



## Synchronous liver metastases Oncosurgical Strategy

#### How to resect the unresectable?

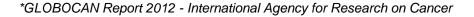




## Epidemiology

### Portugal

- 7129 new cases of Colorectal Cancer \*
- 1/3 are rectal cancers
- 3797 mortality cases\*



## Epidemiology



- √ 25% of patients have metastatic disease at presentation
- √ 30% develop metastases during the course of their disease
- ✓ The liver is the most common site of metastatic disease,
  - Involved in 80 % of cases
  - Liver-only mets (40 %)

## Median survival - hepatic metastases



**Untreated** – survival 6 and 12 months

Systemic chemotherapy - median survival of 2-year

- **Resected R0** 5 year survival ranges between 27% to 74%
  - 10 Y survival 9- 50%



## Results of hepatic resection for mets CCR

	n	Survival at 5 Years %	median survival , <b>M</b>
Hughes, KS; 1986	607	33	NR
Scheele, J; 1995	434	33	40
Nordlinger, B; 1996	1568	28	NR
Jamison, RL; 1997	280	27	33
Fong, Y; 1999	1001	37	42
Iwatsuki, S; 1999	305	32	NR
Choti, M; 2002	133	58	NR
Abdalla, E; 2004	190	58	NR
Fernandez, FG; 2004	100	58	NR
Wei, AC; 2006	423	47	NR
Aloia TA; 2006	150	71	
Rees, M; 2008	929	36	42.5
de Jong, M; 2009	1669	47	36
Morris, EJ; 2010	3116	44	NR

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Resection is the only chance of long-term survival / cure

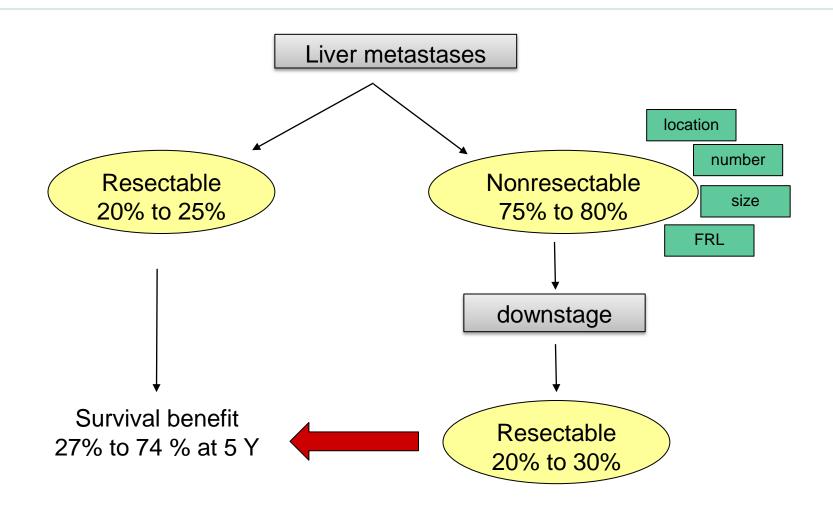


✓ Only a minority of patients are suitable for upfront surgery  $\frac{20\% - 25\%}{20\%}$ 

✓ When patients with unresectable disease are downstaged to complete resection, long-term data support 5 and 10-year survival are similar to upfront resectable patients



#### Liver metastases in colorectal cancer





### Liver metastases in colorectal cancer

How to resect the unresectable?



### "Resectable"

I. Appropriate medical candidate for surgery

Patient

2. The metastatic liver tumor can be completely resected.

**Tumor** 

3. Sufficient future remnant liver

Liver



## Patient selection and Preoperative assessment

- ✓ CT scan of the abdomen and chest
- ✓ MRI if small lesions, a fatty liver or preop CT
- ✓ **PET** in case of tumor recurrence
  - in patients with a previous liver resection
  - suspected distant metastasis.

**Tumor evaluation** 

- ✓ Child Pugh,
- ✓ICGR15

liver function evaluation

## Two management strategies (to improve resectability.)

Tumor

Liver

#### - Shrink tumors

- √ Conversion chemotherapy,
- √ Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Therapy

#### - Optimize the FLR

- ✓ parenchymal-sparing liver surgery
- **✓** PVE
- √ two-stage hepatectomy
- ✓(ALPPS)
- √ local ablation techniques



## Strategies to Shrink Tumor Burden

✓ Systemic Chemotherapy

✓ Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Therapy



## Systemic Chemotherapy

• In the 5-FU era - **response rates** approximately 20 %

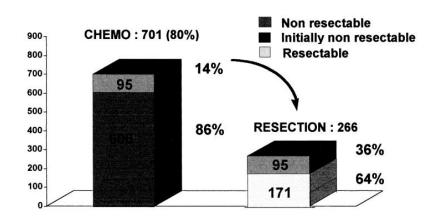
- Modern chemotherapeutic agents
   (Oxaliplatin, Irinotecan ... and new regimens FOLFOX, FOLFIRI ...)
  - tumor response rates of >50%
  - 6-month stable disease 90–95 %
  - long **median survival** (30 months).



#### Five-Year Survival Following Hepatic Resection After Neoadjuvant Therapy for Nonresectable Colorectal [Liver] Metastases

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- N= 872
- 701 patients with unresectable CRLM (80%)
- FOLFOX
- (14 % resectable

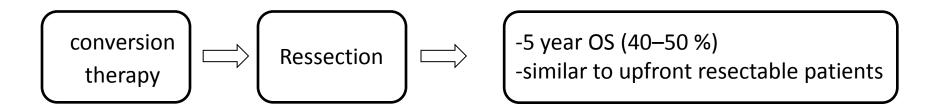


5-year survival 39 %

## Tumor response rate -patients with unresectable CRLM

Study	Year	No. of patients	Regimen	Response rate (%)	Conversion rate (%)	Overall R0 resection rate (%)	
Tournigand et al. [9]	2004	109	$FOLFIRI \rightarrow FOLFOX$	56	9	7.3	
			$FOLFOX \rightarrow FOLFIRI$	54	22	12.5	
Hurwitz et al. [10]	2004	813	Irinotecan + bolus 5-FU Irinotecan + bolus 5-FU + bevacizumab	35 45	<2 <2	?	
Ho et al. [11]	2005	40	FOLFIRI	55	10	?	
Alberts et al. [12]	2005	42	FOLFOX	60	40	33	
Masi et al. [13]	2006	74	FOLFOXIRI	26 (19 patients)		26	
Barone et al. [14]	2007	40	FOLFIRI	48	33	?	
Ychou [15]	2008	34	FOLFOXIRI	71	82	27	
Masi et al. [16]	2009	196	FOLFOXIRI	21 (42 patients)		18.8	
Saltz et al. [17]	2008	1,401	FOLFOX + bevacizumab Capecitabine + oxaliplatin + bevacizumab	47 49	8.4 6.1	?	
Folprecht et al. [18]	2010	67	FOLFOX + cetuximab	70	60	38	
			FOLFIRI + cetuximab	70	60	30	
Bokemeyer et al. [19]	2009	134	FOLFOX FOLFOX + cetuximab	34 57	3 12	?	
Masi et al. [20]	2010	57	FOLFOXIRI + bevacizumab	77	26	26	
Douillard et al. [21]	2010	656	FOLFOX	48	9.4	7.0	
			FOLFOX + panitumumab	55	10.5	8.3	
Kopetz et al. [22]	2010	43	FOLFIRI + bevacizumab	65	9		
Peeters et al. [23]	2010	1,186	FOLFIRI + panitumumab	35			
			FOLFIRI	10			
Van Cutsem et al. [24]	2011	666	FOLFIRI	40	4.6	2.0	
			FOLFIRI + cetuximab	57	5.7	5.1	
Ye et al. [25]	2013	138	FOLFIRI/FOLFOX	29.4	13.2	7.4	
			FOLFIRI/FOLFOX + cetuximab	57.1	28.6	25.7	
Leone et al. [26]	2013	49	Oxaliplatin + capecitabine + panitumumab	54	30.6	10	

- Modern preop CT allows complete resection in 12-35% of patients
- A strong correlation between the response rates and the resection rates
  of patients with initially unresectable CLRM



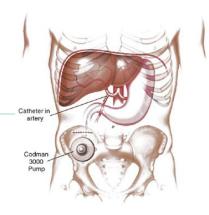


#### Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Therapy

#### The concept

- Liver mets larger than 3 mm over 80% of their blood irrigation is by hepatic artery
- Normal hepatocytes derive their blood supply from the PV (75%)
- The tip of the catheter is positioned at the gastroduodenal-hepatic artery junction

#### Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Therapy



 This directed therapy allows an increased amount of cytotoxic drugs without increasing the systemic side effects

HAIP increased the possibility of tumor response and might improve liver function

This therapy can be used in combination with systemic chemotherapy

#### PRACTICE GUIDELINE



Hepatic arterial infusion pump chemotherapy in the management of colorectal liver metastases: expert consensus statement

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#### TABLE 1 Summary of consensus statements

HAIP chemotherapy should be given in combination with systemic chemotherapy.

HAIP chemotherapy should be offered in the context of a multidisciplinary program that includes expertise in hepatobiliary surgery, medical oncology, interventional radiology, nursing, and nuclear medicine.

who have progressed on first-line systemic treatment. In addition, HAIP chemotherapy is acceptable as first-line treatment in patients with unresectable colorectal liver metastases.

HAIP chemotherapy is not recommended in the setting of extrahepatic disease outside the context of a clinical trial.

HAIP chemotherapy in combination with systemic therapy is an option for select patients with resected colorectal liver metastases.



Phase II trial of hepatic artery infusional and systemic chemotherapy for patients with unresectable hepatic metastases from colorectal cancer: Conversion to resection and long-term outcomes

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49 patients with unresectable CRLM

- combined HAIP and systemic CT including bevacizumab
- 47% achieved conversion to resection at a median of 6 months from treatment initiation
- 3-year OS resected patients 80% / not resection 26%



## Two management strategies (to improve resectability.)

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## Strategies to otimize FRL

The objective

Resection of all detectable lesions with tumor-free margins

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- ✓ (ALPPS)
- √ local ablation techniques

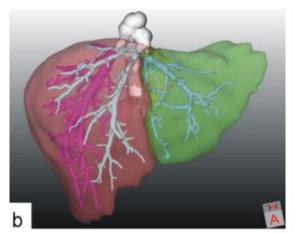


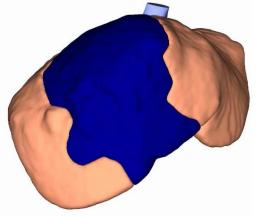
# Preoperative Planning and Volumetric Assessment

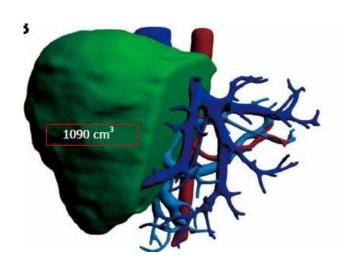
#### To achieve a safe hepatic resection with an adequate FLR

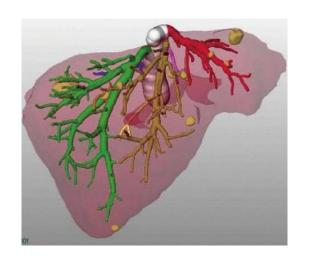
- Evaluation of the underlying parenchymal status and function
- Evaluation of liver tumors (the proximity to critical structures)
- Evaluation of liver volumes (FRL)

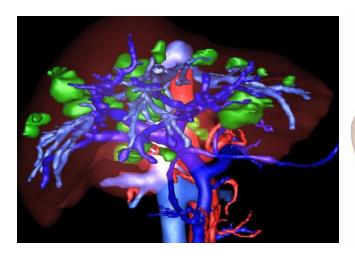


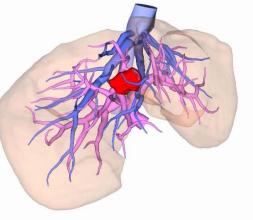






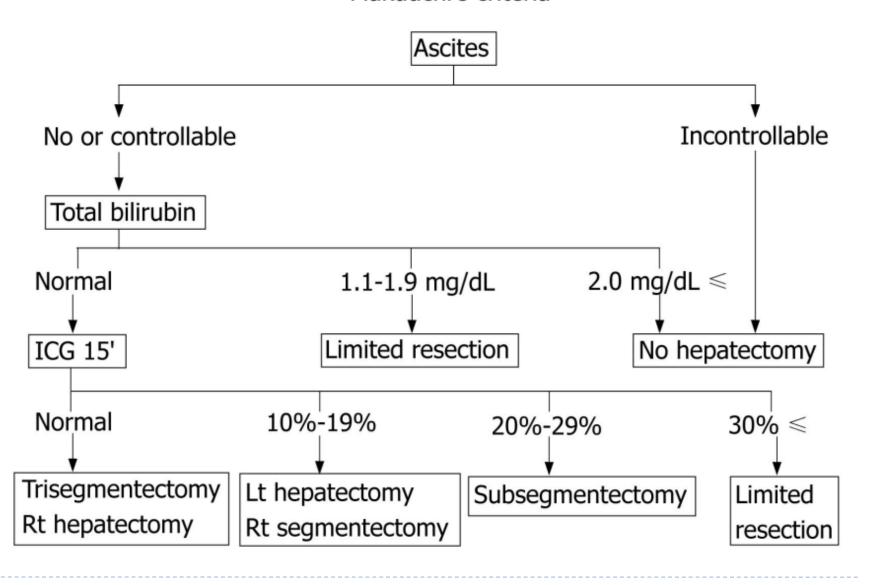








#### Makuuchi's criteria

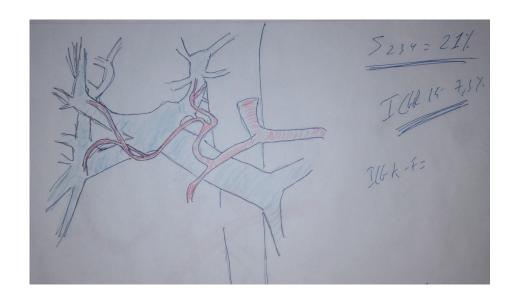


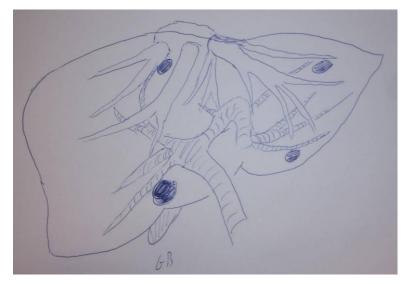














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## Parenchymal-sparing liver surgery

(One-Stage Ultrasonically Guided Liver Resection)

- A profound knowledge of liver patient's anatomy
- Expert IOUS skills

- This technique allow radical but conservative liver resections
- Avoiding the unnecessary sacrifice of functional parenchyma
- Reducing the risk of developing postoperative liver failure
- Avoiding the necessity of PVE / two stage heptectomy

with equal or better perioperative and long-term outcomes than non-PSLS





Impact of the Degree of Liver Resection on Survival for Patients with Multiple Liver Metastases from Colorectal Cancer

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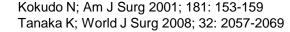
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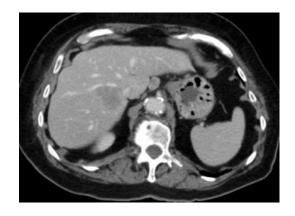
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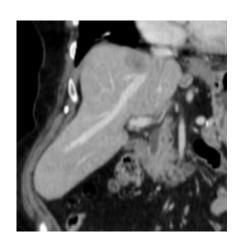
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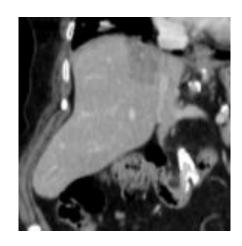
- "Prophylactic" large resections were useless in preventing intra or extra-hepatic recurrence
  - increased patient risk
  - less chances of future repeated resection
  - poorer prognosis after major resection than after multiple minor resections



## S7 resection





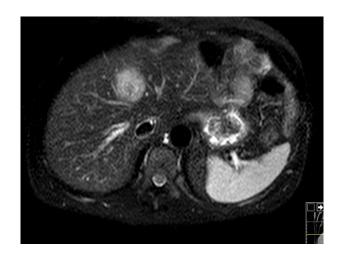


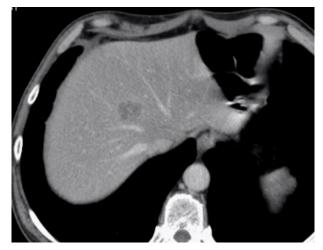


S7
partial resection of RHV
reconstruction by running suture

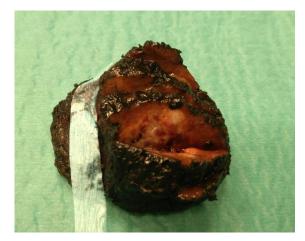


## S4a









## PVE (portal vein embolization)

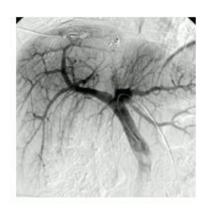


- ☐ Introduced in the 1980s by Makuuchi
- ☐ Tumor is technically resectable but the FRL is too small
- ☐ Is embolized the PV supplying the portion of liver to be resected
- Induce ipsilateral atrophy and contralateral compensatory hypertrophy of the FRL up to 40% over a median period of approximately 4 weeks\*

### PVE



#### Surgery





- ✓ Surgery 2 to 6 weeks after PVE
- ✓ Resectability 60% to 82%
  - progression of hepatic or extrahepatic disease
  - Insufficient hypertrophy 9%



## Impact of portal vein embolization on long-term survival of patients with primarily unresectable colorectal liver metastases

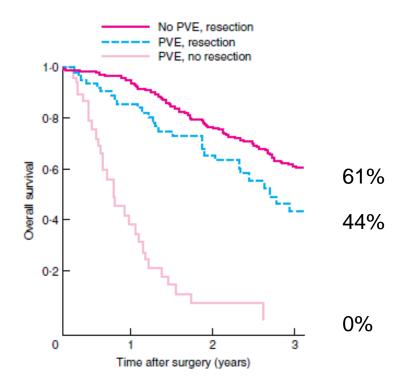
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n = 364 hepatectomias major

PVE = 67 (18%)

Morbilidade: 41 % não PVE / 55% PVE



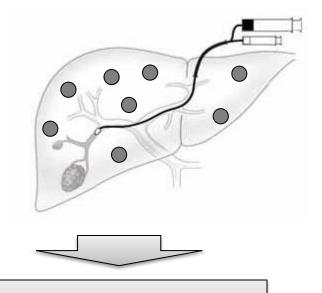
## **PVE**



PVE in bilobar disease

PVE may increases tumor growth rate

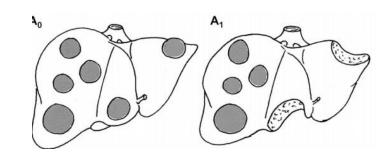
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Two stage hepatectomy

### Two stage hepatectomy

In patients with bilobar, multinodular tumor



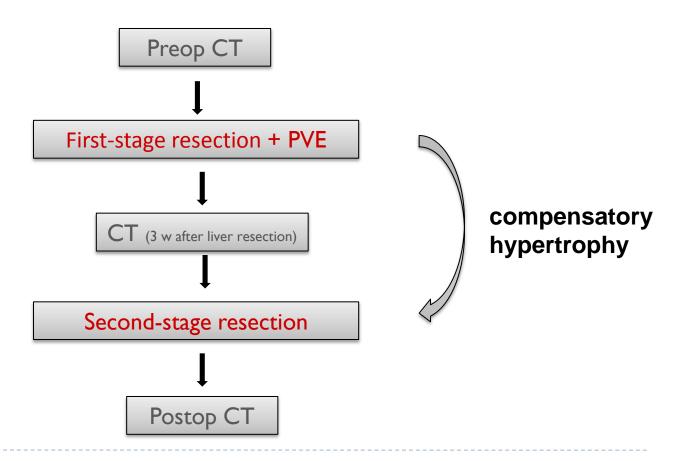
- the first stage clearing the FLR
- PVE to increase the volume of the tumor-free FLR.
- second stage resection of the remaining disease

The second stage resection is completed in 69-77% of patients \*\*

Patients who complete two-stage procedure had an overall 5 Y survival of 42%

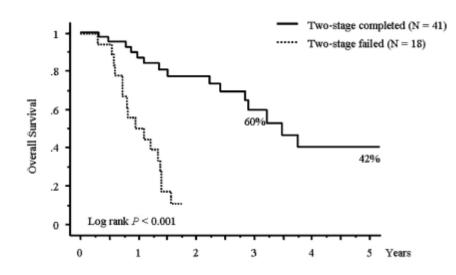


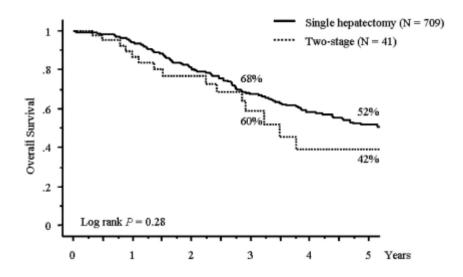
## Two stage hepatectomy-strategy



#### Long-Term Results of Two-Stage Hepatectomy for Irresectable Colorectal Cancer Liver Metastases

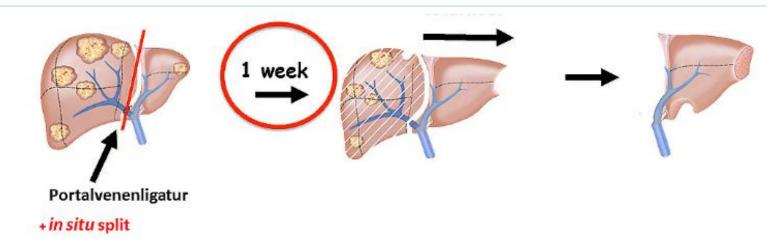
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**Conclusions:** Two-stage hepatectomy provides a 5-year survival of 42% and a hope of long-term survival for selected patients with extensive bilobar CLM, irresectable by any other means.

ALPPS - Associated Liver Partition and Portal vein ligation for Staged hepatectomy



- Is a novel two-stage technique for optimizing FLR
- First stage -Portal vein ligation is combined with an in situ liver transection
- Results in a pronounced short-term parenchymal hypertrophy approximately 1 week
- **Second stage** (1 week), a second laparotomy to remove the pre-divided liver



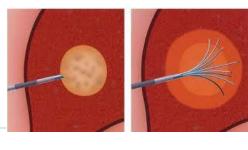
## ALPPS - Associated Liver Partition and Portal vein ligation for Staged hepatectomy

- The increase in FLR with ALPPS ranges form 63-87%
- Advantage of ALPPS over PVE is the short interval to completion surgery
  - hypertrophy of the FLR in less than 10 days (ALPPS)
    - compared to over 3 weeks for PVE

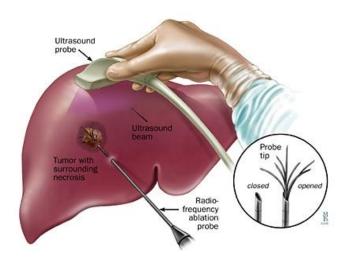
Morbidity 53-71% / mortality of 0-22%

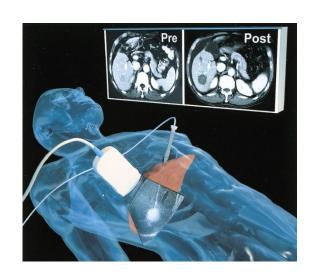
The benefit of ALPPS over conventional PVE is heavily debated

## Locoregional Therapies - RFA



- ✓ RFA thermally ablate tumors
- ✓ Can be performed percutaneously, laparoscopically, or during laparotomy

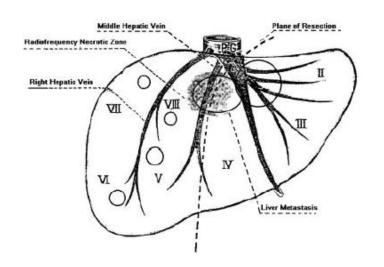




### Locoregional Therapies - RFA

#### **Indications:**

- ✓ Patients who are not candidates for surgical resection (co-morbidities)
- ✓ May be used in combination with resection in order to optimize FLR.

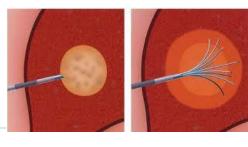


The Trans-Metastasis Hepatectomy (Through Metastases Previously Ablated With Radiofrequency): Results of a 13-Case Study of Colorectal Cancer

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# Locoregional Therapies - RFA



#### Disadvantage / limits

- ✓ Tumors greater than 30 mm (high recurrence rate)
- ✓ Contact with major biliary structures (risk for bile duct stricture and fistula)
- ✓ Contact with major vascular structures (risk of an inadequate ablation)

#### **Original Investigation**

# Long-term Outcomes Following Tumor Ablation for Treatment of Bilateral Colorectal Liver Metastases

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- 141 patients treated with multiple resections
- 95 patients treated with ablation + resection techniques
- > 5-year OS was statistically similar ablation-resection (56 %)
  - multiple resection (49 %)

**Conclusions and Relevance** Treatment of bilateral, multiple hepatic metastases with combined resection and ablation was associated with improved perioperative outcomes without compromising long-term survival compared with bilateral resection. Ablative therapies extend the capability of delivering potentially curative treatment for bilateral hepatic colorectal metastases.



Nonresectable liver-only metastases

Standard treatment option

Palliative chemotherapy

What about liver tranplantation?



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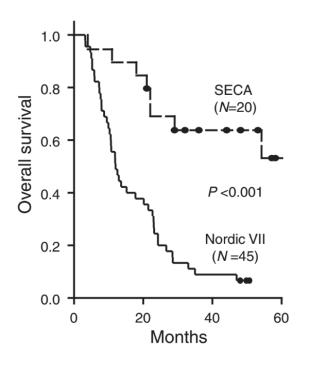
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- ☐ comparison of results in 2 prospective studies SECA / NORDIC VII
  - CRC nonresectable metástases
  - liver-only metástases
- ✓ SECA study patients undergoing liver transplantation
- ✓ NORDIC VII study patients receiving chemotherapy
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#### 5-year OS

- -56% in patients undergoing liver transplantation
- -9% in patients starting firstline chemotherapy

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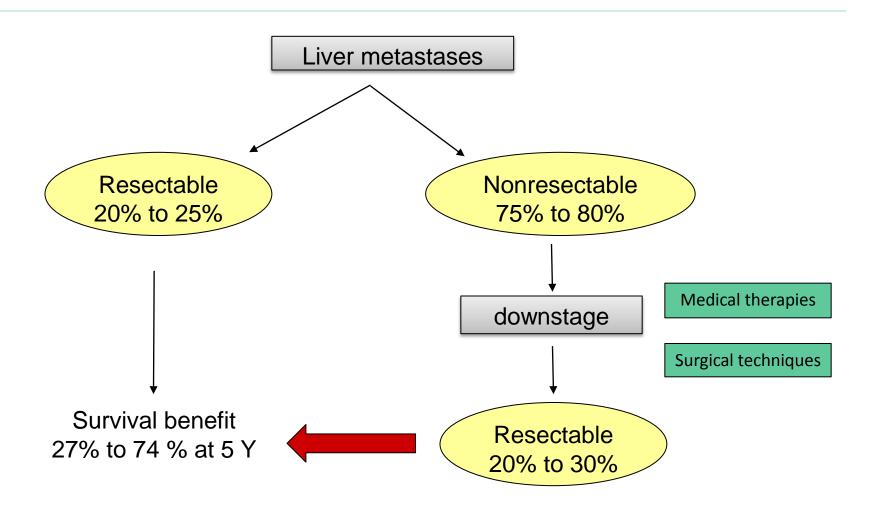
#### Autor recomendations

- ☐ Selecting patients for liver transplantation based on
  - CEA <80 μg/L
  - metastases < 5.5 cm</li>
  - no progressive disease at the time of transplantation
  - more than 2 years from diagnosis of CRC

May be obtained a 5-year OS rate of 75%



### Liver metastases in colorectal cancer





### Conclusion





- Surgical resection remains the treatment of choice for resectable CLM
- Surgical techniques and medical therapies, are currently utilized in to improve resectability.
- Treating hepatic metastases requires a knowledge of all treatment options
- Patients with unresectable disease are downstaged to complete resection, longterm data support 5 and 10-year survival are similar to upfront resectable patients
- Liver Transplantation for Unresectable CRCLM? ...

Will the paradigm change in the future?







# Obrigado

