

# 2023 ASCO/ESMO Updates in Prostate Cancer: Combination Therapy becoming the best approach?

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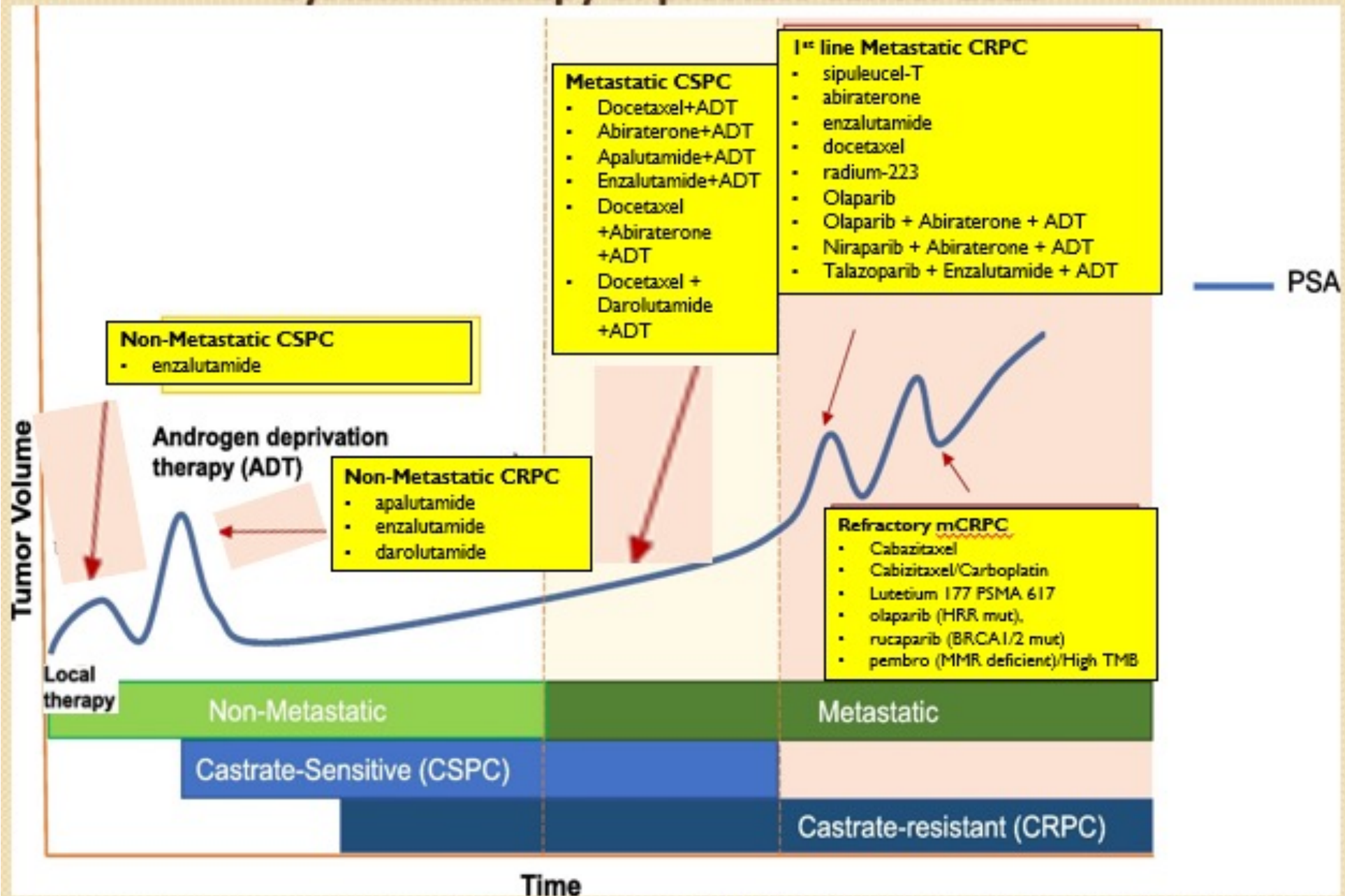
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# Systemic therapy of prostate cancer 2023

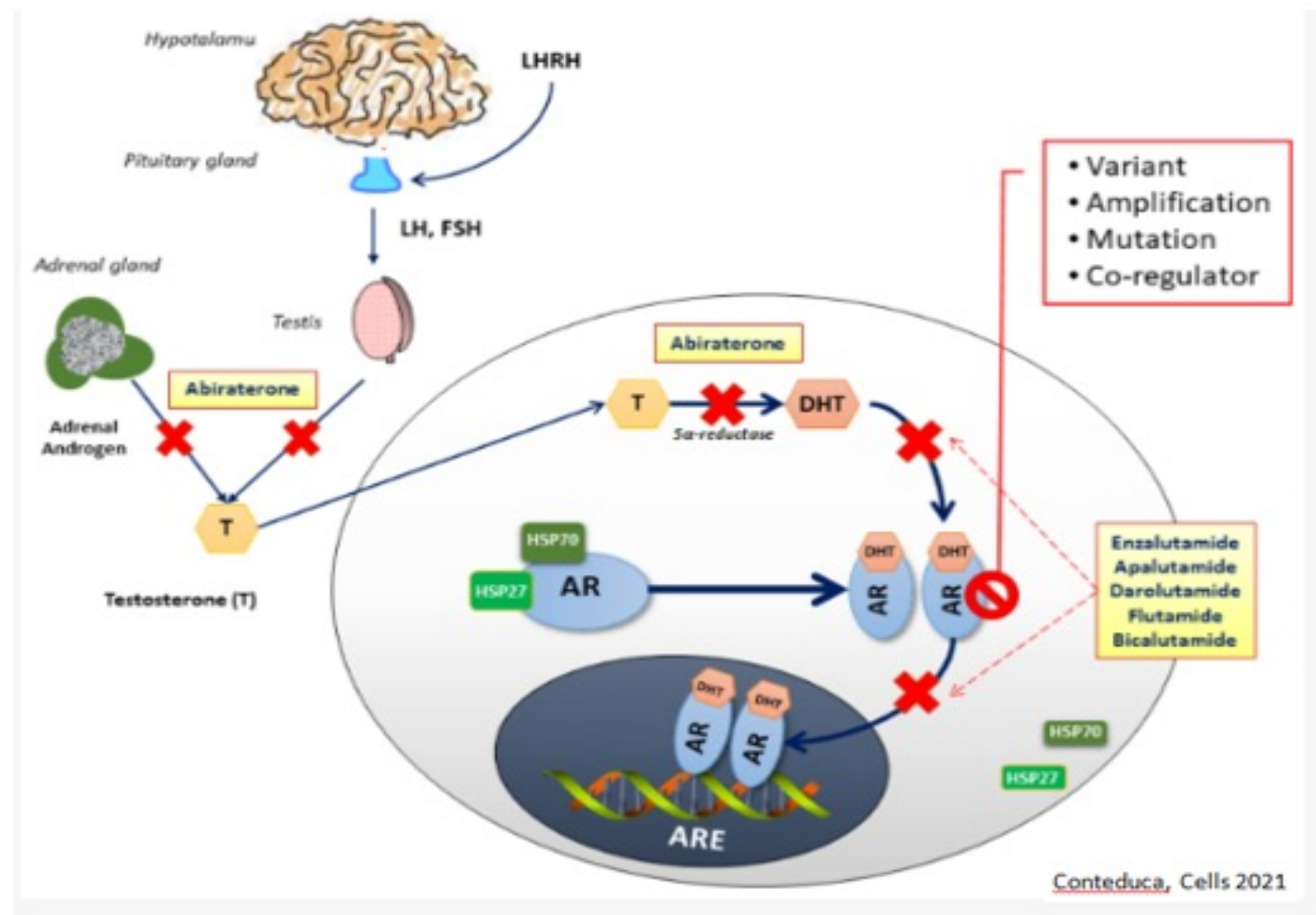




# Today's Agenda

- Metastatic Castrate(Hormone) Sensitive Prostate Cancer (mCSP)
  - (Triplet vs Doublet)
- Metastatic Castrate Resistant Prostate Cancer (Monotherapy PARP vs PARP with Androgen Receptor Pathway Inhibitor)

# Pathophysiology



# mCSPC: Updated NCCN

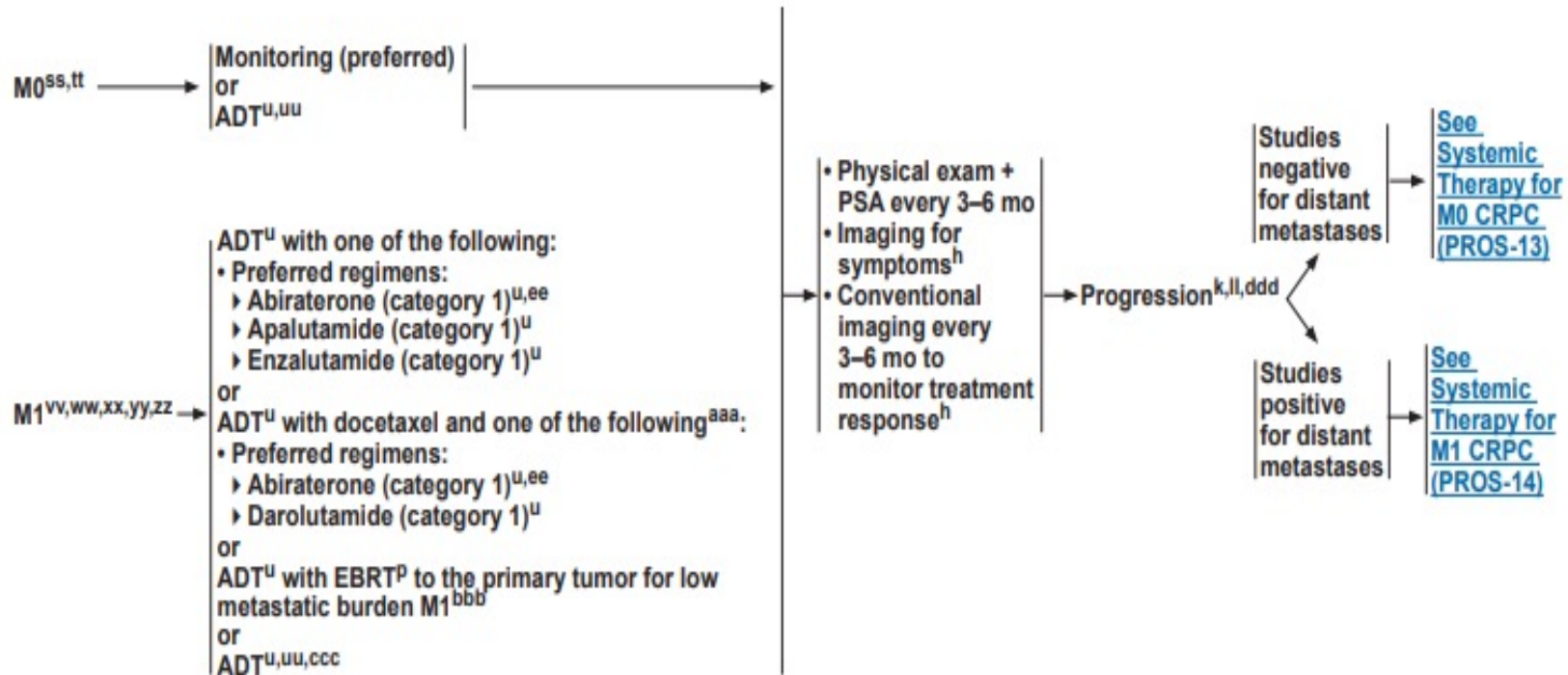


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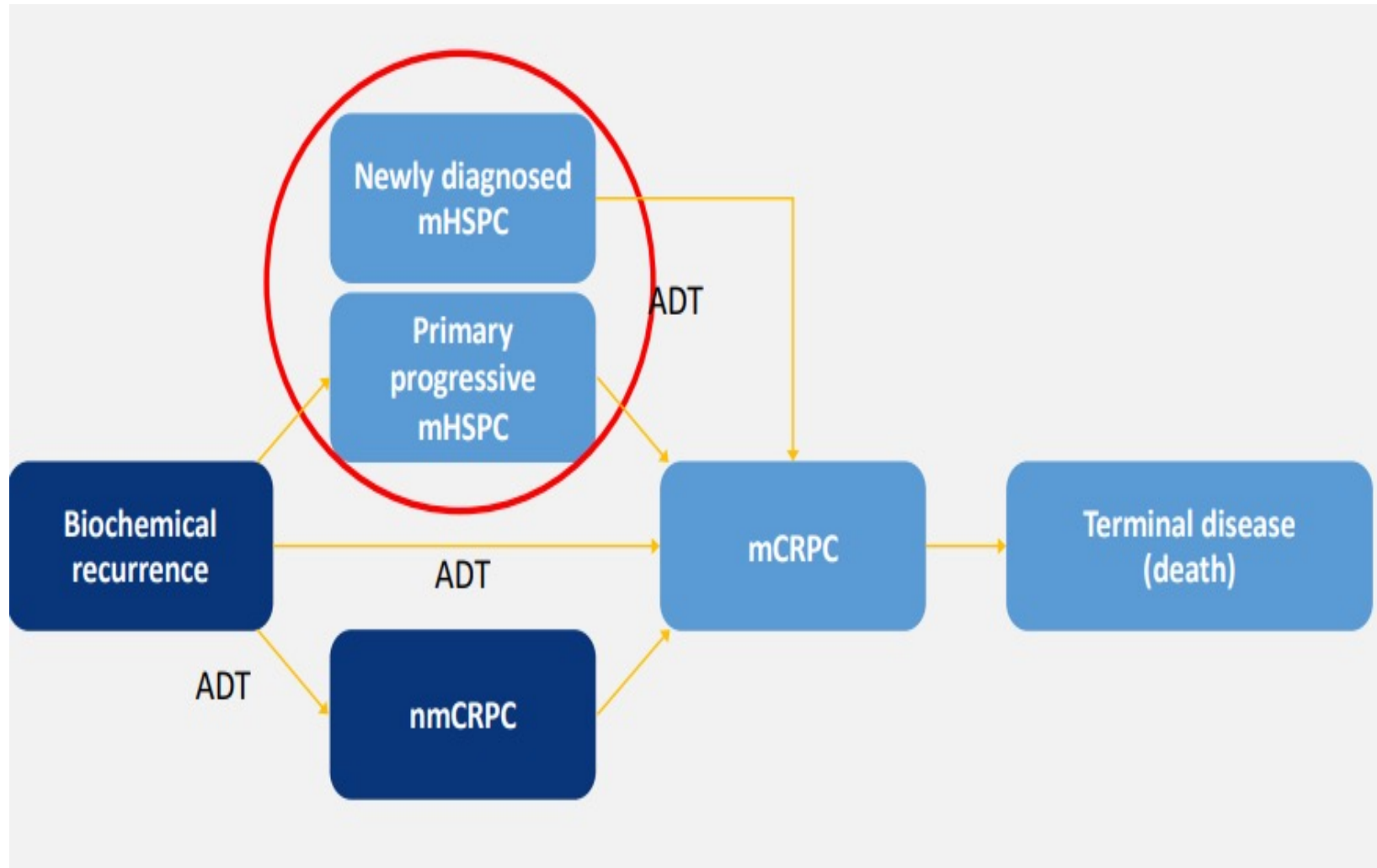
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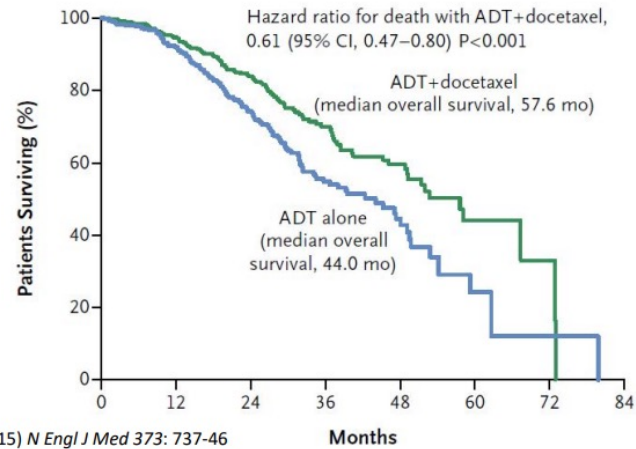


# Metastatic Hormone Sensitive



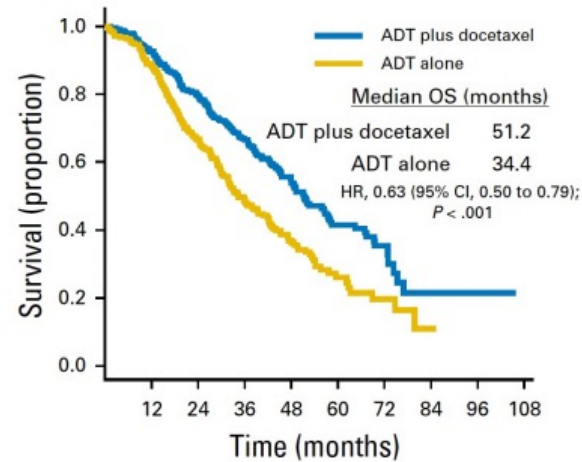


# Historical Data: CHAARTED Study

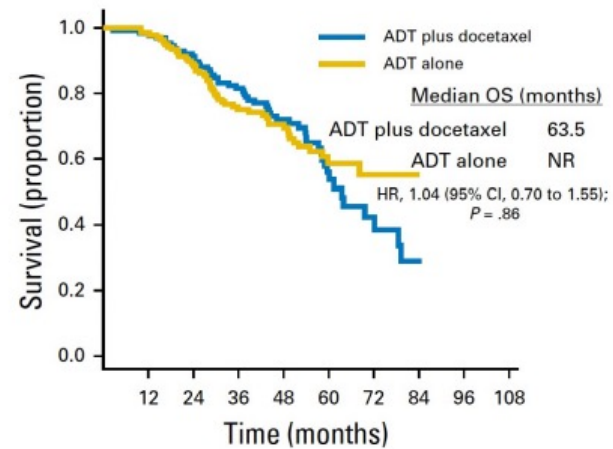


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## High Volume



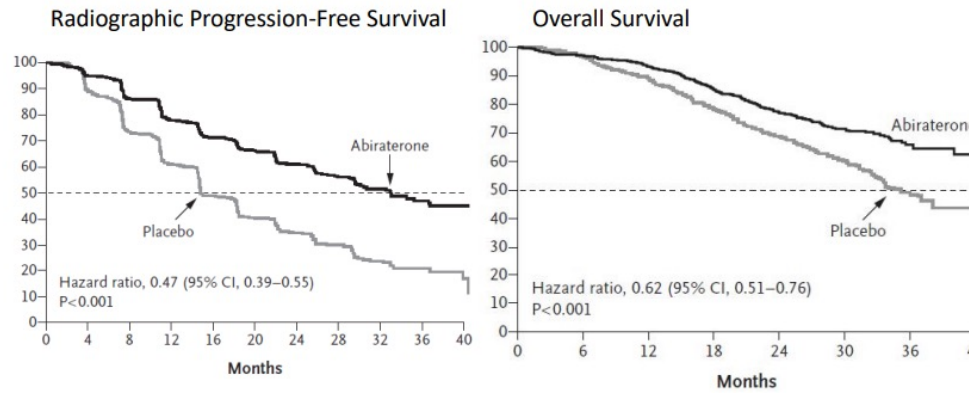
## Low Volume



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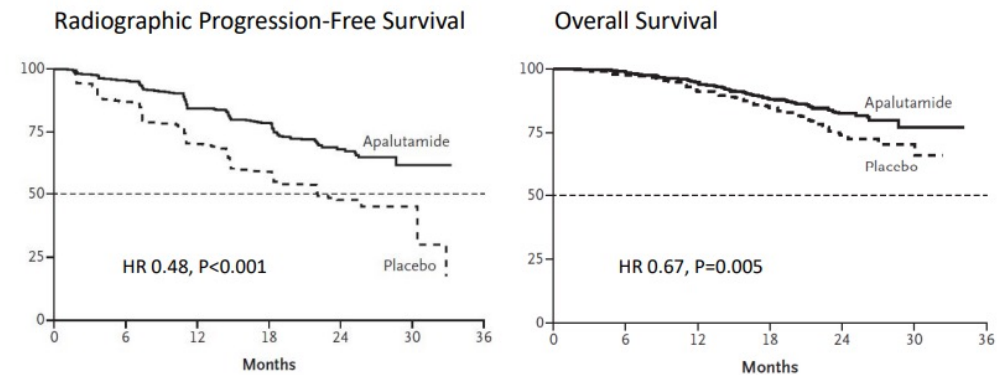
# Androgen Pathway Inhibitors

## LATITUDE: Abiraterone Acetate for mHSPC



Fizazi et al (2017) *N Engl J Med* 377: 352-60

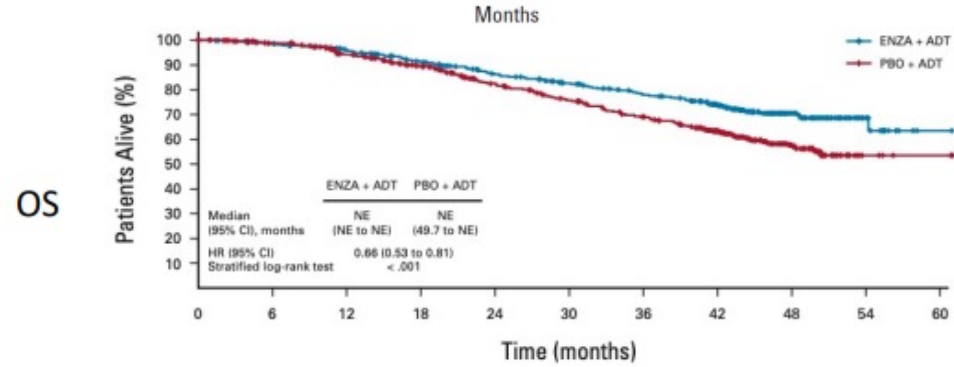
## TITAN: Apalutamide for mHSPC



Chi et al (2019) *N Engl J Med* 381: 13-24

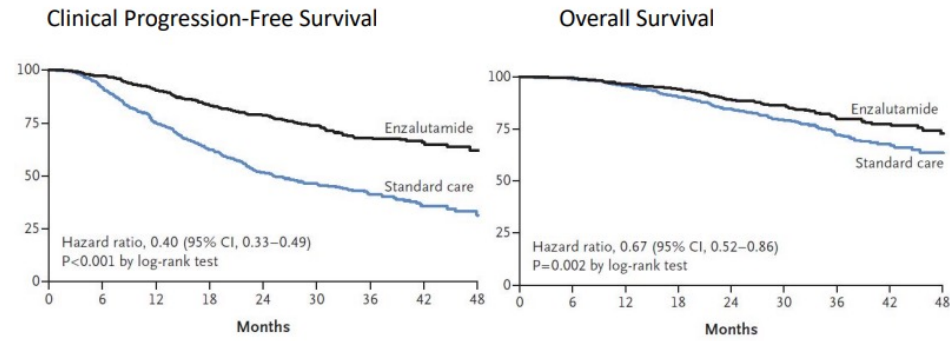


# ARCHES and ENZAMET



Armstrong et al (2019) *J Clin Oncol* 37: 2974-2986; Armstrong et al (2022) *J Clin Oncol* DOI: 10.1200/JCO.22.00193

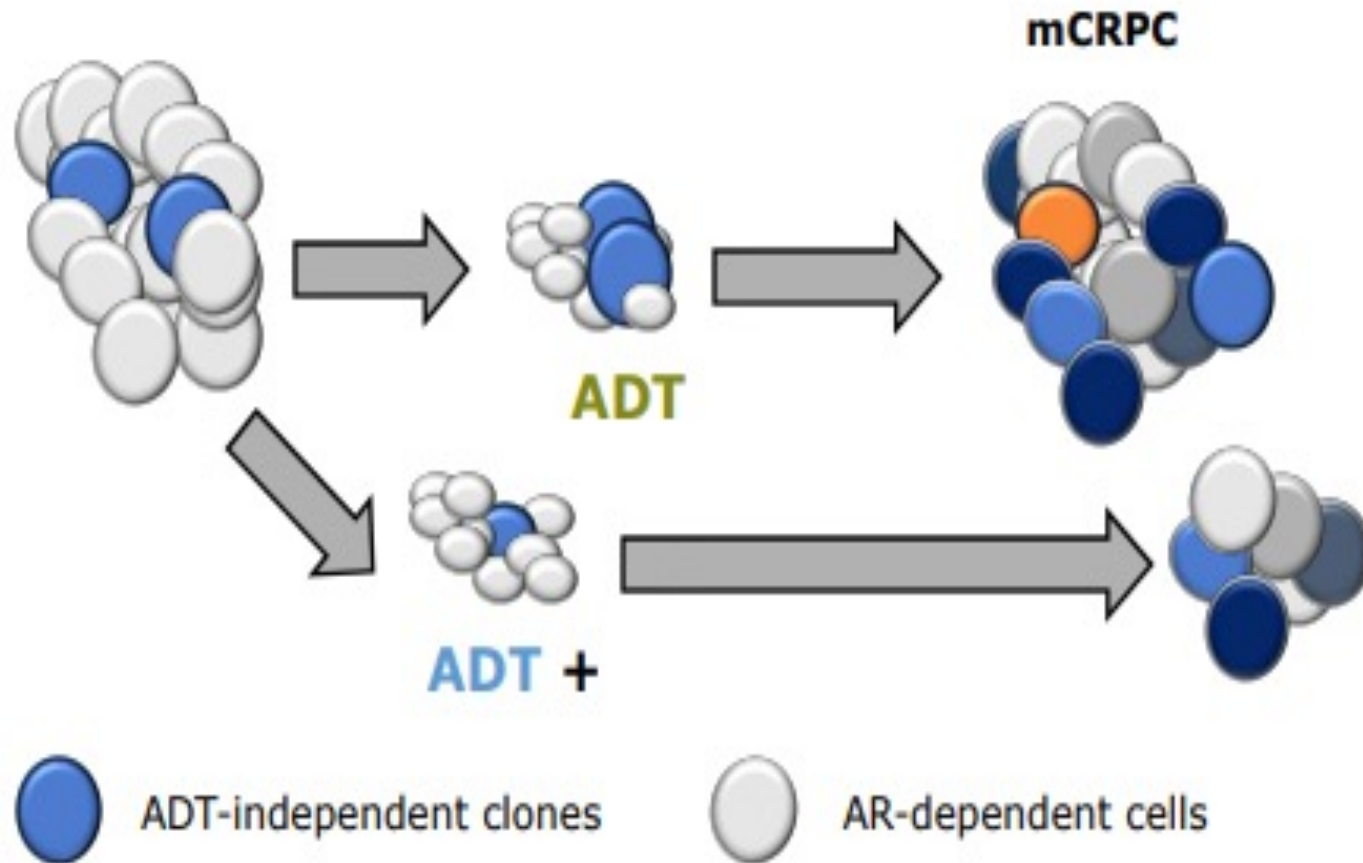
## ENZAMET: Enzalutamide for mHSPC



Davis et al (2019) *N Engl J Med* 381: 121-131

# Doublet vs Triplet?

## Prostate Adenocarcinoma is Heterogenous



# PEACE - I

## Key Eligibility Criteria

*De novo* mCSPC  
Distant metastatic disease by  $\geq 1$  lesion on bone scan and/or CT scan  
ECOG PS 0-2

## On-Study Requirement

Continuous ADT

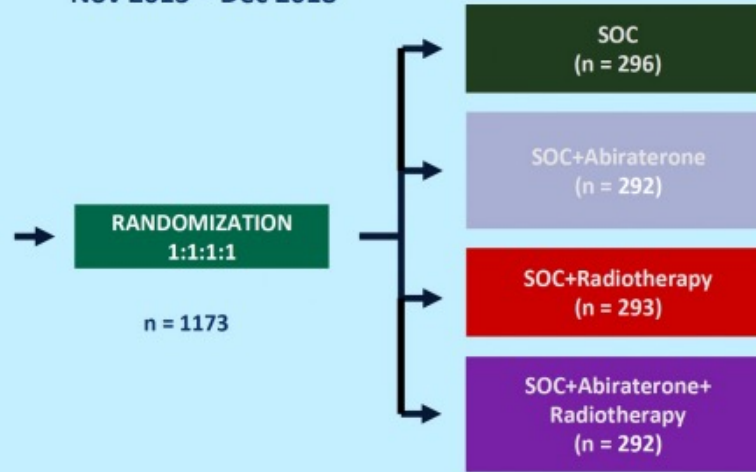
## Permitted

ADT  $\leq 3$  months

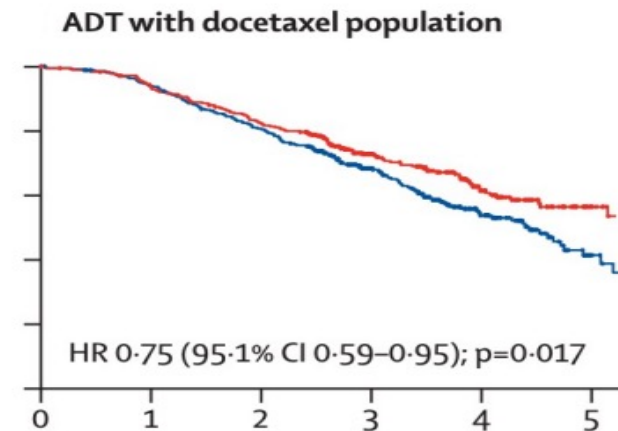
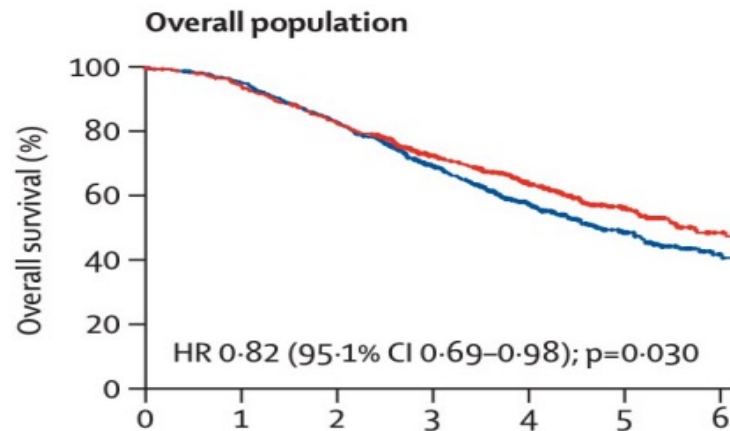
## Stratification

ECOG PS (0 vs 1-2)  
Metastatic sites (LN vs bone vs visceral)  
Type of castration (orchidectomy vs LHRH agonist vs LHRH antagonist)  
Docetaxel (yes vs no)

Nov 2013 – Dec 2018



ECOG PS, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status

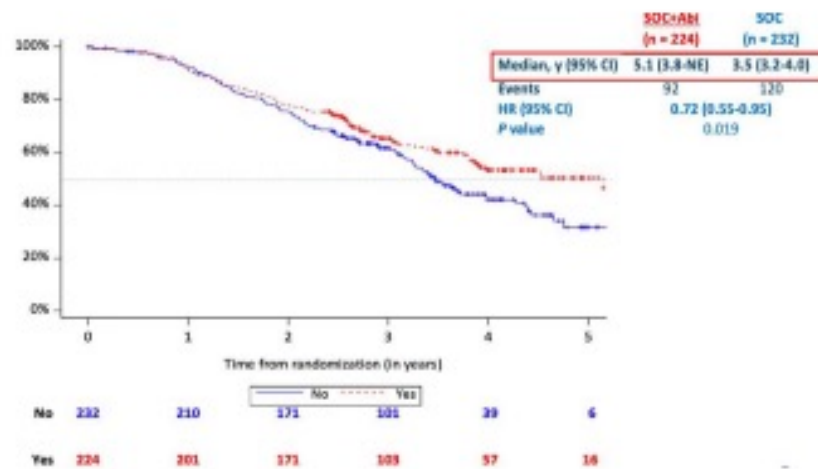




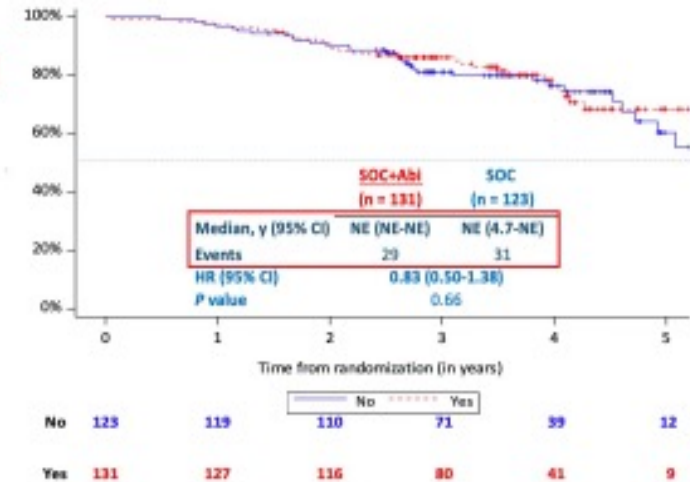
# PEACE-1

## ADT/docetaxel +/- abiraterone population

### High-volume patients



### Low-volume patients



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Darolutamide and Survival in Metastatic, Hormone-Sensitive Prostate Cancer

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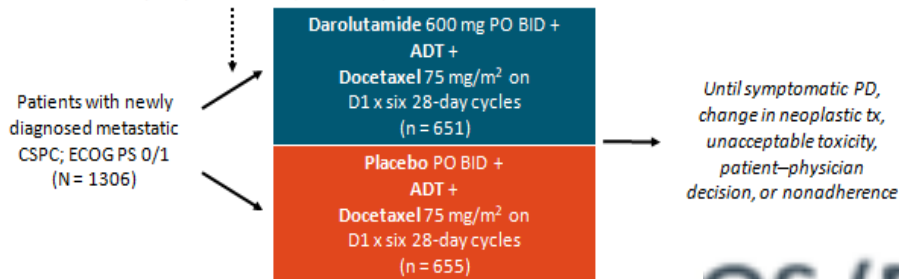
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# ARASENS: Darolutamide vs Placebo in Combination With ADT + Docetaxel in mCSPC

- International, randomized, double-blind phase III trial in 286 sites across 23 countries

Stratified by metastasis stage (M1a vs M1b vs M1c),  
alkaline phosphatase level (< vs ≥ ULN)



# ARASENS

## OS (Primary Endpoint)

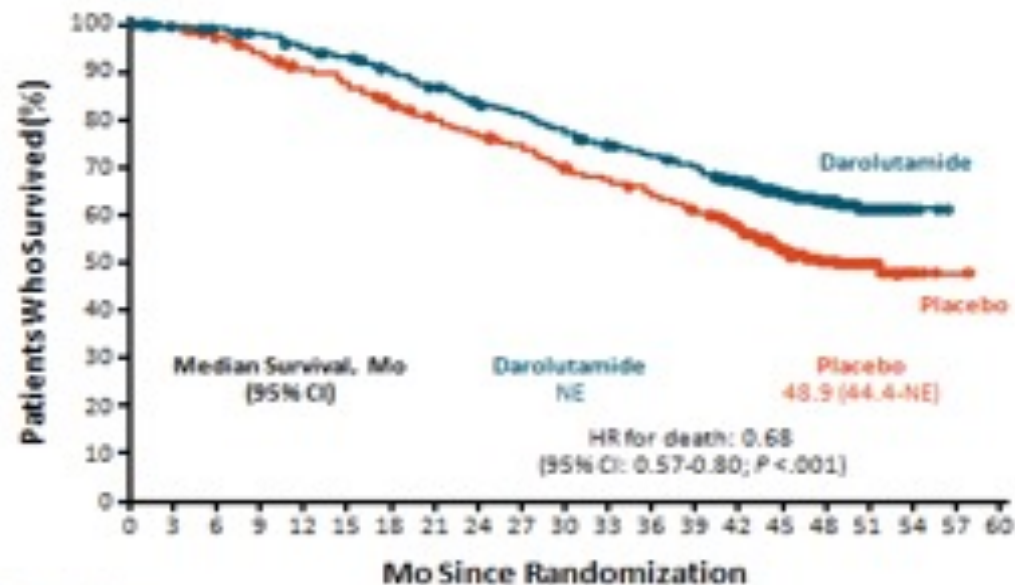
- Primary endpoint: OS
- Secondary endpoints tested hierarchically in this order: time to CRPC, tir SSE-free survival, time to first SSE, time to initiation of subsequent antica

- Addition of darolutamide to ADT + docetaxel significantly reduced risk of death by 32.5% vs placebo ( $P < .001$ )

- 75.6% of patients in placebo arm received subsequent life-prolonging systemic tx

- OS benefit observed across most subgroups

- HR (95%) for those stratified by metastatic stage at initial dx: M1, 0.707 (0.590-0.848); M0, 0.605 (0.348-1.052)



Patients at Risk, n	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39	42	45	48	51	54	57	60
Darolutamide	651	645	637	627	608	593	570	548	525	509	486	468	452	436	402	367	339	36	9	0	0
Placebo	654	646	630	607	580	565	535	510	488	470	441	424	402	383	340	318	307	37	6	1	0

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# Adverse Events

Selected Grade 3/4 AE, n (%)	Darolutamide + ADT + Docetaxel (n = 652)	Placebo + ADT + Docetaxel (n = 650)
Neutropenia	220 (33.7)	222 (34.2)
Febrile neutropenia	51 (7.8)	48 (7.4)
Hypertension	42 (6.4)	21 (3.2)
Anemia	31 (4.8)	33 (5.1)
Pneumonia	21 (3.2)	20 (3.1)
Hyperglycemia	18 (2.8)	24 (3.7)
Increased ALT	18 (2.8)	11 (1.7)
Increased AST	17 (2.6)	7 (1.1)
Increased weight	14 (2.1)	8 (1.2)
UTI	13 (2.0)	12 (1.8)

Safety Outcome, n (%)	Darolutamide + ADT + Docetaxel (n = 652)	Placebo + ADT + Docetaxel (n = 650)
Any AE	649 (99.5)	643 (98.9)
Serious AE	292 (44.8)	275 (42.3)
AE leading to permanent d/c of trial agent		
▪ Darolutamide or placebo	88 (13.5)	69 (10.6)
▪ Docetaxel	52 (8.0)	67 (10.3)



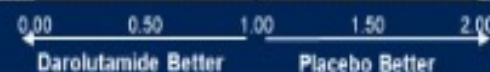


# ARASENS VOLUME and RISK Subgroups: Other Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints

Secondary endpoint	Patient subgroups	Number of events/ Number of patients		Median (95% CI), months		HR (95% CI)*
		DARO	PBO	DARO	PBO	
Time to pain progression	All patients <sup>b</sup>	222/651	248/654	NE (30.5-NE)	27.5 (22.0-36.1)	0.79 (0.66-0.95)
	High volume	161/497	192/508	NE (26.7-NE)	24.4 (16.8-33.3)	0.75 (0.61-0.93)
	Low volume	61/154	56/146	46.1 (25.0-NE)	39.5 (24.6-NE)	0.94 (0.66-1.36)
	High risk	155/452	173/480	35.4 (25.0-NE)	25.0 (18.2-35.9)	0.81 (0.65-1.01)
	Low risk	67/199	75/194	NE (39.2-NE)	28.8 (19.3-NE)	0.76 (0.55-1.06)
Time to first symptomatic skeletal event	All patients <sup>b</sup>	95/651	108/654	NE (NE-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	0.71 (0.54-0.94)
	High volume	82/497	96/508	NE (NE-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	0.71 (0.53-0.96)
	Low volume	13/154	12/146	NE (NE-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	0.89 (0.40-1.95)
	High risk	78/452	79/480	NE (NE-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	0.84 (0.61-1.15)
	Low risk	17/199	29/194	NE (51.2-NE)	NE (NE-NE)	0.46 (0.25-0.84)
Time to initiation of subsequent systemic antineoplastic therapy	All patients <sup>b</sup>	219/651	395/654	NE (NE-NE)	25.3 (23.1-28.8)	0.39 (0.33-0.46)
	High volume	187/497	324/508	NE (49.6-NE)	22.7 (19.6-25.1)	0.40 (0.34-0.49)
	Low volume	32/154	71/146	NE (NE-NE)	42.5 (34.0-NE)	0.34 (0.22-0.52)
	High risk	173/452	299/480	NE (49.6-NE)	21.3 (19.2-24.0)	0.40 (0.33-0.48)
	Low risk	46/199	96/194	NE (NE-NE)	39.0 (31.8-NE)	0.36 (0.26-0.52)

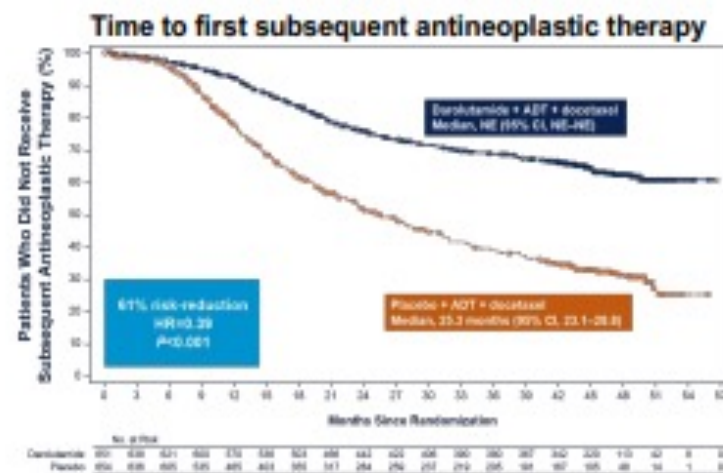
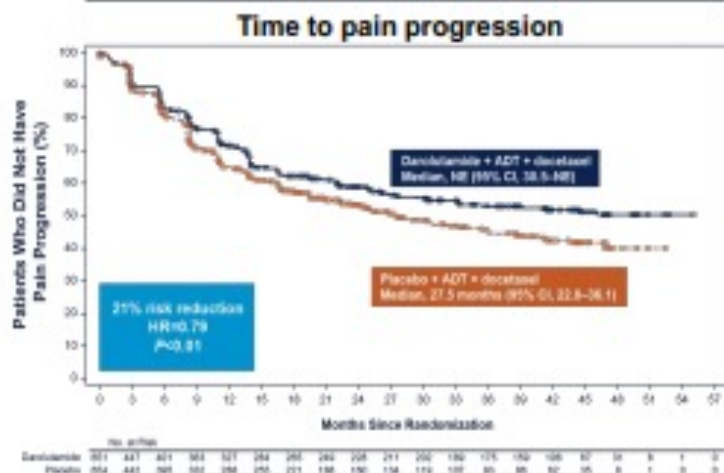
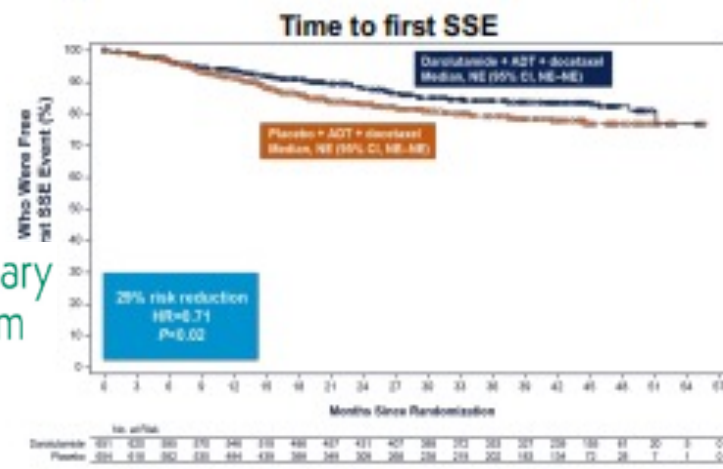
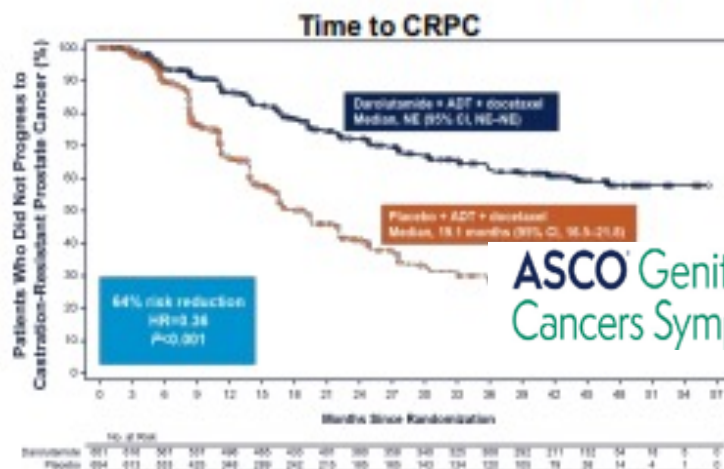
\*Based on unstratified Cox regression model.

<sup>b</sup>Includes all randomized patients according to planned treatment.



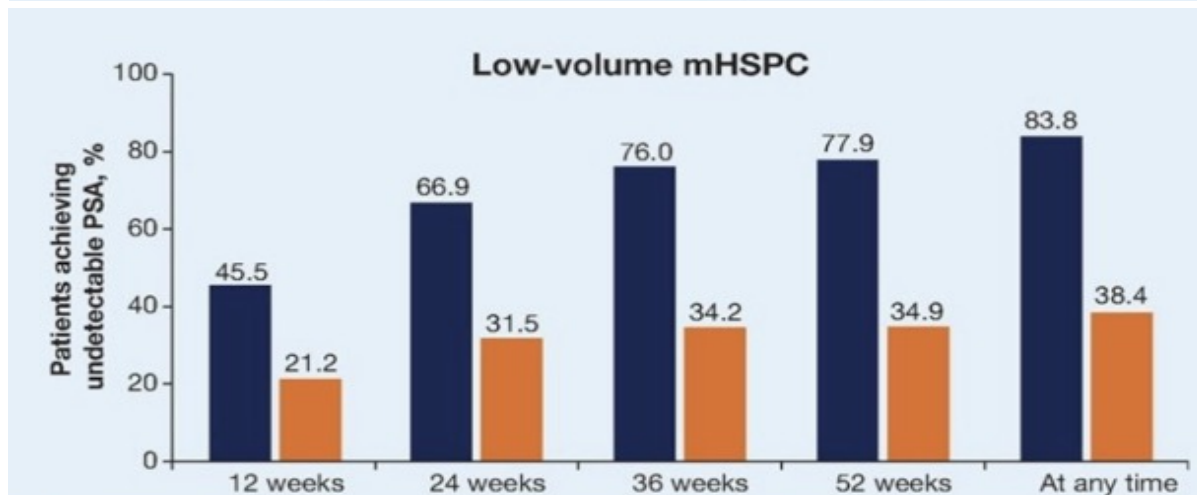
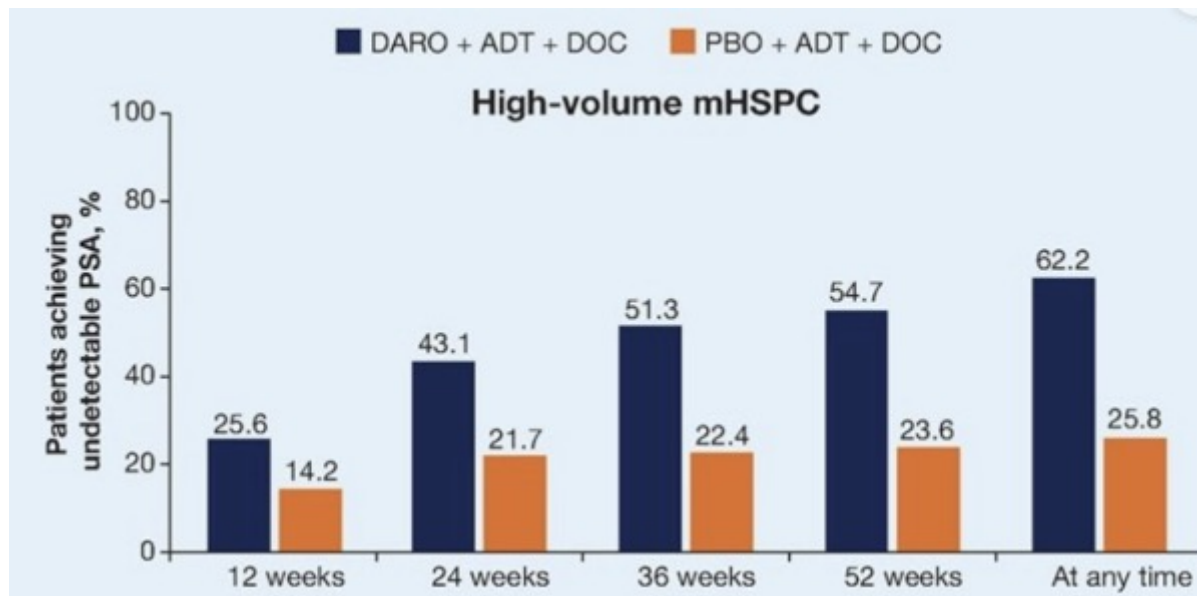


## Darolutamide significantly improved key secondary efficacy endpoints



Two-sided P values are presented.

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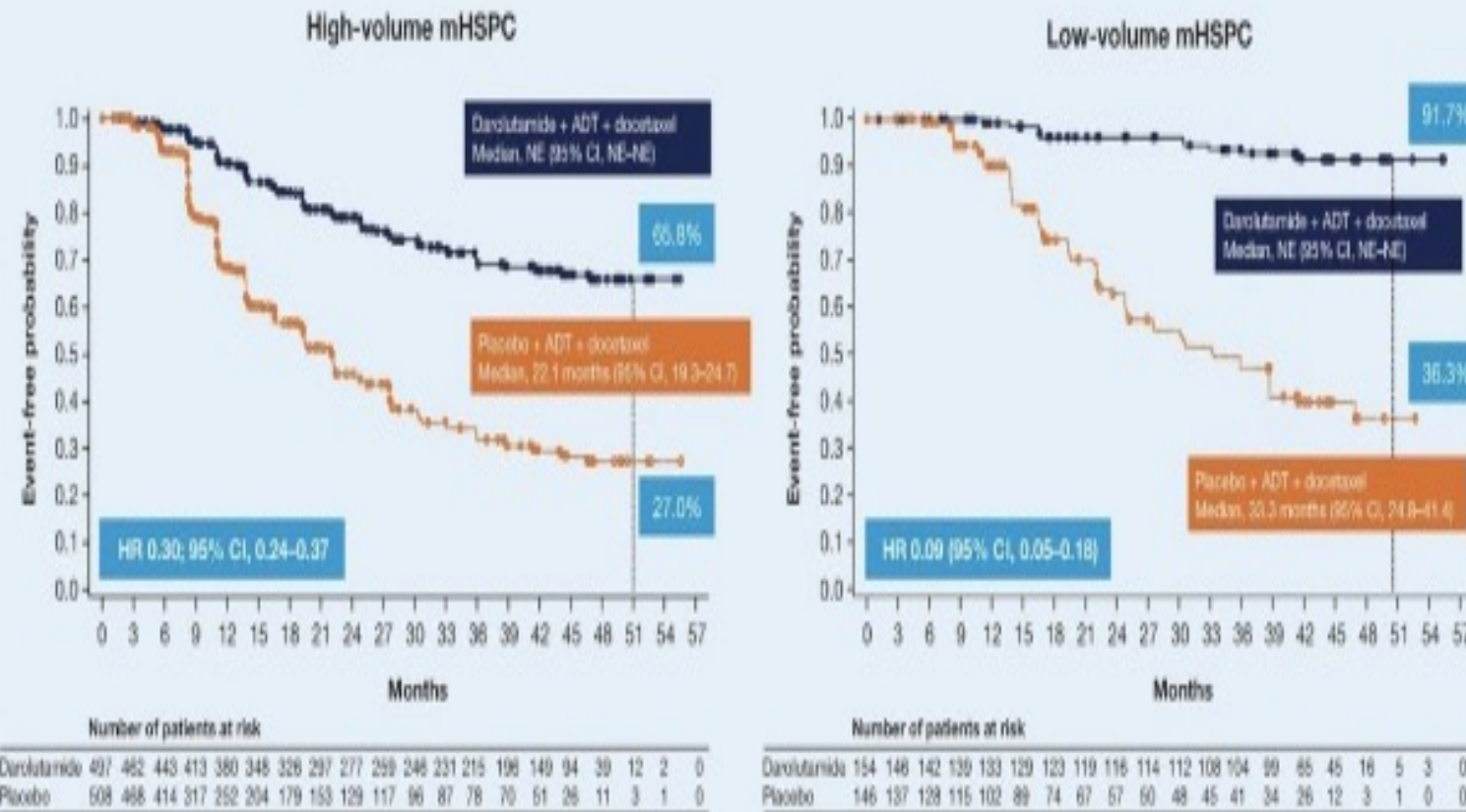
ADT, androgen-deprivation therapy; DARO, darolutamide; DOC, docetaxel; mHSPC, metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer; PBO, placebo; PSA, prostate-specific antigen; PSA90,  $\geq 90\%$  decline in prostate-specific antigen from baseline.



Time to PSA progression was prolonged in patients receiving darolutamide versus placebo

- high volume (HR: 0.30; 95% CI: 0.24–0.37)
- low volume subgroups (HR: 0.09; 95% CI 0.05–0.18).

Figure 3. Time to PSA progression by disease volume subgroups



ADT, androgen-deprivation therapy; CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; mHSPC, metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer; NE, not estimable; PSA, prostate-specific antigen.

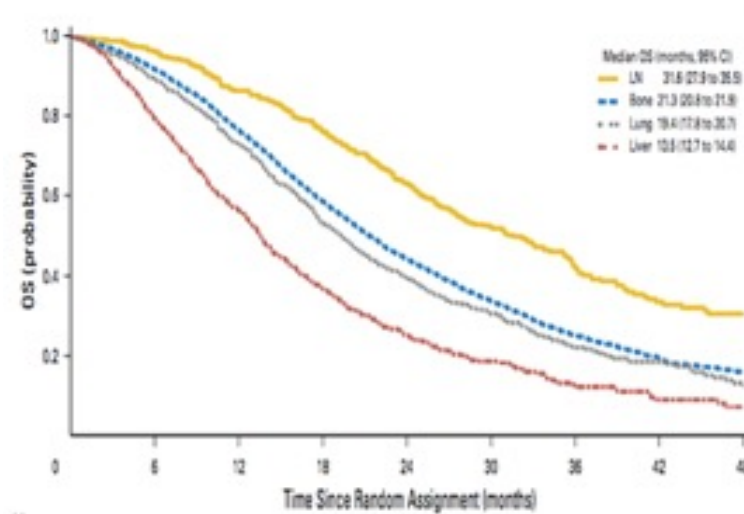


# What do I consider in my Practice?

## High Volume vs Low Volume

## Synchronous vs Metachronous

### Staging in prognostication



ADT Alone (using CHAARTED and GETUG)	Median OS
Relapsed Low Volume	~8 y
Relapsed High Volume	4.5
De Novo Low Volume	4.5
De Novo High Volume	3

# My Practice

**Synchronous  
High Volume**

**Darolutamide,  
Docetaxel, and  
ADT**

**Metachronous  
High Volume**

**Darolutamide,  
Docetaxel, and  
ADT**

**Synchronous  
Low Volume**

**Consider  
Darolutamide,  
Docetaxel, and  
ADT for p53,  
RBI, PTEN  
mutation**

**Metachronous  
Low Volume**

**Androgen  
Pathway  
Inhibitor and  
ADT**

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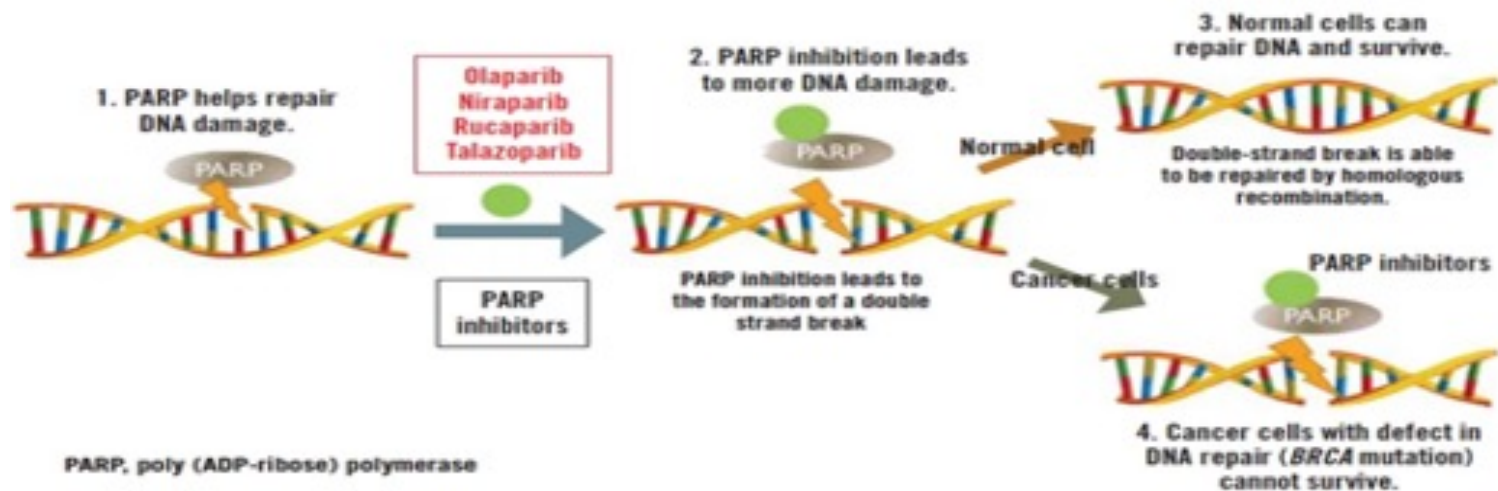


# Metastatic Castrate Resistant Prostate Cancer (Monotherapy PARP vs PARP with Androgen Receptor Pathway Inhibitor)

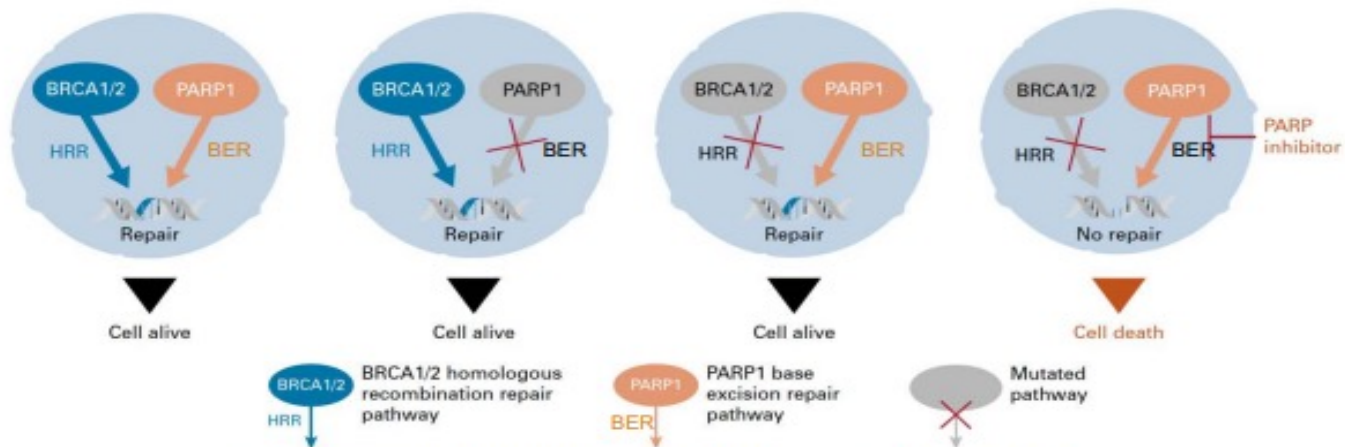


# PARP Inhibitor

## Mechanism of Action



PARP, poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase



PARP is required for single-strand break repair (e.g. via BER)

MOA – inhibiting SSB/BER is synthetic lethal with HRD

# Monotherapy PARP summary

Properties of PARP Inhibitors

	Olaparib	Talazoparib	Niraparib	Rucaparib
Mol. Weight	434.5	380.8	320.4	323.4
PARP1 IC <sub>50</sub>	5 nM	0.56 nM	3.8 nM	0.65 nM
PARP2 IC <sub>50</sub>	1 nM	0.15 nM	2.1 nM	0.08 nM
Trapping	++	++++	+++	++

Carney B, et al. *Nat Commun* 2018; 9: 176.

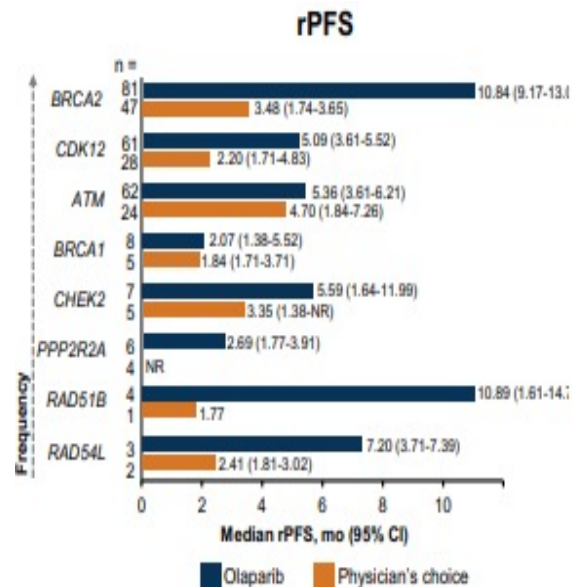
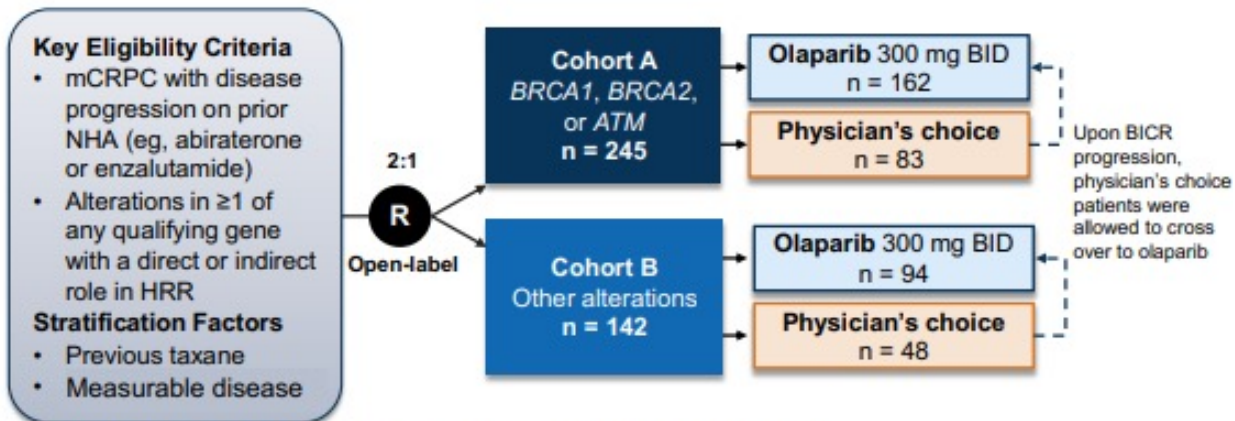
## Summary of PARPi *Monotherapy* Trials in mCRPC

Study and treatment	Prior therapy	HRR status criteria; Sample type	Primary endpoint	Results
<b>TOPARP-A<sup>1</sup></b> Olaparib 400 mg BID (N=50)	1–2 taxane CT regimens; 98% had prior NHT	Deficiency not required; tumor	Composite response rate	<b>33%</b> overall; 88% (14 of 16) with DDR gene alterations
<b>TOPARP-B<sup>2</sup></b> Olaparib 300 mg or 400 mg BID, randomized 1:1 (N=98)	1–2 taxane CT regimens; 88%–92% had prior NHT	Deleterious germline or somatic DDR gene alterations; tumor	Composite response rate	<b>39.1%</b> 300-mg cohort; <b>54.3%</b> 400-mg cohort
<b>TRITON2<sup>3</sup></b> Rucaparib 600 mg BID (N=115)	1 taxane and 1–2 NHT	Deleterious germline or somatic <i>BRCA1/2</i> alteration; tumor or plasma	ORR by blinded independent radiology review	<b>43.5%</b> (27 of 62)
<b>GALAHAD<sup>4</sup></b> Niraparib 300 mg QD (N=289)	≥1 taxane and ≥1 NHT	Deleterious germline or somatic alteration in ≥1 of 8 prespecified DDR genes; tumor or plasma	ORR in patients with <i>BRCA</i> mutation and measurable disease	<b>34.2%</b> (26 of 76 measurable <i>BRCA</i> cohort) 10.6% (5 of 47 measurable non- <i>BRCA</i> cohort)
<b>TALAPRO-1<sup>5</sup></b> Talazoparib 1 mg QD (N=128)	1–2 CT regimens (≥1 taxane) and ≥1 NHT	Deleterious germline or somatic alterations in ≥1 of 11 prespecified DDR-HRR genes; tumor or plasma	ORR by blinded independent review	<b>29.8%</b> (31 of 104)

1. Mateo J et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:1697-708; 2. Mateo J et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2020;21:162-174; 3. Abida W et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2020;38:3763-3772; 4. Smith MR et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2022;23:362-373; 5. de Bono JS et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2021;22:1250-1264.



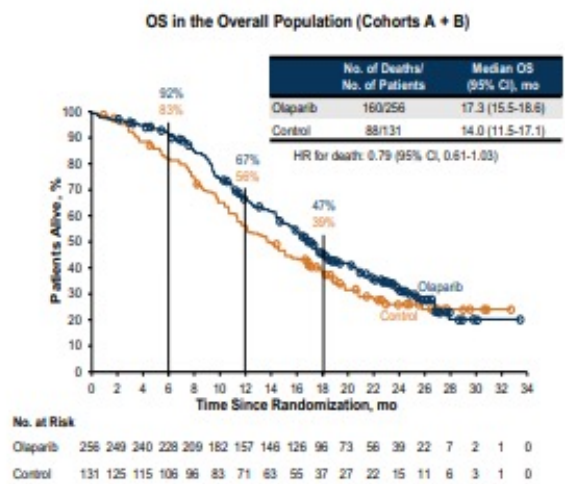
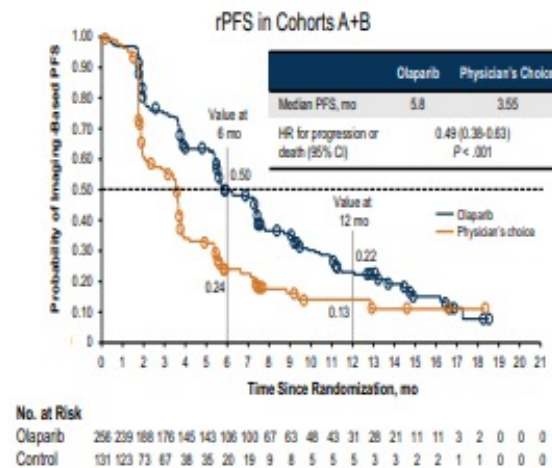
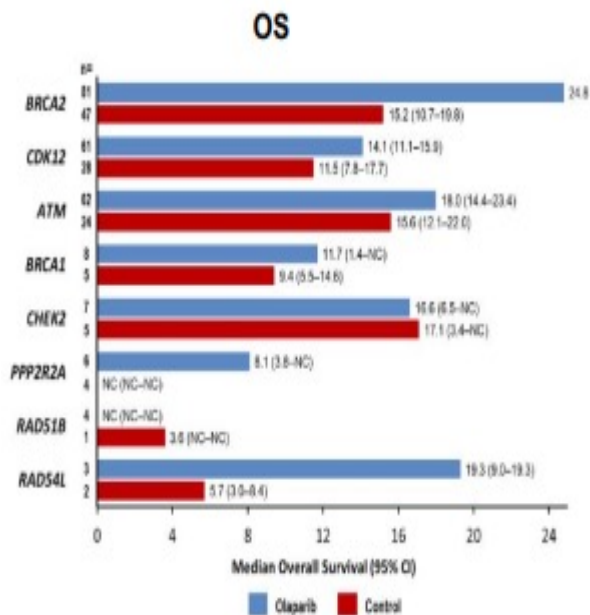
# Olaparib: PROfound, Randomized Phase 3 Study



- Primary endpoint: rPFS in cohort A (RECIST 1.1 and PCWG3 by BICR)
- Key secondary endpoints: rPFS (cohorts A+B); confirmed radiographic ORR in cohort A; time to pain progression in cohort A; OS in cohort A

1. de Bono J et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;382:2091-2102.

## PROfound: rPFS and OS in Whole Population (A+B)



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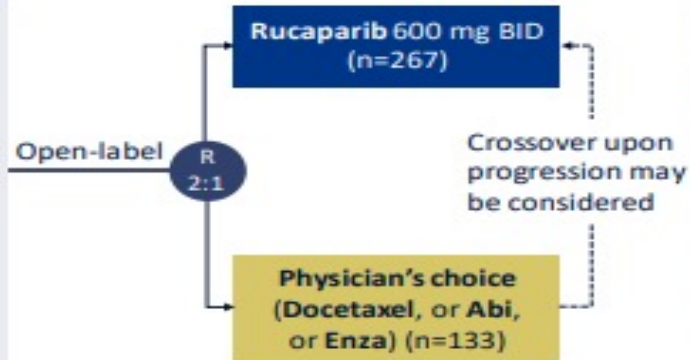


# TRITON3: Randomized Phase III Trial

## Patient population

- mCRPC with progression after 1 prior AR signaling-directed therapy (abiraterone, enzalutamide, or investigational agent)
- Deleterious germline or somatic alteration in *BRCA1*, *BRCA2*, or *ATM*\*
- No prior PARP inhibitor
- No prior chemotherapy for mCRPC

Planned enrollment: 400



## Primary endpoint

rPFS (RECIST 1.1 and PCWG3 by IRR)

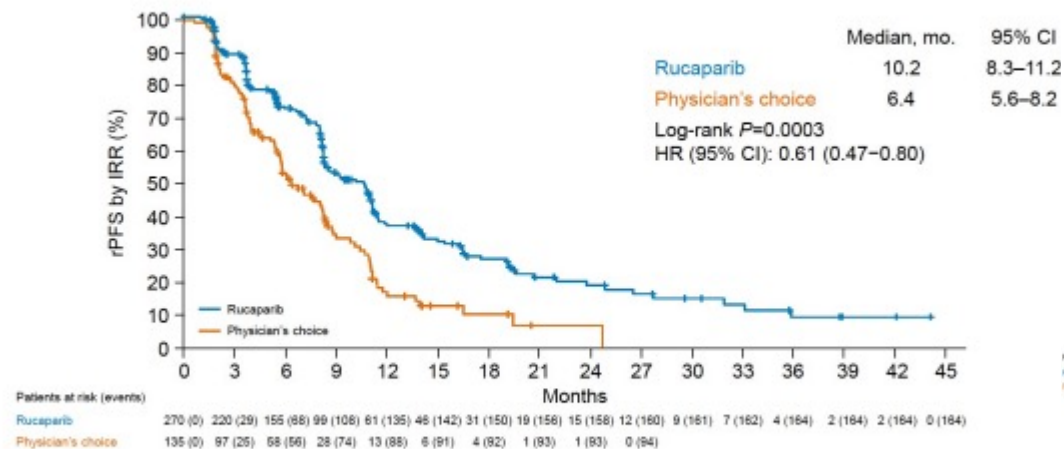
## Key secondary endpoints

- ORR and DOR by modified RECIST criteria in patients with measurable nodal/visceral disease
- OS
- Clinical benefit rate
- PSA response of  $\geq 50\%$  and  $\geq 90\%$
- Time to PSA progression
- Patient-reported outcomes
- Safety and tolerability

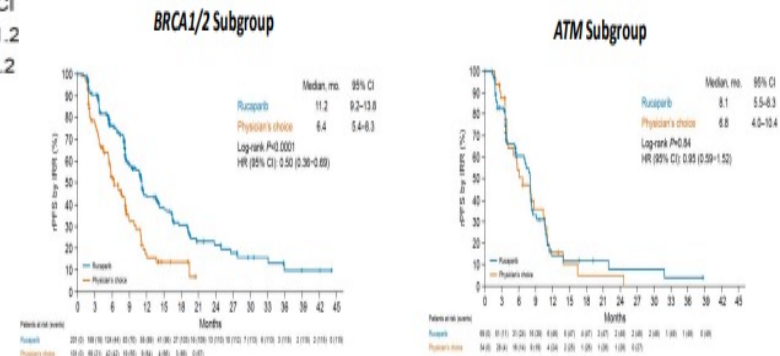
\*Mutations identified in blood, archival tissue, or screening tumor tissue

Bryce A et al NEJM 2023; 388; 719-32. NCT02975934.

## TRITON3: rPFS in ITT Population



## TRITON3: rPFS in *BRCA1/2* and *ATM* Subgroups



# Three FDA Approved PARP Combinations in 2023 (PROpel, Magnitude, Talapro2)

- What are the differences?

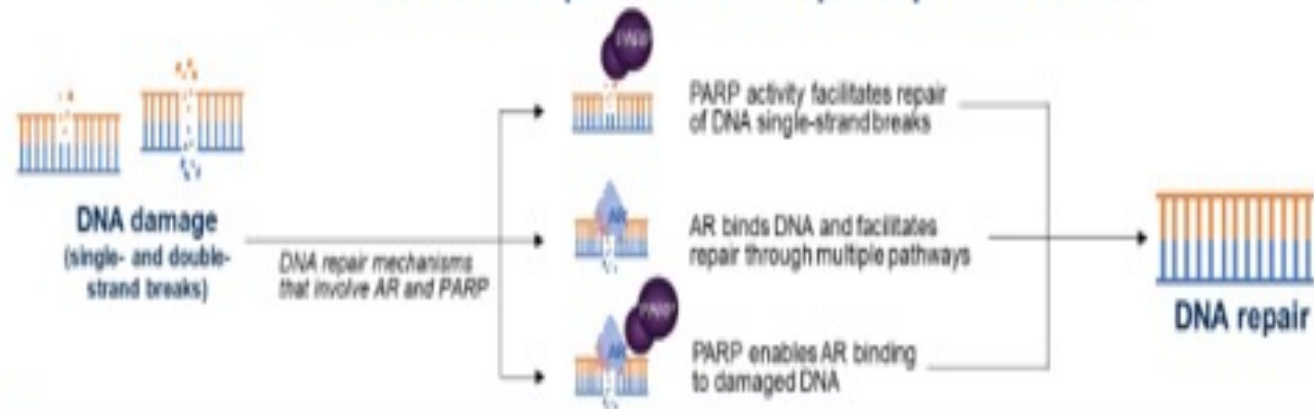
PROpel: Phase III Trial of Abiraterone +/- Olaparib

MAGNITUDE: Phase III Trial of Abi +/- Niraparib

TALAPRO-2: Phase III Trial of Enza +/- Talazoparib

# Preclinical rationale for a combined effect of PARP and AR inhibition

## PARP and AR are important for DNA repair in prostate cancer



## Inhibition of PARP and AR in combination results in more DNA damage



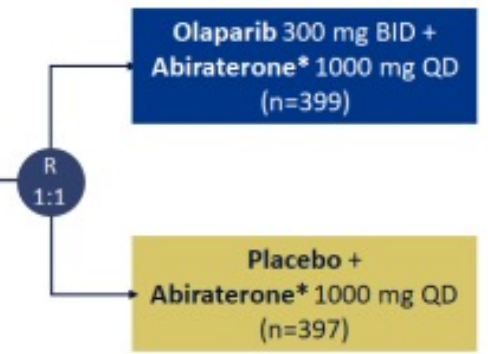
AR, Activated Androgen Receptor; DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid; NHA, next-generation hormonal agent; PARP, poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase

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# PROpel: Phase III Trial of Abiraterone +/- Olaparib

- Patient population**
- mCRPC
  - Docetaxel for mCSPC allowed
  - No prior abiraterone
  - Other NHT allowed if stopped ≥12 months prior to enrollment
  - Ongoing ADT
  - ECOG PS 0-1
- Stratification factors**
- Site of distant metastases (bone only vs visceral vs other)
  - Prior taxane for mCSPC

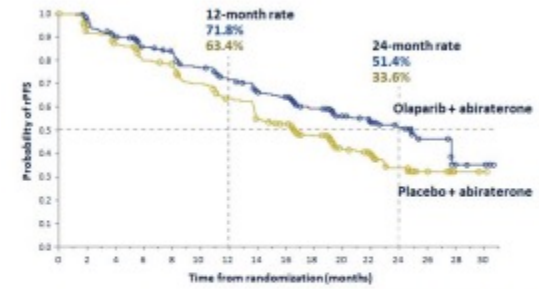


- Primary endpoint**
- rPFS or death by investigator assessment
- Key secondary endpoint**
- OS
- Additional endpoints**
- TFST
  - PFS2
  - ORR
  - HRR mutation prevalence (tested retrospectively)
  - HRQOL
  - Safety and tolerability

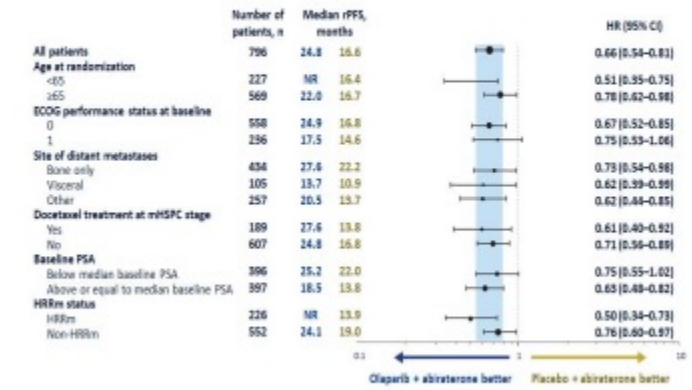
\*Plus prednisone or prednisolone 5 mg BID

Saad F et al. *ASCO GU 2022*; abstr 11; **NCT03732820**.

## PROpel: Radiographic Progression-Free Survival

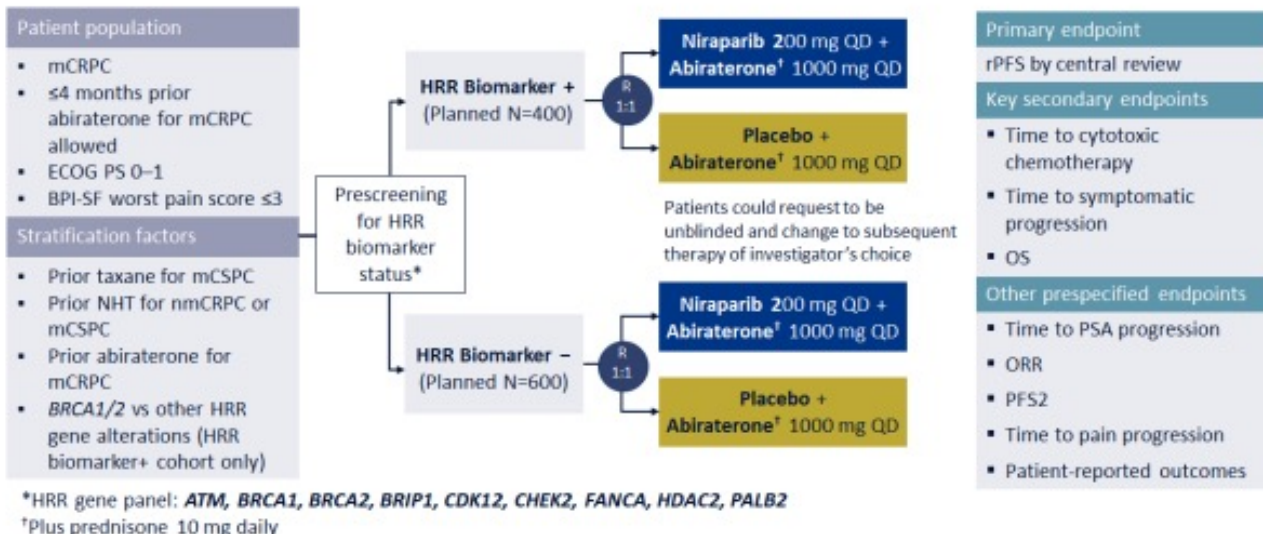


	Olaparib + abiraterone (n=399)	Placebo + abiraterone (n=397)
<b>rPFS by investigator assessment</b>		
Events, n (%)	168 (42.1)	226 (56.9)
Median rPFS, months	24.8	16.6
HR [95% CI]	0.66 (0.54-0.81); P<0.0001	
<b>rPFS by blinded independent central review</b>		
HR [95% CI]	0.61 (0.49-0.74); P<0.0001	

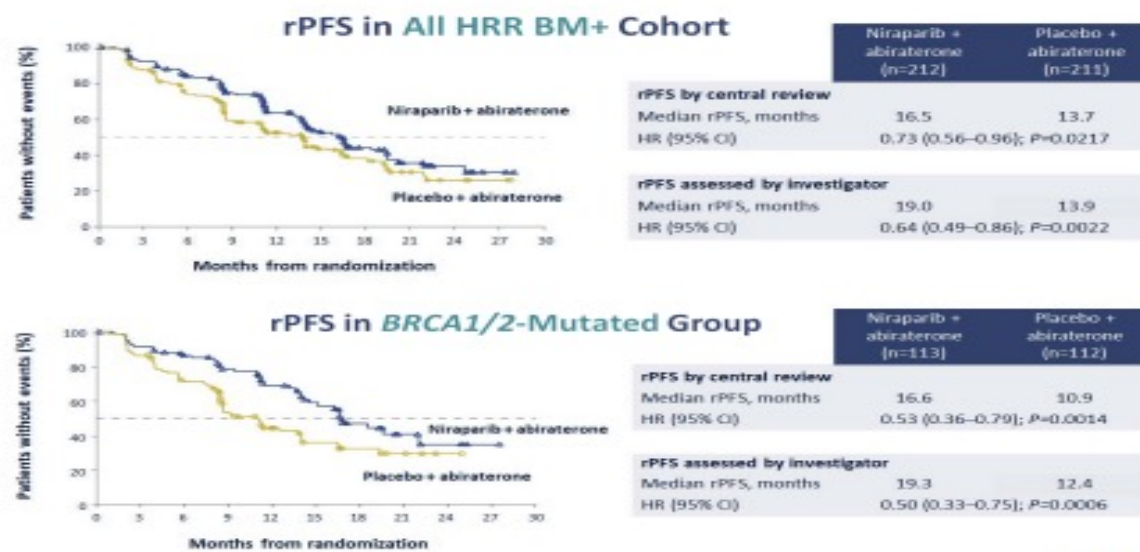


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# MAGNITUDE: Phase III Trial of Abi +/- Niraparib

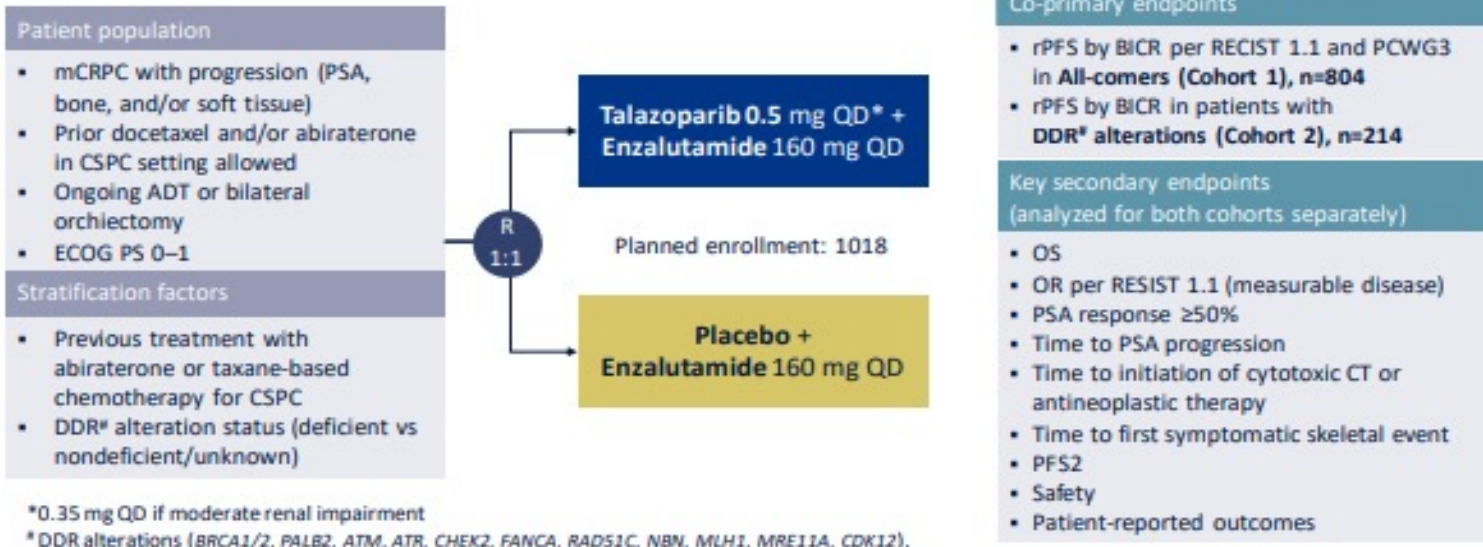


## MAGNITUDE: Radiographic Progression-Free Survival



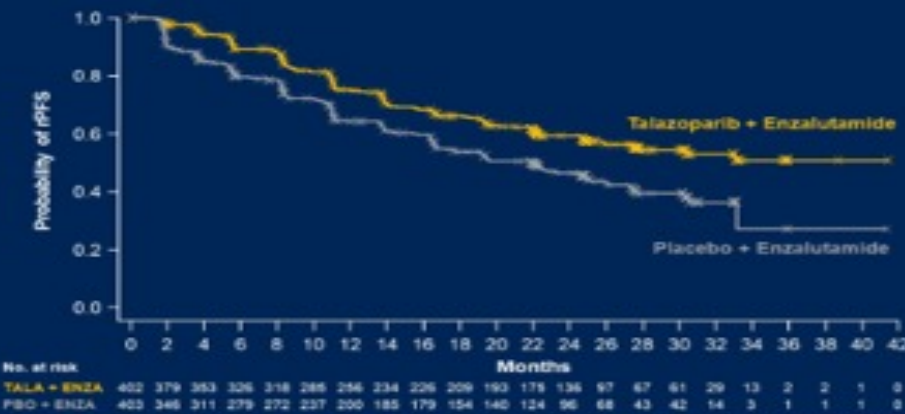


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## TALAPRO-2 Primary Endpoint: rPFS by BICR

Treatment with talazoparib plus enzalutamide resulted in a 37% reduced risk of progression or death



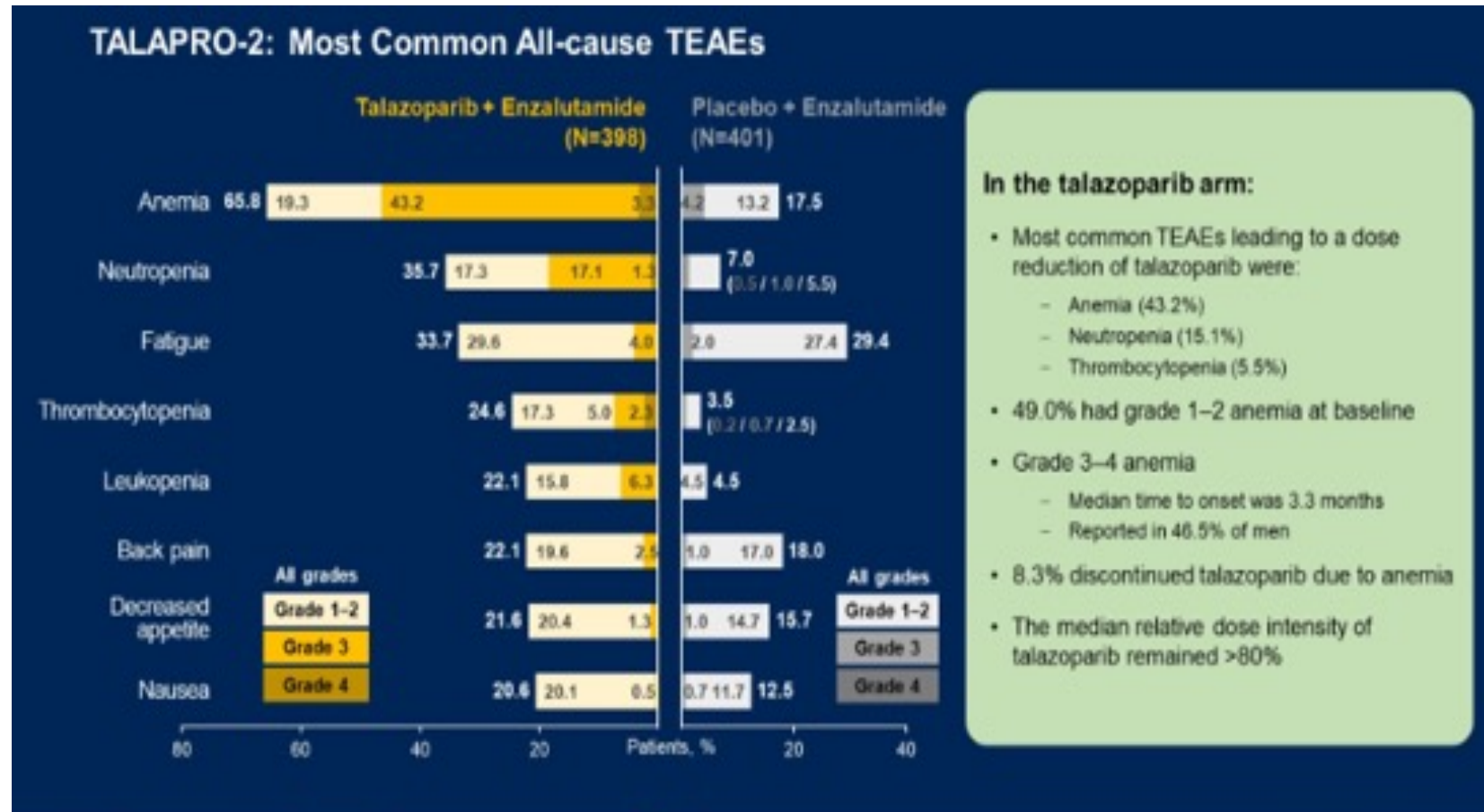
	TALA + ENZA (N=402)	PBO + ENZA (N=403)
Events, n	151	191
Median (95% CI), months	Not reached (NR) (27.5-NR)	21.9 (16.6-25.1)
HR (95% CI)	0.63 (0.51-0.78); P < 0.001	

Median follow-up for rPFS was 24.9 and 24.6 months, respectively

A consistent treatment effect was seen for investigator-assessed rPFS: HR 0.64 (95% CI, 0.50-0.81), P < 0.001



# What about Adverse Events?



# What do I do in my Practice?

- Patients with metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) with BRCA1 and BRCA2 have a poor prognosis (19 months vs 37 months)
- In my practice, patients with mCRPC with BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutation I will treat with PARP inhibitor, AR pathway inhibitor, and ADT.

# How do I choose between 3 combinations

- 1. Co-morbidities(Uncontrolled diabetes, recent coronary artery disease).
- 2. Have they previously received androgen receptor pathway inhibitor? (Abiraterone and ADT in high risk early stage?)
- 3. Do they have a fall risk/cognitive difficulty/mental status changes?
- 4. Do they have a low baseline anemia?



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