



TERAPIAS LOCALES EN EL CARCINOMA DE VÍAS BILIARES: ESTRATEGIAS EN ENFERMEDAD IRRESECCABLE AVANZADA

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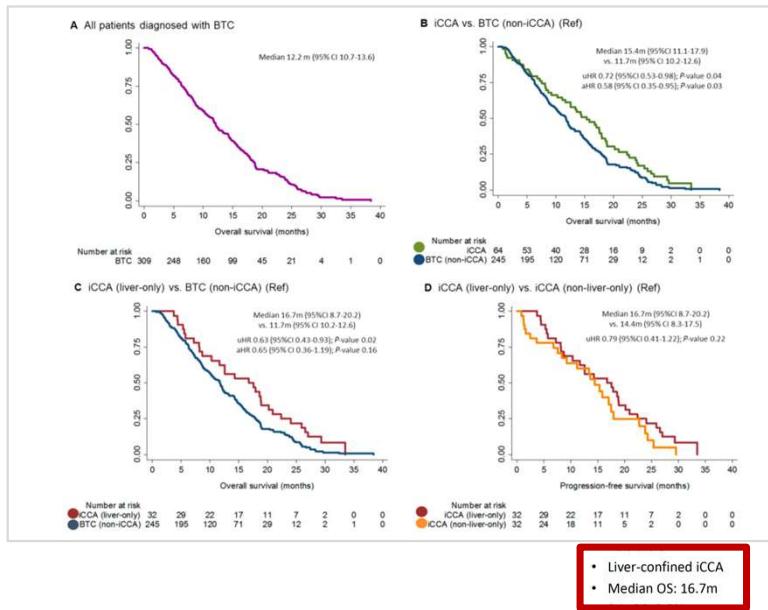


WHY CONSIDER LOCAL THERAPIES IN ADVANCED UNRESECTABLE DISEASE?

Is valid for the different subtypes?

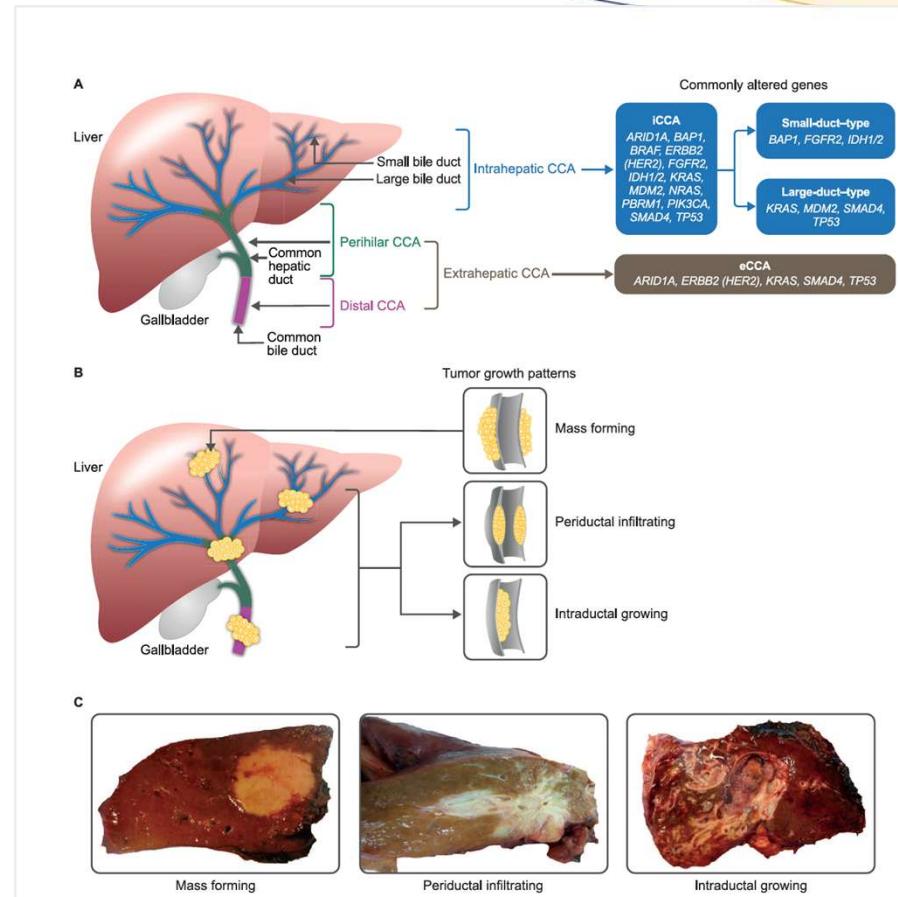
ARTICLE

Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Post Hoc Analysis of the ABC-01, -02, and -03 Clinical Trials



iCCA- liver represent a specific subgroup

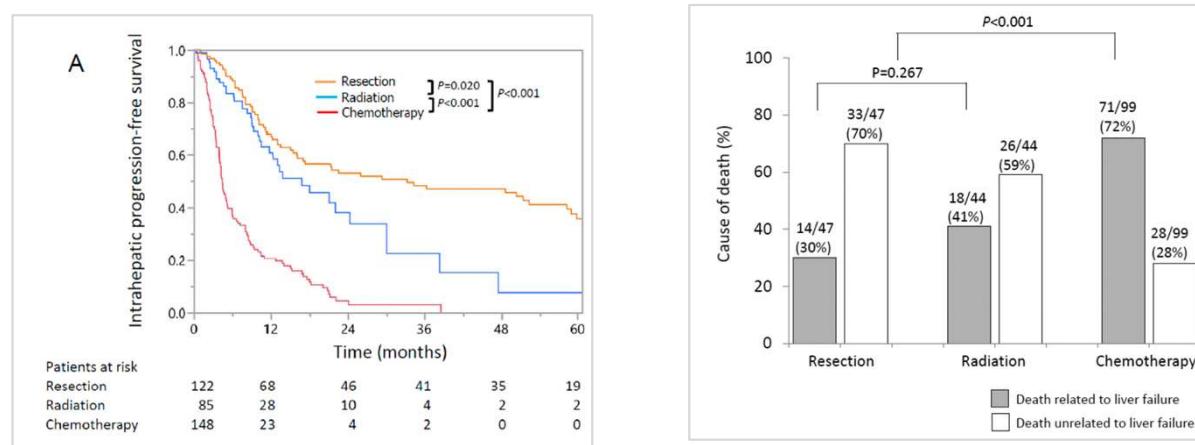
Lamarca A. J Natl Cancer Inst (2020) 112.



Purva Gopal. Arch Pathol Lab Med—Vol 148, March 2024



Local Therapy Reduces the Risk of Liver Failure and Improves Survival in Patients with Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: a Comprehensive Analysis of 362 Consecutive Patients



The most common cause of death in patients with ICC is liver failure secondary to local tumor progression

Multivariable analysis identified local therapy (resection or radiation) as a sole predictor of death without liver failure



Management of iCCA is complex and must be tailored to specific patient and tumor characteristics.



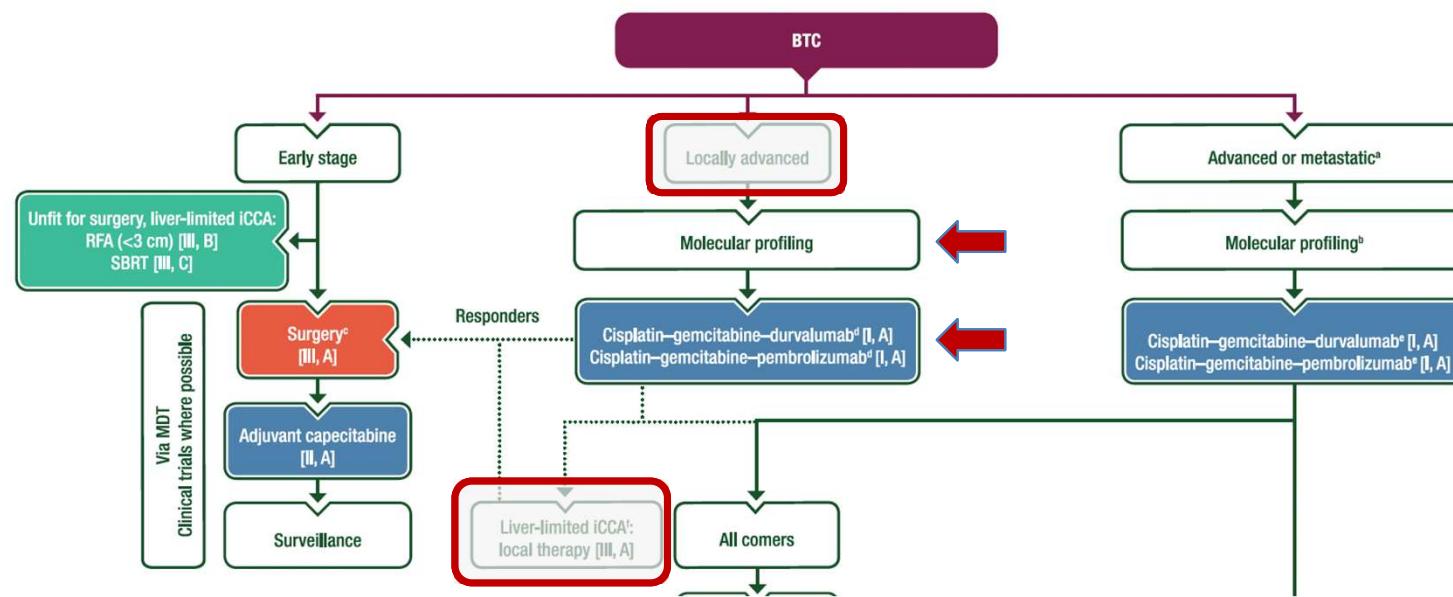
Multidisciplinary team



Centers of expertise in BTC

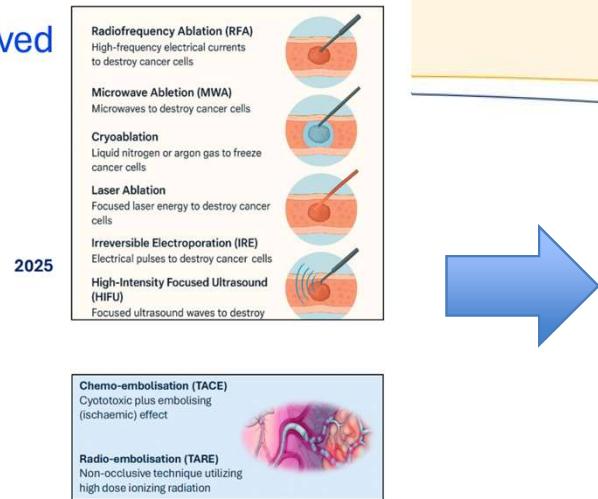
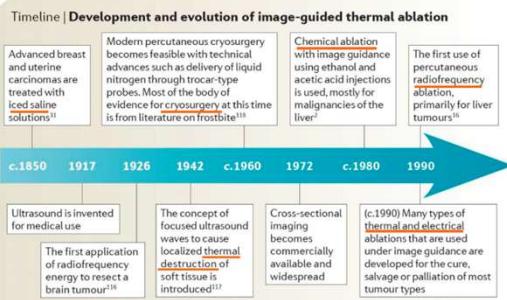
Surgical resection
Systemic therapies
Local treatments

IT SHOULD BE NOTED that current guidelines recommend **systemic therapy** as the preferred initial management for patients with locally advanced (LA) unresectable ICC.



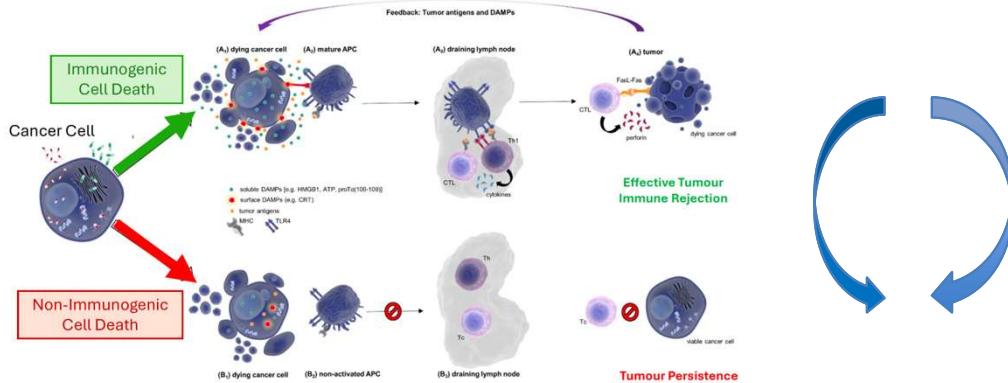
LOCAL THERAPY: POTENTIAL BENEFITS IN PATIENTS
WITH iCCA AND LIVER-ONLY DISEASE.

Interventional Oncology has evolved

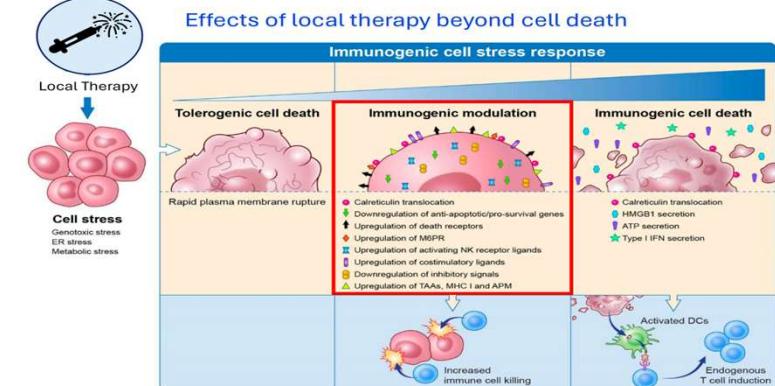


Nat Rev Cancer. 2014 Mar;14(3):199-208.

Not all deaths are born equal

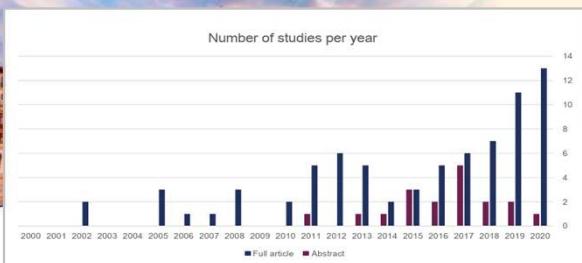


Cells 2022, 11(9), 1415



Front Oncol. 2021 Aug 23;11:728018.

- Local ablative therapies are potent instruments to modulate the TME even beyond cancer cell death.



Review

Locoregional Therapy for Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Mackenzie Owen ¹, Mina S. Makary ² and Eliza W. Beal ^{3,*}

Review

Advancements in Locoregional Therapies for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Conor D. J. O'Donnell ¹, Umar Majeed ¹, Michael S. Rutenberg ², Kristopher P. Croome ³, Katherine E. Poruk ⁴, Beau Toskich ⁵ and Zhaohui Jin ^{6,*}

Review

Locoregional Treatment in Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Which Treatment for Which Patient?

Héloïse Bourien ^{1,*}, Chiara Carlotta Pircher ², Boris Guiu ³, Angela Lamarc ^{4,5,6}, Juan W Valle ^{5,6},
Monica Niger ² and Julien Edeline ¹

Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

Table 1
Characteristics of the studies included.

	All studies (n = 93)	EBRT (n = 17)	Ablation (n = 14)	SIRT (n = 25)	TACE (n = 20)	HAI (n = 14)
Prospective trial	16 (17%)	3 (18%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	3 (15%)	7 (50%)
Prospective cohort	8 (9%)	1 (6%)	2 (14%)	3 (12%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)
Retrospective study	69 (74%)	13 (77%)	12 (86%)	20 (80%)	15 (75%)	7 (50%)
Multicentre	23 (25%)	4 (24%)	1 (7%)	6 (24%)	9 (45%)	3 (21%)
No or inadequate control group	86 (93%)	15 (88%)	12 (86%)	25 (100%)	18 (90%)	13 (93%)
Adequate not randomised	6 (7%)	2 (12%)	2 (14%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	1 (7%)
Randomised	1 (1%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)
Clearly Defined Inclusion/Exclusion criteria	55 (59%)	9 (53%)	10 (71%)	12 (48%)	12 (60%)	10 (71%)
Clear definition of outcomes	59 (63%)	12 (71%)	11 (79%)	12 (48%)	14 (70%)	8 (57%)
Available only as abstract	18 (19%)	1 (6%)	1 (7%)	9 (36%)	5 (25%)	2 (14%)
Risk of bias Low	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Risk of bias Intermediate	14 (15%)	3 (18%)	0 (0%)	2 (8%)	3 (15%)	5 (36%)
Risk of bias High	79 (85%)	14 (82%)	14 (100%)	23 (92%)	17 (85%)	9 (64%)

EBRT: external beam radiotherapy, SIRT: selective internal radiation therapy, TACE: transarterial chemo-embolisation, HAI: Hepatic arterial infusion

Locoregional Treatment Options for Locally Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

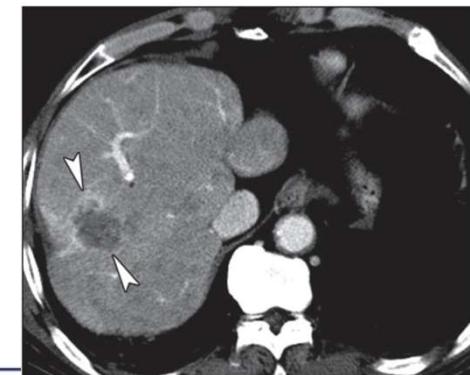
Alex B. Blair, MD¹; Wilson M. Allobua, MD, MS¹; Manisha Palta, MD²; Steven S. Raman, MD³; Matthew H. Levine, MD, PhD⁴; Al B. Benson III, MD⁵; Michael I. D'Angelica, MD⁶; and Jordan M. Cloyd, MD⁷

Edeline J. Cancer Treatment Reviews 99 (2021) 102258



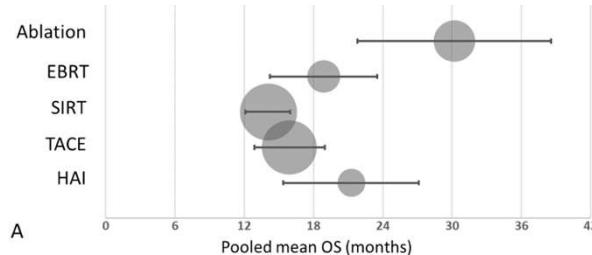
Ablative therapies

*Radiofrequency (RFA)
Microwave (MWA)*

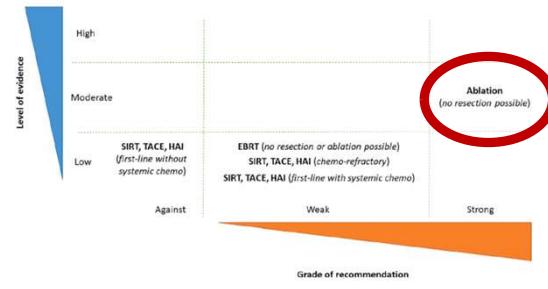


Locoregional therapies in patients with intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: A systematic review and pooled analysis

15 cohorts (645 patients)



OS 30.2 month

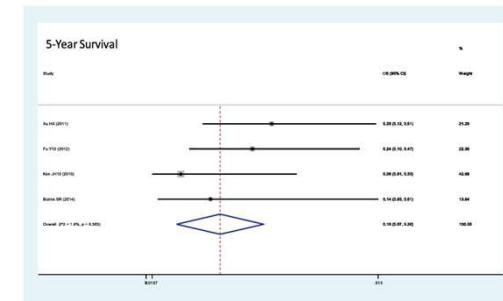


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Ablative Therapy for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Ali Yousaf. Journal of Clin. and Exp. Hepatology 2019

OS 3 años: 33%

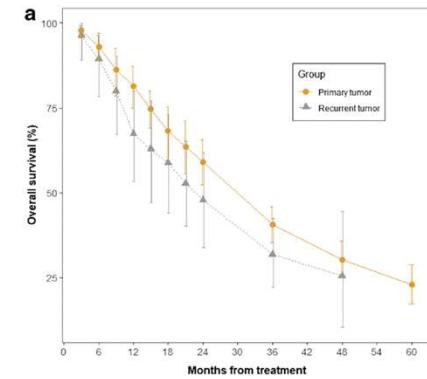


INTERVENTIONAL

Thermal ablation in the treatment of intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Kim, G.H. Eur. Radiol. 2022, 32, 1205–1215

OS 3 años: 42%

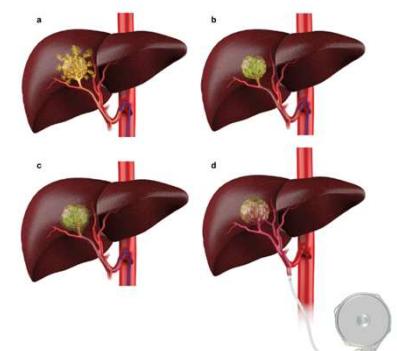


Ablation can be considered in patients with an iCCA ≤3 cm who have contraindications to surgery



INTRA-ARTERIAL THERAPIES

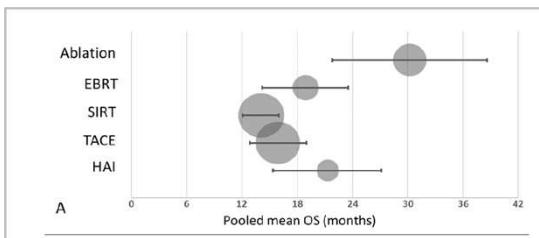
*Chemoembolization
Radioembolization
HAI*



Chemoembolization

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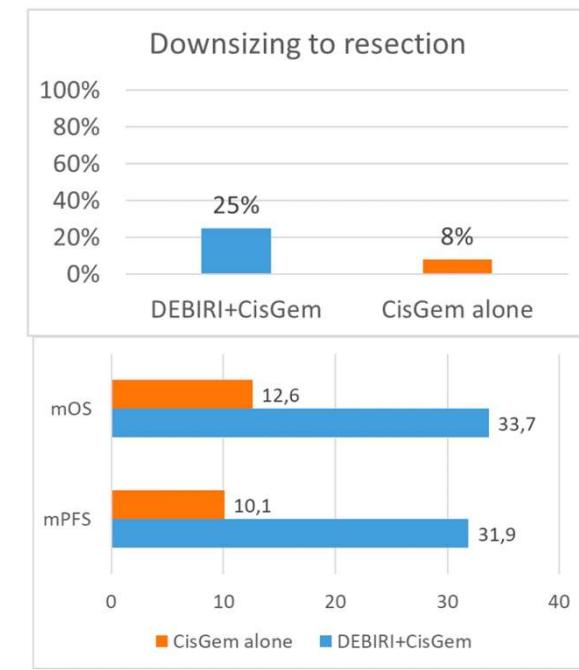
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DELTIC

Drug-Eluting Bead, Irinotecan Therapy of Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (DELTIC) with Concomitant Systemic Gemcitabine and Cisplatin



Martin, R.C.G. Ann. Surg. Oncol. 2022, 29, 5462



Radioembolization

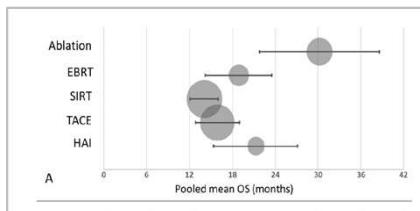
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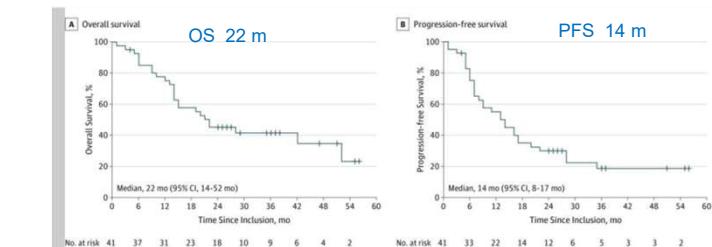
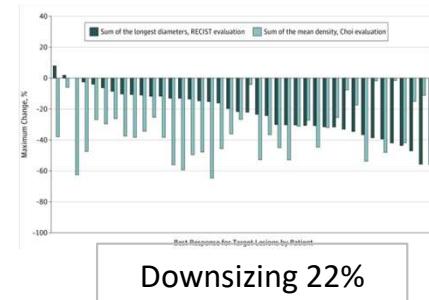
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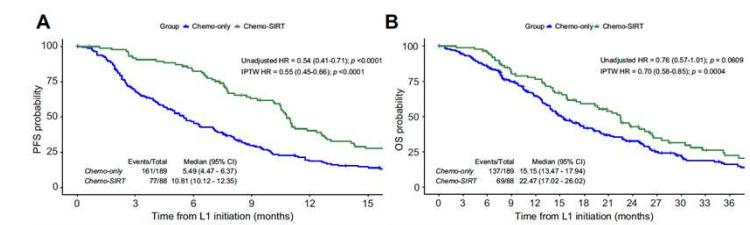
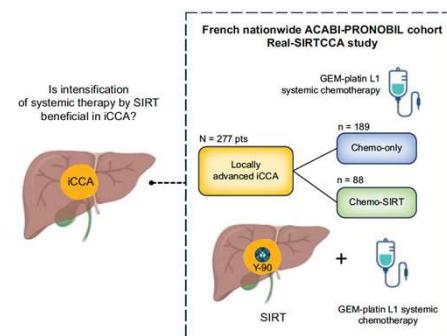
Radioembolization Plus Chemotherapy for First-line Treatment of Locally Advanced Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

A Phase 2 Clinical Trial



Edeline J. Jama Oncol 2019

First-line chemotherapy with selective internal radiation therapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: The French ACABi GERCOR PRONOBIL cohort



ORR: 58.3% vs 28.5%
Cx: 18.7% vs 8.8%

Nicolas Adamus, JHEP Reports, February 2025

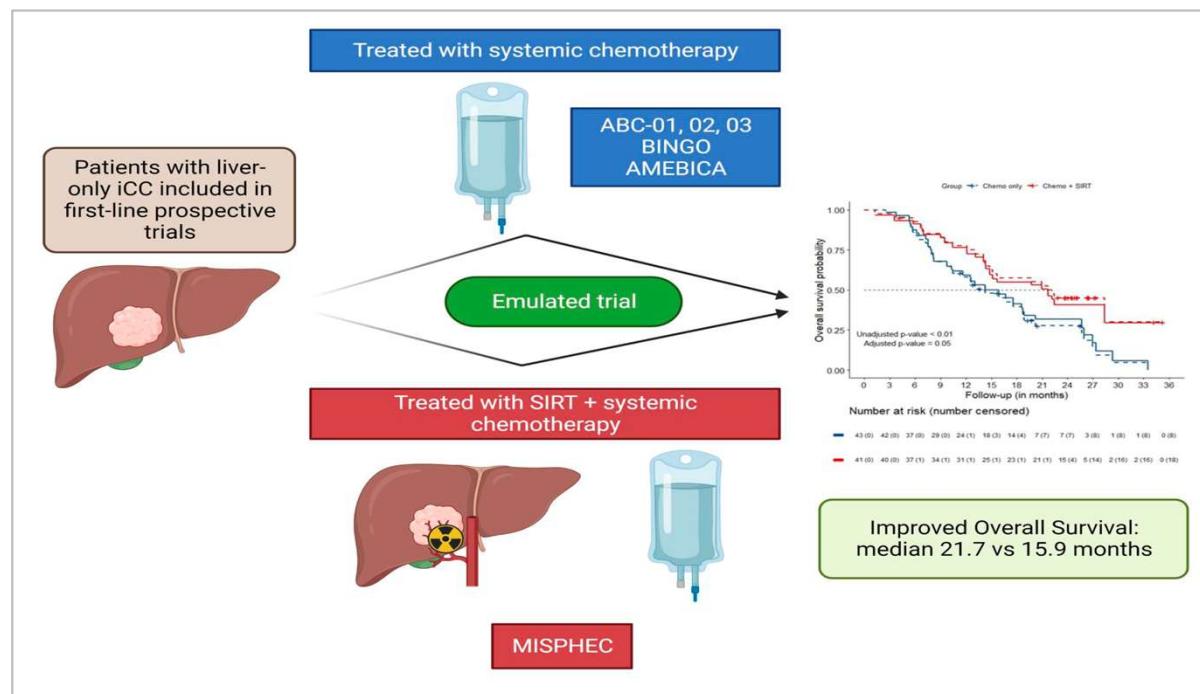
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Radioembolization

Chemotherapy with or without selective internal radiation therapy for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma:
Data from clinical trials

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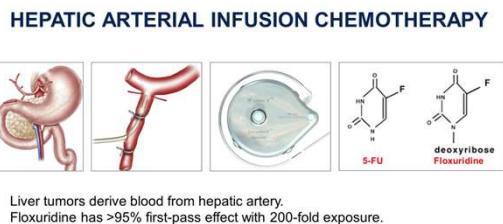
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SIRCCA (NCT02807181)



Terminated ⓘ
Slow enrollment

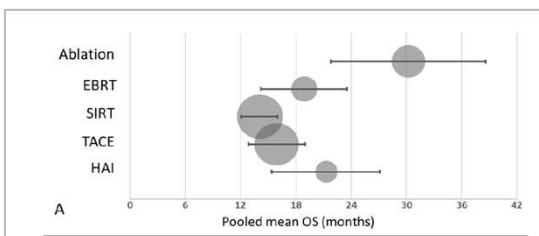
SIRT Followed by CIS-GEM Chemotherapy Versus CIS-GEM Chemotherapy Alone as 1st Line
Treatment of Patients With Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma (SIRCCA)



HAI

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OS 21,3 m



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	Jarnagin	Kemeny	Cercek
Year	2009	2011	2020
N	26	18	42
Response rate	54%	39%	58%
3-year OS	29%	31%	43%

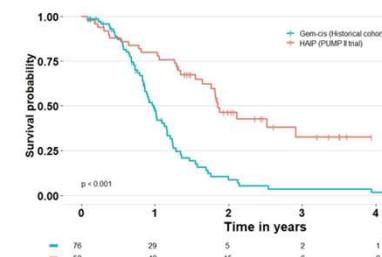
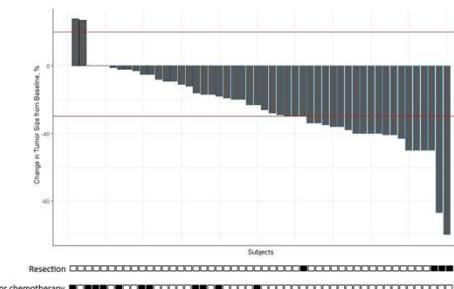
HAI

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**Hepatic arterial infusion pump chemotherapy
in patients with unresectable
intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma**

PUMP II trial



	PUMP-2	Gem-cis	P-value
Median OS	22	12	<0.001
1-year OS	80%	47%	<0.001
2-year OS	46%	9%	<0.001
3-year OS	33%	3%	<0.001

Follow up
Median 29 months
No loss to follow-up

Jarnagin, Ann Oncol 2009;20(9):1589
Kemeny, Oncology 2011;80:153
Cercek, JAMA Oncol 2020;6(1):60
Groot Koerkamp, ASCO-GI 2024

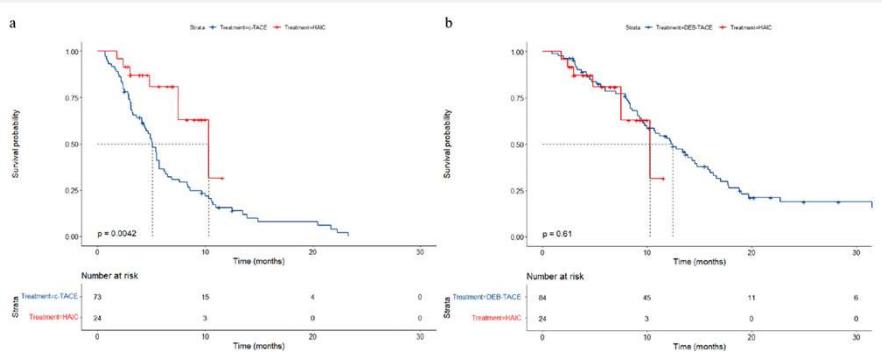


HAI vs

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HAI vs TACE

Hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy versus transarterial chemoembolization in patients with unresectable intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma: a multicenter retrospective cohort study



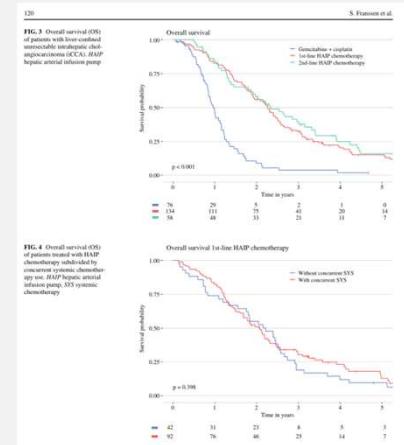
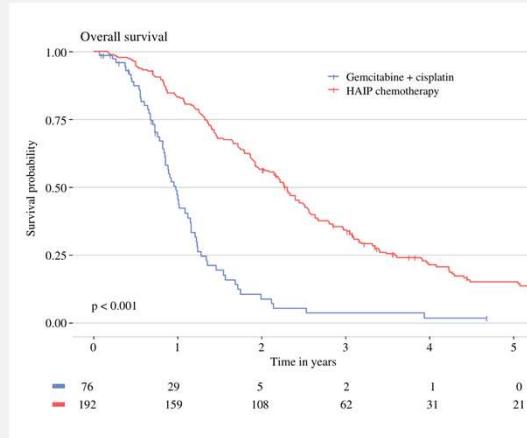
HAI significantly improves OS and tumor response in patients with unresectable ICC compared to c-TACE, but HAI shows no significant difference from drug-eluting bead-TACE

Yi Zhang. Eur Radiol 2025

HAI vs CIS-GEM

ORIGINAL ARTICLE – HEPATOBILIARY TUMORS

Gemcitabine with Cisplatin Versus Hepatic Arterial Infusion Pump Chemotherapy for Liver-Confined Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma



Franssen S. Ann Surg Oncol 2024; 31:115–124



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Radiotherapy

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 Current Oncology

Review

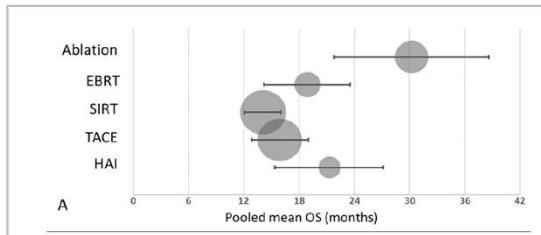
Role of Radiation Therapy for Biliary Tract Cancers

Table 2. Selected studies of non-operative management of IHCC that include RT.

Study	Type	n	Population	Treatment	Key Results
Bouras et al. (2002) [42]	Single-institution Retrospective	23	Patients with locally advanced CCA	RT (45–50 Gy, with a boost up to 60 Gy for R1 and R2 groups) +/– concurrent CT	Actuarial 1, 3, 5, year survival: 75%, 28%, 7%, respectively Median survival: 16.5 months
Valek et al. (2007) [39]	Prospective randomized trial	42 total; 21 received RT	Patients with malignant biliary strictures	Ir-192 brachytherapy (mean dose 30 Gy) + stent placement or stent placement only	Mean survival in RT group: 387.9 days Mean survival in no-RT group: 298 days
Tse et al. (2008) [36]	Prospective Phase I Clinical Trial	41 total; 10 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	SBRT in 6 fx (median dose 36 Gy)	Median OS for IHCC patients: 15 months 20% of IHCC patients developed transient biliary obstruction
Kopek et al. (2010) [37]	Prospective	27	Patients with unresectable CCA	SBRT (45 Gy in 3 fx)	Median PFS: 6.7 months Median OS: 10.6 months
Hong et al. (2016) [31]	Prospective Phase II Clinical Trial	83 total; 37 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	Proton therapy (58.0 GyE/15 fx for central tumors, 67.5 GyE/15 fx for peripheral tumors)	2-year local control for IHCC: 94.1% 2-year OS for IHCC: 46.5%
Tao et al. (2016) [35]	Single-institution Retrospective	79	Patients with unresectable IHCC	Photon or proton RT (median dose 58.05 Gy)	Median OS: 30 months 3-year OS: 44% Higher RT dose correlated with improved local control ($p = 0.009$) and OS ($p = 0.004$)
Smart et al. (2020) [33]	Single-institution Retrospective	66; 51 were treated with definitive intent	Patients with unresectable/locally recurrent IHCC	Hypofractionated RT (median dose 58.05 Gy), delivered in 15 fx	2-year OS and local control for patients treated with definitive intent: 62% and 93%, respectively Trend towards improved survival seen with proton therapy (HR 0.5, $p = 0.05$)
Parzen et al. (2020) [32]	Prospective	63 total; 25 with IHCC	Patients with unresectable HCC or IHCC	Hypofractionated proton RT (median dose 58.05 GyE)	1-year local control for IHCC: 93.9% 1-year OS for IHCC: 81.8% Patients receiving a BED > 75.2 Gy had better local control
Zhu et al. (2024) [34]	Prospective Phase II Clinical Trial	36	Patients with unresectable IHCC	RT (at least 45 Gy in 2–2.5 Gy/fx) followed by Anti-PD-1 therapy	1-year PFS: 44.4% Median PFS: 12 months Median OS: 22 months

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Molly A. Chakraborty. Current Oncology 2025

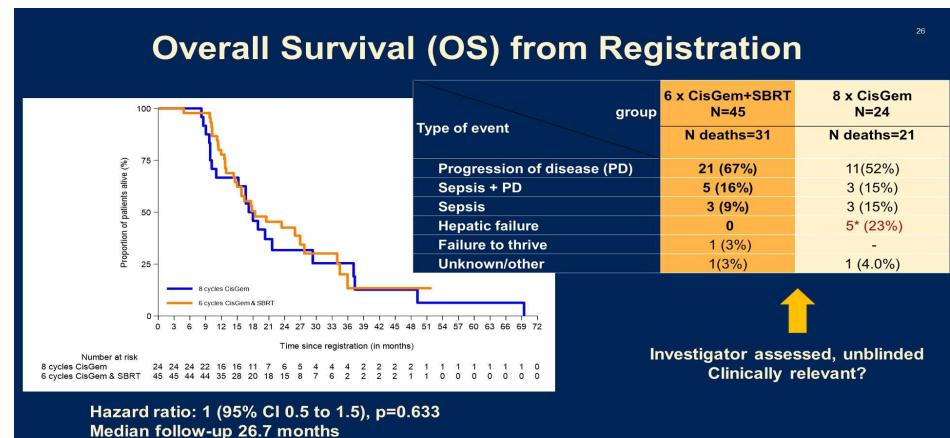
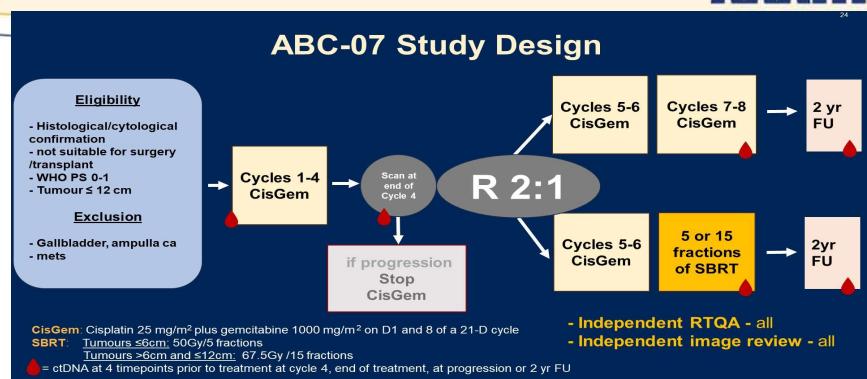
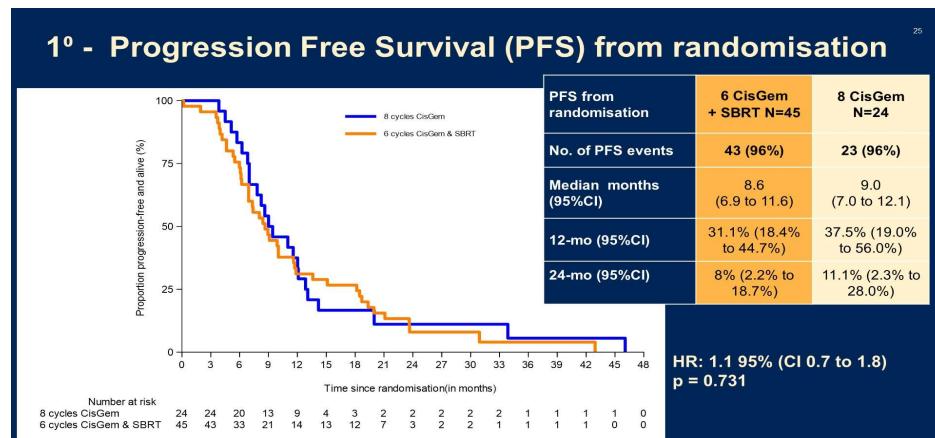


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Addition of stereotactic body radiotherapy to systemic chemotherapy in locally advanced cholangiocarcinoma (ABC-07)

ABC-07
Addition of stereotactic body radiotherapy to systemic chemotherapy in locally advanced cholangiocarcinoma (ABC-07)



Maria A Hawkins. ASCO 2024

SBRT should not be used in pCCA and dCCA
Role in iCCA uncertain

NRG-GI001

Randomized Phase III Study of Focal Radiation Therapy for Unresectable, Localized Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma

Evaluate if adding liver-directed radiation (Ablative RT) to chemotherapy improved overall survival



HOW TO SELECT PATIENTS FOR LRT?

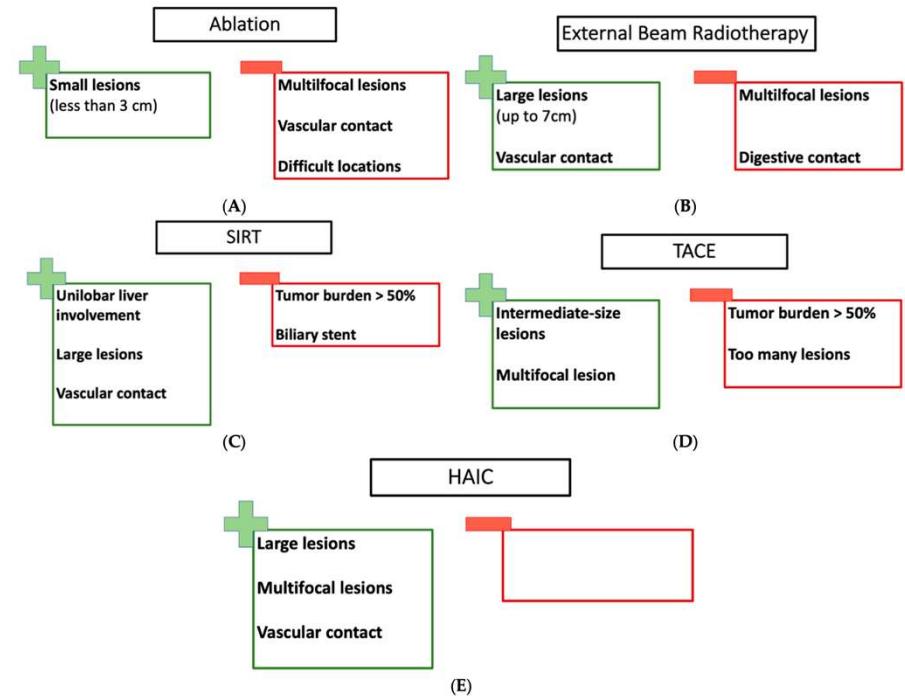


Review

Locoregional Treatment in Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: Which Treatment for Which Patient?

Factors that will influence the choice of the LRT

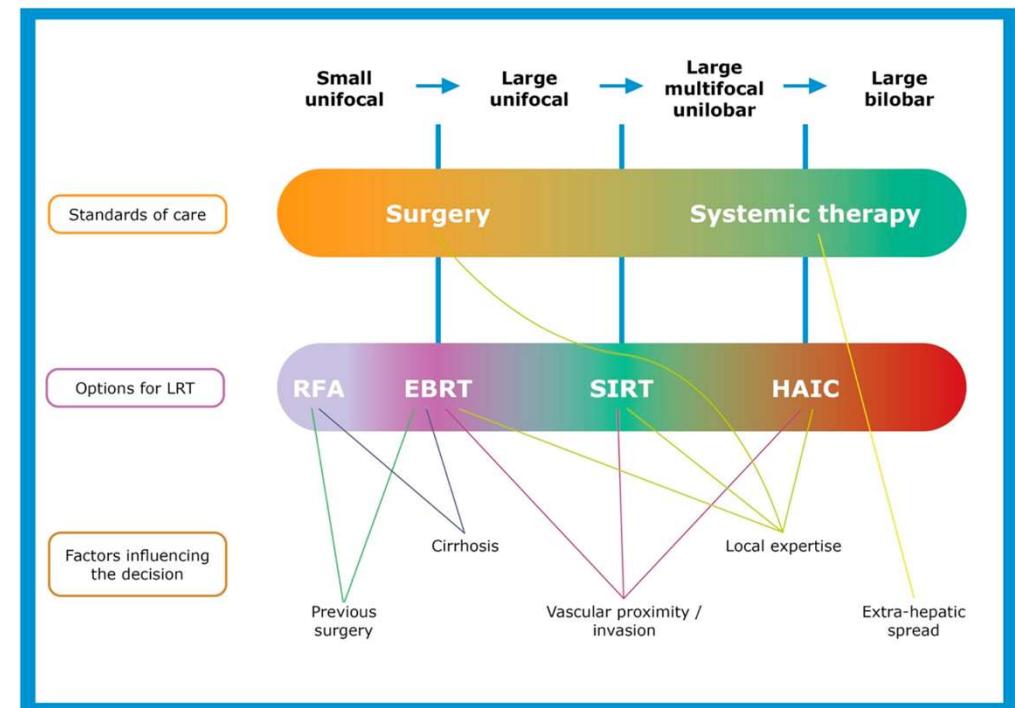
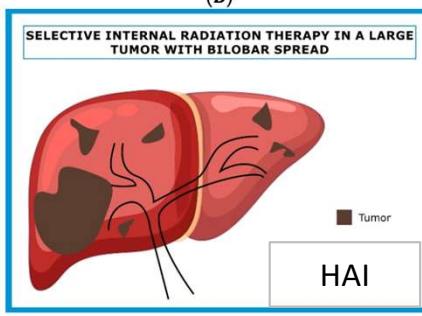
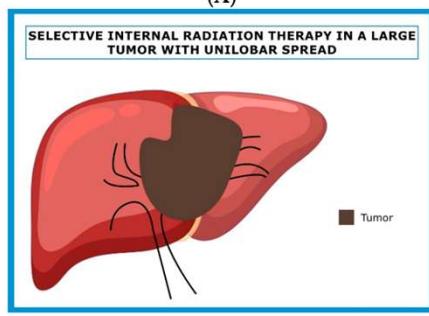
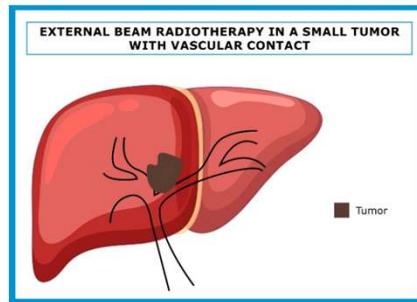
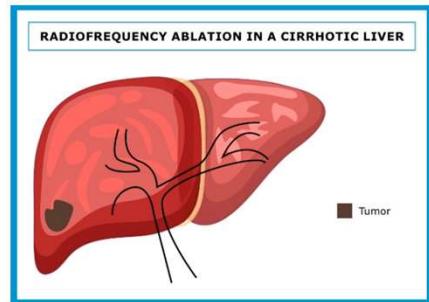
- Patient-related factors (age, comorbidities, PS, ...).
- Background liver-related factors (cirrhosis).
- Disease-related factors (proximity to vessels (blood and/or biliary)), the maximal size, of the lesions, number of lesions and unilobar vs. bilobar disease).
- Local expertise.





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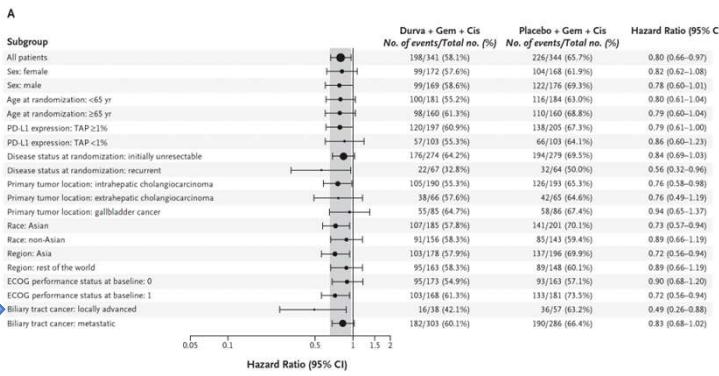
Is the impact of Locoregional Treatments the same in the era of Immunotherapy and Targeted Therapy?

*Optimal timing between LRT and systemic therapy
(sequences and combinations)*



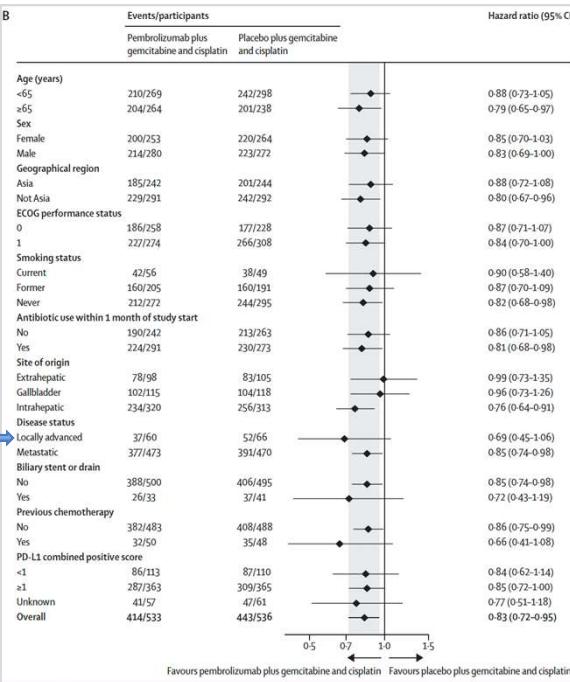
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Durvalumab plus Gemcitabine and Cisplatin in Advanced Biliary Tract Cancer

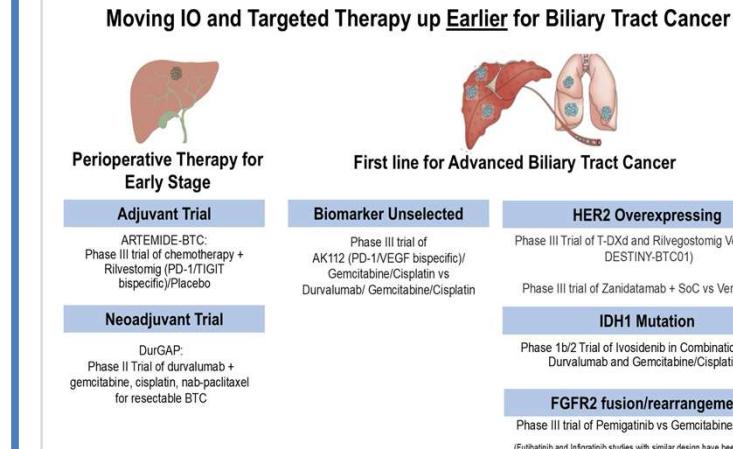


Do-You Oh, NEJM Evid 2022

Pembrolizumab in combination with gemcitabine and cisplatin compared with gemcitabine and cisplatin alone for patients with advanced biliary tract cancer (KEYNOTE-966): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial



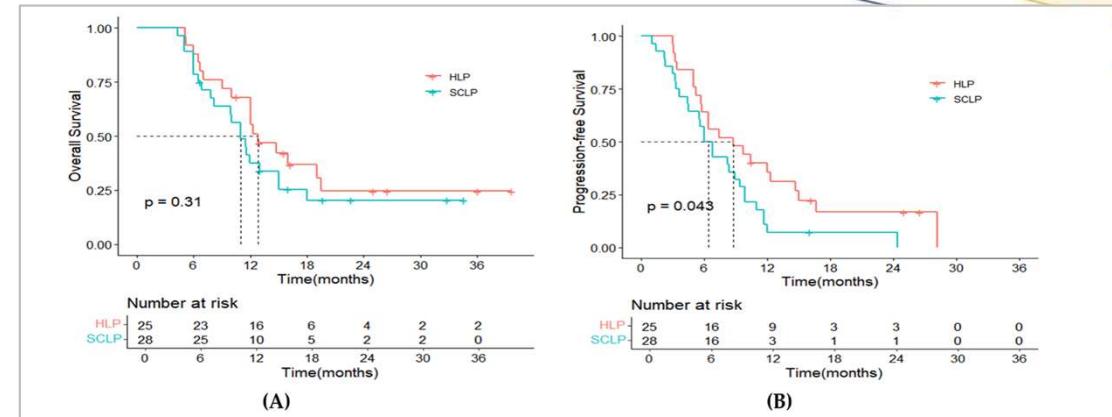
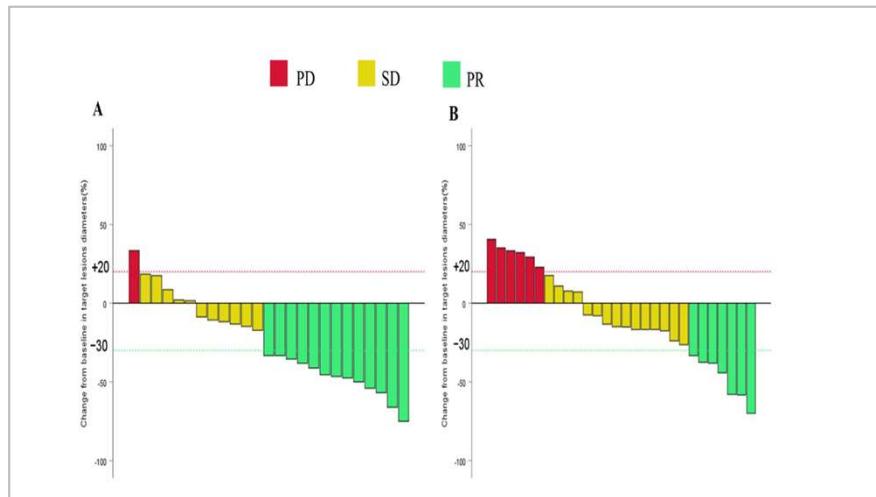
Robin Kate Kelley. The Lancet 2023





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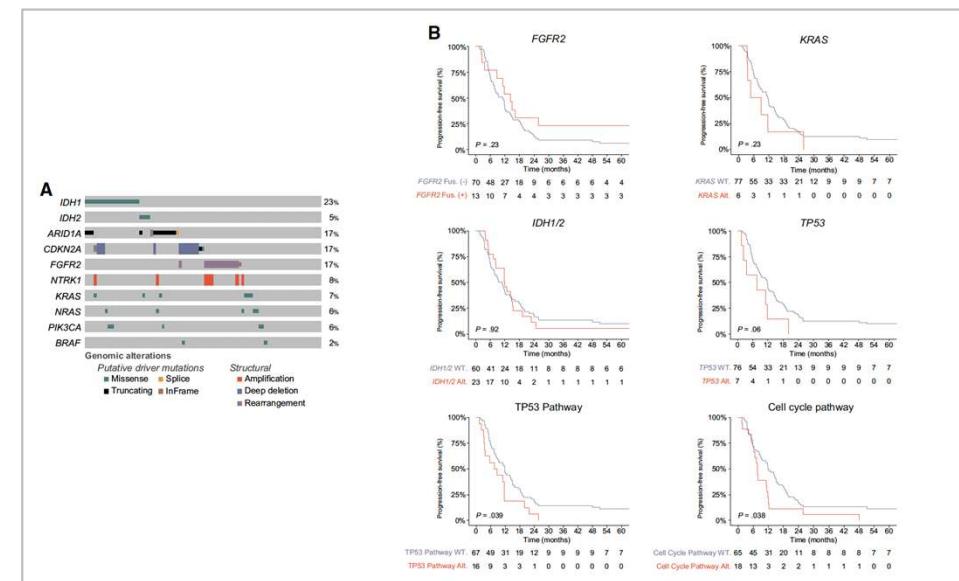
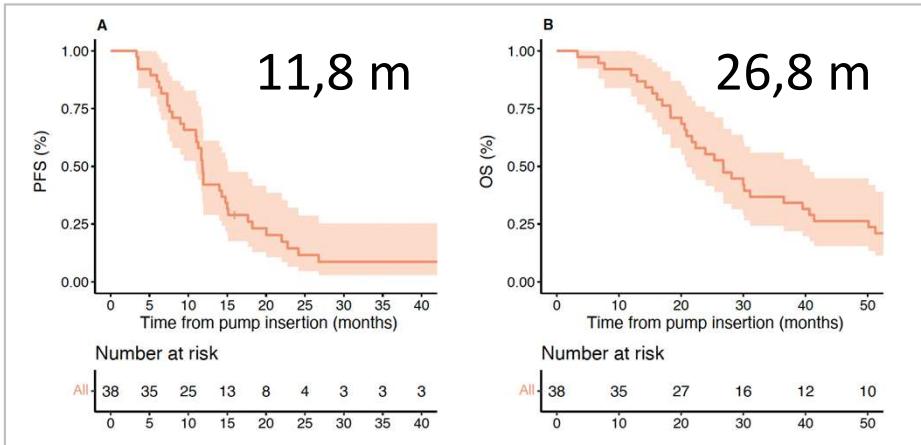
The Efficacy and Safety of Hepatic Artery Infusion Chemotherapy Combined with Lenvatinib and Programmed Death (PD)-1 Inhibitors for Unresectable Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma: A Retrospective Study



Adverse Events	Any Grade		Grade 3-4		<i>p</i> -Value
	HLP Group n = 25	SCLP Group n = 28	HLP Group n = 25	SCLP Group n = 28	
Treatment-related AEs, n (%)					
Fatigue	3 (12.0%)	11 (39.3%)	0	0	-
Fever	4 (16.0%)	4 (14.3%)	1 (4.0%)	0	0.954
Vomiting	9 (36.0%)	20 (71.4%)	1 (4.0%)	8 (28.6%)	0.044
Abdominal pain	10 (40.0%)	5 (18.9%)	2 (8.0%)	0	0.422
Rash	5 (20.0%)	7 (25.0%)	0	0	-



Long-term outcomes in patients with advanced intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma treated with hepatic arterial infusion chemotherapy

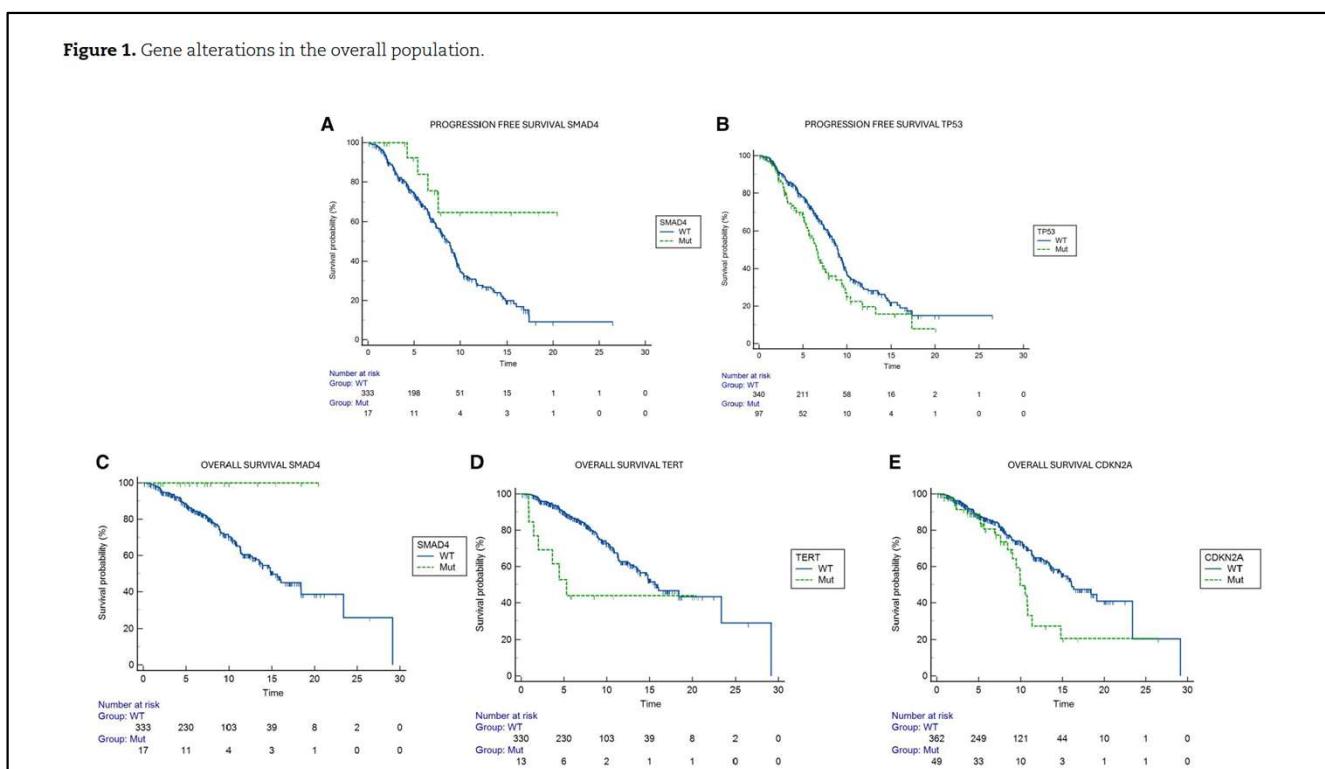


- Hepatic artery infusion with floxuridine in combination with systemic therapy can offer long-term durable disease control.
- Molecular alterations may predict for response.



The impact of molecular alterations in patients with advanced biliary tract cancer receiving cisplatin, gemcitabine, and durvalumab: a large, real-life, worldwide population

Figure 1. Gene alterations in the overall population.





WHY CONSIDER LOCAL THERAPIES IN ADVANCED UNRESECTABLE DISEASE?

Local treatments impact local control and survival in selected patients

Combination strategies with newer systemic therapy:
Immune-checkpoint inhibitors, targeted therapies and locoregional therapies ?

Molecular data and biomarkers will further improve patient selection.

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Technology
Temporality



