

# Recent Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of ARD

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# Outline

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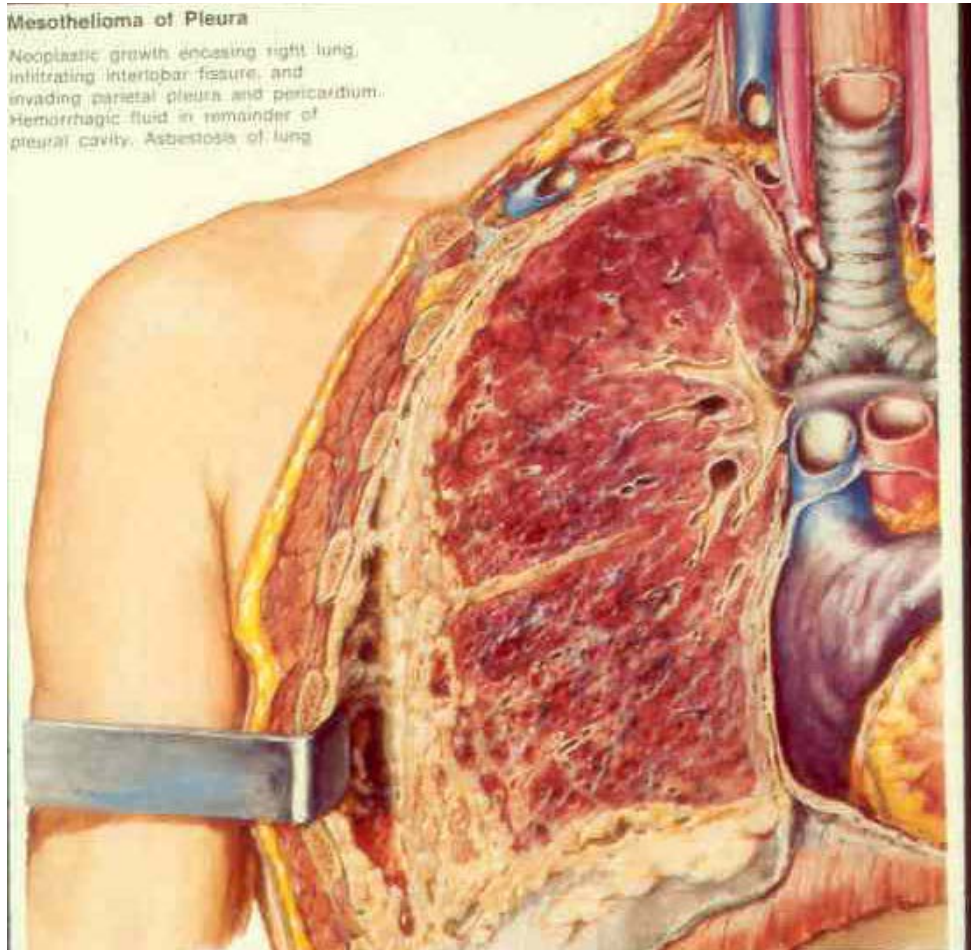
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- Advances and current status of biomonitoring and imaging (including CT) in diagnosis and surveillance of asbestos exposed populations.
- Recent innovations in the treatment of mesothelioma: current clinical trials of promising agents.

# Mesothelioma

## Mesothelioma of Pleura

Neoplastic growth encasing right lung, infiltrating interlobar fissure, and invading parietal pleura and pericardium. Hemorrhagic fluid in remainder of pleural cavity. Asbestosis of lung

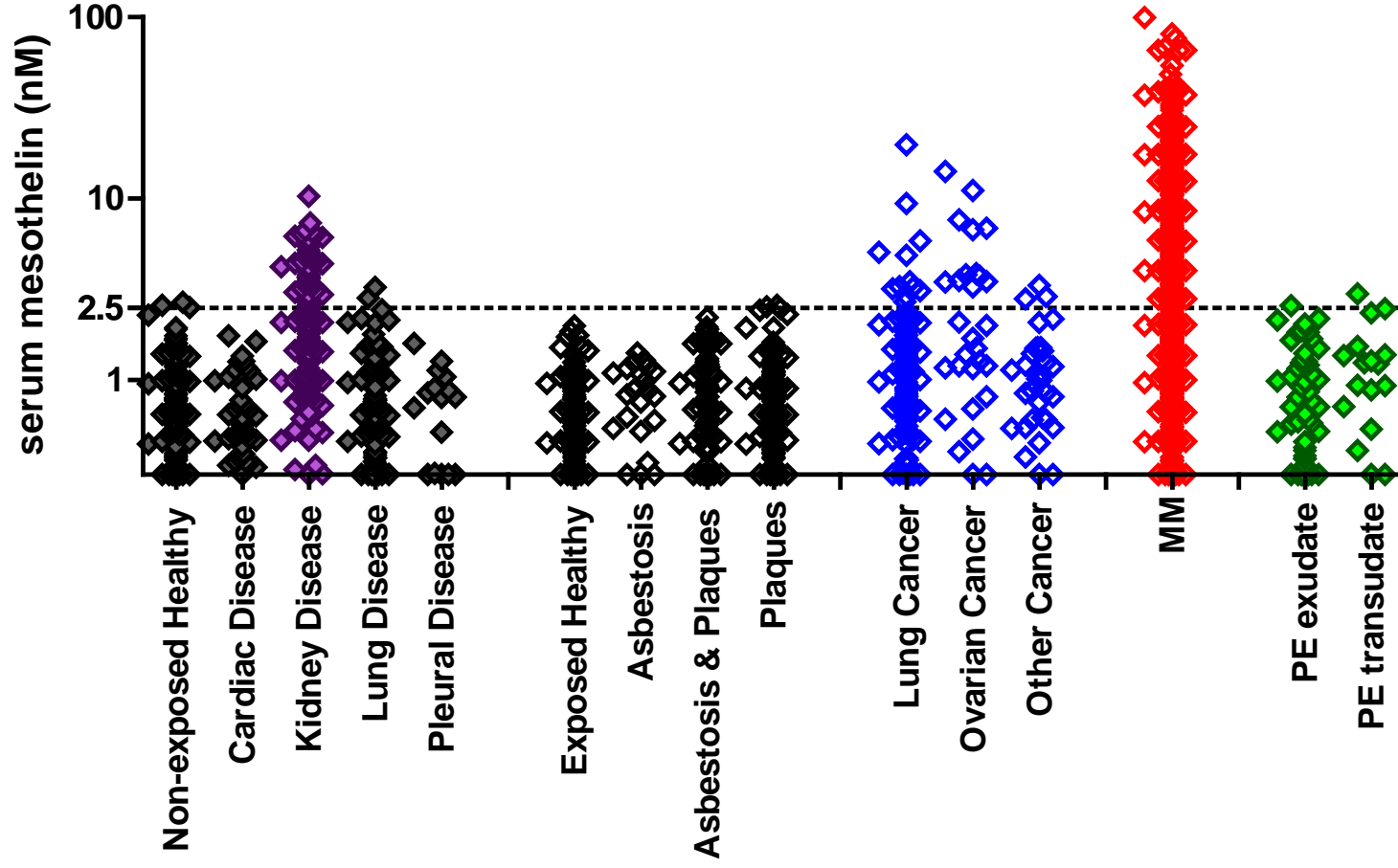


- Tumor of serosal surfaces of pleura, peritoneum, pericardium, tunica vaginalis
- Median survival is poor
  - 8-14 months
- Morbidity and mortality related to local invasion of vital structures
- Treatment options suboptimal

# The Challenge of Early Detection

- Long period where disease is present without symptoms
- Better outcomes with treatment when early stage
- “Common” disease
  - 2000 cases
  - 10 million exposed
- Good tools for early diagnosis
  - Imaging (e.g. CXRs and Chest CT scans)
  - Blood tests

# SMRP



# Osteopontin (OPN)

- Elevated in MM
- Less specific than mesothelin

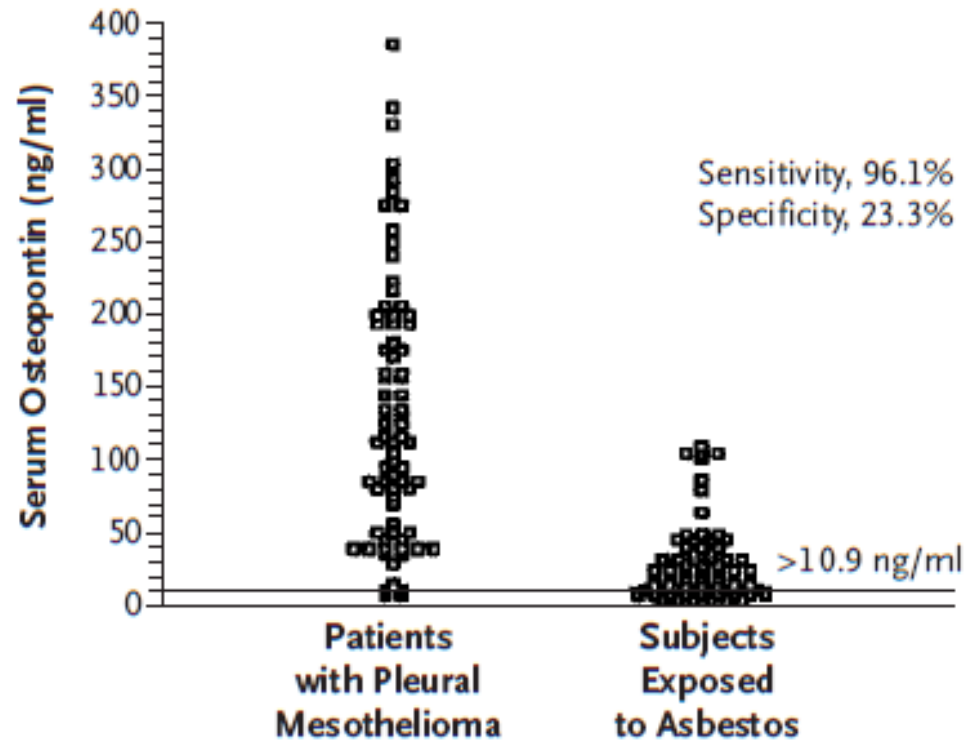


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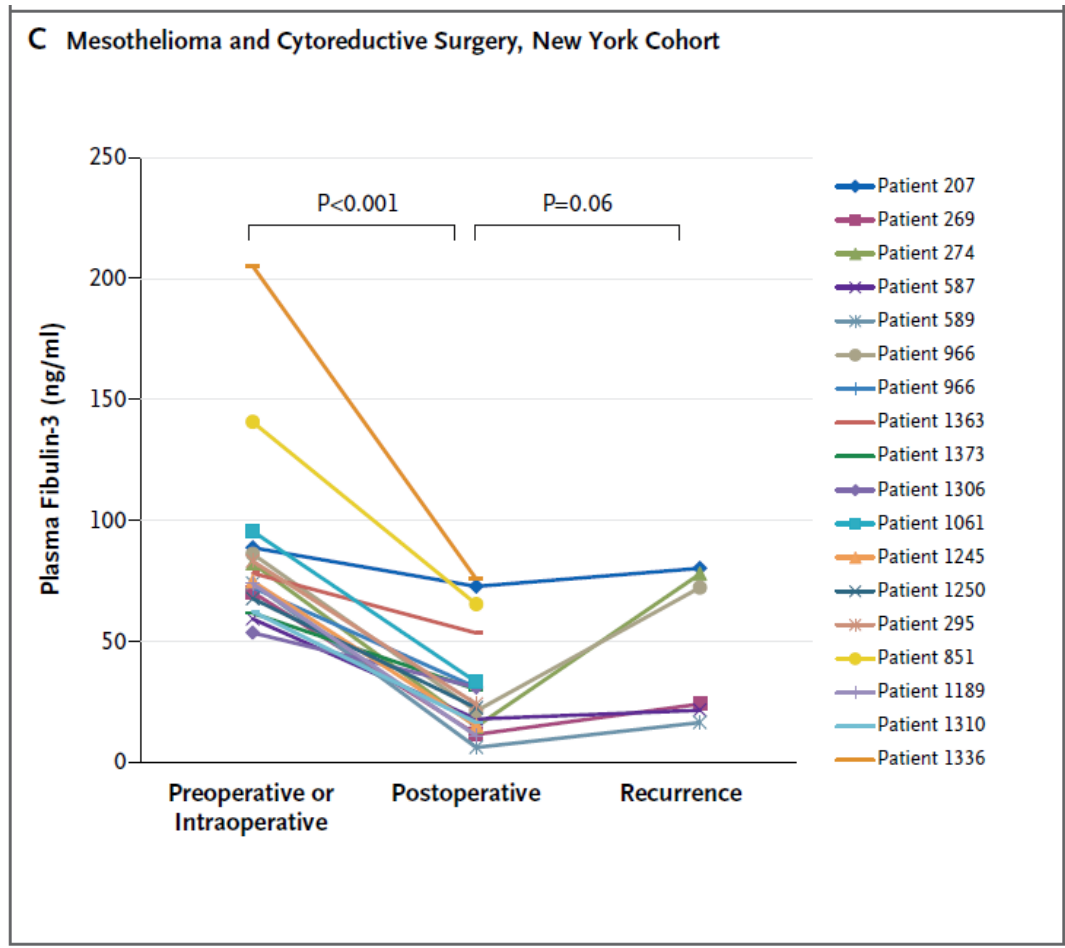
COMPARISON OF MULTIPLE BIOMARKER LEVELS IN PATIENTS WITH MESOTHELIOMA

Sensitivities of biomarkers	90% specificity (threshold value)	95% specificity (threshold value)
MPF	68 (12.66)	92 (12.66)
Osteopontin	53 (12)	47 (18)
SM	78 (1.4)	73 (1.6)

MPF, megakaryocyte potentiating factor; SMRP, serum mesothelin-related proteins.



# FBLN3 after Cytoreductive Surgery



# SMRP and Screening

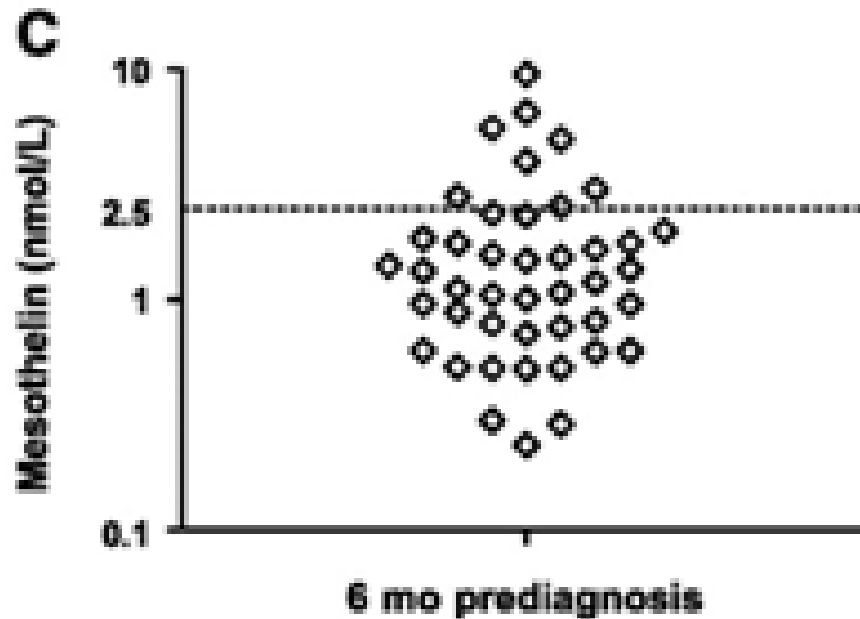


- Wittenoom Cohort
  - ~ 7000 workers Blue Asbestos Company
  - ~ 5000 residents of township
- Lifetime MM risk of 17%
- Subset of population took part in cancer prevention program since 1991

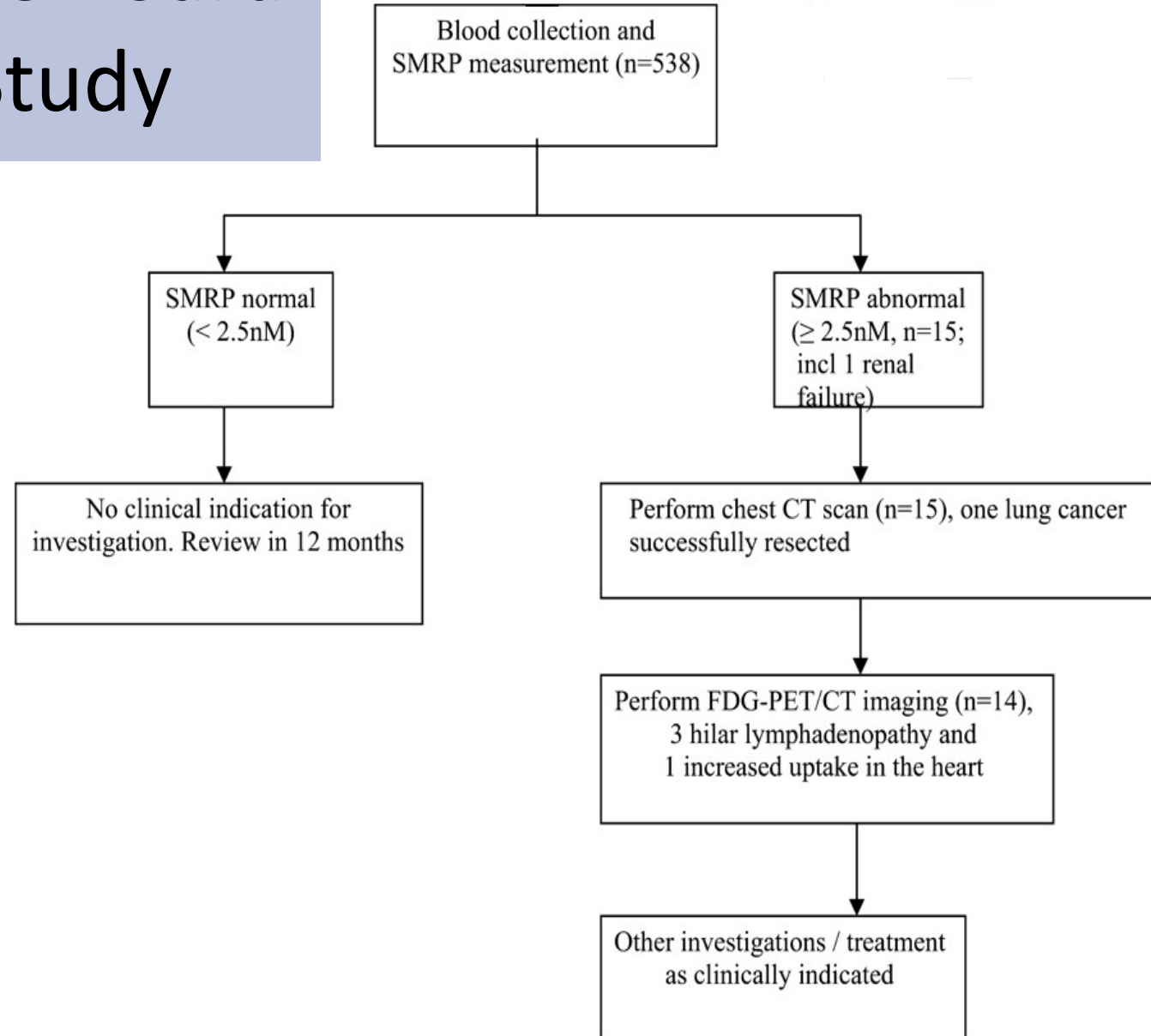


# Serum Mesothelin

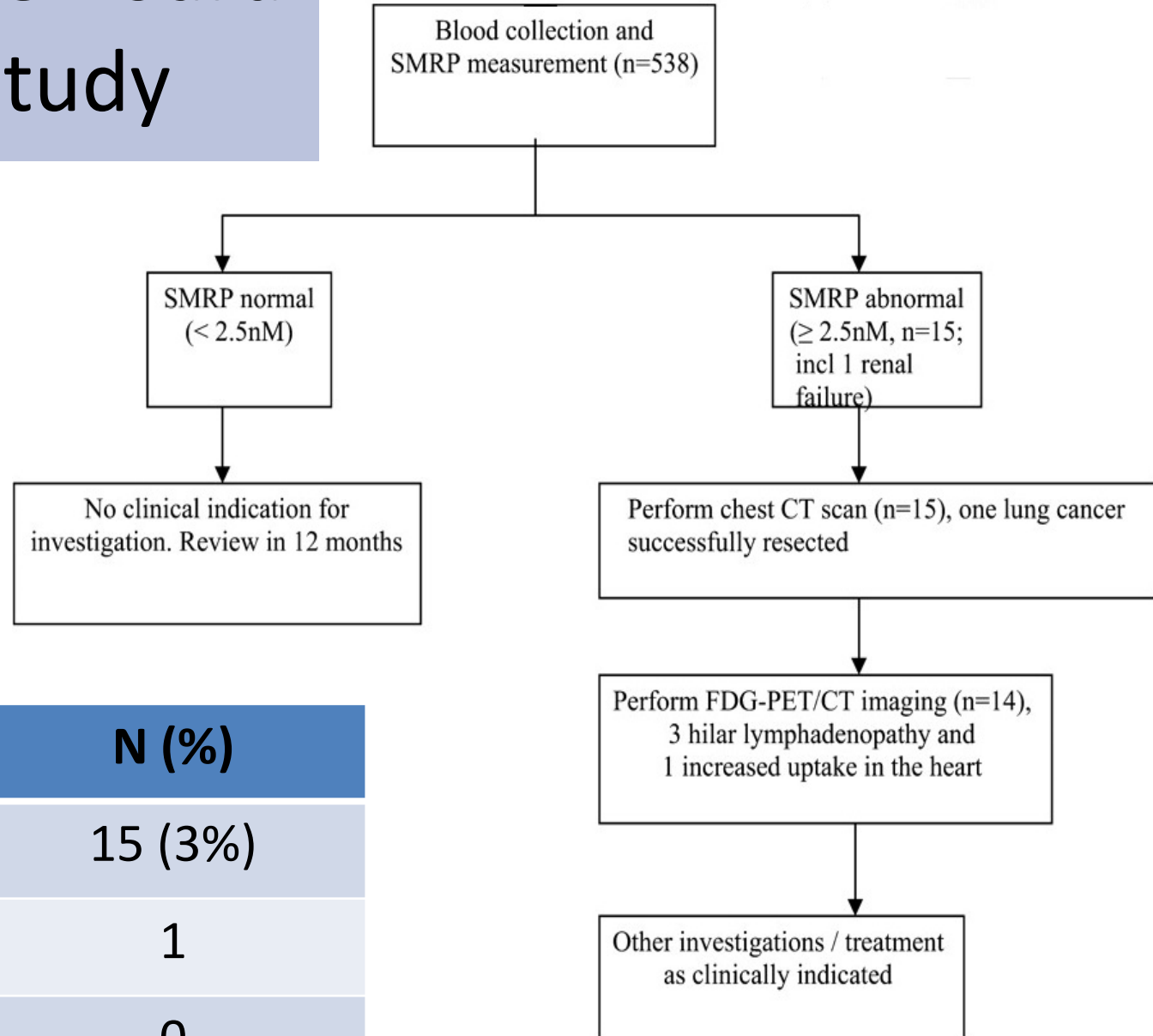
- 6 months before Mesothelioma Diagnosis



# Dust Disease Board Cohort Study

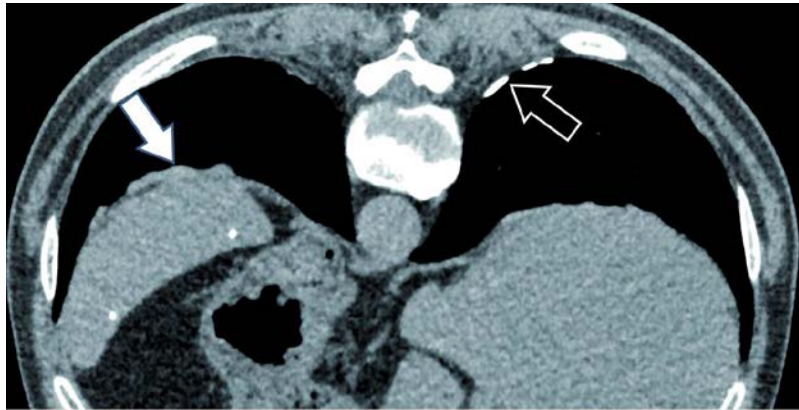


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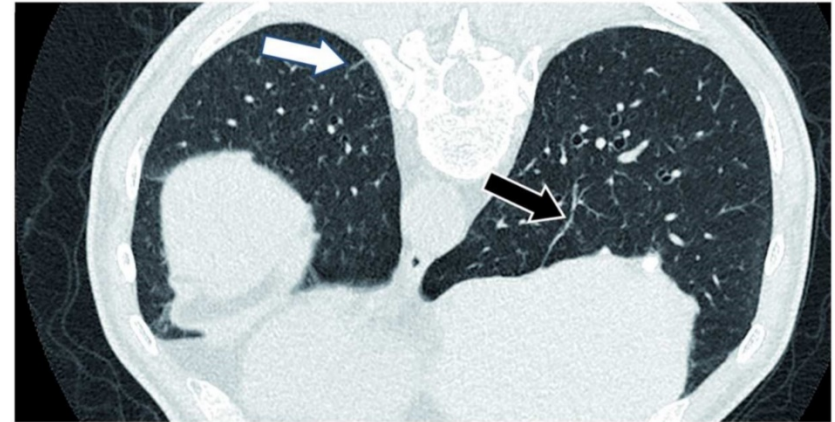


Outcome	N (%)
Positive SMRP	15 (3%)
Lung Cancer	1
MM	0

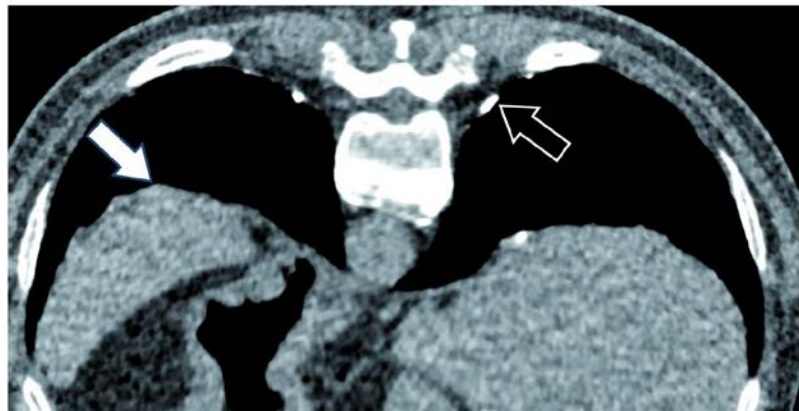
# Imaging- Ultra low dose CT



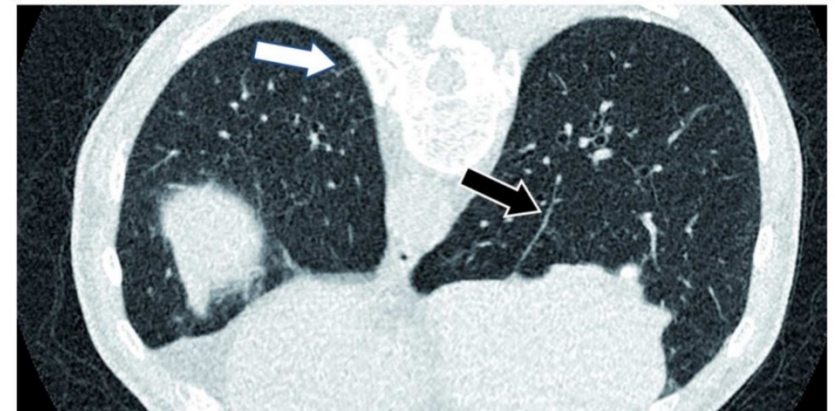
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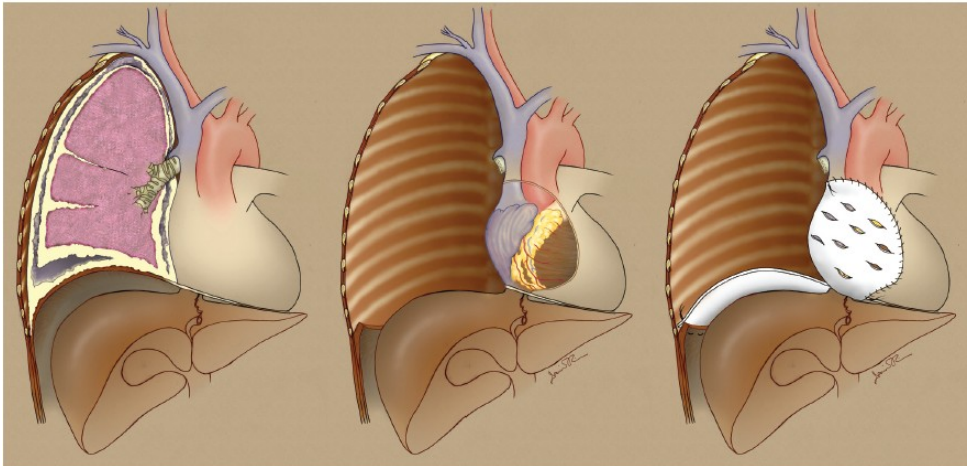


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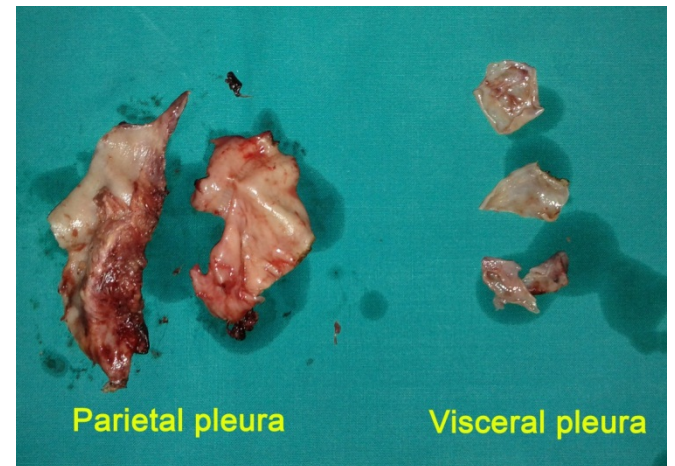
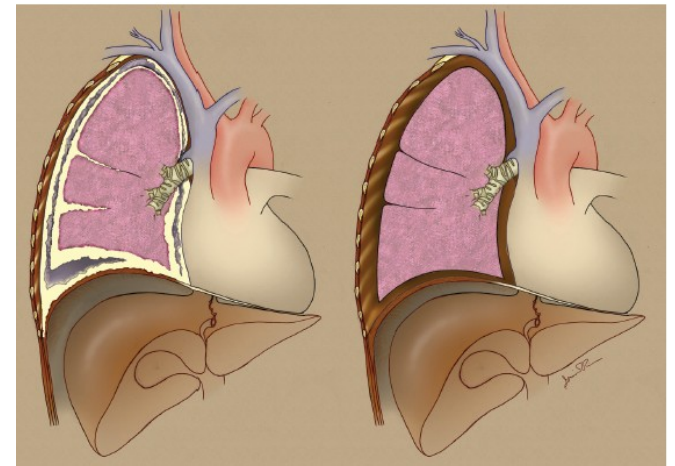
# Mesothelioma Treatment

## *Surgery*

**Extrapleural pneumonectomy**



**Radical pleurectomy & decortication**



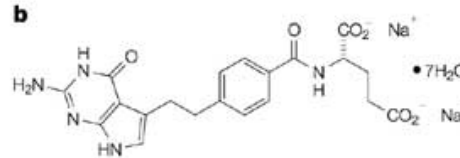
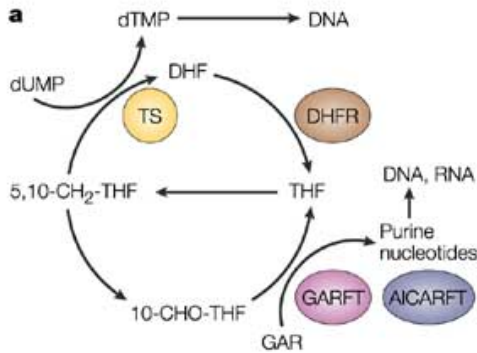
# EPP vs Pleurectomy

	EPP N=385	P/D N=278
Operative mortality	7%	4%
Local recurrence	33%	<b><u>65%</u></b>
Distant recurrence	<b><u>66%</u></b>	35%
Overall Survival (both groups) 14 months 5 year survival 12%		
Stage I	38 months	
Stage II	19 months	
Stage III	11 months	
Stage IV	7 months	

Flores, *J Thor Cardiovasc Surg* 2008



# Chemotherapy



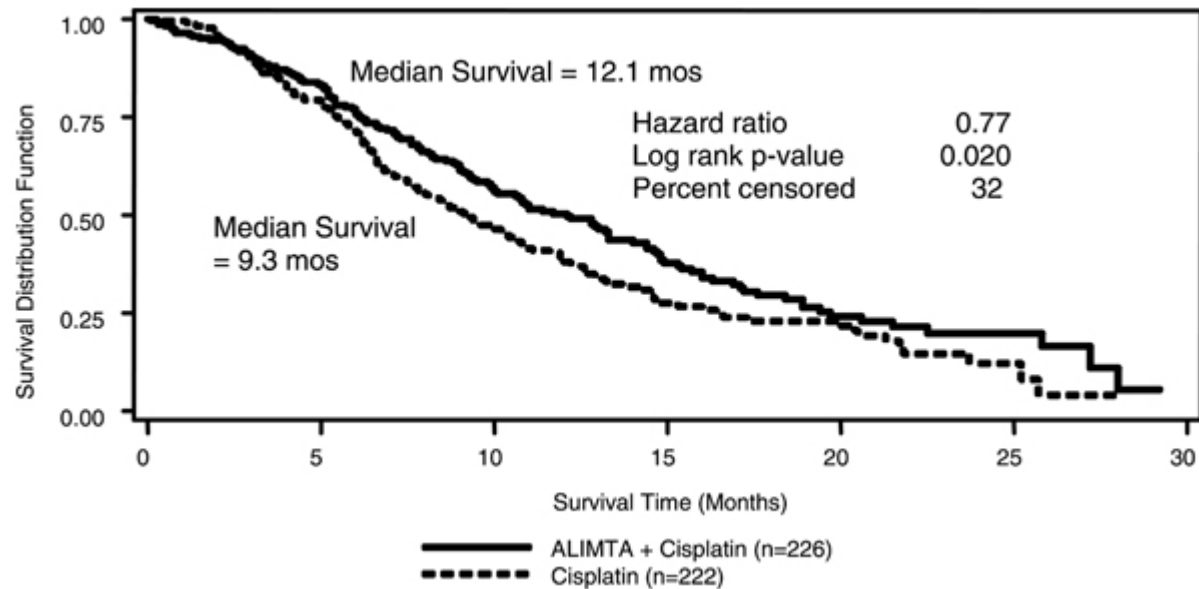
## Pemetrexed disodium heptahydrate

L-Glutamic acid, N-[4-[2-(2-amino-4,7-dihydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)ethyl]benzoyl]-disodium salt, heptahydrate;  
 $C_{20}H_{19}N_5Na_2O_6 \cdot 7H_2O$ ;  
 $M_r = 597.49$ ; CAS number: 150399-23-8

Folate antimetabolite that inhibits three enzymes used in purine/pyrimidine synthesis

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## Chemotherapy

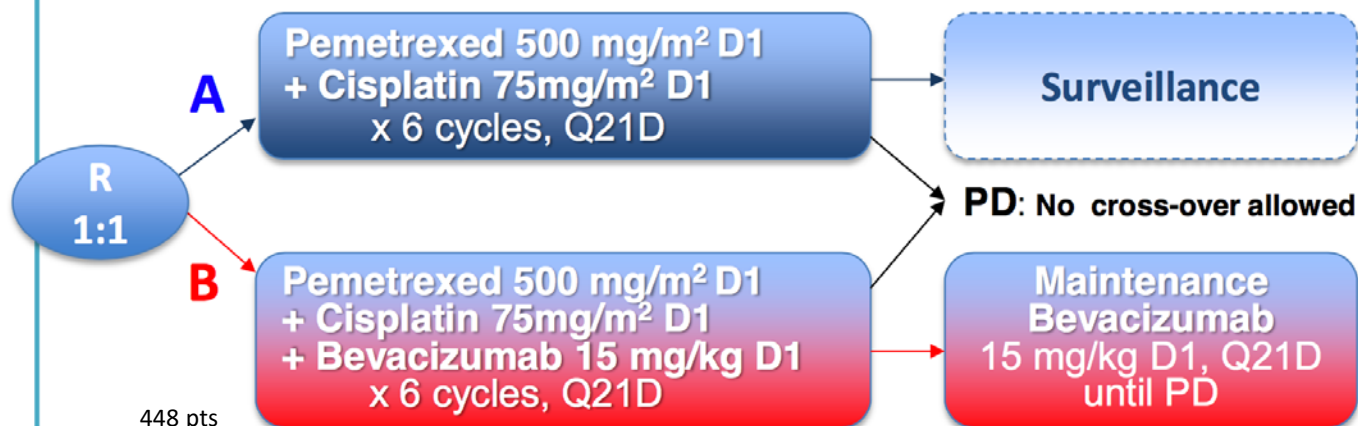


# IFCT-GFPC-0701 trial: MAPS

## Mesothelioma Avastin cisplatin Pemetrexed Study

- MPM proved by pleural biopsies (thoracoscopy...)
- Written informed consent
- Age  $\geq 18$  -  $< 75$  years
- PS 0 - 2
- Chemonaïve patients
- not candidate to curative intent surgery according to Multidisciplinary Board
- At least 1 evaluable or measurable lesion by CT
- Weight loss  $< 10\%$  within 3 months prior to enrolment
- No significant cardiovascular comorbidity and/or other usual chemo or beva contra-indications (HTA, GI perforation...)
- Prophylactic radiotherapy (3 x 7 Gy) before chemo

IFCT-sponsored, open-label, multi-centre randomized phase II-III trial  
(*bevacizumab supplied by Roche*)



**CT-scan Q 3 cycles in both arms; Response assessed with modified RECIST criteria for MPM**

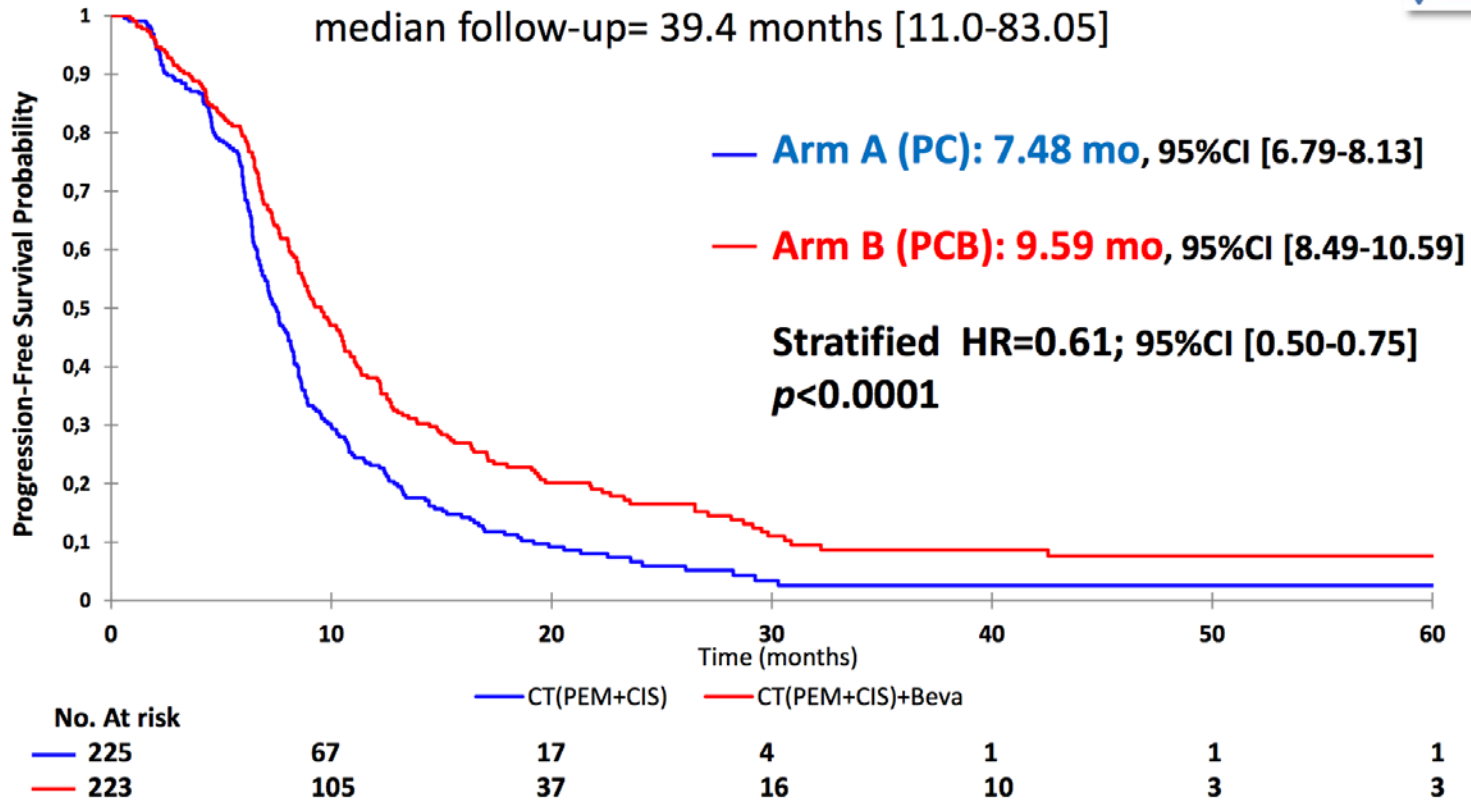
→ **Phase 3 primary goal = OS**; Secondary goals: PFS, QoL, ancillary studies

Stratification: center, histology (epithelioid vs sarcomatoid/mixed), PS (0-1 vs 2), smoking status

# Efficacy: ITT median Progression-free Survival (PFS)



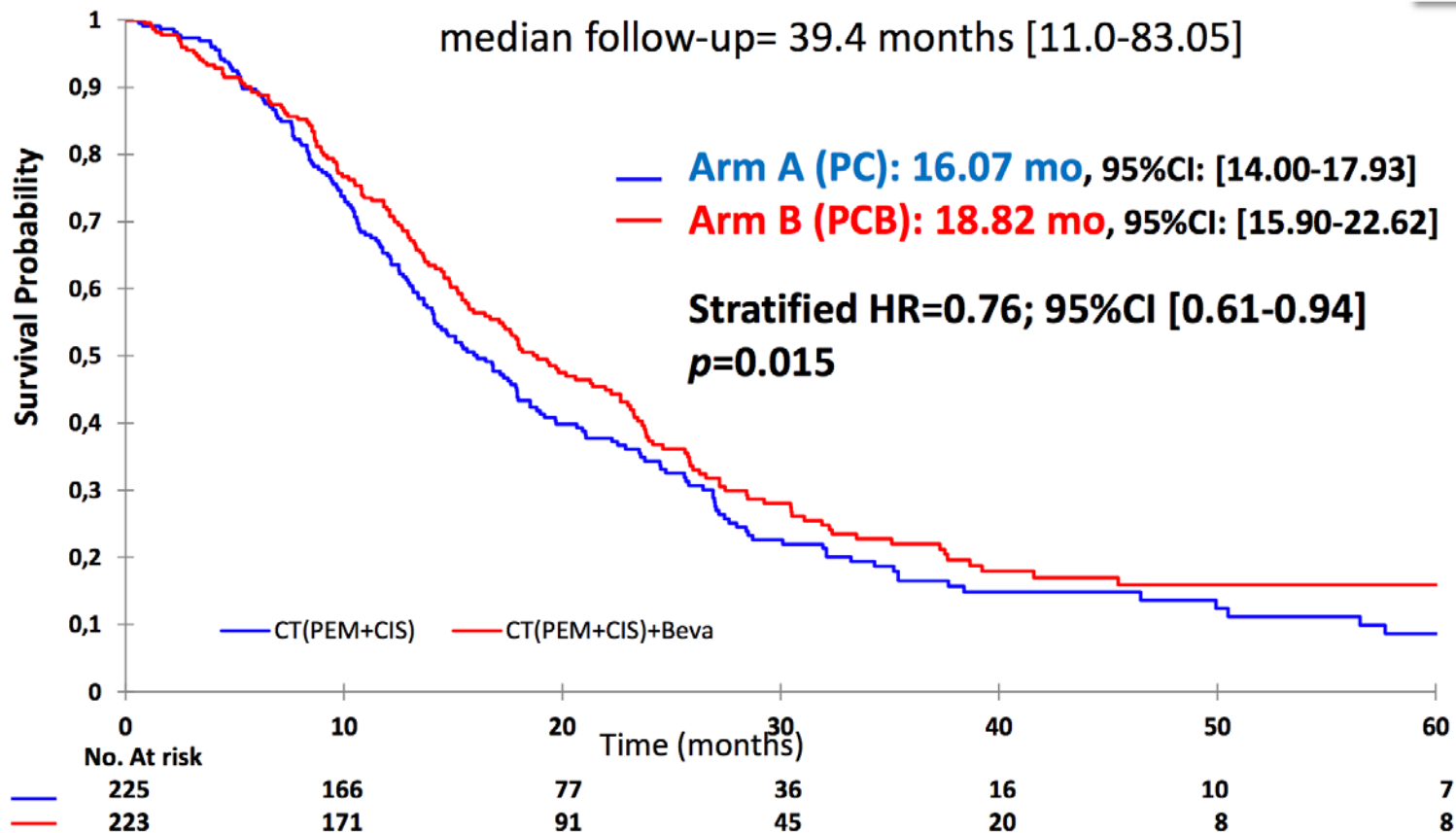
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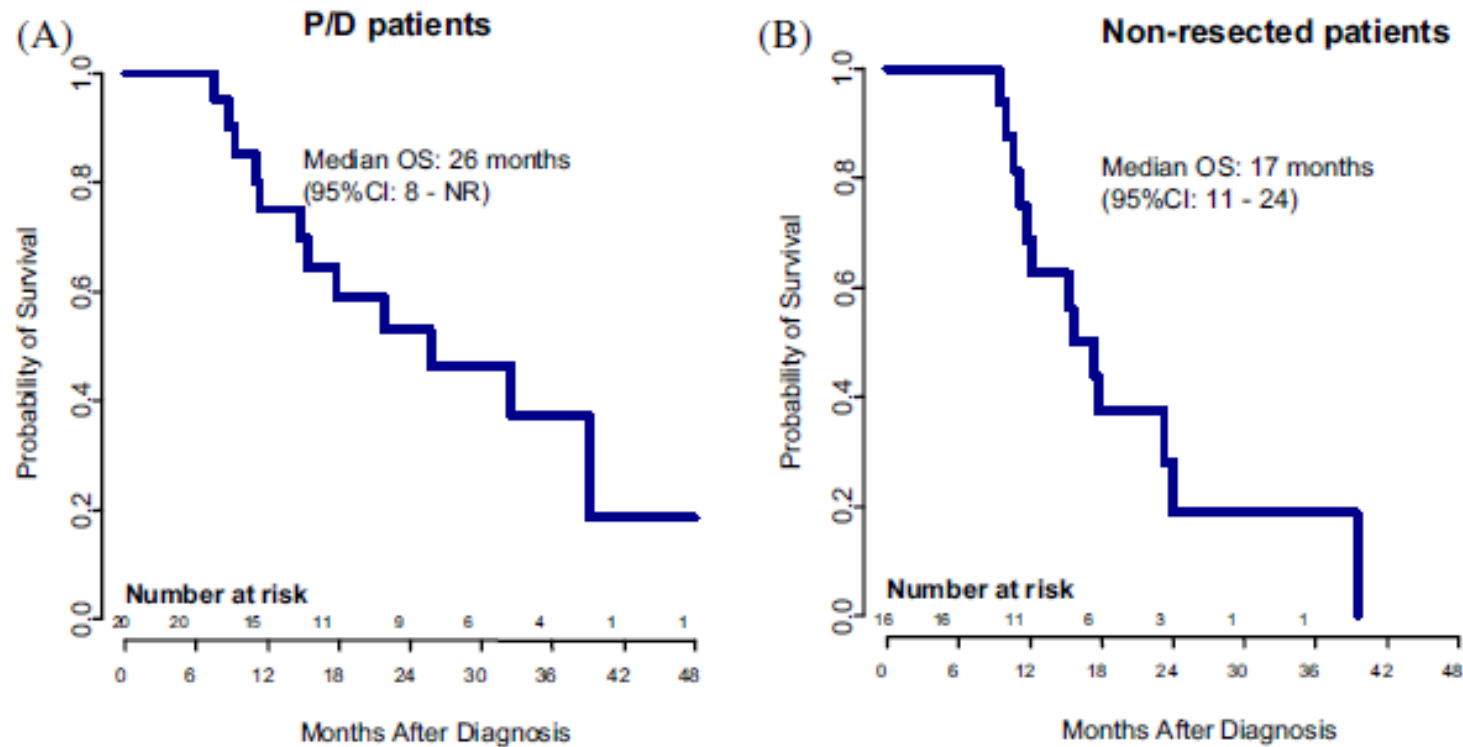
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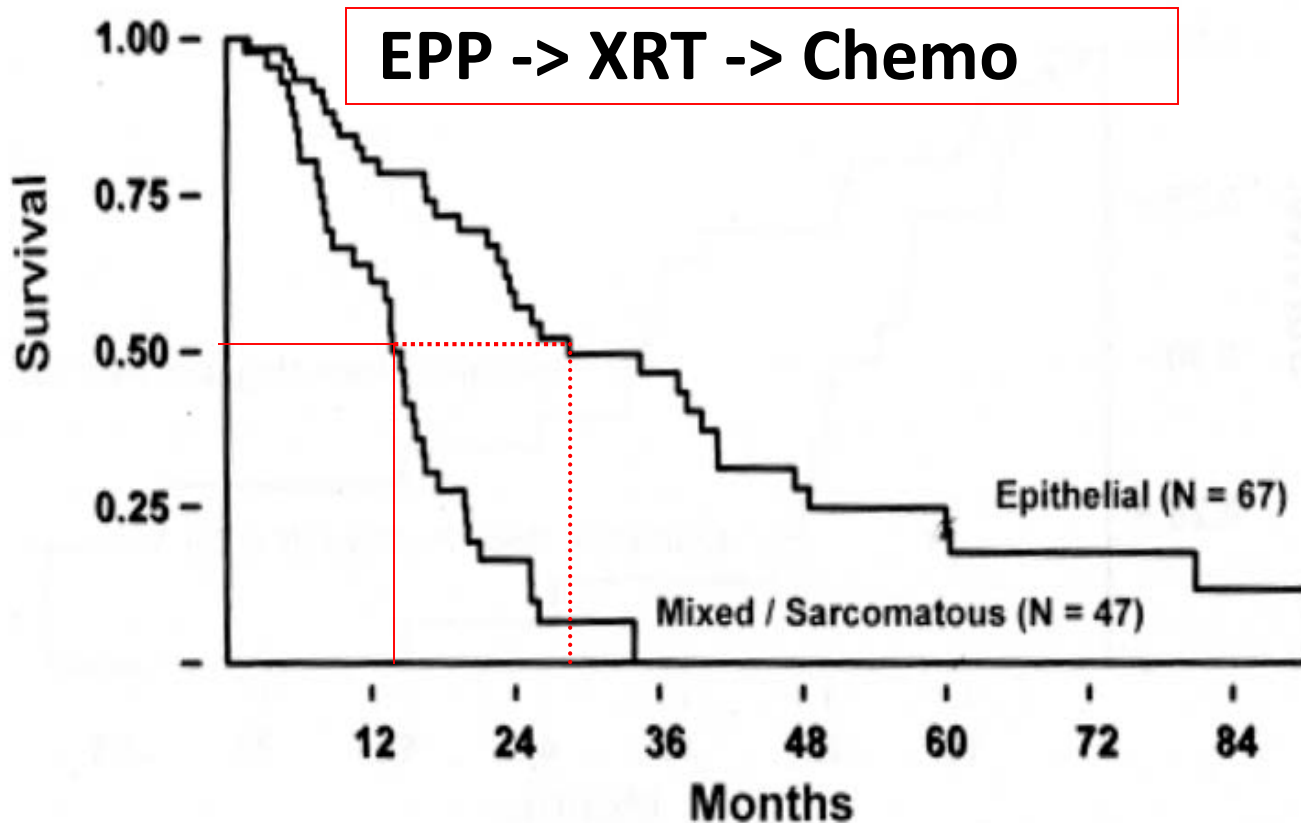


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# IMRT After Chemotherapy

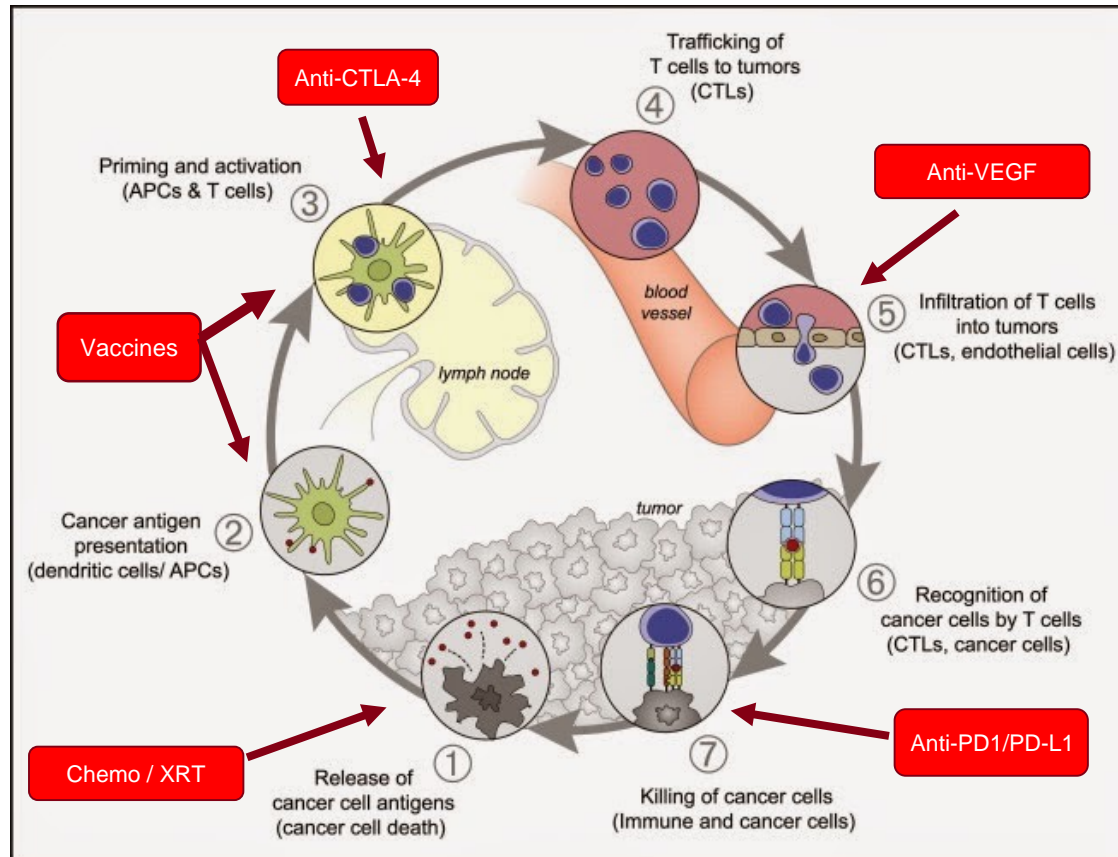


# Paradigm of Multimodality Therapy

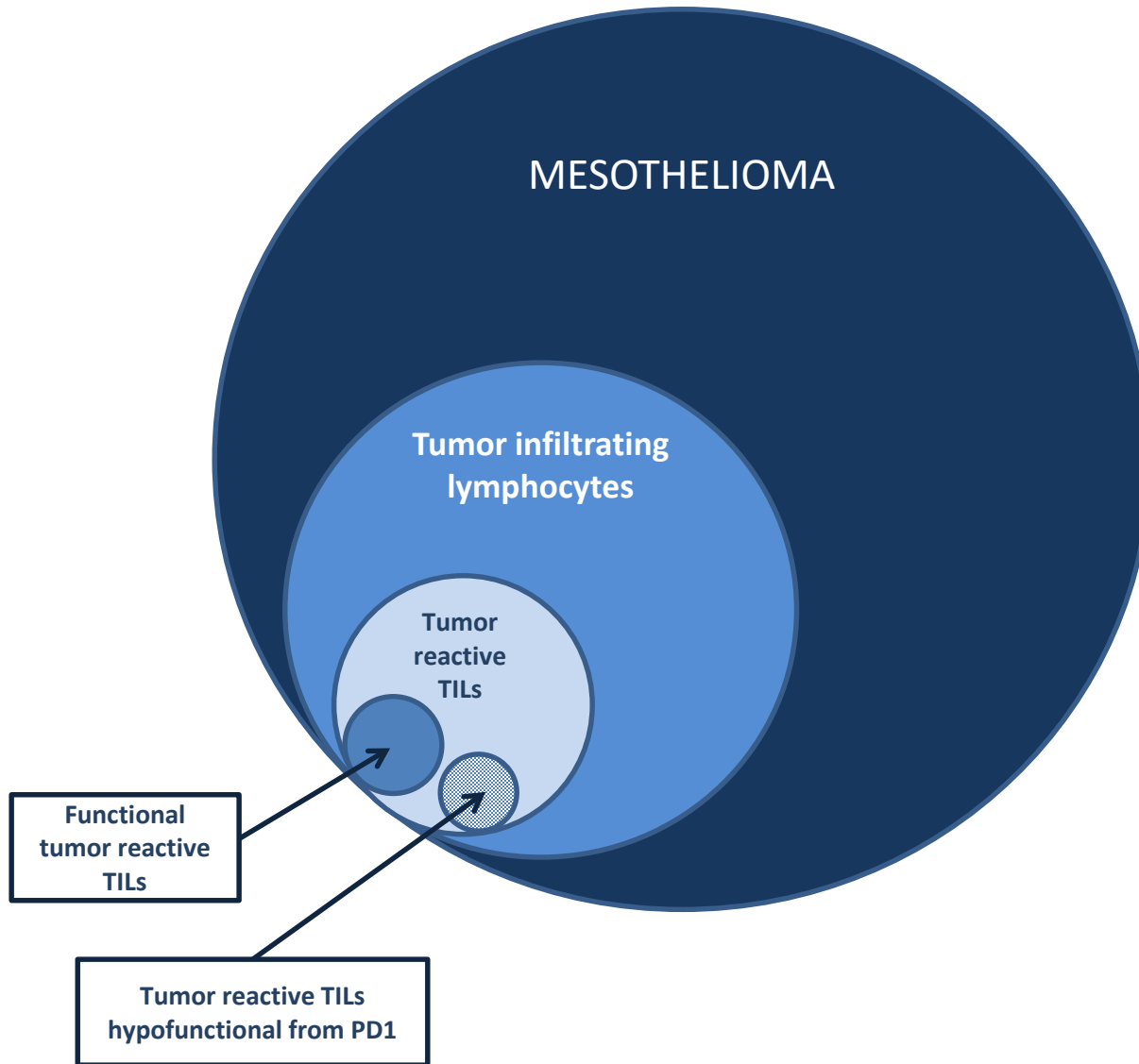


- 183 Pts through 1999
  - Overall Median Survival –19 mos.
  - 5-year survival -15%
- Highly selected**
- Non-randomized**
- Non-controlled**

# The Cancer Immunity Cycle



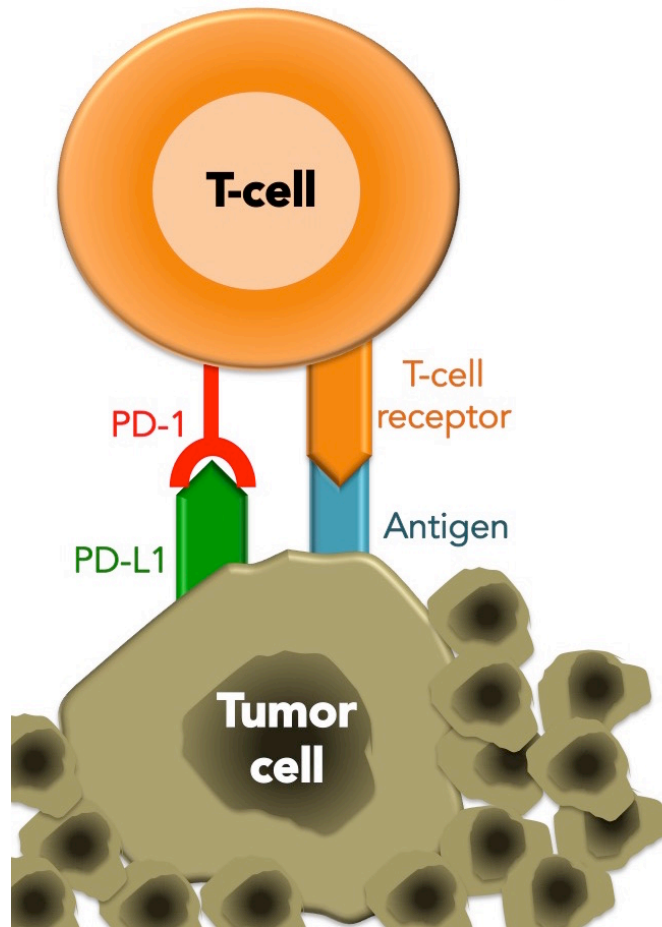
# Scientific Rationale



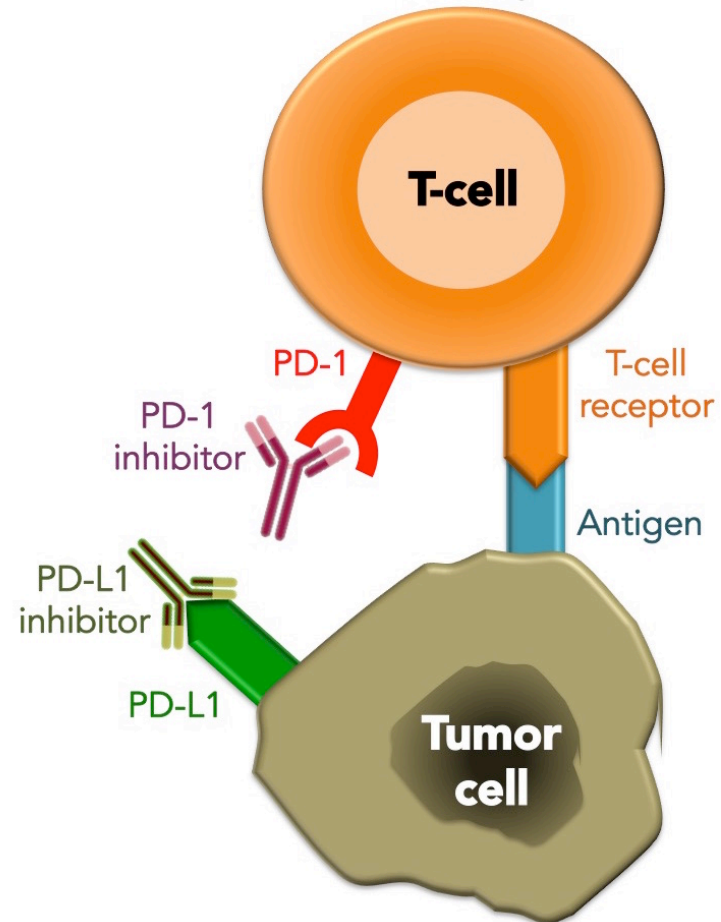


# Blockade of T cell Checkpoints

Without immune therapy

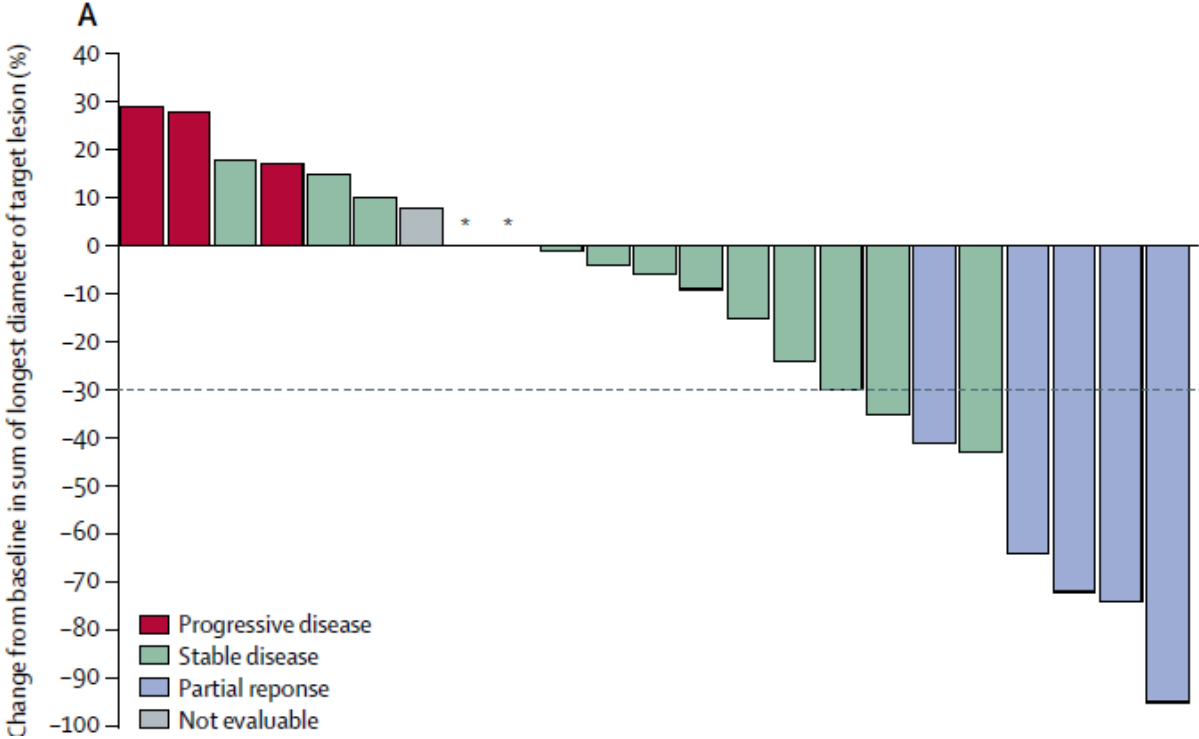


With immune therapy



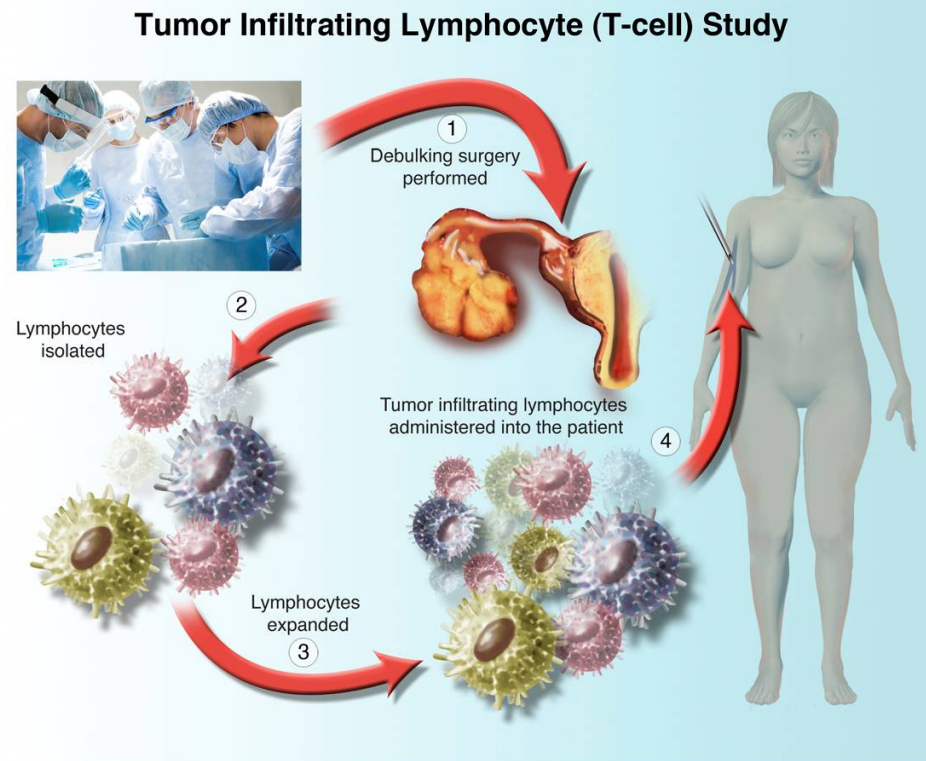
# Clinical safety and activity of pembrolizumab in patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma (KEYNOTE-028): preliminary results from a non-randomised, open-label, phase 1b trial

*Evan W Alley, Juanita Lopez, Armando Santoro, Anne Morosky, Sanatan Saraf, Bilal Piperdi, Emilie van Brummelen*



# Methods to Increase T-cells

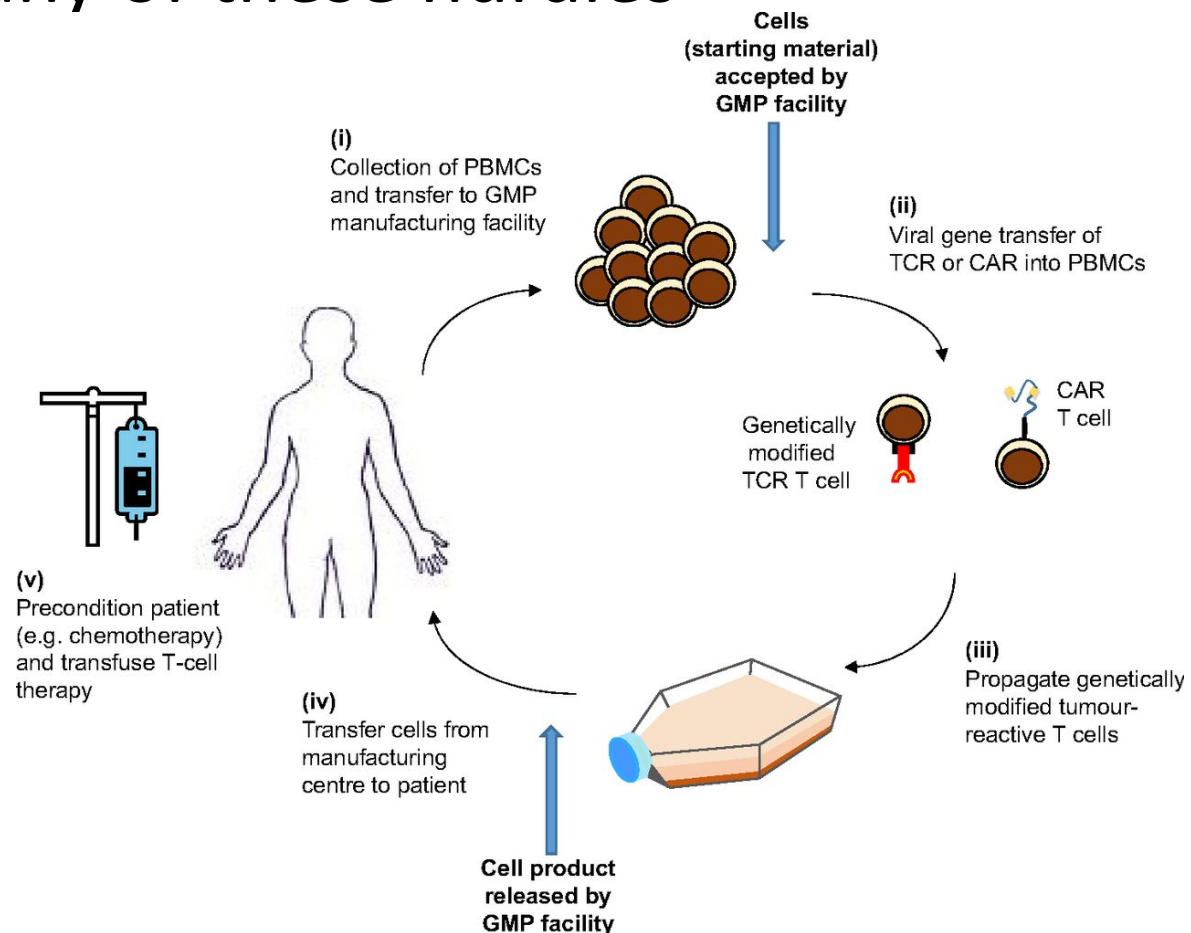
- Isolate tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) and grow them to large numbers outside the patient before injecting them back in
- Has worked for certain tumors (e.g. melanoma, renal cancer)
- Difficult strategy for many tumors
  - Low numbers of TILs
  - Even lower numbers of TILs that bear reactivity to the tumor (i.e. many “bystander” TILs)
  - Methods to break apart tough tumors to release the T cells can be harsh on them



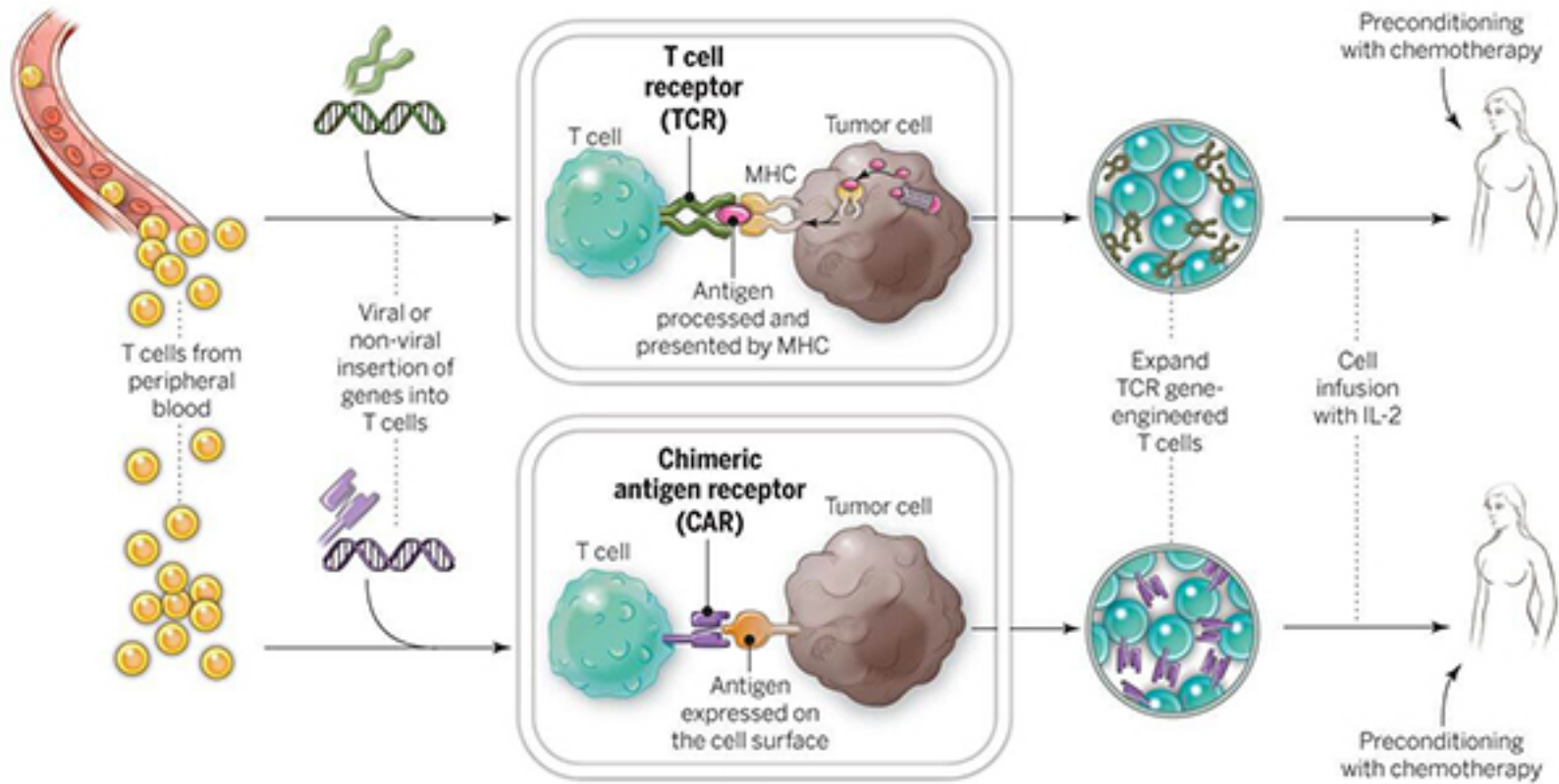
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- Engineering T cells isolated from the bloodstream can overcome many of these hurdles

- No need to expose T cells to harsh digestion methods to isolate them
- Non-reactive T cells can be made reactive by engineering them to express receptors that recognize proteins (aka “antigens”) expressed on the tumor surface
- Has achieved remarkable cures in lymphoma and leukemia

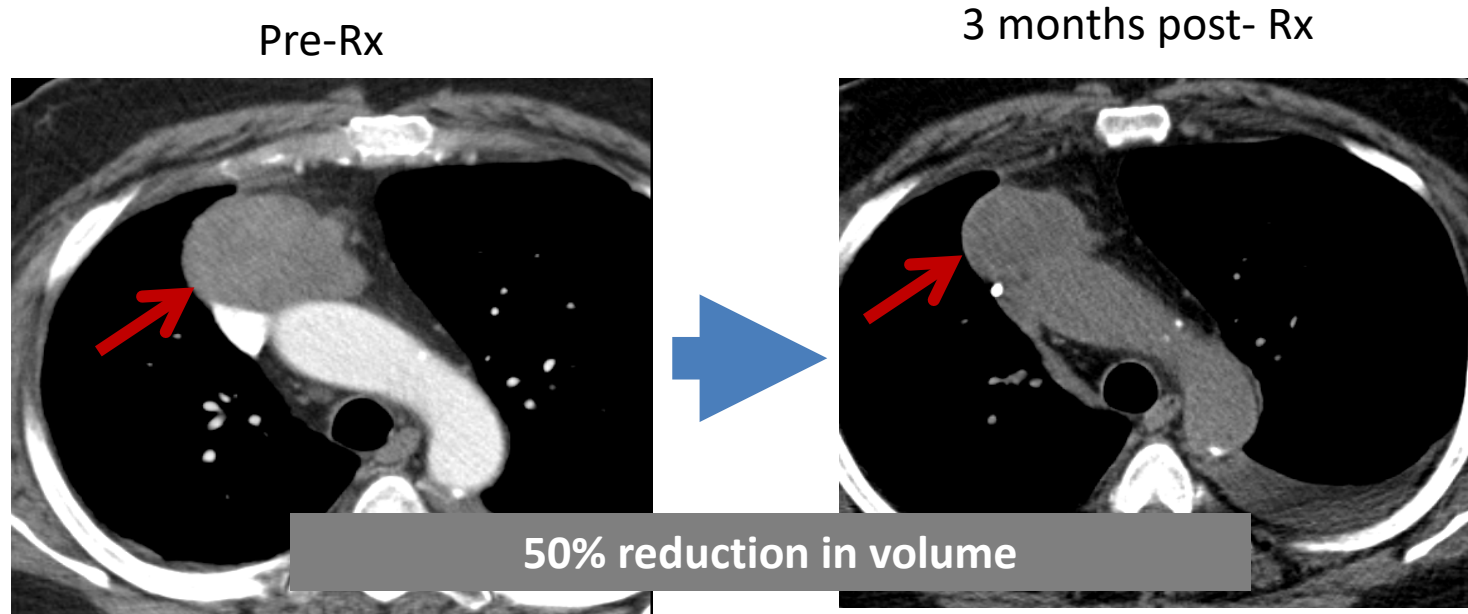


# CARs



# Mesothelin-specific Chimeric Antigen Receptor mRNA-Engineered T cells Induce Anti-Tumor Activity in Solid Malignancies

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No major toxicities

CAR T cells detected transiently in the blood (mRNA)

One patient with a dramatic response

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