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### **DICHIARAZIONE**

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Come da nuova regolamentazione della Commissione Nazionale per la Formazione Continua del Ministero della Salute, è richiesta la trasparenza delle fonti di finanziamento e dei rapporti con soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario.

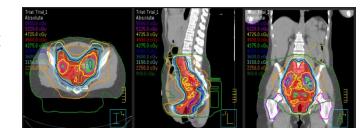
- Posizione di dipendente in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Consulenza ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Fondi per la ricerca da aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Partecipazione ad Advisory Board (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Titolarità di brevetti in compartecipazione ad aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Partecipazioni azionarie in aziende con interessi commerciali in campo sanitario (NIENTE DA DICHIARARE)
- Altro



## LOCAL ADVANCED CERVICAL CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY AND TREATMENT

Cervical cancer is a major world health problem for women and it is the second most incident cancer after only breast cancer in the female population worldwide.

According to international guidelines, concurrent chemoradiation is widely utilized for cervical cancer as definitive treatment for locally advanced disease.



The standard treatment is weekly cisplatin-based chemotherapy and external beam radiotherapy, followed by brachytherapy boost.



### **SURVEILLANCE**

The frequency of surveillance program is based on the risk of recurrence

### ESGO guidelines:

- every 3–4 months for the first 2 years
- every 6–12 months up to 5 years

### NCCN guidelines:

- every 3–6 months for the first 2 years
- every 6–12 months for the next 3 years
- annually after 5 years



### SURVEILLANCE IMAGING

### ESGO guidelines:

 pelvic MRI ± CT scan or PET-CT not earlier than 3 months after the end of treatment

### NCCN guidelines:

 FDG-PET/CT or chest/abdomen/pelvic CT with contrast within 3–6 months of completion of therapy



## LOCAL FAILURE AND RECURRENCES AFTER TREATMENT

Pathologic complete response rate after CRT-BRT in 45.7-55%

- Disease recurrence in 26–30.1%
- Local failure in 10-40%

Recurrences: over 80% occur within 2 years:

- OS <12 months</li>
- 5-years OS: 1% in untreated patients





## LOCAL FAILURE AND RECURRENCES AFTER TREATMENT

Optimal treatment -> no strong recommendations or evidence Possible options:

- Surgery -> small lesions, without distant metastasis,
- Adjuvant systemic treatments -> unclear role, often unsuccessful
- Stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT)



### **AIMS**

Evaluate if 18F-FDG-PET/CT post CRT-BRT could:

- provide prognostic indications
- allow early detection of patients with oligometastatic disease as potential candidates for SBRT.



### **METHODS**

### Retrospective analysis:

- •168 patients
- Staged according to FIGO 2018
- •Underwent radical chemoradiation plus brachytherapy boost
- •from 2007 to 2021
- •18F-FDG-PET/CT 3-4 months after treatment completion

Survival curves were calculated with the Kaplan-Meier method and compared with the log-rank test.



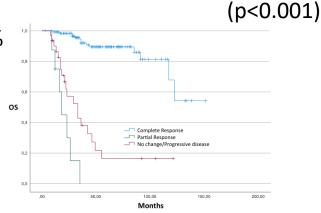
#### **RESULTS**

Five-year overall survival after CRT-BRT first <sup>18F</sup>-FDG-PET/CT:

•CR: 89.5%

•PR: 0.0%

•NC/PD: 16.3%



**Table 1:** impact of functional response on DFS-OS and pattern of failures (numbers and percentages in bold indicate patients potentially eligible for SBRT)

Functional response	No. of patients	5-year DFS (%)	5-year OS (%)	p:
All patients	168	66.0	72.1	
CR	129	84.8	89.5	
PR	8	0.0	0.0	<0.001
NC-PD	31	6.7	16.3	•
Distant metastases at first <sup>18F-</sup> FDG-PET/CT (only patients with local CR)	No. of patients		%	
All	8	100.0		
Oligo-metastases (< 5)	3	37.5		
Multiple-metastases (> 5)	5	62.5		
Treatment failures during the follow-up (only patients with CR at first 18F-FDG-PET/CT)	No. of patients		%	
All	18	100.0		
Local recurrences +/- metastasis	2	11.1		
Isolated nodal recurrence	5	27.8		
Oligo-metastases (≤ 5)	6	33.3		
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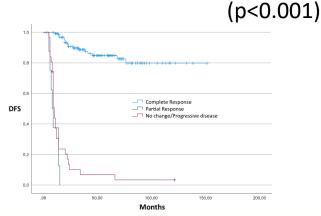
#### **RESULTS**

Five-year disease free survival after CRT-BRT first <sup>18F</sup>-FDG-PET/CT:

•CR: 84.8%

•PR: 0.0%

•NC/PD: 6.7%



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#### **RESULTS**

Patients with local CR but metastases at first <sup>18F</sup>-FDG-PET/CT

- 37.5% only oligometastatic disease Patients with treatment failure at subsequent follow-up evaluations
  - 61% with isolated nodal recurrences or distant oligometastases.

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### **CONCLUSIONS**

Utility of <sup>18F</sup>-FDG-PET/CT evaluation after CRT/BRT in LACC patients

- I. Provides a reliable prediction of the prognosis
- II. Identification of non responders patients
- III. Identification of treatment failures at subsequent follow-up

eligible for SBRT

**Utility of surveillance after CRT/BRT in LACC patients** 

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