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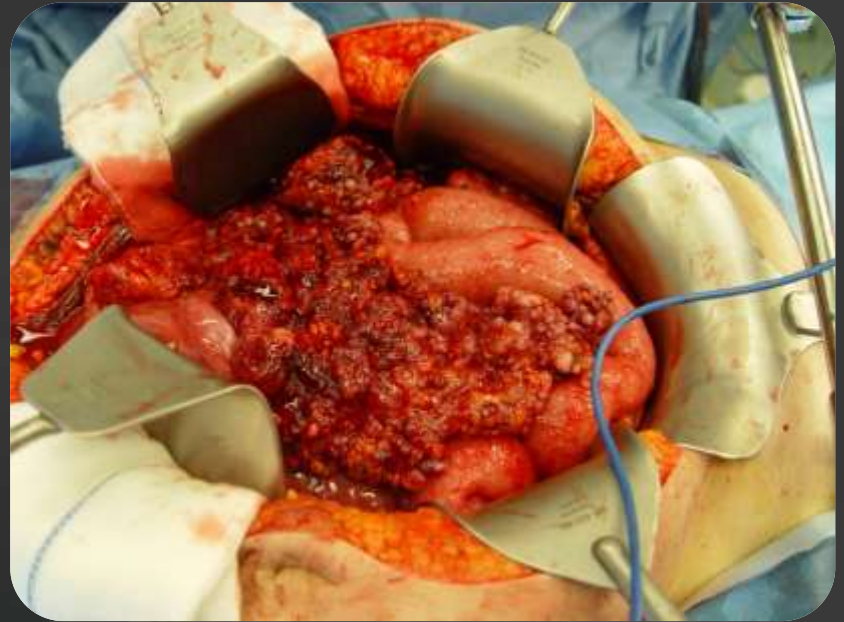
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Primary vs Interval  
Cytorreduction Surgery

# Background

- Advanced ovarian cancer is basically an incurable disease.
- An **intelligent combination** of surgery and chemotherapy may prolong significantly the overall survival in these patients.



- **Surgery is an essential in treating ovarian cancer.**
- **Diagnosis, staging, and therapy are performed at the time of laparotomy**
- **Debulking (cytoreduction) is the surgical approach for ovarian carcinoma**



# Biological Characteristics of Tumour vs. Aggressiveness of Surgery



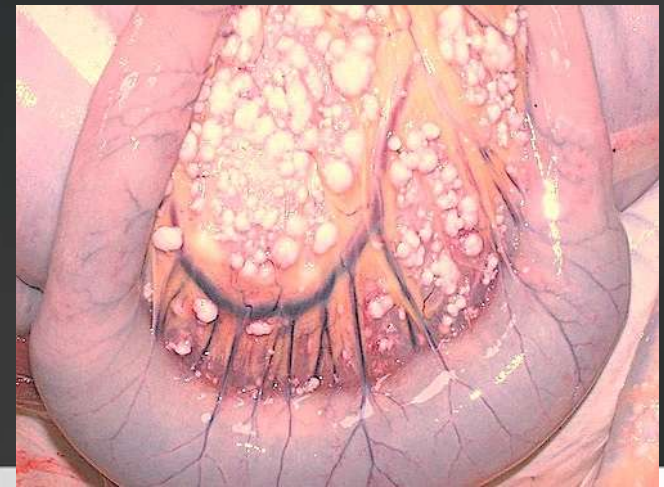
**chemosensitivity**



**successful  
debulking  
surgery**



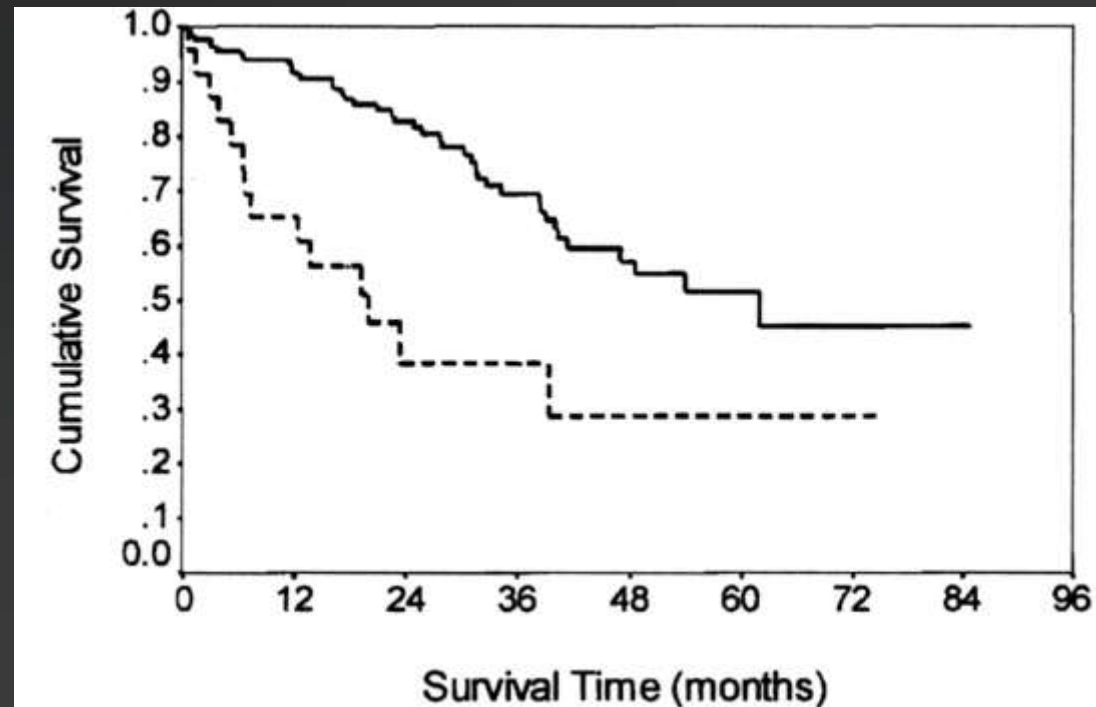
**survival**



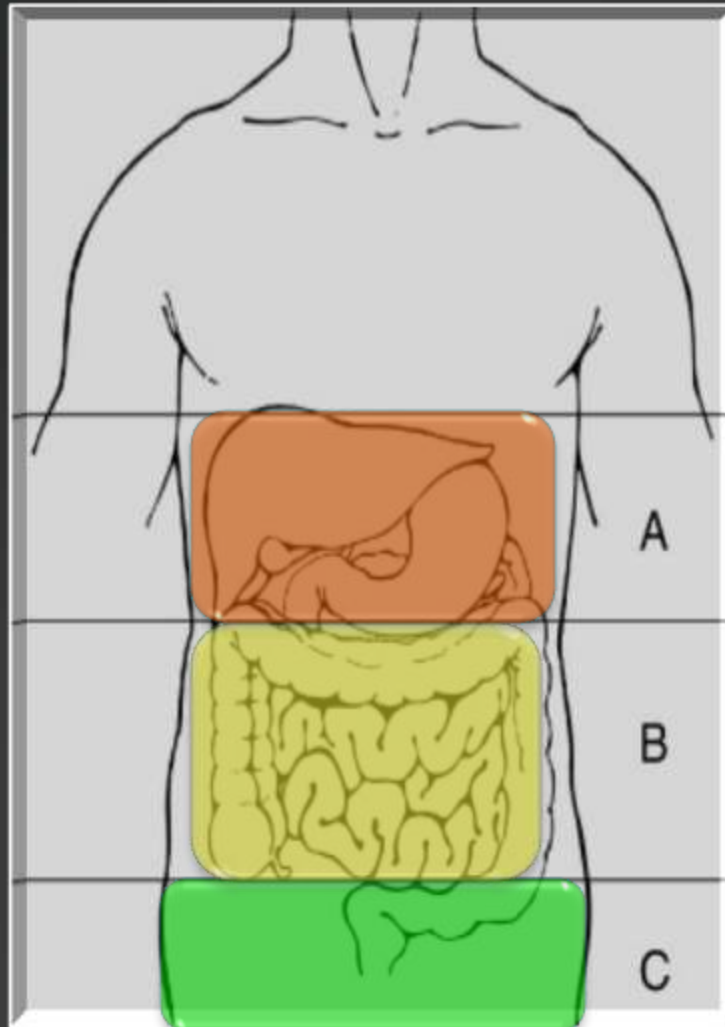
# “Complete cytoreduction is feasible and improve survival”

Eisenkop SM, Gynecol Oncol, 1998

- 163 consecutive patients with stage IIIc and IV
- All patients underwent a combination of pelvic and abdominal procedures with multiple organ resection
- 85.3 % of patients had complete cytoreduction
- 13.5 % had optimal reduction with residual disease less than 1 cm
- 1.2 % had unresected disease



# Critical steps for a complete cytoreduction



- UPPER ABDOMEN
- MID-ABDOMEN
- RETROPERITONEUM
- PELVIC TUMOR

# Survival Effect of Maximal Cytoreductive Surgery for Advanced Ovarian Carcinoma During the Platinum Era: A Meta-Analysis

By Robert E. Bristow, Rafael S. Tomacruz, Deborah K. Armstrong, Edward L. Trimble, and F.J. Montz

- 1989-1998 MEDLINE - 81 cohorts (Stage III-IV) 6885 pts

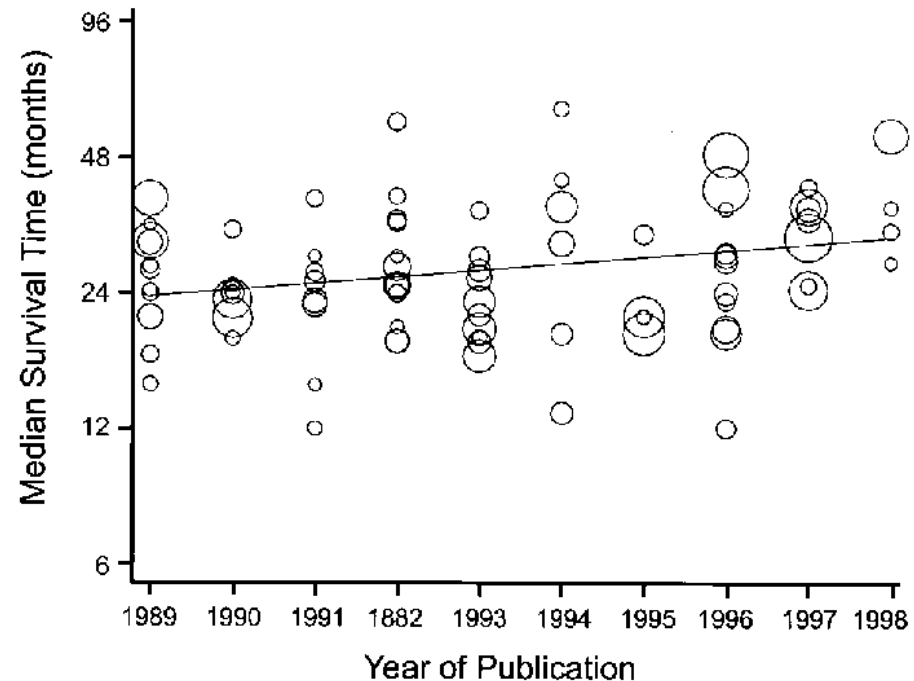
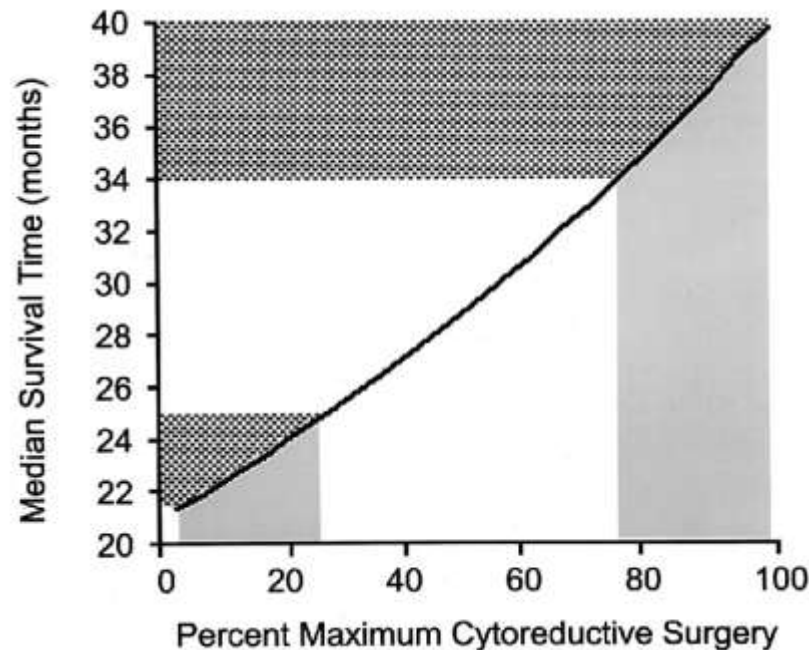


Table 2. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

Variable	Change in Median Survival Time		95% CI or CL	P
	%	Increase		
Percent maximal cytoreduction	5.5	10%	3.3-7.8	< .001
Year of publication	2.8	1 year	0.9-4.6	.004
Platinum dose-intensity	0.8	10%	-0.7, 2.3	.911
Cumulative platinum dose	1.4	1 U	-1.9, 4.7	.377



Bristow E et al, JCO 20:1248-59, 2002



# Our current goal.....





# Background

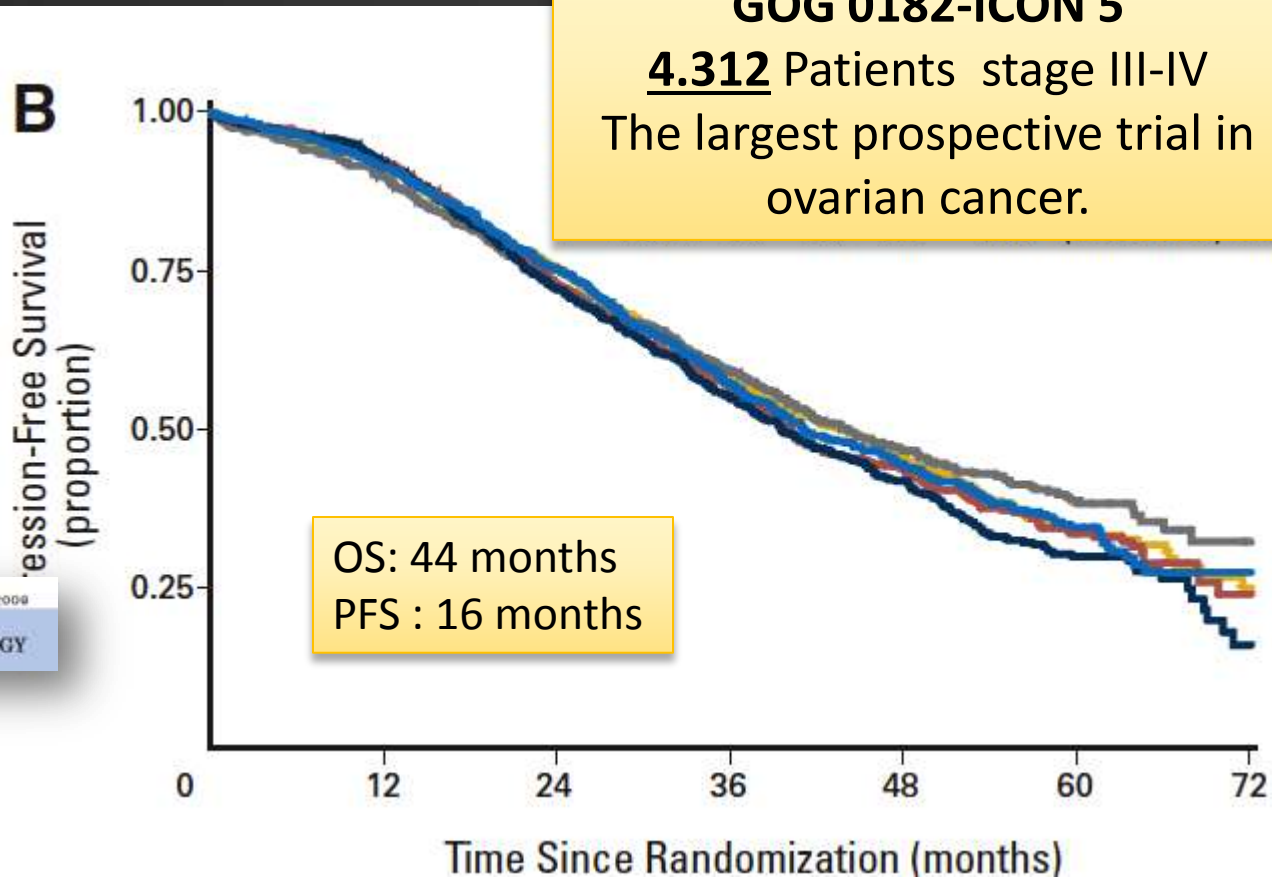
- A large fraction of patients with **ADVANCED** ovarian cancer may expect today an average survival of more than 40 months.



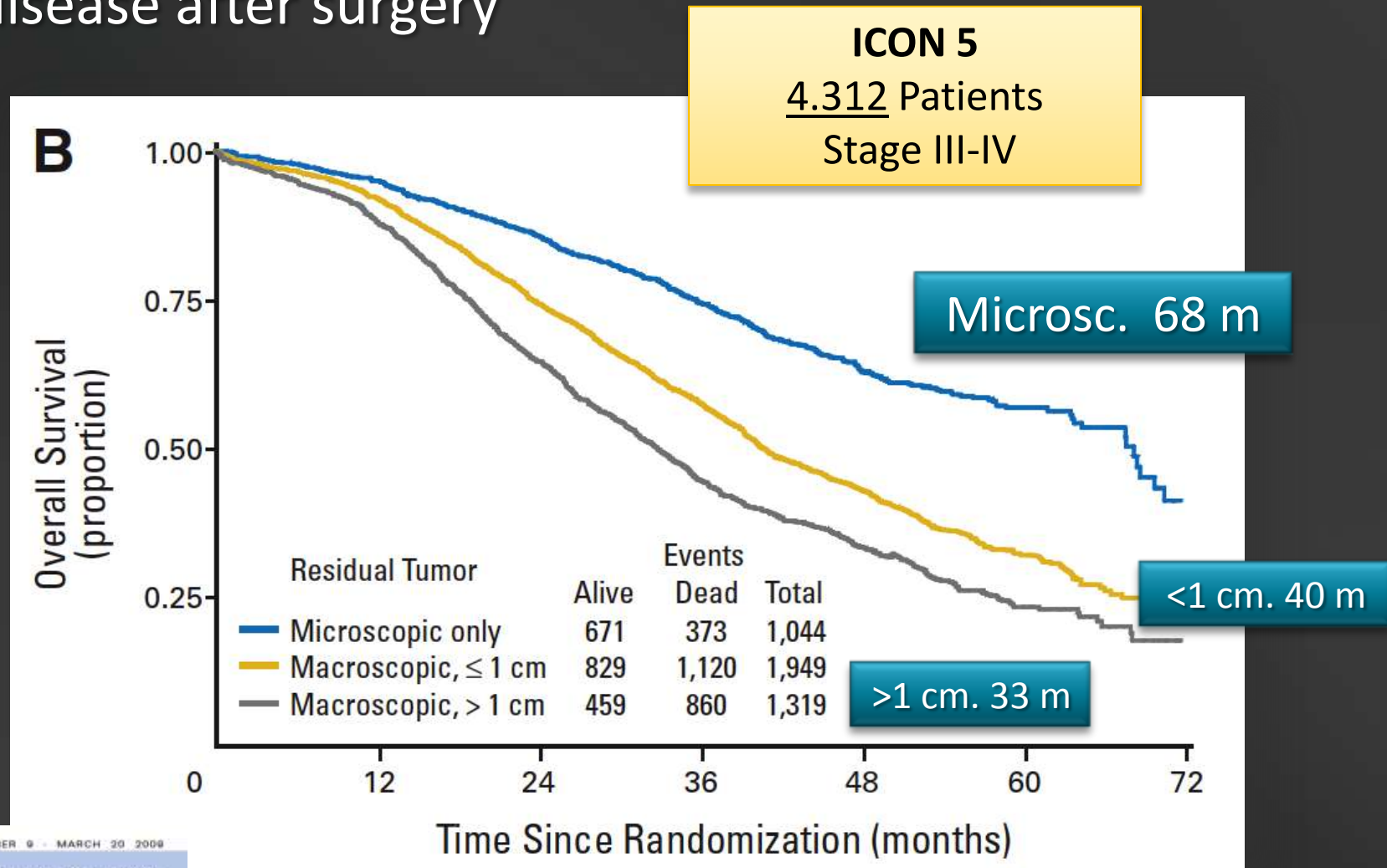
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- Selected patients can reached average survival rates **up to 70 months** depending on the grade of residual disease after surgery



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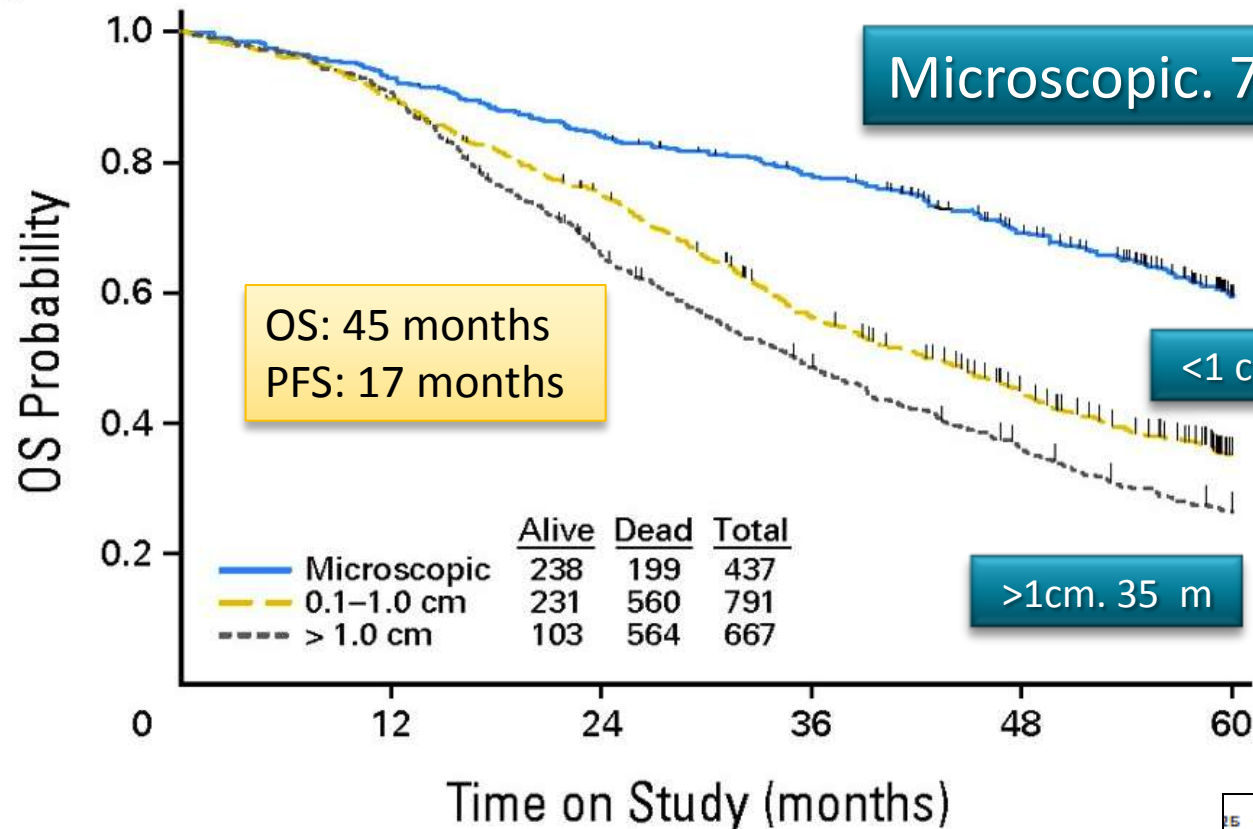
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# The GOG experience.....



Winter, 2008: 1895 pt. . Stage III  
GOG# 111,114,132,152,158,172

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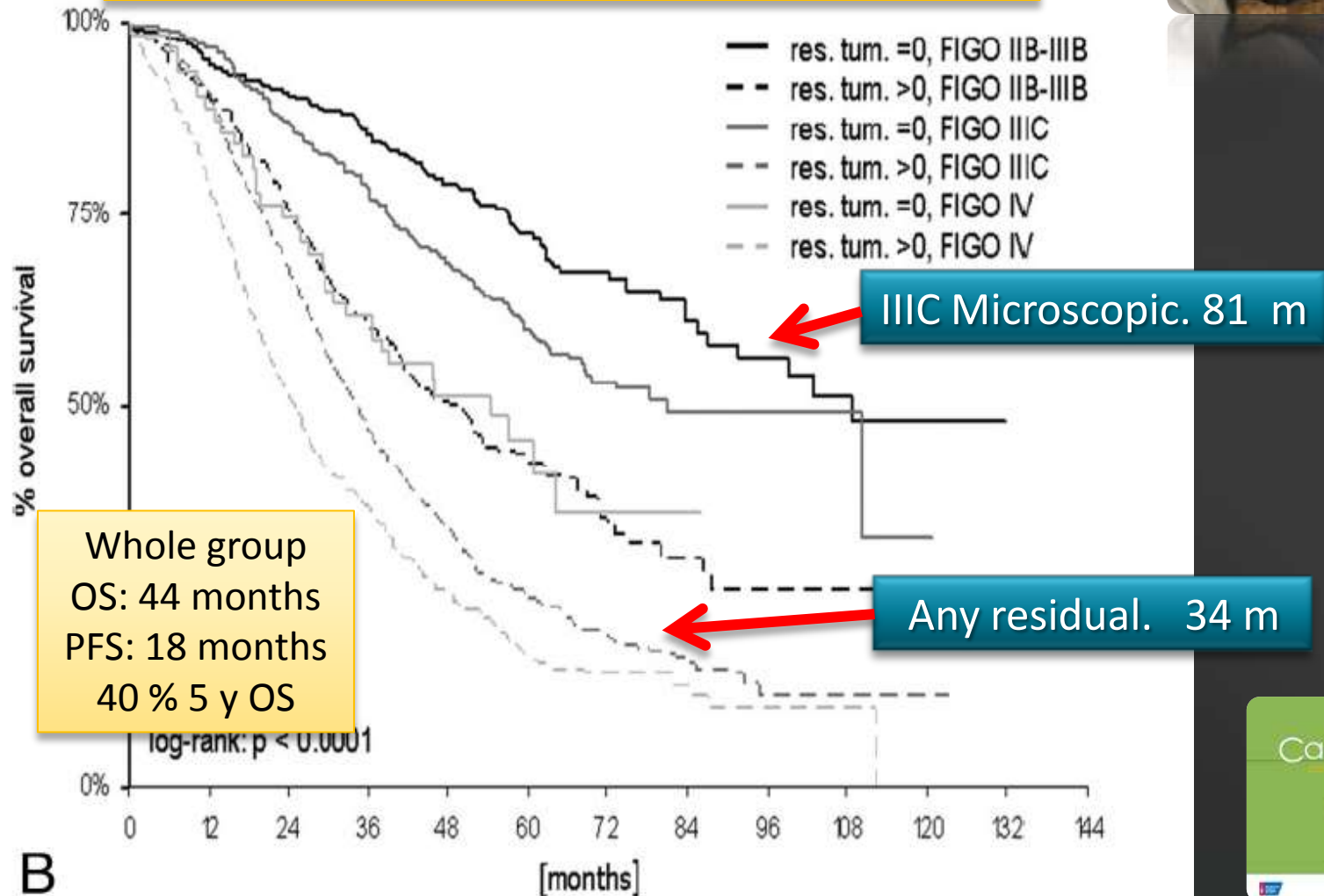


# The AGO-OVAR experience.....

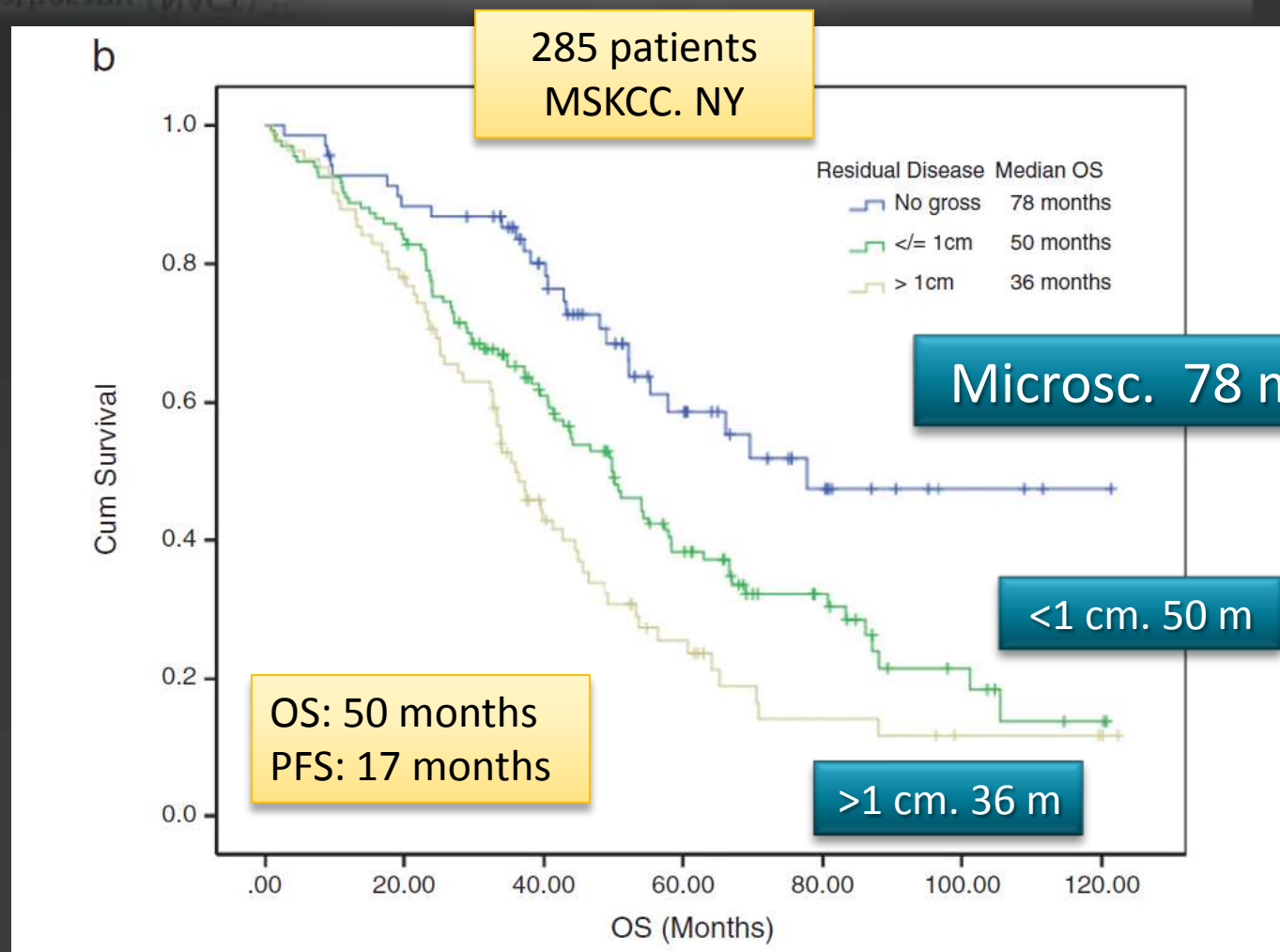
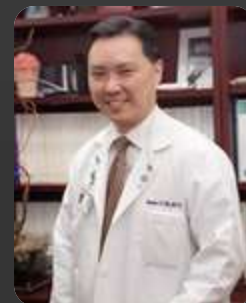


Du Bois, 2010: 1779 pt . Stage IIIC

AGO-OVAR # 1,3 and 5



An analysis of patients with bulky advanced stage ovarian, tubal, and peritoneal carcinoma treated with primary debulking surgery (PDS) during an identical time period as the randomized EORTC-NCIC trial of PDS vs neoadjuvant chemotherapy (NACT) ☆





**UPFRONT  
SURGERY**



# Role of Surgical Outcome as Prognostic Factor in Advanced Epithelial Ovarian Cancer: A Combined Exploratory Analysis of 3 Prospectively Randomized Phase 3 Multicenter Trials

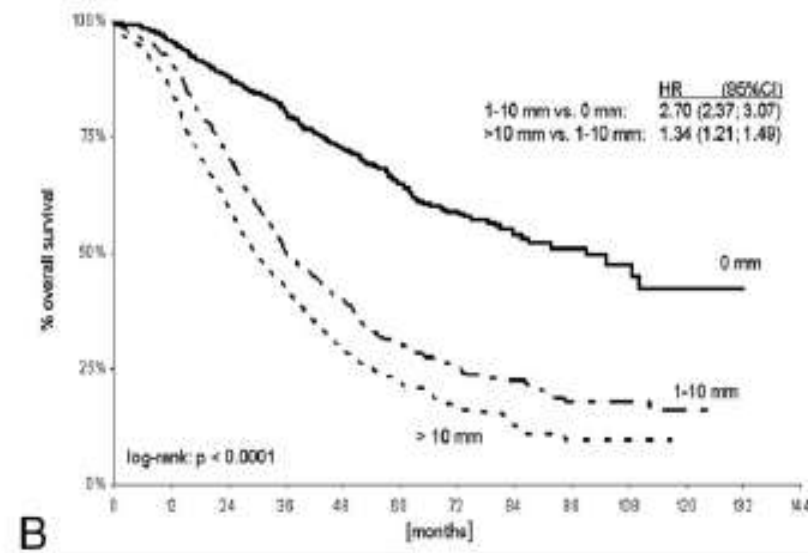
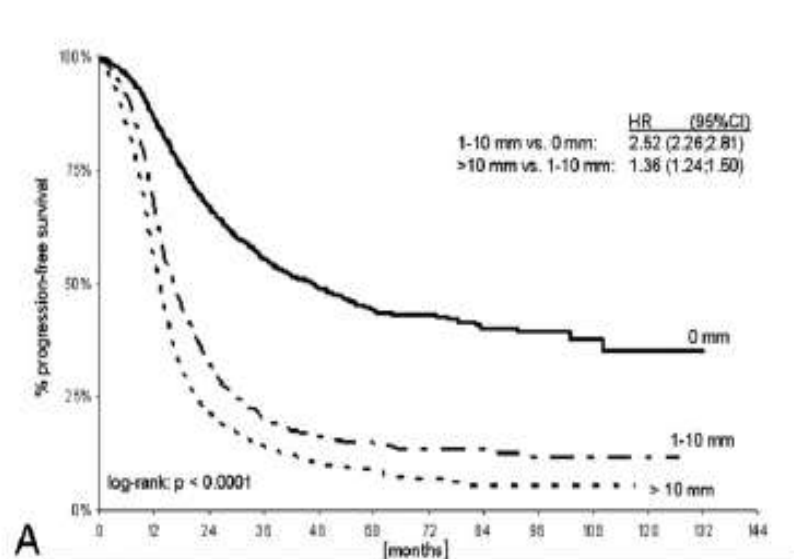
By the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gynaekologische Onkologie Studiengruppe Ovarialkarzinom (AGO-OVAR) and the Groupe d'Investigateurs Nationaux Pour les Etudes des Cancers de l'Ovaire (GINECO)

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3126  
pts



CANCER, 2009



## Time to Recurrence in Patients With Recurrence or Death

Outcome 1 <sup>st</sup> OP	Alive Without Recurrence		0-6 Months		6-12 Months		≥12 Months	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
No residuals	483	46.2	93	8.9	120	11.5	350	33.5
Residuals 1-10 mm	158	16.2	213	21.8	263	27.0	341	35.0
Residuals >10 mm	110	10.0	376	34.0	321	29.0	298	27.0
All	751	24.0	682	21.8	704	22.5	989	31.6

# The impact of second to sixth line therapy on survival of relapsed ovarian cancer after primary taxane/platinum-based therapy

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	First (HR) n = 1552			Second (HR) n = 829			Third (HR) n = 414			Fourth (HR) n = 178		
	95% CI			95% CI			95% CI			95% CI		
<b>PFS</b>												
Age	1.01*	1.00	1.01	1.01	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.02
ECOG 2 versus 0/1	1.08	0.92	1.28	1.43*	1.13	1.81	0.74	0.50	1.09	1.12	0.60	2.08
FIGO IIIc-IV versus Ib-IIIb	1.12	0.98	1.29	1.26*	1.03	1.54	1.28	0.97	1.71	1.10	0.70	1.74
Grading 2,3 versus 1	1.16	0.86	1.56	1.71*	1.12	2.62	1.74	0.82	3.71	0.17*	0.07	0.40
Endometrioid versus serous	1.07	0.79	1.44	1.19	0.72	1.97	1.37	0.55	3.38	2.61	0.77	8.82
Mucinous versus serous	1.00	0.82	1.21	0.80	0.60	1.07	1.11	0.73	1.68	0.71	0.39	1.28
Tumorrest >0 mm versus 0 mm	1.19*	1.04	1.36	1.27*	1.05	1.54	1.08	0.82	1.41	0.72	0.48	1.09
Platinum sensitive versus resistant	0.67*	0.59	0.75	0.64*	0.54	0.76	0.88	0.69	1.11	0.99	0.68	1.42
Treatment versus no treatment	–	–	–	0.59*	0.49	0.71	0.49*	0.39	0.63	0.88	0.60	1.29
<b>OS</b>												
Age	1.01*	1.01	1.02	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.99	1.01	1.00	0.98	1.02
ECOG 2 versus 0/1	1.28*	1.07	1.52	1.43*	1.11	1.83	0.77	0.50	1.17	0.85	0.44	1.67
FIGO IIIc-IV versus Ib-IIIb	1.20*	1.03	1.39	1.29*	1.04	1.59	1.37*	1.01	1.87	1.42	0.85	2.36
Grading 2,3 versus 1	1.68*	1.18	2.38	1.26	0.82	1.95	1.48	0.70	3.15	0.44	0.18	1.11
Endometrioid versus serous	0.90	0.73	1.12	0.77	0.56	1.06	0.81	0.52	1.25	0.72	0.39	1.36
Mucinous versus serous	1.63*	1.20	2.21	1.59	0.96	2.63	2.12	0.86	5.24	4.65*	1.40	15.42
Tumorrest >0 mm versus 0 mm	1.27*	1.10	1.47	1.22	0.99	1.50	1.00	0.75	1.33	0.68	0.44	1.05
Platinum sensitive versus resistant	0.59*	0.52	0.66	0.70*	0.59	0.84	1.09	0.85	1.40	1.18	0.80	1.74
Treatment versus no treatment	–	–	–	0.36*	0.30	0.44	0.35*	0.27	0.45	0.55*	0.37	0.81

\*P < 0.05.

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Interval Cytoreduction Surgery



# THE EFFECT OF DEBULKING SURGERY AFTER INDUCTION CHEMOTHERAPY ON THE PROGNOSIS IN ADVANCED EPITHELIAL OVARIAN CANCER

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## • INTERVAL DEBULKING

140 PT

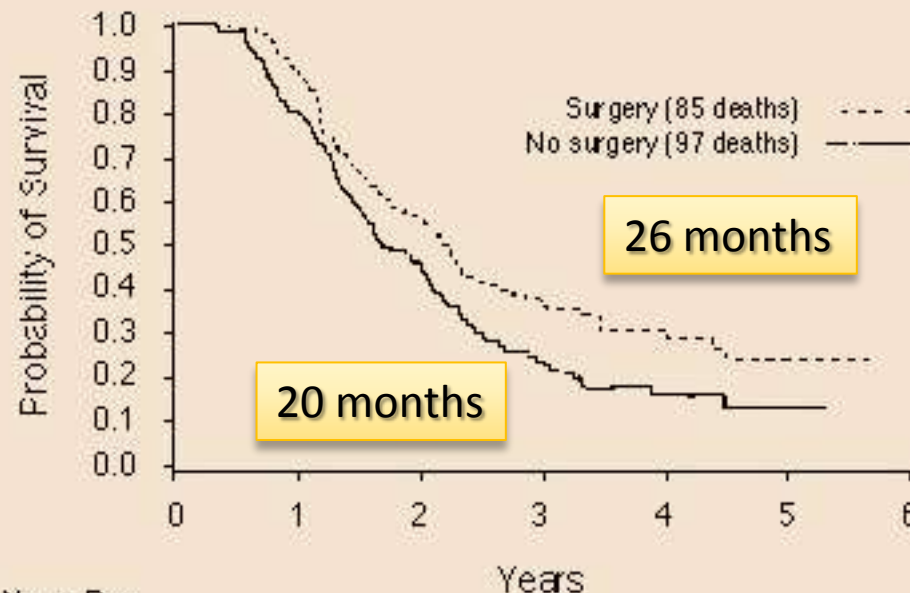
26 months of survival

## • JUST CHEMOTHERAPY

138 PT

20 months of survival

All suboptimal >1 cm



No. at Risk							
		0	1	2	3	4	5
Surgery	140	118	61	31	17	6	
No surgery	138	100	47	20	6	1	





**GOG-152  
2004**

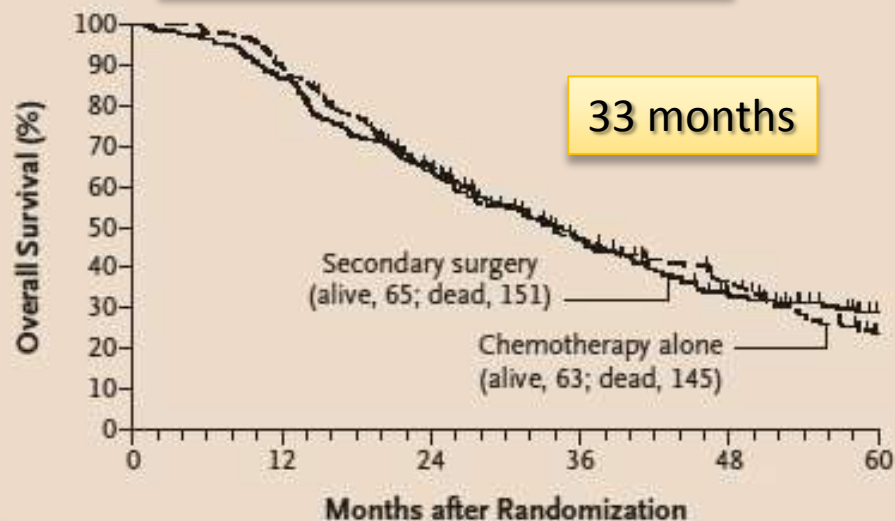
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Secondary Surgical Cytoreduction for Advanced Ovarian Carcinoma

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All suboptimal >1 cm

- INTERVAL DEBULKING**  
216 PT  
33 months of survival
- JUST CHEMOTHERAPY**  
208 PT  
33 months of survival

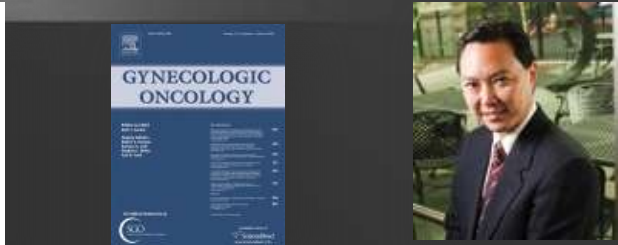


No. at Risk						
Secondary surgery	216	187	129	83	49	31
Chemotherapy alone	208	185	124	81	56	22



# Platinum-based neoadjuvant chemotherapy and interval surgical cytoreduction for advanced ovarian cancer: A meta-analysis☆

Robert E. Bristow<sup>a,\*</sup>, Dennis S. Chi<sup>b</sup>

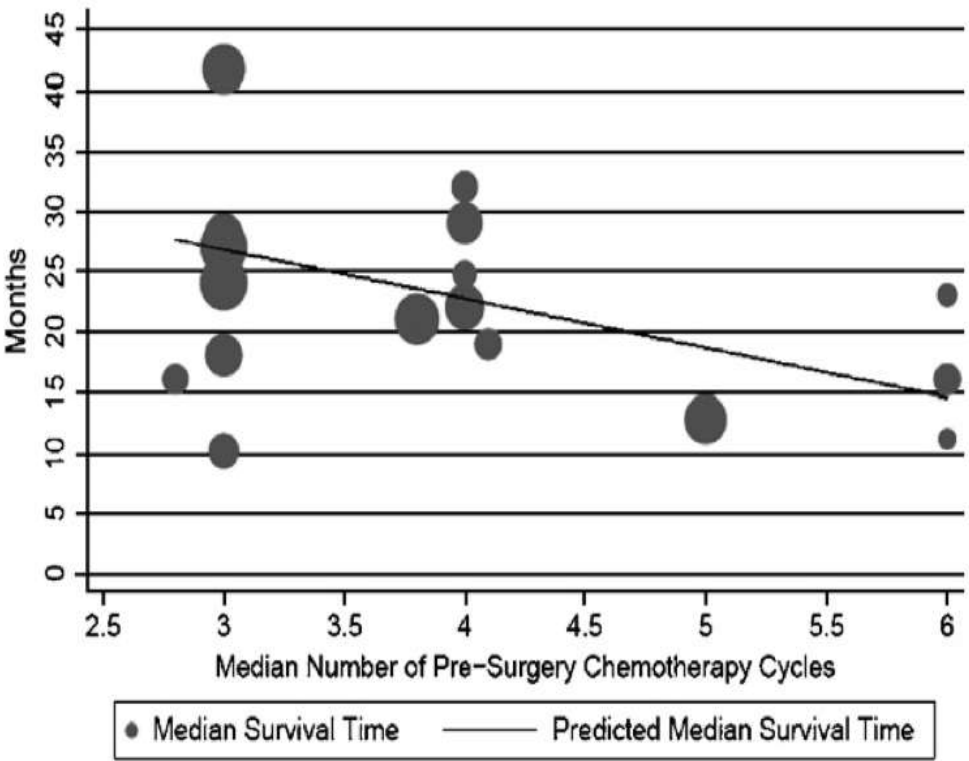
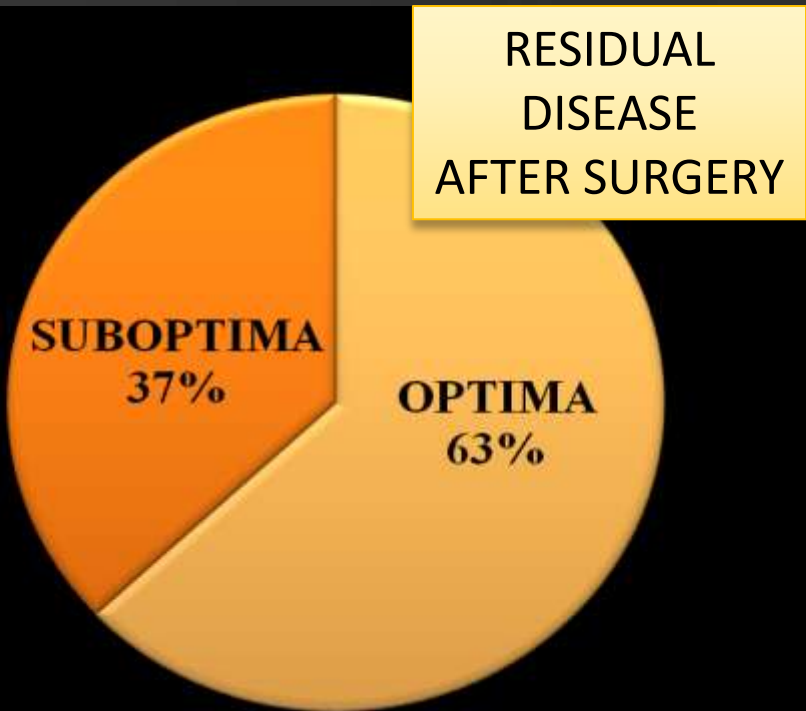


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Meta analysis  
1989-2005.

22  
PUBLICATIONS

N= 835 PATIENTS







# Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy or Primary Surgery in Stage IIIC or IV Ovarian Cancer

Ignace Vergote, M.D., Ph.D., Claes G. Tropé, M.D., Ph.D.,

N Engl J Med 2010

**Ovarian, tuba or peritoneal cancer  
FIGO stage IIIC-IV (n = 718)**

**Randomisation**

**Primary Debulking Surgery**

**3 x Platinum based CT**

**Interval debulking  
(not obligatory)**

**≥ 3 x Platinum based CT**

**Neoadjuvant chemotherapy**

**3 x Platinum based CT**

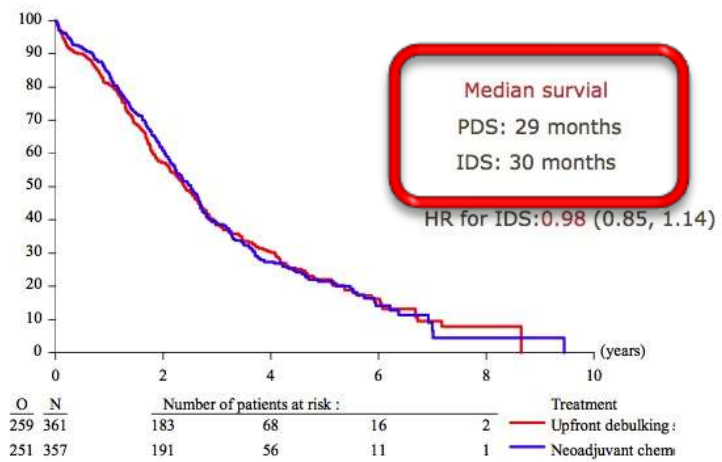
**Interval debulking if no PD**

**≥ 3 x Platinum based CT**



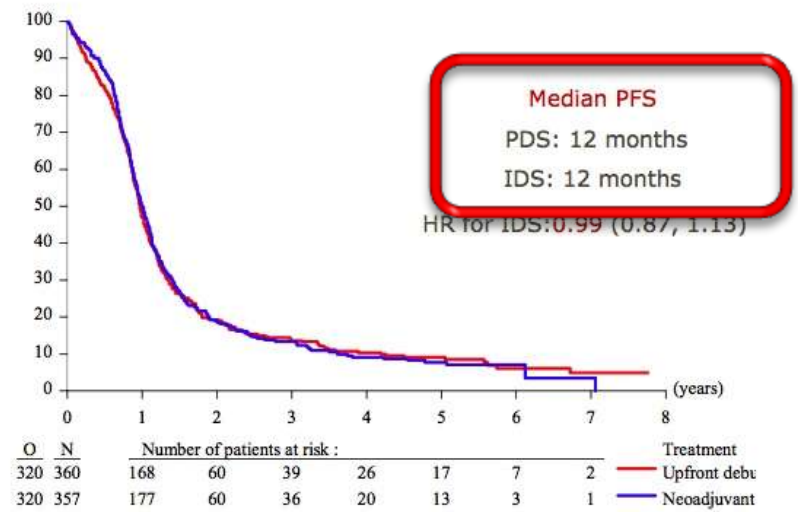
# NACT + IDS versus PDS: ITT

Overall survival



# NACT + IDS versus PDS: ITT

Progression-free survival



## Conclusions (2)

3. **Optimal debulking surgery** is the **strongest independent prognostic factor** for overall survival. Hence, optimal debulking (to no residual tumor) should remain the **goal** of every surgical effort. The **timing** of this procedure (PDS or IDS) does not seem to play a role.
4. Due to the lower morbidity of IDS compared with PDS and the similar survival, **NACT can be considered as the preferred treatment** in patients, as included in this study, with Stage IIIC-IV ovarian, peritoneal and fallopian tube carcinoma.

Should Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy  
be considered the new standard of  
care for advanced ovarian  
carcinoma?

Let's see





# 1. Why NEOAD chemotherapy has never crossed the frontier of 30-35 months of survival? ?

## NEOADJUVANT-INTERVAL DEBULKING

Author	N	SURVIVAL (MONTHS)
VAN DER BURG (EORTC)	140	21
ROSE (GOG)	216	33
BRISTOW, CHI (META-ANALISIS)	835	23
VERGOTE (EORTC)	320	29
	1511	27

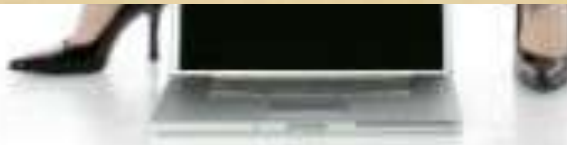
# 1. Why NEOAD chemotherapy has obtained always same results that suboptimal surgery?

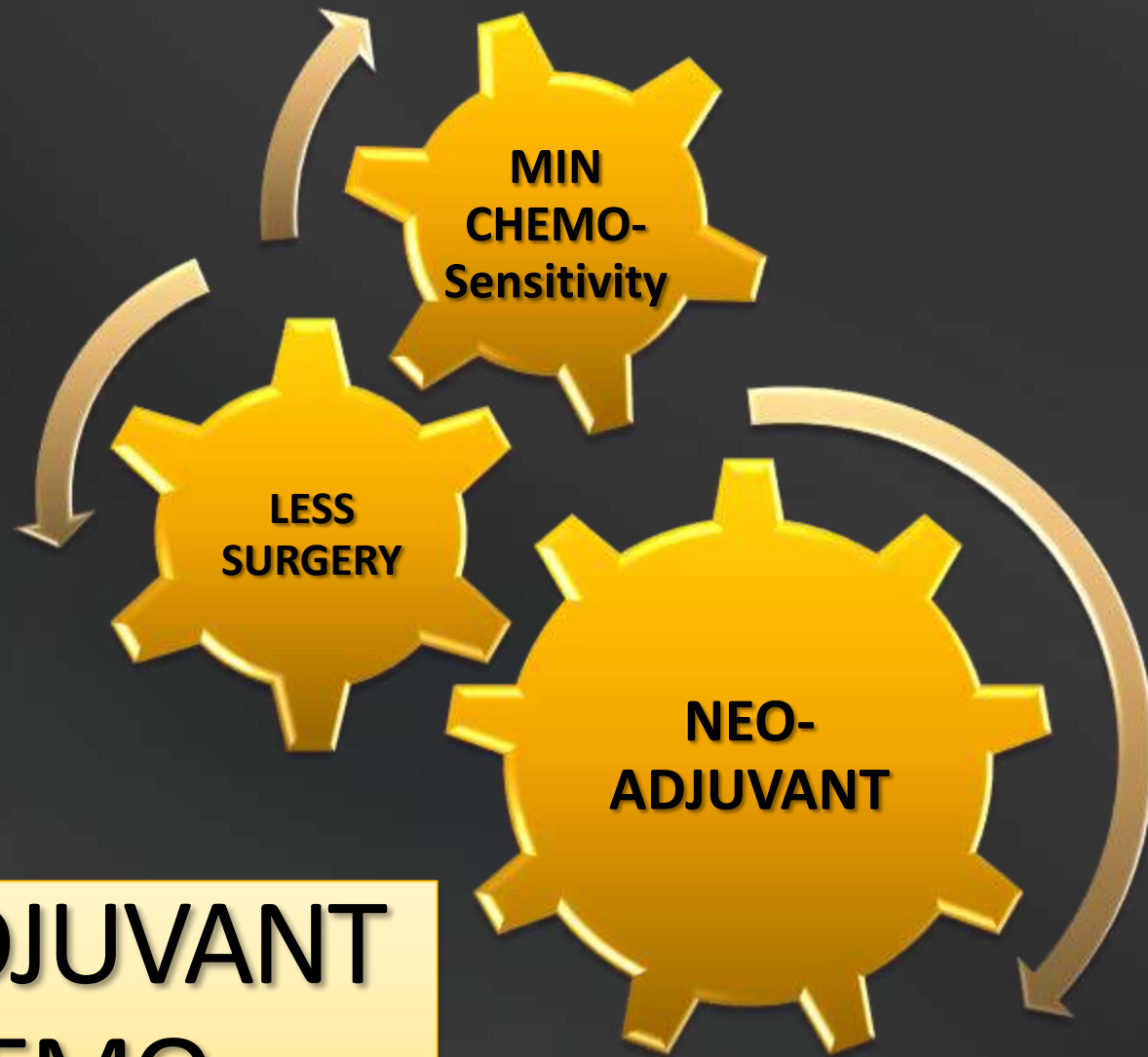
## HISTORICAL SERIES OF SUBOPTIMAL DEBULKING

TRIAL-STUDY	N	SURVIVAL (MONTHS)
GOG 97	65	21
GOG 111	680	38
GOG 114	845	26
GOG 152	216	33
ICON-5	459	33
AGO-OVAR	1046	29

Is patients' survival somehow limited by the Neoadjuvant approach ?

35 months





# NEOADJUVANT CHEMO



## 4. Great differences among countries



**Randomised EORTC-GCG/NCIC-CTG trial on NACT  
+ IDS versus PDS**  
**≤ 1cm residual per country (PP1)**

	Total	PDS (n = 329)	NACT -> IDS (n = 339)*
Belgium (n=133)	83%	72%	94%
Argentina (n=48)	71%	68%	74%
The Netherlands (n=104)	59%	40%	77%
Sweden (n=23)	59%	40%	75%
Norway (n=82)	55%	35%	73%
Italy (n=38)	52%	40%	64%
Spain (n=62)	49%	44%	58%
UK (n=101)	47%	37%	63%
Canada (n=84)	44%	29%	59%

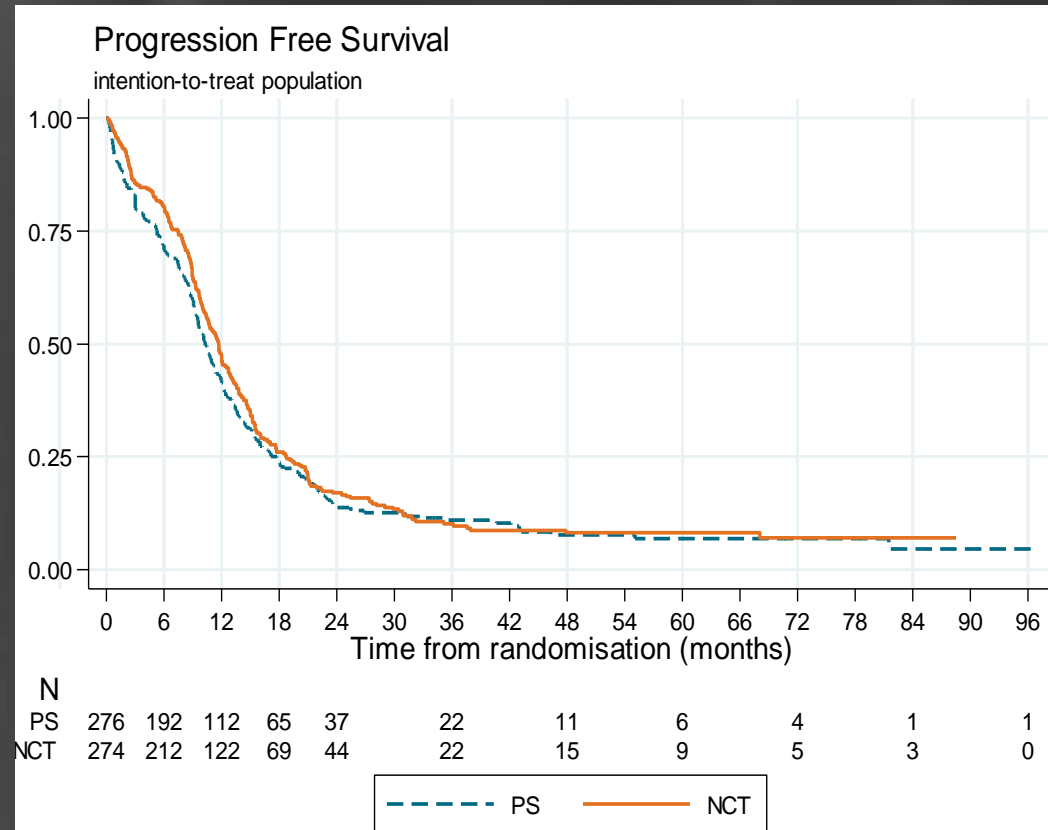
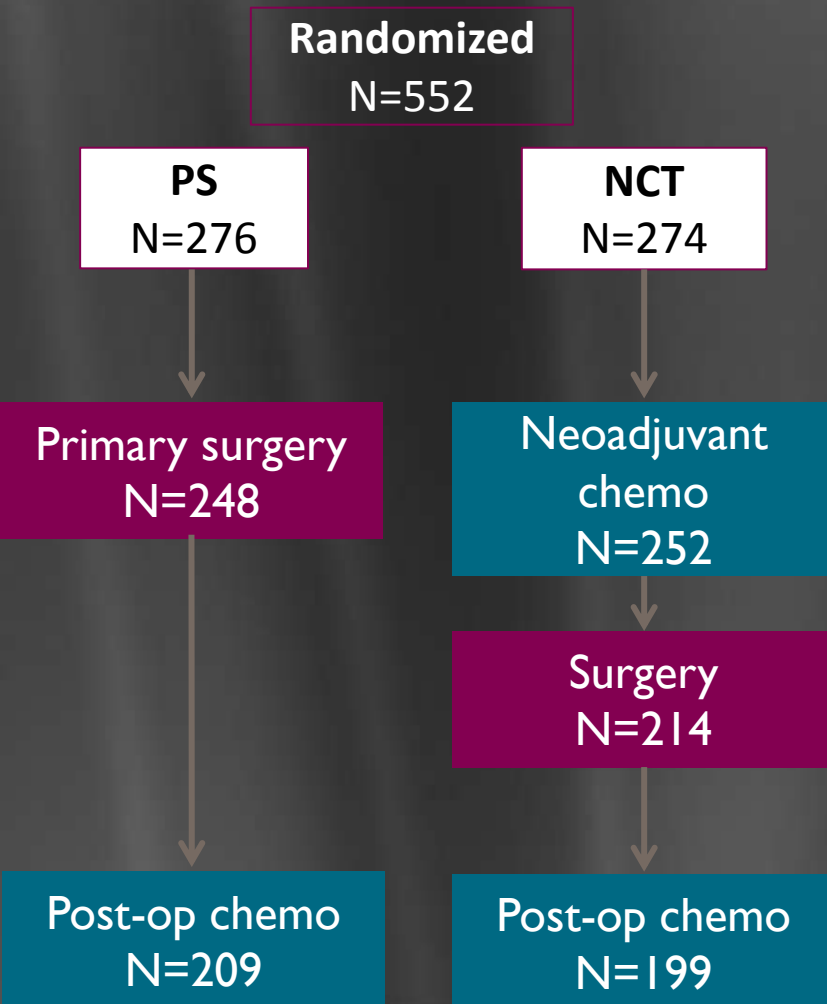
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## 5. Short operative times in the surgical arm

	PDS (n = 329)	NACT -> IDS (n = 339)*
Postoperative mortality (< 28 days)	2,7%	0,6%
Postoperative sepsis	8%	2%
Fistula (bowel/GU)	1,2% / 0,3%	0,3% / 0,6%
Operative time (minutes)	180	180
Red blood cell transfusion	51%	53%
Hemorrhage Grade 3/4	7%	1%
Venous Gr 3/4	2,4%	0,3%

# Chemotherapy or upfront surgery for newly diagnosed advanced ovarian cancer

## Results from the MRC CHORUS trial



# Surgery details (CHORUS )

		PS (N=250)*		NCT (N=216)*	
Optimal debulking	0cm	37 (16%)	41%	77 (40%)	75%
	≤1cm	57 (25%)		67 (35%)	
Length of operation (minutes)	Median (Range)	120 (30 – 450)		120 (30 – 330)	

\* Includes: PS - 2 pts who had NCT + surgery; NCT – 2 pts who had PS



## Is the Easier Way Ever the Better Way?

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**Moreover, 5 to 6 hours in the operating room resulting in an optimal cytoreduction may provide the patient with a median survival of 50 to 100 months (as reported in the literature with successful surgery)**

**Surgical treatment should be modulated on the basis of the extent of the disease and not on the basis of the technical skills of the surgeon**

# Our current goal.....





# Thanks

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