# Adjunctive Surgery Disseminated gynaecological cancer

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#### Introduction

- Adjunctive surgery definition
- Gynaecological cancers
  - Vulva
  - Vagina
  - Cervix
  - Uterus
  - Ovary and Fallopian tubes



#### **Ovarian cancer**

- Life time risk 1.4%
- Mean age 63 years
- 75% stage III when diagnosed
- FIGO staging



#### Staging ovarian and primary peritoneal carcinoma (TNM and International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics [FIGO])

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T1b	IB	Tumor limited to both ovaries; capsules intact, no tumor on ovarian surface. No malignant cells in ascites or peritoneal washings.	
T1c	IC	Tumor limited to one or both ovaries with any of the following: capsule ruptured, tumor on ovarian surface, malignant cells in ascites or peritoneal washings	
T2	II	Tumor involves one or both ovaries with pelvic extension	
T2a	IIA	Extension and/or implants on uterus and/or tube(s). No malignant cells in ascites or peritoneal washings.	
T2b	IIB	Extension to and/or implants on other pelvic tissues. No malignant cells in ascites or peritoneal washings.	
T2c	IIC	Pelvic extension and/or implants (T2a or T2b) with malignant cells in ascites or peritoneal washings	
Т3	III	Tumor involves one or both ovaries with microscopically confirmed peritoneal metastasis outside the pelvis	
T3a	IIIA	Microscopic peritoneal metastasis beyond pelvis (no macroscopic tumor)	
ТЗЬ	IIIB	Macroscopic peritoneal metastasis beyond pelvis 2 cm or less in greatest dimension	
T3c	IIIC	Peritoneal metastasis beyond pelvis more than 2 cm in greatest dimension and/or regional lymph node metastasis	
Regional lyn	nph nodes (	(N)	
TNM categories	FIGO stages	Definition	
NX		Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed	
N0		No regional lymph node metastasis	
N1	IIIC	Regional lymph node metastasis	
Distant meta	astasis (M)		
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Definition

TNM

categories

**FIGO** 

stages

#### **Ovarian cancer**

- Treatment
  - Primary surgery followed by adjuvant chemotherapy
  - NAC followed by interval debulking



## What influences prognosis

- Stage
- Quality of cytoreduction
- Skills and attitude surgeon
- Place of surgery



## **Objective**

- Disease staging
- Optimal cytoreduction
  - No macroscopic disease
  - <1cm
  - ->1cm



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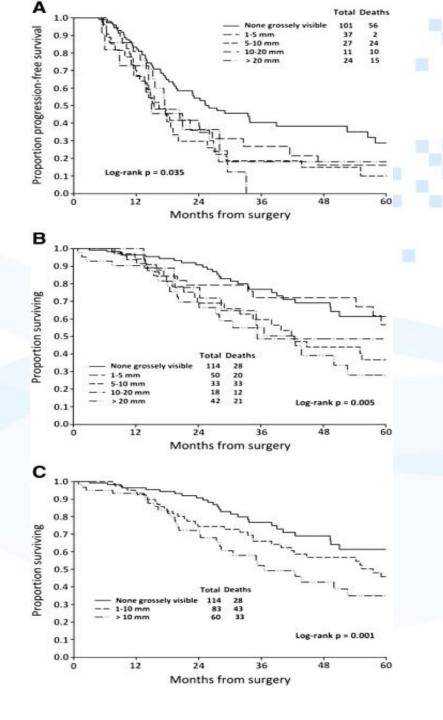
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Peiretti et al. Gynecologic Oncology 119 (2010) 259–264





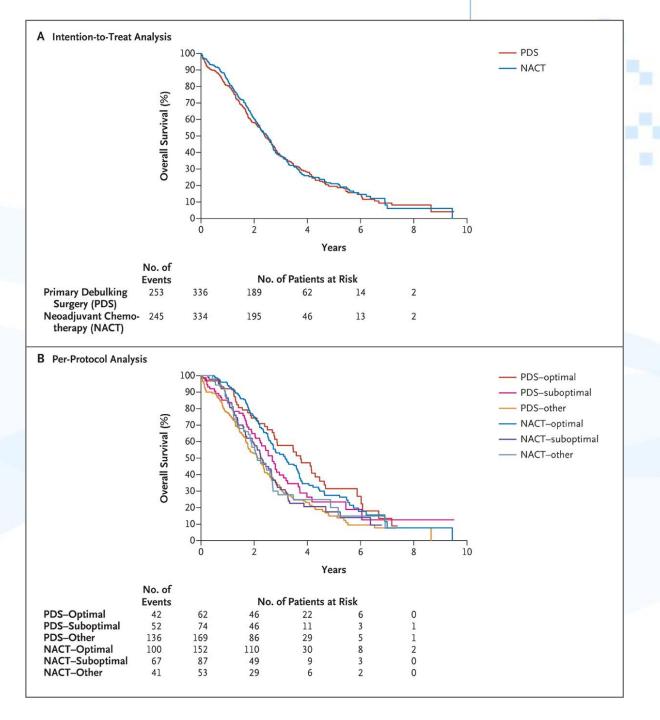
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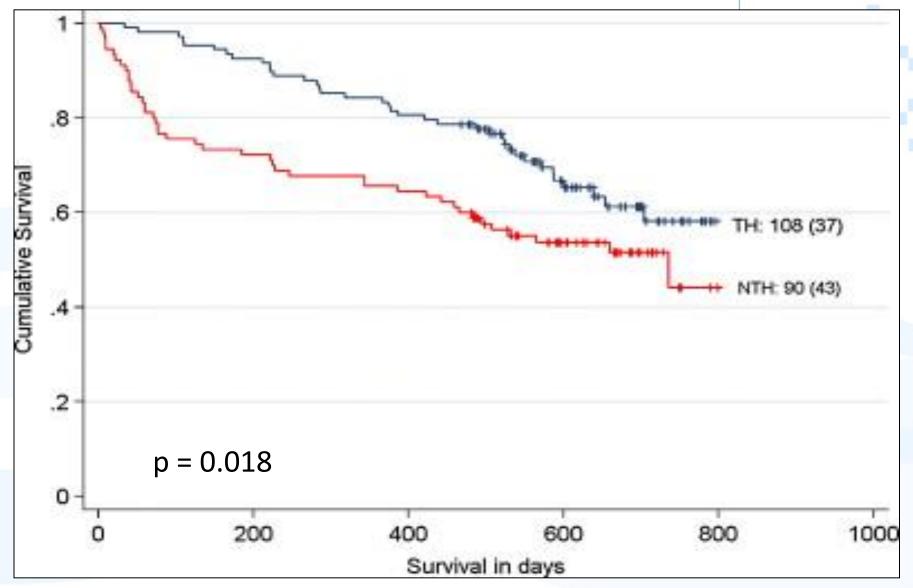




## **Place of surgery**

- Specialised units
  - Improved survival
  - ↑ chance of optimal debulking





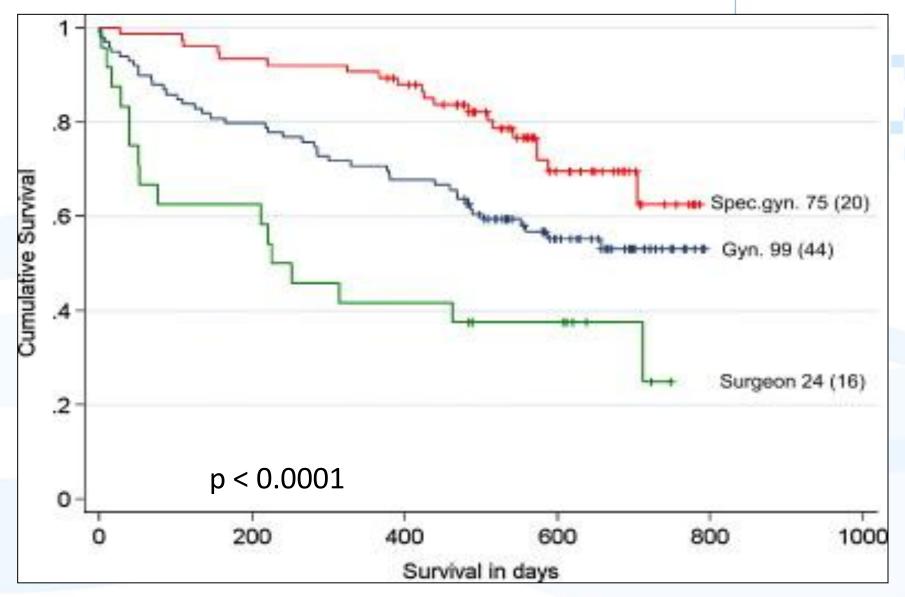
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#### **Skills and attitudes**

- The surgeon
  - Impacts on survival
  - Chance of obtaining optimal debulking





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Gynaecological oncologist: 87%



## More data showing this

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#### How extensive?

- As needed be
  - Bowel resection
  - Peritoneal stripping
  - Splenectomy +/- distal pancreatectomy
  - Diaphragmatic stripping
  - Liver resection
  - Cholescystectomy



## **Upper abdominal surgery**

- ↑ blood loss
- ↑ operating time
- No ↑ in hospital stay or post-op mobidity



## **Colon resection**





#### **Colon resection**

- To achieve optimal debulking
- Improves survival

Hoffman, Zervose Gynecol Oncol Volume 111, Issue 2, Supplement 2008 S56 - S65



## **Diaphragmatic**

Will be required in a substantial %







#### **Other**

- Splenectomy
- Small bowel resection
- Peritoneal stripping
- Liver resection



#### Recurrent ovarian cancer

- Recur mostly in abdomen
- Benefit of surgery unclear
  - Lack of good quality data



- Criteria
  - PFS at least 12 months
  - Potential for optimal cytoreduction
  - Response to 1<sup>st</sup> line therapy
  - Good performance status
  - Local recurrence



- Beneficial:
  - No ascites
  - Platinum sensitivity
  - Initial FIGO stage <IV</li>
  - Complete tumor resection

Sehouli et al J Surg Oncol 2010;102:656-662





Survival effect of optimal debulking

- <1cm: 16 to 61 months

- >1cm: 8 to 27 months

Tebes SJ et al. Gynecol Oncol. 2007;106(3):482.

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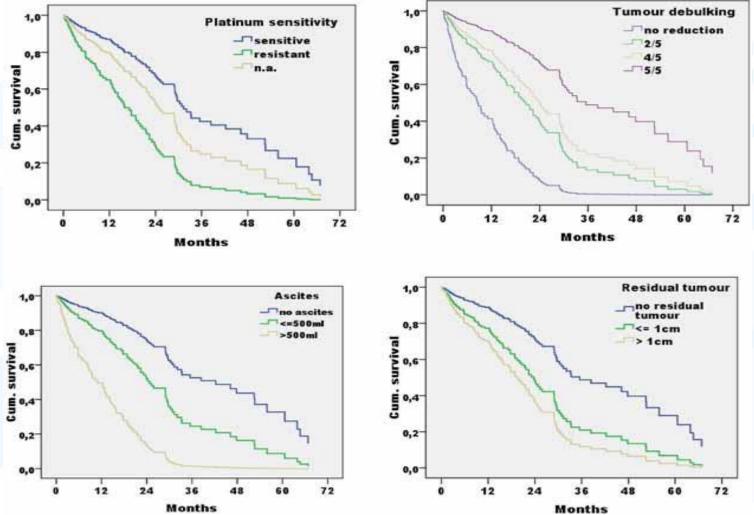
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- Complete resection
  - Most important factor for improved survival
- TTR time interval
  - The longer the better



# Role of secondary cytoreductive surgery in ovarian cancer relapse: Who will benefit? A systematic analysis of 240 consecutive patients





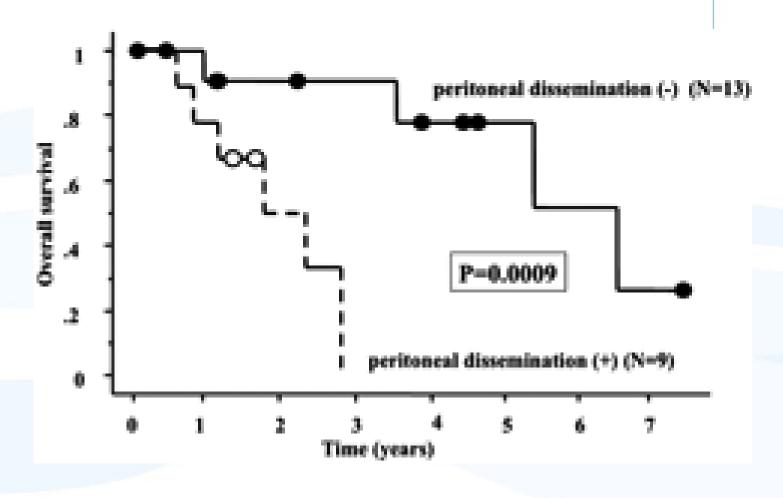
## **Metastatic disease of ovary**

- From colorectal cancer
  - Complete cytoreduction beneficial
  - Metastases limited to pelvis

Chung et al. J Surg Oncol 2009;100: 570-574



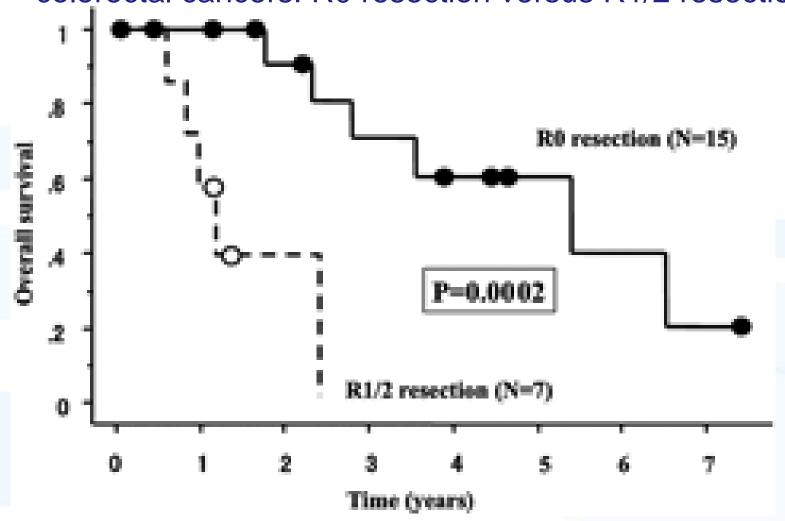
# Overall survival of ovarian metastases from primary colorectal cancers: with or without peritoneal dissemination







Overall survival of ovarian metastases from primary colorectal cancers: R0 resection versus R1/2 resection.



Fujiwara et al. J Surg Oncol 102;6:582-587



## **Palliative surgery**

- Evidence is not good
- Patients should be individually assessed



## **Palliative surgery**

- Bowel obstruction
- Absence of:
  - > 3 l ascites
  - Multifocal obstruction
  - Palpable bulky tumors
  - Pre-op weight loss > 9 kg

Ramirez et al. Cancer Control January 2011 Vol 18 No 1





#### Conclusion

What is the role of the gynaecologist



## Role of gynaecologist

- Primarily responsible for:
  - Appropriate care
  - Multi-disciplinary approach
  - Ensure maximum effort optimal cytoreduction



## Role of gynaecologist

- Primarily responsible for:
  - Identification of women who will benefit from secondary cytoreduction after relapse
  - Appropriate palliative surgery where indicated



## Thank you

