

# Patient Care Conference

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# Neuroendocrine Tumors

- Second most prevalent cancer of the GI tract behind colorectal cancer<sup>1</sup>
- Over 170,000 patients are living with NETs in the United States
- 6-fold increase in incidence over 4 decades
- Principles of care are different/unique compared to other solid tumors

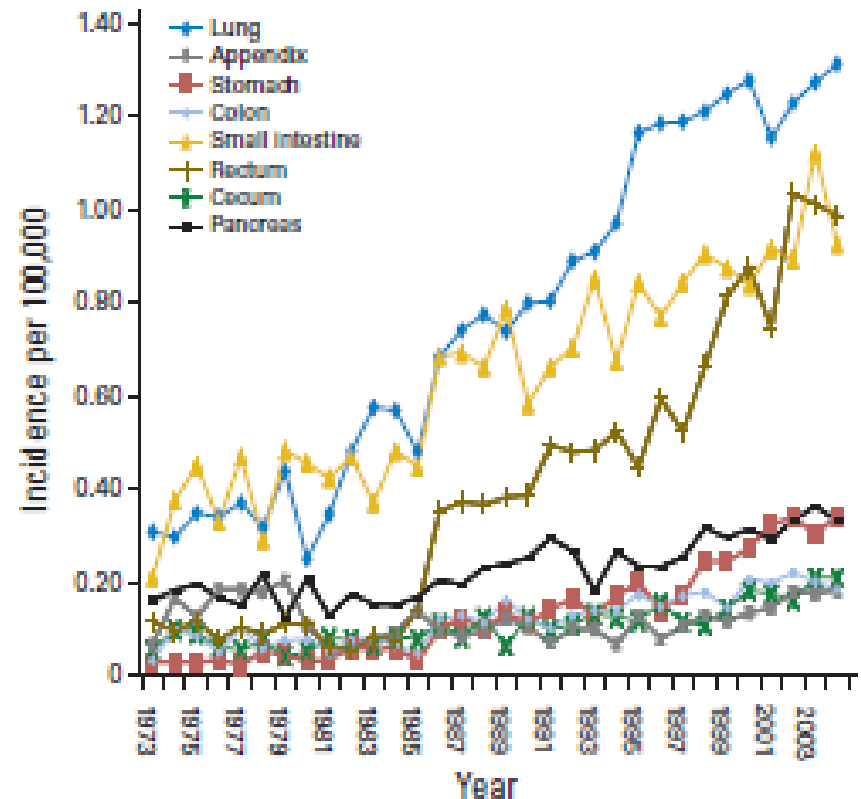
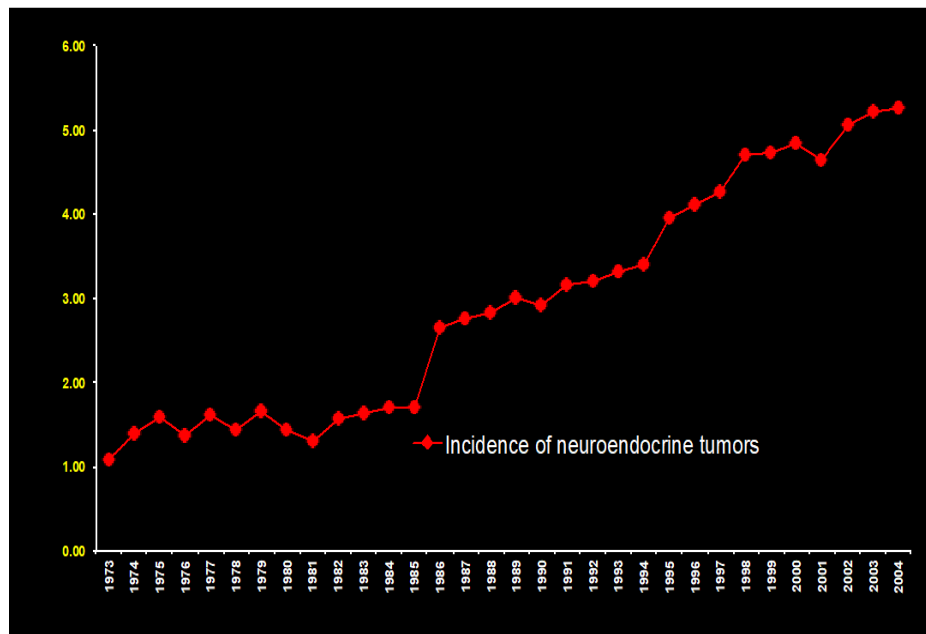
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Dasari A et al. Trends in the incidence, prevalence and survival outcome in patients with neuroendocrine tumors in the United States. *JAMA Oncol.* 2017;3:1335-42



# Incidence of Neuroendocrine Tumors Over Time is Increasing

## Analysis of SEER database (1973–2004)

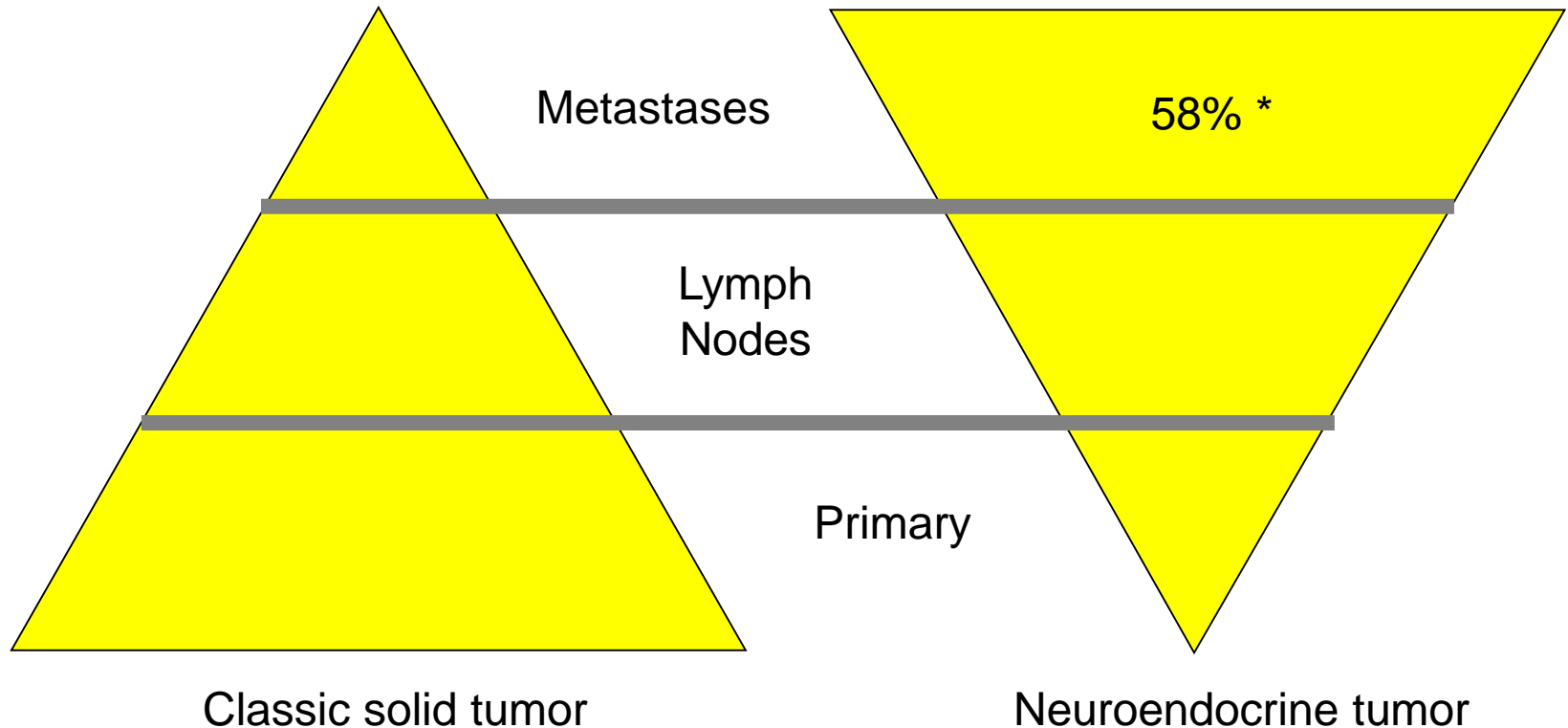


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# Pommier's Classic vs NET Paradigm

(excludes pheo/paras, some pNETs)



\* Singh S et al. Patient-reported burden of a neuroendocrine tumor (NET) diagnosis: results from the first global survey of patients with NETs. *J Glob Oncol.* 2016;2:43-53



# NETs: Three Patterns of Presentation

1. Hormonal syndrome  
Need to put 2 and 2 together (requires expertise)
2. Tumor symptoms (from growth)  
Usually present late (with mets)
3. Asymptomatic (incidental finding)  
Locoregional (resectable) vs. Widespread

Early diagnosis has prognostic implications as surgery is the **ONLY** curative treatment modality

Requires astute physician with a high index of suspicion (mean delay 5-7 yrs)



# Functional NET Syndromes

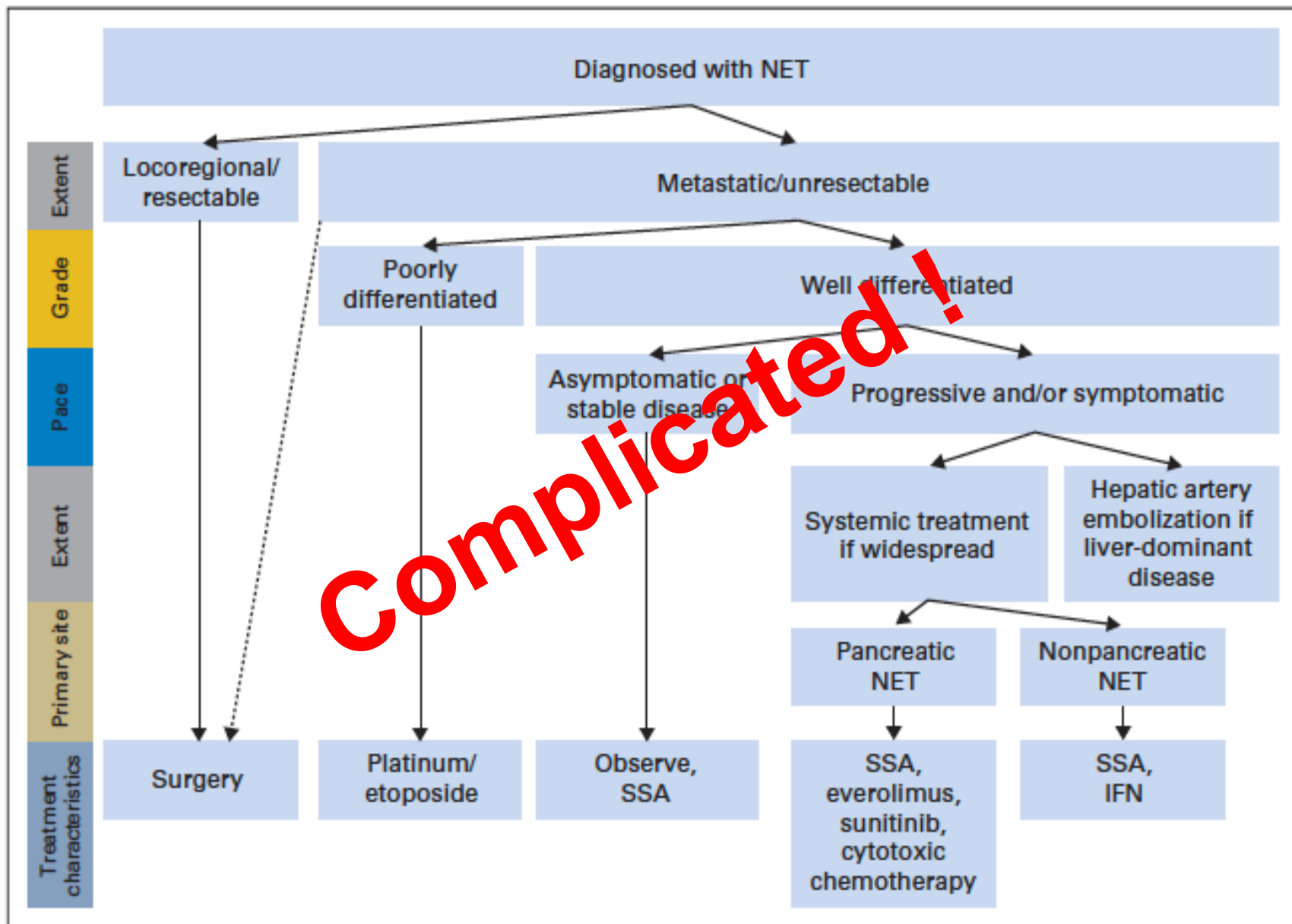
- Carcinoid syndrome
  - Flushing, diarrhea, wheezing, pellagra, cardiac disease
- Zollinger-Ellison syndrome (Gastrinoma)
  - Gastric acid hypersecretion (pain, ulcers, diarrhea)
- Insulinoma Syndrome
  - Neuroglycopenia, sympathetic overdrive, obesity
- Glucagonoma
  - hyperglycemia, rash (MNE), anemia, hypoaminoacidemia, weight loss, thromboembolism, glossitis
- VIPoma
  - watery diarrhea, hypokalemia, achlorhydria and others (hyperglycemia, hypercalcemia, flushing)
- Others:
  - ACTHoma – Cushing's syndrome
  - GRFoma - acromegaly
  - Somatostatinoma – hyperglycemia, steatorrhea, gallstones
  - Rare syndromes (calcium, erythropoietin, etc)



# Management Principles

- Confirm the diagnosis
- Control the hormonal syndrome (if present)
- Determine MEN-1 status
- Determine extent of disease
- Consider surgery
  - For cure (if possible)
  - For debulking (if not)
- Long term management
  - Hormonal syndrome (if present)
  - Growth

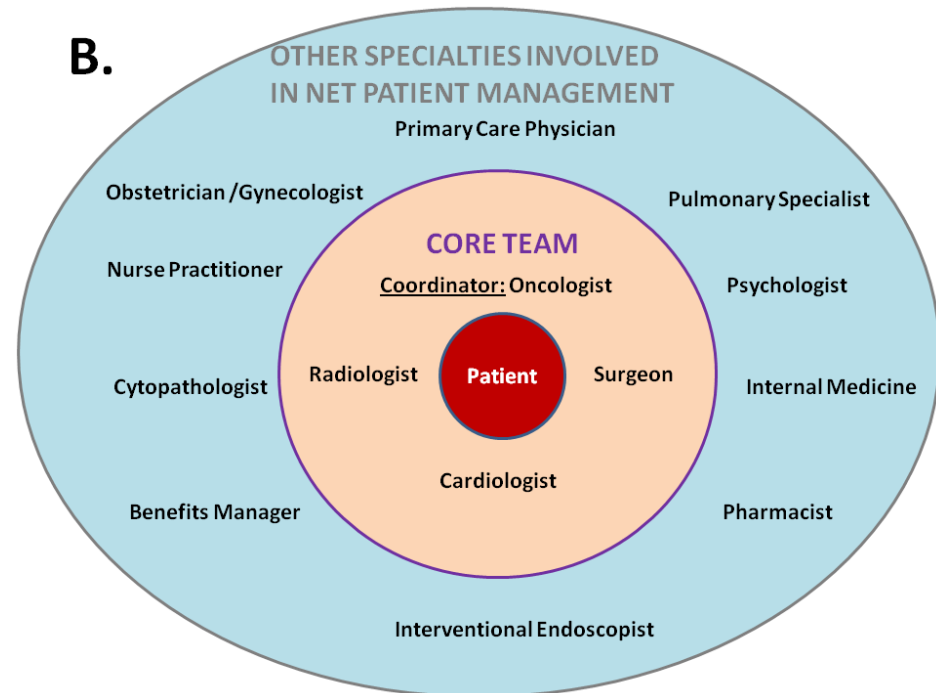
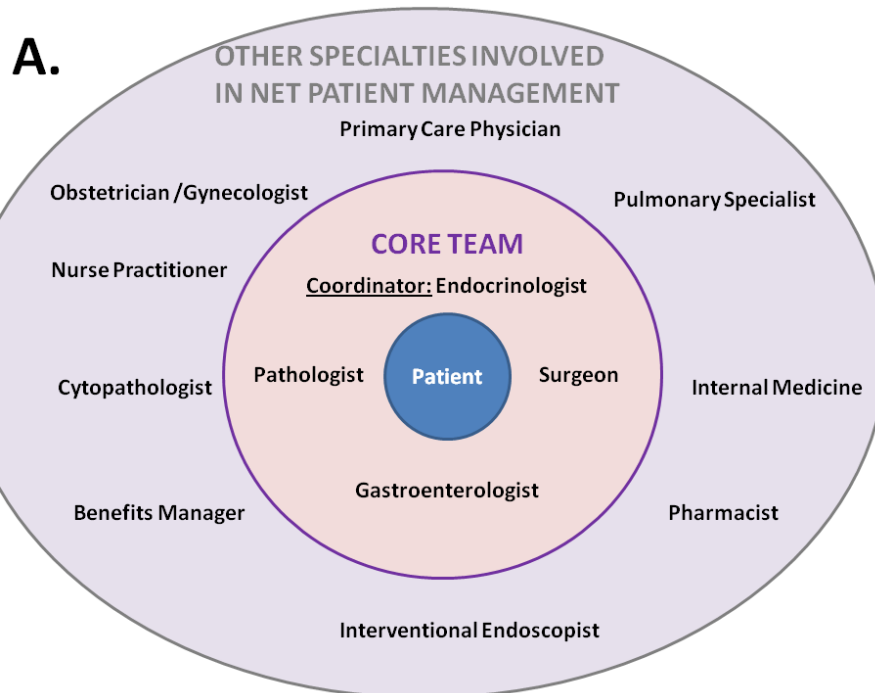






# Multidisciplinary Care is Ideal

- Many options and no standard algorithm exists (therapy should be individualized)
- Tumor Board is **ESSENTIAL** component
- Flexibility is **KEY**



# WHAT ABOUT PRRT???



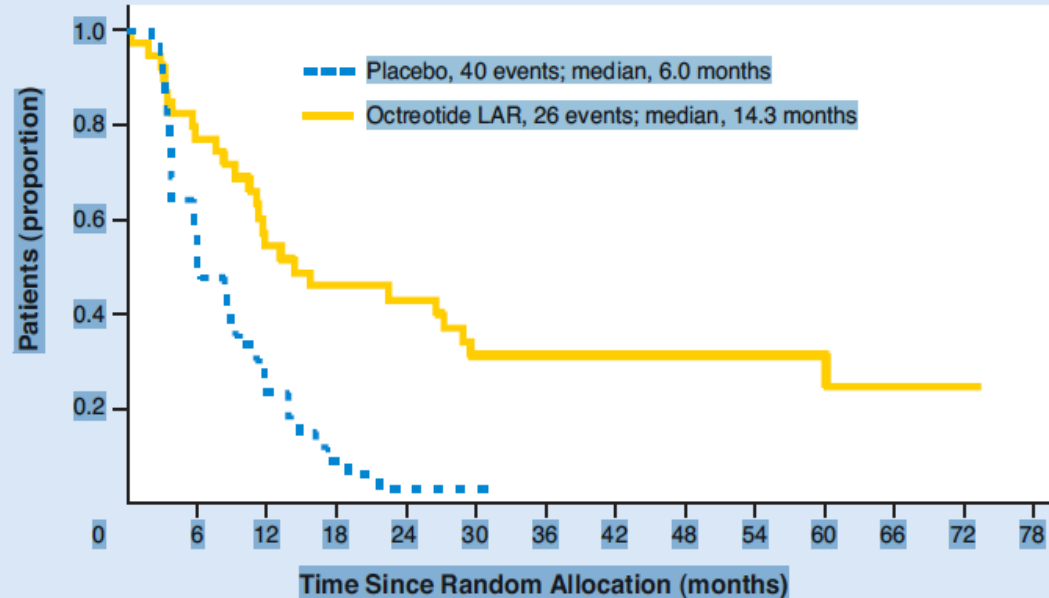
# Thera(g)nostics

A treatment strategy that combines therapeutics with diagnostics.

It associates both a diagnostic test that identifies patients most likely to be helped or harmed by a new medication, and targeted drug therapy based on the test results



# PROMID: Time to Progression



No. of patients at risk														
Placebo	43	21	9	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Octreotide LAR	42	30	19	16	15	10	10	9	9	6	5	3	1	0

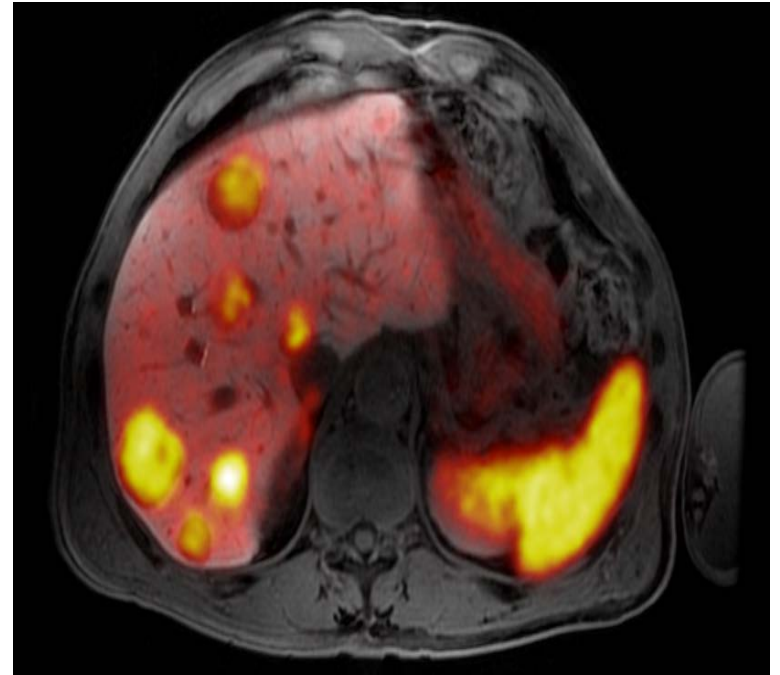
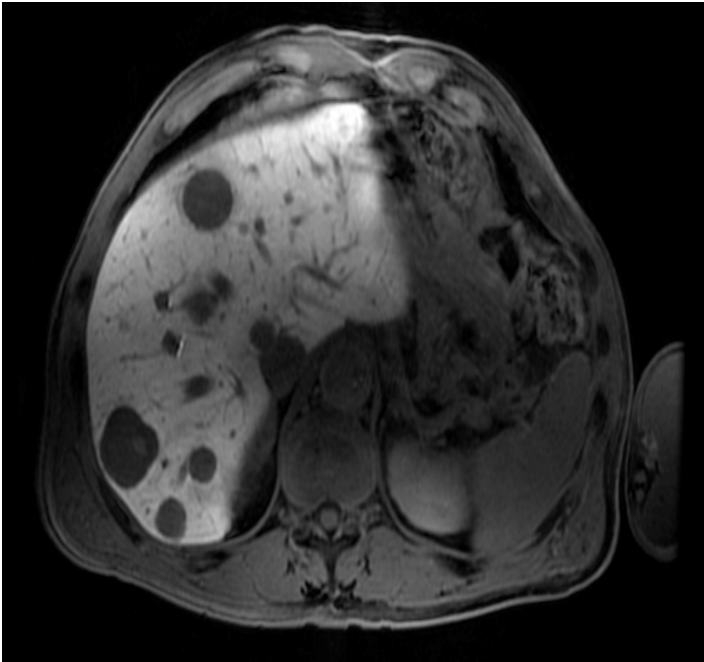
Log-rank test stratified by functional activity:  $P = .000072$ , HR = 0.34 (95% CI, 0.20 to 0.59)

CLARINET (Lanreotide) trial with similar outcome

Rinke A, et al. J Clin Oncol 2009;27:4656-63  
 Caplin M et al. Clarinet NEJM



# Gallium Dotatate PET CT



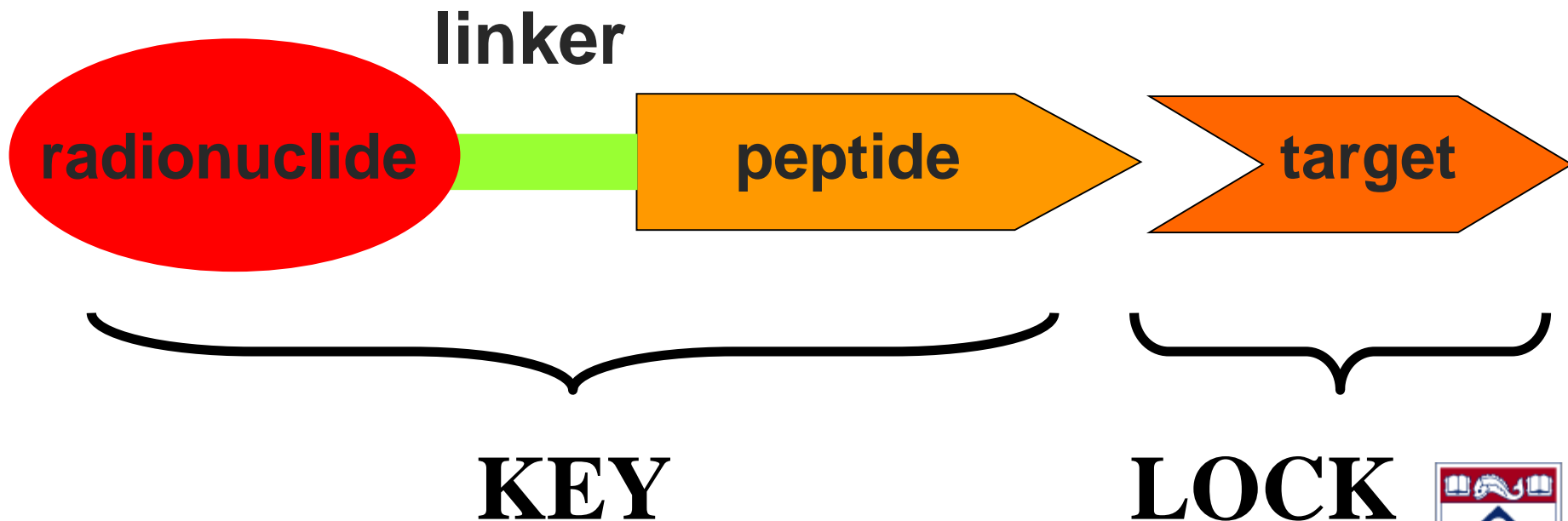
Courtesy Thomas Hope, MD



# Peptide Receptor Radiation Therapy (PRRT)

Somatostatin-analog  
linked Radiopeptide

Somatostatin  
Receptor



# Netter 1: Progression-Free Survival

N = 229 (ITT)

Number of events: 90

- $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate: 23
- Oct 60 mg LAR: 67

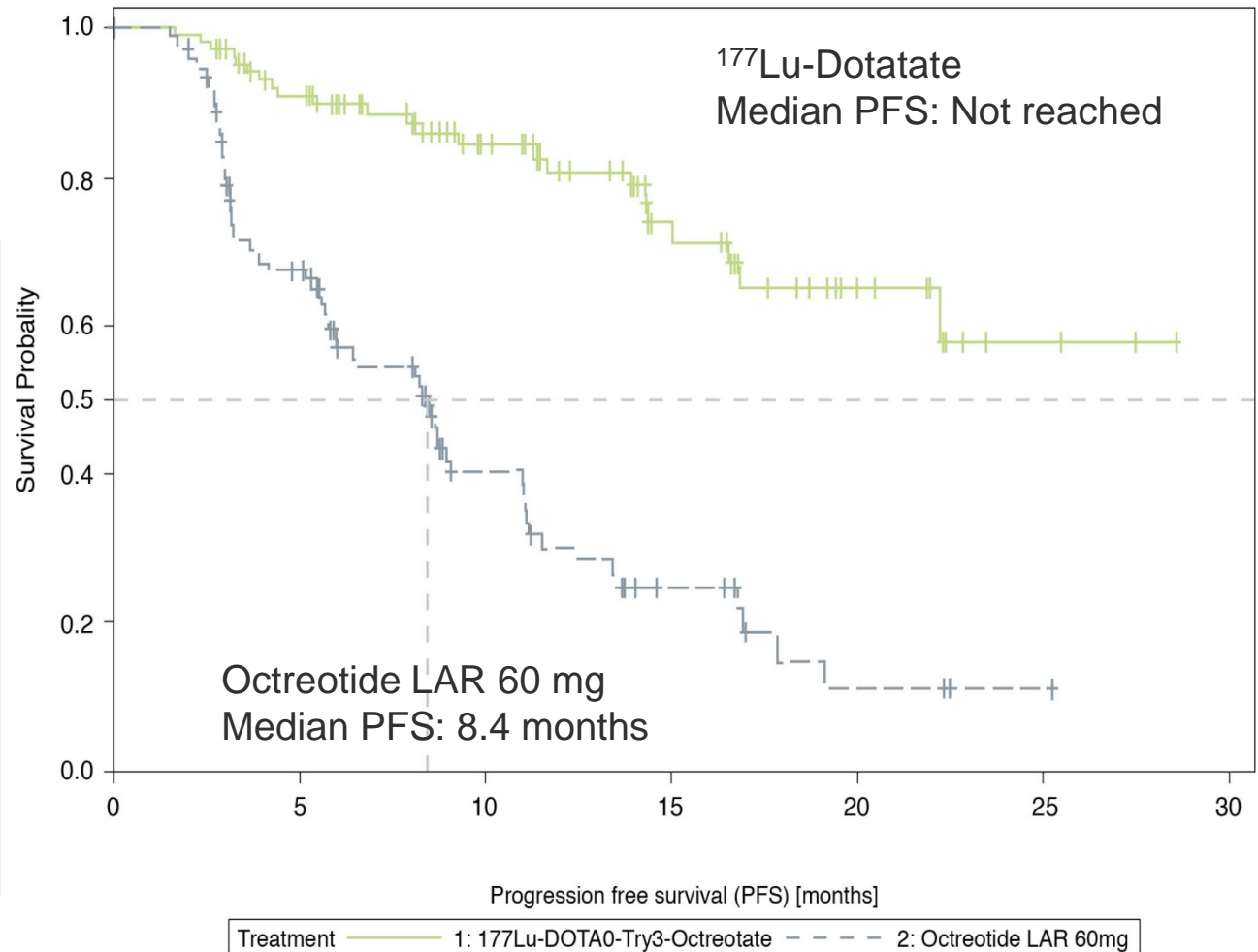
Hazard ratio : **0.21** [0.129  
– 0.338] **p < 0.0001**



**79% reduction** in  
the risk of disease  
progression/death



Estimated Median  
PFS in the Lu-  
DOTATATE arm  
**≈ 40 months**



# Managing the Effects of Therapy

- Pancreatic surgery (Distal or Whipple's)
  - Pancreatic insufficiency
  - Dumping syndrome
  - Diabetes
  - Immunity (spleen)
- Somatostatin Analogs (SSAs)
  - Gallstones
  - Steatorrhea
  - Dysmotility
  - Diabetes
- Terminal ileal resection
  - B12 deficiency
  - Bile Salt Diarrhea
  - Overgrowth
- Others
  - Adhesions
  - Anemia
  - Hepatorenal fn.





# The Extended NET Community

- Even widely metastatic NETs should be considered a chronic disease state (i.e., aim to live **with** the disease)
- Increasing focus on the non-medical aspects of care (i.e., support services, financial toxicity, support groups, educational activities, etc)
  - Run for the Stripes (Andy Steinfeld, Lori & Dave Canzanese)
  - Patient support meetings (Diann Boyd)
  - Navigator expansion (Bonnie Bennett and Diann Boyd)
  - Yearly patient care meeting (live streamed)
  - Professional provider organizations (NANETS, ENETS)
  - Other support organizations
    - Carcinoid Cancer Foundation –Grace Goldstein
    - NETRF, NCAN, HNF, INCA



# NET Awareness Day 11/10





# Run for the Stripes





# CAR T, Azedra, etc.



# Conclusions

- NETS present in varied ways but have many features in common and differ significantly from other solid malignancies
- Clinical management is complicated and requires attention to tumor growth, pattern of presentation, syndromic symptoms and side effects of therapy
- Surgery is the only curative therapeutic modality (also effective for debulking, as is liver directed therapy)
- SSAs are drugs of choice for syndromic management (except ZES/insulinoma) and initial tumor growth
- No clear algorithm yet for regional (debulking/LDT) or systemic therapies (chemo, small molecules, PRRT)
- Multidisciplinary care is essential
- NETs are **CHRONIC** conditions that need a holistic approach





# Management of Pheochromocytoma & Paraganglioma

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# Pheochromocytoma/Paragangliomas

- Pheochromocytoma/Paragangliomas (PCC/PGL) are rare neuroendocrine tumors
- Approximately 1000 new cases annually in the US
- We are seeing an increasing number of patients due to identifying more family members with inherited asymptomatic disease
- Inherited mutations are autosomal dominant
  - A 50% chance of inheritance for every pregnancy
- Each patient is unique and treatment needs to be individualized





# PCC/PGL Clinical presentation

- Classic – labile hypertension, palpitations, headaches and sweating
- Patients can have minimal symptoms and BP is not always elevated
- Tumor size does not correlate with symptoms
- Early diagnosis has prognostic implications because surgery is the **ONLY** curative treatment modality

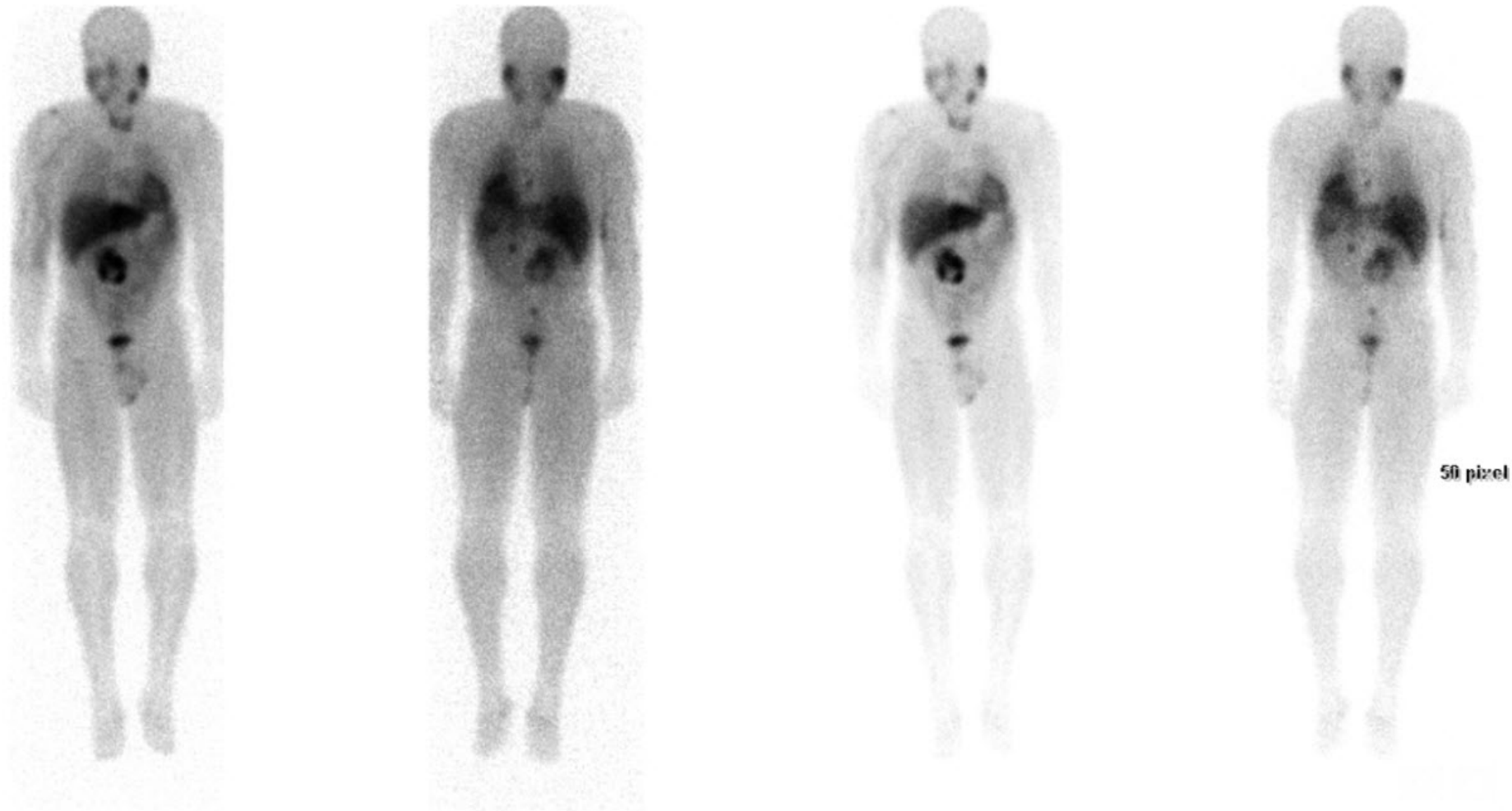


# Management Principles

- Confirm the diagnosis
- Control the BP before and during surgery
- Surgery is the definitive treatment
- Can use adjunctive treatment with MIBG, chemotherapy and newer experimental therapies



# MIBG scan of paraganglioma in organ of Zuckerkandl

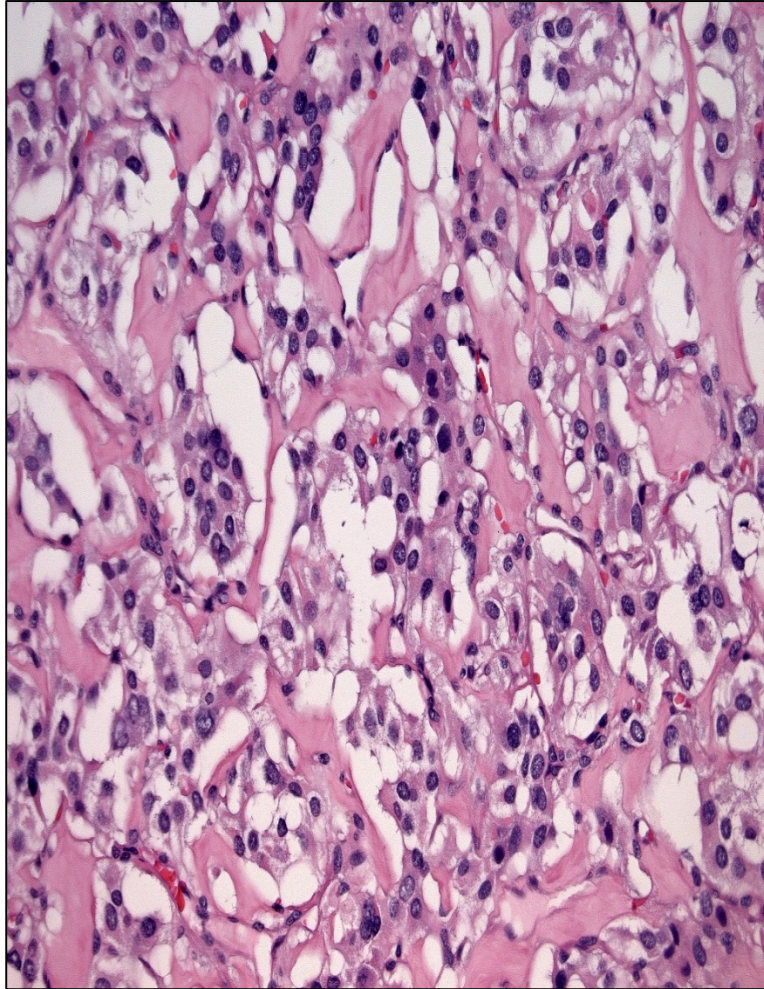


This the organ of zuckerkandl example

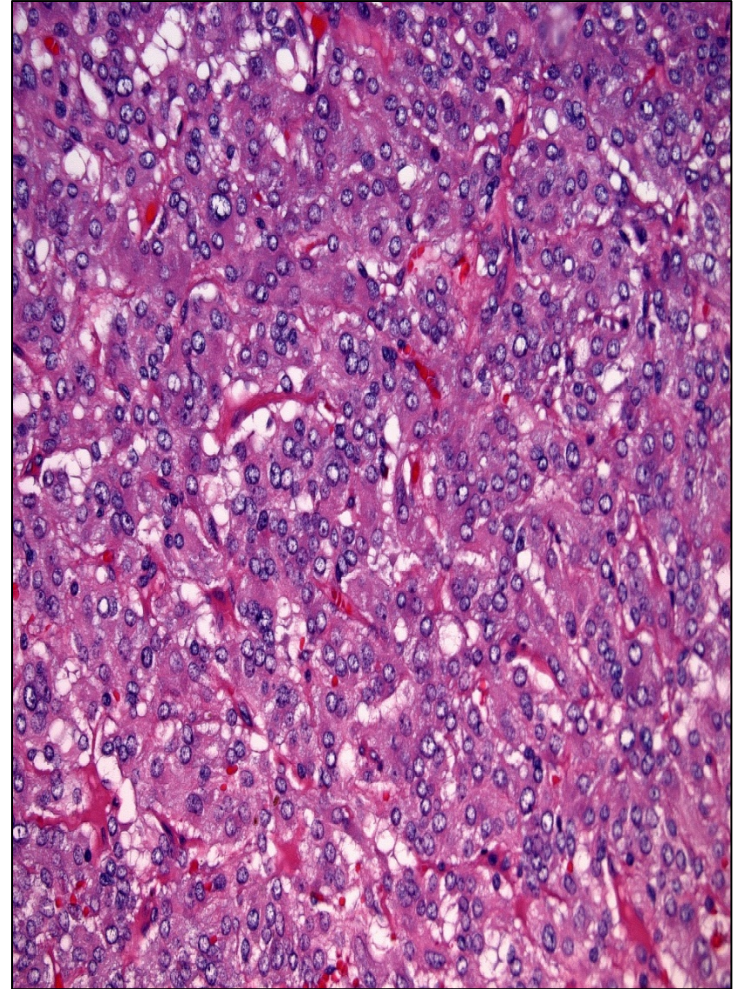
New therapies with Azedra, PRRT



## Paraganglioma

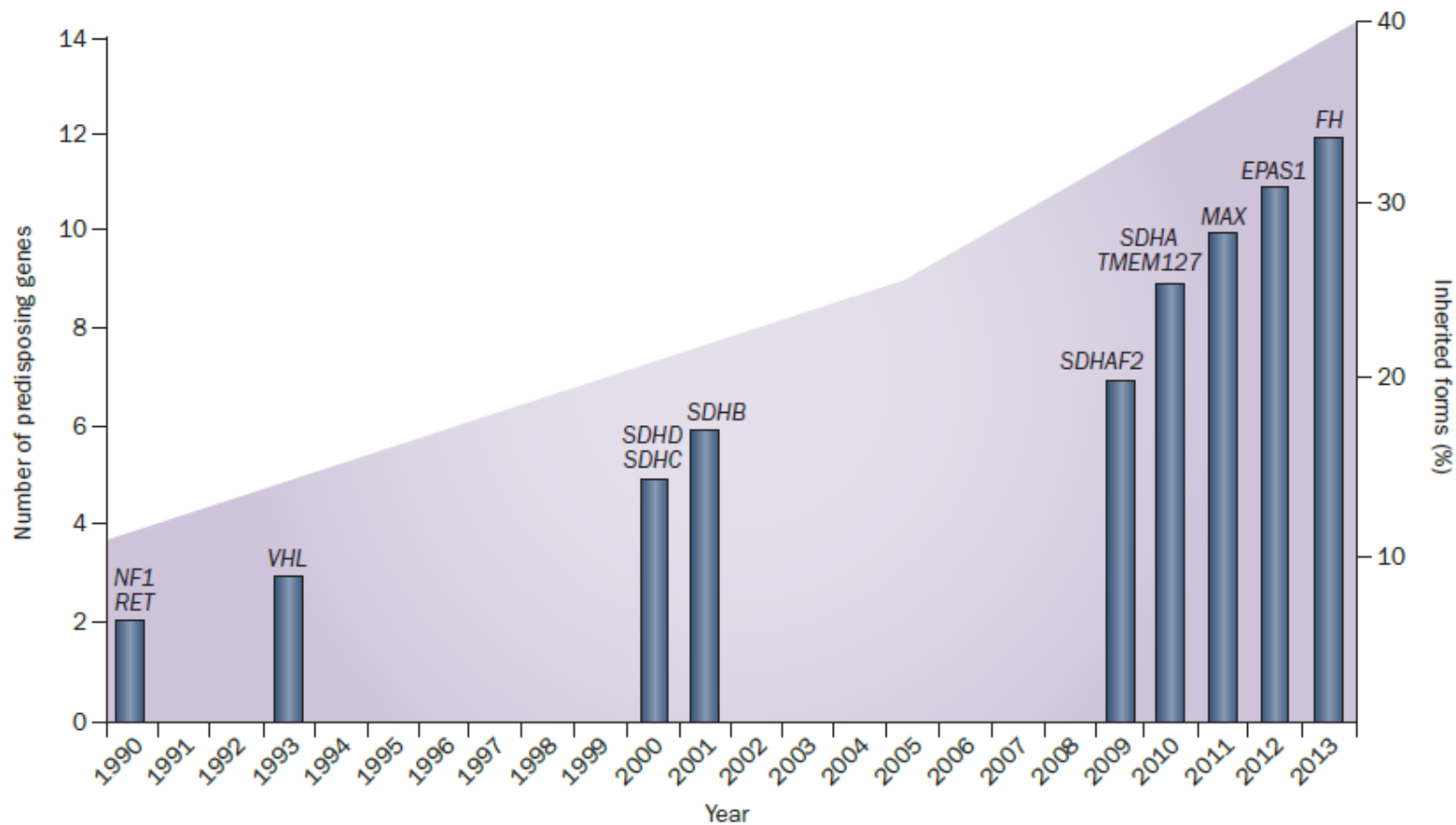


## Pheochromocytoma





# Genetics of PCC/PGL



Favier et al. *Nat Rev Endocrinol.* 2015.

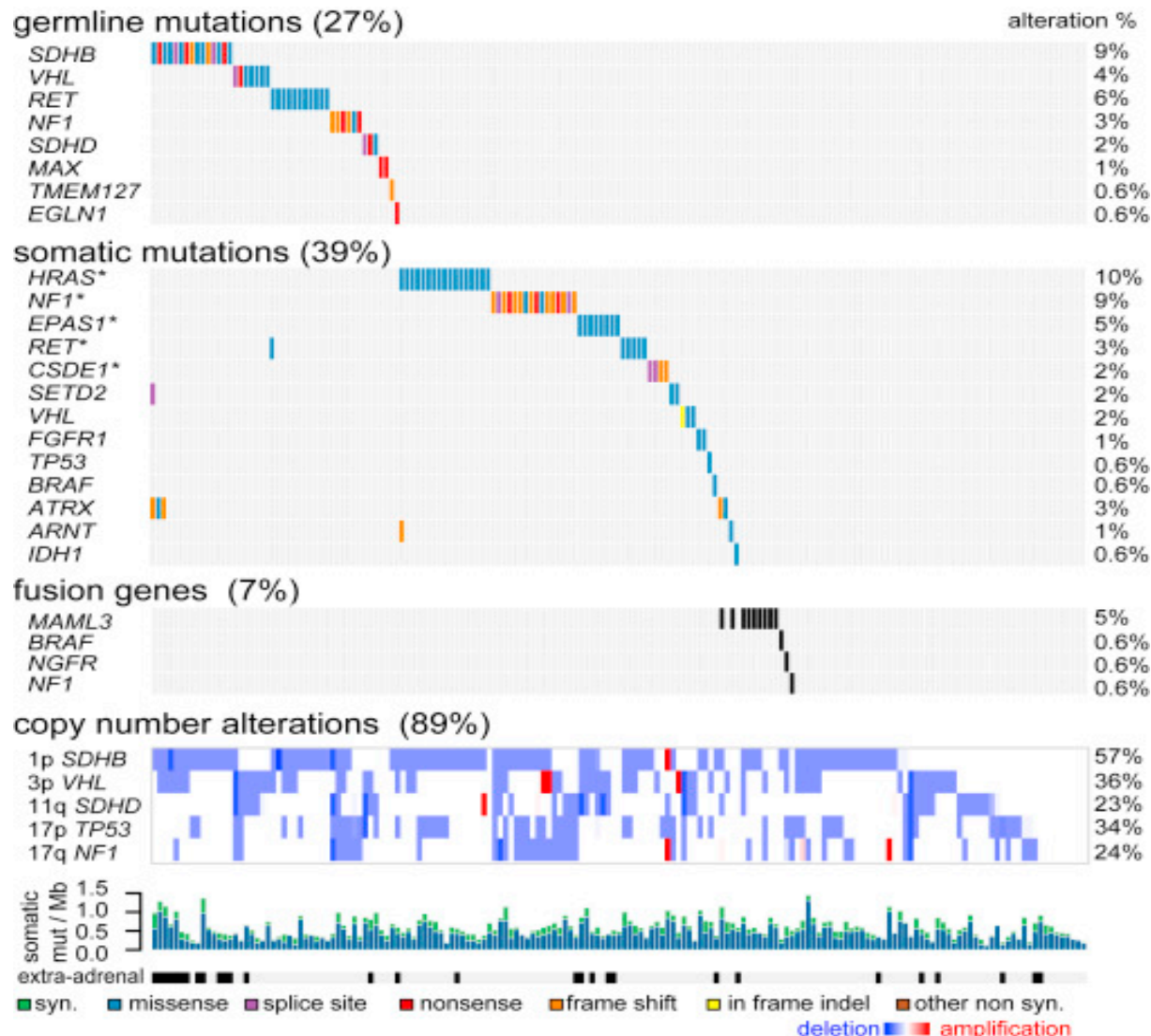


# Genetics of PCC/PGL

- Now over 13 genetic mutations identified to be associated with PCC/PGL
- Screening family members -> identifying more asymptomatic patients
- Leads to early disease detection and better clinical outcomes
- About 30-40% of patients have a genetic mutation without a positive family history
- Very important that ALL patients get genetic testing



# The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA): Comprehensive Molecular Characterization of Pheochromocytoma and Paraganglioma



# Future Directions

- Currently few options for treating metastatic disease
- Azedra – FDA approved in 2018
- Diversity of single drivers among PCCs/PGLs makes these tumors a model for future targeted therapy
- Potential for multi-modality treatment with immunotherapy or targeted therapies





# Conclusions

- Important to have a multidisciplinary approach and be treated at a specialized center dedicated to care of PCC/PGL patients
- Individualize treatment
- Genetic testing for all patients
- Surgery is only curative treatment
- Annual lifetime screening is essential after surgery
- New promising therapies for recurrent/metastatic disease

