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# **Lung Cancer: Next Steps in Incurable Disease**

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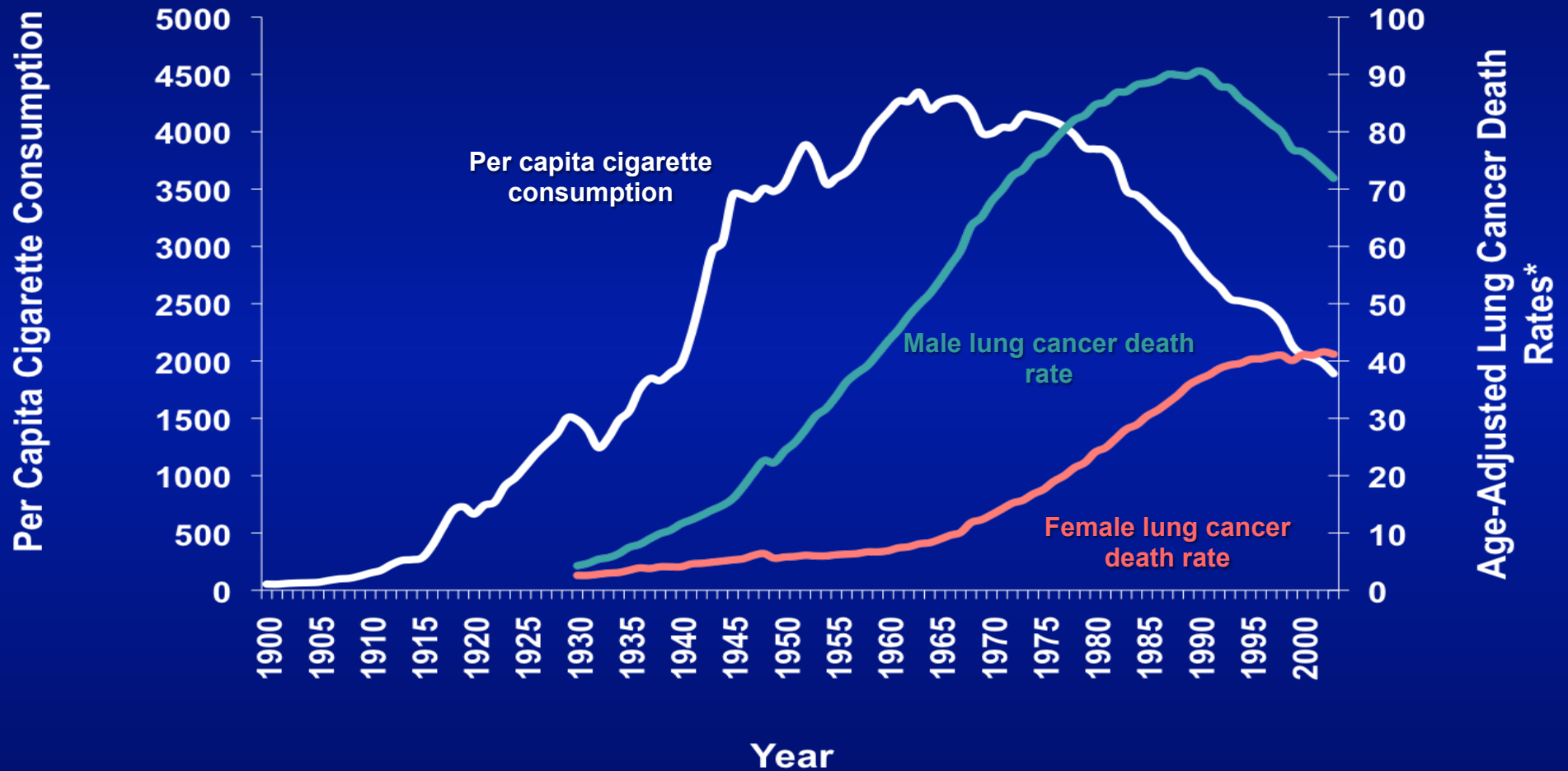
# Lung Cancer: Next Steps in Incurable Disease

- A word on lung cancer screening
- How are we making progress in incurable disease?
  - More drugs
  - Getting the right drug to the right patient, and giving as much as you can (Maintenance therapy)
  - Better drugs
- Clinically relevant subgroups, 2013

# Cancer in the United States

New Cases		Deaths	
Prostate	241,740	Lung	160,340
Breast	229,060	Colorectal	51,690
Lung	226,160	Breast	39,920
Colorectal	143,460	Prostate	28,170

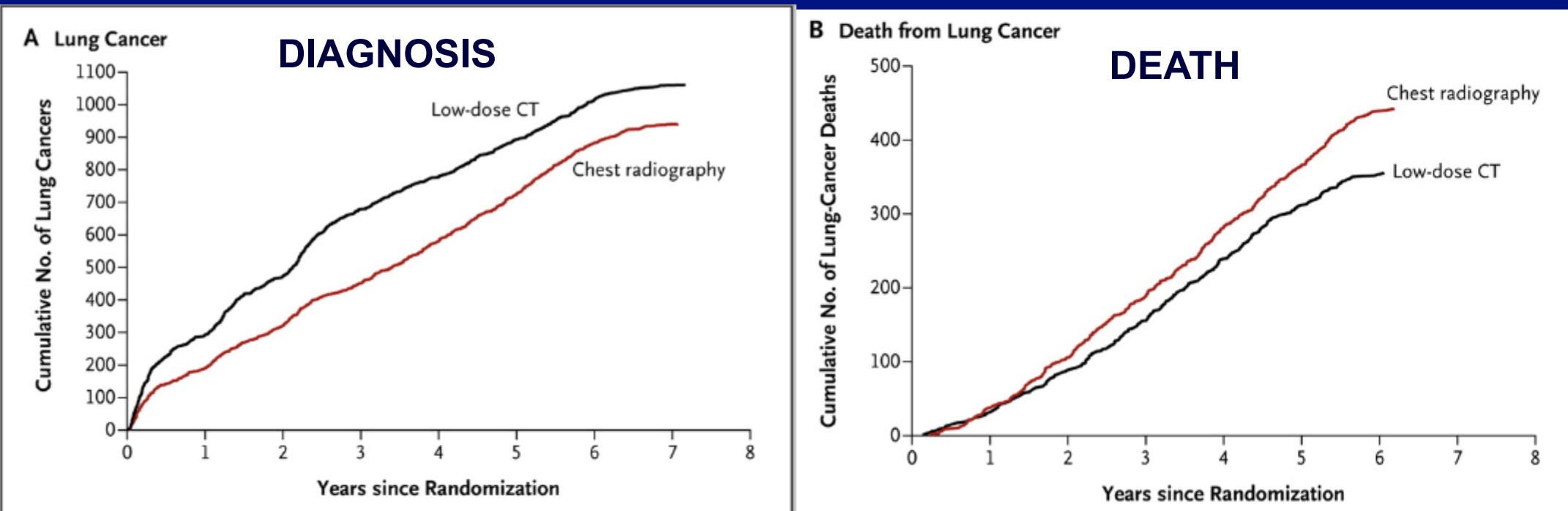
# How to Reduce Lung Cancer Death: Stop Smoking!



\*Age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population.

Source: Death rates: US Mortality Public Use Tapes, 1960–2003, US Mortality Volumes, 1930–1959, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2005. Cigarette consumption: US Department of Agriculture, 1900–2003.

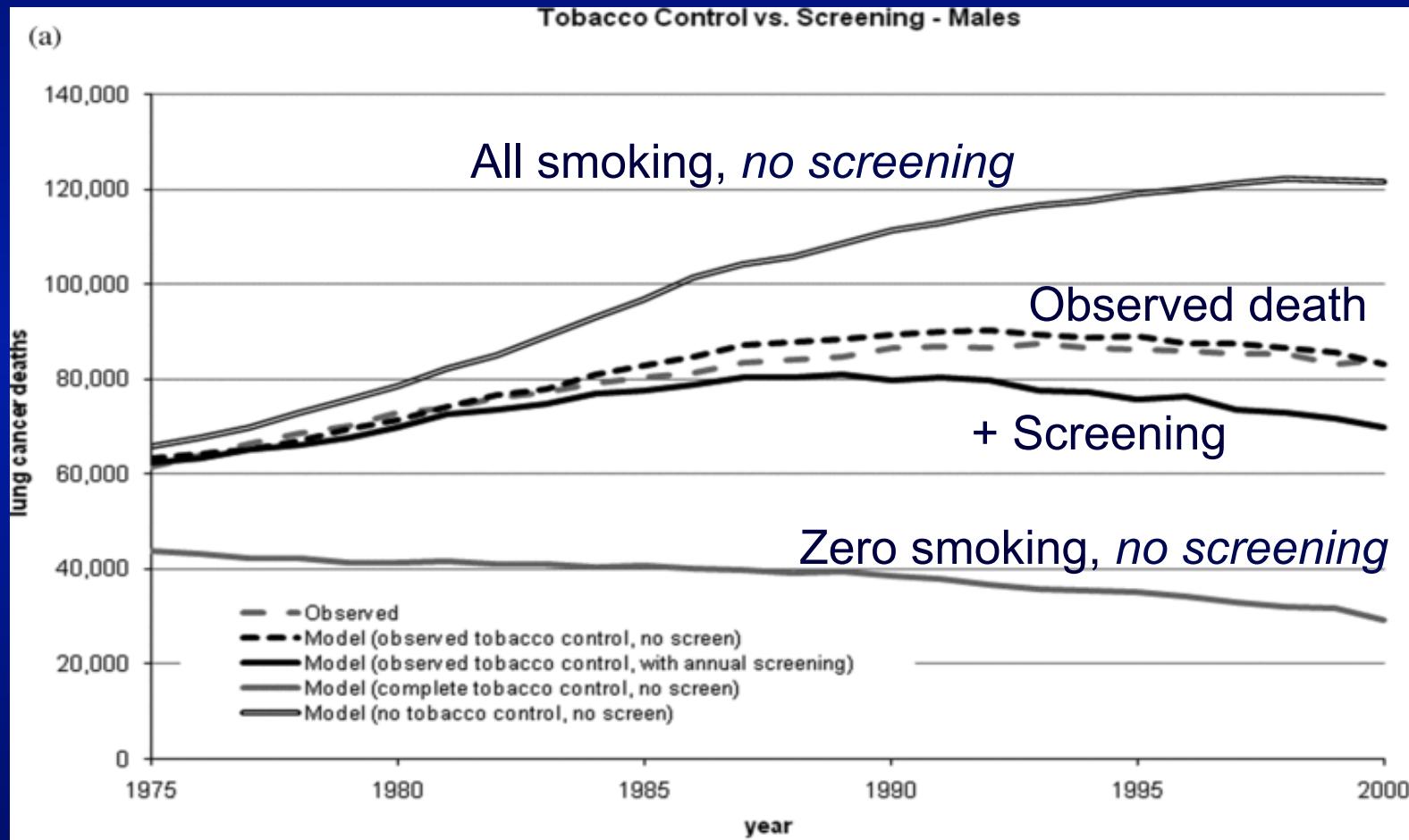
# How to Reduce Lung Cancer Death: LDCT Screen, Age 55-74, $\geq 30$ pack-year



Lung Cancer Death Relative risk reduction: 20%, Absolute risk reduction: 0.33%

- Chance CT screening will save a life from lung cancer 1:300
- Chance CT screening will find a 4mm solid nodule 1:5
- Chance of death during evaluation of a benign nodule 1:2500

# How to Reduce Lung Cancer Death: Smoking Cessation More Effective than LDCT



# Smoking Kills

**CT Screening  
Saves Lives**

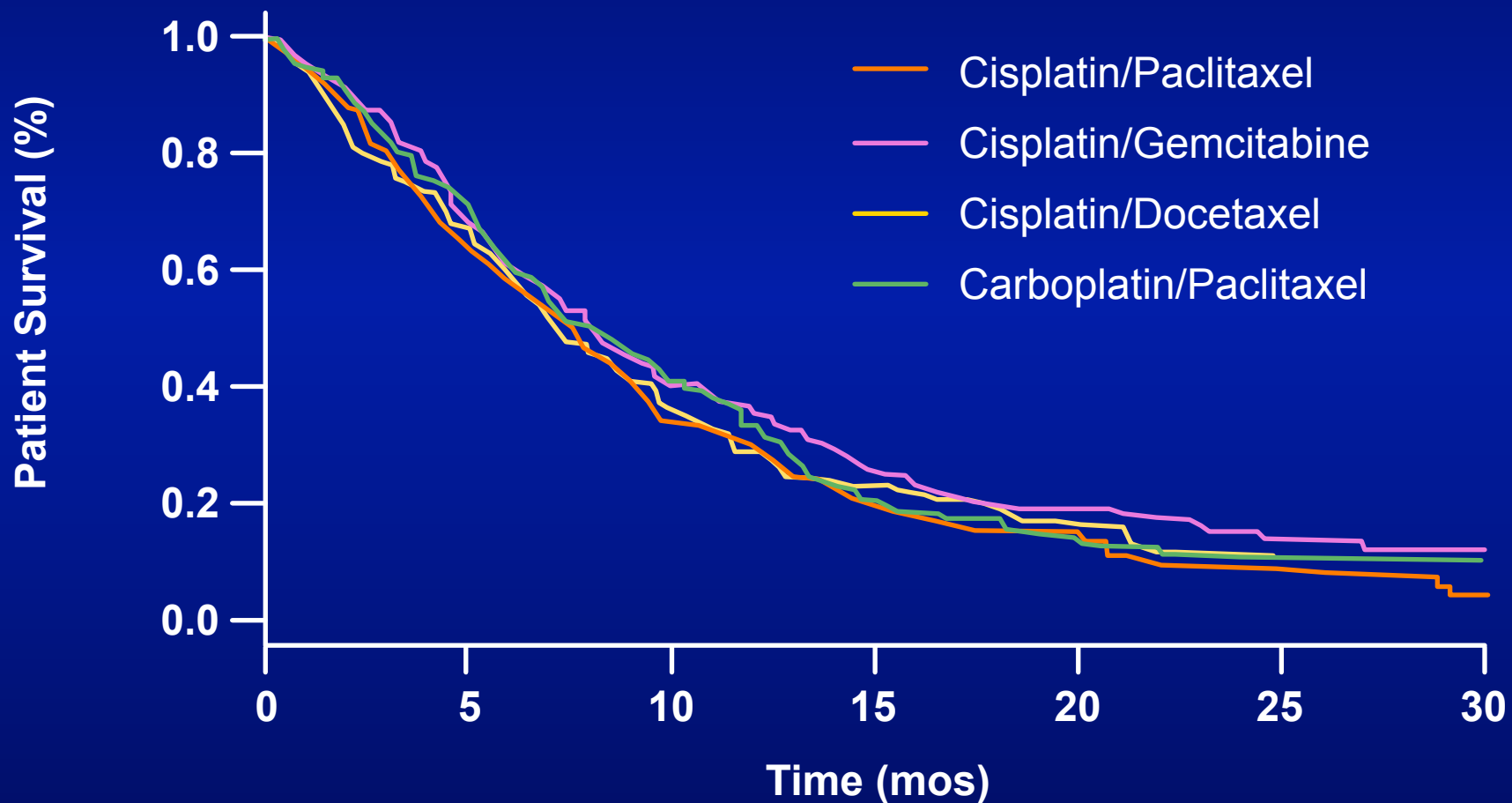


# Chemotherapy for Stage IV NSCLC

Survival	No Chemo	Best Cytotoxic Chemo
MST (mo)	4	10
1-year (%)	10	40
2-year (%)	1	15

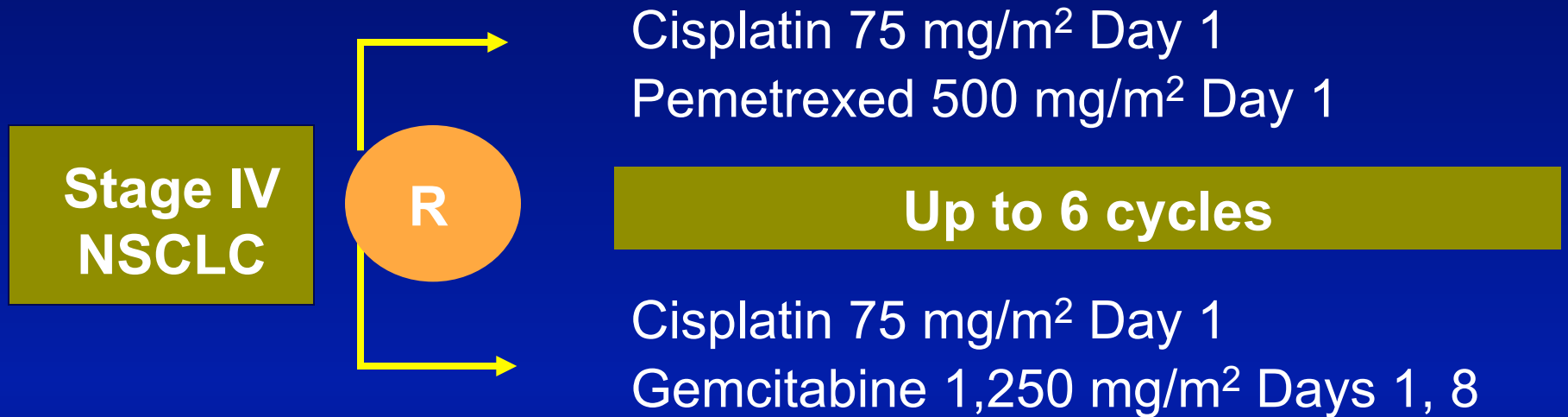


# What is the best Cytotoxic Chemotherapy for Stage IV NSCLC?



Schiller et al, NEJM 2002

# Gemcitabine / Cis vs. Pemetrexed / Cis



Results	Pemetrexed/Cisplatin	Gemcitabine/Cisplatin	
No. patients	862	863	
Median survival (mos)	10.3	10.3	
<b>Non-squamous</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>HR 0.81</b>
Squamous	9.4	10.8	HR 1.23

# Bevacizumab in Non-Squamous NSCLC

## Eligibility (n = 855)

- Non-squamous NSCLC
- No history of hemoptysis
- No CNS metastases

## CbP

Paclitaxel 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Carboplatin AUC = 6  
(q3wks) x 6 cycles

## CbP + Bevacizumab

CbP x 6 cycles  
+  
Bevacizumab  
(15 mg/kg q3wks) to PD

## Overall Survival

HR = 0.79,  $p = .003$

12.3 mos vs. 10.3 mos

1-Yr OS: 51% vs. 44%

ORR: 35% vs. 15%

# Chemotherapy for Stage IV NSCLC

Survival	No Chemo	Cyto-toxic chemo	Carbo + taxol + bev	Pem + cis for non-squamous
MST (mo)	6	10	12	12
1-year (%)	10	40	50	50
2-year (%)	1	15	20	20

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# Cetuximab for Stage IV NSCLC

Advanced stage NSCLC  
EGFR IHC 1 +  
No prior Rx  
No brain mets  
N=1125

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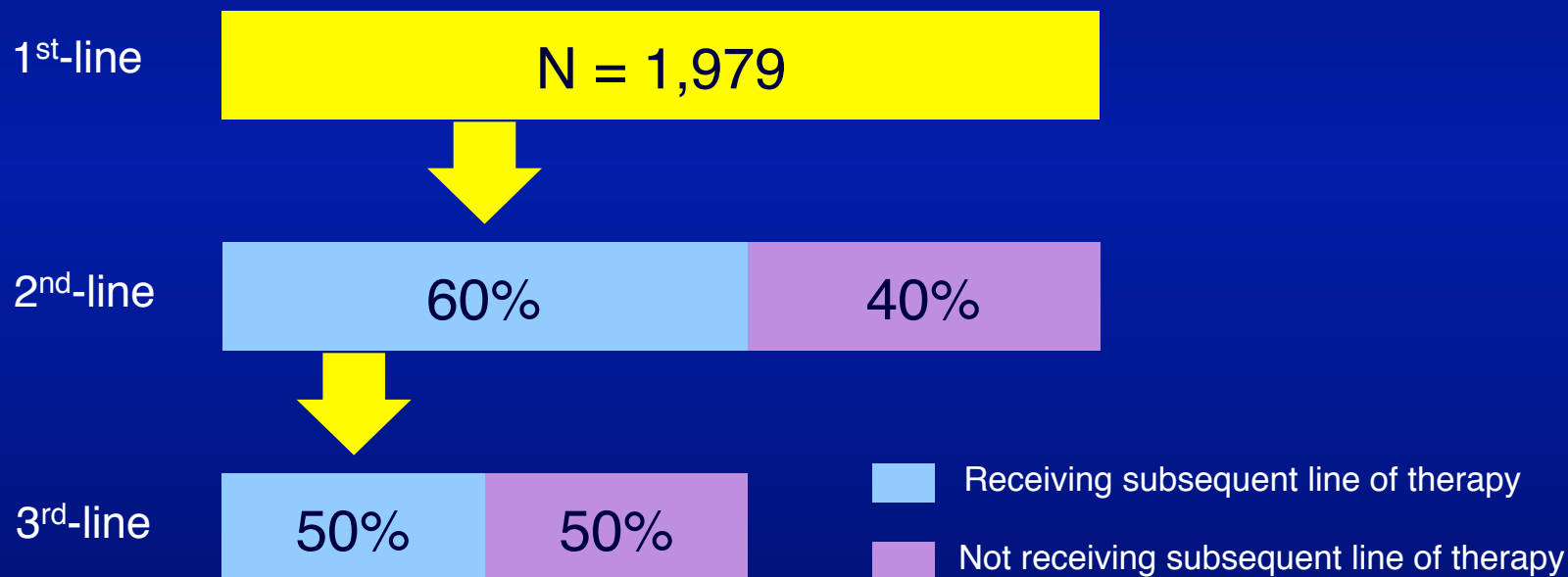
Cisplatin 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1  
Vinorelbine 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1, 8  
Cetuximab 225–400 mg/m<sup>2</sup> x 1 →  
250 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/wk

Cisplatin 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Day 1  
Vinorelbine 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> Days 1, 8  
1 cycle = 3 wks

Overall Survival  
HR = 0.87,  $p = .044$   
**11.3 mos** vs. 10.1 mos  
ORR: 36% vs. 29%

# Why Is Maintenance Therapy Important?

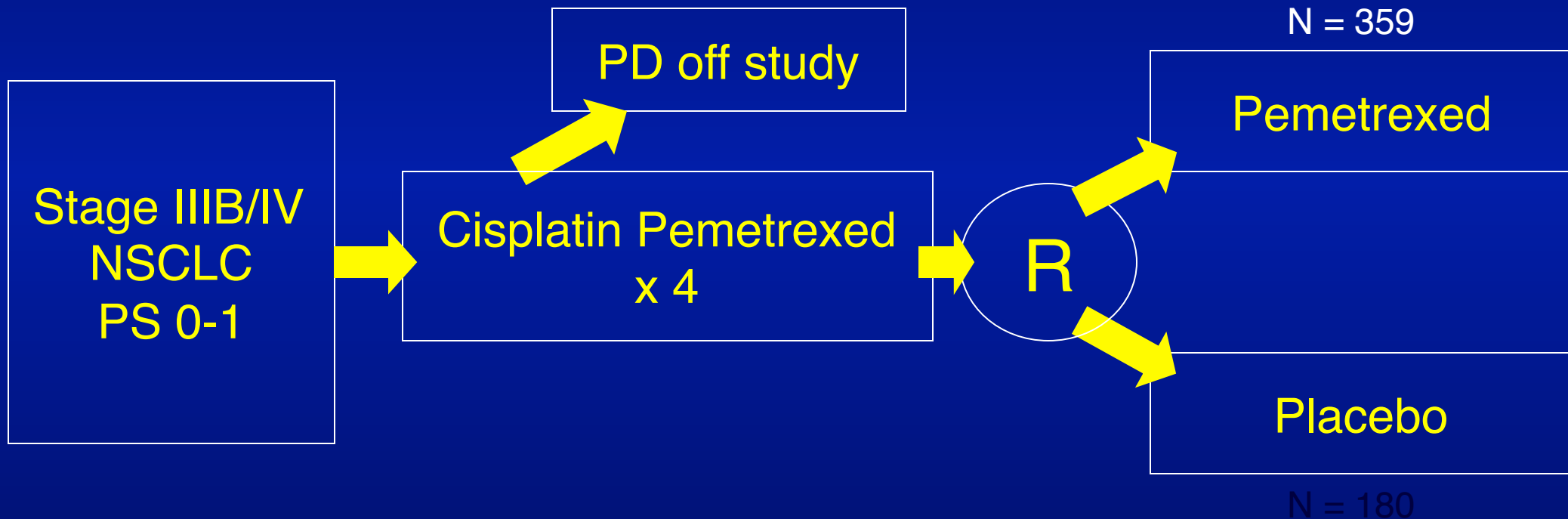
## Observed “second-line” Treatment Rates



IntrinsiQ longitudinal data. 2005-2007

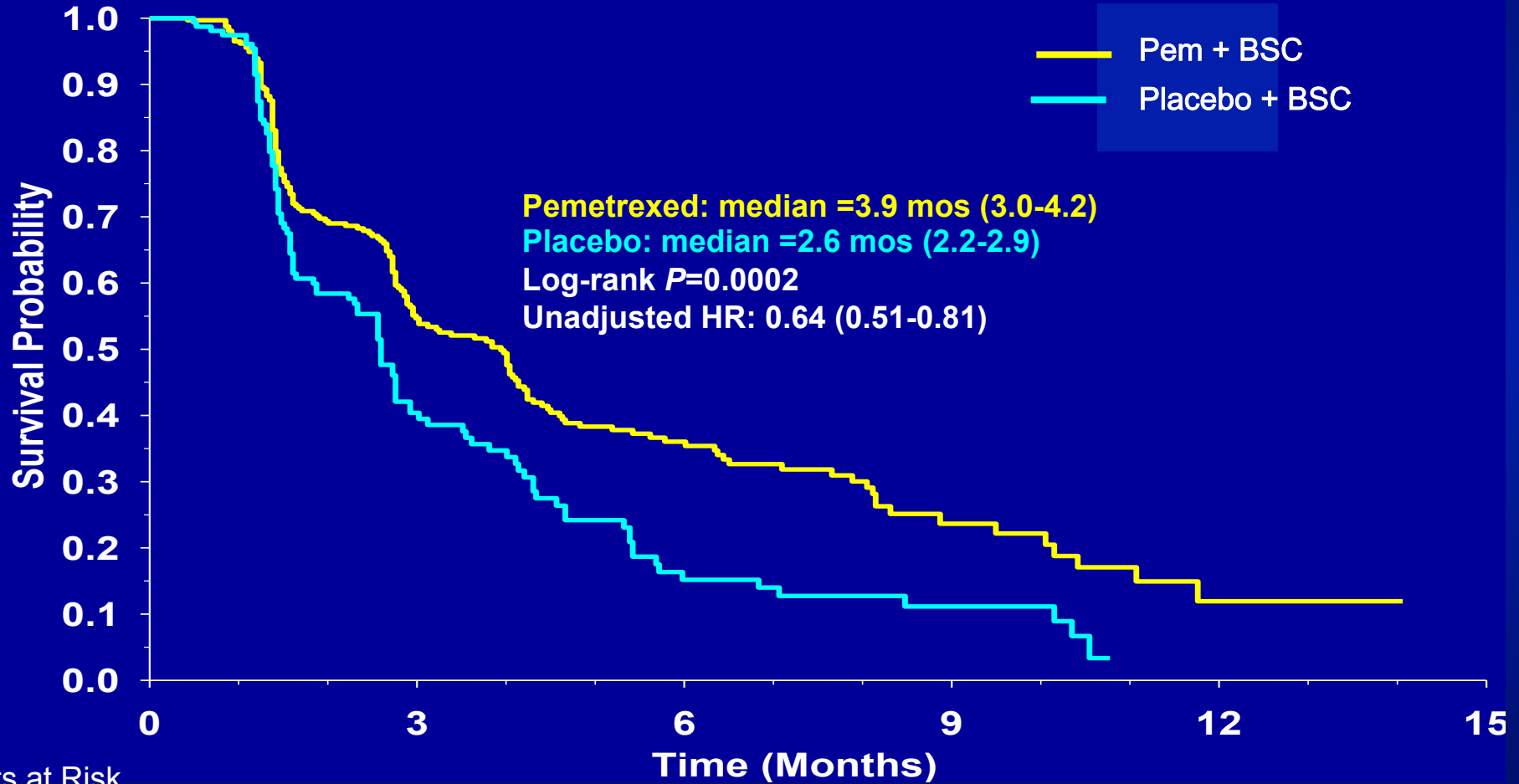
Average pts sampled per year: 1st-line (1,979), 2nd-line (1,182), 3rd-line (679).

# “Continuation” Maintenance PARAMOUNT



# PARAMOUNT: PFS (from Maintenance)

◆ 88% of patients were independently reviewed (472/539)

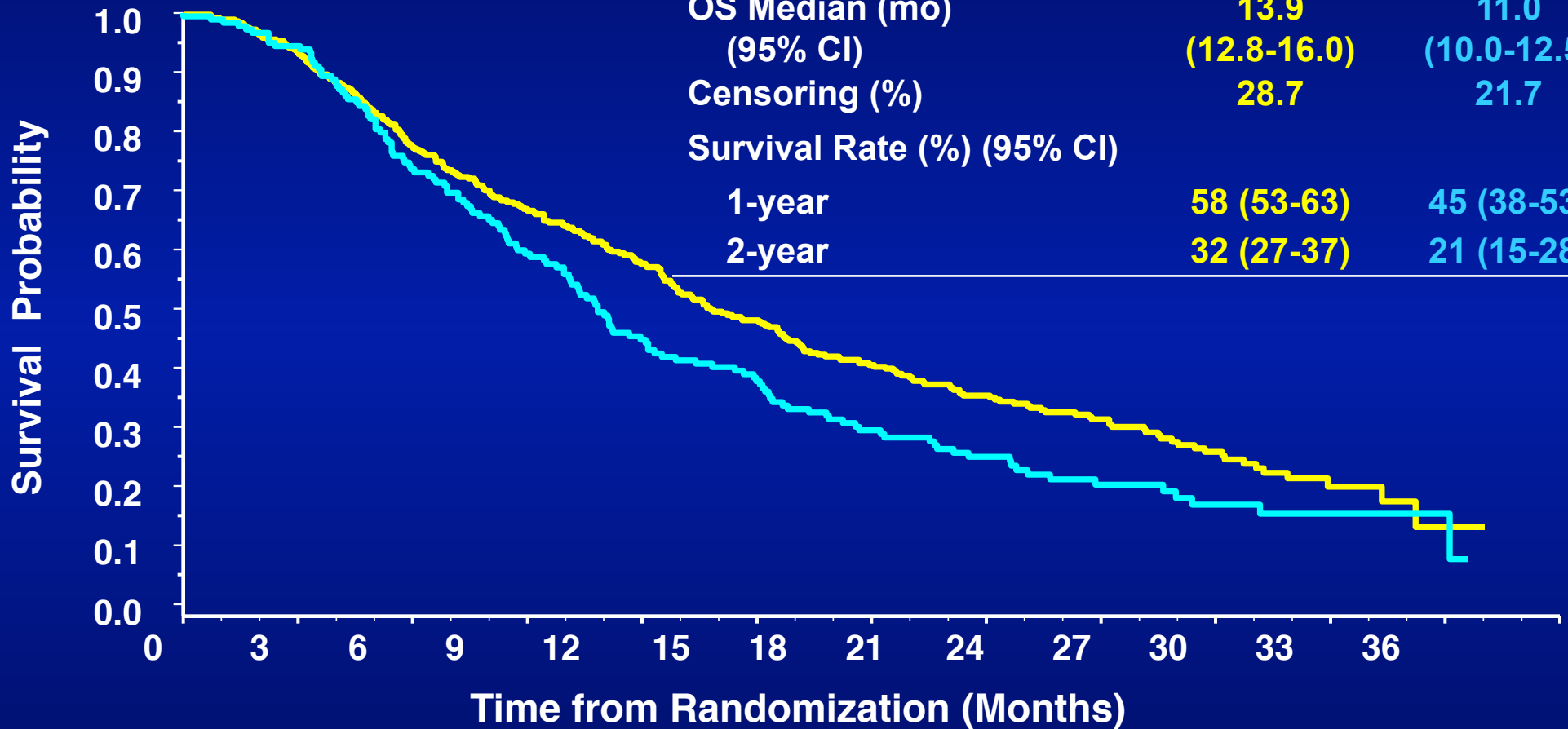


Pem + BSC	N=316	128	56	16	4	0
Placebo + BSC	N=156	44	13	7	0	0

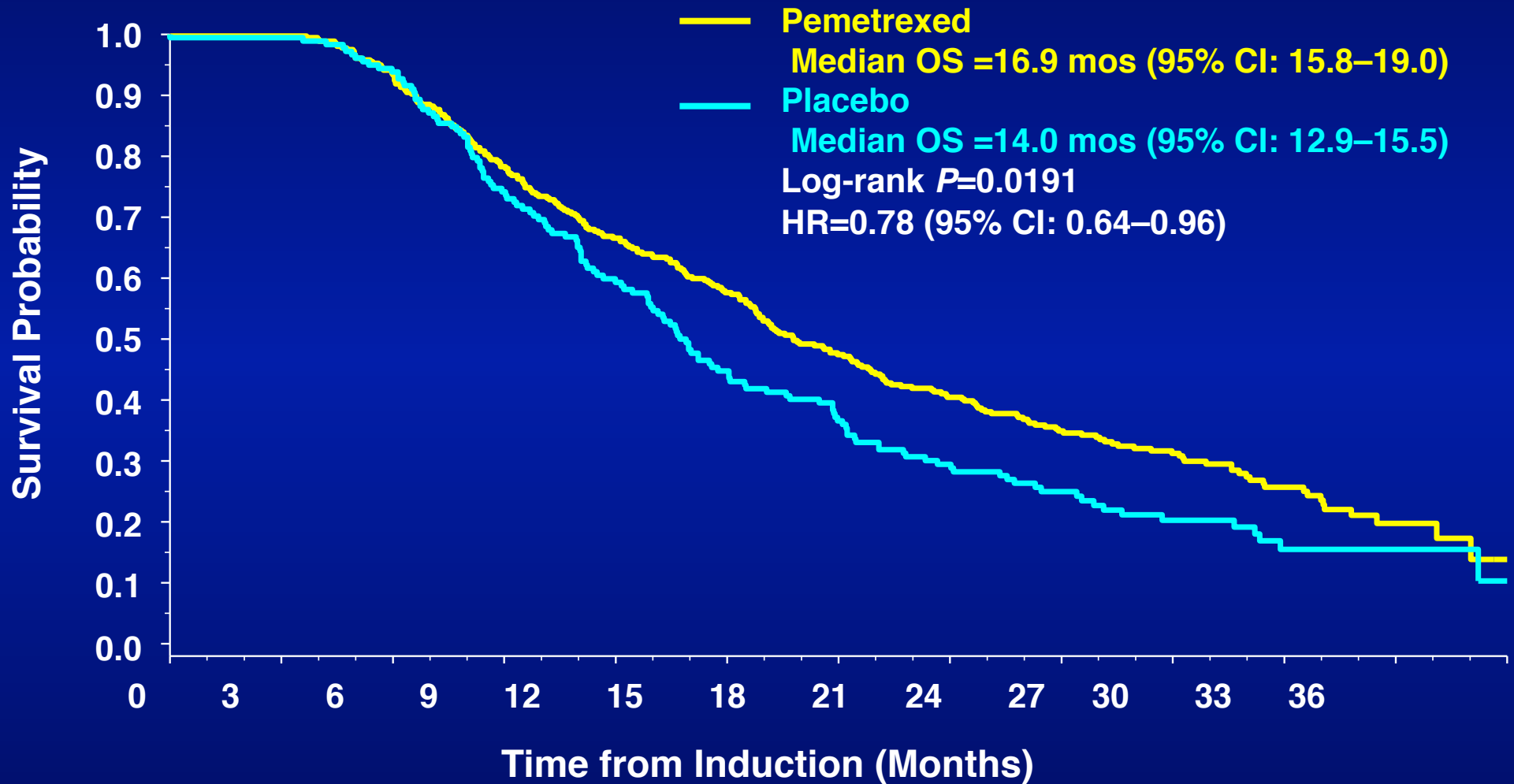


# PARAMOUNT: OS (from Maintenance)

	Pem	Placebo
OS Median (mo)	<b>13.9</b>	11.0
(95% CI)	<b>(12.8-16.0)</b>	(10.0-12.5)
Censoring (%)	<b>28.7</b>	21.7
Survival Rate (%) (95% CI)		
1-year	<b>58 (53-63)</b>	45 (38-53)
2-year	<b>32 (27-37)</b>	21 (15-28)



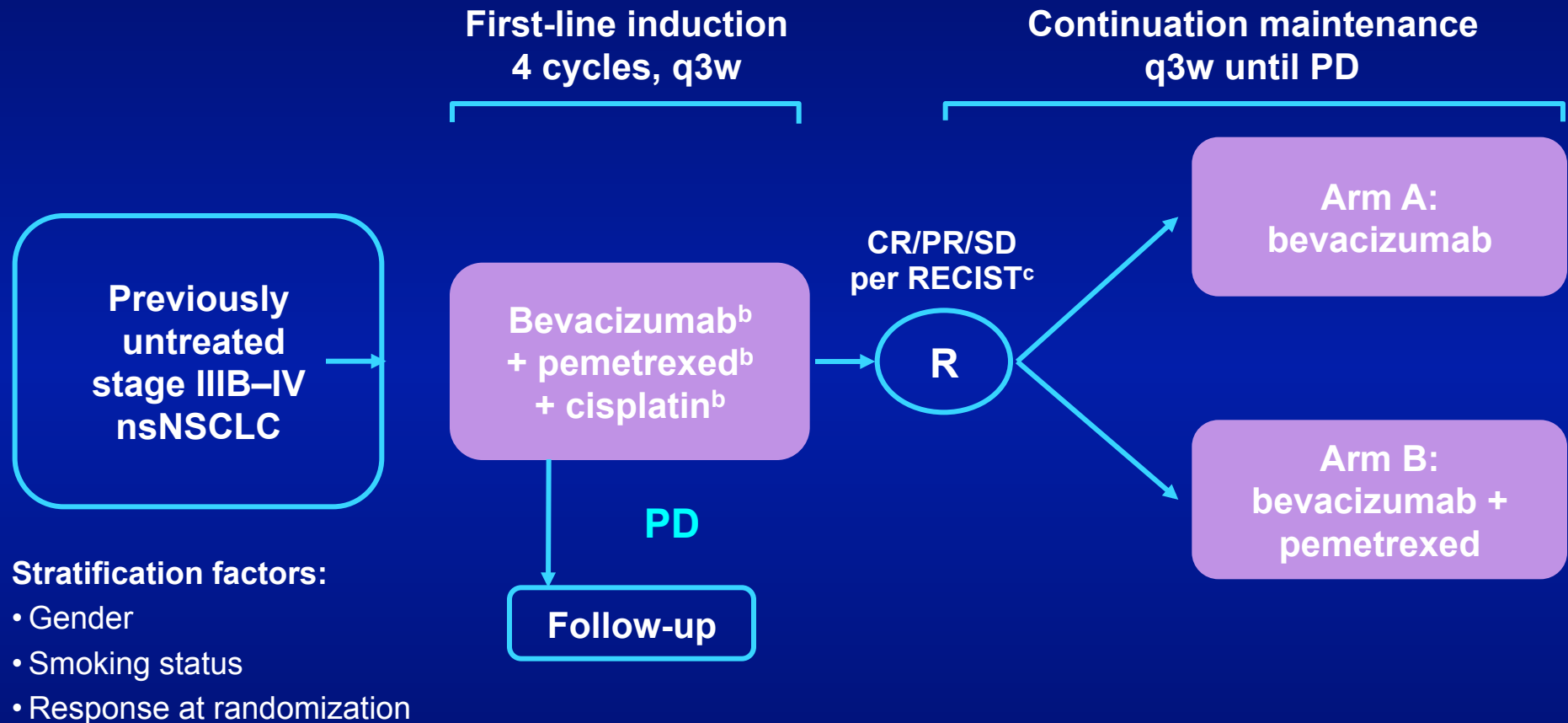
# PARAMOUNT: OS (from Induction)



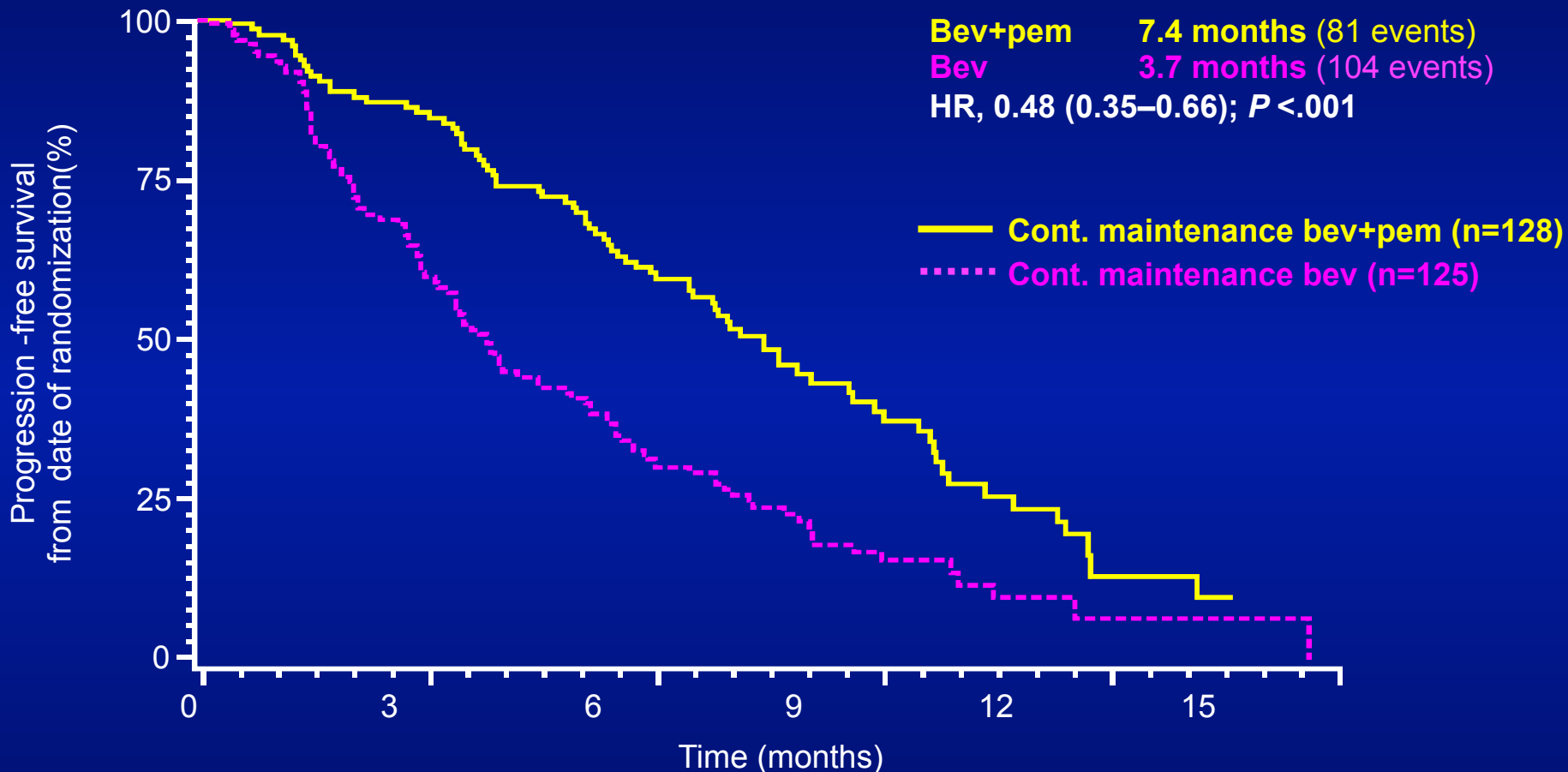
# PARAMOUNT: 2<sup>nd</sup> line therapy

	Continuation Maintenance	Placebo
Any	58%	64%
Erlotinib	31%	37%
Docetaxel	29%	35%
Gemcitabine	8%	3%
Vinorelbine	4%	2%
Bevacizumab	2%	<1%
Cisplatin	2%	<1%
Other	12%	8%

# “Continuation” Maintenance AVAPERL



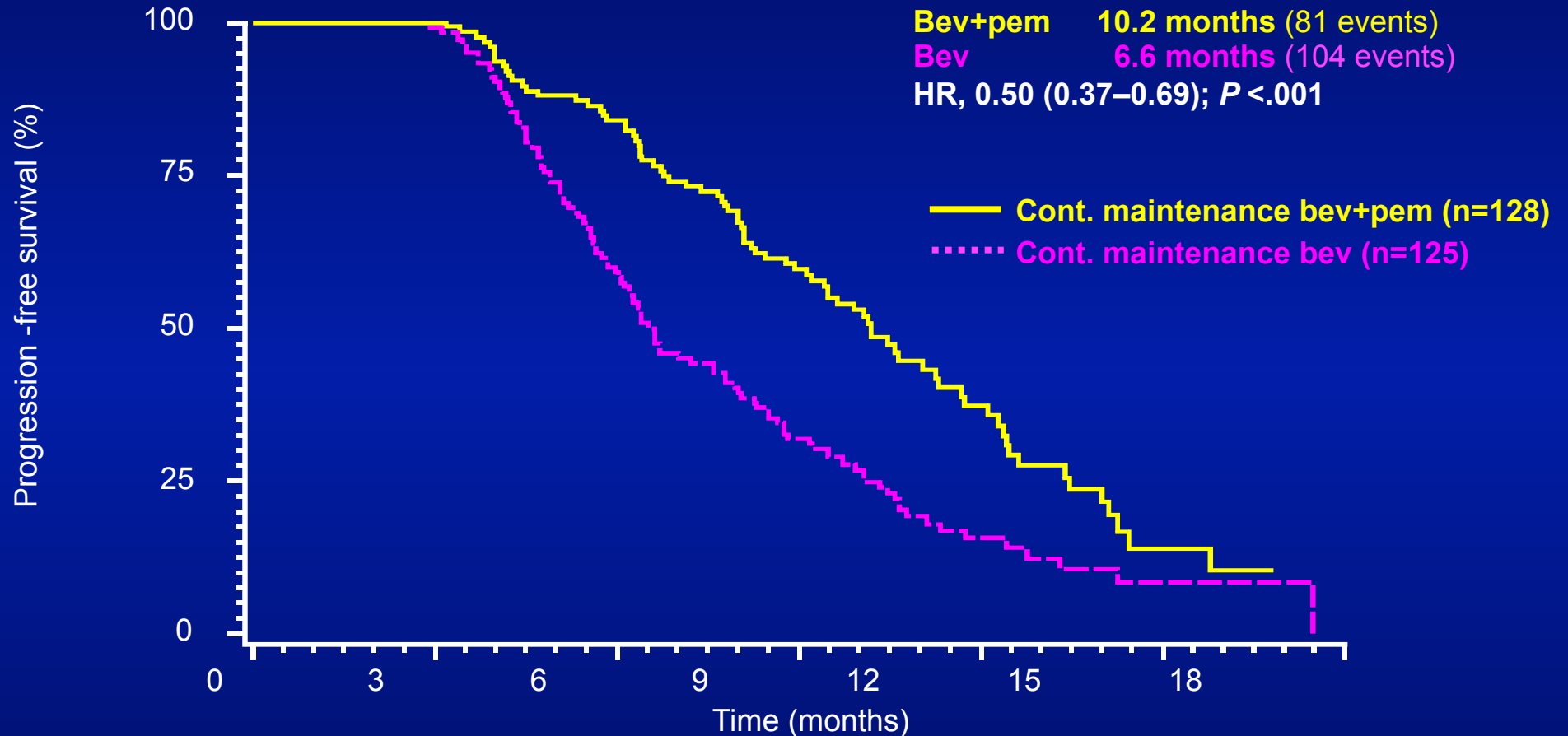
# AVAPERL: PFS (from Maintenance)



Pts at risk

Bev+pem	128	104	67	25	4	0
Bev	125	73	36	13	2	0

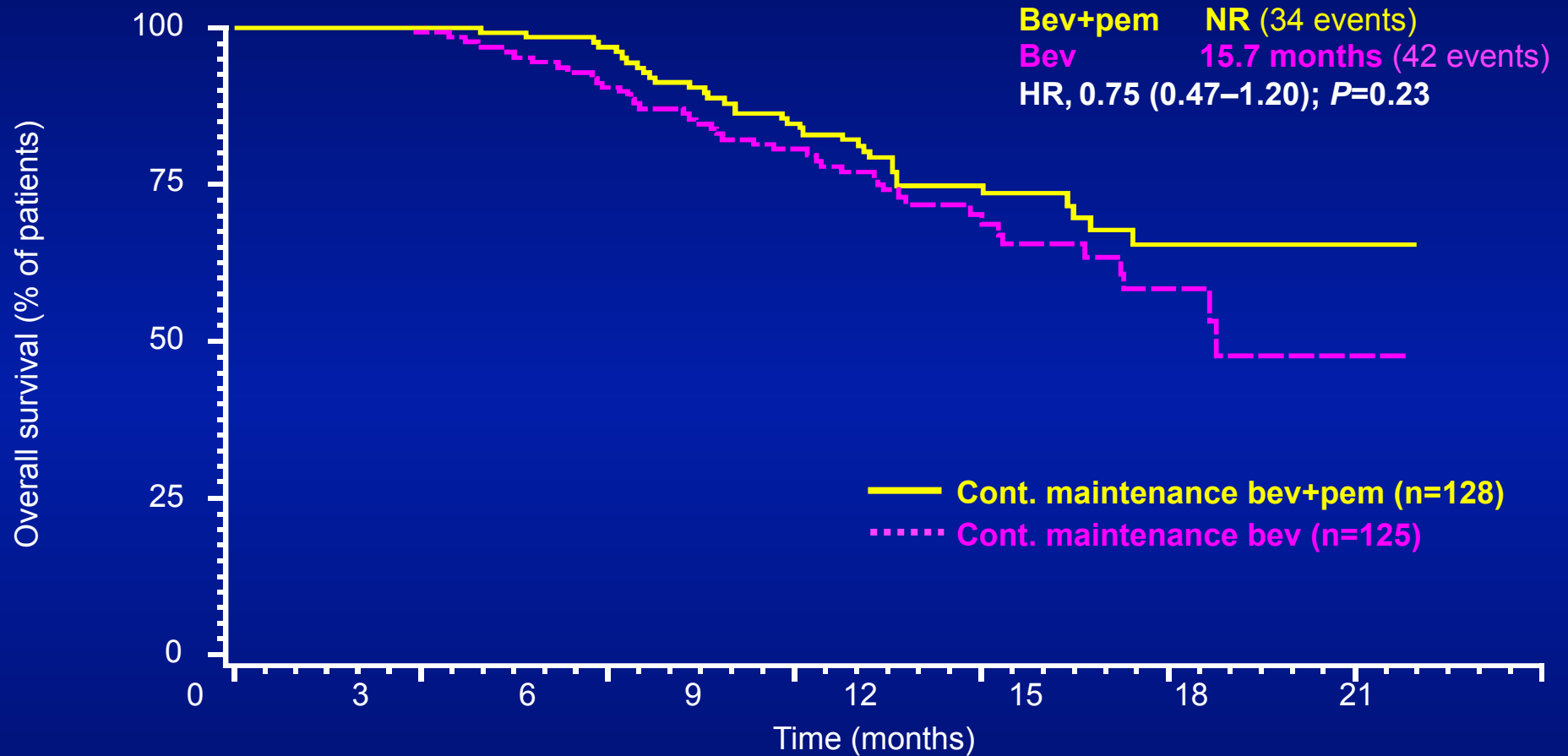
# AVAPERL: PFS (from Induction)



Pts at risk

Bev+pem	128	126	103	66	25	4	0
Bev	125	122	73	38	12	2	0

# AVAPERL: OS (from Induction)



Pts at risk

Bev+pem	128	127	120	103	56	20	3	0
	125	123	110	96	45	17	2	0

# Chemotherapy for Stage IV NSCLC

Survival	No Chemo	Cyto-toxic chemo	Carbo + taxol + bev	Pem + cis non-squam	“4 cycles” + maint.
MST (mo)	6	10	12	12	17
1-year (%)	10	40	50	50	70
2-year (%)	1	15	20	20	40

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# Putting it all together: POINTBREAK Study

## Eligibility:

- Stage III/IV NSCLC
  - Nonsquamous
  - No prior chemotherapy
  - Treated brain metastases
  - PS 0/1
  - Measurable disease
  - Prior radiation allowed
- N = 900

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1:1

Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg  
+ pemetrexed/carboplatin  
q3wk up to 4 cycles

Bevacizumab +  
Pemetrexed

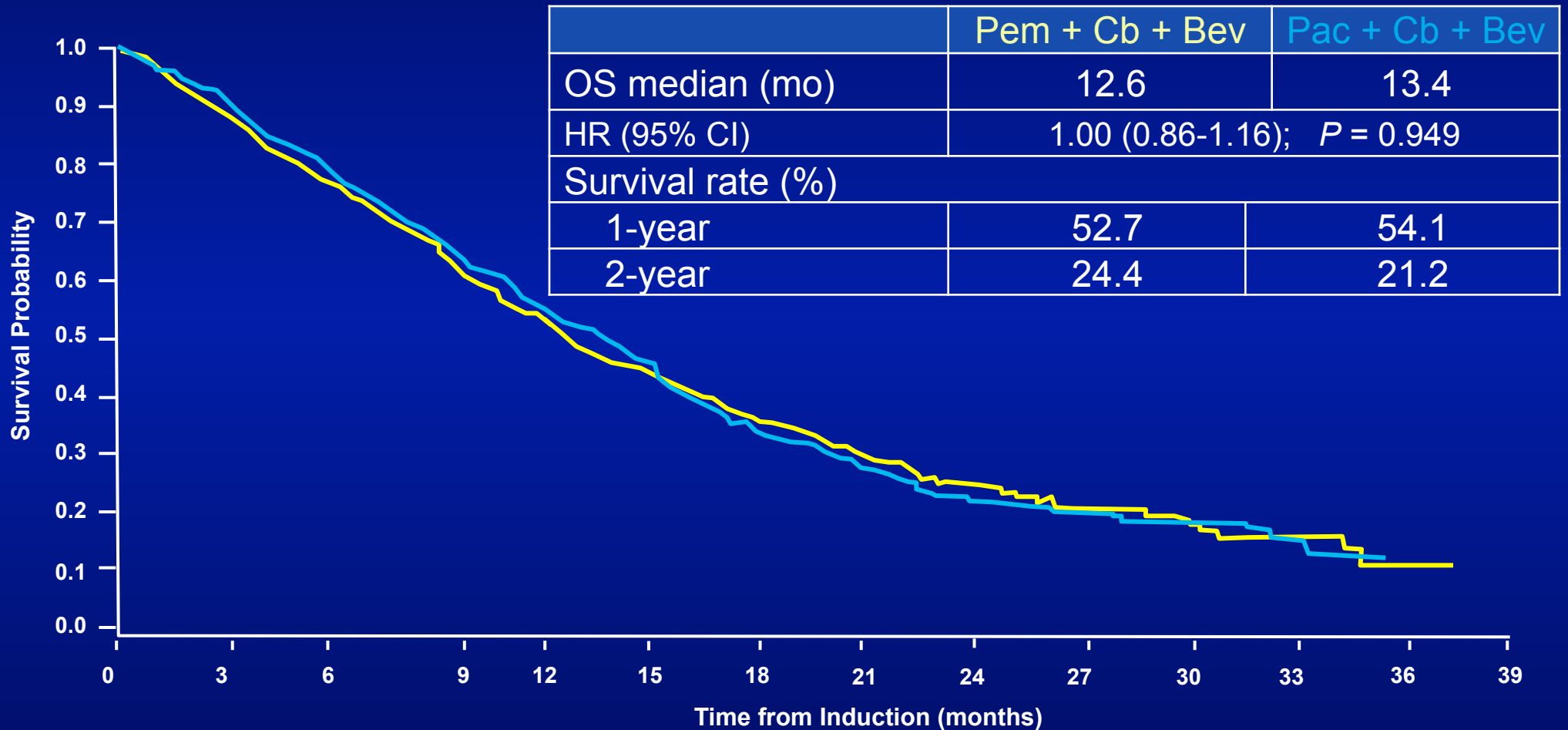
PD

Bevacizumab 15 mg/kg  
+ paclitaxel/carboplatin  
q3wk up to 4 cycles

Bevacizumab

Primary endpoint: OS  
Secondary endpoint: PFS  
Superiority trial

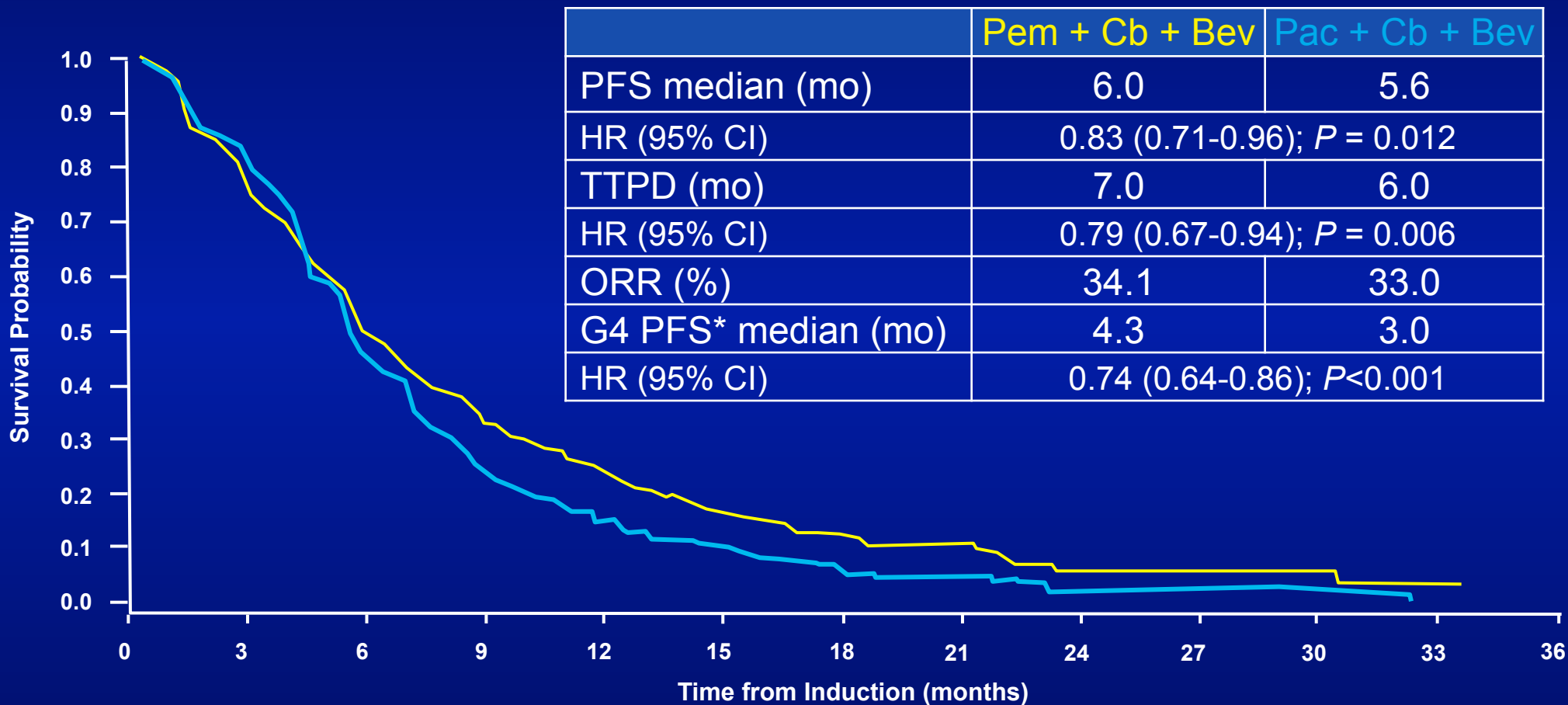
# POINTBREAK: OS



Censoring rate for Pem + Cb + Bev was 27.8%; for Pac + Cb + Bev was 27.2%.

Patel J et al. 2012 Multidisciplinary Symposium in Thoracic Oncology. Abstract LBDL1.

# POINTBREAK: PFS



\*Exploratory analysis.

ORR = overall response rate; PFS = progression-free survival; TTPD = time to disease progression.

Censoring rate for Pem + Cb + Bev was 26.9%; for Pac + Cb + Bev was 23.3%.

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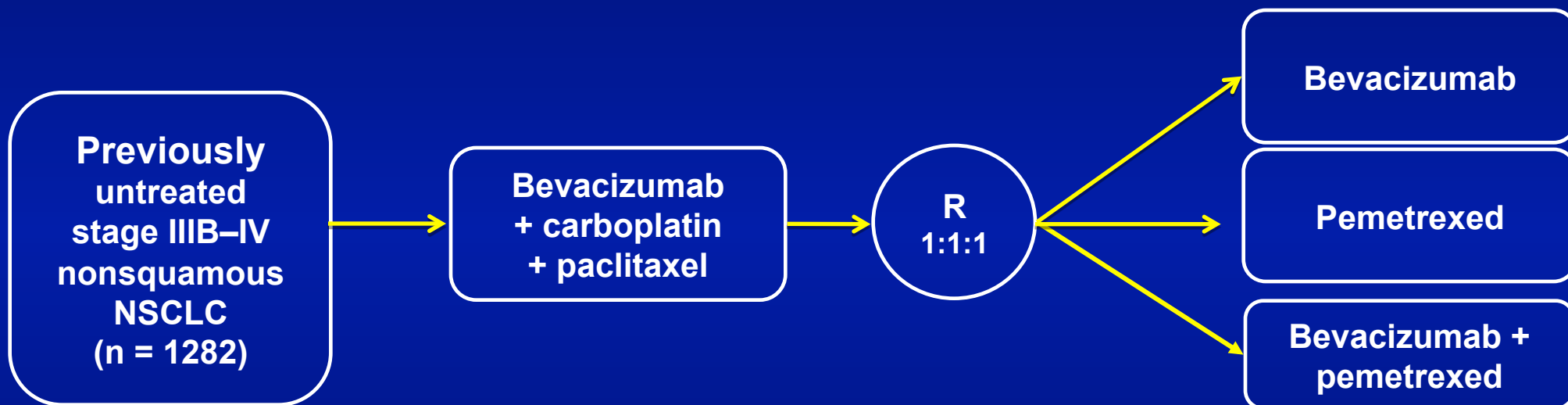
# Putting it all together

- The key is to figure out which drug to give to which patient.
- Once you are on an effective drug, stay on it as tolerated. (Most patients are unable to tolerate more than 6 cycles of platinum, or taxanes.)
- Finding the right drug is more important than the concept of “maintenance” therapy

# What about “switch” maintenance?

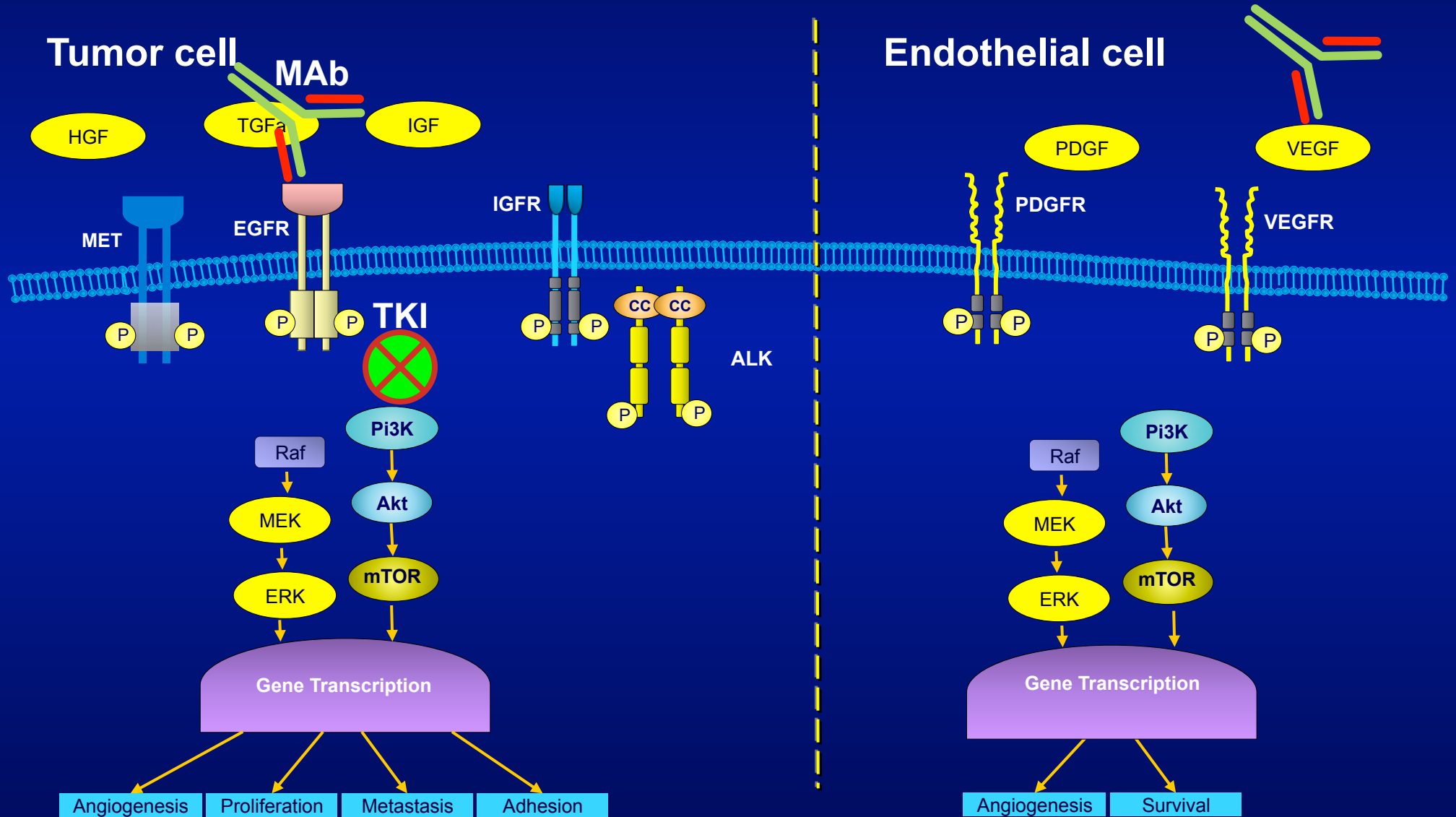
Drug	N	PFS	OS
Docetaxel v. delay	309	5.7 2.7	12.3 9.7
Pemetrexed v. placebo	663	4.0 2.0	13.4 10.6
Erlotinib v. placebo	889	12 wks 11 wks	12.0 11.0
Erlotinib + bevacizumab v. bevacizumab	768	4.8 3.7	15.9 13.9

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**Primary endpoint: OS**

# Molecular Targets for New Drugs



# 1<sup>st</sup>-line EGFR TKI for *EGFR* mutation

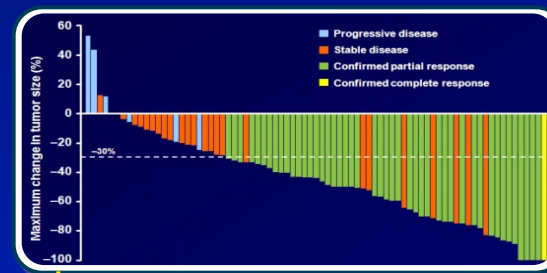
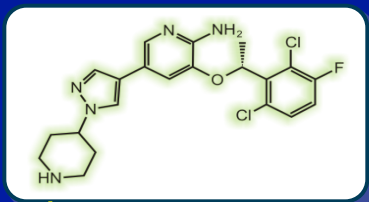
Study	Drugs	ORR	PFS	OS
<b>IPASS</b> Yang, ESMO 2010	gefitinib vs. carbo + paclitaxel	<b>71%</b>  47%	N=261 <b>HR 0.48</b> P<.0001	HR 1.00 P=0.990
<b>First-SIGNAL</b> Lee, IASLC 2009	gefitinib vs. cis + gemcitabine	<b>85%</b>  37%	N=42 <b>HR 0.62</b> P=.084	HR 0.82 P=.648
<b>WJTOG 3405</b> Tsurutani ESMO 2009	gefitinib vs. cis + docetaxel	<b>62%</b>  32%	N=172 <b>HR 0.49</b> P<.001	Not reported
<b>NEJ 002</b> Maemondo NEJM 2010	gefitinib vs. carbo + paclitaxel	<b>74%</b>  31%	N=228 <b>HR 0.30</b> P<.001	HR NS P=0.31
<b>OPTIMAL</b> Zhou, ESMO 2010	erlotinib vs. carbo + gemcitabine	<b>83%</b>  36%	N=154 <b>HR 0.16</b> P<.0001	Not reported
<b>LUX-Lung 3</b> ASCO, 2012	afatinib vs. cis + pemetrexed	<b>56%</b>  23%	N=345 <b>HR 0.58</b> P=.0004	Not reported



# Crizotinib

## Identification of the transforming *EML4-ALK* fusion gene in non-small-cell lung cancer

Manabu Soda<sup>1,2</sup>, Young Lim Choi<sup>1</sup>, Munehiro Enomoto<sup>1,2</sup>, Shuji Takada<sup>1</sup>, Yoshihiro Yamashita<sup>1</sup>, Shunpei Ishikawa<sup>5</sup>, Shin-ichiro Fujiwara<sup>1</sup>, Hideki Watanabe<sup>1</sup>, Kentaro Kurashina<sup>1</sup>, Hisashi Hatanaka<sup>1</sup>, Masashi Bando<sup>2</sup>, Shoji Ohno<sup>2</sup>, Yuichi Ishikawa<sup>6</sup>, Hiroyuki Aburatani<sup>3,7</sup>, Toshiro Niki<sup>3</sup>, Yasunori Sahara<sup>4</sup>, Yukihiko Sugiyama<sup>2</sup> & Hiroyuki Mano<sup>1,7</sup>



Lead compound identified

Clinical testing begins

Discovery of *EML4-ALK* fusion gene<sup>1</sup>

First clinical responses observed in ALK+ tumors

Phase 3 lung cancer trial initiated

ASCO plenary of expanded ALK+ cohort<sup>2</sup>

FDA approval

EMA approval

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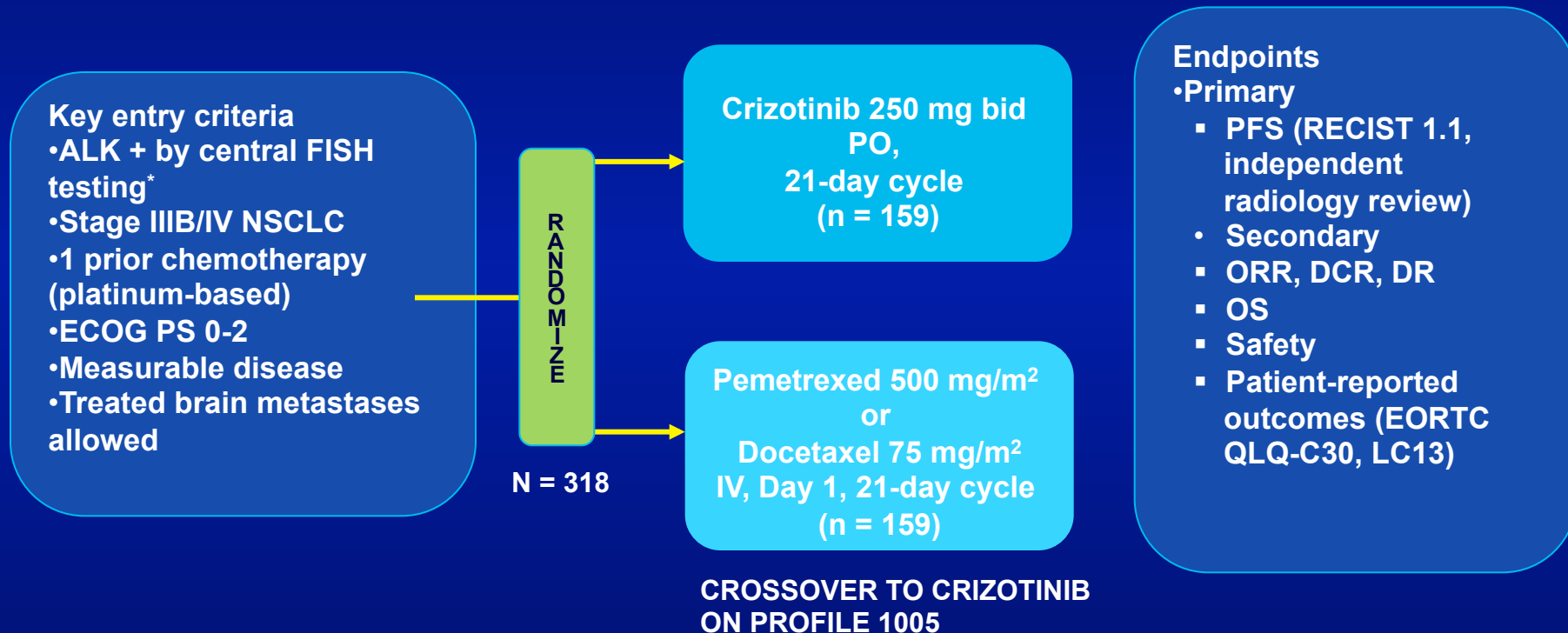
2012

Rapid timeline from compound identification, target discovery, and clinical results

1. Soda M et al. *Nature*. 2007;448:561-566.
2. Bang JY et al. ASCO 2010 Annual Meeting. Abstract 3.

# Crizotinib Phase III

## Study Design



PROFILE 1007:NCT00932893

\*ALK status determined using standard ALK break-apart FISH assay.

Stratification factors: ECOG PS (0/1 vs 2), brain metastases (present/absent), and prior EGFR TKI (yes/no).

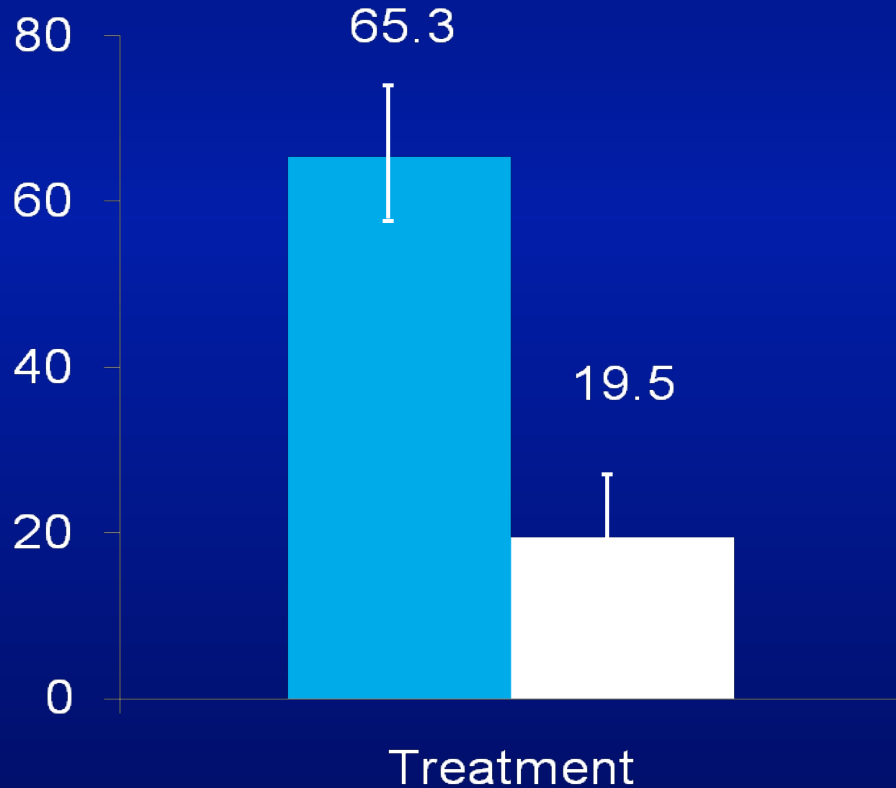
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# Crizotinib Phase III

ORR ratio 3.4 (95% CI, 2.5-4.7);  $P < 0.0001$

■ Crizotinib (n = 173)

■ Chemotherapy (n = 174)

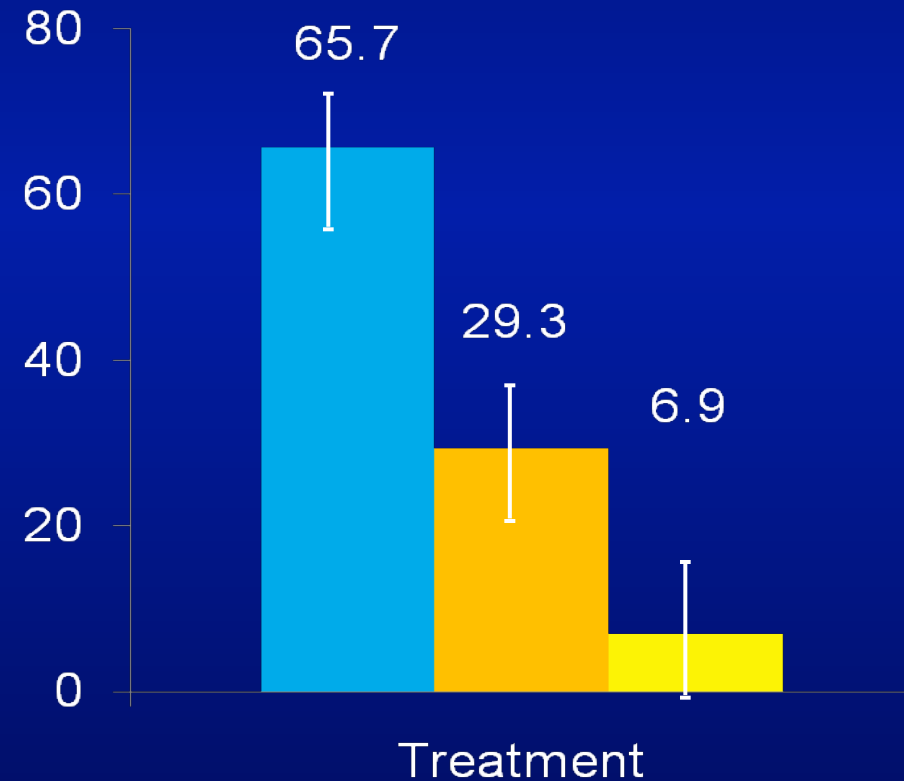


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■ Crizotinib (n = 172)

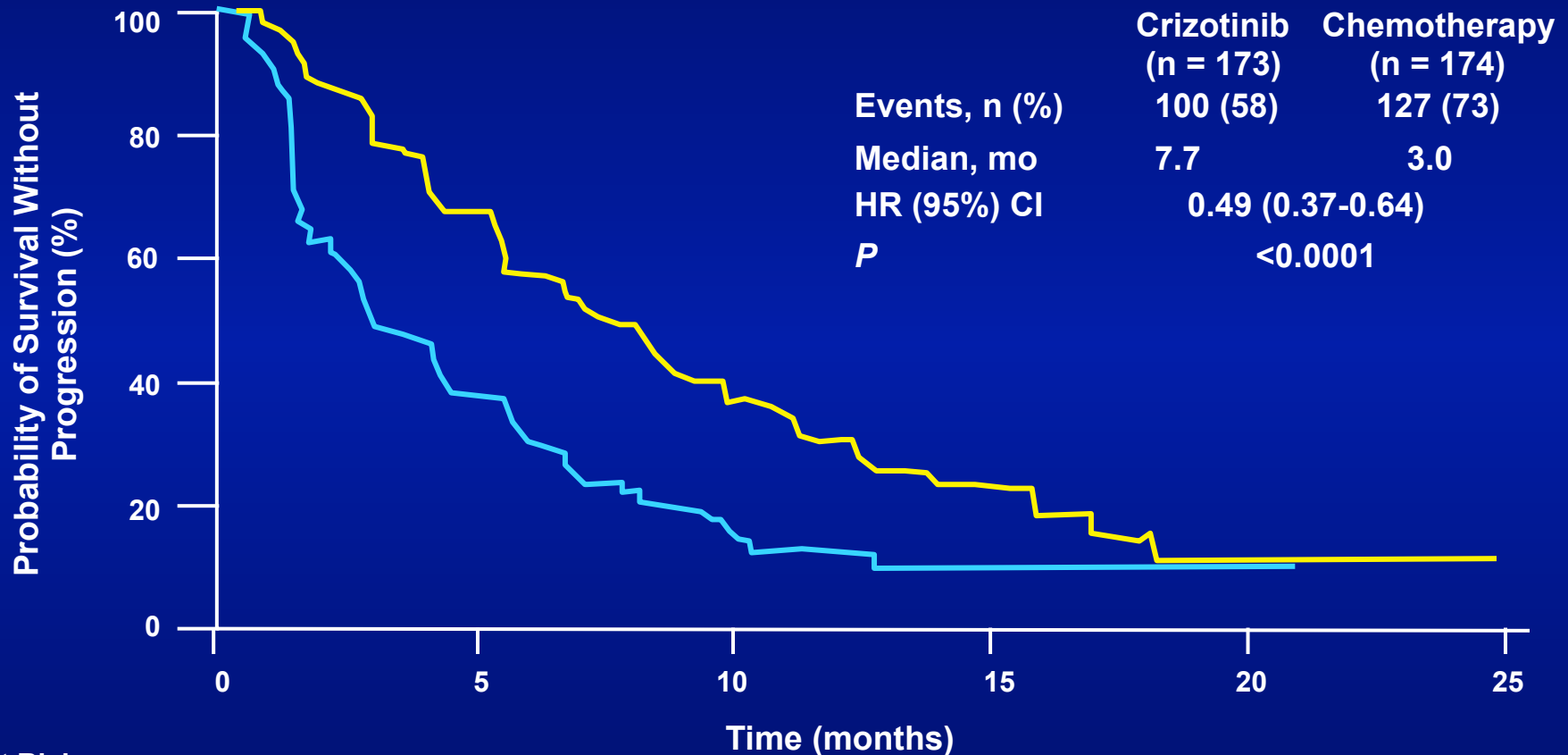
■ Pemetrexed (n = 99)

■ Docetaxel (n = 72)



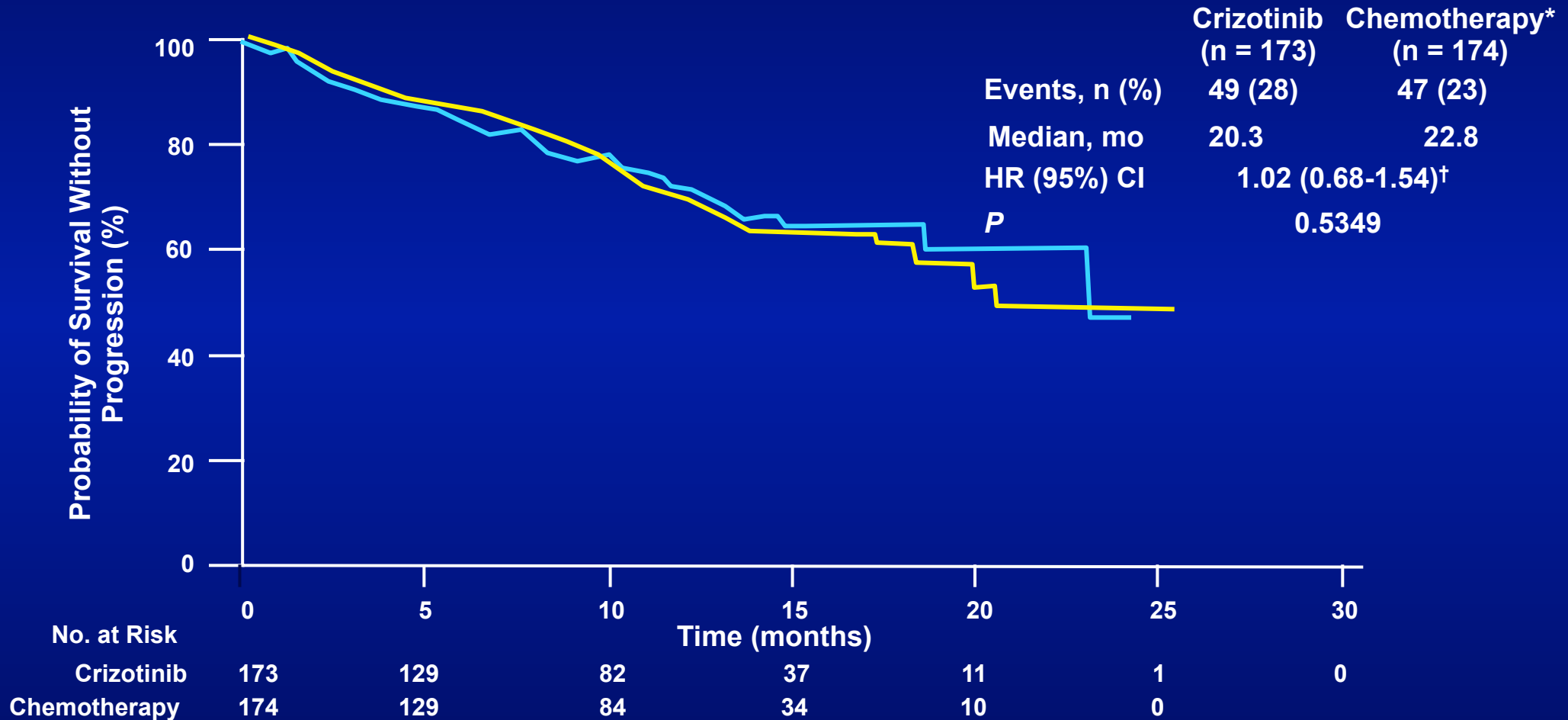
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# Crizotinib Phase III



No. at Risk		0	5	10	15	20	25
Crizotinib	173	93	38	11	2	0	0
Chemotherapy	174	49	15	4	1	0	0

# Crizotinib Phase III



\*111 patients crossed over to crizotinib outside PROFILE 1007.

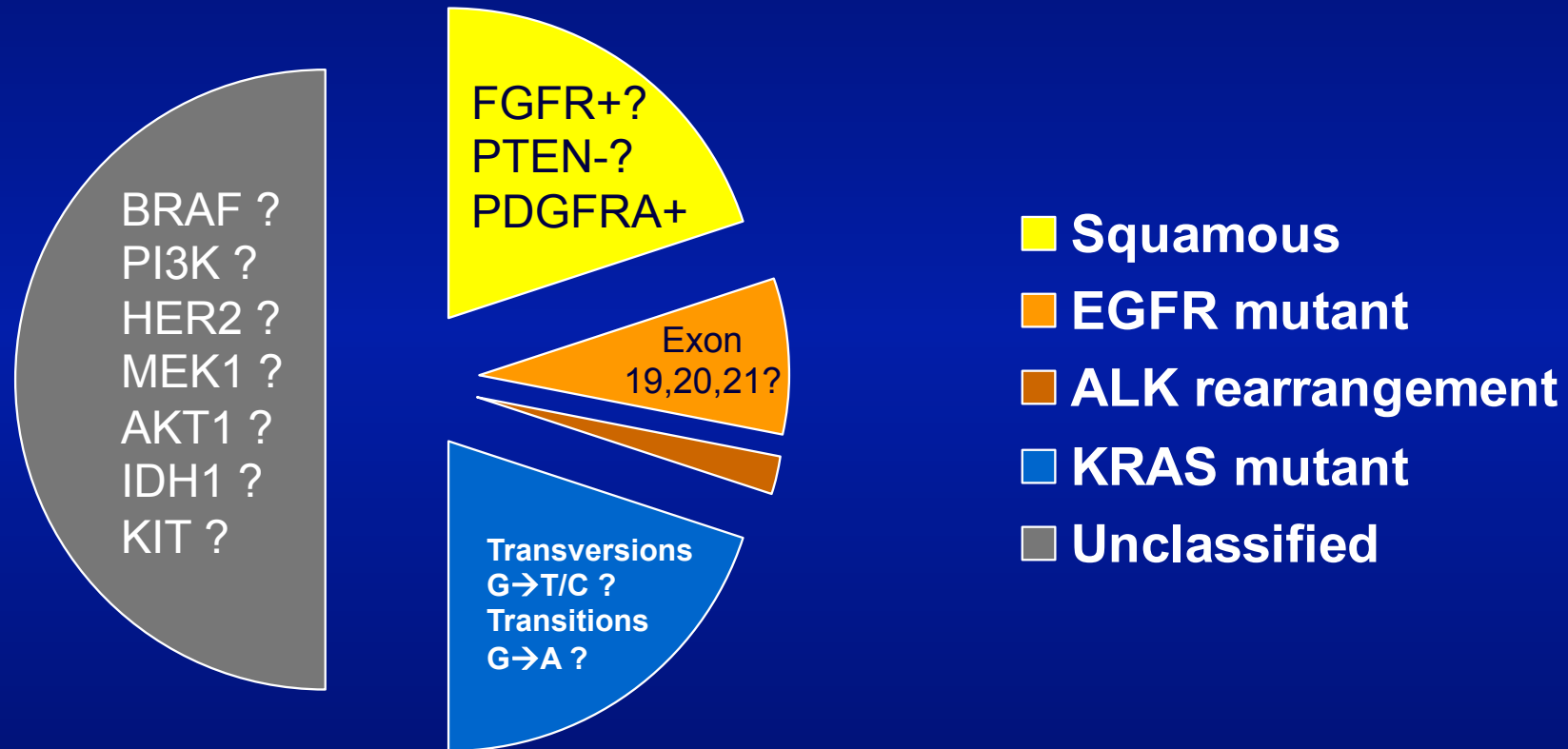
<sup>†</sup>HR adjusted for crossover using rank-preserving structural failure time method: 0.83 (0.36-1.35).

# Chemotherapy for Stage IV NSCLC

Survival	No Chemo	Cyto-toxic chemo	Carbo + taxol + bev	Pem + cis non-squam	“4 cycles” + maint.	EGFR TKI for EGFR mutant	ALK TKI for ALK trans
MST (mo)	6	10	12	12	17	24	24
1-year (%)	10	40	50	50	70	80	80
2-year (%)	1	15	20	20	40	50	50

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# Stage IV NSCLC: Clinically Relevant Subgroups, 2013



# Chemotherapy for Extensive Stage Small Cell Lung Cancer

Survival	No Chemo	Best Cytotoxic chemo
MST (mo)	3	10
1-year (%)	1	35
2-year (%)	0	8



**“Don’t smoke cigarettes !”**



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  - More drugs
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  - Better drugs
- Clinically relevant subgroups, 2013