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**La scelta del trattamento nel malato con oligometastasi: criteri di selezione e valutazione dei risultati**

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## **Oligometastases**

- The **Halsted theory (T → N → M)** proposed that cancer spread is orderly, extending in a contiguous fashion from the primary tumor through the lymphatic to the lymph nodes and then to distant sites (**1907**).
- A subsequent **Hellman theory of systemic disease hypothesis (T → M)** proposed that clinically apparent cancer is already a systemic disease (**1980**).
- A third **Hellman & Weichselbaum' theory of spectrum hypothesis**: cancer range between disease that remains localized and disease that is systemic at time of diagnosis → multistep nature of cancer progression (**1995**).



The occasional success of surgical excision of one or a small number of pulmonary mets, brain mets or hepatic mets (e.g., 25% of cure after hepatic resections for metastatic colorectal cancer) lets to hypothesize the theory of **oligometastases**

**EDITORIAL 1995**

Samuel Hellman  
Ralph R. Weichselbaum  
*The University of Chicago*  
*Chicago, IL*

*Journal of Clinical Oncology, Vol 13, No 1 (January), 1995: pp 8-10*

## **Oligometastases**

**Hellman & Weichselbaum suggested that**

**for many cancers a few metastases exist **at first**, before the malignant cells acquire widespread metastatic potential.**

**Consequently,**

**if radical intervention (Surgery or Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy - SBRT) could be delivered during an oligometastatic phase, the **intervention could change disease progression** in pts who would otherwise have been treated palliatively in most settings (the **hierarchy** theory)**

# Solitary Metastases: Illusion Versus Reality

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*“Suddenly a solitary horseman appeared on the horizon, then another, then another . . . in a few moments a whole crowd of horsemen swooped down upon him.”—Leacock*

**M1:** a **solitary** metastasis in a single organ

**M2:** **oligometastases**, designate number and **limited to 1 organ**  
(5 nodules, 5 cm in total)

Serum molecular markers as follows:

**S0:** not detectable

**S1:** detectable, low level

**S2:** intermediate level

**S3:** high level

**A. no systemic signs:** minimal 5% weight loss, minimal lab abnormalities.

**B. systemic signs:** 100% weight loss, cachexia, fevers nexplained, lab abnormalities, (*i.e. altered lung function, abnormal liver enzymes*)

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## THE MAJOR METASTATIC ORGAN SITES

- ✚ **Solitary lung mets**
- ✚ **Solitary liver mets**
- ✚ **Solitary brain mets**
- ✚ **Solitary bone mets**
- ✚ **Other solitary site mets:**
  - H&N, eye & orbit, ovary & vagina,  
heart, intestines*

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## OLIGOMETASTASES

### Definition

**An intermediate state of cancer spread** between localized disease and wide spread mets



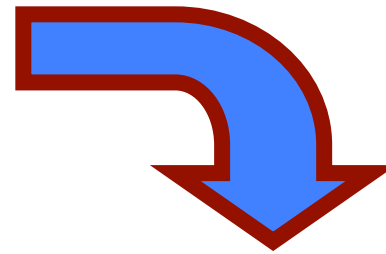
the implication is that oligometastatic disease **may be cured with metastasis-directed therapy**



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**Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy  
(SBRT)**

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  - this subset of patient can be cured in about 15-20% of cases
- **Diagnosis**
  - Potential **differential genetic signature** between samples isolated from pts with few or many mets (e.g., microRNA 200c expression or microRNA signature).
  - **Hierarchy** to the appearance of metastatic sites (i.e., early mets may be of limited nature and early therapy could prevent future spread)
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# Incidence of oligometastases

Lung met from **sarcoma**

19% one met

*Gadd MA et al: Ann Surg 1993*

Liver-only mets from **colorectal cancer**

49% one met

38%  $\leq$  3 mets

*Kienski et al: Ann Surg Oncol 2010*

Distant failure from **breast cancer**

16% (median 1,7)

*Dorn P et al: Int J Radiat Oncol 2011*

Distant failure from **lung cancer**

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*McManus MP et al: Int J Radiat Oncol Biol Phys 2001*

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**SBRT** treatment of limited metastases has shown **promising local control rates** for treated metastases, ranging from 67% to 95%.

**Two- to 3-year survival rates** have been reported in the range of 30% to 64%

SBRT results **compare favorably with surgical** results.

SBRT is **less invasive** than surgery and may be **more broadly applicable** to greater numbers of tumors in various organs

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Review Article

**Oligometastases and Oligo-recurrence: The New Era of Cancer Therapy**

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**OLIGO-RECURRENCE**

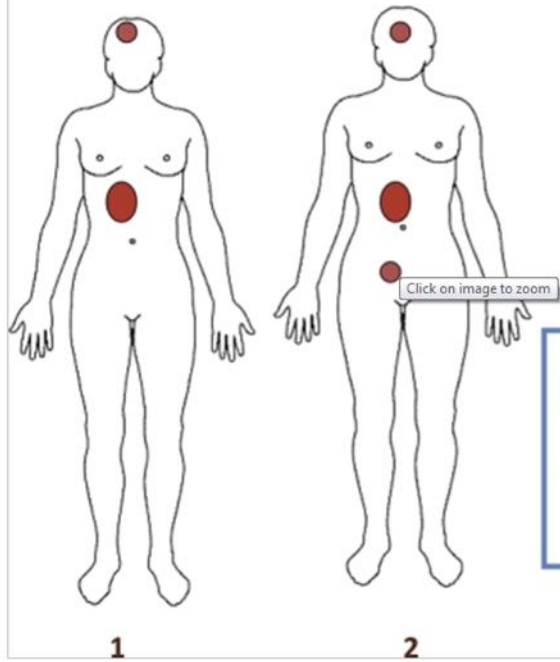
**Patient with a limited number of metastases and controlled primary tumor**

**Table 1.**

Oligometastases and oligo-recurrence

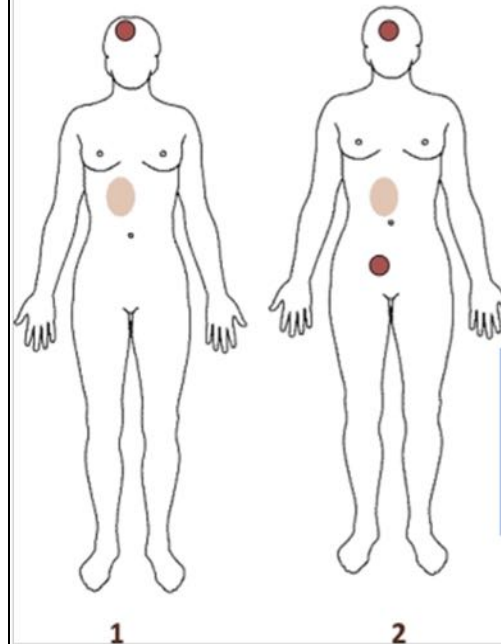
	Oligometastases	Oligo-recurrence
Reference	Hellman and Weichselbaum (1)	Niibe et al. (2,3,4)
Primary lesion	Uncontrolled/controlled	<u>Controlled</u>
No. of distant/metastases/recurrences	One to several	One to several ( <u>one is better</u> )

## Schema of oligometastases



- Primary lesion
- Distant metastases/  
recurrences

## Schema of oligo-recurrence



- Controlled primary lesion
- Distant metastases/  
recurrences



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# PATIENT SELECTION

## 3 distinct cohorts of pts with oligometastases

- ✚ those who present with oligometastatic disease
- ✚ those with induced oligometastatic disease after cytoreductive therapy
- ✚ those with relapsed oligometastatic disease after curative locoregional therapy



***These different groups probably have different prognoses,  
so therapeutic approaches might differ***

# PATIENT SELECTION

Imaging → Oligometastasis/es

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- KPS

Long latent interval  
(*> 6 months*)

Brief latent interval

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# PATIENT SELECTION

## On the basis of HISTOLOGY

- Better survival for breast cancer with respect to colorectal & lung
- Radioresponsive vs radioresistant histologies

Surgery for (?)\* 

- kidney clear cell tumor,
- melanomas, or
- sarcomas

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\* Please note the **ablative radiation effect** that is not necessary related to radiosensitivity!



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


Surgery ?

SBRT ?

# PATIENT SELECTION

## On the basis of METASTATIC SITE

### Surgery

- for **peripheral lung mets** → 
- for **easy accessible liver masses** → 
- when **spinal stabilization** is necessary → 
- to **remove bone impingement** to the spine → 

### Radiation therapy

- in **other cases**

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# PATIENT SELECTION

On the basis of PERFORMANCE STATUS

## Surgery

- for good PSK pts?



## Radiation therapy

- in the other cases ?!



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+ Local control

+ Disease-free survival (& *Freedom from widespread distant metastasis!*)

+ Toxicity rate

+ QoL

# EVALUATION OF THERAPEUTIC RESULTS

✚ **Local control rate: 67-95%**

**Note that:** *most in-field recurrence occur(!)*

➔ *2-year in-field control rate (i.e., duration of response) ~ 20%*

✚ Disease-free survival (& Freedom from widespread distant metastasis?)

✚ Toxicity rate

✚ QoL

# Oligometastases Treated With Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy: Long-Term Follow-Up of Prospective Study

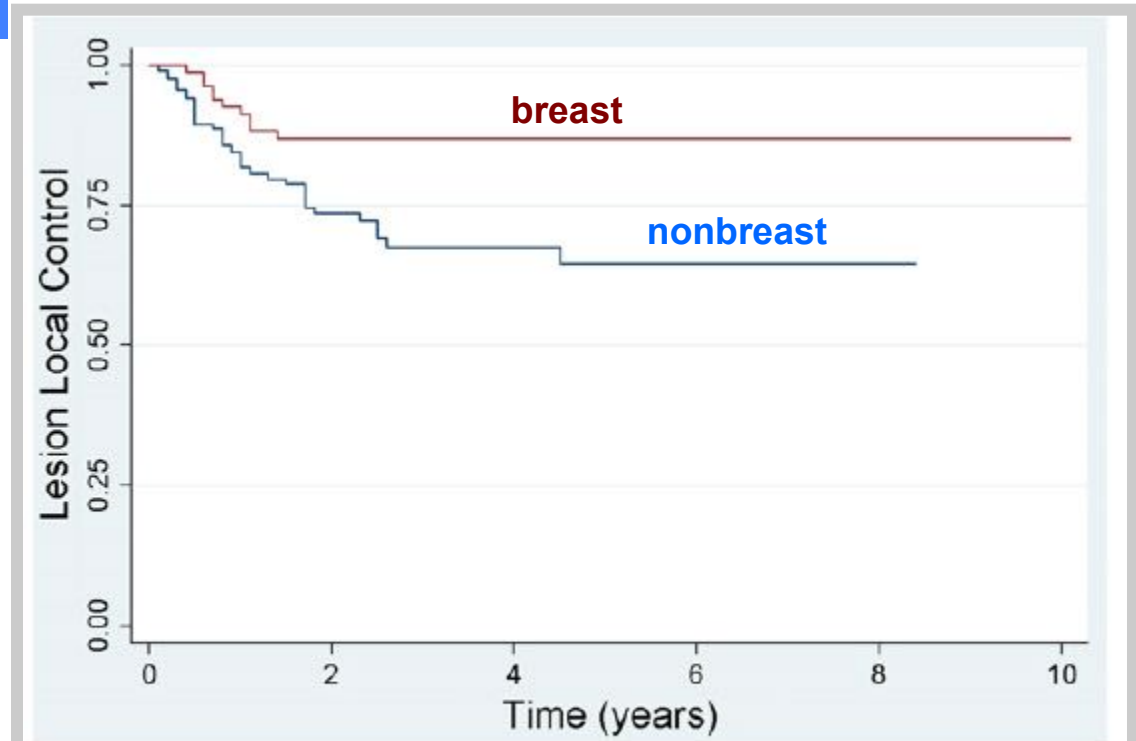
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## LOCAL CONTROL (LC)

The **breast cancer** patients had a 2-, 4-, and 6-year lesion LC rate of **87%**;

the **nonbreast cancer** patients had a 2-, 4-, and 6-year lesion LC rate of **74%**, **68%**, and **65%**, respectively.



**Fig. 2.** Kaplan-Meier actuarial lesion local control for breast cancer (red line) and nonbreast cancer (blue line) patients. A color



✚ **CT** and **MRI** are routinely used to evaluate response to therapy, with **RECIST** criteria.

✚ Postsurgical and postradiotherapy fibrosis and necrosis of both malignant tissue as well as surrounding normal tissue, often making it **difficult to differentiate between malignant and non-malignant tissues** in surveillance CT and MRI imaging

Solanki et al. *Radiation Oncology* 2012, 7:216  
<http://www.ro-journal.com/content/7/1/216>



**RESEARCH**

**Open Access**

The utility of FDG-PET for assessing outcomes in oligometastatic cancer patients treated with stereotactic body radiotherapy: a cohort study

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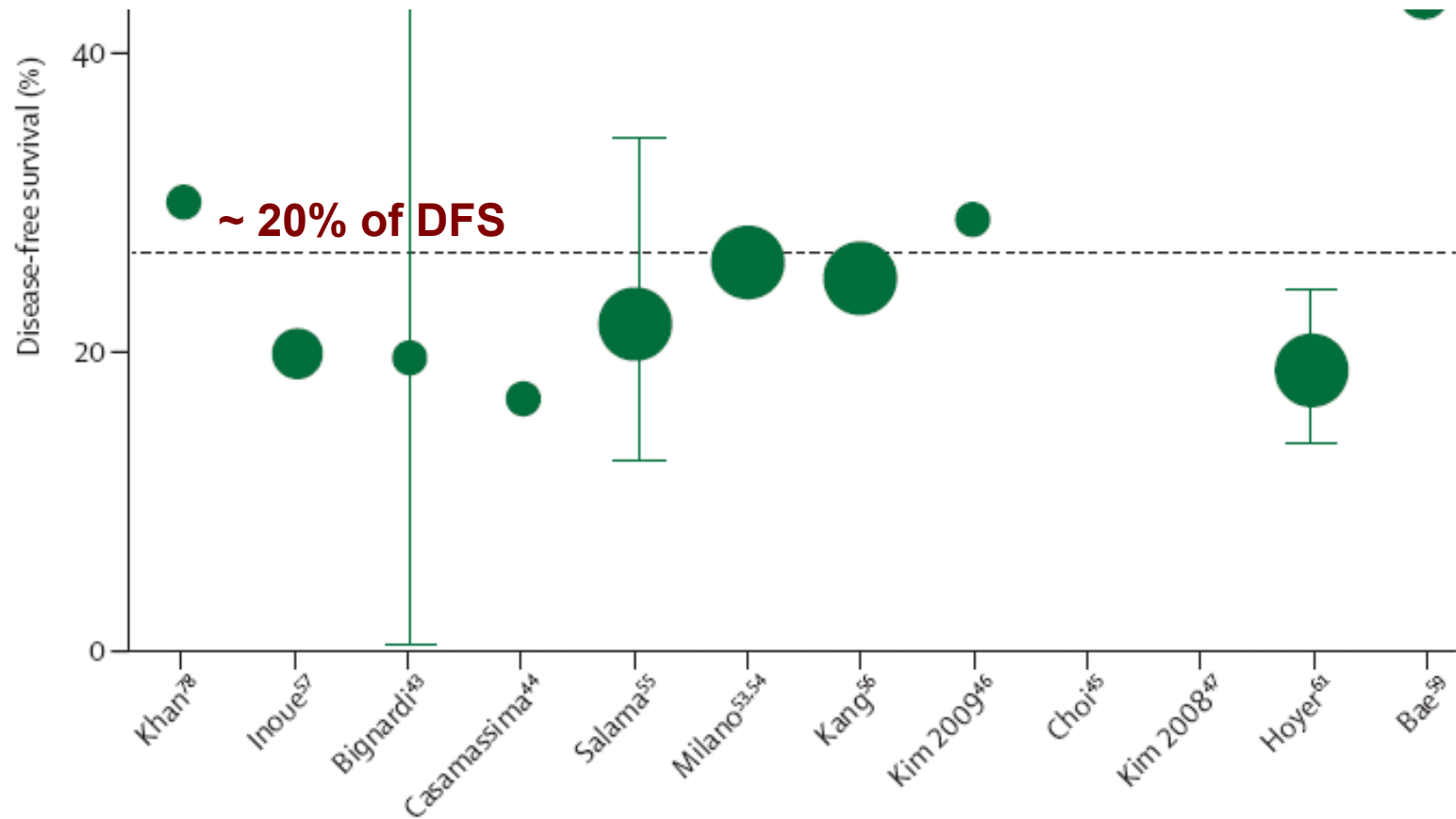
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After SBRT ~ 20% pts had a 2- 4 yrs disease-free survival



**Figure 2:** Disease-free survival in patients with oligometastatic disease at 17-48 months' follow-up. Dotted line represents mean proportion of patients who were disease free at the reported timepoint, weighted for number of patients in each cohort. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

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## EVALUATION OF THERAPEUTIC RESULTS

### ***Freedom from widespread distant metastasis survival***

Widespread distant metastases are defined as ***distant progression not amenable to resection or locally ablative therapy***

(i.e., SBRT, stereotactic radiosurgery, radiofrequency ablation, embolization).

# EVALUATION OF THERAPEUTIC RESULTS

✚ Local control

✚ Disease-free survival (*& Freedom from widespread distant metastasis!*)

✚ **Toxicity rate**

→ Toxicity is directly correlated to:

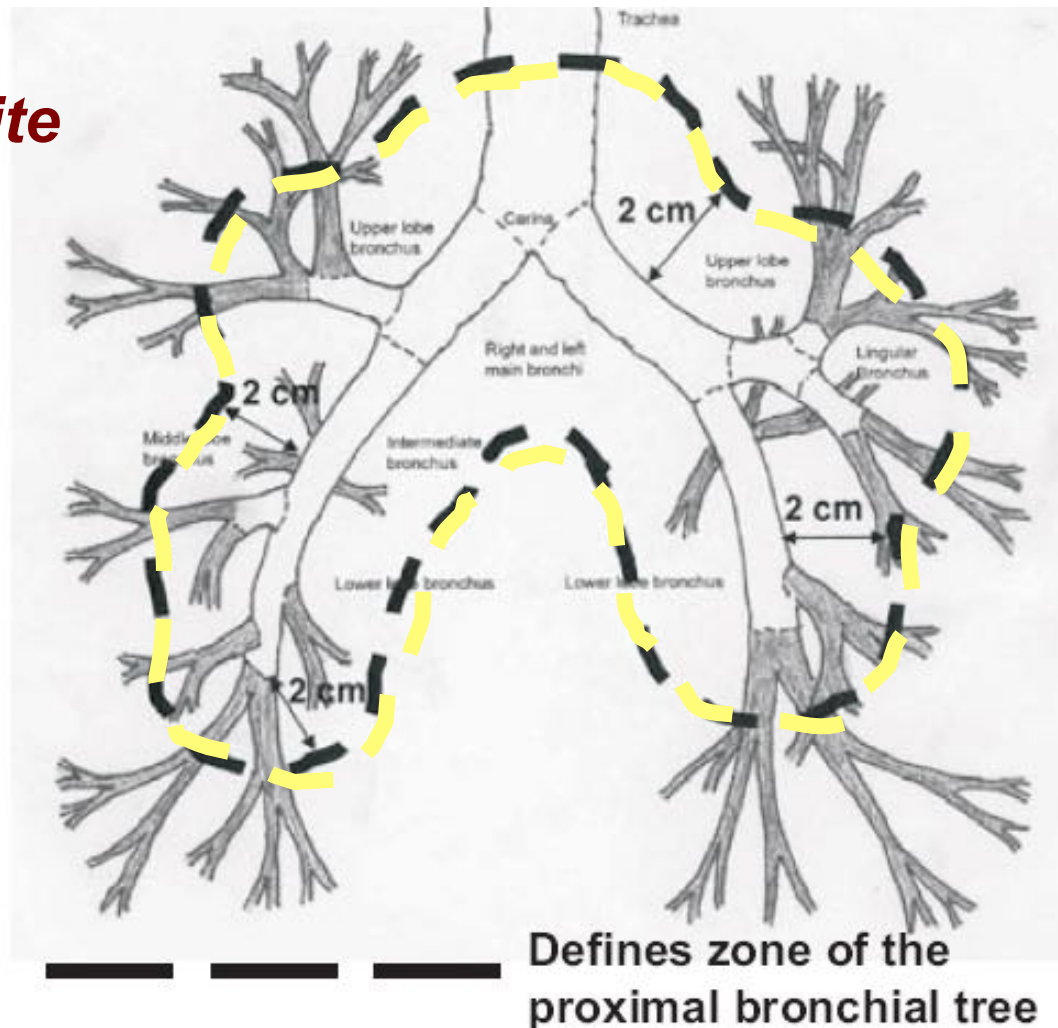
❖ *administered dose,*

❖ *tumor volume,*

❖ *tumor site.*

✚ QoL

**tumor site**



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✚ **Toxicity rate**

→ Toxicity is low if ***radiation dose constraints*** to normal tissues are respected

✚ QoL



Table 5. Normal Tissue Dose Volume Constraints for SBRT\*

OAR	1 Fraction	3 Fractions	4 Fractions	5 Fractions
Spinal cord	14 Gy	18 Gy (6 Gy/fx)	26 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (6 Gy/fx)
Esophagus	15.4 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (7.5 Gy/fx)	32.5 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)
Brachial plexus	17.5 Gy	21 Gy (7 Gy/fx)	27.2 Gy (6.8 Gy/fx)	30 Gy (6 Gy/fx)
Heart/ pericardium	22 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	34 Gy (8.5 Gy/fx)	35 Gy (7 Gy/fx)
Great vessels	37 Gy	39 Gy 13 Gy/fx	49 Gy 12.25 Gy/fx	55 Gy 11 Gy/fx
Trachea/ Large Bronchus	20.2 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	34.8 Gy (8.7 Gy/fx)	40 Gy (8 Gy/fx)
Rib	30 Gy	30 Gy (10 Gy/fx)	31.2 Gy (7.8 Gy/fx)	32.5 Gy (6.5 Gy/fx)
Skin	26 Gy	30 Gy 10 Gy/fx	36 Gy (9 Gy/fx)	40 Gy 8 Gy/fx
Stomach	12.4 Gy	27 Gy 9 Gy/fx	30 Gy (7.5 Gy/fx)	35 Gy 7 Gy/fx

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## QoL

Since **SBRT** is associated with low toxicity rates with respect to **surgery**, the QoL benefit is probably greater

*Tree AC et al Lancet Oncol 2013*

# Canadian-led International Development of a European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer Quality of Life Module for Malignant Spinal Cord Compression: Results of Phase I



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## Objective

- To develop a relevant set of items assessing quality of life (QOL) issues in patients with malignant spinal cord compression (MSCC), not sufficiently covered by the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) C15-PAL core questionnaire.

**Table 1: Top 10 QOL issues ranked by patients (n=35)**

Patients' Rank	QOL Issues	Freq (%)	HCPs' Rank
1	Have you had difficulty performing self-care (i.e. bathing, dressing)?	48.6	4
2	Did you have trouble controlling your bladder?	42.3	3
3	Did you have lower back pain?	42.3	7
4	<b>Difficulty in carrying out housework</b>	40.0	<b>N/A</b>
5	Have you worried about becoming dependent on others because of your illness?	40.0	6
6	Have you worried about becoming bed-bound because of your illness?	31.4	10
7	Did you have upper back pain?	28.6	N/A
8	Did you have to modify your daily activities because of your illness?	28.6	9
9	Have you worried about loss of mobility because of your illness?	28.6	7
10	Did you hope treatment would reduce pain as much as possible?	28.6	N/A

1 = Top priority issue for patients

Items included within the red box are items ranked by both groups to be in the top 10

Table 2: Top 10 QOL issues ranked by health care providers (n=62)

HCPs' Rank	QOL Issues	Freq (%)	Patients' Rank
<b>1</b>	<b>Ability to walk without assistance</b>	49.3	<b>N/A</b>
2		47.9	N/A
3	Did you have trouble controlling your bladder?	45.2	2
4	Have you had difficulty performing self-care (i.e. bathing, dressing)?	39.7	1
5	Did you experience leakage of bowels?	35.6	N/A
6	Have you worried about becoming dependent on others because of your illness?	28.8	5
7	Have you worried about loss of mobility because of your illness?	28.8	9
8	Did you have lower back pain?	27.4	3
9	Have you had to modify your daily activities because of your illness?	27.4	8
10	Have you worried about becoming bed-bound because of your illness?	27.4	6

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## Patients suggestions for questions to add:

- ❖ Do you have **family support**?
- ❖ Do you worry about your **ability to drive** in the future?
- ❖ Were you able **to understand** your procedures, treatments, & medications?

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# CONCLUSIONS

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## Selected Ongoing Prospective Trials for Oligometastases

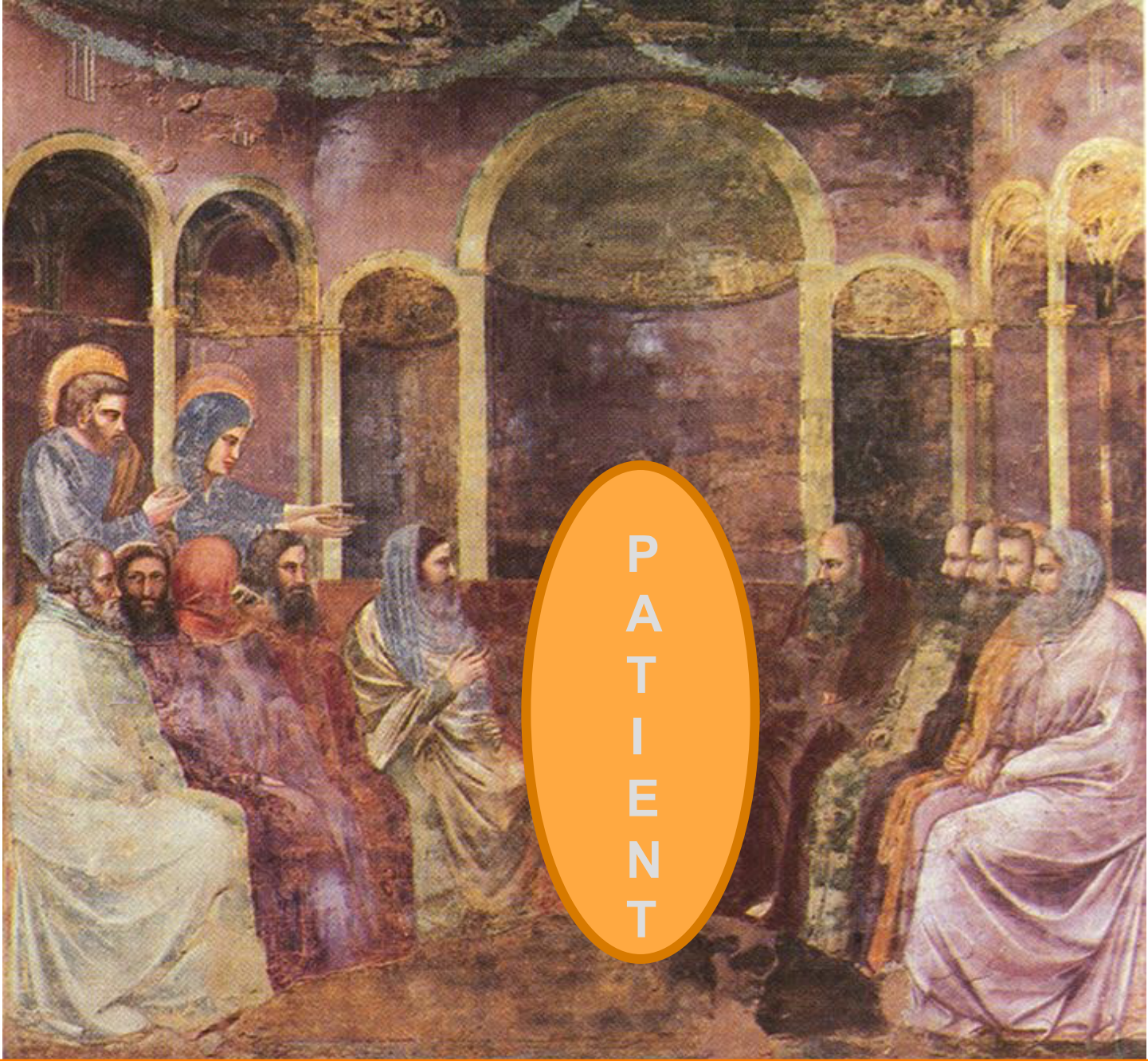
Trial Name or Number	Design	Eligibility	Intervention
SABR-COMET	<u>Randomized</u>	All metastatic sites treatable; maximum of three tumors to any single organ system; controlled primary tumor	<b>Standard RT vs SBRT</b>
UPCI 10-028	Phase II		
UPCI 10-027	Phase II		
NCT01565837	Phase II		
NCT01185639	Phase II		
PuMICC	<u>Randomized</u>	Pulmonary metastases from colorectal cancer	<b>Active monitoring vs Surgery</b>

*Ultimately, a randomized trial of ablative radiotherapy and/or surgery compared with the standard of care may be necessary to define the role of ablative modalities in oligometastases.*

## Panel: Evidence-based practice for extracranial oligometastases

- Stereotactic body radiotherapy results in a high control rate of treated metastases (~80%)
- About 20% of patients are progression free at 2–3 years after stereotactic body radiotherapy
- Toxicity is low
- Stereotactic body radiotherapy should be considered in patients with isolated metastases, especially if the disease-free interval is longer than 6 months
- Randomised trials are needed to establish whether stereotactic body radiotherapy improves progression free and/or overall survival
- Patients most likely to benefit from stereotactic body radiotherapy have:
  - Long disease-free interval
  - Breast histology
  - One to three metastases





**Giotto - Scrovegni - Christ among the Doctors**