

# Lung Metastasectomy

- Should be considered standard in Germ cell tumors
  - Residual disease must be resected
- Applicable in selected patients with other type of tumors - 10-50% survival in selected patients
- Lung cancer?

# Metastasectomy

- Purpose: Curative intend
- Selection of tumor type
- Selection of patients
- Multidisciplinary individualization

# Colorectal lung metastasis

- The most common tumor type for lung metastasectomy
  - Synchronous vs metachronous
  - Skip (never liver) vs prior hepatectomy

# Favorable factors

- Long interval
- Low CEA - better differentiation
- Single metastasis
- No lymph node involvement – no distant meta

# Counter - arguments

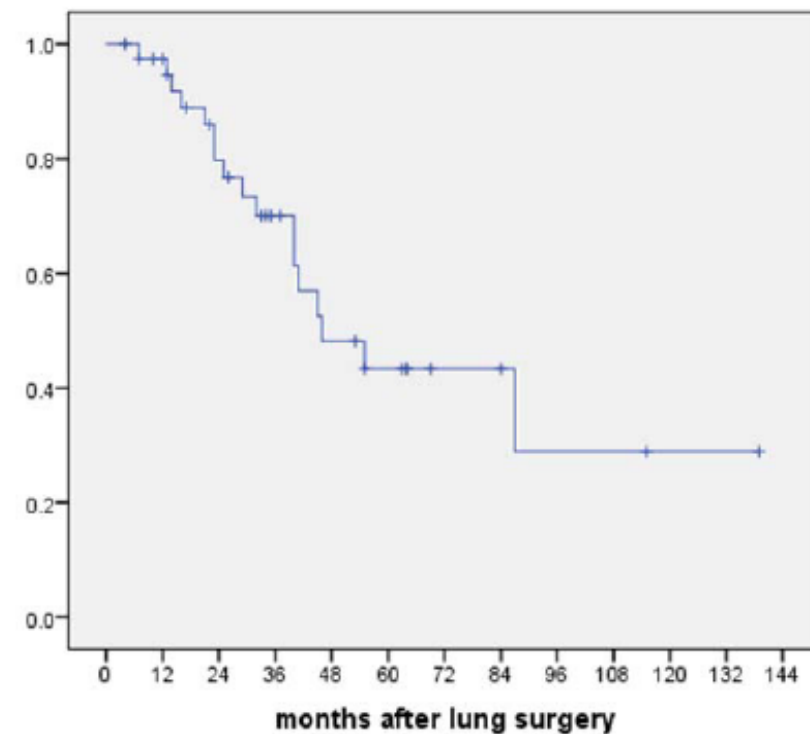
- No randomized study available
- Surgeons focus on how to , not whether to
- Post resection survival curves without plateau
- Circular argument: Documentation of good survival in the selected group with good prognosis proves nothing
  - Many British papers are attacking this practice

**Table 1: Clinical and Pathological characteristics of 40 colorectal cancer patients who underwent lung metastasectomy**

<b>Gender (F/M)</b>	13/27
<b>Age (median, range) years</b>	63.5 (33-82)
<b>Primary Tumor T stage</b>	
1	3
2	14
3	16
4	7
<b>Liver metastases</b>	
Yes/No	16/24
<b>Liver metastases Number (median, range)</b>	2 (1-8)
<b>Liver metastases Location</b>	
Unilobar (right/left)	9/4
Multilobar	3
<b>Lung metastases Number</b>	
Single	27
Multiple	13
<b>Lung metastases Size</b>	
< 3 cm	24
> 3 cm	16
<b>Type of lung resection</b>	
Wedge resection or segmentectomy	32
Lobectomy	7
Pneumonectomy	1
<b>Disease-free interval (median (range) months)</b>	32.5 (0-82)
<b>Colectomy to lung metastases</b>	
<b>Disease-free interval (median (range) months)</b>	17 (0-60)

# Retrospective analysis

(Landes BMC Surgery 2010, 10: 17)



**Figure 1** Kaplan-meier overall survival of 40 colorectal cancer patients who underwent resection of lung metastases.

# Landes et al: Geneva Hosp.

Table 3: Multivariate analysis of risk factors for tumor recurrence and death

	Recurrence		Death	
	HR (95% CI)	P	HR (95% CI)	P
<i>Node 1-2 (versus 0)</i>	1.7 (0.6 - 5.0)	0.34	1.5 (0.5 - 4.8)	0.48
<i>Time primary to first metastasis (per year)</i>	0.83 (0.48 - 1.44)	0.51	1.3 (0.8 - 2.1)	0.35
<i>Liver metastasis</i>	2.7 (0.7 - 10.0)	0.14	5.1 (1.1 - 24.8)	0.04
<i>Size lung metastasis &gt;20 mm</i>	2.1 (0.6 - 6.6)	0.23	0.9 (0.3 - 2.7)	0.86
<i>Multiple versus single lung metastasis</i>	1.4 (0.4 - 4.6)	0.58	3.4 (0.9 - 12.9)	0.07

Median survival:

Prior liver mets            40 months

No prior liver mets    : 87 months

# Turin study

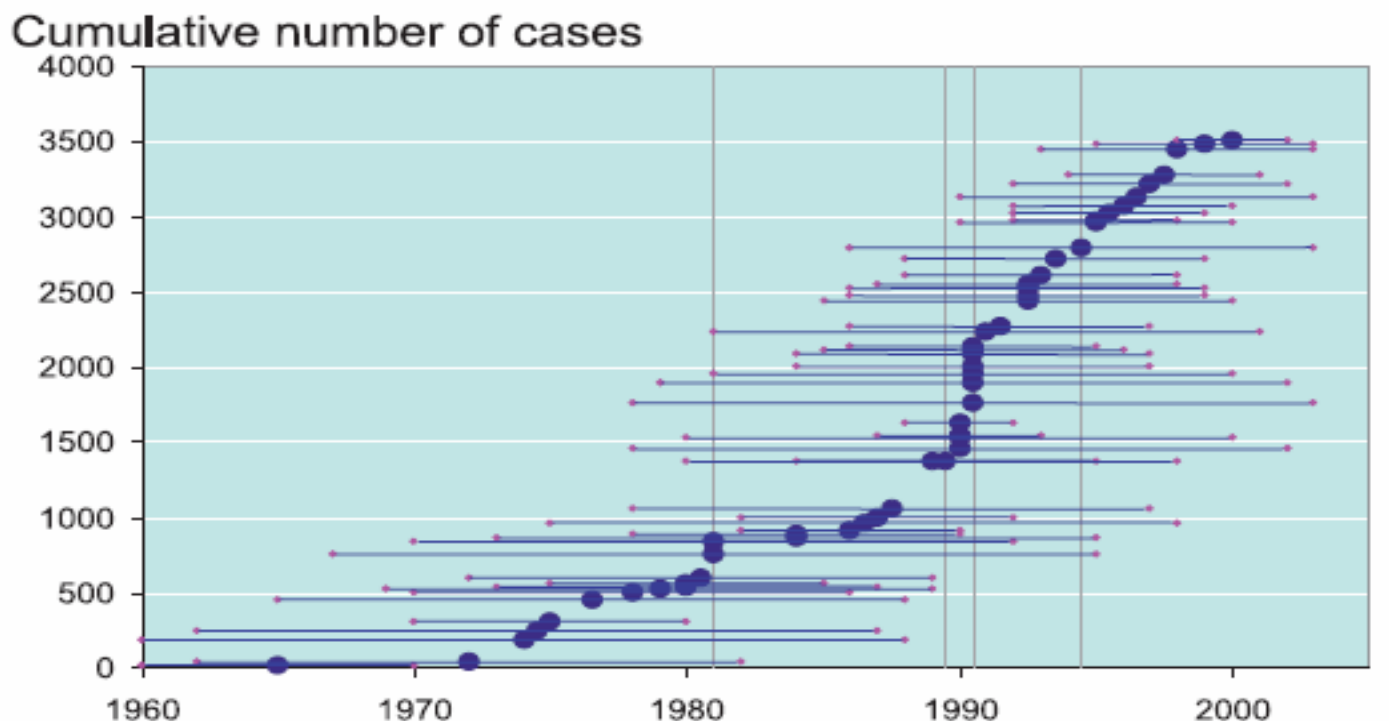
Borasio et al: Int J Col dis: 2010 Oct 20

- 137 patients
- Median Survival: 36.2 months
- 10 y survival: 30%
- Favorable factors
  - Solitary lung metastasis
  - Disease-free > 24 months
  - No relation with prior hepatectomy



# British Metaanalysis

51 studies



## *Prognostic factors and survival*

Multiple metastases reported in 15 studies comprising 1516 patients in total

Solitary metastasis reported in 25 studies comprising 2227 patients in total

CEA normal reported in 11 studies comprising 1159 patients in total

CEA elevated reported in 11 studies comprising 1159 patients in total

## *Alive at five years (%)*

30 29 31 22 37

46 45 48 49 54

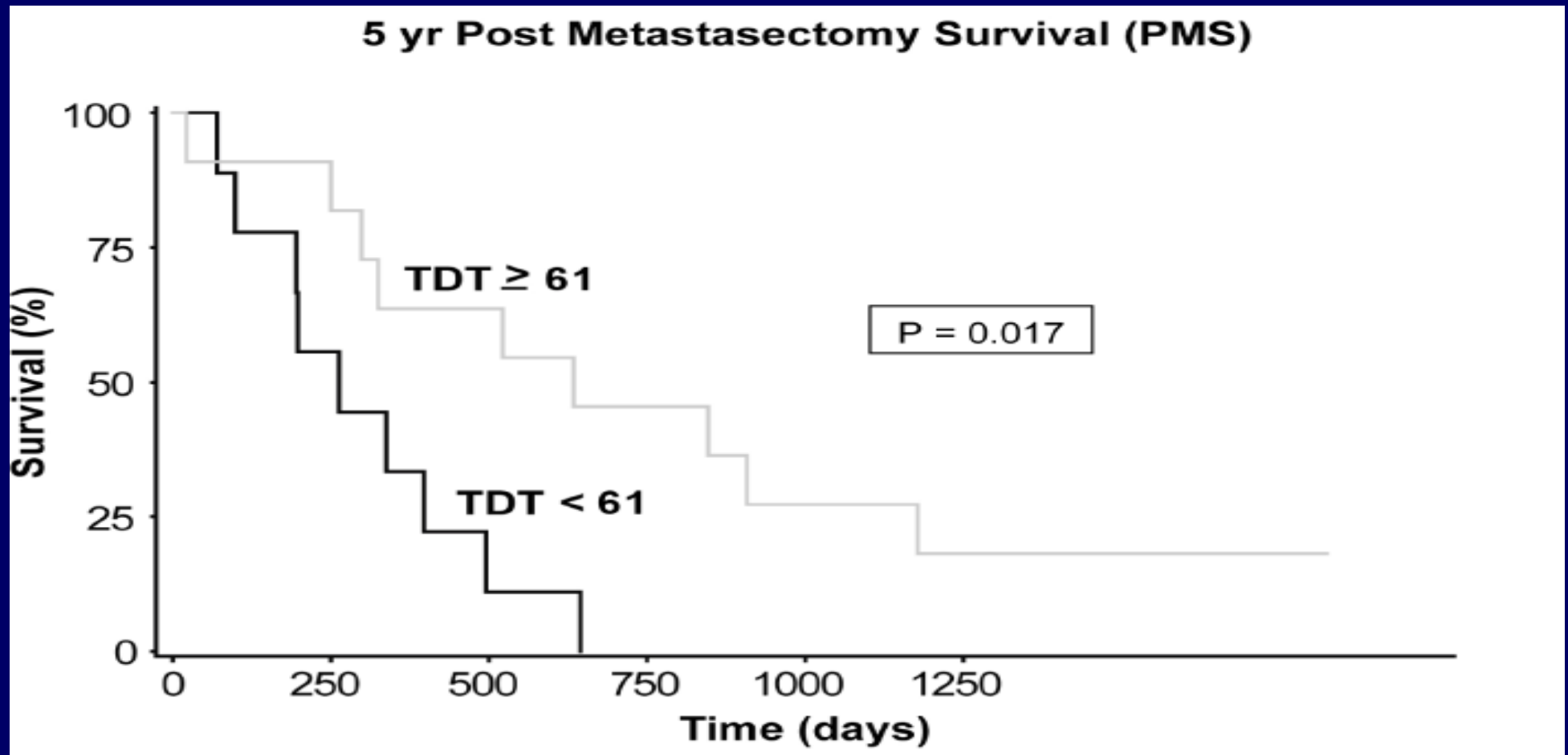
47 38 42 53 43

16 22 33 22 0\*\*

# Melanoma: Doubling time

- John Wayne Cancer Institute (Los Angeles)

Ann Surg Oncol 2009; 16:2834



# Sarcoma: German study

**Table 2. Tumor Grade**

Grade	No. (%) of Patients
High	7 (11)
Intermediate	19 (32)
Low	35 (57)

**Table 4. Extent of Metastatic Involvement to Lung**

No. of Metastatic Lesions	No. (%) of Patients
1	11 (18)
2-5	30 (49)
>5	20 (33)

**Table 3. Tumor Staging: TNM Classification**

Tumor Stage	No. (%) of Tumors
T	
pT1	13 (21)
pT2	48 (79)
N	
pN0	59 (96)
pN1	2 (4)
M	
M0	44 (72)
M1	17 (28)

**Table 5. Surgical Therapy**

Surgical Approach	No. (%) of Patients
Anterolateral thoracotomy	29 (48)
Bilateral thoracotomy, 2 sessions	10 (16)
Median sternotomy	22 (36)
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 (100)</b>
Wedge resection	52 (85)
Lobectomy	9 (15)
<b>Total</b>	<b>61 (100)</b>

# Recters et al: Arch Surg 2007

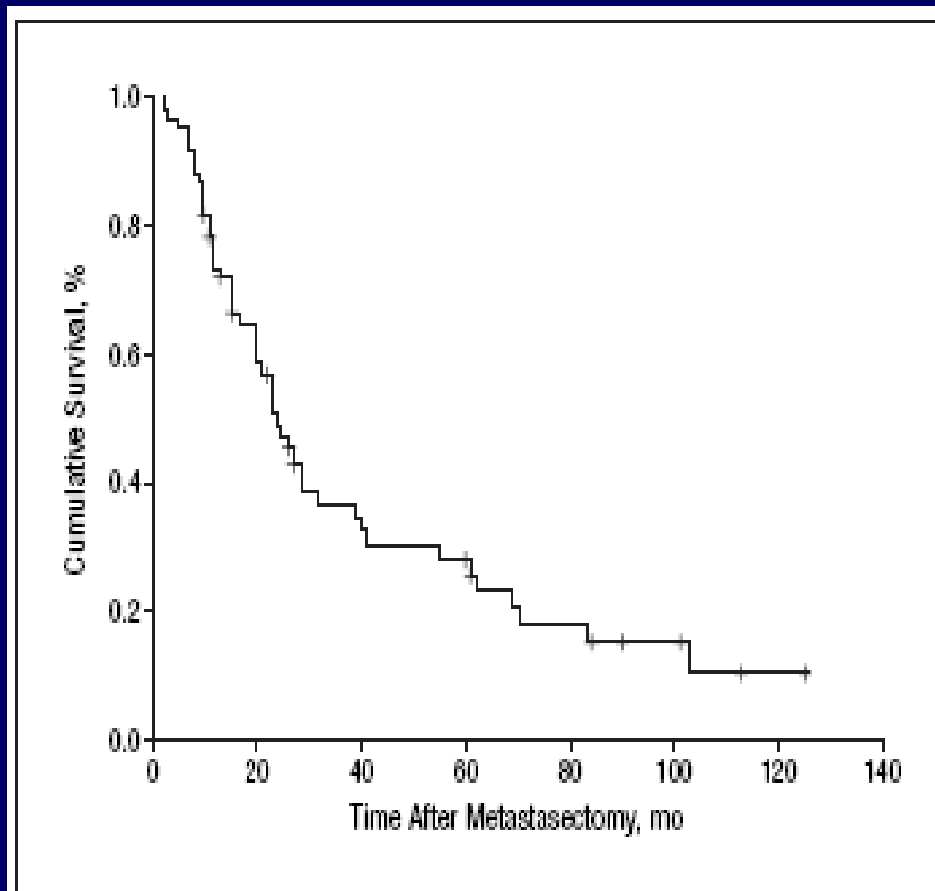


Figure 1. Kaplan-Meier overall survival curve after metastasectomy.

Table 7. Predictors of Tumor-Related Death

Variable	P Value*
Age†	.43
Sex	.52
Tumor grade	.31
No. of metastatic lesions	.42
Bilateral involvement	.48
Histologic type	.45
Site of primary tumor‡	.6
Disease-free survival after primary operation§	.53

\*Univariate analysis, log-rank test.

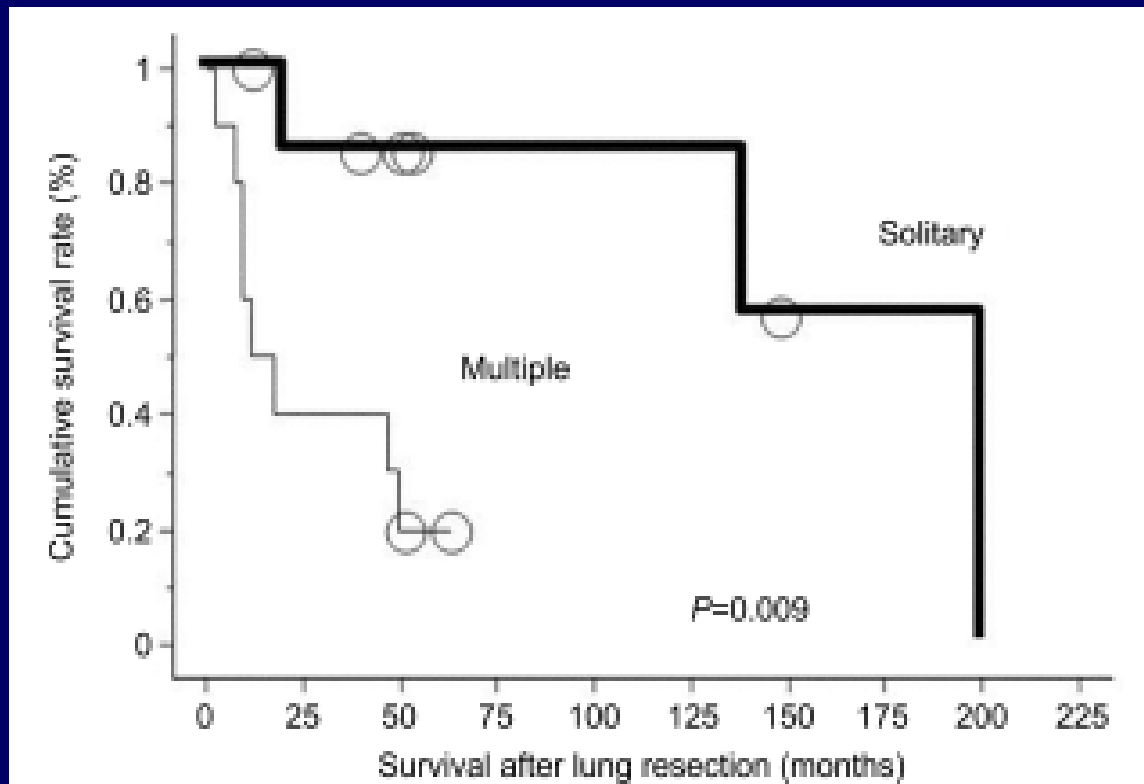
†Younger than 60 years vs 60 years or older.

‡Subfascial vs subcutaneous.

§Twenty-four months or less vs more than 24 months.

# Urothelial cancer

Kanzaki et al: ICVTS 2010, Nov



18 patients in  
15 years

Fig. 2. Probability of survival of patients with solitary metastasis compared with that of patients with multiple metastases. Circles: censored cases.

# What is the role of RFA?

**Feasibility of ablation as an alternative to surgical metastasectomy in patients with unresectable sarcoma pulmonary metastases**

Jesslyn H. Ding, Terence C. Chua, Derek Glenn and David L. Morris

*Interact CardioVasc Thorac Surg* 2009;9:1051-1053; originally published online Sep 18, 2009.

RFA seems to be a good alternative to surgery in subset of patients

# Συμπέρασμα

- Η εκτομή πνευμονικών μεταστάσεων παραμένει μια μη αποδεδειγμένη πρακτική που πιθανόν να ωφελεί κάποιους ασθενείς
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