



# Il Percorso del paziente con neoplasia neuroendocrina nella provincia di Ferrara

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## *Neuroendocrine Neoplasms*

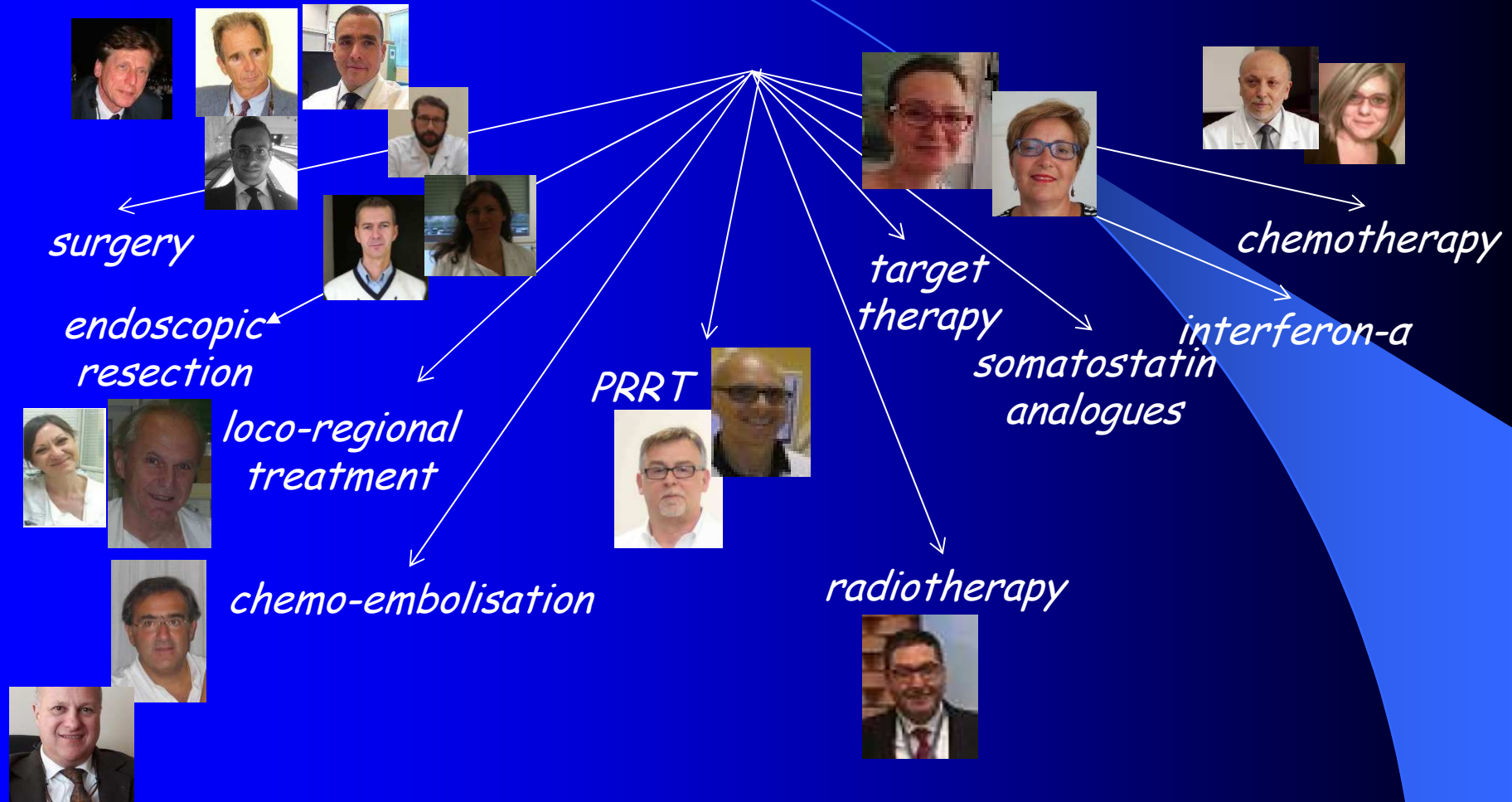
*The only curative treatment for NETs is surgery*

*BUT*

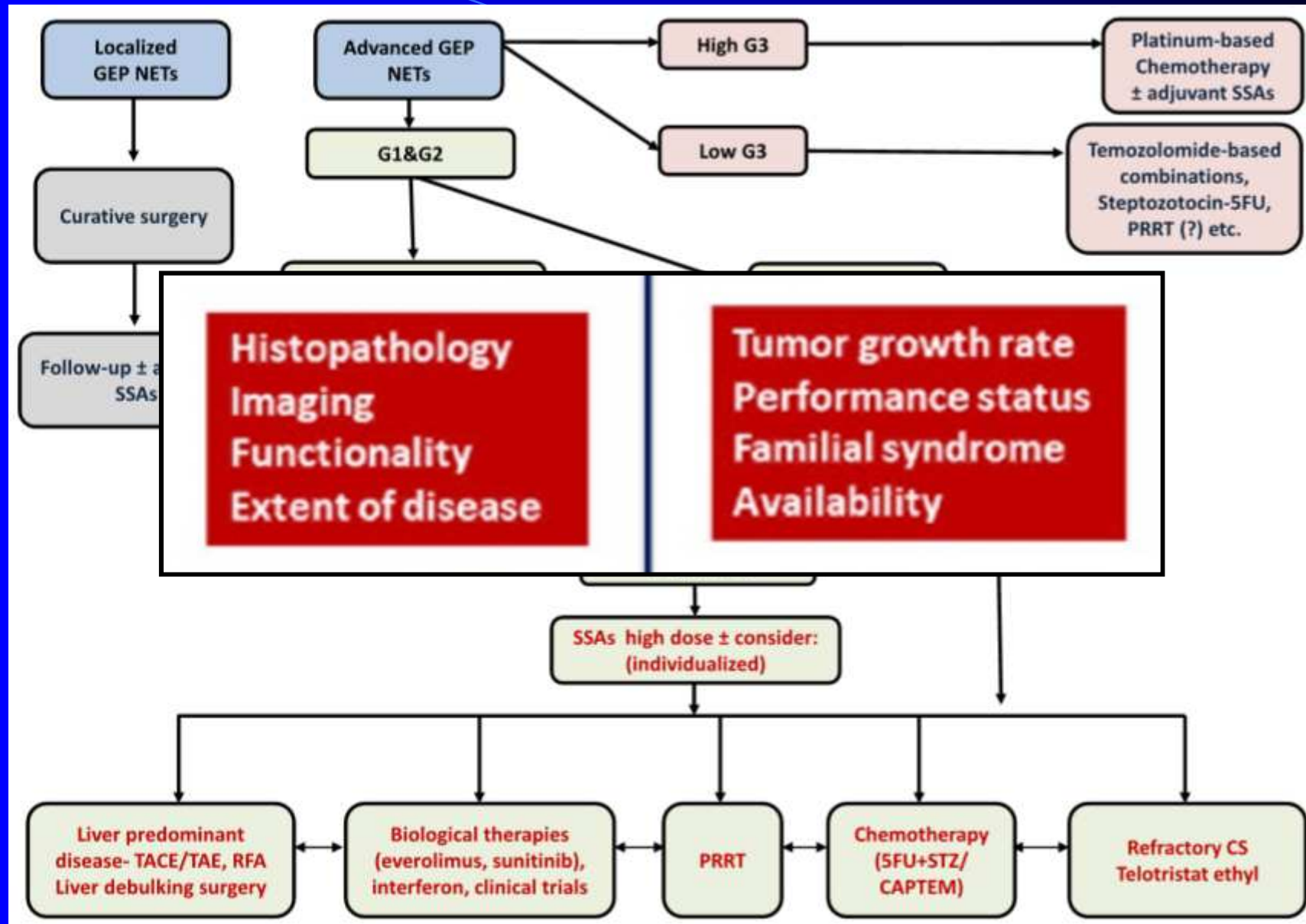
*most NETs are diagnosed when the disease is  
advanced and metastatic*

*and as such are not amenable to curative surgery  
which leads to the need for systemic therapies*

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# Possible algorithm for treatment approach in patients with GEP-NETs

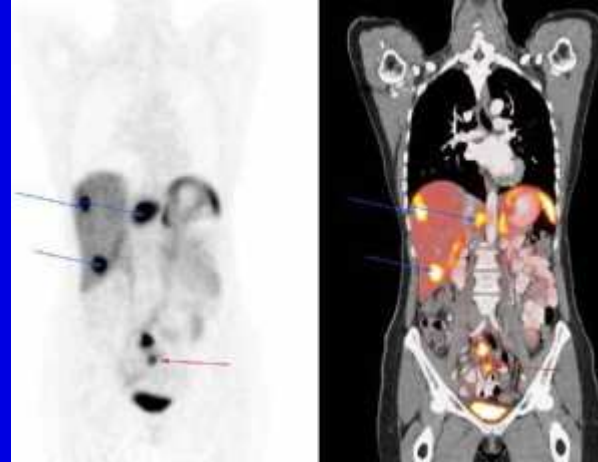






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*As the majority of NENs express SSTRs,  
long-acting somatostatin analogs play an important  
role in the treatment of patients with NENs*

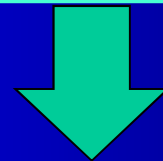


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### *Somatostatin Analogues in the Treatment of Neuroendocrine Tumors*

#### *SOMATOSTATIN ANALOG THERAPY*

active in controlling hormonal symptoms associated with functioning NETs  
~ 60-70% of cases



- *flushing and diarrhea* ⇒ *carcinoid syndrome*
- *necrolytic migratory erythema, cachexia and hyperglycemia* ⇒ *glucagonoma syndrome*
- *severe watery diarrhea* ⇒ *VIPoma syndrome*

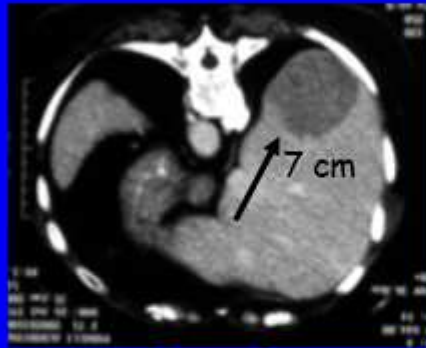
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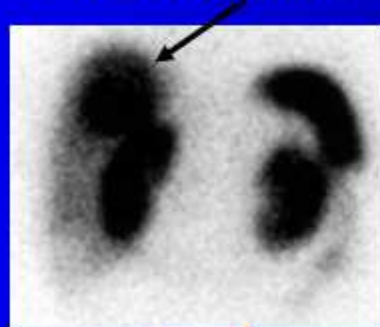
## Regression of liver metastases of occult carcinoid tumor with slow release lanreotide therapy



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Octreoscan



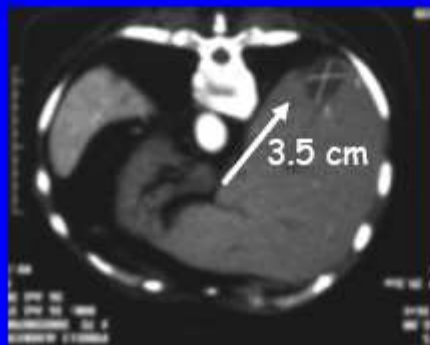
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CgA  
(ng/ml)  
922

5-HT  
(ng/ml)  
412

5-HIAA  
(mg/24h)  
14

6 mesi dopo terapia con analoghi della somatostatina

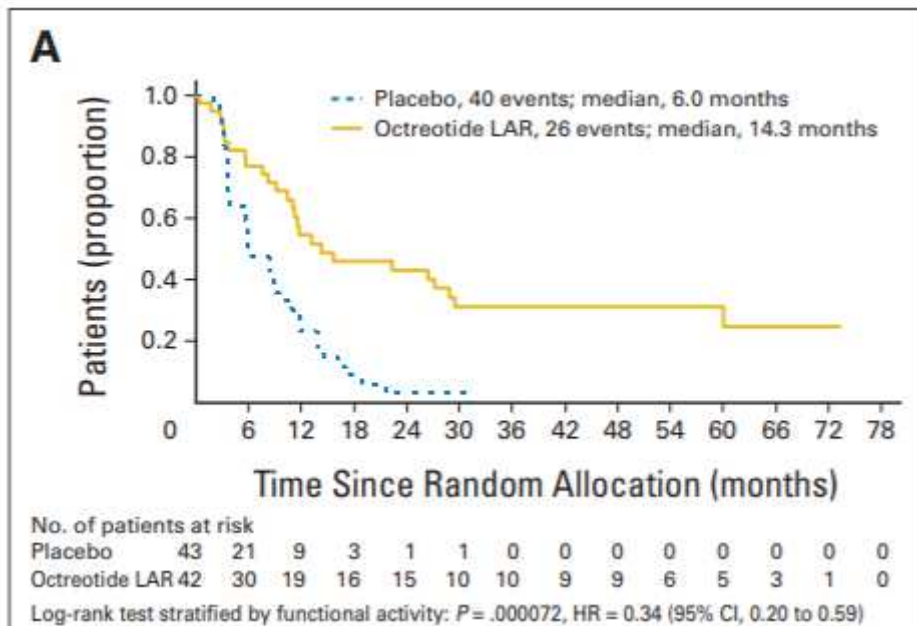


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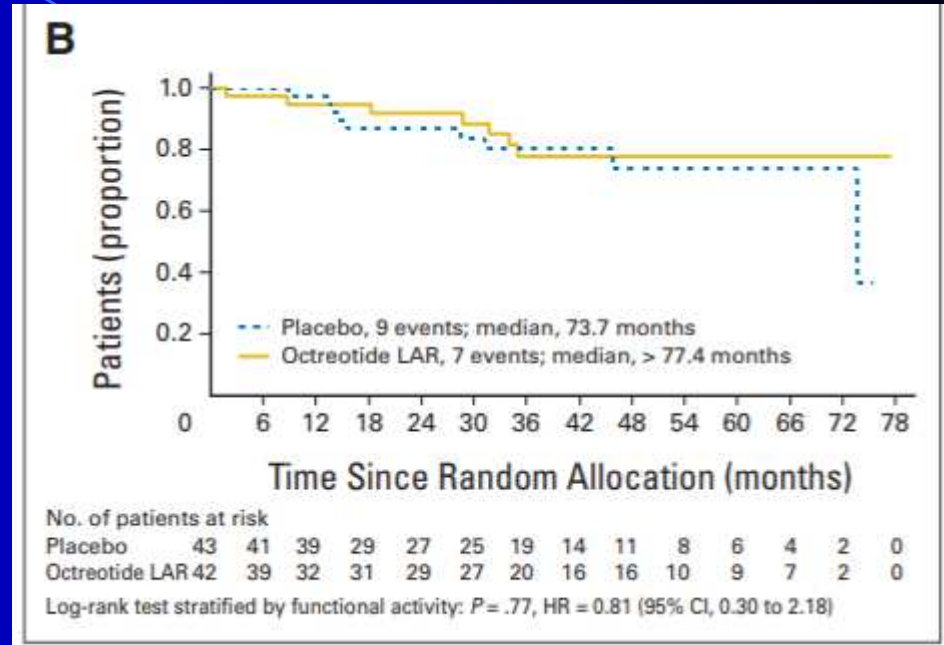
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*Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Prospective, Randomized Study on the Effect of Octreotide LAR in the Control of Tumor Growth in Patients With Metastatic Neuroendocrine Midgut Tumors: A Report From the PROMID Study Group*



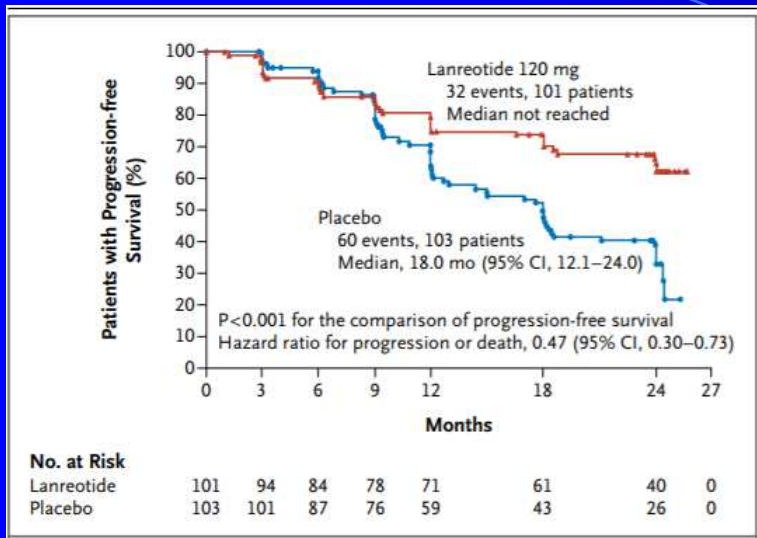
*Conservative intent-to-treat analysis of time to progression or tumor related death*



*Intent-to-treat analysis of overall survival. HR, hazard ratio.*

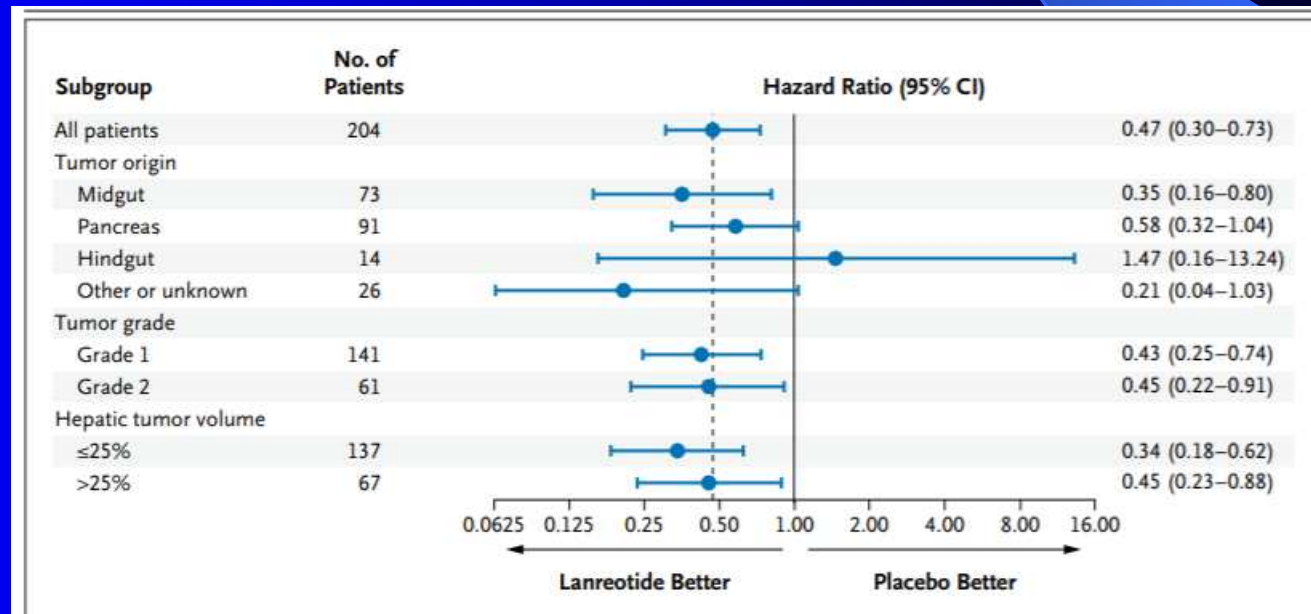
*Octreotide LAR significantly lengthens time to tumor progression compared with placebo in patients with functionally active and inactive metastatic midgut NETs. Patients with lower tumor burden and resected primary tumor displayed a more favorable outcome. Because of the low number of observed deaths, survival analysis was not confirmatory.*

# Lanreotide in Metastatic Enteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors



*Lanreotide was associated with prolonged progression-free survival among patients with advanced, grade 1 or 2 (Ki-67), enteropancreatic, somatostatin receptor-positive neuroendocrine tumors with prior stable disease, irrespective of the hepatic tumor volume*

*Progression-free Survival (Intention-to-Treat Population)*



*Progression-free Survival, According to Subgroups (Intention-to-Treat Population)*

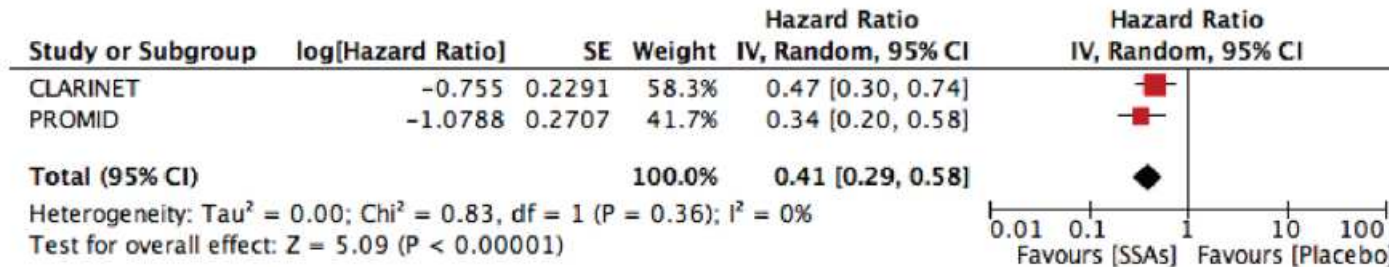


# Antiproliferative effect of somatostatin analogs in advanced gastro-entero-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors: a systematic review and meta-analysis

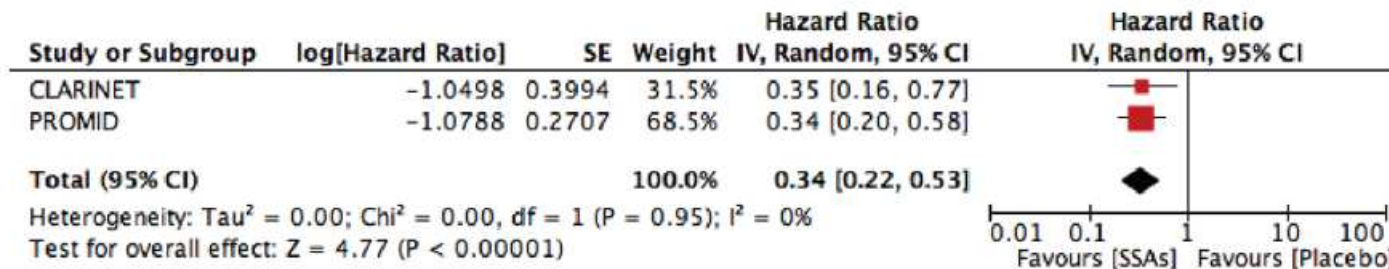
## Forest plots for progression-free survival (PFS)

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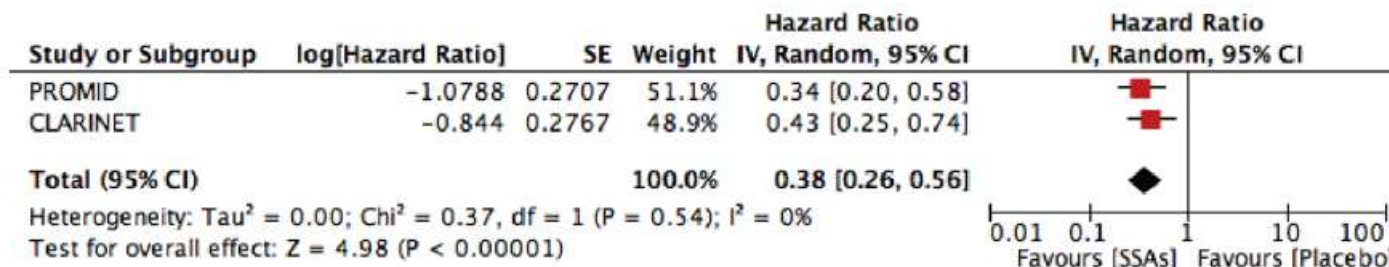
### a) Overall population



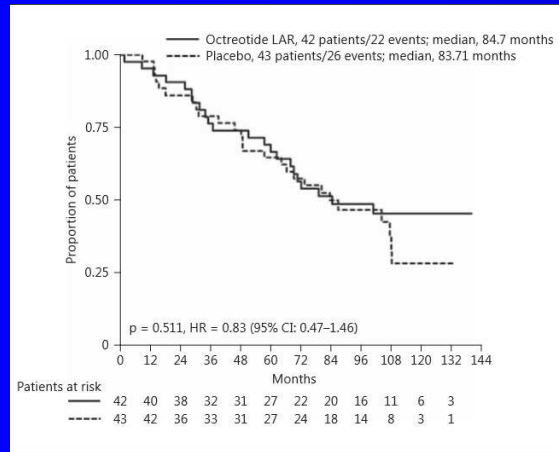
### b) Midgut tumors



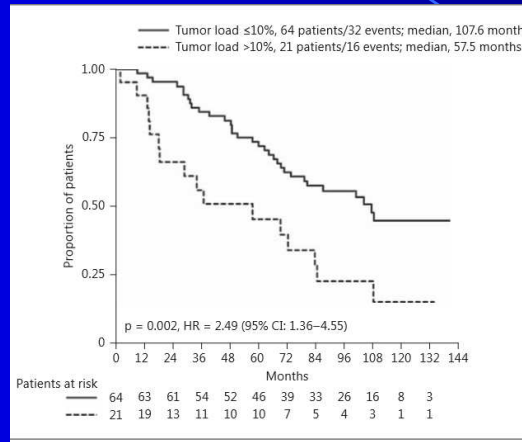
### c) G1 tumors



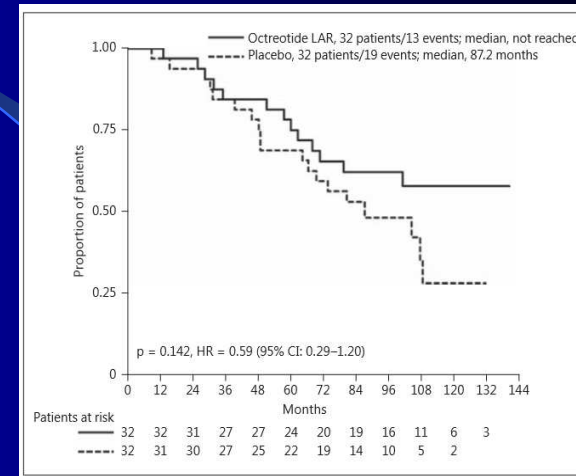
# Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind, Prospective, Randomized Study on the Effect of Octreotide LAR in the Control of Tumor Growth in Patients with Metastatic Neuroendocrine Midgut Tumors (PROMID): Results of Long-Term Survival



Overall survival in the whole cohort of 85 patients included into the PROMID study according to treatment



Overall survival in the whole cohort of 85 patients included into the PROMID study according to hepatic tumor load



Overall survival in the subgroup of 64 patients with a hepatic tumor load  $\leq 10\%$  according to treatment

The extent of tumor burden is a predictor for shorter survival  
 Overall survival was similar in patients receiving octreotide LAR or placebo treatment at randomization  
 There was a trend towards improved overall survival in patients with a low hepatic tumor load receiving octreotide compared to placebo

*Health-related quality of life for octreotide long-acting vs. placebo in patients with metastatic midgut neuroendocrine tumors in the phase 3 PROMID trial*

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*In octreotide long-acting patients*

*HRQoL was maintained or improved for the clinically important NET symptoms such as*



*fatigue*



*insomnia*



*pain*

*whereas placebo patients experienced a deterioration of HRQoL on these symptoms*



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## 2.2 Terapia con analoghi della somatostatina nelle GEP-NEN

Qualità globale delle evidenze	Raccomandazione clinica	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
<b>ALTA</b>	Nei pazienti con NET enteropancreatico, non funzionante, non rapidamente progressivo, con basso Ki67 ed esprimenti i recettori della somatostatina, la terapia con Octreotide e Lanreotide dovrebbe essere presa in considerazione (1,2).	<b>Positiva forte</b>
Qualità globale delle evidenze	Raccomandazione clinica	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
<b>BASSA</b>	Pazienti con GEP NEN radicalmente resecata non devono essere trattati con SSA a scopo adiuvante (1).	<b>Negativa forte</b>



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*Systemic treatment for lung carcinoids represents the main option in advanced and unresectable disease*

*↳ up to 3% of patients are diagnosed with synchronous metastases*

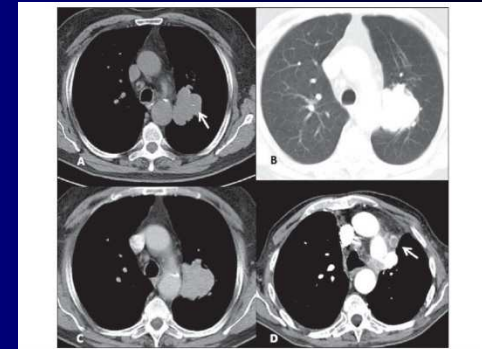
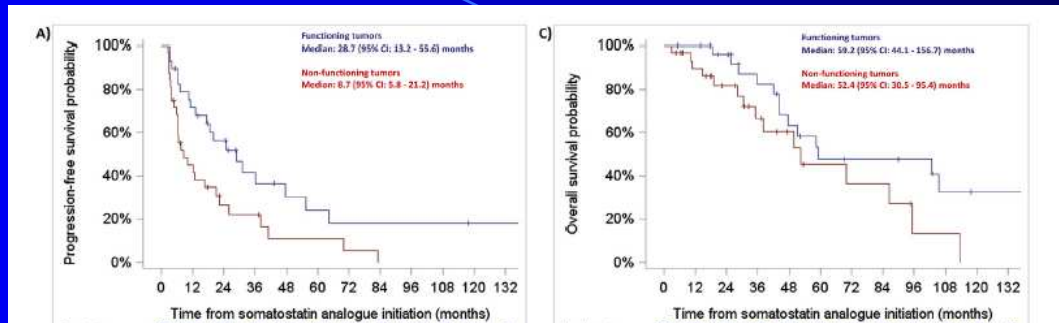


Figure 3. Typical carcinoid tumor. Axial chest CT images show the presence of a lung mass with localized calcification centrally located in the upper left lung (indicated by arrow on A and lung window on B), with homogeneous density and containing subtle calcification (arrow on A). The post-contrast enhancement is homogeneous (C). Late follow-up after resection of the primary tumor shows recurrence of the disease in the form of mediastinal lymphadenopathy (arrow on D).

*Despite the lack of specific prospective trials on octreotide and lanreotide in patients with lung carcinoids, the knowledge acquired from studies in GEP-NENs created the rationale for use of SSAs in nonfunctioning, well differentiated NENs of lung and other sites*

# Antitumour activity of somatostatin analogues in sporadic, progressive, metastatic pulmonary carcinoids



**Table 1 Ongoing clinical trials evaluating the available systemic treatments in lung carcinoids**

Systemic treatment	Study Identifier	Study title	Study design	Population	Intervention	Primary endpoint
SSAs	NCT02683941	SPINET	Phase 3 Randomized double-blind	TCs and ACs	Lanreotide + BSC vs PCB + BSC	DCR
	NCT02698410	ATLANT	Phase 2 Single arm Open-label	TCs and ACs	Lanreotide + TMZ	PFS
	NCT02823691	MetNET-2	Early Phase 1	Advanced GI-NENs and lung carcinoids	Lanreotide + metformin	Safety

The best overall response was stable disease in 47 (77%) patients  
 The median duration of SSAs was 13.7 months  
 With a median follow-up of 5.8 yrs, median PFS and OS were 17.4 and 58.4 months, respectively  
 Patients with functioning tumours and slowly progressive disease treated with SSAs have better prognosis





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## 2.6. 1 Analoghi della somatostatina (SSA)

**Quesito 1.** Nei pazienti affetti da NEN polmonari/timiche ben differenziate, in stadio localmente avanzato o metastatico, candidati ad un trattamento sistemico, è proponibile la bioterapia (analogo della somatostatina, interferone)?

**Raccomandazione clinica.** Nei pazienti candidati a terapia sistemica di prima linea, la terapia con analoghi della somatostatina (octreotide, lanreotide) potrebbe essere presa in considerazione (1, 2)

**Qualità delle evidenze: BASSA**

**Forza della raccomandazione clinica: POSITIVA DEBOLE**

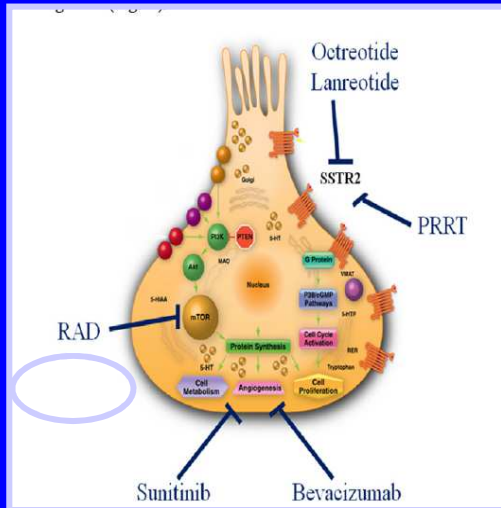
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## EVEROLIMUS

*inibitore selettivo della proteina mTOR, la cui attivazione aberrante è correlata all'oncogenesi e alla progressione dei NET pancreatici*

*rimborsato in Italia dal SSN*



**AFINITOR**  
(everolimus) tablets



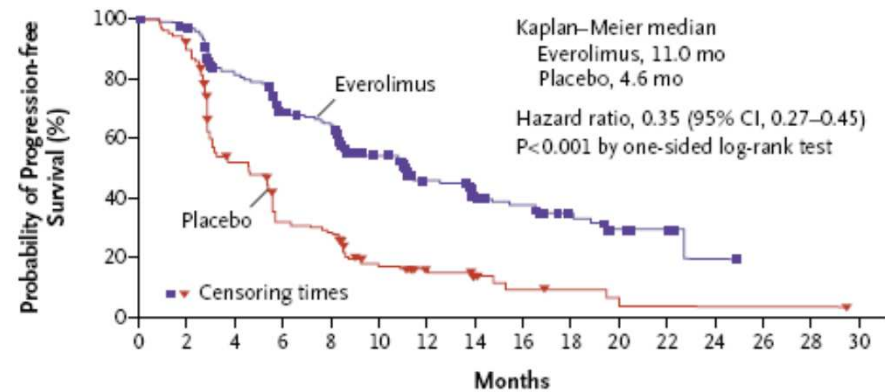
- tumori neuroendocrini di origine pancreatica, bene o moderatamente differenziati, non operabili o metastatici, in progressione di malattia, negli adulti
- tumori neuroendocrini di origine gastrointestinale o polmonare, ben differenziati (G 1 o G2), non funzionanti, non operabili o metastatici, in progressione di malattia, negli adulti

*La via mTOR gioca un ruolo centrale nella regolazione dei principali meccanismi che portano alla formazione e alla progressione del tumore: angiogenesi, proliferazione, crescita e metabolismo cellulare*

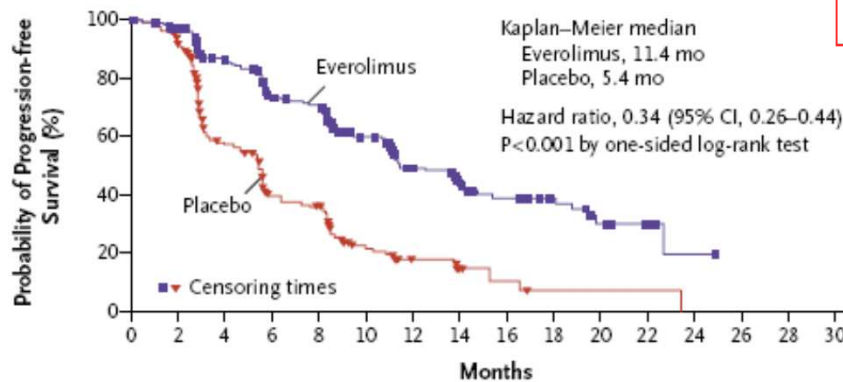
# Everolimus for Advanced Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

## RADIANT-3

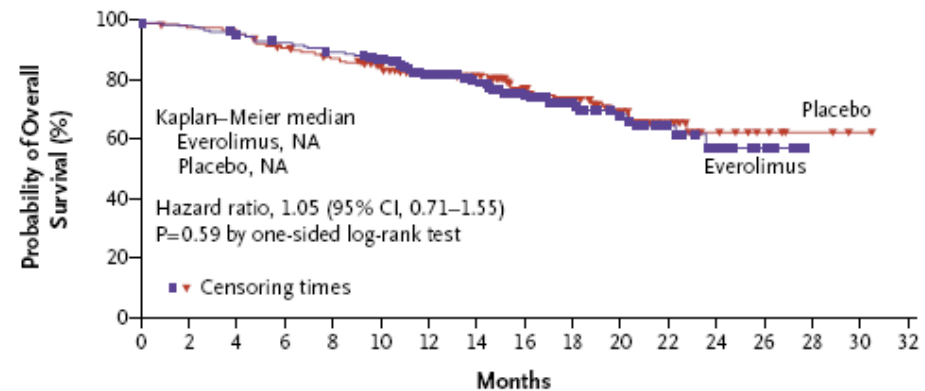
A Progression-free Survival, Local Assessment



B Progression-free Survival, Adjudicated Central Review



D Overall Survival



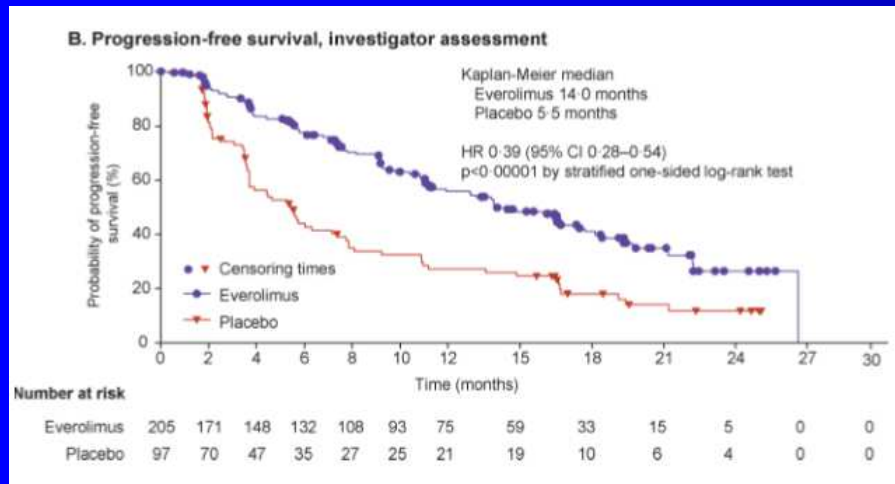
### CONCLUSIONS

Everolimus, as compared with placebo, significantly prolonged progression-free survival among patients with progressive advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors and was associated with a low rate of severe adverse events. (Funded by Novartis Oncology; RADIANT-3 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00510068.)

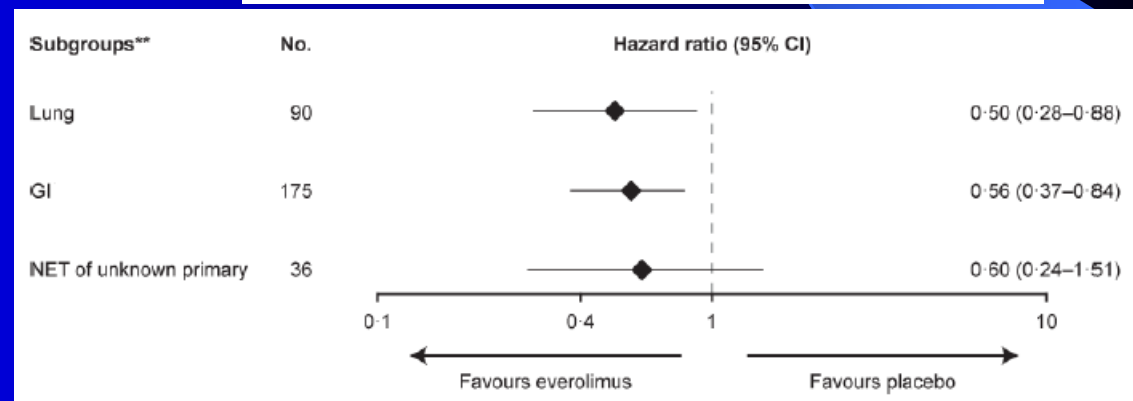
Yao JC et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2011;364:6

Severe adverse events  
stomatitis, rash,  
diarrhea, fatigue  
upper respiratory tract  
infections anemia  
hyperglycemia

# Everolimus for the treatment of advanced, nonfunctional neuroendocrine tumours of the lung or gastrointestinal tract (RADIANT-4): a randomised, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study



## Progression-free survival by subgroups, central review



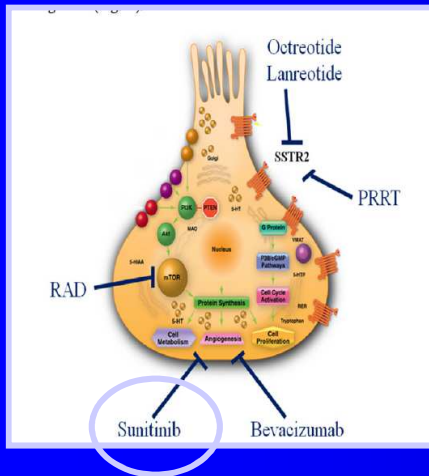
**Interpretation**—Treatment with everolimus was associated with significant improvement in progression-free survival in patients with progressive lung or gastrointestinal neuroendocrine tumours. The safety findings were consistent with the known side effect profile of everolimus.

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## SUNITINIB

inibisce molteplici recettori delle tirosin chinasi che sono coinvolte nella crescita dei tumori, nella neoangiogenesi tumorale e nella progressione metastatica del cancro



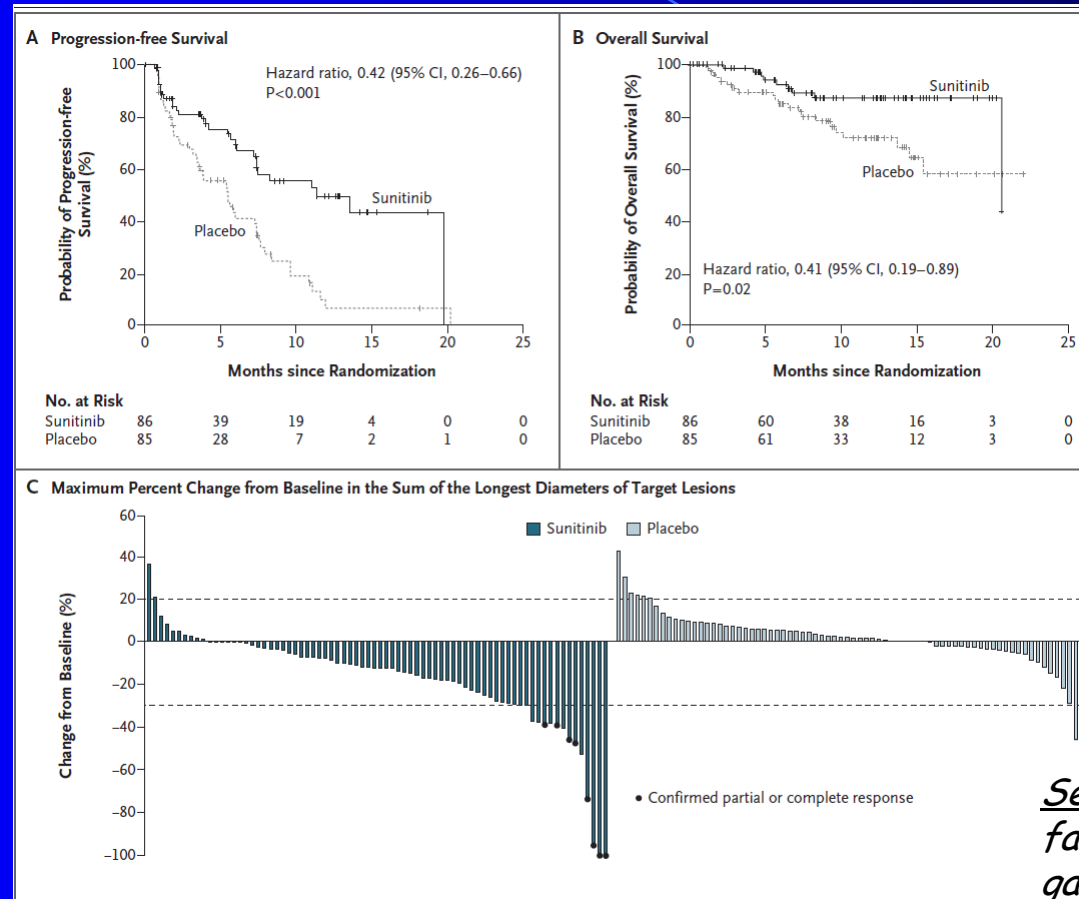
rimborsato in Italia dal SSN



*Sutent è indicato per il trattamento di tumori neuroendocrini pancreatici (pNET) ben differenziati, non operabili o metastatici, in progressione di malattia, negli adulti.*

# Sunitinib Malate for the Treatment of Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Progression-free Survival and Overall Survival in the Intention-to-Treat Population and the Maximum Percent Change from Baseline in the Sum of the Longest Diameters of Target Lesions, According to Patient.

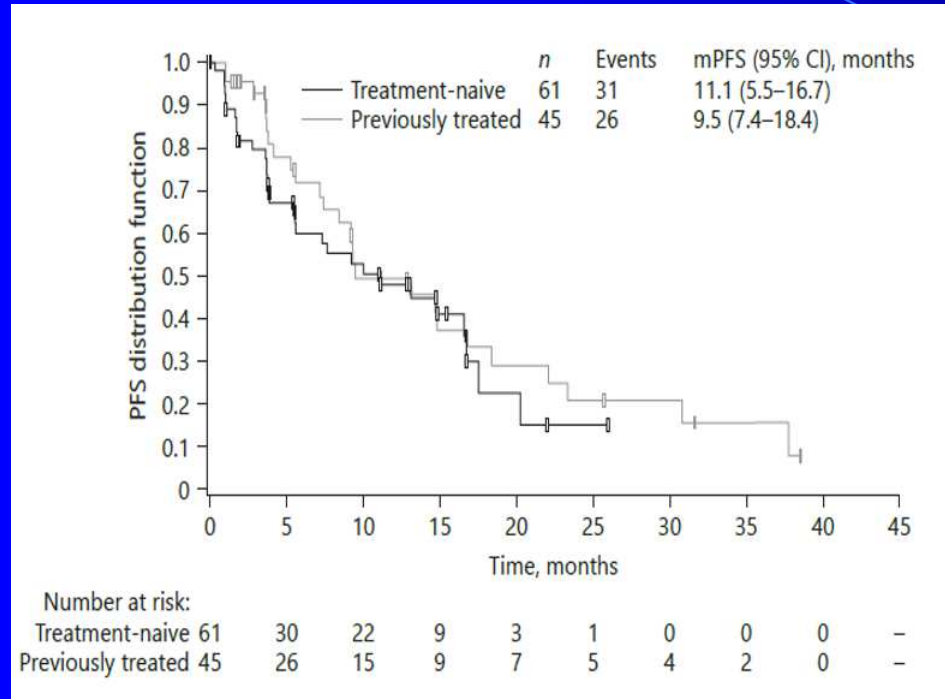


*Severe adverse events*  
*fatigue*  
*gastrointestinal symptoms*  
*hand foot syndrome*  
*mucositis*  
*hypertension*

## CONCLUSIONS

Continuous daily administration of sunitinib at a dose of 37.5 mg improved progression-free survival, overall survival, and the objective response rate as compared with placebo among patients with advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors.

# Efficacy and Safety of Sunitinib in Patients With Well-Differentiated Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours



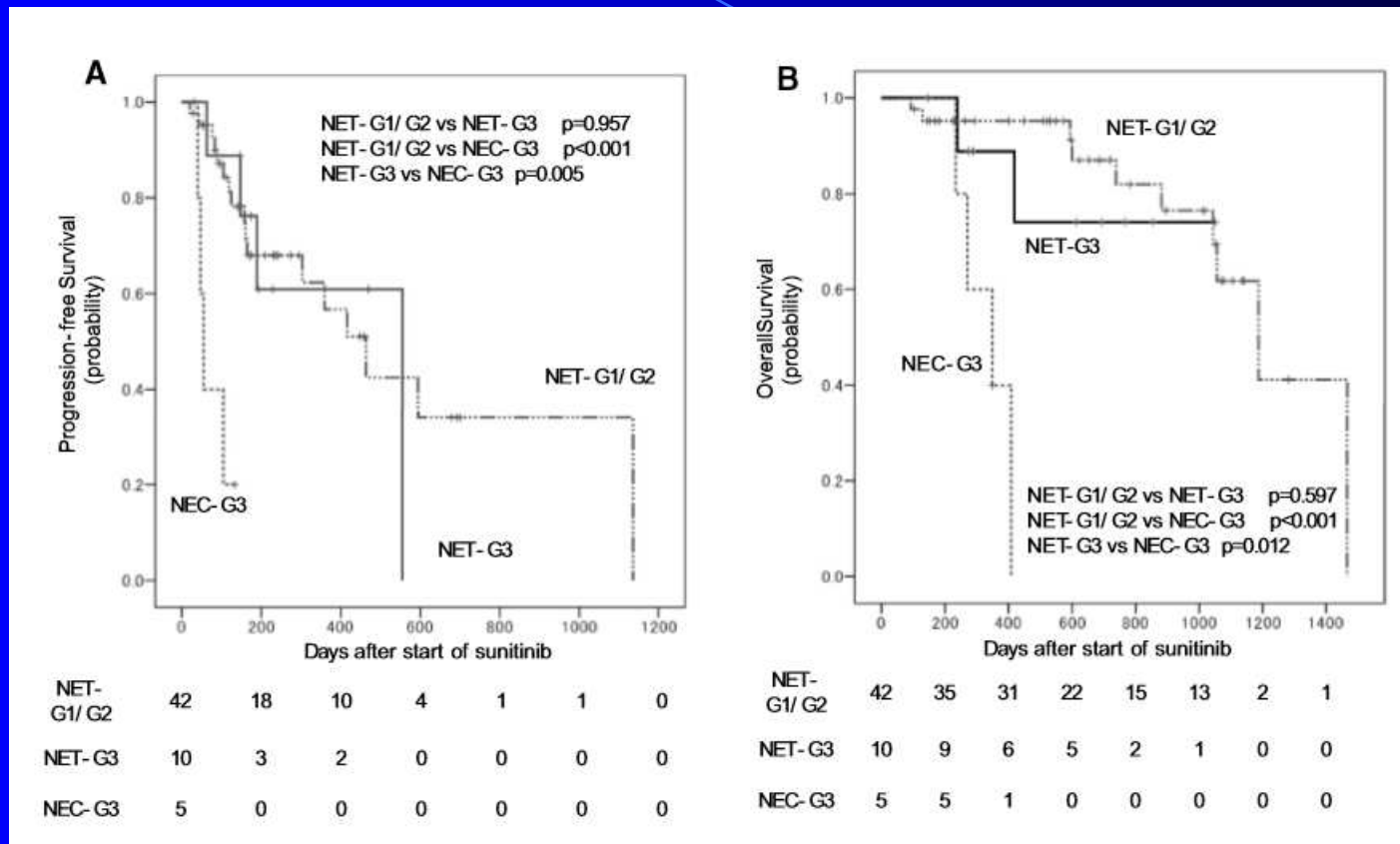
Advanced progressive pan NETs, G1-G2

**Conclusions:** This phase IV trial confirms sunitinib as an efficacious and safe treatment option in patients with advanced/metastatic, well-differentiated, unresectable panNETs, and supports the phase III study outcomes. AEs were consistent with the known safety profile of sunitinib. The results of this trial suggest that sunitinib can be used safely as first- or further-line therapy in patients with advanced/metastatic, well-differentiated, unresectable panNETs.



# Sunitinib shrinks NET-G3 pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms

60 patients with unresectable or distant metastatic pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms who received 37.5 mg of sunitinib



Progression-free survival (a) and overall survival (b) rates from start of sunitinib treatment in patients with pancreatic neuroendocrine neoplasms classified according to the 2017 WHO criteria. Significant differences were found via log-rank test

*Conclusion Our results indicate that sunitinib is as effective for NET-G3 as for NET-G1/2*



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### 5.3.3 Farmaci a bersaglio molecolare

Qualità globale delle evidenze	<i>EVEROLIMUS</i> Raccomandazione clinica	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
ALTA	Nelle pNEN ben/moderatamente differenziate, localmente avanzate non resecabili o metastatiche, in progressione, la terapia con everolimus dovrebbe essere presa in considerazione (24).	Positiva forte

Qualità globale delle evidenze	<i>SUNITINIB</i> Raccomandazione clinica	Forza della raccomandazione clinica
ALTA	Nelle pNEN ben differenziate, localmente avanzate non resecabili o metastatiche, in progressione la terapia con sunitinib dovrebbe essere presa in considerazione (25).	Positiva forte

*Nessuno studio comparativo everolimus vs sunitinib*

*Nessuno studio che valuti la sequenza ottimale tra everolimus e sunitinib*

*Scelta basata sul profilo di tossicità, sulla comorbilità dei pazienti, sulla confidenza del medico con questi farmaci*

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**Quesito 2.** Nei pazienti affetti da NEN polmonari/timiche ben differenziate, in stadio localmente avanzato o metastatico, candidati ad un trattamento sistemico, è proponibile l'impiego di Everolimus\*?

**Raccomandazione:** Nelle NEN polmonari di basso grado localmente avanzate non resecabili o metastatiche, non funzionanti, Everolimus dovrebbe essere preso in considerazione in progressione di malattia dopo analoghi della somatostatina (12).

**Qualità delle evidenze: ALTA**

**Forza della raccomandazione clinica: POSITIVA FORTE**

**Raccomandazione:** Nelle NEN polmonari di basso grado localmente avanzate non resecabili o metastatiche, funzionanti, Everolimus potrebbe essere preso in considerazione, in progressione di malattia dopo analoghi della somatostatina (12).

**Qualità delle evidenze: BASSA**

**Forza della raccomandazione clinica: POSITIVA DEBOLE**

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**Carcinoid symptoms and their putative mediators**

Organ	Symptom	Frequency (%)	Putative mediator
Skin	Flushing	85	Kinins, histamine, kallikreins, other
	Telangiectasia	25	
	Cyanosis	18	
	Pellagra	7	Excess tryptophan metabolism
Gastrointestinal tract	Diarrhea and cramping	75 to 85	Serotonin
Heart	Valvular lesions		Serotonin
	Right heart	40	
	Left heart	13	
Respiratory tract	Bronchoconstriction	19	Unknown

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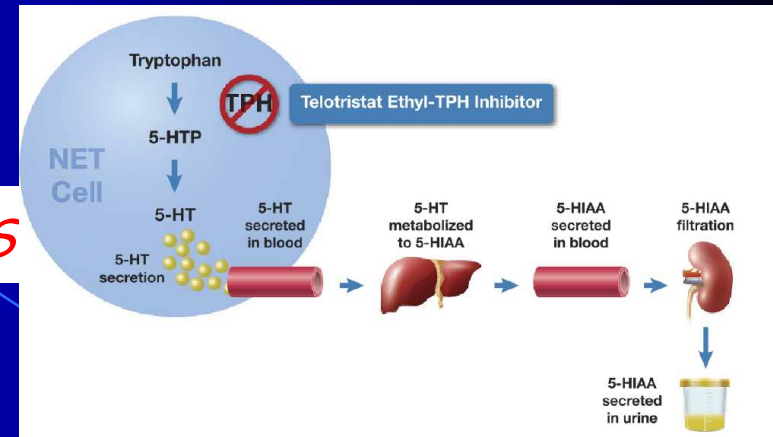
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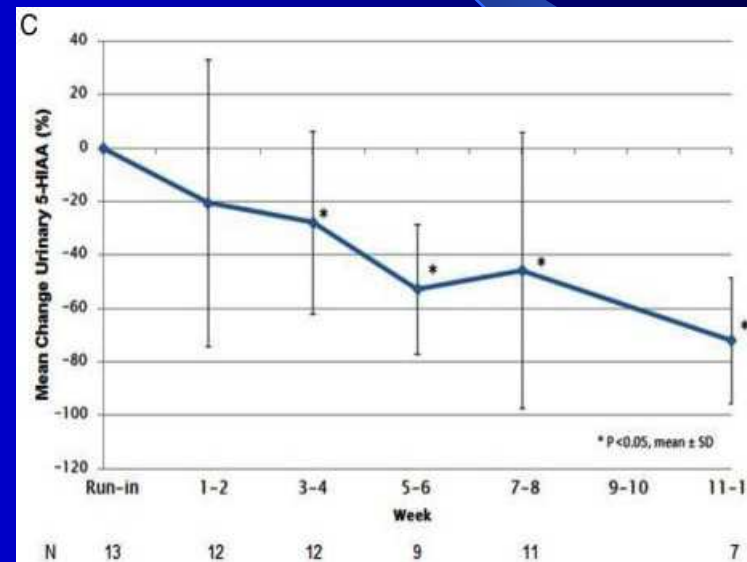
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### SEROTONIN SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS



### Telotristat etiprate

- 45% reduction in bowel movements
- 74.2% reduction in urinary 5-HIAA levels
- 75% of patients reported "adequate relief" of GI symptoms at 12-weeks
- improved stool form and flushing
- AEs = gastrointestinal



Pavel et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2015

safe and well tolerated

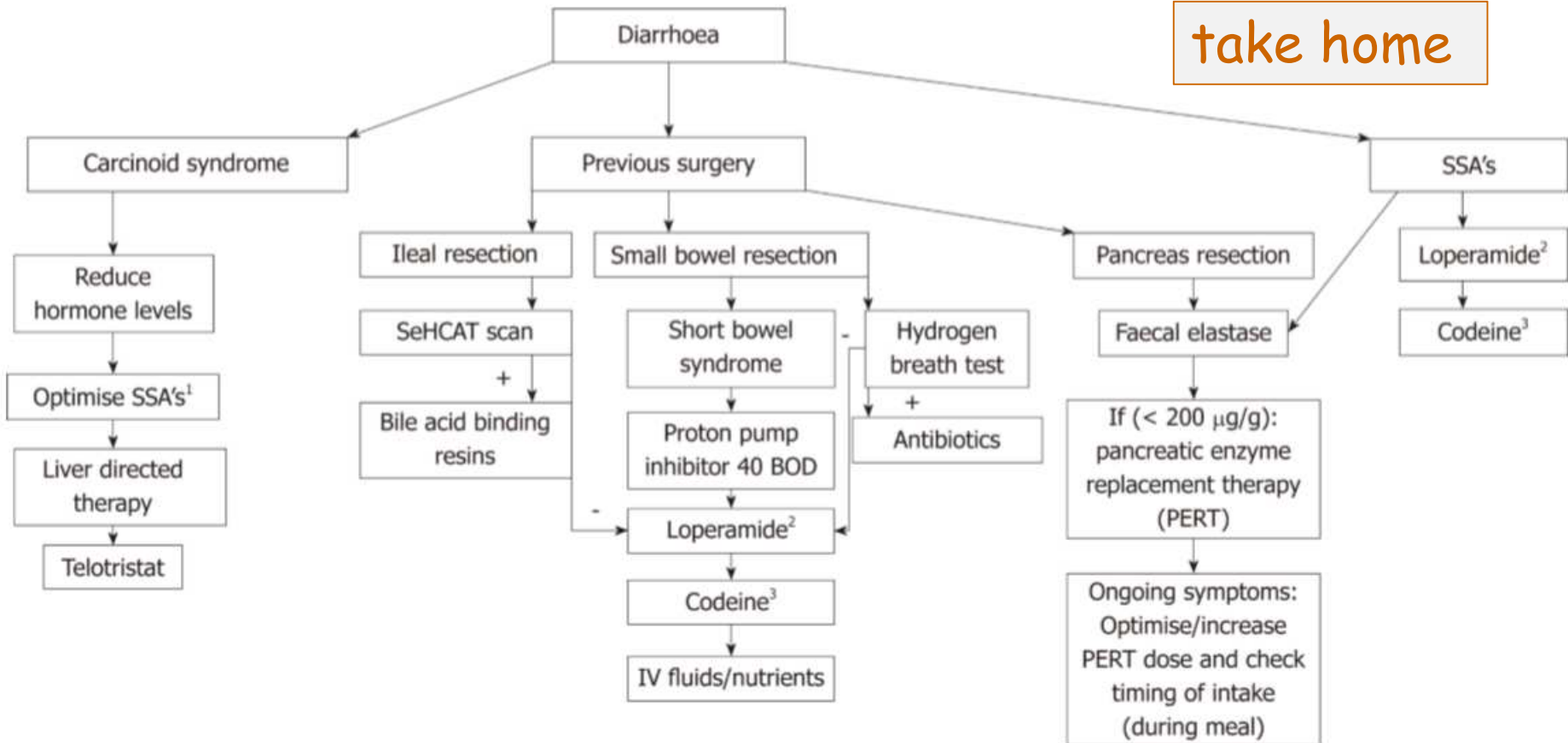
Phase III studies



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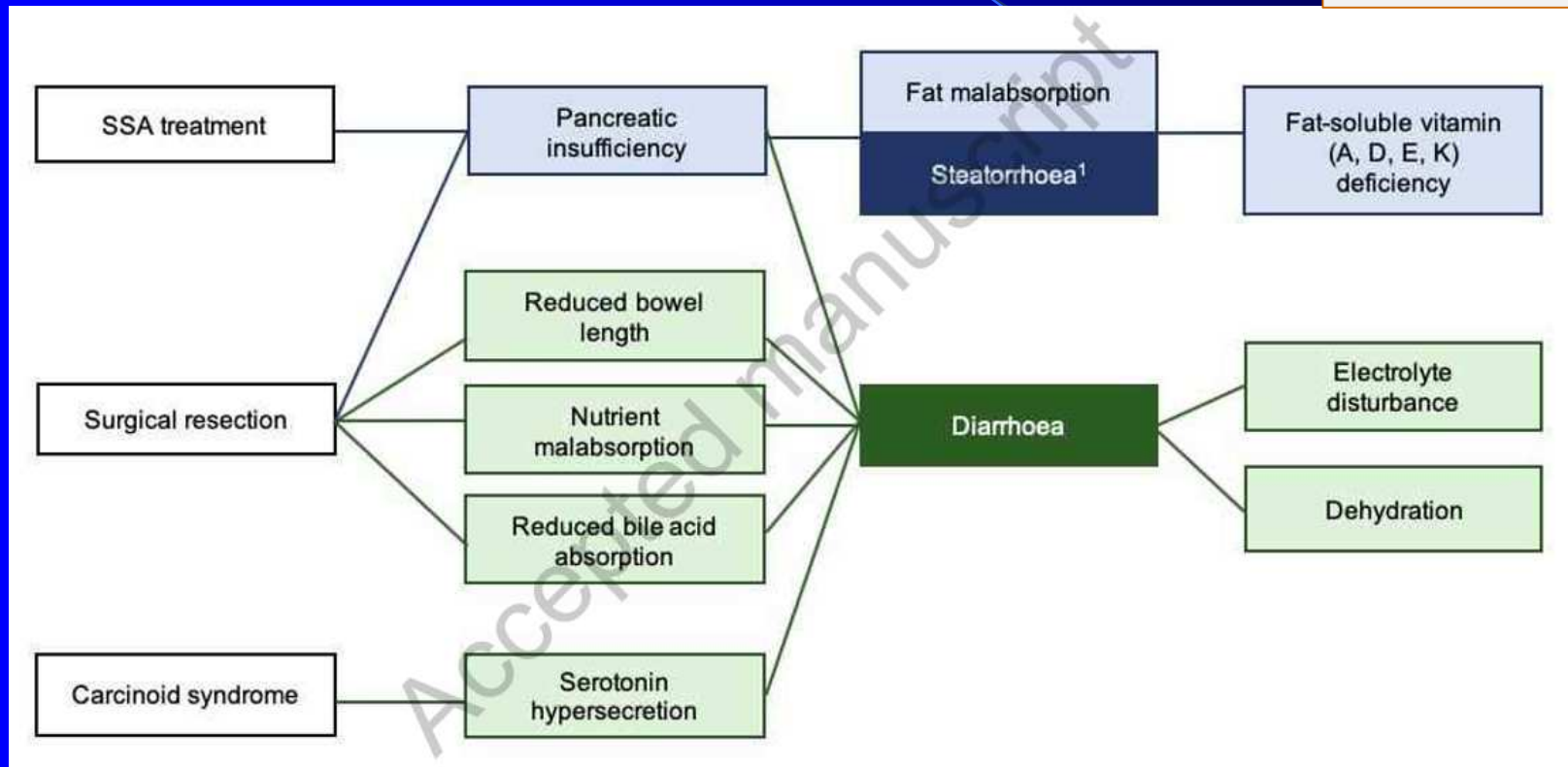
## Approach to patients with diarrhoea

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# Nutritional complications and the management of patients with gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours

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# Nutritional complications and the management of patients with gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine tumours

## Summary of recommendations for nutrition management and further research

Nutrition complication	Recommendation	Suggested future research
Niacin deficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Niacin supplementation is effective to treat deficiency</li> <li>Consider supplementation (40-80mg daily) in patients with carcinoid syndrome or high serotonin production</li> <li>If deficiency known, supplement with at least 100mg niacin per day</li> <li>24-hour urine collection is the best method of testing, if available</li> <li>Not useful to diagnose Pellagra based upon clinical symptoms alone and niacin testing is recommended to confirm it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interventional or randomised controlled trial is required to determine the most effective dose and method of niacin supplementation</li> <li>Longitudinal prevalence studies looking at risk of niacin deficiency over time in patients with carcinoid syndrome</li> </ul>
Fat-soluble vitamin deficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If evidence of steatorrhoea commence PERT</li> <li>Post small bowel resection, particularly if &lt;200cm small bowel remains, test for fat-soluble vitamin deficiency twice per year</li> <li>Patients on fat-soluble vitamin supplementation may still require monitoring to ensure supplementation is effective</li> <li>Consider testing fat-soluble vitamins twice per year in patients on long-term SSA &gt;1 year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prospective research examining the effectiveness of PERT on the status of fat-soluble vitamins in NET patients</li> <li>Comparison of vitamin D deficiency in NET patients versus the general population</li> </ul>
Vitamin B12 deficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider testing and supplementation post-stomach and small bowel resection</li> <li>Supplementation via IV be more appropriate in patients with severe deficiency and major bowel resection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore prevalence of deficiency through prospective cross-sectional and longitudinal studies, particularly post small bowel resection</li> </ul>
Malnutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All NET patients should be screened for risk of malnutrition at diagnosis, and at regular intervals during treatment</li> <li>NET patients admitted to hospital, with high grade NET, progressive disease and undergoing chemotherapy are at greatest risk of malnutrition</li> <li>Appropriate malnutrition screening tools include the Malnutrition Screening Tool (MST), Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool (MUST) and Nutrition Risk Screen (NRS)</li> <li>Assessment of nutritional status is best performed by a dietitian or other trained health professional using validated tools such as the PG-SGA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prospective longitudinal research is required to determine the change in nutritional status over time/during treatment</li> <li>Prevalence of malnutrition in NET outpatients should be established</li> <li>Interventional studies testing the most appropriate method of nutrition therapy for malnutrition in NET patients</li> </ul>
Dietary change and food intolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screen symptomatic NET patients for dietary changes and restrictions, as these are at risk of under-recognition</li> <li>Food intolerances should not be assumed without thorough assessment from a NET dietitian and gastroenterologist</li> <li>In some patients with carcinoid syndrome, foods containing high amounts of amines may exacerbate symptoms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prospective interventional studies testing the effectiveness of diet modification for symptom control</li> <li>Prospective observational and interventional studies testing the impact of dietary amine consumption on the severity of carcinoid syndrome</li> </ul>



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### Conclusions

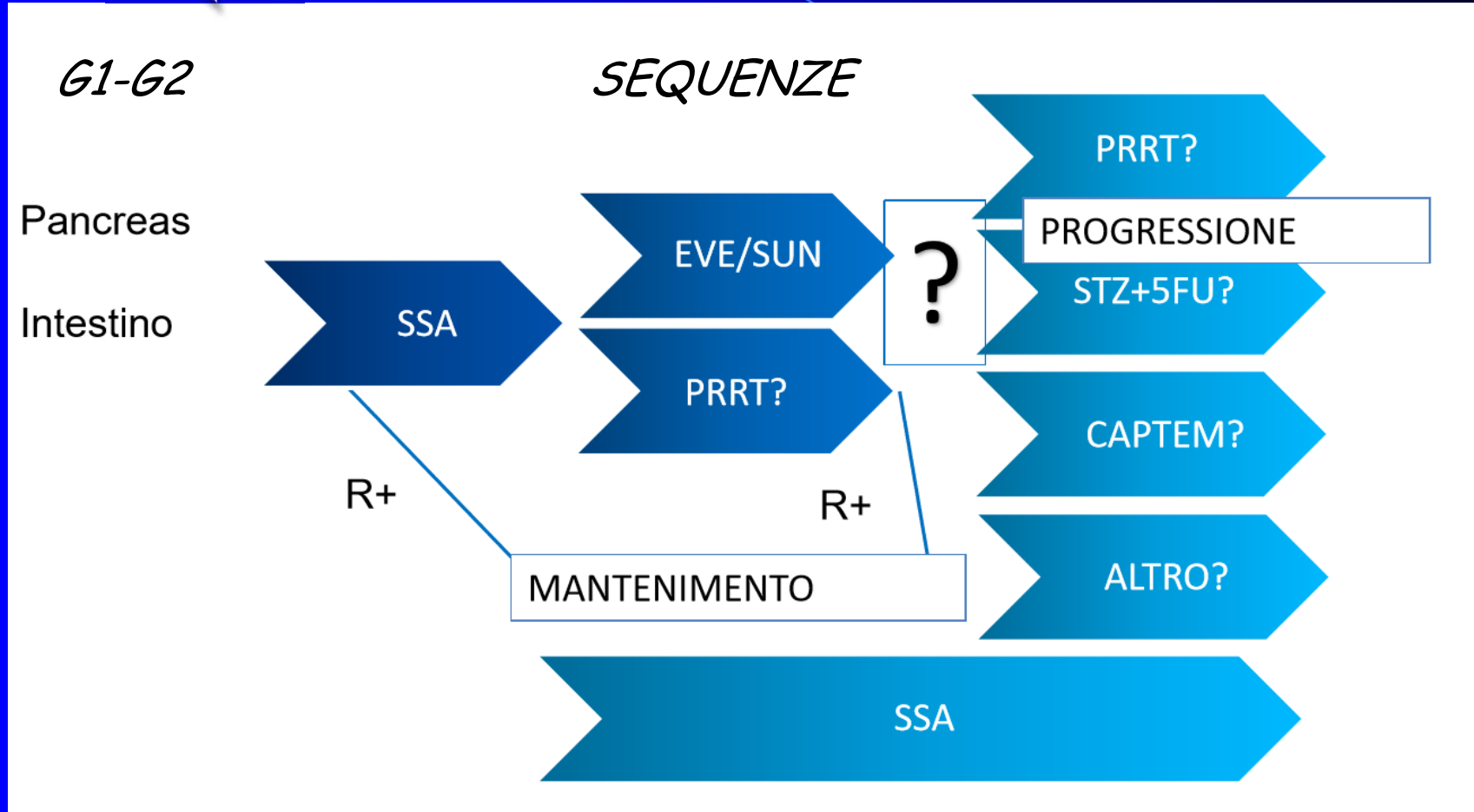
- ❑ Medical treatment options for GEP-NETs have expanded dramatically in recent years
- ❑ Multiple phase 3 trials have led to the approval of new treatments for either symptom or tumor control
- ❑ The therapeutic strategy must be valuated by a multidisciplinary team of NET experts

The challenges of the next decade will include

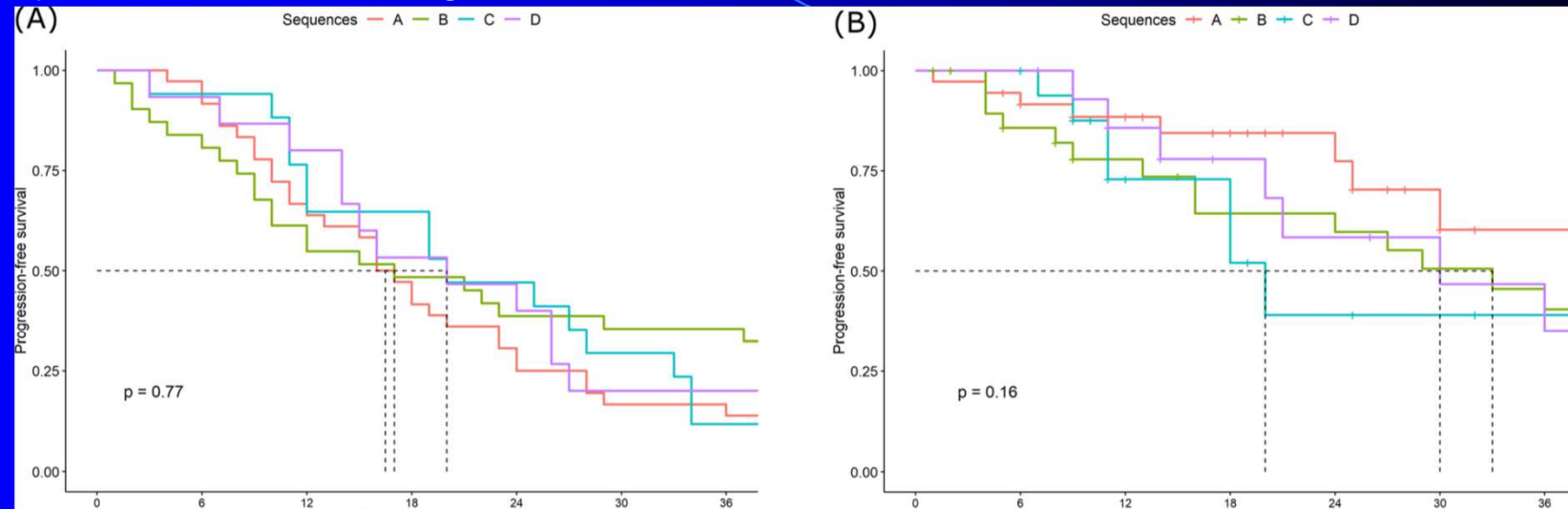
- definition of the most appropriate treatment algorithm
- individualization of treatment based on clinical and/or biologic features
- evaluation of innovative therapies



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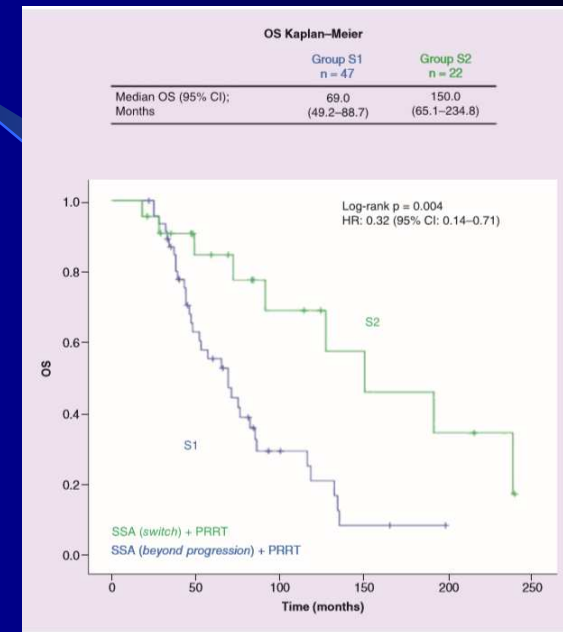
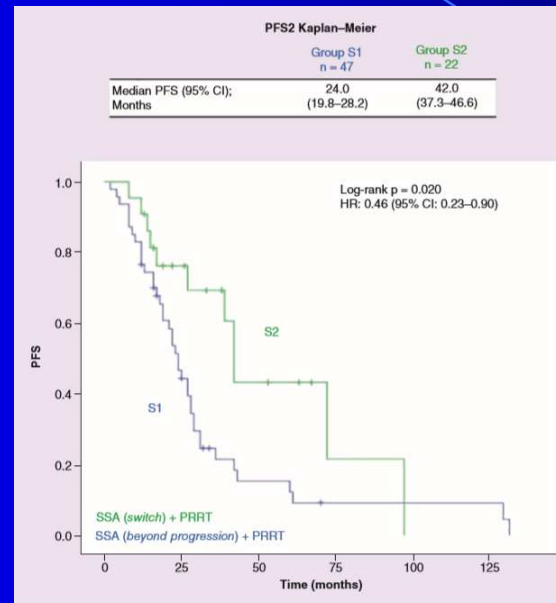
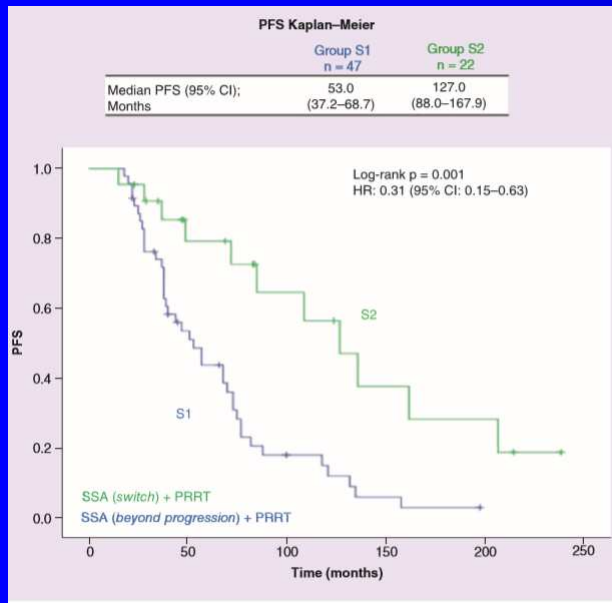
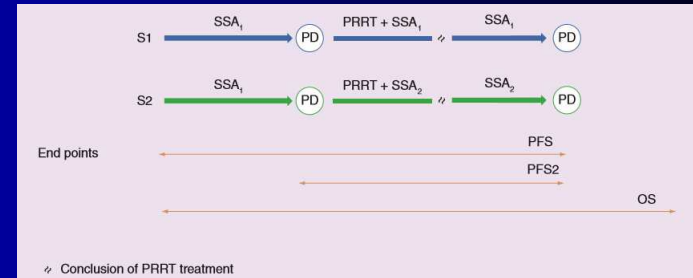
# Therapeutic sequences in patients with grade 1–2 neuroendocrine tumors (NET): an observational multicenter study from the ELIOS group



SSA followed by SSA high dose, everolimus, chemotherapy or PRRT represent the main therapeutic sequences in G1–G2 NET. Median PFS was not significantly different between sequences. However, the sequences with SSA high dose or PRRT seem to be better tolerated than sequences with everolimus or chemotherapy.

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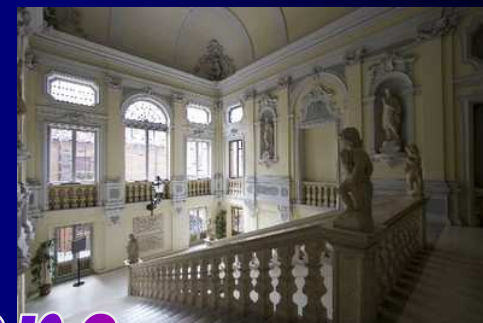
# Somatostatin analogs in association with peptide receptor radionuclide therapy in advanced well-differentiated NETs



*In patients with advanced well-differentiated gastroentero-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors treated with peptide receptor radionuclide therapy plus SSA after SSA failure, the 'switch' strategy of SSA after progression improve progression-free survival and overall survival*

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