Colon	23	29	—	—	100	92	61	NR
Rectum	34	52	1	2	76	61	40	143
Other	8	12	—	—	100	67	67	NR
Unknown	14	15	2	13	74	74	0	216

*For 30-d postoperative mortality, n is equal to the total number of deaths within 30 days of surgery. Percentages were calculated as the number of deaths (n) for each primary site divided by the total number of procedures performed for each primary site. NA, not applicable; NR, not reached.

The Case Volume Issue in Head and Neck Oncology

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In surgical area, it will be important the definition of the minimum number of surgical operations for HNC to be considered “credentialed” for this disease.

if performance is about practice, competence is a broader field, encompassing technical expertise, medical knowledge, and ability to judge and to make decisions.

So, the process of credentialing should encounter also these aspects in a more complex and articulate judgment

Table 1. Clinical studies investigating the relationship between surgery (hospital and/or surgeon-related) case volume and outcome in head and neck cancer patients

Reference	Study country	Analysis period	Disease subsite	Study population (N)	Object of analysis	Cut-off of "high" surgery case volume (hospital and/or Surgeon)	Results
[7•]	USA	1998 to 2002	Oral cavity Parotid/other salivary glands Pharynx Larynx	11,160	HCV	59.7 cases/year	Improved short-term (30-day after surgery) and long-term (5 and 10-year) survival ^a
[8]	USA	2003 to 2007	Oral cavity Oropharynx Larynx Hypopharynx	1195	HCV	≥ 15 cases/year	Improved survival ^b (n.s.s.)
[9]	Taiwan	2005 to 2007	Oral cavity	1256	SCV	22–117 cases/year	Improved survival (3-year)
[10]	Taiwan	1997 to 1999	Oral cavity	6666	HCV SCV	HCV ≥ 531 cases/3 years SCV ≥ 142 cases/3 years	Not improved survival (5-year) for HCV Improved survival (5-year) for SCV
[11]	USA	1996 to 1998	Larynx ^c	11,446	HCV	6 cases/year ^d	Improved survival (5-year)
[12]	USA	1996 to 2002	Larynx ^e	19,326	HCV	≥ 3.6 cases/year (community hospitals) ≥ 8.7 cases/year (community Cancer Centers) ≥ 17.1 cases/year (Teaching/Research Centers)	Improved survival (90-day, 365-day, 4-year) for patients treated at Teaching/Research Centers
[13••]	Canada	1993 to 2010	Oral cavity Oropharynx Larynx Hypopharynx	5720	HCV SCV	HCV ≥ 138 cases/year SCV ≥ 30 cases/year	Improve survival (5 and 10-year) for HCV

HCV hospital-related case volume, n.s.s. not statistically significant, SCV surgeon-related case volume

^aPatients with large (> 30 mm), high-grade, parotid, pharynx and larynx had better advantage to be addressed at high-volume centers

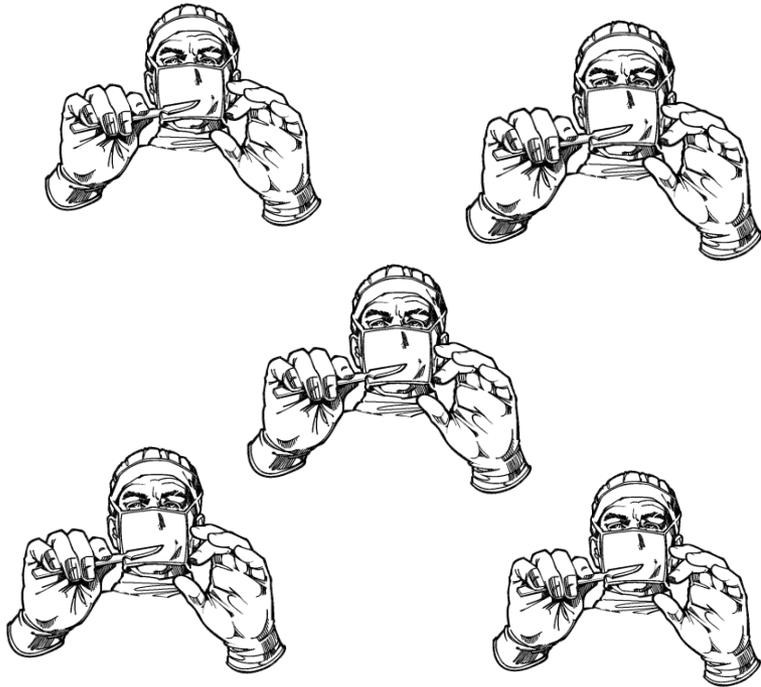
^bPatients treated at high-volume hospitals were not more likely to receive multimodality therapy and cisplatin-based chemoradiotherapy

^cOnly early-stage (T1-T2 N0 M0) laryngeal cancers were included

^dMean value/year

^eOnly advanced-stage (III–IV stage) laryngeal cancers were included

high volume surgeons ← → *multidisciplinary team*



In which way the expertise of a centre can be recognized ?



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Reference centres for adults with rare and complex cancers – Policy recommendations to improve the organisation of care in Belgium

Centres de référence pour adultes ayant un cancer rare ou complexe. Recommandations politiques pour améliorer l'organisation des soins en Belgique

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Improving the quality of rare/complex cancer care requires to concentrate expertise and sophisticated infrastructure in reference centres.

The fundamental step is the translation of the recommendations into policy decisions: the best interest of the patient should prevail

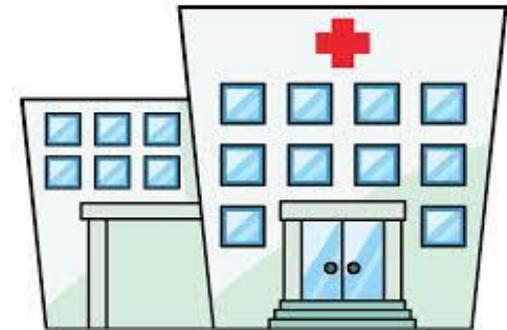
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INITIATIVE

Joining forces for action



CENTRALIZATION IMPROVES OUTCOMES?



Potential criticism to a “referral centers” policy

delay induced by centralization and time to refer the patients

low quality of decision-making in multidisciplinary meetings due to the vastly increased numbers of cases needing review





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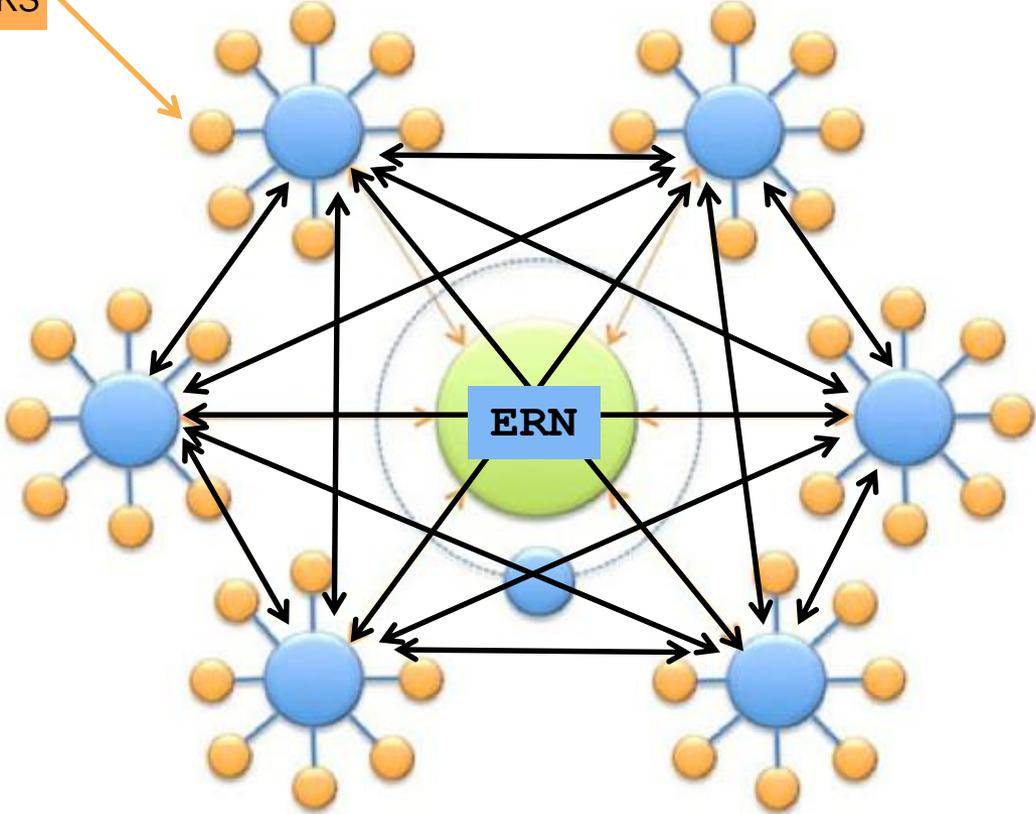
Specialized teams or specialist networks for rare
cancers?

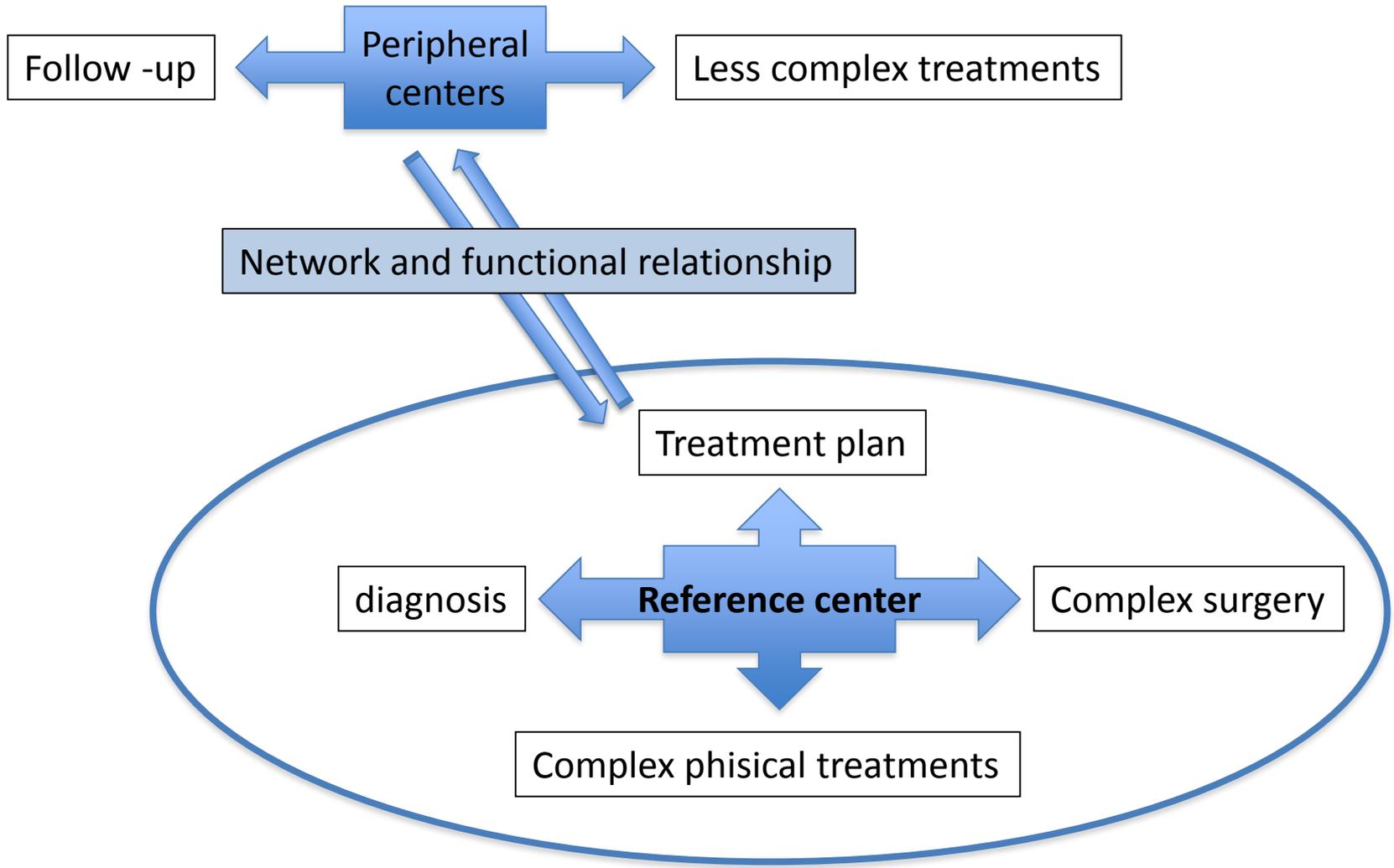


*networking between centers of advanced
treatment and surroundings hospitals is a key
element to ensure that expertise travels, rather
than patients.*

COLLABORATIVE RARE CANCER NETWORKS

Sub-networks





crucial instruments to improve quality of surgical care for patients with rare cancers: research

RESEARCH

- accrual in multicentric clinical trials, assuring data quality control



the low number of patients in rare cancers makes it difficult to build a comprehensive evidence-base for practice

Rare Cancers Europe (RCE) methodological recommendations for clinical studies in rare cancers: a European consensus position paper

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Clinical trial design for rare cancers - why a less conventional route may be required

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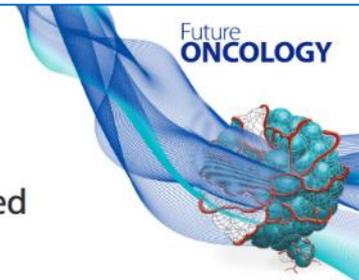
Should clinical trials be approached differently for rare cancers?



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“...the methodologies to help compensate for the small patient numbers associated with rare cancers should be utilized to help provide evidence to optimize treatments.”

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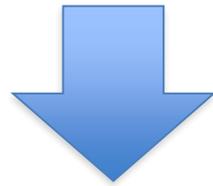
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Defining high quality centers and a network of care by a process of accreditation



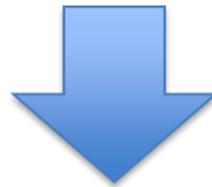
a collaborative effort among disease thought-leaders, politicians, advocates and scientific societies.





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**In addition to regional expert centers,
smaller local centers must be
identified to deliver less complex care**

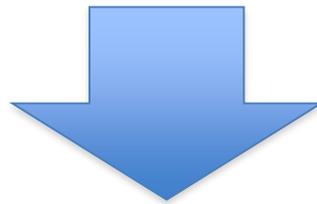


*Sub-networking or integrated
networks*



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**integrated networks increase
accessibility and minimize the
burden of traveling long distances**

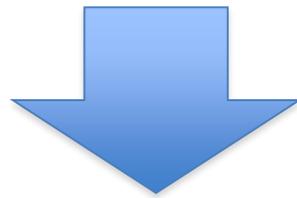


low access to proper treatments is likely higher in
underserved areas



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creation of expert centers in underserved geographic areas

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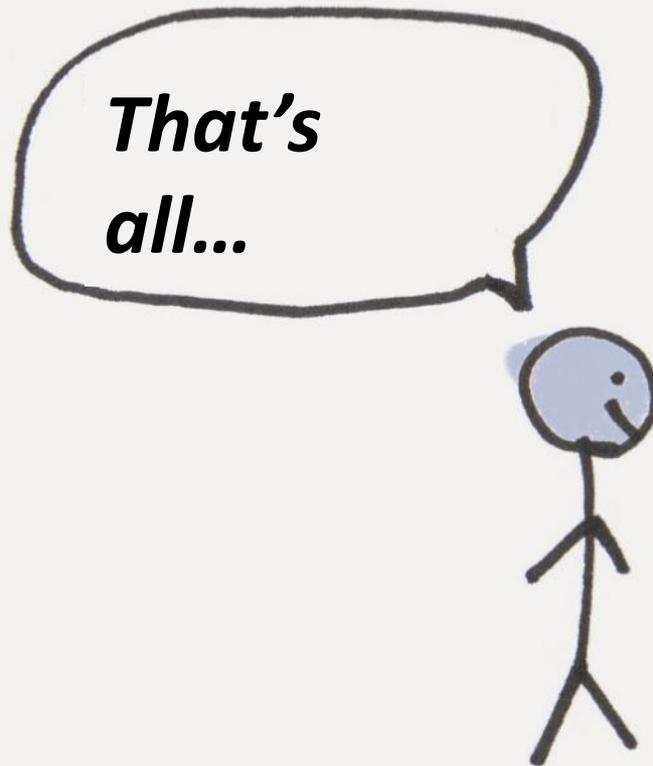


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Actively involve patient advocacies

- To improve patients' knowledge and ability to take decisions
- To secure access to innovative or complex treatments
- To support research, such as by being involved in the design of clinical trials
- To advocate at national health policy level.





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