

# CARCINOMA DIFFERENZIATO DELLA TIROIDE

## Il trattamento chirurgico

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# Una dedica speciale ..



**Ippolito G. Donini**

**Gemellaggio Atene | Ferrara,  
Aprile 1977**

**una Cattedra sul ...  
Partenone**

# Controversie & Dilemmi

La scelta della estensione della tiroidectomia  
nella terapia chirurgia iniziale

La scelta del trattamento dei linfonodi cervicali

Il rischio delle complicazioni concomitanti

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Despite general recognition of the varying biologic behavior of well-differentiated thyroid cancers, their management is controversial

### Key Issues:

- The extend of thyroidectomy
- The indications for and the extend of lymph node dissection
- There no randomized prospective clinical trials on the relative merits of the different operative procedures for thyroid cancer

# Controversie & Dilemmi: '90

## Endocrine Surgery Update

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Although there is a general agreement about management of lymph node metastases, the central issue of controversy continues to be the surgery of the primary tumor

## Key Issues:

- The extend of thyroidectomy
- The only argument against acceptance of total thyroidectomy is the greater potential for complications

# Controversie & Dilemme: 2013

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Managing differentiated thyroid carcinoma can be a challenge, because no prospective randomized trials of treatment have been done.

## Key Issues:

- The appropriate extent of thyroid resection is **very controversial** for lower risk papillary thyroid cancer
- No significant differences were found in cancer-specific mortality or distant metastases rate between total vs ipsilateral thyroidectomy
- The morbidity often associated with total thyroidectomy performed outside of major cancer centers is of concern

# Optimal Initial Treatment

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## What Is the Optimal Initial Treatment of Low-Risk Papillary Thyroid Cancer (and Why Is It Controversial)?

By Ernest L. Mazzaferri, MD, MACP<sup>1</sup> | 11 giugno 2009

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- The natural history of papillary thyroid cancer is such that patients who achieve disease-free status after total thyroidectomy and <sup>131</sup>I therapy usually reach normal life expectancy.

# Tiroidectomia totale ?

## Revised American Thyroid Association Management Guidelines for Patients with Thyroid Nodules and Differentiated Thyroid Cancer

The American Thyroid Association (ATA) Guidelines Taskforce  
on Thyroid Nodules and Differentiated Thyroid Cancer

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In caso di carcinoma primitivo di dimensioni >1 cm

In caso di presenza di noduli nel lobo controlaterale

In caso di foci metastatici

Se il paziente ha subito terapia radiante di testa e collo o se un familiare di primo grado ha anamnesi positiva per CDT.

# Tiroidectomia totale o parziale?



From an observational study including > 35.000 patients:

- Survival is similar whether patients undergo lobectomy or total thyroidectomy

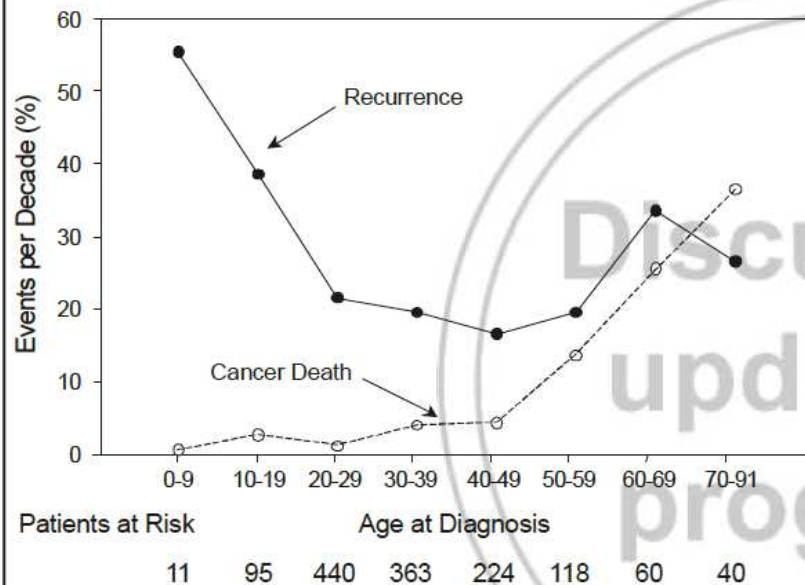
From a multivariate analysis including 52.173 patients:

- Lobectomy-associated recurrence rate is 57% & death rate is 21%

# NCCN Guidelines Version 1.2013

**Figure 1:**

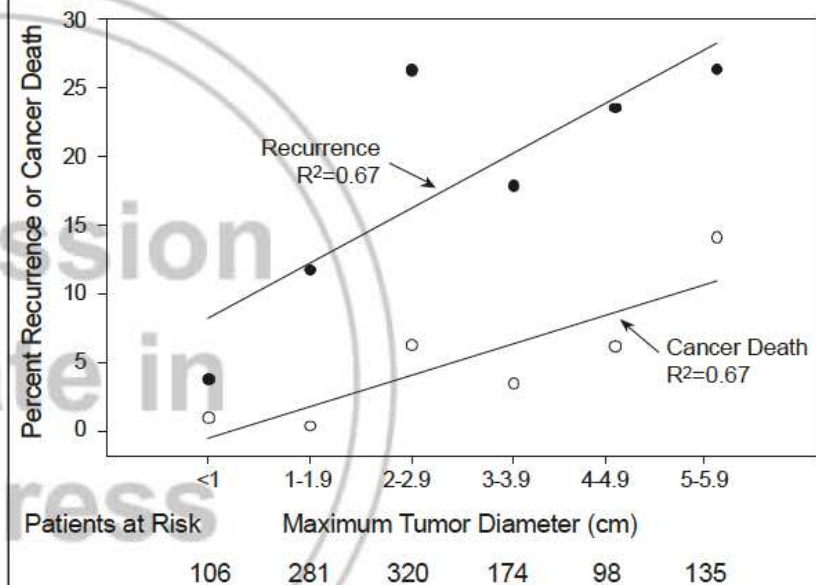
Relationship of cancer recurrence and mortality to patient age at time of diagnosis



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**Figure 2:**

Relationship of cancer recurrence and mortality to tumor size



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# Tiroidectomia totale o parziale?



Associazione Italiana di Medicina Nucleare  
ed *Imaging Molecolare*

Il trattamento iniziale del CDT è chirurgico e si basa sulla tiroidectomia totale o "quasi totale".

L'intervento di lobectomia ed istmectomia è considerato solo nel caso di carcinoma papillare unifocale di diametro  $< 1$  cm, scoperto incidentalmente.

Tale opzione deve essere discussa con il paziente dopo una chiara esposizione del problema.

# Cosa facciamo noi...



## Tiroidectomia Totale

374 Casi di CDT(Papillare)

2004 | 2011

Recidive 1,3% (5 casi)

Mortalità 0%

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2004 | 2011  
374 CDT|Papillare

# Trattamento dei LN(0) cervicali

*Review Article*

## **Controversies in the Management of Papillary Thyroid Cancer Revisited**

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- The issue that remains is whether the presence of microscopic lymph node metastases has any adverse effect on clinical outcome
- Several reports have demonstrated that performing a routine *profilactic* CND during total thyroidectomy is associated with a higher morbidity than thyroidectomy alone

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# Trattamento dei LN(0) cervicali



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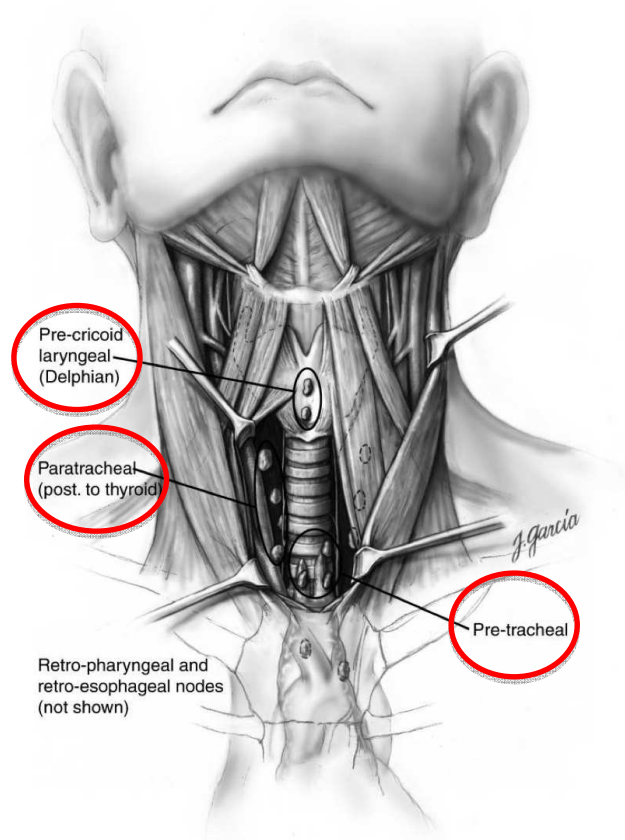
### EDITORIAL

Prophylactic Central-Neck Dissection  
for Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma: A Thin  
Line between Benefit and Risk

- **Eliminating all disease remains elusive** and the prognostic significance of cervical disease persistence and recurrence is still unknown
- Argument against prophylactic CND mainly concern the complications
- The high price of complications is not counterbalanced by any measurable oncologic gain

# Trattamento dei LN(0) cervicali

*Linee Guida SIE-AIMN-AIFM per il Trattamento e Follow-up del Carcinoma Differenziato della Tiroide / 2004*



- Lo svuotamento del compartimento centrale del collo dovrebbe essere eseguito in tutti i casi.
- La linfadenectomia “di principio” delle altre catene cervicali, a scopo profilattico, non é invece la terapia di scelta nel carcinoma tiroideo differenziato.
- La linfadenectomia omolaterale deve essere eseguita solo in caso di metastasi linfonodali documentate.

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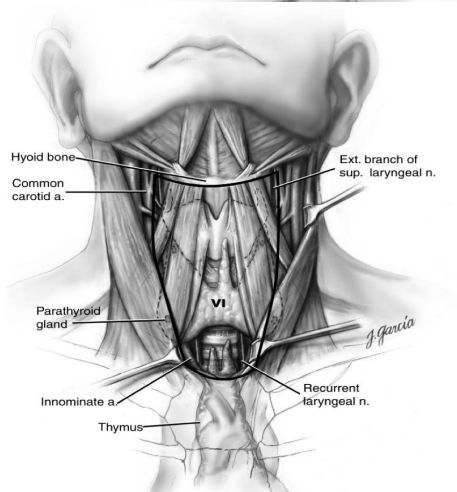
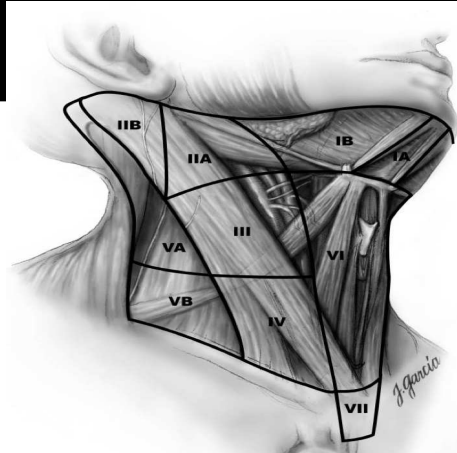
Linfoadenectomia  
selettiva  
compartimentale  
radioguidata  
nel CDT

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**Popolazione dello studio 374 pazienti**

Periodo	02/2004   12/2011
Follow-up	35.5 mesi (range 7-18)
Carcinoma Papillare	345
Carcinoma Follicolare	2
Lesione benigna	27
Carcinoma infiltrante	182 (52.8%)
Carcinoma multifocale	108 (31.3%)
Lesione bilaterale pre op	12 (3.5%)
Carcinoma bilaterale po op	61 (17.7%)

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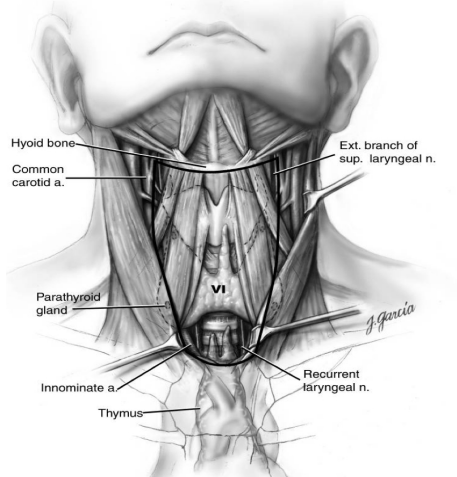
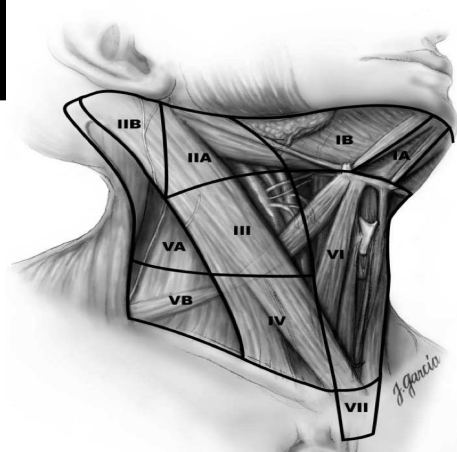


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## Compartimento del Linfonodo Sentinella

Livello VI omolaterale	270 (72.2%)
Livello III   IV omolaterale	86 (23.0%)
Livello VI controlaterale	7 ( 1.9%)
Livello III   IV controlaterale	4 ( 1.1%)
Livello VI bilaterale	2 ( 0.5%)
Livello VI   III   IV omolaterale	4 ( 1.1%)
Livello III   IV   VI controlaterale	1 ( 0.2%)
Drenaggio linfatico alternativo	27%

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## Compartimenti interessati dalle metastasi

Livello VI omolaterale 72 (77.4%)

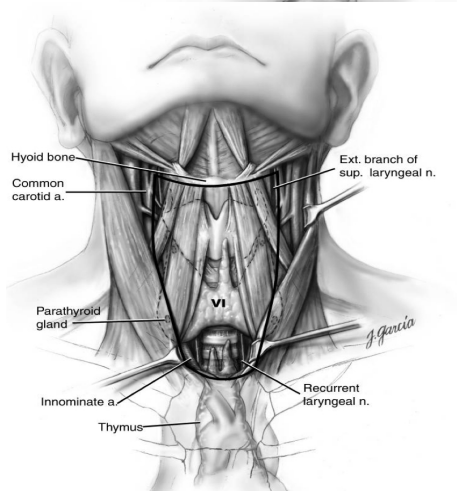
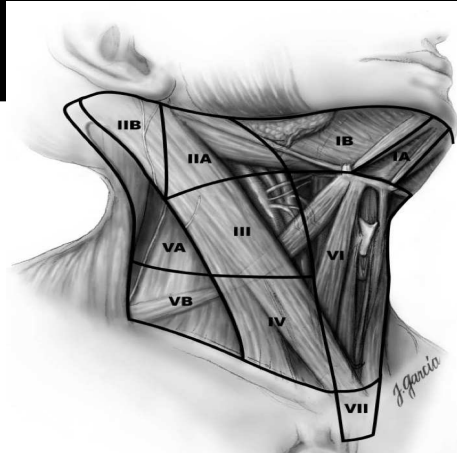
Livello III | IV omolaterale 17 (18.3%)

Livello VI controlaterale 3 ( 3.2%)

Livello VI | III | IV omolaterale 1 ( 1.1%)

Metastasi Linfonodali in sedi alternative 22.6%

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## Metastasi linfonodali riscontrate

	N	NSLN (+) (%)	NSLN ( - ) (%)
<b>Pazienti con</b>			
<b>CPT</b>	<b>345</b>		
<b>SLN (+)</b>	<b>55 (15.9%)</b>	<b>28 (50.9%)</b>	<b>27 (49.1%)</b>
<b>SLN (-)</b>	<b>290 (84.1%)</b>	<b>38 (13.1%)</b>	<b>252 (86.9%)</b>

**Metastasi linfonodali riscontrate 93 (27%)**

# Trattamento dei LN(0) cervicali

## American Thyroid Association Design and Feasibility of a Prospective Randomized Controlled Trial of Prophylactic Central Lymph Node Dissection for Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma

Tobias Carling,<sup>1</sup> Sally E. Carty,<sup>2</sup> Maria M. Ciarleglio,<sup>3</sup> David S. Cooper,<sup>4</sup> Gerard M. Doherty,<sup>5</sup>  
Lawrence T. Kim,<sup>6</sup> Richard T. Kloos,<sup>7</sup> Ernest L. Mazzaferri Sr.,<sup>8</sup> Peter N. Peduzzi,<sup>3</sup>

- A prospective randomized controlled trial of prophylactic central lymph node dissection in cN0 PTC is not readily feasible
- Prohibitively large sample sizes would be required to detect statistically and clinically relevant differences
- No single institution could perform this study alone

# Complicazioni



Surgery to remove the thyroid gland is well tolerated and has low complication rates, when performed by an experienced thyroid surgeon. In general, thyroid surgery is very safe and has a low risk of major complications.

**Bleeding in the neck** — occurs only in about 1/300 thyroid operations

**Temporary voice** changes, such as mild hoarseness, voice tiring, and weakness — are more common and can happen in 5 to 10% of patients. Permanent nerve palsy is extremely rare.

**Hypoparathyroidism** — The chance that all four parathyroid glands would not be able to function permanently is about 2-3%.

# Complicazioni

World Journal of Surgery | 2004, 28, 3, pp271-276

**Complications of Thyroid Surgery: Analysis of a Multicentric Study on 14,934 Patients Operated on in Italy over 5 Years**

L. Rosato et al.

<b>Temporary hypoparathyroidism</b>	<b>8.3%</b>
<b>Damage of the SLRN</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>Transient palsy of the ILRN</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b>Persistent hypoparathyroidism</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Dysphagia</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Hemorrhage</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
<b>Permanent palsy of the ILRN</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Diplegia of the ILRN</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Wound infection</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

**No deaths were reported**

# Complicazioni



I.G. Donini, G. Pansini | Da Atene a Ferrara, aprile 1977

<b>Disfonia transitoria</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
<b>Ipoparatiroidismo temporaneo</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Sanguinamento reintervento</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Disfonia permanente</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Infezione di ferita</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Decessi</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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# Complicazioni

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endocrine surgery for patients and professionals



## *Bleeding in the 19th Century*

*Samuel Gross: "Can the thyroid in the state of enlargement be removed? Emphatically experience answers no. Should the surgeon be so foolhardy to undertake it...every stroke of the knife will be followed by a torrent of blood and lucky it would be for him if his victim lived long enough for him to finish his horrid butchery. No honest and sensible surgeon would ever engage in it"*

## **Bleeding in the 21th Century**

In a recent study, Foreman (Ann. R. Coll. Surg. Engl. 2009) showed that **hemostatic surgical devices** are no less safe than traditional methods such as "clip, cut and ligate" or the use of small metallic clips in achieving haemostasis.

**In 2007 a young female thyrotoxic patient died in a major London teaching hospital after a thyroidectomy from bleeding.** The use of the hemostatic surgical devices as the only means of haemostasis must in the light of Foreman's findings be considered as coincidental. The Westminster Coroner was highly critical of the patients care. **The main lesson for patients from this tragic case is that one must be managed on a ward that is used to dealing with thyroidectomies. If they are not we suggest that the patient discharges themselves and comes back another day when a specialist bed is available.**

# Tra Passato & Futuro



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Letter from the Editors: Controversies and  
Changing Concepts in Thyroid Cancer Management

- We certainly have come a long way and learned quite a lot
- However, it is also quite clear that we still have a lot to learn
- Some answers, from molecular medicine are expected